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SNYDERTOWN

Church school at 9:30 a. m., and election of officers. Worship service at 7:30 p. m. The Christmas entertainment will be held Friday evening, December 22, at 7:30. Lawrence Haagen of Houston, Tex., and his father, Nelson Haagen of Oregon, arrived at the William Haagen home on Monday to visit for a few weeks.

WOODWARD

Cpl. and Mrs. Earl Brindle and son of Ellington Field, Texas, arrived here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Brindle on Tuesday, December 12, on a 20-day furlough. Well, Earl surely enjoyed helping to bring in a buck on Saturday.

SCOTIA

By H. M. Williams
We forgot to mention in our last news letter that the Charles Reeark family moved from the Reeark farm house to the Minnie Stine farm which Mr. Reeark purchased from Mrs. Stine some time ago.

HOLTS HOLLOW

Mrs. Emma Watson accompanied Mr. and Mrs. Miles Stauffer and family to Warren, Ohio. She plans to stay there one or two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Roy Leathers visited the J. F. McCartney home on Sunday.

PORT MATILDA

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Beckwith of Hammersmith announced the engagement of their daughter Miss Dorothy Gertrude Beckwith to Pvt. Calvin Earl Stewart, stationed at Camp Wheeler, Ga., son of Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Steward, Hamilton Ave., Tyrone, Pa.

AMAZING FAST RELIEF FOR COUGHS

Bronchial Irritations Due To Colds
Buckley's Cough Syrup
Let your throat relax. Buckley's Cough Syrup is different from anything you have ever tried. It soothes the inflamed throat, loosens phlegm, and relieves the cough. It is the only cough syrup that relieves the throat as well as the chest.

FALSE TEETH

SOFTEN THEM IN PLACE
Bourne's False Teeth
Bourne's False Teeth are made of a special material that is soft and pliable. They fit perfectly and are comfortable to wear. They are made in a variety of colors and styles to match your natural teeth.

Regret

"O that word 'regret'!
"There have been nights and mornings when I have sighed: "Let us alone, regret; we are content to throw these all our past, so that we will sleep for aye; but it is patient and it wakes. It hath not learned to cry itself to sleep, but plaintively on the bed that it is hard."

Long ago when I was a child I knew a middle-aged couple who seemed very old to me. Her name was Martha, while he was known as the Captain. Their house was a rendezvous for the children and young people of the neighborhood. I never weariad of going to their home, with its old-fashioned garden and orchard from which we were permitted to gather flowers and fruit.

Oil paintings adorned the walls of the Captain's drawing room. There was one that I consistently wondered about, because it was always covered by a thick veil. I longed to see it but my grandmother told me that it would be rude to show curiosity about it, unless my host volunteered to let me into the secret.

I was almost grown before I saw the picture. One cold day I was visiting my two friends, the Captain and I were sitting by a log fire in the parlor, while Martha was busied about her duties in another part of the house.

Suddenly I said, "Captain, did you never have any children of your own?" The smile faded from his face. With a sad expression he went to the portrait and drew the veil aside. "That was my little girl, but she died fifteen years ago. It is a perfect likeness. It was done by a great artist when she was eight years old. A year later she died."

I saw before me a child of entrancing loveliness. Her curls were like spun gold, and her eyes the color of wood violets. The face was one of the most winsome that I had ever beheld. "Why do I keep it veiled?" He echoed my thoughts. "Because it breaks my heart to look at it. Drawing the covering aside, I gaze upon her face for a long time."

Unconsciously the tears were trickling down his pale cheeks. "My dear," the Captain continued, "regret is a terrible thing. I broke my little daughter's heart though I loved her better than anything on earth."

"Why, Captain," I exclaimed. "How could that be? You are so kind and good."
"I was a drunkard, I began as a gentleman-drinker. I thought that I was too strong to let it gain the ascendancy over me, but it did. I became the slave of alcohol. Little Mary (she was named after my mother) would run and hide from me when she'd see me coming, staggering in under the influence of liquor, though at other times she'd run to meet me, and throw herself in my arms."

"One day I came in after carousing for hours in a bar room. I was all befuddled with alcohol and in a bad humor when I stumbled over her little dog. In a fury I gave the innocent creature a savage kick. A loud scream from Mary sobbed me and I realized what I had done.

"Did you kill the little dog, Captain?" "No, but I cruelly injured him. When I retired that night I heard Mary softly sobbing in her little bed, as she cuddled her whimpering pet close to her. I lay awake all night, the most miserable creature on earth. I most miserably gave words to undo it, but it was done in days and nothing can ever change it."

Here the Captain, overcome by emotion, was silent for a long time. Then he continued in a low steady voice:

Query & Answer Column

T. E. R.—What place in England was the scene of Longfellow's "The Village Blacksmith?"

Ans.—Ernest Longfellow, the poet's son, in his book "Random Memories" says: "A short time ago I saw in an English newspaper that the village smithy was in a certain English village that was named; as a matter of fact, as everybody knows, it was on Brattle street, Cambridge, Mass."

B. R. D.—How long was the Democratic Party out of office in the period immediately following the Civil War?

Ans.—From 1861 to 1885. All the Presidents from Lincoln to Arthur were Republicans. The Democrats came back with the election of Cleveland.

M. A. S.—In what year did a King of Sweden take witches with him when he fought against the Danes?

Ans.—Four witches accompanied the King of Sweden in 1563 when he fought the Danes. The witches were a part of his armament.

R. H.—In normal times, how many football games are played in a season by the various college teams?

Ans.—The number is about 3150 played by some 700 colleges.

M. S.—What is the death rate from malaria in the Army?

Ans.—The Surgeon General of the Army recently announced that the death rate from malaria is the lowest in Army history. The over-all death rate is one hundredth of 1 per cent.

C. B. R.—How long does water remain in the human body?

Ans.—13 days.

O. K.—What are V-51R plugs?

Ans.—Ear plugs for gunners. Now they're used to cut absenteeism among riveters.

T. M.—What industrial commodities come from Germany's Saarland, under invasion by Allied armies?

Ans.—Iron, steel, coal, gas, ceramics, glass, chemicals.

P. T.—How many persons are benefitting directly from servicemen's dependency allowances?

Ans.—About 14,000,000.

S. R. B.—Is V-mail always sent by air?

Ans.—The film for V-mail is always carried overseas by air but on the other side it may be transported by ship to the final destination. However, V-mail is given preference over all other mail and is sent by air whenever facilities are available.

D. D.—What is the distance from the center of Brooklyn Bridge to the surface of the East River?

Ans.—The distance from mean high water in East River to the center of Brooklyn Bridge is 133 feet.

D. F. W.—What is the most popular animal story ever written?

Ans.—According to numerous critics it is Anna Sewall's "Black Beauty." Published in 1877, over 3,000,000 copies were sold in America alone.

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O. H. E.—Who painted the portrait head of the blind Christ Child entitled The Light of the World?

Ans.—The artist is the distinguished Catholic painter of religious subjects, Charles Bonser Chambers. It is said of his canvases that, in reproductions, it has gone farther and to more remote places than any other religious painting executed in modern times.

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Historian Discusses Old-Time Gunsmiths

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rial of 1876. In the confusion of the arrival of so many thousands of exhibits, it became lost, and all the fruits of years of anxiety was lost to the master who had placed his hopes of fame on its success.
"Though his masterpiece is gone, at least temporarily, he is working on other firearms of great novelty and rare artistic beauty. Nothing can exceed the delicacy and skill of both his carving and engraving on wood, steel, and silver. The subtlety of the allegories he introduces upon the subject he seeks to illustrate are curious and breathe the spirit of Benevenuto Cellini as his work resembles those of the great master."

"As a mere maker of ordinary firearms, Moser is looked upon with respect, but his genius belongs to a much higher sphere of art, and one can but regret that he has not a marvel field for his powers, and that his advanced age should have left so few years before him. Asked if he had ever been visited by "Old Horny," as was the case with Elgius, his dark eyes twinkled, replying that even gunsmiths are tempted, but recalled that Elgius caught the Devil's nose with his hot tongs, and made him yell for mercy, and ever afterwards smoke has been coming out of his stanic majesty's nostrils. Another time Elgius was trying to shoe a mean-tempered stallion; becoming impatient the old smith unscrewed the fractions animal's leg, put on the shoe and screwed it on again. We were infinitely gratified at our visit to the gunsmith-philosopher's shop, and left it with feelings of regard for his surprising achievements and pleasure at the old man's evident gratification at the praises we unhesitatingly gave his outstanding leadership in domestic arms manufacture."

On a recent visit to Gilbert Moser's shop he took out a Gettysburg perfect revolver, recalled from memory of the missing masterpiece, which Moser is said to have traced to the possession of an English gentleman in Mauritius, West Indies; the piece he worked on before he died is also lost. Gilbert's piece, taken from his wrappings, is a marvel of beauty of line and workmanship; it contains several principles never before used in the fabrication of firearms; such a unique weapon should be patented, and bring its inventor some return.
Gunsmith Gilbert's father, Moses Gilbert, better known as "Mauntz," a Civil War veteran, survived until 1926, missing his second Gettysburg reunion by less than two years. At the 50-year gathering at that epoch making battlefield in 1913, there was much fraternizing among the veterans of the blue and the gray. Friendships were formed among the former combatants, and many veterans from the South visited with their brethren to fore returning to their homes. One of these, a former member of the 45th Georgia "Seesh" Regiment was a guest of Commodore Gilbert at his home at Madisonburg, Centre county, for several weeks after the "net-together." William Gilbert naturally found keen enjoyment in listening to "Father Gilbert" and his old-time tales of the war and over again stirring events both had witnessed. The Georgia veteran had been detailed to help bury the dead, in the vicinity of Herr's Tavern, on the first night of the Gettysburg battle, July 1, 1863. 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