

Poor's Penance... fairly avoided returning to the house...

Two hours later she returned in better heart... "Daisy," she said, cheerfully...

CHAPTER XII. COMPLIMENTS PAID.

It was Miss Elvira's wish that Gilbert should depart on his mission without the knowledge of the rest of the world...

"I gwan do de old Gilbert assured her... He held the same view that Miss Elvira held...

"Yes, ma'am," said old Gilbert, with stolid gravity... but he doubled over with a smothered chuckle...

Now Missy, hidden in the clump of old Gilbert's garden, had heard the whole of the conference...

When Missy comprehended that old Gilbert was gone, she threw herself on the ground with a scream of rage...

It was a mystery Mom Bee was never able to explain how Missy's clothes came to be scattered all over the room...

"Who in de lan' put dis here?" she inquired. "Me," said Missy. "What fur, I'd lak ter know?"

"In de name o' pence an' plenty!" exclaimed Roxanna, rising to the full extent of her numerous inches...

"Well, 'tain't no mo's simple justice, 'ord'n to my way o' thinkin'..."

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"Tubbe sho!' old Gilbert ejaculated, with polite assent. He looked to the right and he looked to the left..."

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"Daisy Stoddard is the pride of Nebraska, and the inhabitants of the state think she can 'knock out' any one of her inches and sex in the country as a speaker..."

Miss Daisy Stoddard. But her greatest triumph was scored outside the state. Hearing that a national oratorical contest was to take place at Chicago...

Only one Idle Tale of Elder Days. One by one the picturesque figures of the past lose their actuality. We are not now allowed to believe that William Tell ever existed...

The Princess of Wales's Gown. The Princess of Wales, on a recent visit to the Royal Academy at London, was arrayed in a costume that elicited much comment...

"I'm a trav'lin' do bebenly road; but he ended with a sigh, and drove on, muttering..."

"Yes, mistis."

A HOUSE ON A HILL TOP.

STEPHEN B. ELKINS' MAGNIFICENT HOME IN WEST VIRGINIA.

When Completed It Will Be One of the Handsomest Country Residences in the Land - Neighbors on the Heights Near-by - Superior Scenery.

On the southern slopes of the Alleghenies overlooking the historic Tygart valley, and right in the midst of a wealth of superb mountain scenery...



WEST VIEW OF THE SOUTH FRONT. (From a photograph taken especially for this publication.)

cupied by a magnificent house to be built by Senator J. Davis, father-in-law of Mr. Elkins...

Through the southern end of this flows the Tygart river, a broad, handsome and navigable stream. Tall mountains, clothed to their summits with a luxuriant growth of forest trees...

The basement is of stone procured from the Cheat river quarries; the first story of clapboards and the second and third of round and square shingles...

The north side, which is really the front of the house, contains the main entrance. A huge porte cochere extends across the carriage drive to the doorway...

On the other side is a small room to be used for the reception of the butler's pantry, which is done in cherry.



EAST VIEW OF THE SOUTH FRONT. (From a photograph taken especially for this publication.)

Entering the porte cochere the porch floor is reached by a short flight of steps. This is an immense gallery running around the house, 260 feet long and from 12 to 24 feet wide...

Just at the entrance on the left, and separated from the hall by sliding doors, is the dining room. It is of considerable size, and sixty or seventy persons can easily find place at the table...

The hall is the parlor, the eye maple and lighted by a door opening on to the porch. The walls will be covered with a pattern of two shades of cream...

On the left of the hall, underneath the staircase, is the children's room. This is finished, ceiling and walls, with polished red oak. The marble fireplace has a pair of brass representing cupids at play...

It is finished in cream colors and the ceiling is frescoed in lines and with corner decorations. The big fireplace has marble facings and has a wrought iron frame with mica panels similar to the one in the dining room...

On the third floor is a large room, 53 by 23 feet, with an octagon ceiling. This is to be used as a gymnasium for the boys or, if occasion requires, as a ball room. Walls and ceiling are covered with polished red oak in panels...

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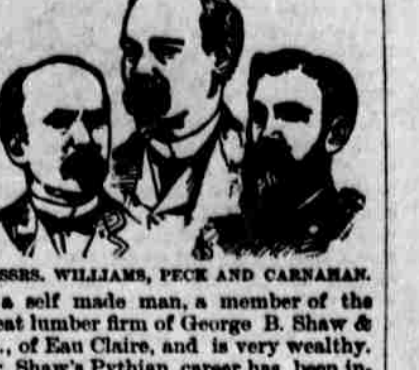
Such a family of girls has attracted attention in San Francisco. "The Beany Babies," as they are called, are four sisters, aged 11, 9, 7 and 4 respectively...

The father of the Beany Babies is a painter by trade and a man without means. But he is wisely devoting every spare dollar to the musical education of his wonderful babies...

J. P. Lee, the champion hurdler of the world at 230 yards, is a New Yorker by birth, but at present a student at Harvard college. He has been running three years, during which time he has won numerous races...

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Mr. Shaw was born in Allegheny county, N. Y., March 12, 1834, and is consequently only 36 years of age. He is one of the most distinguished younger members of a handsome man, who has been prominently identified with the K. of P. since his election to the vice chancellorship two years ago...



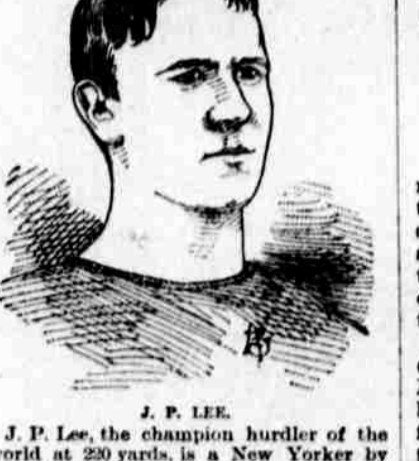
Messrs. Williams, Peck and Carnahan. is a self made man, a member of the great lumber firm of George B. Shaw & Co., of Eau Claire, and is very wealthy. Mr. Shaw's Pythian career has been interesting and surprising...

The official programme for the great July meeting has just been made public. The uniformed rank will encamp at Cold Spring park. The supreme lodge will meet in the West Side Turner hall, and all of the great gatherings will be held in the Exposition building...

Musical Children. The Beany Babies Who have Astonished the Pacific Coast. Musical prodigies are not calculated to excite much attention when the freak consists only in being able to run over the notes of a piece of music after hearing it repeated...

Defending His Captain. He loved and for which he fought stands a statue of the gallant sergeant as a perpetual reminder of the fact that France honors those who fall in her service...

A Champion Hurdler. J. P. Lee, Who Has Broken the World at 230 Yards. The order of the Knights of Pythias is scarcely more than twenty-six years old, and yet has amounted to over 300,000...



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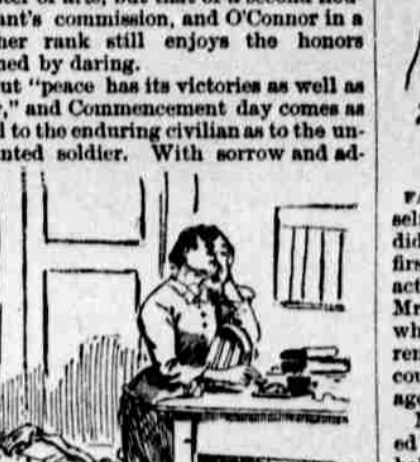


Mrs. Harrison's Cottage. President and Mrs. Harrison know where they will spend their winter. They passed the heated last year in Postmaster General...

Two Remarkable Men. One is the Oldest in the World, the Other is a Woman. Here are pictures of two well known in the localities reside and each famous in a man for being the oldest living in the United States...



Father Atkinson and Mrs. Atkinson. Father Atkinson was born in 1797, in the village of Fleming, and secured his ministerial diploma in 1814, so that he has had 14 years of pulpit work...



Died While on Duty. I mention I read the story of Willis Apthorp's self sacrifice. He was an obscure but ambitious telegraph operator, stationed at Water Valley, Miss. When the yellow fever desolated the southern country some twelve years ago he stuck to his post while others fled...

Mrs. C. L. Jackson is a reguine GRUBBER. So is her husband, being pastor of the Christian the Evangelist, on Leonard street, Brooklyn, N. Y. son is an evangelist, and who town, which is quite often the pulpit. That she does it is a fact that who has been a theological student at the Paris. She is the mother of two children and presides over a charming home...

Rowing. The entries for the regatta at Valley Amateur Rowing Club, will take place Minn. July 21-23, close July 24. John Teemer, the celebrat-oarsman, claims that he has never been so successful as now than ever. He is a member of the club and has been a member of the club for a number of years.