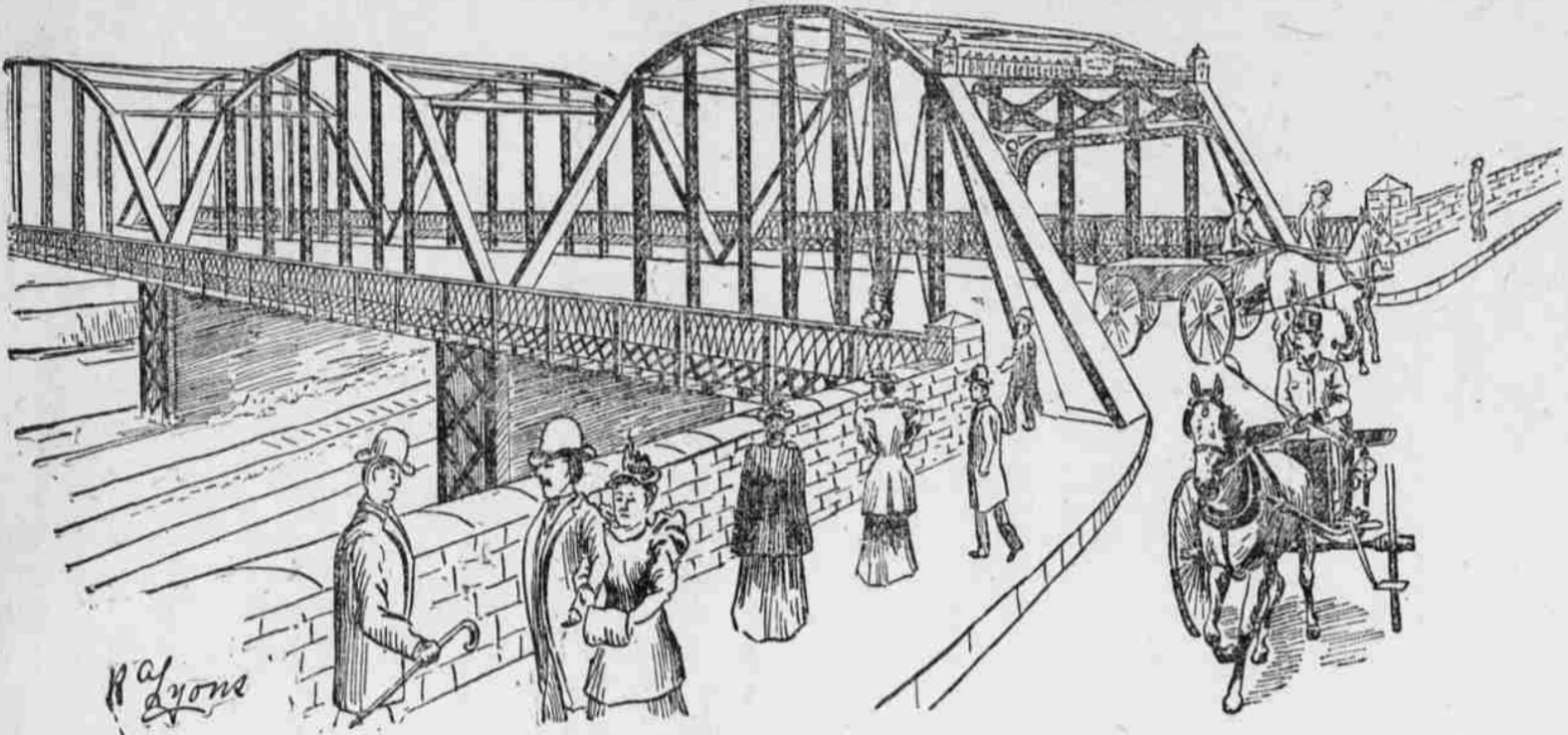


SCRANTON, PA., TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 18, 1894.



The Proposed New Linden Street Bridge.

The Edge Moor Bridge works, whose bid is the lowest for the Linden street bridge, is one of the largest bridge manufacturing companies in the country.

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While Edge Moor stands at the head of the list as far as its shop manufacture is concerned, in its field department, that department of the company which has charge of the putting the steel in place on the piers, stands yet higher. They use only the safest and

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Below we give a few of the structures which have been manufactured at these works:

Whesling Railway Bridge—Over the Ohio river at Wheeling, the channel span of which is 325 feet long, double track; length of bridge, 2,110 feet. The heaviest railroad bridge on continent.

A STREET GAMIN'S CHRIS'MUS, OR WHAT FOLLOWED CORBUTT'S SOLILOQUY.

BY A. T. RAYNSFORD.

Corbitt and Reddy were only two of the thousands of ragged, dirty-faced and keen-witted youngsters who live nobody knows how, come from nobody knows where and disappear nobody knows when.

Corbitt received his title by reason of his ability to whip anything of his weight and inches in the Bleeker street district between busy Broadway and old, colonial Washington square. Here he lived and had his being. Tradition said his first name was Michael Garrigan, but tradition was either amiss or else Corbitt would have none of Garrigan in his name.

It was on Christmas eve that the oddly mated pair stood on the corner of Bleeker street and Broadway. The air was biting cold and forced Reddy to prance about and blow upon his dirty fingers and thump his chest in a frantic endeavor to keep warm.

and high-salaried officers home from the wholesale district. Suddenly the chimes of Grace church sounded in one grand outbursting peal of Christmas carol melody. Reddy halted in the midst of a double shuffle which had been keeping his blood half moving; with his head shoved partly down into his ragged collar and one foot poised where he had stopped in the shuffle he looked at Corbitt.

Some unusual emotion was occupying Corbitt's quick-witted mind. His black eyes were rapidly opening and closing, and, as Reddy afterward expressed the sight, "de bone in 'is trout wuz goin' up an' down like de walkin' beam 'ov a ferry boat." The fact is, Corbitt's long light heart was rebelling over all the evidence and show of the coming Christmas Day; he never was inside a happy home, but his gamin perception told him of the many contented hearts that night and all the gamin in him arose against his own inability to enjoy the event.

The reply was a smart slap across Reddy's round face which sent him in a heap upon the icy sidewalk and against the side of the corner building. He made no effort to arise but sat with his back against the wall while Corbitt enlightened him on Christmastide and gave him an occasional kick to emphasize some important sentence.

Two hours later Corbitt and Reddy were locked in a Jefferson Market police cell. They had made a raid upon a Sixth avenue fruit stand and when arrested after a chase of two blocks were relieved of a large quantity of nuts, oranges, candy, raisins and divers other holiday goodies.

Corbitt acted as spokesman when they were asked what they had to say in answer to the charge preferred against them.

"Well, boss," said Corbitt, "yer see 'is dis way; 'is Reddy 'I'm Corbitt, 'you know—wanted ter 'ave a Cris'mus; yer see, boss, der lights were shinin' an' everybody was happy an' warm an' buyin' things but me an' Reddy. So we thought as how we'd feed our faces, same's the other folks, an'—Well, me an' Reddy 'ave 'ol der Cris'mus, boss, an' I don't guess der's any more to say." "A \* \* \*

They tramped down Sullivan street through the snow and were scurrying across an intersecting street in order to get clear of a huge beer truck drawn by four horses when Reddy slipped and fell. In an instant the driver could not check the progress of his horses. Some one shouted; there was a scream, and when the wagon was halted Corbitt's form lay motionless on the snow.

Corbitt was weak, to be sure, but his fox-visioned countenance had taken on a new and contented expression, which Reddy couldn't understand; it didn't seem natural, and Reddy was disconnected by the air of comfort and cheer which hung over the little iron cot. The flowers and fruit, too, seemed out of place in their proximity to Corbitt's shaggy face—the face which Reddy could not ally to the dirt-begrimed and smutty countenance of the Corbitt of Bleeker street. However, the lads soon began to talk and in a half hour the one had been informed of the doings of the gang uptown, and the other had been told of the kind nurses, comfortable beds and the sights and scenes of the more beautiful side of hospital life.

A NORTH SIDE NOVELETTE.

From the Chicago Record.

CHAPTER I. The street was silent, save for the occasional cry of a newsboy calling the names of his morning papers.

CHAPTER II. For a moment he paused, drinking in the cool autumn air. Then he stepped into the street, turned sharply to the right and at the next corner entered the small shop of a harnessmaker.

CHAPTER III. The scene shifts. It is the large, well-lighted store of a dealer in weapons. Gun barrels and Damascus blades glitter on the walls. A man enters. It is our friend of the avenue.

CHAPTER IV. Again the avenue and again its gentlemanly occupant. Carrying his steel and leather cuirass he enters the hat shop, presenting to view a thick leathern cuirass lined with steel. The man took it and departed.

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