

"ALIKTRIC LOIT."

THE IRISH BARBER'S VIEW OF IT.
An Optic of the New City Light That Was Overheard in an Up Town Barber Shop.

"Ye next, son?"
The scene was a dingy little barber shop in the East end and the remark was addressed by its proprietor to the weary scribe who worn with pencil pushing, was seeking the solace of a rest. The speaker was one of those birds in the tenuous profession, a short, thick set Irishman whose face was a flaming poster telling of his Celtic ancestry. Pierced red hair and shaggy eye brows of the same color, united with the roseate hue of his face to give him at first sight a formidable aspect, but one need not look a second time at the twitches in the corners of the broad mouth and the merry twinkles of the blue eyes to find a light hearted, jovial Irishman of the old school.

The reporter, grown hardened from association with hars, noticed not the stereotyped salutation with which this simple soul but sank back into the only importunate silence about him. Three other customers were seated in various positions awaiting their turn; a fourth was writhing under the hands of a very diminutive apprentice; while the proprietor was engrossed in dally putting the finishing touches on the face of the remaining occupant of the room, talking all the while.

"What do O think of the new lot, is it?" he continued, taking up the thread of the conversation that the reporter's entrance had interrupted. "It's jokin' years!"

On being reassured by his prostrate questioner, he deposited a large volume of tobacco juice on the floor, strapped his razor and then proceeded. "Nora was the day than aliktric loit man over came to this city. Tomo was when the loit, but by the time he was played before Morris, poor loit is better than none at all, at all. Niver did O see such will o' the wisp loiting as them aliktric min are givin' us. Begorra he away, before a man can till that it is."

As the speaker was getting more excited every movement and the razor lingered uncomfortably near his victim's throat, the latter made no attempt to comment on the wrathful barber's remarks, who finding himself uncontradicted proceeded in milder vein.

"They tell me," he said, reaching for the leather brush, "that the new lot costs four shillin's a year for every man, woman and child in Lancaster. And then a pleasant soul said on his cubaged voice, as he continued, "It's the tax they'll have to put the bill, and not a cent of tax have I ever paid."

A mild mannered man in the extreme corner of the shop suggested that property owners might in consequence raise their rents. Had an earthquake occurred beneath the Irish barber, a more startling effect could not have produced. He glared at the mild mannered individual with a baleful light in his eye, and the man whom he was shaving trembled visibly.

"Raise the rents, will they; begorra O'll have the town if they do!" This blood-sounding threat only seemed to make the apprentice boy rub the harder at the lathered cheek of the man occupying the adjoining chair. "Every concern man is here for this expensive luxury that shone best on moonlit nights ought to be layde low when election time comes round."

There is no telling how far the irate Celtic manipulator of the razor might have gone in his wrath, had not the timely occurrence of a dog fight outside the door cleared the shop of its customers.

"Pretty Peggy."

The choral society of the Christ Evangelical Lutheran church, of West King street, which meets every Thursday evening for the literary and musical profit of its members and the public, will present a concert on Friday evening, the occasion of its third anniversary celebration next Tuesday evening, Rev. Prof. M. H. Richards, of Millenberg college, Allentown, will deliver one of his popular lectures, the subject "Pretty Peggy" indicating that the lecture will be somewhat humorous, partaking of the nature of art and criticism, and quite free and popular in style.

Change to a Train.

Some change has been made in the running of the way passenger train on the Pennsylvania railroad. Formerly the train arrived from Philadelphia at 6:30 a.m. with passenger and express cars. Heretofore, it will be now up at 5:30 a.m. for the express, by way of Columbia in, immediately after the newspaper train, which arrives at 6:35. It will carry express and passenger cars, returning in the afternoon with freight. The crew of the train will be stationed in the city, where they will remain over night. The conductors are Mark Houston and Reilly O'Donnell.

No More to Close Party.

The hardware, house furnishing and cutlery stores of this city have agreed to close their stores, on and after Monday next, at 6 p.m., every evening in the week except Saturday.

All the trimming and notion stores as well as hat establishments of the city, have entered into the agreement to close early, and for the next three months employees of the various stores will enjoy the benefit of the laboring man, namely, cessation from toil after sunset, Saturdays excepted.

Will Be After Six.

Chief of Police Delichter last night received a telegram from the authorities of Peoria, stating that an officer would be sent on to take charge of C. W. Bush, the young man charged with embezzlement, so soon as a requisition could be obtained.

The Maennerchor.

This evening the Lancaster Maennerchor will hold a meeting which is expected to be interesting as a proposition to increase the dues of passive members will come up to be acted upon.

House Burned.

The dwelling house of Michael Harding, about three quarters of a mile from Admaston, was destroyed by fire yesterday afternoon with all its contents. The fire originated at the stove pipe.

Appealed the Case.

Dr. George A. King, who was fined \$25, by Alderman Spurrier for violating the health ordinance of the city, has taken an appeal in the case.

Assassination.

The Minstrel-Singers & Benedict's fine industrial company will be in the opera house Saturday evening. The Newark Register says: "Nothing can be said of the performance but in praise, as not one act was performed that was not first-rate. To particularize would be superfluous, as all were equally good. They may well claim to be the best on the road."

"The show must not be forgotten, that pretty comedy by Andrew D. Day, will be presented in the opera house on Monday evening. The Rehan company will play it, and no other troupe can do better. There are already indications of a big house."

I recommend Lucy Camella's Secret of Youth and Beauty for the complexion, as being far superior to any article I ever used. It positively removes Freckles, and will remove Tan in one application. Price 96c. For sale at drug ist.

MRS. J. HENKES SMITH,
N. Newark, N. J.

JEWELRY PRIZES.**GERRING DIAMONDS AND WATCHES FOUND IN TEA AND COFFEE.**

The Globe Tea and Coffee Packers of New York, have opened a branch store in this city, at Nos. 129 and 131 North Queen street. Their Teas and Coffees are put up in paper cans, every article in addition to Tea and Coffees, an article ranging in value from 10 cents to \$10 in cash, or Gold or Silver Watches or Jewelry. Also genuine Diamond Jewelry. The Tea Cans weigh—can and contents—about 1/4 pounds, the Coffee Cans weigh—and can and contents—about 3 pounds. Price \$1 each. The company have adopted the method to advertise by mail, and the price of the advertisement is \$1 per month. The advertisements are sent to the post office, and the Tea and Coffee will be sold mostly on their merits by their agent, at the same price same quality and same quantity, but without any other article in the cans besides the Tea and Coffee, the Tea and Coffee being at a fair retail value worth more than the price asked for.

The following is a partial list of the parties who found valuable articles in their cans of tea and coffee.

J. C. Kline, manufacturer of school furniture, No. 111 East Chestnut street, stem winding and setting watch in can of coffee; also lady's solid gold hunting case watch in tea. R. E. Jones, tea and coffee, 129 and 131 North Queen street, Lancaster, Pa.; Price, \$1 per can, 6c case for \$5, 12 cans for \$10, 25 cans for \$20, 50 cans for \$50.

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