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Filling and making artificial dentures a specialty. Local anesthetics used.
Gas administered and Teeth Extracted WITHOUT PAIN.
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JONATHAN KISTLER, - - PROPRIETOR,
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The Carbon House offers first-class accommodations to the traveling public. Boarding by the day or week on reasonable terms. Choice Cigars, Wines and Liquors always on hand. Good Sheds and Stables, with very attentive Hostlers, attached. apr10-yl

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This well-known Hotel is admirably refitted, and has the best accommodations for permanent and transient boarders. Excellent Tables and the very best Liquors. Stables attached. sept6-yl

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August 20, 1886—1y

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Rubber Boots and Shoes!
All sizes and of the best makes, at the lowest possible figures. Oct. 8, 1887

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Physicians & Surgeons.
OFFICE at the residence of Dr. Zern, White Street, Weissport.
All calls or surgical or medical treatment will receive prompt attention. may14-y1

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DEATS, THE JEWELER.
All Kinds of Jewelry!
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Henry Christman, Proprietor.
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A Livery Stable
in connection with the hotel, with ample means to accommodate wedding parties, funerals and pleasure seekers with safe teams.
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I have just opened a Coal Yard in connection with my hotel in WEISSPORT where can constantly be found all sizes of the
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Henry Christman,
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December 18, 1885ly

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DRY GOODS,
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PROVISIONS,
SILVERWARE, &c., &c.
—GO TO—
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Goods guaranteed and prices as low as elsewhere for the same quality of goods.
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November 5—4w

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Central Drug Store,
OPP. THE PUBLIC SQUARE
Bank Street, Lehighton, Pa.,
IS HEADQUARTERS FOR
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Choice Wines and Liquors,
Largest Assortment of Library Lamps!
Wall Paper and Decorations!
—ALSO—
Spectacles!.
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Oct15-1887

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AGENT FOR FIRST-CLASS
Fire, Life & Live Stock Insurance Companies.
Special attention of Farmers and others is called to the liberal terms offered by the BERKS COUNTY MUTUAL LIVE STOCK INSURANCE COMPANY, for which I am the agent for this County and neighborhood.
—ALSO—
Real Estate Agency,
Real Estate Bought & Sold.
Collections Promptly Made.
Bank Street, Lehighton, Penna.
Sept. 3, '87.-4m*

BAKER'S COD LIVER OIL AND MALT.
A proved remedy for Consumption and diseases of Throat and Lungs.
New Life and Vigor follows its use.
Ask for Baker's Oil and Malt, or write to
JNO. C. BAKER & CO.,
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D. J. KISTLER
Respectfully announces to the public that he has opened a NEW LIVERY STABLE, and that he is now prepared to furnish Teams for Funerals, Weddings or Business Trips on the shortest notice and most liberal terms. Orders left at the "Carbon House" will receive prompt attention.
STABLES ON NORTH STREET,
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NO MORE BIG PRICES!
W. S. KUHNS
Respectfully announces to the public that he is now nicely located in his
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BANK STREET, LEHIGHTON, and has in stock a full and complete line of
Stoves and Tinware!
Including the Justly Celebrated and Popular
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Which he is selling at THE VERY LOWEST CASH PRICES. You are respectfully invited to call and inspect his stock and learn prices before purchasing elsewhere.
Roofing and Spouting
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W. S. KUHNS,
Opp. Round House, Bank Street, Lehighton, Pa.
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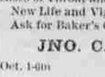
The undersigned offers at private sale, on reasonable terms his
2-Story Frame Dwelling House,



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Laxador is nonpareil for loss of appetite, will drive off sick headache.
Laxador regulates the stomach and bowels, positively cures costiveness, will cure dyspepsia and indigestion sold by all druggists and dealers, or sent by mail on receipt of price, 25c. Address: A. C. MEYER & CO., Props., Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.

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Cures Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Croup, Asthma, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough, Incipient Consumption, and relieves consumptive persons in advanced stages of the disease. Price 25 cts. Caution. The Genuine Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is sold only in white wrappers, and bears our registered Trade-Marks to wit, A Bull's Head in a Circle, a Red Strip Caution-Label, and the fac-simile signatures of John W. Bull & A. C. Meyer & Co., Sole Prop's, Baltimore, Md., U. S. A.
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Books, Stationery, Fancy Goods.
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Latest Styles, made and put up, if desired.
Paints, Oil, Varnish, Putty, Brushes & general Painters' Supplies.
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THE :-: TAILORS.

Stock Large and Complete!
The Very Latest Styles!
Clothes and Cassimeres!
Corkscrews, Worsteds, &c., &c!
Best Made Clothing!
Perfect Fits Guaranteed!

Our stock of seasonable goods is larger and more varied than any assortment or stock ever displayed in this section of the Lehigh Valley; our prices unquestionably lower than any other tailoring house. These are important facts, remember them, and you will save money besides getting the best made clothing.

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Hats, Caps and Neckwear!
Boots Shoes and lippers!
For Ladies, Misses and Gents!

Latest styles and largest stock, best makes and positively lowest prices. Before purchasing elsewhere we kindly invite you to call and inspect our merchant tailoring goods, gents novelties, boots, shoes and slippers, we guarantee that you can save money. Respectfully,

Clauss & Bro.,
THE TAILORS,
Bank Street, Lehighton, Pa.

REGRET.

The midnight heaven is full of light—
The tender light of countless stars;
Still up the west the late moon throws
Her silver rays.

Clear on the dewy, stirless air
Rings the lone night bird's plaintive call;
Slowly the first faint yellow leaves
Down circling fall.

A deep calm wraps the oaken wood,
The wide green fields show faint and dim,
The thousand tender insect thrills
Blend to a hymn.

Faintly I trace each garden walk,
Beset with many a dusk-veiled flower.
I see no hues, but feel their breath
And own their power.

Tears fill mine eyes, for with their sweets
Comes back the tender, golden glow
Of stars that hung in autumn skies,
Ten years ago.

O magic stars! your deathless shine
Will mock me to my dying day;
Ye borrowed light from dearest eyes
Now lost for aye.

Oh magic time! one murmured peal
Of silver chimes the joy-bells rung,
Life spread a space of rosy light,
And I was young.

Now is the flush and fill of bloom
That marks the ripeness of our prime,
And yet—Oh, God! the sweet dead days
Of that fair time.

Under the Mistletoe.

Margaret Warner stood before the mirror, a frown upon her usually calm, unruffled brow. Yes, there was no denying it, no shrinking away from the fact; there lay the first real footprint of time, gleaming white amid the tresses of nut brown hair.

She felt something clutching at her heart, a great lump rising in her throat, and a moment more the tears she strove to repress filled her eyes. Margaret was an old maid. Nine and thirty, yes, forty on her coming birthday, and it was not far off. She was not a foolish woman and her tears fell, not because age was creeping on and the dark braids would whiten soon, but at sight of the silver streak something within whispered: "Margaret, youth is past; the joy, the sorrow, all are gone." Bittersweet memories crowded upon her, and she bowed her head within her hands and sobbed.

After a moment she summed courage and plucked the offending thread of silver from among its fellows. She laid it upon the white marble of the dresser, and then across the sleeve of her dark dress.

White, snowy white.

She looked again in the mirror, scanning her face closely. She was fair and comely still. Her complexion might have been that of a babe, it was so delicately smooth, and her eyes were as blue and bright as ever. Yet, though she found no visible sign of decay, the woman sighed. Then she drew from her bosom a locket suspended by a tiny gold chain. Touching a spring it opened and she gazed wistfully upon two faces pictured there. One was a girlish face, winsome and fair—Margaret in her youth; the other a youth, handsome and not over twenty. She pressed it to her lips, to her heart, and allowed her tears to fall unchecked upon it.

What! Margaret, an old maid, and in love still?

"Rosie must not see me in tears," she murmured.

There was the sound of an opening door, the echo of footsteps in the hall, and a smart patter of footsteps upon the stair.

Rosie was coming!

Margaret had only time to thrust her treasure again into its hiding place, when the door flew open and a young girl entered, breathless with excitement. Her hair had been tossed by the wind and fell in waves over her shoulders. A rich red glow was upon her cheek and her eyes were sparkling. She threw herself upon a chair with utter abandon and tossed a pair of skates which she had been exercising upon (for it was frosty outside) upon the floor. Then, noticing Margaret's tear-stained face, she sprang toward her and wound her arms closely about her.

"What is it, auntie? Why are you sad? Tell me what has happened."

"It is nothing, dear. I am a foolish old maid, and it all came of this ugly gray hair," and Margaret took it from its place upon the cushin and held it up for inspection.

"Dreadful!" cried Rosie, with uplifted hands and a comic look of sympathetic horror upon her face. "We will look over the whole list of hair dyes and prepare ourselves to color each one as it makes its appearance; but guess, do guess, auntie, who is here."

"I am not good at guessing, you know, and how could I tell which one of your numerous lovers is again in the field.

"For shame, auntie; you know I have but one lover now. It's Hal's father. He is here at last. I wonder what he will think of me?" and the girl gently pushing Margaret aside, placed herself in front of the mirror. "Now, auntie, I'm going to take an inventory. Put it down and see how it reads. Height, five feet, figure slight and trim, brown hair, blue eyes, broad forehead, fair complexion, pink cheeks, ruby lips. Am I right, auntie?"

"Quite correct, my love."

"But the nose, auntie, the nose; that troubles me; it is the one unruly member; it will turn up. I've half a mind to try Amy's plan and put a clothes-pin on it. You remember Amy in 'Little Women.'

"Yes, yes," said Margaret, laughing, "but it's a cute nose after all."

"I'm not bad looking at any rate, and you think I have not overestimated myself?" with just a little tone of doubt in her voice.

"No, Rosie, the stock is not watered, and I think you may at least feel assured of its being taken at par."

"You knew Major Cole once, didn't you, auntie, years ago, when he was a young man?"

"Yes," said Margaret faintly.

"And wasn't it sad, his wife dying when Harry was a baby?"

But Margaret made no reply to this; she sat still and white, and returned not a word.

As she sat wrapped in thought the past with its buried joys and griefs came up before her. She saw a gallant youth, the Major, who looked into her eyes with a gaze that made her heart beat quickly and a dim, indefinable gladness prevade her soul. Then his arm encircled her and in low tones he told her he loved her and asked her to be his wife. With faltering accents but with great joy in her heart, she gave her consent and they were engaged. Another scene rose before her. She had found fault with him for his visiting her too seldom and he retorted sharply. Bitter words were spoken on both sides which would have been unspoken had they loved each other less. Then he left in an unreasonable burst of rage and, vowing that there engagement was at an end, sailed for India. He seemed to have forgotten Margaret, for he married a lady there whom he met on the voyage. His wife's health became impaired, and they sailed to the Major's old home, where she gave birth to a boy, the Hal of my story. She died shortly after, and the Major after a year or two was sent for to India to set le up the affairs of a friend. He placed his son in the care of a relative, and when he went back to India did not return for many years, but sent an allowance to his son regularly every three months.

But what was all this to Margaret now.

So he had come home at last—home to the boy whom he had known only for the first yeas of his life—home to—Margaret would not think further. She would close her heart to all other utterance than thoughts of Rosie.

She loved this child—her dead sister's child. The babe had come into her life at a time when all around her was shrouded in gloom. In the renunciation of a fond hope she had turned to the little stranger for solace and comfort. Rosie had been like a stray ray of sunlight in the darkened room. To Margaret it seemed as if she were now her very own. She had spoiled the child, perhaps, but she was so winsome a creature she could not punish her for her trifling offences. After a while a mother love crept into her heart, and she was not like an old maid. A sweetness crept into her life, a feeling of sacred trust. The bitterness vanished, and when Major Cole returned for a brief visit, to leave his little son with his mother, Margaret was ready to give the little one a portion of her heart. The boy had loved her from the time he had begun to distinguish faces.

The hand of an infinite destiny had shaped their lives. It was not Margaret's desire to have the two young people thrown together, but they met and naturally fell in love as the thousands have done before them, and no one knew the pain their love-making had caused her.

She schooled herself to meet the Major this time, and externally at least was calm. His coming was deferred from time to time, so when at last he called upon her she was prepared to betray no emotion.

He was a handsome man of forty-five who had seen only the bright side of life. Yet, used as he was to society, his manner was constrained when he met Margaret, he had meat to be formal, but when she went forward to meet him she seemed so little changed, so like the Margaret of old, that the blood rushed to his face and he stammered out:

"Miss Mar—Margaret!"

"William," she said calmly as if the utterance caused her no effort, "you will let me welcome you to my home again; and Rosie," here she turned and drew forward the blushing girl who was seeking shelter behind her lover, "Rosie has been eager for your coming."

Then they sat down; the four gathered around the bright fire, and talked of common-places; but at last the conversation drifted into other channels, and then they talked of old times and old friends.

When Harry and the Major left there was a rose blush upon Margaret's cheek that vied with the crimson of the younger girl, and Rosie, thoughtless child, exclaimed:

"Why, auntie, you look like a school girl; you are beautiful to-night. What if the Major should fall in love with you. I wish he would."

After that the Major came frequently—too often, Harry sometimes thought, when he longed to have his little love alone for a while. Still he had a kiss on the sly sometimes, and if the Major saw he wisely pretended blindness.

The young people's wedding was to take place on New Year's Day, and the intervening time, from the Christmas holiday's, was to be full of merrymaking.

They were to follow the time-honored custom of burning the Yule log, and Harry anxious to do something to please Rosie, had scoured the woods and brought in the mistletoe, and the eve before Christmas the Major came over to help them trim with it. There were evergreens and holly with shining leaves, twined into garlands, but the mistletoe was to form the Lover's Arch.

"Now, remember," Harry said, "whoever goes under it must pay the forfeit."

The Major looked at Margaret, a twinkle in his black eye. "Will you remember?" he asked.

For the first time Margaret betrayed confusion, to cover which she framed an excuse to leave the room.

"Auntie isn't herself, of late—she seems so abstracted," said Rosie.

She stepped backward as she said this, and stood directly under the mistletoe. Quick as a flash the Major had snatched a kiss from her pretty lips.

Margaret entered again just then, and Major Cole became so embarrassed that the laugh was upon the other side.

"Father is renewing his boyhood again," said Harry.

Later on when the others were engaged elsewhere, Margaret, returning to the parlor for something, noticed that a part of the mistletoe had become disarranged. She could scarcely touch it when standing on tip-toe, so she brought a low stool, and, reaching up, replaced it. The work was just completed when the Major entered. Margaret was looking her sweetest. She was flushed with excitement, and her dark blue dress, with its finish of soft white lace, was very becoming. She was indeed a tempting sight, to which the Major could not resist. He went toward her, and suddenly grasping her hands, said with more energy than was his want to throw into his tone:

"Margaret, you are directly under the mistletoe; may I claim the forfeit?"

The blood rushed into her face, then receded, leaving her white and cold. She would have drawn back, but he held her firmly where she stood. An angry flush mounted to her cheek. "How dared he—after all—after all that had been."

But the Major either could or would not see, and drawing her closer, yet keeping her still under the magic mistletoe, gave her a hearty kiss

A ringing laugh from the doorway, and Harry and Rosie rushed in with evident delight expressed upon their countenances.

"Oh Auntie, if only you could be persuaded to take pity upon father's lonliness; he needs some one like you," said Rosie; and Harry took Margaret's hand that now lap cold and trembling in his.

The Major stood silent. How could he tell her that he loved her—had loved her all through the years past and gone? He had caused her pain then, and could she believe him now? Perhaps she had not quite forgiven his unreasonable anger which had parted them.

Margaret was drooping as the lilly droops from the storm, but for her it was a shower of memories. She looked up and their eyes met. Perhaps he read there the secret she had striven to hide. The years fell away one by one. He was a youth, she was a fair young girl. He loved her. He held out his arms saying: "Margie, I want you?"

She hesitated. A woman's pride pride was at steak, but Rosie crept to her and whispered, "Think, auntie, how lonely you will be when I am gone."

Once more the Major spoke, "Margie, I love you."

The same sweet name; no one else had ever called her by it; she very words he had used over twenty years before. His arms were still extended, he waited for her, and Margaret going into them was folded close to his heart.

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