

A SINGULAR EXPLOSION.

Three Flames Burst From a Culin Bank at Shamokin. At 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon George Fabland and Thos. Hayes were dumping rock on the Luke Fidler culm bank, near Shamokin, when Hayes glanced down the bank, which is 100 feet high, and almost lost his senses on beholding a myriad of flames leaping high in the air from the centre.

When a vast upheaval of blazing rock and dirt shot 50 feet heavenward. A beautiful transformation scene followed when a three foot thick and 50 feet wide stream of fire flowed down the bank like a stream, taking its course from the base through the lot and toward the house of Patrick Honey, 100 feet distant, and in which were his wife, mother and five children. The dense volume of smoke at this period obscured everything from sight for miles around for a minute, and when it passed away a mass of fire surged and tossed around Honey's home. As the flames were about to destroy the house another monstrous slide occurred and followed the path of fire until it reached the first mass.

The flames consumed the dirt rapidly, but a stream of smoke finally covered the fire, and together with a heavy rain extinguished the flames. The inmates of the house were almost smothered with smoke and gas. The battle was directed several years ago by spontaneous combustion. For four months past dirt had been dumped just over the spot where it now appears a fire had been smoldering for some time, and had eaten out a large cavity, which was filled with gas. When the dirt became dry the gas escaped, causing this unprecedented explosion. The people are fearful that many other banks will explode and great loss of life ensue.

How He Sold the Coat.

From the Mason Telegraph. A Marietta merchant tells how he sold a second hand coat that had been worn but a few times. He had repeatedly tried to sell the coat to different colored men, but always failed. So he tried a new scheme, and got a cheap pocketbook and stuffed it generously with paper and put the book in one of the pockets of the coat. He accosted a negro man and wanted to sell him the coat. The "colored gentleman" said he didn't desire to buy the coat. "Yes, but you just try it on. It belongs to a man who has plenty of money, but has no use for the coat." The negro put the coat on, put his hands in the pockets and of course felt the fat pocketbook. His eyes fairly dilated with admiration, and his expression, "Boss," he inquired, "what do you ask for this coat?" "Three dollars and fifty cents," "I takes it boss?" and with a satisfied air he bought it, and came into the possession of a fortune the darkey took the coat and went on his way rejoicing.

He Wasn't Bashful.

From the Commercial Bulletin. Mrs. Prim—Good morning, Tommy. Did your mother send you in? Tommy (aged eight)—No, m. I thought I would like to make a call. Mrs. Prim—That is very nice, I am sure. But you mustn't be bashful on your first call. Can't you raise your eyes from the carpet? Tommy—Oh, I'm not bashful, but mother says your carpet is so ugly it makes her sick to look at it, and I thought I would come in and try it myself.

First on Pigmy—Anon a Giant.

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MOLANE'S LIVER PILLS. THE GENUINE DR. C. MOLANE'S LIVER PILLS! SICK HEADACHE! Mr. and Mrs. Williams, No. 278 Seventh street, N. Y., testify that they have both been suffering with liver complaint for about five years, during which time they have spent a large amount of money and tried many remedies, but to no purpose.

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