

Ruskin, in speaking of the wife, says: "A judicious wife is always nipping off from her husband's moral nature a little twigs that grow in the wrong direction. She keeps him in shape by pruning. If you say anything silly, she will affectionately style you so. If you declare that you will do some absurd thing, she will find some way of preventing you from doing it. And by far the chief part of all the common sense there is in the world belongs unquestionably to women. The wisest things a man commonly does are those which his wife counsels him to do. A wife is a grand wielder of the moral pruning knife. If our wives had lived, there would have been no hoarding up of orange peel, no touching all the posts in walking along the street, no eating and drinking with disgusting velocity. If Oliver Goldsmith had been married, he never would have worn that memorial and ridiculous coat. When ever you find a man whom you know little about oddly dressed, talking absurdly, or exhibiting eccentricity of manner, you may be sure that he is not a married man; for the corners are rounded off, the little shoots pared away, in married men. Wives have much more sense than their husbands. The wife's advice is like the ballast that keeps the ship steady."

Noah Wilkinson, after an absence of nearly five years returned to the home of his parents, Mr. W. H. Wilkinson, of this place, last week. When Noah left Philadelphia he went to San Francisco where he enlisted as a sailor, on the whaling vessel, "Lucretia," and since that time his experience has been thrilling enough to form the foundation of one of Maryatt's novels. The "Lucretia" sailed to the Arctic Seas, where she was wrecked in the ice and most of the crew was lost. Noah was among the rescued and was brought to San Francisco where he lay in the hospital for some time. When he recovered he enlisted again on a vessel going to China. This vessel was wrecked by a monsoon in the China Sea, and all of the crew but six went down with the wreck. Noah and his five comrades got in a boat and drifted for days without food or water. When they were rescued, two of the six were dead and two died after they reached Hong Kong. Noah and his fellow survivor lay in the Hong Kong hospital until they recovered, and were then brought back to San Francisco. Noah enlisted again and went on a voyage to the Mediterranean, touching at Calcutta and visiting Bombay, Constantinople, Pompeii. His next voyage was on a whaling vessel, cruising around Cape Horn and visiting Australia. He has been in about every country on the globe and seen all the principal sea ports of the world. His last discharge is dated at Liverpool and it gives him the highest rating possible for a sailor to obtain. He is rated as a first-class, able-bodied seaman, of excellent character, deportment and habits, obedient and capable, which speaks volumes for our young sailor. He is brown and looks well. He says he has had sufficient seafaring to last a while, and will go to work at his old occupation in the foundry. We would like to get a detailed account of his wandering but the scamp is so quiet and modest that it is like pulling teeth to pump anything out of him.—Philipsburg Ledger.

John B. Fassett and wife, aged sixty were burned in their mill in Moorestown Saturday night. The saw mill, grist mill and box factory, which were connected took fire from a heated arbor in the box factory, and the fire was supposed to have been entirely extinguished. Fassett and wife then retired to their rooms over the saw mill and went to bed. At two o'clock this morning the village was aroused, the mills then being nearly consumed by fire. The remains of Mrs. Fassett were found on the edge of the river near the saw mill, burned to a crisp, and those of Mr. Fassett were found in the ruins.

Policeman Julian Arnold, of Alexandria, Virginia, was shot dead, and Ernest I. Padgett, a companion, wounded in Alexandria, shortly before one o'clock Sunday morning, while attempting to arrest two men who were overheard planning a robbery. One of the robbers, John Curran, of Washington, a well-known desperado, was arrested. The other escaped. Threats of lynching are freely made.

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