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W.M. M'CLEAN. H. B. WOODS. McCLEAN & WOODS, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, GETTYSBURG, PA.

OFFICE—On Baltimore Street, same heretofore occupied by the late firm of M. & W. McClean. Nov. 18, 1870.—tf

J. M. KRAUTH, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Collections and all legal business promptly attended to. Office on Baltimore street, south of the Court-house. June 13, 1869—tf

D. McCONAUGHY, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Office one door west of BUEHLER'S Drug Store, Chambersburg street. Special attention given to Suits, Collections and Settlement of Estates. All legal business, and claims to Pensions, Bounty, Back-pay, and Damages against U. States, at all times promptly and efficiently attended to. Land warrants located, and choice Farms for sale in Iowa and other western states. June 13, 1869—tf

A. J. COVER, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Will promptly attend to collections and all other Business trusted to his care. Office at his residence in the three-story building opposite the Court-house. May 29, 1867—tf

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DAVID WILLS, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Office at his residence in the South-east corner of Centre Square. May 29, 1867—tf

DR. H. S. HUBER, South-east corner of Chambersburg and Washington streets, opposite COL. TATE'S EAGLE HOTEL. June 11, 1869—tf

DR. J. W. C. O'NEAL Has his office at his residence in Baltimore street, two doors above the *Compiler* Office. May 29, 1867—tf

JOHN L. HILL, M. D., DENTIST, Office on Chambersburg street, nearly opposite the EAGLE HOTEL, Gettysburg, Pa. ☞ Having been in constant practice over 20 years, patients can be assured of good work. July 9, 1867—tf

DR. J. E. BERKSTRESSER, DENTIST, Having located in Gettysburg, offers his services to the public. Office in the old *"Sentinel"* office, S. E. corner, Centre Square, where he will be prepared to attend to any case within the province of the Dentist. Persons in want of full or partial sets of teeth are invited to call. Terms reasonable. July 30, 1869—tf

Hotels and Restaurants.

EAGLE HOTEL,
The largest and most ecommodious in
GETTYSBURG, PA.,
Corner of Chambersburg and Washington Sts
JOHN L. TATE, Proprietor.
☞ An Omnibus for Passengers and Baggage run to the Depot, on arrival and departure of Railroad Trains. Careful servants, and reasonable charges. [May 29, 1867.—tf

KEYSTONE HOTEL,
GETTYSBURG, PA.
WM. E. MYERS, Proprietor.
NOW OPEN.
THIS is a new House, and has been fitted up in the most approved style. Its location is pleasant and convenient, being in the most business portion of the town. Every arrangement has been made for the accommodation and comfort of guests, with ample stabling attached. With experienced servants, and accommodating Clerks, we shall use every endeavor to please.—This Hotel now open for the entertainment of the public, and we kindly solicit a share of public patronage. [May 23, 1867—tf

NEW HOTEL.
HARRIS HOUSE,
BALTIMORE STREET, GETTYSBURG, PA.
THE undersigned has opened a Hotel, the HARRIS HOUSE, in the lately enlarged and handsome three-story Brick Building, on Baltimore street, two doors from the Court-house, Gettysburg, Pa., and is furnished with accommodations for the comfortable entertainment of a large number of guests. His experience in the business warrants him in promising satisfaction in every case, and he feels certain that those who stop with him once, will call again. Charges moderate.
His Table will always be supplied with the best the Gettysburg and Baltimore markets may afford, whilst his Bar will have the choicest wines, liquors, ales, &c.
He also has ample Stabling, with a good Hostler in attendance.
A liberal share of public patronage is respectfully solicited, and no effort will be spared to deserve it. W. P. HARRIS.
April 15, 1870.—tf

UNION HOTEL,
(FORMERLY THE WHITE HALL,)
YORK SPRINGS, PENN'A.
THE undersigned has leased this long established and popular Hotel, in Petersburg, (York Springs Borough.) The Hotel is pleasantly located in the most business part of the town. His table will be supplied with the best that the market can afford and the Bar with the choicest Liquors. There is also excellent Stabling, with attentive hostlers. This Hotel is the office of the Gettysburg and Mechanicsburg Stage Line, also the York Springs and New Oxford line. The former arrives here at 1 P. M., on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, from Mechanicsburg for Gettysburg; returning at 10 A. M., on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The York Springs line leaves the Hotel daily at 6 A. M., for New Oxford, returning at 4 P. M. He feels satisfied that his long experience in business will enable him to set none go away dissatisfied, who may patronize him. Charges moderate. Boarders taken by the week on reasonable terms.
R. F. KITTINGER, *Proprietor.*
York Springs, Nov. 4, 1870.—tf

Photograph Galleries.

TIPTON & MYERS'
EXCELSIOR GALLERIES
GETTYSBURG, PA.,
Make all styles of Pictures from miniature to life-size, including the
"REMEMBRANDTS"
OR SHADOW PICTURES.
Photographs Finished in Oil, Water Colors, or India Ink,
Views of the Battle-field!
SEND FOR CATALOGUE.
☞ Always a large and well selected stock of Frames, Albums, Stereoscopes, Cord, Tassels, &c. always on hand. Satisfaction guaranteed.
Dec. 7, 1870.—tf

Business Cards.

PRIME OYSTERS
JOHN GRUEL,
Chambersburg st., Gettysburg, Pa., next door to Eagle Hotel,
Has always on hand the very
BEST OYSTERS,
which can be commanded in the market, which will be served up in any style desired. He has special accommodations for LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. Give him a call.
☞ Also, always on hand a large assortment of Confections, Cakes, Fruits, Almonds, Raisins, Figs, Toys, &c. Nov. 4, 1870.—tf

NEW BUSINESS.
Upholstering & Trimming.
WILLIAM E. CULP
HAS opened an establishment opposite Weaver's Livery Stables, on Washington street, for covering
SOFAS, CHAIRS, MATTRESSES, AND UPHOLSTERING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES.
He also continues his old business of Trimming Buggies, Carriages, &c., and solicits from the public their patronage. Charges moderate. Dec. 17—tf

BLACKSMITHING.
B. G. HOLLEBAUGH
HAS opened a Blacksmith Shop on Washington street, next door to Chritzman's Carpenter Shop, and is prepared to do all kinds of BLACKSMITHING, at reasonable rates, and invites a share of public patronage.
REPAIRING of all kinds. Give us a Call.
April 30, 1870—tf

COOPERING.
PETER CULP
Has commenced the
COOPERING BUSINESS
in all its branches at his residence on the Mummasburg road, at the end of Carlisle street, Gettysburg, Pa. The public can always have made to order all kinds and styles of
MEAT VESSELS,
CROUT STANDS,
PICKEL STANDS,
TUBS,
FLOUR BARRELS,
Barrels. And all other kinds of Coopering. Repairing done cheaply and with despatch. Give us a call. [AUG. 13, 1869—tf

GRANITE YARD,
GETTYSBURG, PA.,
ON RAILROAD, NEAR FREIGHT DEPOT.
PETER BEITLER
Is prepared to furnish GRANITE, for all kinds of BUILDING AND MONUMENTAL PURPOSES, at reasonable rates—
Curbing, Sills, Steps,
ASHLERS, POSTS, MONUMENTS, CEMETERY BLOCKS, &C., &C.,
cut and finished in every style desired, by best of workmen.
☞ Orders from a distance promptly attended to. June 3—tf

REMOVAL! REMOVAL!
ROBERT D. ARMOR,
Gas Fitter, Plumber and Bell Hanger,
Can be found at his residence on corner of East Middle and Stratton streets,
GETTYSBURG, PA.,
Will promptly attend to all orders in his line.—Work done in the most satisfactory manner, and at prices as low as can possibly be afforded to make a living.
GAS PIPE
furnished, as well as Chandeliers, Brackets, Drop Lights, &c.; also, WATER PIPE, Stops, Top and Frost Spigots, and, in short, everything belonging to gas or water fixtures.
Bells hung, and furnished if desired. Locks of all kinds repaired. [April 29, 1870—tf

GETTYSBURG BAKERY.
THE firm of Newport & Ziegler having been dissolved, the undersigned will continue the Baking business, in all its branches, at the old stand.
Corner of South Washington and West Middle streets, Gettysburg, Pa.
All kinds of
CRACKERS, BREAD,
CAKES, ROLLS, PRETZELS, &c.,
constantly baked and always to be had fresh.
With many years experience and every disposition to please, he feels that he can promise satisfaction in all cases. Orders solicited, and promptly attended to. With many thanks for the patronage bestowed on the old firm, its continuance is asked.
April 9, 1869—tf BALTZER NEWPORT.

STEAM SAW MILL.
THE undersigned has in operation a STEAM SAW MILL, at the South Mountain, near Graeenburg Springs, and is prepared to saw to order bills of
White Oak, Pine, Hemlock,
or any kind of Timber desired, at the shortes notice and at low rates. He also manufactures
Shingles, Pailings, &c.
LUMBER
delivered at any point at the LOWEST RATES.—3 per cent. will be deducted for the cash payment, or interest will be charged from the time of delivery of Lumber. Thankful for past favors, he would desire a continuance for the future.
All letters should be addressed to him at Graefenburg P. O. Adams county, Pa.
HENRY MILTENBERGER.
Oct. 29, 1869—tf

GUNSMITHING!
BATTLE-FIELD RELICS!
Canes, Shells, Bullets!
E. WOODWARD
Would respectfully call the attention of the public to his large assortment of Relics gathered on the Gettysburg Battle-field.
Gunsmithing attended to with promptness and all work warranted.
Give us a call at our place of business on Carlisle street, *Old* McConaughy's Hall, near the Depot, Gettysburg, Pa. [July 29, 1870.—tf

JEREMIAH CULP,
GETTYSBURG, PA.,
UNDERTAKER
AND PAPER-HANGER,
is prepared to furnish on short notice and reasonable terms,
COFFINS of all Styles.
He also keeps on hand a large assortment of WALL PAPER, which he will sell at lowest cash rates, and if desired will furnish hands to put it on the wall.
Window Shades and Fancy Sign Painting executed to order.
☞ Corner of Middle street, a few doors east of Lutheran Church. May 27, 1869—tf

The Star and Sentinel is the best advertising medium in Adams county.

Dry Goods, Notions, &c.

Fahnestock Brothers.
FALL & WINTER
GOODS.
Dry Goods, Hardware,
QUEENSWARE, CARPET,
Groceries, Cedarware,
IRON, PAINTS, &c.
FURS are cheap this season at Fahnestock's.
DRESS GOODS—all the new styles and in every variety at Fahnestock's.
COLLARS, HANDKERCHIEFS and NEEDLE-WORK—the largest stock ever in town at Fahnestock's.
SHAWLS of all kinds and prices at Fahnestock's.
CHRISTMAS GOODS at Fahnestock's.
CLOTHS, CASSIMERS, &c., latest style at Fahnestock's.
CALICOS—best at 12½ cents at Fahnestock's.
WATER-PROOF CLOTH from $1.00 yard up at Fahnestock's.
RIBBONS and DRESS TRIMMINGS at Fahnestock's.
GLOVES in large assortment at Fahnestock's.
Nov. 18, 1870—tf

J. L. SCHICK,
has the Largest and Best Selected Stock of
DRY GOODS
AND
NOTIONS,
that has been brought to Gettysburg this Spring which will be sold at the lowest possible rates.
May 6, 1870—tf.

NEW FIRM.
REBERT & BUSHMAN,
Dry Goods, Carpets, Glassware, &c.
THE firm of Rebert & Elliott having been dissolved, it is succeeded by REBERT & BUSHMAN, who will continue the Mercantile business at the old stand, on Baltimore street, opposite the Court-house, Gettysburg. The junior partner has for years been employed as salesman in the store of J. L. Schick, and therefore brings to his new position an experience in the business possessed by few.
The stock now offered, owing to large additions of the newest and latest styles and patterns of Goods, is one of rare attractiveness, and cannot fail to please, whilst their prices, having bought to the best advantage, will also be found satisfactory. The inducements they offer cannot be excelled in the town or county. They make a specialty of
LADIES' DRESS GOODS,
an invite attention to the assortment they now offer, promising at the same time to continue it up to the highest standard.
FOR GENTLEMEN'S WEAR,
they offer a large and varied stock, and feel certain that all who come can be suited in goods and price.
DOMESTICS, CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS, QUEENSWARE, GLASSWARE, &c., &c., will always be found in full variety, with the best chances offered to buyers.
Everything possible will be done to render satisfaction, and thus earn a liberal share of public patronage, which they respectfully solicit.
ADAM REBERT,
Nov. 25, 1870.—tf JOHN H. BUSHMAN.

NEW
Fall and Winter Goods
AT GRIEST & BOWERS,
York Springs, Pa.
MOTTO—"Quick Sales, Small Profits and Quick Returns."
THE undersigned, having just returned from the city of Philadelphia, offer the citizens of York Springs and elsewhere, a full and complete STOCK OF GOODS, consisting of Dry Goods, Notions, Fancy Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Queensware, Drugs, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Furs, Oil Cloths, &c., &c. We offer unprecedented, at great reduced prices, LADIES' FURS, DRESS GOODS and WOOLEN GOODS.
Please remember that cash brings better bargains than long credits, and frequent settlements make long friends.
We have a large lot of ready-made OVERCOATS, made to order, suitable for this vicinity, which will be sold at the lowest prices possible.
Thankful for past favors, and with attention to business and a disposition to please, we solicit a continuance of public patronage.
GRIEST & BOWERS.
Oct. 28, 1870.—tf

T. R. COVER. A. RAFFENSPERGER.
NEW FIRM.
ARENDTSVILLE, PA.
THE undersigned having entered into partnership, under the firm name of COVER & RAFFENSPERGER, call the attention of their friends and the public generally, to their splendid assortment of NEW SPRING AND SUMMER
Dry Goods, Groceries,
Hardware, Queensware,
all of which have been purchased in a falling market for cash, and which we are prepared to sell at the very lowest figures. Call and examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere.
☞ A lot of good Buffalo Robes.
TOBIAS R. COVER,
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Arendtsville, Pa., April 15, 1870—tf

Butchering.
MEAT MARKET!!
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Beef every Tuesday and Saturday morning, Pork every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning. Market place at Geo. B. Stover's residence on Chambersburg street.
Those having the cash for Meat will find it to their advantage to call on us, as we intend to sell low for cash. STOVER & WILEY.
Aug. 13, 1869—tf

Medical.

Baltimore Lock Hospital.
DR. JOHNSTON,
Physician of this celebrated Institution, has discovered the most Certain, Speedy, Pleasant and Effectual Remedy in the World for all
DISEASES OF IMPRUDENCE,
Weakness of the Back or Limbs, Strictures, Affections of the Kidneys, or Bladder, Involuntary Discharges, Impotency, General Debility, Nervousness, Dyspepsia, Languor, Low Spirits, Confusion of Ideas, Palpitation of the heart, Timidity, Trembling, Dimness of Sight, or Giddiness, Disease of the Head, Throat, Nose or Skin, Affections of the Liver, Lungs, Stomach or Bowels—those terrible disorders arising from Solitary Habits of Youth—BECKNY and solitary practices, more fatal to their victims, than the songs of the Syrens to the Mariners of Ulysses, blighting their most brilliant hopes, or anticipations, rendering marriage, &c., impossible.
YOUNG MEN
especially, who have become the Victims of Solitary Vice, that dreadful and destructive habit which annually sweeps to an untimely grave thousands of young men of the most exalted talents and brilliant intellect, who might otherwise have entranced listening Senates with the thunders of eloquence, or waked to ecstacy the living lyre, may call with full confidence.
MARRIAGE.
Married persons, or Young Men contemplating marriage, aware of Physical Weakness (Loss of Procreative Power—Impotency,) Nervous Excitability, Palpitation, Organic Weakness, Nervous Debility, or any other disqualification, speedily relieved.
He who places himself under the care of Dr. J. may religiously confide in his honor as a gentleman, and confidentially rely upon his skill as a physician.
ORGANIC WEAKNESS,
IMPOTENCY, LOSS OF POWER,
Immediately Cured, and Full Vigor Restored.
This distressing affection—which renders life miserable and marriage impossible—is the penalty paid by the victims of improper indulgences.—Young persons are too apt to commit excesses from not being aware of the dreadful consequences that may ensue. Now, who that understands the subject will pretend to deny, that the power of procreation is lost sooner by those falling into improper habits, than by the prudent? Beside being deprived of the pleasures of healthy offspring, the most serious and destructive symptoms of both body and mind arise. The system becomes deranged, the Physical and Mental Functions Weakened, Loss of Procreative Power, Nervous Irritability, Dyspepsia, Palpitation of the Heart, Indigestion, Constitutional Debility, and Wasting of the Frame, Cough, Consumption, Decay and Death.
A CURE WARRANTED IN TWO DAYS.
Relief in Six Hours! No Mercury!
Persons Ruined by Ignorant, Trifling Pretenders, and their Deadly Poisons, should apply immediately.
DR. JOHNSTON,
Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, London. Graduate of one of the most eminent Colleges in the United States, and the greater part of whose life has been spent in the Hospitals of London, Paris, Philadelphia and elsewhere, has effected some of the most astonishing cures that were ever known; many troubled with ringing in the head and ears when asleep, great nervousness, being alarmed at sudden sounds, bashfulness, with derangement of mind, were cured immediately.
TAKE PARTICULAR NOTICE.
Dr. J. addresses all those who have injured themselves by improper indulgences and solitary habits, which ruin both body and mind, unfitting them for either business, study, society or marriage.
These are some of the sad and melancholy effects produced by the early habits of youth, viz: Weakness of the Back and Limbs, Pains in the Head, Dimness of Sight, Loss of Muscular Power, Palpitation of the Heart, Dyspepsia, Nervous Irritability, Derangement of the Digestive Functions, General Debility, Symptoms of Consumption, &c.
MENTALLY.—The fearful effects of the mind are much to be dreaded. Loss of Memory, Confusion of Ideas, Depression of Spirits, Evil Forebodings, Aversion to Society, Self-Distrust, Love of Solitude, Timidity, &c., are some of the evils produced.
Thousands of persons of all ages can now judge what is the cause of their declining health, losing their vigor, becoming weak, pale, nervous and irritable, having a singular appearance about the eyes, cough and symptoms of Consumption.
YOUNG MEN
who have injured themselves by a certain practice, indulged in when alone, a habit frequently learned from evil companions or at school, the effects of which are slightly felt, even when asleep, and if not cured, renders marriage impossible, and destroys both mind and body, should apply immediately.
What a pity that a young man, the hope of his country, the pride of his parents, should be snatched from all prospects and employments of life, by the consequence of deviating from the path of nature, and indulging in a certain secret habit. Such persons must, before contemplating
MARRIAGE,
reflect that a sound mind and body are the most necessary requisites to promote connubial happiness. Indeed, without these, the journey through life becomes a weary pilgrimage, the prospect hourly darkens to the view, the mind becomes shadowed to despair, and filled with the melancholy reflection that the happiness of another is blighted with our own.
DISEASE OF IMPRUDENCE.
When the misguided and imprudent votary of pleasure finds that he has imbibed the seeds of this painful disease, it too often happens that an ill-timed sense of shame or dread of discovery deters him from applying to those who, from education and respectability, can alone befriend him, delaying till the constitutional symptoms of this horrid disease makes their appearance, such as ulcerated sore throat, diseased nose, nocturnal pains in the head and limbs, dimness of sight, deafness, nodes on the shin bones and arms, blotches on the head, face and extremities, progressing with frightful rapidity, till at last the palate of the mouth or the bones of the nose fall in, and the victim of this awful disease becomes a horrid object of commiseration till death puts a period to his dreadful sufferings, by sending him to that unknown country, "from whence no traveler returns."
It is a melancholy fact, that thousands DIE victims to this terrible disease, through failing into the hands of Ignorant or Unskillful PRETENDERS, who by the use of that destroy Poison, Mercury, &c., destroy the constitution, and incapable of curing, keep the unhappy sufferer month after month taking their nauseous or injurious compounds, and instead of being restored to a renewed state of Vigor and happiness, in despair leave him with ruined Health, to sign over his galling disappointment.
To such, therefore, Dr JOHNSTON pledges himself to preserve the most inviolable Secrecy, and from his extensive practice and observations in the great Hospitals of Europe, and the first in this country, viz: England, France, Philadelphia and elsewhere, is enabled to offer the most Speedy, Certain and Effectual Remedy in the World for all diseases of Imprudence.
DR. JOHNSTON,
OFFICE, 7 SOUTH FREDERICK STREET,
BALTIMORE, MD.,
left hand side going from Baltimore street, a few doors from the corner. Fail not to observe the name and number.
☞ No letters received unless postpaid and containing a stamp to be used on the reply. Persons writing should state age, and send a portion of advertisement describing symptoms.
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The Star and Sentinel.

(For the Star and Sentinel.)

FRIENDSHIP.

Amid the change which winter brings.
On hill and valley, leaf and flower,
How sweet a joy from friendship springs,
To cheer us when the tempests lower.

Again fair summer's passed away,
With gay parterre and verdant bower,
But Friendship still asserts her way,
To cheer us when the tempests lower.

Though war still reigns through foreign land,
And Prussia's tyrant boasts his power,
When America victorious stand,
To cheer us when the tempest lower.

Should sorrow dark our footsteps trace,
And blighted be each cherished flower,
Still Friendship, with a fond embrace,
Will shield us when the tempests lower.

But there's a bright and gladsome land,
Adorned with every vernal flower,
Beyond the oppressor's daring hand,
Where War's dark tempests never lower.

The widow and the orphans tear
Dims not the eye, nor shall the hour
Arrive, when sorrow dark and drear
Shall like the angry tempests lower.

And O how bright the christian's joy
When freed from death's despotic power,
His spirit dwells without alloy,
When clouds and tempest never lower.

J. S. G.

THE FIRST SKATING-LESSON.

BY FRANK LEE BENEDICT.

It was the prettiest winter scene possible, in the soft, gray light of the late afternoon. The lake was one broad sweep of mirror-like ice; a faint pink glow tinged the snow-covered hills beyond, and clumps of hemlocks and pine trees stood up, dark and solemn, against the western sky.

Farther down the lake, hidden by a rocky point, a merry skating-party were enjoying each other's disasters, or indulging in private triumphs; and their voices swelled up pleasantly to the spot where Fred Bond stood supporting his companion, and trying to persuade her out of the fears which her first elevation on the bright steel-runners had naturally caused.

Amy Forsyth always looked pretty, but never prettier than she did standing there in her coquettish short dress, with its loosely-fitting velvet jacket, ermine-edged, a jaunty hat, with a floating feather, and her beautiful hair allowed to fall in loose, heavy waves about her shoulders. The rose-tints in her cheeks were deeper, and her eyes brighter than usual, from excitement and the fear which was not too strong to be pleasurable, enough to make her hold fast to Fred's two hands, so that he was inclined to think the nervousness was much nicer than any Amazonian display of courage and skill.

Fred, in his stunning winter array, made a very charming cavalier. He was only twenty-two, bright, witty, and highly cultivated—in every respect an agreeable companion.

There was a large party gathered at old Mr. Forsyth's country-house to pass the Christmas season. It was a convenient distance from town, and every day gentlemen came and went. It had proved a charming week, but to-morrow the party was to break up. To-day was the first time Amy had ventured on skates, and she had chosen Fred to teach her, which was no more than fair, as she had done nothing but torment him during all those pleasant days.

She was accustomed to success and admiration in everything she attempted; and feeling morally certain that she should fail, or be terribly awkward, she insisted upon Fred taking her away from the rest of the company while she made her first essay. The buckling the skates, and persuading her to stand on her feet, had been a work of time, but very pleasant work. When Fred lifted her up, and she clung to him with the strength of desperation, he thought the little cry she gave, half fear, half laughter, the most delicious sound he had ever heard in his life.

"I know I shall break my neck," Amy said.

"You will do nothing of that sort," returned he.

"See if I don't! If it's only to teach you not to contradict me! Oh! oh! I was almost down!"

"Nothing of that sort," persisted Fred. "You are getting to stand as firm as—as a pyramid! Now try to go ahead—move your left foot forward."

"You talk like my old dancing master," laughed Amy. "I never can do it—never! What a little fool I am! I must learn to stand alone first! Dear me! What shall I do?"

She let Fred go and leaned one hand on his shoulder for support, tottering and shivering dolefully, but tolerably successful in her effort, notwithstanding. Fred uttered such ecstatic praise that she was stimulated to go a little farther. She took her hand from his shoulder and stood at least a second unsupported, then some involuntary movement of her body sent one foot out, and she grasped his arm as tightly as if he had been a plank, and she an unfortunate mariner suddenly pitched into mid-ocean.

More strangled shrieks, more laughter, more encouragement, she clinging fast to Fred, and Fred feeling the wintry scene turn into so delightful a paradise that he wished things might go on like this forever.

"How tired you must be getting of my silliness," said the artful little witch.

"Tired!" he ejaculated, with a gasp.—"It's the first time I've been happy in a week."

"Oh, dear!" quoth she, "I'm sorry you haven't enjoyed yourself! I hope the rest of my guests haven't found it so stupid."

"You've scarcely spoken a good-natured word to me. You've made me——"

"Oh! oh!" squeaked Amy, tottering again; but this time the tremor and fright were only a mean pretence to check the torrent of his complaints, for she felt that if he began to grow earnest in her present predicament, he would have her at a decided disadvantage. "I was very nearly down that time," she said.

"You can't fall," returned Fred, getting hold of both her hands; "you just make me believe you're frightened to stop my tongue."

"I think, Mr. Bond, you had better help me on shore! If you suppose I am such a miserable little wretch as that, you must want to be rid of me."

Amy looked so very stately, and spoke so nippingly, that he was humbled at once.

"You know I couldn't have a greater happiness," he said.

"I thought, perhaps, you would like to join Miss Gore," Amy answered, demurely, "she skates beautifully."

How Miss Gore was a, and haired old maid, to whom Amy had made him sacrifice himself for days past, and Fred felt that this taunt was more than mortal man could endure.

"I do think it is too bad?" he exclaimed, looking so handsome, with his injured expression, that Amy privately vowed she would hurt his feelings on every possible occasion. "After your scolding me into being attentive to her—"

"I only asked you—don't make me out a second Xantippe," she interrupted. "I beg your pardon, I'm sure—I'll never ask another favor of you as long as I live."

"There you go!" cried Fred in a high state of exasperation.

"So, I do," said she, and slid comfortably down on the ice, taking good care not to hurt herself, but frightened him dreadfully, all the same.

By the time she got on her feet again, she had startled Fred into a passing forgetfulness of his wrongs. To keep him from reverting to them, and bringing about a crisis, which had been imminent for a month past, she became wonderfully interested in the business on hand, and as eager to become a proficient in the skating art, without loss of time, as if she expected to gain a livelihood by it, and offer the red-haired girl, Miss Gore, long odds in a match.

Between her secret fears and the hard work she made of her efforts, in less than ten minutes she was so tired she had to stop and let Fred support her again; but she had actually made three steps alone—more in the air than on the ice—and Fred vowed that he never saw one learn so rapidly; and the best of it was, he was quite unconscious what a tremendous fib he was telling.

"Miss Gore says she had never had anybody to teach her——"

"I should think not," interrupted Fred. "No sane man would you know."

"And the first day she skated without trouble," Amy finished, on purpose to provoke him into further ill-natured remarks, at the expense of Miss Gore.

"She's an awful cheat," he pronounced; "she's always boasting about her exploits, or her money."

"She can shoot, too—she killed a mad cat."

"She ought to have been indicted for murder—killing one of her own relations."

"Now I thought you liked her," said Amy, meditatively, unable to resist the impulse of carrying the conversation back on dangerous ground.

"Like her!" shouted Fred.

"Why, you'll bring everybody here—they'll think we're drowning! I'm not old Mrs. Morris, that you need yell in my ear. I feel quite stunned," and Amy put one hand to her head in a beseeching way, that was pretty as it was deceitful.

"I hate her," said Fred, with still greater energy, though in a more carefully modulated voice. "The way you have made me dance attendance on her, this last week, would drive a saint mad."

"And you're no saint," returned Amy; "though I'm not sure but you're a little mad, you look so fierce."

"I've good reason," said Fred, looking more sulky than injured this time.

"You must be the best judge of that," observed Amy, coldly, yawning a little to express weariness. "I shall tell mamma how the visit has bored you—I'm sure she will be exceedingly mortified! I promise never to expose you to similar suffering again."

"You mean you'll not invite me to the house any more?" he asked full of wrath.

"I should only subject myself to the annoyance of a refusal. Of course, you would't come, after being so bored this last week."

"I believe there is nothing in the world you like so much as teasing me," cried Fred, driven to despair.

"Go on," said she; "I'm getting at your real opinion of me—it's not complimentary, but it's well to be truthful."

"How can you bear to torture me so?" he demanded.

"Bless me! You talk as if you was an old Spanish inquisitor in a skull-cap, sticking you full of pins and needles!"

"So you have been, all these days," he vowed.

"Well," said she, with beautiful innocence, "I have an old heart pin-cushion in my room, but I'd no idea it was yours—it's a dark, dirty, puffy old heart as ever I looked at. Upon my word, if I were you, I'd think twice before I claimed it."

"I wonder if you could be serious for a moment?" he asked, more fretfully than a hero in a novel would be guilty of doing.

"Serious? Here I am, expecting every minute to break my neck, and you ask me that! I never hope to get home alive; you must invent all sorts of nice last words for me! Tell mamma I'm sorry I called aunt Julia a cockatoo; and there's Harry Seabright, I promised him my photograph."

"You did?" cried Fred, and nearly let her fall, then had to apologize.

It was Harry Seabright with whom she had chosen to torment Fred for weeks past, pretending to flirt with him, and having him about like a tame dog. Indeed, many a time he had been near fulfilling the destiny of one by receiving a sound thrashing from Master Fred, when that sorely tried young gentleman had been forced, by the idol of his heart, to endure cold looks, while Harry was petted and received into high favor.

"I think I had better give up any further trial to-day," Amy said, with a good deal of dignity. "You seem determined to quarrel with me, and I hate quarrels."

"Goodness knows I do," groaned Fred, "but the idea of your saying that you had promised your photograph to that—"

"Friend of mine," interposed Amy.—"And yet I am really offended at your supposing I spoke in earnest! Am I likely to give any man my picture? Perhaps you mistake me for Miss Gore: she's in every male object's album from Maine to Georgia."

"I knew you couldn't mean it," Fred said, contritely.

"Then I wonder at your going into such a rage," she replied severely. "Away, nobody would have a right to interfere! You are an old friend, it is true, almost like a brother, but I wouldn't even let a brother dictate to me, I assure you."

"I had no thought of doing so," moaned Fred.

"Oh! you have done it a great deal, lately," she went on, merciless, of course, the moment she found that he was penitent. "You have done nothing this winter but find fault with me, and I don't like it! I may be a silly, wrong-headed little thing, I dare say I am, but I don't want my friends to show that they think it."

"You know well enough what I think,"

"Yes, indeed, you are at no pains to hide it."

The little wretch turned her head away to hide the smile of triumph she could not keep back. She had been afraid that she had gone too far during the past week in her tormenting of him, and it was pleasant to find that he could not support his half angry airs when she made the least effort to subdue it.

"I hope I never shall drive anybody out of his senses," said she, primly; "I hope I have been too well brought up for that. I'm sure mamma would be shocked at the bare idea."

"If you would only be good to me," sighed Fred. "Now, see here—just promise—"

"There isn't time, and I should be sure to forget," Amy broke in. "Let's finish the skating-lesson first; I want to be able to boast as well as Miss Gore!"

But Fred held her hands fast, and would not leave her move.

"Do listen to me!" he pleaded.

"Yes, which foot do I start on? I shall try the right! Now just let me go a little by myself. I never shall learn if I hang on you all the time."

"In a moment, Amy, just wait."

"You oughtn't to call me by my christian name," she said. "It did well enough when we were children; but it would sound so odd to people. I'm sure mamma wouldn't like it."

As Fred knew that "mamma" never dreamed or opposing or controlling the little witch, and was, besides, almost as fond of him as if he had been her own son, he was not to be taken in by no such shallow artifice.

"I'm sorry if I have offended you," he said gravely. "But do listen to me."

"How can I listen, when first one foot slides and then the other, and I'm expecting every second to fall on my nose and make it uglier than it is?"

"You can't fall—I'm holding you steady."

"That's just what I don't want. I came here to learn to skate. I can't do that if I'm held."

"You are quite right," said Fred, coolly, changing his entire tone. Business first always."

She stared at him, but he paid no attention.

"Now then," he said, "lean one arm on my shoulder and try to skate with me. Don't be afraid, I'll not let you fall."

She obeyed him in silence, so much wondering that he meant by this new and unheard of demeanor, that she entirely forgot her fears, and succeeded very well in her first essay.

"You did that beautifully," said Fred, as he paused to give her a chance to rest. "I had no idea you would get on so well."

"Thank you. I suppose you thought I was too stupid to learn any thing."

"I don't believe I thought that; but at first you seemed to have so much diffidenty even in standing."

"Why you said half an hour ago, you never saw anybody get on so fast."

"That was merely to encourage you."

"And you admit you were telling a fib?"

"Certainly, replied Fred, with the utmost coolness.

"Did one ever hear the like? Then I don't believe you now."

"One seldom is believed when one tells the truth," Fred answered sententiously.

"How disagreeable you are!" she exclaimed, feeling vexed at his composure and incomprehensible change of manner. "I wish I had asked Harry Seabright to teach me instead of you."

"For your own sake I wish you had. He's so abominably awkward you would have something to laugh at."

She took her hands off of his shoulder and tried a few steps by herself, succeeding very well; and Fred was beside her in time to prevent her making a sudden and unpleasant *pirouette*. She was so much delighted with her success that she grew good-natured again, and for a few moments they chattered in the most amicable manner. She was so gentle and lovable that Fred soon forgot his resolutions to be careless and composed, and rushed back to the impulse which had been in his mind for days—that