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## Railroad Guide.

**NORTH PENNA. RAILROAD.**  
Passengers for Philadelphia will leave Lehigh-  
ton as follows:  
1:42 p. m. via L. V. arrive at Phila. at 8:45 a. m.  
1:42 p. m. via L. V. " " " " 8:45 a. m.  
1:57 p. m. via L. V. " " " " 8:50 a. m.  
2:27 p. m. via L. V. " " " " 9:15 a. m.  
2:57 p. m. via L. V. " " " " 9:45 a. m.  
3:27 p. m. via L. V. " " " " 10:15 a. m.  
Returning, leave depot at Perks and Ameri-  
can Sts., Phila., at 6:45 and 9:45 a. m.; 2:15, 5:15,  
8:15, 11:15 p. m.  
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### Arrangement of Passenger Trains.

**AUGUST 2ND, 1877.**  
Trains leave ALLENTOWN as follows:—  
(VIA PHILADELPHIA BRANCH)  
For Philadelphia, at 6:50, 1:05, 3:15, 5:15 and  
8:45 p. m.  
**SUNDAYS.**  
For Philadelphia at 1:35 p. m.  
For Reading, 1:30, 3:50, 5:55 a. m., 12:10, 4:30  
and 9:05 p. m.  
For Harrisburg, 5:50, 8:55 a. m., 12:15, 4:30 p. m.  
For Lancaster and Columbia, 5:30, 8:30, and 4:30  
p. m.  
Does not run on Mondays.

### SUNDAYS.

For Reading, 1:30 a. m. and 9:05 p. m.  
For Harrisburg, 9:05 a. m.  
Trains FOR ALLENTOWN leave as follows:  
(VIA PHILADELPHIA BRANCH)  
Leave Philadelphia, 7:30 a. m., 1:00, 3:10 and 5:15  
p. m.  
**SUNDAYS.**  
Leave Philadelphia, 8:00 a. m.  
(VIA HARRISBURG BRANCH)  
Leave Reading, 7:45, 7:45, 10:30 a. m., 4:00, 6:10 and  
10:30 p. m.  
Leave Harrisburg, 5:00, 7:30 a. m., and 1:40, 4:30  
p. m.  
Leave Lancaster, 7:30 a. m., and 3:25 p. m.  
Leave Columbia, 7:30 a. m., and 3:15 p. m.  
**SUNDAYS.**  
Leave Reading, 7:30 a. m.  
Leave Harrisburg, 5:00 a. m.  
Trains marked with (\*) run to and from depot  
at 5th and Green streets, Philadelphia, other  
trains to and from Broad street depot.  
The 6:50 a. m. and 3:50 p. m. trains from Allen-  
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- " Poached . . . . . 10
- " Baked . . . . . 10
- " Boiled . . . . . 10
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## Maude Henderson.

### A STORY OF THE LEHIGH VALLEY.

There lived about five or six miles  
from Easton, Pa., a few years since, an  
honest farmer named Henderson, who  
had two very pretty daughters, Ellen  
and Maude. The first was about twen-  
ty-three years of age, while the latter  
was nineteen. The farmer was a thrif-  
ty, well-to-do man, though by no means  
rich; but the family lived in excellent  
style, and the daughters had received  
good educations.

Both of these girls were pretty, but  
Maude was perhaps the handsomer.  
There was no lack of attentive young  
gentlemen at the farm, though the  
neighborhood was not very thickly set-  
tled. But "beauty draws us with a  
single hair," and the young ladies were  
the centre of a gay little circle of  
friends, mostly young gentlemen, farm-  
ers' sons in the immediate neighbor-  
hood, and some even from Easton.

By and by it came about that an earnest,  
handsome and sturdy young farmer  
fell desperately in love with Maude, and  
proposed to her. On her part, she loved  
Harry Masters above all the young fel-  
lows she knew, and told him frankly he  
might speak to her father. In the mean-  
time she confided the matter to her  
mother, a kind hearted sympathetic  
parent, who saw no objection to the choice  
of her daughter, but all was left to the  
father to decide.

Farmer Henderson was a straight-  
forward and open-mouthed man. That is  
he said exactly what he meant, no  
more or less, and that he uttered freely.  
When Harry Masters called him on one  
side and told his especial errand, as to  
Maude, the father said, "Well, Mr.  
Masters, Maude is young. I wanted  
Ellen to be married first; she's oldest,  
and I have got a marriage portion of  
twelve hundred to give her; but I  
haven't laid by anything yet for  
Maude."

"I have got pretty well beforehand,  
Mr. Henderson, for a man but twenty-  
four years old, and we shall be able to  
do very well, I have no doubt."  
"You mean you'll take Maude with-  
out any marriage portion?" said the  
father.

"Yes, sir, very gladly."  
"Well, it's pleasant to hear you say  
so because it shows your honest affec-  
tion, Mr. Masters; but I am too proud,  
though a simple farmer, to let Maude  
marry till I can give her a thousand or  
two toward house-keeping."

"It is not worth waiting for, sir, as  
long as we don't really need it, and  
both are content."  
"Then, again, I'd rather Maude  
wouldn't marry until her sister is mar-  
ried, because she's so much older, do  
you see, it will actually make her an  
old maid. It isn't fair, Mr. Masters."  
"Ellen is very popular with the gen-  
tlemen, and will soon be married," said  
the other.

"That's just what I have said to my-  
self, and then I shall begin to pick up  
a marriage portion for Maude."  
"I trust that is the only objection,  
Mr. Henderson?" said Harry Masters.  
"Why yes, you are a promising and  
respectable young man, and come of a  
good family," said the farmer; "but I  
can't let Maude go until I get together a  
respectable marriage portion to give  
with her hand."

"Perhaps you will think more favor-  
able about it," said the lover. "I'll  
speak with you again."  
"All right, Mr. Masters."  
Harry and Maude were very fond of  
each other, and now talked over the  
matter very seriously. Maude could  
not blame her father, and did not like  
the idea of going to Harry without a  
proper portion to contribute to their  
joint partnership in domestic life.

"Never mind, Harry," said the  
handsome young girl; "Ellen will soon  
be married. I have pretty good reason  
for knowing."  
"Ah, but then your father says he  
wants time to pick up a marriage por-  
tion for you, and that will take three  
or four years, perhaps."  
"That is a good while, is it not,  
Harry?" said Maude, just blushing a  
little, for fear it sounded forward and  
bold.

"It's ages!" said the young fellow.  
"Think of waiting three years—why  
we shall be old folks by that time!"  
"Not quite so bad as that," said  
Maude.  
"I'm sure my hair will be gray by  
that time!"  
"Nonsense, Harry! Now you are  
joking."  
"I was never more in earnest in my  
life," said he, as he stole a kiss from  
her pretty lips, and ran away, so as not  
to hear her chide him for his boldness.  
"Maude," said her father, coming  
into the house from the barn, "I wish  
you would ride the sorrel mare into  
Easton, and get this hundred dollar bill  
changed at the bank. The workmen  
have got done with the roofing of the  
barn, and I want to pay them off to-  
night."

"Very well, father. Let John put  
the side-saddle on, and I'll be ready in  
five minutes."  
The sorrel mare was brought up to  
the door, and Maude was soon on her  
way at an easy hand gallop toward  
Easton. She had an excellent seat, and  
was a good horsewoman. As she knew  
this very well, she would not have ob-  
jected to have Harry see her just now;  
but he had gone a few minutes before  
in an opposite direction.

When Maude got into Easton she  
rode directly to the bank, but was un-  
fortunate enough to find it closed. After  
a few minutes thought she resolved

to try to get the note changed at a groc-  
er's or at some of the other stores, and  
went immediately to do so. Fate seem-  
ed against her, for no one had small  
change enough to accommodate Miss  
Henderson.

At one of the stores where she stop-  
ped a very gentlemanly looking person  
took out his pocket book and said he  
thought he could change it for her, and  
she handed him the bill, but he had not  
so much small money. He seemed to  
regret this, however, and even follow-  
ed Maude to the door and assisted her  
to remount her horse.

She was forced to give up her errand  
as she did not like to run about among  
strangers asking to change her bill, es-  
pecially as no one seemed able to do so.  
She therefore turned her horse's head  
once more toward home. Scarcely had  
she passed the outskirts of the town  
when she was overtaken by the stran-  
ger who had spoken with her in the last  
store, and who at first thought he could  
change her bill. He was mounted up  
on a fine looking bay horse, and salut-  
ed her respectfully as he came along-  
side.

"Did you get your bill changed?"  
he asked.

"No; small bills seemed scarce,"  
she replied.

"Do you live near here?"  
"About five miles off."  
"Quite a ride."  
"Oh, we don't mind five miles in the  
country."  
"You are an excellent rider."  
"I have ridden since I was six years  
old," she said; "but my sister Ellen is  
a better rider than I am."  
"You are generous to admit it," said  
the stranger.

"Why, it's only the truth," she an-  
swered frankly.

After they had passed over about two  
miles, they came to a very lonely piece  
of road, quite removed from any dwell-  
ing houses. Still, as the stranger ap-  
peared so gentlemanly, and had address-  
ed her so politely, she had not the least  
suspicion of any evil intention on his  
part.

Presently he said suddenly, "I will  
thank you for that bill."  
"What?" said she half smiling.

"Please give me that bill."  
"What do you mean?" asked Maude.  
"Just what I say!" he replied sud-  
denly.

"I shall do no such thing," she an-  
swered firmly.

"I am sorry to draw a pistol upon a  
lady," he continued, "sitting the action  
to the word, but I must have that  
hundred dollar bill at once."  
"Do you mean to rob me?"  
"I must have the money."

It was with difficulty she could be-  
lieve the man was in earnest, but when  
he now cocked his pistol and held it to-  
ward her with one hand, while he ex-  
tended the other for the bill, she was  
forced to yield to the necessity of the  
situation. She was a brave hearted girl  
and even now she did not turn pale or  
tremble in the least; she saw she could  
not help herself and so she made the  
best of it.

Just as she held out the bill to him a  
sudden gust of wind blew it into the  
road and carried it gently several yards  
from them. The stranger alighted to  
get it and quick as thought Maude  
struck her horse a smart blow in order  
to get out of the robber's power. The  
sorrel mare was a spirited little creature,  
and sprang into a smart gallop at once;  
while the stranger's horse which had  
been standing beside her, also started  
off at full speed in her company.

Bang! went the robber's pistol after  
them, having only the effect to increase  
the speed of the flying horses, both of  
whom were now on the dead run. Maude  
did not care how fast she rode, the sor-  
rel was as easy as a cradle at that speed,  
and in ten minutes she dashed into her  
father's yard followed by the riderless  
horse.

Her story was soon told, and her fa-  
ther was with difficulty prevented from  
starting after the robber with his pistols  
and rifle, but he knew that the scound-  
rel would naturally take at once to the  
woods where he could not follow or find  
him.

"Well, we've got his horse at any  
rate," said the farmer, "and he's worth  
more than a hundred dollars."  
"Hallo, master!" said the man John  
who had been taking the saddle-bags  
from the strange horse.

"What is it, John?"  
"These bags are full of something."  
"I should think so," said the farm-  
er as he unstrapped the leather bags.

They were found to contain some  
counterfeit plates, a quantity of coun-  
terfeit money in various bills, and also  
a little over fifteen hundred dollars in  
good money!

"Huzza!" cried the farmer.  
"What is it, father?" said Maude.  
"Why, your trip to Easton has provid-  
ed a profitable one, at all events. Here's  
over fifteen hundred dollars, good mon-  
ey."  
"Ah, but it will be claimed by the  
owner."  
"Do you think a counterfeiter would  
dare come for the tools that would con-  
vict him?—to say nothing of highway  
robbery?"

"That evening Farmer Henderson sent  
John over to young Masters with a  
message to call around and see him, to  
which Harry responded instantly.

"Mr. Masters," said the farmer, as  
he came into the large, old-fashioned  
sitting room, "you remember what you  
asked me this afternoon?"  
"Yes, sir."  
"Well, I give my consent. Maude has  
just furnished her own marriage por-  
tion. Take her, my boy, and be happy."

## Hi Cook, the Highwayman

### THE CAREER OF A NOTORIOUS KANSAS ROBBER AND MURDERER.

A correspondent of a Cincinnati pa-  
per relates the following romantic story  
of Western life. He says: I verily be-  
lieve that one of the two train robbers  
killed in Kansas the other day was a  
man named Hi Cook. The description  
is almost perfect. He was stealing  
horses and robbing stores in Missouri  
and Kansas when I first heard of him,  
and it was the dream of his life to cut  
some such dash and get away with a  
fortune.

My first meeting with Cook occurred  
under such circumstances as did not  
greatly prejudice me in his favor. In  
the winter of 1855-6 I had charge of the  
Government printing office at Fort Le-  
avenworth having been detailed from my  
command before it started across the  
plains. There were scores of deserters  
and other hard cases hanging around  
the Fort and city and about midnight  
those chaps began robbing every man  
who traveled the highway between the  
fort and the city, a distance of two  
miles. The road was fringed with  
trees and being a Government road,  
there were no houses near it. About  
half a dozen soldiers had been found  
dead on the road, a patrol was estab-  
lished. The robbers were not quite so  
bold after that, but yet it was danger-  
ous traveling after nightfall. I went  
down to the Bulletin office one afternoon  
for a set of press rollers, and was delay-  
ed there until 9 o'clock in the evening.  
There had been no robberies on the  
road for a week, and, the night being  
starlight, I took the chance of getting  
through, having a horse belonging to  
the Post Quartermaster. Midway be-  
tween city and fort is a stone bridge  
arched a small creek. As I reached this  
bridge, horse on the gallop, a man  
caught the bridle and halted the horse  
so suddenly that I almost went over his  
head. A big navy revolver was pushed  
under my nose as I settled back in the  
saddle, and a voice called out:

"Come down here and shell out;  
come fast—whoop—come on—lively  
now!"

"I came. I was carrying a roller in  
either hand, my revolver was in its hol-  
ster, and the robber had all the advan-  
tages. He seized one of the rollers,  
thinking it a weapon of defense, but he  
knew what it was the minute his fingers  
touched the cold composition.

"Who in thunder are you?" he de-  
manded as soon as I got down.

"I told him.

"Why, I am a printer myself," he  
said, as he reached out his hand. "I  
never go back on the craft when I know  
'em. Shake!"

"We shook.

"Truth is, I'm awful hard up," He  
apologized as he sat down on the stone  
railing. "While I know that I am fully  
qualified to edit any paper in the land,  
no paper wants me. I can knock the  
splinters right off a politician, poetry, lo-  
cal items, marine, and State news, but  
I can't get the chance. I wrote Har-  
per's the other day that I'd edit their  
magazine for \$20 a week, and while  
waiting for an answer I thought I'd  
pull a few more proof sheets at this  
business."

"You wouldn't have secured but  
just one dollar from me," I answered.

"I can make a fair living if I get  
fifty cents from each victim!" he re-  
marked. However, go along home, and  
forgive me for having detained you. I  
think I'll call on you to-morrow and  
have a chat."

"I thought he wouldn't but he did.

Before the breaking out of the war,  
Cook, who was then nineteen years of  
age, crossed from Kansas into Missouri  
to better his misfortunes. He had been  
working in livery stables and bar  
rooms, and had the reputation of a reck-  
less, good hearted boy. He was em-<