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AMOS PENNYPACKER, HAS again established himself in the TAILORING BUSINESS. Shop over Rockwell's Store. Work of every description done in the latest styles. Towanda, April 21, 1870.—tf

C. S. RUSSELL'S GENERAL *INSURANCE AGENCY*, may 23'70—tf TOWANDA, PA.

WM. H. MORGAN & CO., DEALERS IN REAL ESTATE.—Lots from $100 upwards. Also Real Estate Agents. Land bought and sold and money loaned. Parties desiring to sell Wild Lands, Farms or Lots, can have a map of lands or subdivision made at this Agency, and property sold on a reasonable commission. Office over Postoffice, Mercur's Block, Towanda, Pa.
L. L. MOORE. Dec. 4'72] WM. H. MORGAN.

BARTLETT & TRACY, GENERAL *INSURANCE AGENTS* AND *REAL ESTATE BROKERS* TOWANDA PA. Oct. 29, 1868.

THE UNDERSIGNED ARCHITECT AND BUILDER, wishes to inform the citizens of Towanda and vicinity, that he will give particular attention to drawing plans, designs and specifications for all manner of buildings, private and public. Superintendence given for reasonable compensation. Office at residence, N. E. corner of Second and Elizabeth streets.
J. E. FLEMMING. [ap18'71 Box 511, Towanda, Pa.

W. W. KINGSBURY, REAL ESTATE, LIFE, FIRE, & ACCIDENT *INSURANCE AGENCY*. Office, corner of Main and State Streets, March 13, 1872. TOWANDA, PA.

SASH, DOORS, AND BLINDS. I am prepared to furnish Blinds, Doors, Sash of all kinds of any style, size, or thickness, on short notice. Hand in your orders ten days before you want to use the articles, and be sure that you will get them, that will not shrink or swell. Terms cash and low. Towanda, July 18, 1871. GEO. E. ASH.

NEW STAGE ROUTE! The undersigned is now running his Stage from TOWANDA TO CANTON, making a saving of one dollar on fare and thirty-five miles travel over the route by cars. Leave Towanda at 10:30, A. M., arrive at Canton at 3 P. M. Leave Canton at 10:30, arrive at Towanda at 3 P. M. Express goods carried at reasonable rates. Towanda, Sept. 4, '73. J. WILES

DAYTON & BROTHER, Dealers in WOOL, HIDES, PELTS, CASH PAID FOR HIDES. The highest price in cash paid at all times. Store on M. E. Russell's Store, Main St., W. M. DAYTON. C. DAYTON. TOWANDA, PA.

NEW FIRM! NEW GOODS, LOW PRICES! AT MONROETON, PA. TRACY & HOLLON, Dealers in Groceries and Provisions, Drugs and Medicines, Kerosene Oil, Lamps, Chimneys, Fancy Soaps, Perfumery, Notions, Yankee Notions, Cigars and Snuff. Fine Wines and Liquors strictly for medicinal purposes. Goods delivered free of charge to any part of the village. Prescriptions carefully compounded at all hours of the day or night. Store on Main St., Monroeton, Pa. TRACY & HOLLON. Towanda, Aug. 21, 1873.

CHARLES F. DAYTON, Successor to Raymond & Dayton, HARNESS MAKER, Keeps constantly on hand a full assortment of DOUBLE and SINGLE HARNESS, which he will sell at the lowest cash price. Shop in Montanye's Building, over Dayton's Store, Towanda, Aug. 28, 1871.

BAKERY, CONFECTIONERY!! GROCERIES! The undersigned begs leave to return thanks to the people of Towanda and vicinity for the very liberal patronage extended to him during the past season, and to inform the public that he has added to his business a stock of BEST FAMILY GROCERIES, Which he is prepared to offer AT THE LOWEST PRICES! He will still continue the Baking business in all its branches, and can furnish anything in this line on short notice and GUARANTEE SATISFACTION. He has also fitted up a DINING ROOM, in connection with his establishment, where he will be prepared to furnish Oysters and Refreshments at all hours. Ladies and families supplied with Ice Cream, Cake, &c. Confectionery of choicest kind. Call and see the Maine Coon, Opposite the Mansion House. Towanda, Aug. 27, 1873. GEORGE A. LOWLESS

BUY A THING WHERE IT IS MADE AND YOU WILL PAY GREAT HOME TRADE. BARTLETT'S ADJUSTABLE SPRING BED BOTTOM. This popular spring bed is the only desirable Spring Bed manufactured in Bradford County. Call and try one home and try it a week; if it is not the easiest, coolest, quietest and most agreeable bed you have ever slept on, return it back. Mind the price. My agent will call on you; take them in the same way, and satisfy you as to its merits. We once used them in our family for six months, and we know them to be the most agreeable bed we ever had. We can refer to hundreds who have used them. Call and see them at the Chair Factory, Towanda, Pa. L. C. NELSON. Agent for Cook's Bay State Spring. Agent wanted. Office opposite M. E. Church, Towanda, Pa. April 2, 1873.

TO THE CITIZENS OF PENNSYLVANIA: Your attention is specially invited to the fact that the National Banks are now prepared to receive subscriptions to the Capital Stock of the Centennial Board of Finance. The money realized from this source are to be employed in the erection of the buildings for the International Exhibition, and the expenses connected with the same. It is confidently believed that the Keystone State will be represented by the name of every citizen alive to patriotic commemoration of the one hundredth birth-day of the nation. The shares of Stock are offered for $10 each, and subscribers will receive a handsomely steel engraved Certificate of Stock, suitable for framing and preservation as a national memorial. Interest at the rate of six per cent per annum will be paid on all payments of Centennial Stock from the date of payment to January 1, 1876. Subscribers who are not near a National Bank can inclose the money in a post-office order to the undersigned. FRANCIS FRALEY, Treasurer. Sept. 11, '73. No. 437 Walnut St., Phila.

FOR SALE.—My house and lot situate in the northern part of the borough of Towanda, is now offered for sale, cheap. Towanda, Sept. 22, '73. J. MURRY WATTS.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

JAMES WOOD, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW, Towanda, Pa.

SMITH & MONTANYE, ATTORNEYS AT LAW. Office—corner of Main and Pine Streets, opposite Porter's Drug Store.

DR. T. B. JOHNSON, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, Office over Dr. H. C. Porter Son & Co.'s Drug Store.

F. G. MORROW, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, offers his professional services to the citizens of Warren and vicinity. Residence first house north of J. F. Cooper's Store, Warren Centre, Pa. apl18'72.1y

DR. C. M. STANLEY, DENTIST, successor to Dr. Weston. Office in Patton's Block, up stairs, Main Street, Towanda, Pa. All kinds of plate work a specialty. Jan.15'73

DR. S.M. WOODBURN, Physician and Surgeon, Office over Wickham & Black's Crockery store. Towanda, May 1, 1872.-1y*

H. STREETER, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, may30,'72. TOWANDA, PA.

FOYLE & McPHERSON, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, Towanda, Pa. Will give prompt attention to all matters entrusted to their charge. Orphans' Court business a specialty.
W. FOYLE. [may21'73] I. McPHERSON.

BARTLETT & TRACY, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE AGENTS AND BROKERS. Office third door south of First National Bank, ground floor, Towanda, Pa.
C. D. BARTLETT. [may21'73] W. H. TRACY.

H. B. McKEAN, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW, Towanda, Pa. Particular attention paid to business in the Orphans' Court. july 20, '66.

H. W. PATRICK, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Office, Mercur's Block, next door to the Express Office, Towanda, Pa. July17,1873.

P. C. J. DeANGELIS, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, Main Street, Towanda, Pa. Office with Overton & Elsbree, opposite Court House. May 14,'73.

W. H. CARNOCHAN, ATTORNEY AT LAW (District Attorney for Bradford County), Troy, Pa. Collections made and promptly remitted. feb 15, '69—tf.

W. B. KELLY, DENTIST.—Office over Wickham & Black's, Towanda, Pa. Teeth inserted on Gold, Silver, Rubber, and Aluminum base. Teeth extracted without pain. Oct28,'72

MADILL & CALIFF, ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW, Towanda, Pa.
H. J. MADILL, J. N. CALIFF.
Office in Wood's Block, first door south of First National Bank, up stairs. Jan 8,73-1y.

OVERTON & ELSBREE, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Towanda, Pa., having entered into copartnership, offer their professional services to the public. Special attention given to business in the Orphan's and Register's Courts. apl 14'70
E. OVERTON, JR. N. C. ELSBREE.

W. A. PECK'S LAW OFFICE. Main Street opposite the Court House, Towanda, Pa. Oct 27, '70.

A. A. KEENEY, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, Towanda, Pa. Office with R. M. Peck, second door below the Ward House. Will be at the office the last Saturday of each month and at all other times when not called away on business connected with the Superintendency. All letters should hereafter be addressed as above. dec.1,70

DR. I. W. LYMAN, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, Office on Main Street, formerly occupied by Dr. Load. Residence, corner Pine and Second streets. Towanda, June 22, 1871.

JOHN W. MIX, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Towanda, Bradford Co., Pa. GENERAL INSURANCE AGENT. Particular attention paid to Collections and Orphans' Court business. Office—Mercur's New Block, north side Public Square. apr. 1. '69.

F. C. GRIDLEY, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, April 1, 1873. Towanda, Pa.

DOCTOR O. LEWIS, A GRADUATE of the College of "Physicians and Surgeons," New York city, Class 1843-4, gives exclusive attention to the practice of his profession. Office and residence on the eastern slope of Beech Hill, adjoining Henry Hose's. jan 14, '69.

DR. D. D. SMITH, *Dentist*, has purchased G. H. Wood's property, between Mercur's Block and the Elwell House, where he has located his office. Teeth extracted without pain by use of gas. Towanda, Oct. 29, 1870.—y.

Hotels.

DINING ROOMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE BAKERY, Near the Court House. We are prepared to feed the hungry at all times of the day and evening. Oysters and Ice Cream in their seasons. March 30, 1870. D. W. SCOTT & CO.

ELWELL HOUSE, TOWANDA, PA. JOHN C. WILSON. Having leased this House, is now ready to accommodate the travelling public. No pains nor expense will be spared to give satisfaction to those who may give him a call. ☞ North side of the public square, east of Mercur's new block.

RUMMERFIELD CREEK HOTEL. PETER LANDMESSER, Proprietor. Having purchased and thoroughly refitted this old well-known stand, formerly kept by Sheriff Griffis, at the mouth of Rummerfield Creek, is ready to give good accommodations and satisfactory treatment to all who may favor him with a call. Dec. 23, 868-tf.

MEANS HOUSE, TOWANDA, PA. CON. MEANS AND ELDRIDGE STREETS. The Horses, Harness, &c. of all guests of this house, insured against loss by Fire, without any extra charge. A superior quality of old English Bass Ale, just received. T. R. JORDAN, Towanda, Jan. 24, '71. Proprietor.

WARD HOUSE, TOWANDA, BRADFORD COUNTY, PENN'A. This popular house, recently leased by Messrs. ROON & MEANS, and having been completely refitted, refurnished, and refurnished, affords to the public all the comforts and modern conveniences of a first-class Hotel. Situate opposite the Park on Main Street, it is eminently convenient for persons visiting Towanda, either for pleasure or business. [ap 9'71 ROON & MEANS, Proprietors.

MANSION HOUSE, LERAYSVILLE, PA., W. W. BROWNING, PROPRIETOR. This House is conducted in strictly Temperance Principles. Every effort will be made to make guests comfortable. Good rooms and the table will always be supplied with the best the market affords. Nov. 1, 1871.

BETHLEHEM, PA. "OLD MORAVIAN SUN INN," BUILT 1758. Rich in historical interest, it is the only building in the country except Independence Hall, honored by the sojourn within its walls of Washington, LaFayette, Lee, Gates and other patriots of the revolution. This popular hotel has recently changed hands, been improved, entirely refurnished, and the proprietor cordially invites his friends and travelling public to give him a call—no pains will be spared to render their stay comfortable. People in route for Philadelphia will find it convenient to spend the night here, reaching the city about eight in the morning. A sample room on first floor for accommodation of commercial agents.
C. T. SMITH, Proprietor. Sept 4, 1873.

SUPERIOR AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY, for Sale by R. M. WELLES, TOWANDA, PA.: Office No. 3 Mercur's Block, north side of Court House square. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER AND MANUFACTURER'S AGENT. Mowing Machines, Horse Powers and Threshers, Wheel Rakes, Plaster Sowers, Grain Seeders, Hay Tedders, Reversible and Steel Plows, Cultivators, Thill Horse Hoes, Clover Hullers and Fanning Mills. LAWN MOWERS, WATER DRAWERS, BEST BELTING DESIRABLE POWERS IN THE WORLD, CORN SHELLERS FOR HAND OR POWER, &c., &c. Catalogues and descriptive, illustrated printed circulars furnished or mailed free to all applicants. It will cost but three cents to send for circulars in postage. Farmers when in Towanda, call and see me. [ap 22'72. R. M. WELLES.

Miscellaneous.

TO OUR PATRONS.

GEO. H. WOOD & CO., PHOTOGRAPHERS, TOWANDA, PA.

Grateful for the generous patronage of the past year, would inform all wanting Pictures that we are still adding to our establishment NEW AND IMPROVED INSTRUMENTS, And adopting tried and approved modes of printing and retouching in order to secure FINER PHOTOGRAPHS THAN HERETOFORE made outside of the cities, and that we make it a specialty to enlarge all kinds of Pictures to any size desired, and finish in Water Colors, India Ink, or in Oil, in the BEST STYLES AND VERY LOW PRICES. We also endeavor to take all the time possible in making childrens pictures, so as to secure the best results. We are constantly adding to our stock of FRAMES. All new patterns and tasteful styles, and furnish them at a small advance from cost prices. May 14, 1873.

100 MEN WANTED To buy the celebrated HARD AND SOFT COAL BURNER COOK STOVES. We have the best line of Stoves in the State. MANSARD COOK and MODERN VULCAN Have taken the premiums in all the State Fairs, and we know they are a first-class Stove. DOMESTIC COOK For soft coal, something new. DOMESTIC COOK For hard or soft coal. Also the INVINCIBLE, PRESIDENT, ZENITH, UNITY, All first-class Stoves. PARLOR STOVES. EMPIRE GAS BURNERS 4 sizes), COSY LIGHTS, LIGHT HOUSE, BEACON LIGHT, ROCKET, REFLECTOR, FIRE FLY, AND BALTIMORE HEATERS. A full assortment of Hardware, Tinware, Copper, and Sheetiron Ware always on hand. ☞ All orders filled promptly. Job work done and warranted. Give us a call.
LEWIS & SMALLEY, Nov.13,1872. No. 4, Bridge St., Towanda.

TOWANDA NURSERY. The undersigned having purchased the NURSERY ON TOWANDA FLATS, Calls attention to his large stock of FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL TREES Which he is now prepared to DELIVER ON MOST REASONABE TERMS. Orders in person or by mail promptly attended to. HENRY BEET. Towanda, April 16, 1873.

WE CLAIM FOR LAZARUS & MORRIS' CELEBRATED PERFECTED SPECTACLES AND EYE GLASSES. The undermentioned advantages over those in ordinary use, the proof of which may be seen in the extraordinary sales, and constantly increasing demand for them: 1st. That from the peculiar construction of the glasses they assist and preserve the sight, rendering frequent changes unnecessary. 2d. That they confer a brilliancy and distinctness of vision, with an amount of ease and comfort not hitherto enjoyed by spectacle wearers. 3d. That the material from which the Lenses are ground, is manufactured specially for optic purposes, and is pure, hard, and brilliant, and not liable to become scratched. 4th. That the frame in which they are set, whether in Gold, Silver, or Steel, are of the finest quality and finish and guaranteed perfect in every respect. For sale only by our authorized agent in this locality. We never supply or employ peddlers.
WM. A. CHAMBERMIN, Sole Agent, Nov.20,1872. Towanda, Pa.

HOW IS THIS FOR LOW! We offer DRESSED LUMBER at the following rates:

Hemlock Flooring, (choice)	$18 per M.
White Pine " "	26 "
Pitch " "	28 "
Siding " "	$15 to 25 "

Pickets from $2 to $4 per hundred. PLANING, MATCHING, RE-SAWING, &c., Done at a moment's notice and by the best machinery now made. We have on hand ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND FEET DRY LUMBER We have in the Mill Pond THREE HUNDRED AND FIFTY THOUSAND FEET OF LUMBER And are constantly Manufacturing. ☞ Parties who can reach us are foolish to go near the railroad for Lumber, as under any circumstances we can SELL IT CHEAPER—at least the cost of transportation from here to the railroads—say $2 to $3 per thousand.
H. B. INGHAM, June 26, '73. Camptown.

CHEAP COAL! For thirty days the Sullivan Anthracite Coal Company will sell: FRESH MINED COAL, Direct from the Mines, by the car load, delivered on any of the sidings in Towanda, as follows:

Grate and Chestnut	$3 50 per gross ton.
Egg	3 60 " " "
Stove	3 80 " " "

All orders must be accompanied with the money, and the cars must be unloaded within twenty-four hours after their arrival.
C. M. SANDERSON, Towanda, Sept 2, '73. President.

AGENTS! QUICK! Or you will miss choice of territory, (there is a rush for it), on DIO LEWIS'S fast and great work. OUR DIGESTION, Or MY JOLLY FRIEND'S SECRET. It is by odds the most taking and saleable book in the field. 1. It is on a vitally important subject. 2. It is by America's most popular writer on health. 3. It is, for the price, the largest and handsomest book ever sold by subscription. Agents, the people are eager for such a book, and will urge you to bring it to them. Write for terms, &c., free.
GEORGE MACLEAN, Publisher, sep.11'72-1y 33 Sansom Street, Phila.

Original Poetry.

THE CRICKET'S SONG.

Softly, softly! step thou lightly,
Where the daisies lie so dead,—
Over beds of fading clover—
Do not tread upon my head.
List! my sad song—list! my story;
List! my notes, their trill so clear—
I do not wish thy heart to sadden,
But Summer's gone for all the year!
Summer's gone! Oh, darling, darling!
Roses, down through leafy June,
Gathered then, their sweetest perfume.
Stays with me this September noon.
Softly, swiftly, down the pathway
Linger at the garden gate—
Hasten! love—'tis late—'tis late.
List my trilling, list the token
While I whisper in thine ear,
When I'm gone, do not forget me,
Though Summer's gone for all the year.
Softly! softly! do not crush me,
I'm so small—yet I'll not fear;
If you listen to my singing
It's tones will ring through many a year.
And now while stars grow bright above me
I'll sing thy song full clear and high,
I'll sing it now with deep emotion:
Our Summer's gone—Sweetheart, good-by.
WATKINS, N. Y., Sept. 16, 1873.

Miscellaneous.

TEMPTED BY GAIN.

Edward Fontenoy sat in the office, very busily engaged over the big books of the bank. The deposit had been unusually large—the day being Saturday—and other business had been in proportion; during the afternoon there had been casual overlooking of the books by the directors; but much bank work had been done since then, and this work must be squared up before Edgar could leave.

Young, handsome, and ambitious, was Edward Fontenay; and if he had not stood most excellent well in the community, both morally and socially, he could never have obtained that position in the bank.

It was an autumnal evening, and Edgar had been left alone at his work. The President of the bank went out just after the gas had been lighted, remarking that he might be in again.

Edgar was left alone with his work. For a time his pen moved rapidly. Many lines were written, and hosts of figures were made. By and by he leaned back as though to rest. He rested awhile, and reflected. Then he took from his pocket a paper, and read an article which interested him. From his desk he took another paper and read another article. The subject matter was the same in all that he read—reports of wondrous rise in stocks, and of large fortunes suddenly made.

And then Edgar Fontenay leaned his head upon his hand, and looked in a different direction. He thought of Julia Annesly, who had promised to be his wife, and of the home he would like to give her. And he also thought of his widowed mother, looking to him for support, what a pleasure and a joy it would be to provide a fitting cage for his beautiful mate. What a satisfaction to bestow comforts such as only men of wealth can give to their loved ones!

He looked at the papers again. These men had made fortunes in a few weeks. This man had made sixty thousand dollars by one operation. He had it in mind that he could make a golden speculation. On that very day it had been whispered to him by a street operator that the stock of the Ash Valley Railroad was destined to a sudden and unexpected rise. Old Moneybags was coming in with his help, and the Legislature was sure to pass the bill granting State aid in the shape of land. Only a few of the favored ones knew this. A strike, to be effective, must be quickly made.

With a nervous twitching of the hands, the young man turned back the leaves of his ledger, and overlooked the work of the week. He saw that he could retain five thousand dollars for the space of thirty days. He could do it, and no one would be the wiser. He would not steal it—he would not embezzle it—he would only borrow it; and, he would pay good interest for its use.

Then he took a piece of paper and a pencil and begun to figure. Ash Valley stock was now selling for $40. It would be up to $60 before the next week was out. There could be no mistake about that. The favorable action of the Legislature, to say nothing of old Moneybags' assistance, would send it up like a flash. If he had the money he could get that stock, at twenty days, for a cash payment of five dollars per share. With five thousand dollars in hand, he could purchase one thousand shares of stock for twenty days; and before half those twenty days should have expired, his stock would be worth an advance of twenty thousand dollars!

There could be no doubt—not the least in the world. The friendly broker had enlightened him. He was inside the ring! And a very few pen marks upon the pages of his books, would give him the use of five thousand dollars for a month!

He bowed his head upon his hands, and struggled with the tempter. Alas! the tempter was powerfully armed. The sum of twenty thousand dollars, to be made at one stroke, was irresistible.

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The scene changes. It is no longer in the bank, but in a little room, that needs to be lighted with gas at midday, where the broker sits at his board of Fate.

Monday morning has arrived, and Edgar Fontenay enters the dark office for a cast of the dye upon which he has resolved. He sits down, and asks the broker:

"How about Ash Valley this morning?"

The broker rubs his hands, and nods with a mysterious smile.

"Don't say a word, Fontenay. If you remember what I told you Saturday, keep mum. There ain't many that know anything about it. It's going to be the startling event of the week. Erie and Pacific Mail are going to the wall. Ash Valley is the thing."

"Suppose I wanted a little of this stock to hold for twenty or thirty days, what should I have to pay down?"

"I could n't get it for thirty days; but I can get it for twenty days, for five dollars."

"Can you get me one thousand shares?"

The broker started.

"You're going in strong, my boy."

"I am going for a bold stroke."

"I glory in your pluck. Ah, them's the kind that wins! Yes, Mr. Fontenay, I can get it easy. Plenty of men hold this stock who have n't the most remote idea that it can advance before the Eastern connection is made next summer. Shall I get you a thousand shares?"

"My name will not be mentioned?"

"Bless you! no."

"Yes, you may get me a thousand shares."

And the five thousand dollars were placed in the broker's hands.

For a time after reaching the bank, Edgar was not like himself. He could not shake off, at once, the load that oppressed him. He could not immediately get his face out from beneath the cloud that hovered over him. For the first time in his life he had done a dishonest thing. He was deceiving those who had trusted him. He had taken the first step toward betraying those who had given him their entire and hearty confidence. But did not others do the same? Was he not knowing to the facts that some of the first men in the country speculated with funds not strictly their own?" And further, he was sure of coming out right.

Ah! there was the sum of twenty thousand dollars—perhaps twenty-five thousand—in 'prospect. He brightened with the glare of the golden promise, and went at his work.

That evening he called on Julia Annesly. O! beautiful, blessed girl! What a pleasure and a joy to make her happy. And she loved him so truly and so devotedly. They talked of the future. They hoped to be married with the New Year.

"We shall have to economize, darling," said Edgar. "I must not venture beyond my income."

"Our best and surest income shall be love and help for one another," answered Julia, beamingly.

He kissed her, and thought how, for her sake, he would like to be rich.

He went home, building huge castles in the air by the way. His mother received him with a kiss and a blessing. She was proud of her son, and she was grateful to him; for well she knew, though she owned the roof that covered them, she should have fared but ill had it not been for Edgar's helping hand. She was a meek, mild Christian woman, loving and tender. She was proud of her boy's manly beauty, but she was far more proud of his sterling character.

This was Monday evening. On Wednesday the street was shocked by the report of a heavy defalcation. A young man—cashier in a bank—had fallen suddenly from an honorable position to shame and disgrace. He had been speculating with the funds of the bank, and had robbed the institution of fifty thousand dollars. This man had been Edgar's friend. They had been companions for years. Only the day before Edgar had wished that, when he was married, he could give to Julia such a carriage as this man had given to his wife.

On this Wednesday evening, Edgar called upon his broker. All looked well.

On Saturday morning Edgar read in the newspaper that the land grant to the Ash Valley Railroad had been defeated in the legislature. He hurried upon the street, and he heard it plainly spoken—"Ash Valley flat!"—"Gone from *forty* down to *twenty-five!*" He went to his broker's, and there was no concealing the truth. The crash had come.

"Never say die!" cried the spider, boisterously. "Did n't you ever catch halibut? I have,—and have had to haul in ninety fathoms of line three times before I got the fish. When one of them big fellows comes close to the surface, and turns head down, you've got to let him go back to bottom. But, bless you! we ain't going to lose him. We pull again. Cheer up, my boy. There's the New Spring Hill stock. It's going up like hot cakes. I can buy it to-day for twenty. It'll be double that in six days."

That very afternoon Edgar manipulated the books again, and put three thousand dollars into the broker's hands.

Another week passed, and Spring Hill had not advanced a peg. On the Sabbath Edgar did not attend church with his mother. He told her he was not feeling well.

The fearful race was quickly run. Spring Hill declined, instead of advancing, and Edgar was called upon to make good his purchase. He could not do it. He surrendered the stock.

He was eight thousand dollars out, and not a scrap to show for it.

At the bank the directors had been more critical than usual. Defalcations in other places had made them watchful. The failing of men whom they had regarded as sterling and reliable, had caused them to look over more closely the figures of their own trusted servants.

The summons came to Edgar Fontenay to meet the directors in their private room. He entered, and saw his books open before them. His crime was known to them. What had he to say?

He sank down and begged for mercy. Might not his untarnished character until this time plead for him?

The president shook his head mournfully.

"Alas! Edgar, that is what makes your crime black. That is why we are shocked. That you could have cast such a character into the scale of treachery is fearful. When the demon of fraud and speculation comes upon us in such a shape, where can safety for the public be found, if we fail to unmask the monster. Our duty is painful, but it must be done."

A side door was opened, and a sheriff entered.

It was night—Saturday night—dark and stormy. Edgar begged that he might be allowed to go home and speak with his mother. A carriage was called, and the officer went with him to his home. He went in pale and palsied, staggering like a drunken man.

What a hush was upon the house! Not a sound—not a whisper—nothing to bid him welcome. Could the news have reached this place? He asked the officer.

The sheriff shook his head seriously. "The air is startled," he said. "Such things travel fast. But we must not wait here. If you would see your mother, find her at once. I will trust you that far. I will wait here ten minutes and then you must go with me."

"To—to jail?"

"Yes."

"Hark!"

A low wail as of one in distress, came from an adjoining room.

"O, my soul!" cried Edgar. "I cannot see her. Take me away. Let me die as I deserve."

While he spoke, the doorway opened, and Julia Annesly came forth. She was clad in white, and her face was as white as was the robe which seemed a winding sheet.

"Julia!"

"Edgar, go to your mother. Go quickly, or you will not see her alive."

With one wild, desperate cry, he started forward. He had reached the open door, and Julia had vanished from his sight, when a heavy hand was laid upon his arm.

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"Edgar!—Edgar!"

He started, and struggled, and looked up. Where was he? Whose familiar voice had sounded in his ear?

"Edgar!—Bless me! Why—you've been asleep—I should judge you had had a bad dream. Mercy! when I came in and heard you groan, I feared you were in a fit."

It was the president. He had come back, as he had promised.

Edgar got down from his high chair, and shook himself; and when he had reached the blessed assurance that the terror had been only a dream, he thanked God, and took courage.

"Yes, sir," he said to the president,—"I had a terrible dream. I thought my mother was dying, and—but it is past. I must have been very tired. I have but a very few minutes' work to do, sir. If you will wait I will walk homeward with you."

The work was speedily done; the books were put away, and the safe double locked; and having delivered the room into the charge of the night watchman, the two went out together."

And from that time Edward Fontenay never again was tempted as others are tempted. Though only in a dream, yet the touch of the fire had been painful and efficacious. With the New Year, he took Julia for his wife. If he could not give her horses and carriages, he could give her honest, devoted love; and he brought to her from every contact with the world a manhood reliable and beautiful beyond all price.—*Ledger.*

HAPPY THOUGHTS.

That "the oldest man" is yet living.

That the oystermen never fall into a stew.

That conductors fare so well on punches.

That mince-pies are such visionary affairs.

That the chestnut worm is so palatable this year.

That cattle are better-dressed than their butchers.

That "Shakespeare never repeats" on election day.

That there is no "back down" among fashionable ladies.

That honey-makes live and move and have their bee-ing.

That a man of narrow means is often given a wide berth.

That umbrellas are so nearly alike that mistakes are excusable.

That canal stock cannot be bought on any margin—of the river.

That Washington made such an ice crossing of the Delaware.

That bosom friends can be purchased for seventy cents or upwards.

That there are still more people who don't lecture than those who do.

That the best specific for the present monetary disease is "specie payments."

That single men, like foxes, if too closely pursued, will double on their pursuers.

DAUGHTERS OF THE RICH.—No class of women are more to be pitied than the daughters of rich men, who having real energy of character, have no vent for it, because fashion requires them to sit still and fold their hands. It does not require this of their brothers. They are applauded when they grow restive under it, and breaking their bonds interest themselves in a manly way in something besides mere pleasure. But let a daughter try it, and immeniately the awful Mrs. Grundy starts up, and points to her worsted dog and cats, and her croquet ground, and her French dressmaker, and bids the daughter of the millionare still her pulses, and close eyes and ears to the possibilities, and think of nothing but husband hunting. We never can know how many real heroines are behind this wall of restriction, till what is called "adverse" fate sets them free to stand upon their feet, and to use their own hands, and know their own powers which had been dwarfed almost to extinction by inaction.

YOUNG MEN! Let the nobleness of your mind impel you to its improvement; you are too strong to be defeated, save by yourselves. Refuse to live merely to sleep and eat. Brutes can do this; but you are men. Act the part of men. Prepare yourselves to endure toil. Resolve to rise—you have but to resolve. Nothing can hinder your success if you determine to succeed. Do not waste your time by wishing and dreaming, but go earnestly to work. Let nothing discourage you. If you have no books, borrow them; if you have no teachers, teach yourself; if your early education has been neglected, by the greatest diligence repair the defect. Let not a craven heart or a love for case rob you of the inestimable benefit of self-culture.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 24, 1873.

Prominent among the events of the past week was the visit to the Capital of the delegates to the World's Evangelical Alliance. The reception of this body of distinguished gentlemen by our Churches, and the welcome extended them by the Governor of the District in the way of something substantial at Willard's was the cause of no small amount of commotion, particularly with our Church-going community. For once the various Churches to which these gentlemen were invited, were filled to repletion. So great and so eager were the crowds that pressed forward, with a seeming desire for spiritual teaching and spiritual comforts, that doubtless a feeling of astonishment was awakened in the breast of many a pewholder, who had been accustomed to occupy their seat in almost a melancholy loneliness. The bells of the Churches pealed forth their longest and loudest notes; and, as crowd after crowd crushed and pushed their way in through their doors, with a zeal and fervor that was wonderful to behold, it required no great stretch of thought to imagine that the dawn of the Millennium was near at hand.

The demon of the Metripolitan Church spire, as he cavourted around among the pedals and keys of that Church, was evidently in his glory. Hail Columbia, Yankee-doodle, God save the Queen, and "We wont go home till morning," was promiscuously intermingled with hymns, chorals and anthems, as the crowds of people flocked to that fashionable Temple of worship, with its high vaulted ceilings, long galleries and stained windows blazing and glittering in the glow of gaslight. Long after the services had closed, with an infatuation bordering on insanity, were the dull, heavy tones of these bells thundered over the city, until the patience of many of our good people was fairly exhausted, and remarks and ejaculations called forth that, if more emphatic than elegant, were, under the circumstances, at least not altogether inappropriate.

In order that no undue partiality might be shown, and that each congregation might have the pleasure and satisfaction alike of seeing and hearing these distinguished gentlemen, carriages were in waiting, and the Dean of Canterbury, with several of the learned Bishops and Doctors, were hastily hurried, during the hours of service, from one Church to another. Public curiosity was excited. A live Dean was something not to be seen every day. He was to the crowd what the elephant is to the circus, the master-figure of the piece, the sensation of the hour. It was with considerable fore-thought by those in charge of the arrangements that this provision was made, by which the several congregations assembled were all equally gratified. In all the arrangements connected with the occasion, there was evidence of an entire harmony and unity of feeling. The distinction and prejudices of creed were most happily laid aside or forgotten, in the earnest desire to make welcome the entire delegation of these eminent christian teachers.

At Williard's, these gentlemen with their ladies, by invitation, were very handsomely entertained by the Governor and the City officials. The elegant lunch to which they were invited was discussed in the liveliest manner, and to the evident enjoyment of every one present. Addresses were made and responses were given in the most friendly feeling; and it is perhaps but simple justice to say that our citizens honored themselves in thus honoring their distinguished visitors. It was an exhibition of public spirit which is alike creditable to them, and a manifestation of the liberality which should and does distinguish the character of the American people. It was exceedingly proper that such a recognition should have been extended to the representatives of Protestant Christendom by the citizens of the capital of a nation, the organic laws of which guarantee to believers, in every creed, the very widest latitude.

In accordance with the expressed views of the Civil Service Reform Advisory Board, the Secretary of the Treasury it is understood is preparing to district the United States, with a view of equalizing the distribution of appointments in the Civil Service. Five grand divisions it is said are to be made, and each one is to receive its proportionate share of government patronage. Within each district, at stated periods, the examining board to meet, where all the candidates for government positions are to assemble before them, and compete, in a body, for such vacancies in the service as may happen at that time to exist. In what way it is to be done we are not yet informed. It is thought by some that, in addition to the already existing theories, rules and regulations, the old Grecian games may possibly be introduced, such as throwing the discus, pitching quoits, wrestling and the running of footraces, all of which would be quite as essential to the faithful performance of the duties they may seek to discharge as those that have been already promulgated. It has also been alleged that the board are anxious to procure the services of some Professor of Purenology; but for what purpose we must confess we are at a loss to conjecture. If an increase of pay has anything to do with it, we venture to assert that conscientious scruples on that subject will be found as scarce a commodity as it was during the few last days of the last session of Congress. The example is too good. But, unfortunately for the clerk, the pay don't follow the example. There need be no fear that his moral sensibilities will ever be shocked, or