READING DAILY EAGLE.

"FOR THE GOOD THAT LACKS ASSISTANCE: FOR THE WRONG THAT NEEDS RESISTANCE."

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PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD.
WINTER ARRANGEMENT
OF PASSENGER TRAINS.
NOVEMBER 23D 1868.

FIVE TRAINS DOWN TO PHILADELPHIA, passing Reading, at 7.30, 10.35 and 11.30 A. M., and 4.25 and 6.30 P. M.

UP TO POTTSVILLE, at 10.35 A. M., and 5.50 and 6.00 P. M.

TRAINS WEST TO LEBANON & HARRISBURG.—Western Express from New-York, at 1.05 A. M., and 1.50 P. M. and 10.10 P. M.

Harrisburg Accommodation Train at 7.45 A. M. and Mail Trains at 10.40 A. M. and 6.00 P. M.

On Sunday, the down trains pass Reading at 9.40 A. M. and 4.25 P. M., and up-trains at 10.50 A. M., and 5.57 P. M.

The 4.25 P. M. down, and 10.50 A. M. up trains run only between Philadelphia and Reading.

Up trains leave Philadelphia for Reading, Harrisburg and Pottsville at 7.30 and 8.15 A. M., 12.45 noon, and 3.30 P. M., and at 5.15 P. M. for Reading only. The 8.15 A. M., train connects with trains for Tamaqua, Williamsport, Elmira, Buffalo, Niagara and Canada.

The 8.15 A. M., and 3.30 P. M. up trains from Philadelphia, and 10.35 A. M., and 4.15 P. M. down trains, stop only at principal stations below Reading.

Reading Accommodation Train: Leaves Reading at 7.30 A. M., returning from Philadelphia at 5.15 P. M.

The Pottstown Accommodation train leaves Pottstown at 6.45 A. M. returning leaves Philadelphia at 4.30 P. M.

The Western Express trains connect at Harrisburg with Express trains on the Pennsylvania Railroad for Baltimore, Pittsburgh and all points West, and the 10.45 Mail train connects at Harrisburg for Pittsburgh, Lancaster, Chambersburg, Sunbury, Scranton, Pittston, Wilkesbarre, Williamsport, Lock Haven, Elmira and the Canadas.

Passenger trains leave Upper Depot for Ephrata, Litiz, Columbia and Lancaster at 7.00 A. M. and 5.15 P. M.

Through First-Class Coupon Tickets and Emigrants' tickets at reduced Fares, to all the principal points in the North, West and the Canadas.

COMMUTATION TICKETS,
With 26 Coupons, at 25 per cent. discount, between any points desired.

MILEAGE TICKETS,
Good for 2000 miles, between all points, at $50—*for families and business firms.*

SEASON TICKETS,
Good for the holder only, for 3, 6, 9 and 12 months, between all points, at reduced Fares. School Season Tickets One-third less than the above.

☞ Passengers will take the Express trains West at the UPPER DEPOT, and all other trains at the LOWER or OLD DEPOT.

100 pounds Baggage allowed each passenger.

Passengers are requested to purchase their tickets before entering the cars, as higher fares are charged if paid in the cars.

Excursion Tickets, good for one day, by 7.30 A. M. Accommodation Train to Philadelphia, and return, at $2.50 each.

G. A. NICOLLS,
General Superintendent.
May 23]

READING & COLUMBIA RAILROAD.

On and after Wednesday, Sept. 23d, 1868, Passenger Trains will run on this road as follows:

Leave Reading at	7.00 A. M.
" "	6.15 P. M.
Arrive at Lancaster at	9.20 A. M.
" " Columbia at	9.25 A. M.
" " Lancaster and Columbia at	8.50 P. M.
RETURNING	
Leave Lancaster and Columbia at	8.00 A. M.
" "	3.00 P. M.
Arrive at Reading at	10.20 A. M.
" at Reading at	5.30 P. M.

Trains Nos. 2 and 4 make close connection at Reading with trains North and South, on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, and West on the Lebanon Valley Road. No. 2 also makes close connection with train for New York.

Tickets can be obtained at the offices of the New Jersey Central R. R., foot of Liberty street, New York, and Phila. & Reading R. R., Thirteenth and Callowhill streets, Philadelphia.

Through Tickets to New York and Philadelphia, sold at all the principle stations and baggage checked through.

Trains are run by Philadelphia and Reading Railroad time, which is ten minutes faster than Pennsylvania R. R. Time.

GEORGE F. GAGE,
Superintendent.
E. F. KEEVER, Gen. Frt. & Ticket Agent.
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EAST PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.
ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS,
Commencing Monday, September 14th, 1868.

Six through trains to New York daily without change of cars.

Mail Train leaves Reading at	10.30 A. M.
Fast Mail, " "	4.20 P. M.

stopping at all the way stations between Reading and New-York, making close connections for Mauch Chunk and Philadelphia, via Lehigh Valley Railroad, and arrive at New-York at 5.30 and 9.30 P. M., running daily except Sundays.

EXPRESS TRAINS.

Leave Reading at	7.00 A. M.
" "	2.20 P. M.
" "	11.40 P. M.
Arrive at New York at	10.00 A. M.
" "	11.45 A. M.
" "	7.00 P. M.
" "	5.00 A. M.

Those trains run through from Pittsburgh to New-York, without change of cars, stopping only at Lyons, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton, Junction, Clinton, White House, Somerville, Mount Brook, Plainfield and Elizabeth.

The 4.44 A. M. train runs daily except Sundays and Mondays.

The 2.28 P. M. trains run daily except Sundays.

The 7.00 A. M. and 11.40 P. M. trains run daily.

West bound trains, leave New York, at the foot of Liberty street, as follows:

Leave New York.		Arrived Reading.
11.00 M.	Mail No. 6,	6.40 P. M.
9.00 A. M.	Express Train,	1.34 P. M.
5.40 P. M.	Express Train,	11.10 P. M.
8.00 A. M.	Express Train,	4.05 A. M.

Local Mail Train leaves Allentown at 7.10 A. M., arriving at Reading at 9.00 A. M.

The 7.10 A. M. and 12.00 M. trains stop at all way stations, running daily except Sundays.

The 8.00 P. M. train runs daily; the 9.00 A. M. and 5.00 P. M. run daily except Sunday, stopping at Elizabeth, Plainfield, Somerville, Junction, Easton, Bethlehem, Allentown and Lyons only.

Passengers are requested to purchase tickets before entering the cars, as 25 cents extra will be charged and collected on the train from all who pay the fare to the Conductor.

P. H. BRANNTROUT,
General Ticket Agent.
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FIRST PREMIUM & DIPLOMA
AWARDED FOR BEST
FAMILY FLOUR,
AT THE LATE COUNTY FAIR TO
C. A. Z. GRIESEMER,

DEALER IN CHOICE BRANDS OF Pennsylvania, California, Buffalo, and St. Louis Flours.

A continued stock of ten to twenty different brands from the best mills in the United States.

Having received, several lots of "Extra" and Family Flours; also Mountain Buckwheat and Kiln-dried Corn Meal on commission, offers superior advantages to retail dealers and bakers, with a guarantee that all flours, &c., bought will prove as recommended.

Bran and Dyspepsia Flour, Oat Meal, Corn on ears, and all kinds of grain on hand, with continuance to fill orders at short notice.

Also, a large lot of Potatoes, on consignment.

OFFICE:
105 NORTH 8TH STREET.
March 7, 1868

WM. B. SCHOENER,
ALDERMAN AND ATTORNEY AT LAW.—Office, No. 517 Court street, Reading. Can be consulted in German and English. oct-tm

GEORGE F. BAER,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.—OFFICE, No. 540 Court Street, (up stairs) Reading, Pa. April 14, 1868-tyd&w

HENRY M. KEIM,
ATTORNEY AT LAW, OFFICE, NO. 39 North Sixth street, Reading. Feb 8, 1868-tfd

WASHINGTON RICHARDS,
ALDERMAN.—OFFICE, NO. 20, North Sixth Street, opposite the Post Office. ☞ Scrivening and Conveyancing promptly attended to. [Feb 3, 1868-tfd

WESLEY H. GEARHART,
ATTORNEY AT LAW, OFFICE, NO. 532 Court street, Reading, Pa. May 2-lyd&w

JESSE G. HAWLEY,
ATTORNEY AT LAW, HAS REMOVED his office to No. 40 (second floor) North Sixth street, nearly opposite the Court House, Reading, Pa. [Feb 9-tf

WM. RICHARDS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW, OFFICE, NO. 530 Court street, over office of John S. Richards, Esq. [Sept. 2-1y

ISRAEL O. BECKER,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW.—Office, No. 540 Court street, near Sixth street, Reading, Pa. [July 27, 1867-tf

DR. E. MOSER,
SURGEON DENTIST, OFFICE, 519 Penn street, Reading, Pa., (over E. W. Gilbert's Clothing Store). Teeth extracted without pain by Nitrous Oxide Gas. New Sets made for Five Dollars. Teeth filled for 50 cents. All work warranted. [Aug 1-tf

THE READING FIRE INSURANCE AND TRUST COMPANY OF BERKS COUNTY.
Organized July, 1867. Capital, $150,000.
Office, Reading Insurance Building, No. 19 North Fifth street, South-East Corner of Court Street.
OFFICE HOURS FROM 8 A. M. to 8 P. M.

DIRECTORS:
J. PRINGLE JONES, JAMES MCKNIGHT,
HENRY Z. VAN REED, JACOB SPAENGLER,
J. T. JACKSON, D. E. STOUT,
JONAS SHALTER, J. T. VALENTINE,
GEORGE RIEGEL.

THIS COMPANY INSURES ALL kinds of property against loss or damage by fire at rates as low as any other reliable Company and upon every plan known to Stock Insurance Companies.

Perpetual Policies issued requiring no renewal and upon which the amount of premium paid can be reclaimed at any time, less a deduction of five per cent. The advantages of this method are worthy of the attention of farmers and others having first-class dwelling houses, barns and other buildings, in town or country, as being the cheapest and safest.

Policies for one, two, three, five or more years, or for less than one year, issued and no charge made for Policy, and survey when renewed or when insurances are transferred from other companies.

The citizens of Reading and vicinity, hitherto dependent mainly upon foreign companies, have now the privilege of effecting their insurances in a home institution, well organized, with an adequate paid in and guaranteed capital, presenting as strong a basis of security as that of any other company. The advantage of doing business directly with the Company and the importance of keeping some portion of the large sums paid for insurances in circulation at home, will be appreciated by all.

J. PRINGLE JONES, President.
JAMES MCKNIGHT, Vice President.
B. E. ANCONA, Secretary and Treasurer.
Aug 3, 1868-1y&w

HOLDERS
OF
GOVERNMENT SECURITIES
Can realize a handsome profit by exchanging them for the
FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS
OF THE
UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD
OF THE
FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS
OF THE
CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD
On this date, Oct. 10.

For $1000 U. S. 6s of 1861, we would give $1000 Union Pacific Railroad Bond and $124 33 cash.

For $1000 5-20s of 1862, we would give $1000 Union Pacific Railroad Bond and $109 33 cash.

For $1000 5-20s of 1864, we would give $1000 Union Pacific Railroad Bond and $86 33 cash.

For $1000 5-20s of 1865, May and November, we would give $1000 Union Pacific Railroad Bond and $83 18 cash.

For $1000 5-20s of 1865, January and July, we would give $1000 Pacific Union Railroad Bond and $78 08 cash.

For $1000 5-20s of 1867, we would give $1000 Union Pacific Railroad Bond and $78 08 cash.

For $1000 5-20s of 1868, we would give $1000 Union Pacific Railroad Bond and $78 08 cash.

For $1000 10-40s, we would give $1000 Union Pacific Railroad Bond and $25 58 cash.

In case Central Pacific Railroad Bonds are preferred, the difference would be $10 less on each $1000 exchanged.

The difference will vary slightly as Governments go up or down.

DE HAVEN & BRO.,
DEALERS IN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, GOLD, ETC.
No. 40 SOUTH THIRD STREET,
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ALBEDYLL & CALLIN'S
FRENCH STEAM
SCOURING AND DYEING
ESTABLISHMENT,
141 SOUTH 7TH ST., OPPOSITE DEPOT.
Office in Reading, Pa.

Offices in Philadelphia, 510 Race street, and 132 South 11th street.

Encouraged by our success in our new method of Scouring and Dyeing, we have resolved to open a branch office in Reading, and respectfully call the attention of the public to our above named establishment.

By our process and newly invented machinery, we are enabled to clean and dye goods in a very superior manner, so as to give perfect satisfaction.

We clean and finish Ladies', Gents' and Childrens' garments without taking them apart or injuring them in the least, whether the colors are genuine or not.

Our dyeing is done in the very best manner, and the goods in all cases finished off in superior style.

Kid Gloves, Ostrich Feathers, &c., cleaned at short notice.
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IMPORTANT NOTICE!
THE GOOD WILL FIRE COMPANY,
OF ALLENTOWN, PA.,
Would hereby announce to the citizens of Reading that, owing to a considerable number of tickets remaining unsold as well as coupons unreturned, they are compelled to postpone the drawing until the 22d of *December*. *Tickets* can be had, for a short time, of E. D. Riechard, Agent, Plough and Harrow Hotel, and at Strickland & Bro.
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CITY HOTEL,
SOUTH SIXTH STREET,
(Near Penn,)
READING, PA.
☞ Charges moderate.
A. S. ESTERLY, Proprietor.

ALL AROUND THE WORLD
THE FIRST PREMIUM
Of a Silver Medal
Has been awarded to
BARNETT'S HAIR RESTORATIVE
By the N. H. State Agricultural Society, at its Fair, holden in Nashua, Sept. 29, 1868.

BARNETT'S
Vegetable Hair Restorative
Restores Gray Hair to its Natural Color; promotes the growth of the Hair; changes the roots of Hair to original original action; eradicates Dandruff and Humors; prevents Hair falling out; is a superior Dressing. It contains no injurious ingredients, and is the most popular and reliable article throughout the East, West, North, and South.

J. R. BARNETT & CO., Proprietors,
MANCHESTER, N. H.

Sold by all Druggists and Dealers in Patent Medicines.

H. BIRCH & BRO.,
DR. A. H. LIGHT,
W. J. THIERWECHTER,
WILLIAM WELLS,
Agents, Reading, Pa.
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GREAT FURNITURE DEPOT.
SCHRŒDER & FELIX,
Wareroom, corner Fifth and Washington streets.
MANUFACTORY, WASHINGTON STREET BELOW FIFTH.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY INVITE public attention to their splendid stock of first-class furniture now and constantly on hand, and made to order to suit customers.

Among other articles, especial attention is invited to their unsurpassed

EXTENSION TABLES,
DRESSING BUREAUS,
DINING ROOM CHAIRS,
CENTRE AND OTHER TABLES,
BEDSTEADS OF THE LATEST STYLES,

and every other article in their line of business. Every article is manufactured by themselves, in their admirably arranged manufactory, with the most perfect machinery, and skillful mechanics, and finished in an unsurpassed manner.

Also prepared to execute all orders for
CARVING, TURNING,
MOULDINGS. SAWING, and

All orders promptly executed, and warranted to give satisfaction. ap.1-tf

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DENTIST,
Office—No. 609½ Penn street, Reading,
(ABOVE J. C. BROWN'S HAT STORE.)
Removed from No. 6 North Fifth street.

Particular attention paid to curing diseases of the Mouth and Gums, such as Scurvy, Preternatural Growth of Gums, Alveolar Abscesses, disease of the Alveolar process, Fissured Palates, and all diseases to which the mouth and gums are subject.

Teeth extracted without pain, and inserted on all material used by the Profession.

Office hours, from 7 A. M. to 7 P. M. [dec4-1y

REMOVAL! REMOVAL!!
BARTO'S
LIQUOR STORE,
Has been removed from the Keystone Building to the new and elegant store,
NO. 437 PENN STREET,
Where customers will find a very large stock of the best and purest
WINES, BRANDIES, WHISKIES,
&c., ever offered to the public of Reading. All the proof of the above that is required is trial. A share of patronage is solicited. TOBIAS BARTO.

CITY OF READING
BONDS
for sale, at a Discount. Enquire at
FARMERS' NATIONAL BANK.
sept 25-3mos

GREAT REDUCTION IN FURS.—Ladies desirous of purchasing Furs should call at the National Fur Store, No. 341 Penn street, three doors below the Eagle Office, where they will find a well selected stock of FURS, which will be sold at small profit.

A variety of fancy SLEIGHING and BUFFALO ROBES always on hand.

All kinds of Ladies' Furs made to order, altered and repaired in the latest styles.
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NEW WINE HOUSE,
No. 652 PENN STREET,
READING, PA.
OSCAR R. CHRIST,
PROPRIETOR,
Dealer in all kinds of Domestic Wines of the best quality.
LAGER BEER, ALE, &c.
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SHERIFF'S SALES OF REAL ESTATE.—By virtue of sundry writs of *Levari Facias, Mortgage, Levari Facias and Fieri Facias* issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Berks county, to me directed, will be sold at Public Vendue or outcry:

On Thursday, the 17th day of December, A. D. 1868, at 1 o'clock P. M., at the public house of G. F. Rentschler, in the borough of Kutztown, all that certain frame, two-story DWELLING HOUSE and lot of ground, situate in the borough of Kutztown, Berks county, bounded by property of Benjamin L. Kerschner, David Irish and a public road leading from Reading to Kutztown, and on the north by an alley, containing in front 30 feet and in length 200 feet, more or less. Seized as the property of *Adam H. Kaufman.*

Also, at the same time and place, all that certain lot or piece of ground, situate in Shartlesville, in Upper Bern township, Berks county, bounded by property of the heirs of Benjamin Nunemacher and a public road. Containing one hundred feet in front and one hundred feet in depth. The improvements are a two-story FRAME HOUSE and frame stable. Seized as the property of *Jacob Nunemacher.*

Also, at the same time and place, all the right, title and interest of *John Kershner* in all that certain tract or piece of land, situate in Upper Bern township, Berks county, adjoining lands of David Kiel, George Reitter, Isaac Reitter and Peter Mound, containing twenty-seven acres, more or less. The improvements are two one-story LOG DWELLING HOUSES, Frame Barn and other out buildings. Seized as the property of *John Kershner.*

Also, on Friday, the 8th day of December, A. D. 1868, at 1 o'clock P. M., at the Keystone House, in the city of Reading, all that certain two-story FRAME HOUSE, with frame kitchen and lot of piece of ground and curtilage appurtenant thereto, situate and fronting on the South side of a ten feet wide alley, between Ninth and Tenth and Washington and Walnut streets, in the city of Reading, bounded on the East by property of John Stief, South by Tenth street, West by George Dachey and North by said alley. Seized as the property of *Edward Dawley*, owner or reputed owner.

Also, at the same time and place, all that certain one-story BRICK DWELLING HOUSE, and lot of ground, situate on the East side of South Eighth street, in the city of Reading, bounded on the West by said Eighth street, on the South by property of Bartholomew Waldy, on the North by property of David Driscoll, and on the East by a ten feet wide alley, containing in front on said Eighth street, twelve feet and in length East and West along said alley, one hundred and thirty-eight feet more or less. Seized as the property of *Herman Dersch.*

Also, at the same time and place, all that certain two-story FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, and lot or piece of ground and curtilage appurtenant thereto, situate on the West side of North Ninth street, bounded on the South by lot of Francis Hartman, North by property of Charles Smith, East by said Ninth street, and West by Jackson's Rope Walk, in the city of Reading. Said house is in front 18 feet and in depth 28 feet, with a back building attached 9 feet wide by 11 feet long. Seized as the property of *Samuel S. Fidler*, owner or reputed owner.

Also, at the same time and place, all those two certain two story brick dwelling houses and lots of ground, to wit:

No. 1. Situate on the North side of East Franklin street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets, in the city of Reading, bounded on the South by said Franklin street, North by a ten feet wide alley, East by property of ——— and West by property of ——— containing in front on said Franklin street, sixteen feet, more or less, and in length North and South to said alley one hundred and ten feet.

No. 2. Situate on the South side of Franklin, above Eleventh street, in the city of Reading, bounded on the North by said Franklin street, on the West by property of Oscar Kunze, on the South by property of Jacob Becker and on the East by property of Michael Kuprr. Seized as the property of *James Dautrich.*

Also, on Saturday, the 19th day of December, 1868, at 1 o'clock P. M., at the public house of Peter Schweyer, in Rodrockville, Maxatawny township:

No. 1. All that certain messuage, tenement and tract of land situate in Maxatawny township, Berks county, adjoining lands of William Moyer, Henry Bornhart, David Heffner and others, containing ninety-one acres more or less. The improvements are a two-story STONE DWELLING HOUSE, log barn and other out buildings.

NOTE. Also, all that certain messuage and tract of land, situate in said township and county, bounded by lands of Daniel Leibensperger, Jacob Hoch, David Heffner, David Kauns and others, containing one hundred acres more or less. The improvements are a two story STONE DWELLING HOUSE, log barn and other out buildings. Seized as the property of *Jacob Leibensperger.*

Seized and taken into execution, and to be sold by WILLIAM B. ALBRIGHT, Sheriff.
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GRAND SALE
OF
DRY GOODS.
BY
HOMER, COLLADAY & CO.,
818 and 820 Chestnut St.,
PHILADELPHIA,
Sales to Commence November 2d.
Comprising
SILKS,
DRESS GOODS,
SHAWLS,
CLOAKING CLOTHS,
LACES & EMBROIDERIES,
LINENS & WHITE GOODS, &c.,
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MOURNING GOODS,
&c., &c., &c.

Owing to the wide reputation of their House it is needless to detail the character of their stock H. C. & Co. would merely state that their
IMPORTATIONS
OF THE
PRESENT SEASON,
WHICH
MUST BE SOLD
Preparatory to removal to their
New Marble Building,
Chestnut Street, above Broad,
have never been surpassed in Philadelphia containing an
ENDLESS VARIETY
of texture in medium priced goods, as well as the
CHOICEST NOVELTIES OF THE SEASON
H. C. & Co. would advise all desirous of obtaining
GREAT BARGAINS
IN
DRY GOODS,
To lose no time before inspecting their stock, feeling assured that the
UNPARALLELED PRICES,
At which the entire stock will be disposed of must insure
RAPID SALES.
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A SONG FROM THE SUDS.

"Queen of my tub, I merrily sing
While the white foam rises high!
And sturdily wash, and rinse, and wring,
And fasten the clothes to dry;
Then out in the free fresh air they swing,
Under the sunny sky.

"I wish we could wash from our hearts and souls
The stains of the week away,
And let water and air by their magic make
Ourselves as pure as they;
Then on the earth there would be indeed
A glorious washing day!

"Along the path of a useful life,
Will heart's ease ever bloom;
The busy mind has no time to think
Of sorrow, or care, or gloom;
And anxious thoughts may be swept away,
As we briskly wield a broom.

"I am glad a task to me is given,
To labor at day by day;
For it brings me health, and strength, and hope,
And I cheerfully learn to say—
Head, you may think, Heart, you may feel,
But Hand, you shall work alway!"

—"*Little Women*," by L. M. Alcott.

A ROMANCE IN BANKRUPTCY—ENOCH ARDEN OUTDONE.

Who is there that does not remember the financial crash of 1857? It spread over the country, even into St. Louis. Many of our most enterprising and seemingly most prosperous merchants had to succumb to the pressure of the times. Among them was a merchant whom we shall call "Smith." His real name and some of the circumstances we are about to relate, will doubtless be recollected by many in St. Louis, even to-day. He kept an extensive mercantile establishment on ——— street, and by his enterprise and promptitude won the confidence of the best supply houses in the East and West. His business was good, his credit was good, and everybody thought he would survive the troubles of that long-to-be-remembered winter of '57. But he, too, had many smaller merchants largely indebted to him for goods he furnished them.

He had a young, beautiful, and highly accomplished wife, and three smiling, innocent babies, enough to inspire an affectionate father's ambition and energies for their maintenance and education. They lived in a neat little villa of their own, in a fashionable portion of the city, and the neighbors said a happier family did not exist in the State of Missouri.

The crash came; his debtors were unable to meet his calls, and as a consequence he was unable to meet the demand of his creditors.—He suddenly became moody and fretful, even in the bosom of his lovely family. What was he to do? He had not much time left for ruminating on his position, and something should be done quickly. His first resolve was to make over the villa to his wife and family, and secure an annuity of $600 a year on his wife for the support of herself and children, and leave the city secretly—he knew, he cared not whither. Little time elapsed between the resolution and carrying it into effect. So one night, after kissing his wife and little ones, but without bidding them good by, he sallied forth, determined to rebuild his fallen fortunes or perish in the attempt. His remaining stock was soon gobbled up by his creditors—but how as to himself? What became of him? Did he make away with himself in a fit of temporary insanity, or was he made away with as scores are from year to year that fall into the hands of "roughs" who would murder a man and stow his body away for $10. These were queries that agitated the minds of the disconsolate family, the public and press of St. Louis at the time. No account of the missing man could be ferreted out. Proclamations and rewards were of no avail; and the universal verdict was "mysterious disappearance."

Mrs. "Smith" mourned her husband as dead for the weeks and months of two long years, till her fair features began to grow sallow and furrowed by the effusion of scalding tears.—She wisely concluded it was useless to mourn any more, so taking a practical and interested view of matters, she decided to receive the long-proffered attentions of Wm. Bradford, a bachelor, companion merchant of her husband. He was doing a profitable business on ——— street, having weathered the financial storm already alluded to.

In a very few weeks after this resolution she was hailed as Mrs. Bradford—the bloom again adorned her cheek and a placid smile sat on her brow and lips—she was again happy. In her new alliance she was blessed with beautiful children added to her household, and bearing the name of Bradford.

But her happiness was not destined to be perpetual, for Wm. Bradford was afflicted with Consumption, and gradually sinking under it, died during last spring, leaving his wife for the second time a widow. To her and his children fell his business, which, as she could not conveniently attend to, she converted into cash, realizing a sum that placed herself and her children in easy circumstances.

During all these long years, what became of "Smith?" He made his way to Montana and worked in the mines, where his intelligence and natural enterprise soon put him on the road to wealth. Some years after he went there the small-pox broke out among the miners, and he caught the infection, from which he recovered, but so pitted that his mother would not know him. Day and night he labored and figured and prospected on the realization of the object of his ambition—independence, which is synonymous with wealth. Last spring his good star favored him. He struck a rich vein, and behold in the bags of gold-dust around him enough to liquidate all claims against him, and place himself and his family—if they still were in existence—in luxury for the rest of their days. He sold out, packed up, and reached St. Louis about the 1st June.

Preserving an incognito he inquired for Mrs. "Smith." Nobody knew her or knew of her. His heart sunk within him. Did his fair wife and beautiful children sink into sorrowful graves while he toiled to make them happy? The thought was depressing in the extreme.

At length he met a person who was acquainted with the circumstances of Mrs. Smith's second marriage, and when Mrs. Bradford was pointed out to him he recognized the form and features of his long lost wife. After some difficulty he obtained an introduction to her, and concealing his name and the knowledge of his immense wealth, he wooed and won her. She gave her consent to be his on the promise that the children of the two previous marriages should be well treated by him.

On last Thursday evening, to the old villa, a clergyman was summoned to tie the nuptial knot, when the real name of the new suitor, and his former relationship were disclosed, and, although the bride fainted, it was a happy reunion. He was happy to see his children well, growing in body, soul, and intelligence in the intervening eleven years. Words cannot picture the happiness of the twice-married couple and their family and, notwithstanding the trace of a small-pox, she loved her husband better than ever. May their happiness continue.

The facts which we have learned from the clergyman who performed the ceremony, are a romance that beats Enoch Arden to pieces.

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From the Country Gentleman.

Protecting Fruit Trees from Mice.

Many valuable fruit trees are destroyed every winter by mice—trees for which farmers have paid their money, and upon which they have bestowed more or less care, and which, with a *little more care*, would have been what the Creator designed they should be, a source of pleasure and profit for many years to come. While the annual destruction may be in some instances for lack of proper information, it is generally the result of sheer carelessness. Last spring a neighbor called my attention to twenty-six trees which stand along the margin of a garden—just the place for mice to work, burrowing under the fence and the snow drifts screening them from observation. When asked if he did not know that the mice would destroy those trees if they were left unprotected, he replied, "Why yes, I know it, but I forgot them." Every spring, after the mischief is done, we are accustomed to read numerous inquiries how to prevent mice from girdling trees. The information is given. Before the next winter it is forgotten, and then another batch of trees are ruined, and so the process continues year after year.

This ought not so to be. Now is the time to prevent this mischief. My object is to persuade those who have fruit trees, to apply some preventive. Several have been recommended. One is to stamp the snow around the trees as soon as it falls; this is effective; but as the process must be repeated after every thaw, it is hardly to be recommended to those who can scarcely be induced to use any preventive. Another is to raise an embankment of earth eight or ten inches in height around the trees, care being taken to exclude all grass, weeds, sods, &c. The earth should be removed in the Spring. As this is liable to be neglected, it constitutes an objection to this plan. A protector which I have used for eight years with complete success, is made of sheet iron, resembling when completed, a section of stove pipe eight inches in length—except that the lock is not hammered close, but left so that it can be opened or closed at pleasure. The protector should be several inches larger than the body of the tree which is to be protected. To adjust it: open the lock and put it around the tree; close the lock; with one hand grasp the upper end of the lock firmly, with the other hand seize the opposite side, rotate it back and forth three or four times, at the same time pressing on the top to settle it into the ground a little so as to prevent the mice from working under it—and the tree is safe. My orchard is fenced on one side with a wall, over which the snow drifts every winter. I have seen the wood literally cut in pieces by the mice, but have never had a tree injured since I have used this protection. The protector will last much longer if housed during summer.

Orwell, Pa., Nov. 4. M. C. K.

—Capt. James S. Palmer, of the firm of Palmer & Phillips, auctioneers and commission merchants, of Pittsburg, died recently, from the effects of a dose of laudanum, which he had taken the evening previous, to escape pains that he was subject to.