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There is a personal sacredness which should not be disregarded by another without just resentment. The delicate nature of any invasion of his domain, and of the need of the trespass. But so many people to-day are at large, not merely naked, but without even their skins, that perhaps a man's ownership of himself—long disputed in the court of public opinion—is at last to be ably recognized. In such cases we shall have plenty of Egliotism, but the royal and respectable "I, myself" will be banished forever.

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Selected Poetry.

SATURDAY EVENING.

BY SUBAL.

The week is past, the Sabbath dawn comes on.

Rest—rest in peace—thy toll is done;

And standing as thou started, on the brink

Of a new scene of being, calmly thou

Of what is gone, is now, and soon shall be,

As one that trembles in a dream.

For such is this now closing week's part, so

Such as to-morrow shall the awful light

Of the eternal morn'g hail thy sight.

Spirit of God on this week's verge I stand,

Tracing the guiding influence of thy hand;

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where they arrived without accident.

We cannot describe the sorrow which filled the hearts of all who knew the Peterson girls.

The father and mother were so stricken in soul by the irreparable loss that they could not be comforted.

The whole valley went into mourning, and all who saw the dear dead forms laid in the cold grave, never forgot the sad scene till their dying day.

Among the mourners outside the family, none was so heart-broken as our hero, Zeke Smith.

For many long weeks he mourned, and every day he could be seen standing beside their graves, looking down upon the silent clay through the glistening tears that filled his eyes.

Zeke was a changed man from the hour of his loved friends' death, and never after did he seem like the same person.

There was a solemn, unwelcome expression to his countenance, which no one failed to see at a glance.

Later in the season, the Indians were very active in preparing to attack the whole settlement, and many of the pioneers became alarmed and moved to distant parts of the State.

Some moved to Tompkins county, New York, but finding themselves so much isolated from the other settlements, they returned to Tioga Point, now Athens, and broke the first ground in that beautiful valley.

Mr. Harris, with his family, and Daniel Brown, his son-in-law, and Mr. Hill and family, and a family by the name of York, settled at Wyoar, not long after moving to Towanda, or there about that thriving town stands.

The brave sons battled against all opposition through many long years, and to-day the many beautiful farms, and thriving cities and villages all up and down the Susquehanna Valley, owe their existence to our revered forefathers.

When the Ithaca & Athens Railroad is finished, all the beautiful and romantic scenery mentioned in our narrative, will be within one day's journey of the city of Ithaca.

Ithaca at 7 o'clock in the morning, can take dinner beneath the shadow of the veritable massive pile of granite which Emma and Mary Peterson took their fatal leap.

Emma took a scrap of paper from her pocket and hastily wrote a few lines, stating the whereabouts of the Donnes' mountain retreat, and bidding a kind good bye to all their friends, and forgetting Uncle Zeke, and then folded it up and placed it in her bosom.

Their enemies were in sight, and they heard Charley Doane, who was foremost, cry out, "We've got you now, you Zebe! Your running has not done you much good, your fingers so easily again."

While the fiend in human shape was uttering this harangue, Emma and Mary, with eyes lifted toward heaven, offering a silent prayer that Almighty God would save their spirits, and when they had come very near them, they embraced each other and jumped from the rock on which they were standing.

Their cries were heard in heaven—"Better death than dishonor." Down, down they flew, with the speed of lightning, and were crushed and mangled on the rocks below.

These died two of the pioneer women of this county, and to-day their last words are freighted with more importance to the young of this generation than any book of sermons.

The miserable wretches who had forced these innocent young women to such a fate, pressed their faces, walked close to the verge of the mountain rocks, and looked down upon those they had slain. Moses, who was the last to leave the spot, said, as he joined his brother Charley, "If I don't know I've begun a party to an end which will be avoided in my memory, and I know the departed spirits of the innocent slain will haunt me to my dying day."

He had just finished his remarks, when crack went a rifle, and the ball pierced the forehead of the man who had fired the shot, and he fell dead at his brothers' feet.

Where this death missile came from, none of them could tell. They looked in every direction, and could see no smoke nor any human form. While they were looking about them to discover the source whence came the death-dealing bullet, they were surprised by hearing, another rifle discharged, and saw one more of their number cold in death.

This time they detected the locality where their enemy was concealed. The remaining Doanes concealed themselves behind trees and rocks, and examined their fire-arms, and made hurried preparation to defend themselves. The pursuing party had been out all night looking for the captives, and had been conducted by Uncle Zeke to the point of the mountain reaching quite to the Susquehanna, and by following up its side they were within twenty rods of the Doanes, who were awaiting their moment, only waiting to rest a moment that a steady aim could be taken, and justice done to those whom Zeke and his brother had sworn to take vengeance upon.

Zeke and his trusty friend, Bill, who had been out all night looking for the captives, and it was they who fired the shot. By this time three or four more of the party had reached Zeke's side, and were made acquainted with their success, and high hopes were kindled for Philadelphia, which would be spent the night here, reaching the city about eight in the morning. A sample room was first for accommodation of commercial agents.

While our hero and his followers were standing at the base of the mountain, they saw the object of their search jump from the rocks, and two of the company remained behind at the base of the mountain, where Emma and Mary had fallen. These men had orders to protect the bodies from the ravages of wild beasts, till Zeke and his companions returned.

A brisk fight now took place between the Doanes and our hero's men, resulting in a complete victory for the latter.

Zeke then ordered his men to follow him, and in a short time they all stood beside their dear, dead pioneer sisters, and there they wept bitterly over their irreparable loss. They wrapped the corpses in a couple of good blankets, and put them on a road strecher and started for home, for March.

them, must have added great force to his wise words. 3. He emphasized the faithfulness of Jehovah; verses 14-16. God had fulfilled his promise to them to the last jot and tittle.

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