

A Brother's Wife.

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SYNOPSIS.

Mr. Murgatroyd is a wealthy English banker, but he is in a room in which blazed a lamp. When his eyes accommodated themselves to the light he saw a lady with a very sweet face stooping over a bed, with her arm under the head of a child who was in it, caressing the little hot cheek and kissing the clammy brow. She had not seen him enter. She had heard the steps, and concluded they were those of the returning maid. She swayed the suffering child in her arms, and catching the notes of the carolers in the distance sang, with a clear, musical voice:

"Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings. Hail the Saviour of the race, Hail the Sun of Righteousness!"

"My son—my son!" cried the eager, agitated father, running forward and throwing himself by the bedside. "Papa!" exclaimed the boy, and put out his hands and drew his father's head to him. "I knew you'd come. I won't be angry at my running away from school."

"Angry with you, my dear?" The agitated father could say no more. Presently he rose and said in a shaking voice to the lady: "Is he hurt? Excuse my intrusion. I heard his voice when in the passage."

"I don't want a room," replied the banker. "I want to know about the sufferers, who they are."

"There is my husband," said the lady. "My husband is a surgeon, and he has examined him thoroughly. No bones are broken; there are some contusions, that is all. What he needs is a good nurse and I trust he will get that."

"Let me hold your hand, then." So the little hot hand was thrust into the father's cold palm, and Mr. Murgatroyd sat on the bed looking at his son.

"Please go on singing," said the child to the lady who was nursing him. She smiled, and recommenced: "Hark, the herald angels sing!"

"I cannot sufficiently thank you," said the banker, in a choking voice. Tears were in his eyes. "I am so thankful to Heaven that his son was safe, tears of gratitude to the sweet kind woman who had nursed the child as her own son."

The hours of the night passed. The surgeon had not returned home. He was fully engaged that night attending to the many patients who had come under his care through the accident.

"Tell me," said the banker, "where is the doctor's house—I mean Vesuvius?"

"The carolers, returning under the window sang: 'Heavenly and straightway the celestial choir in hymns of joy, unknown before, con-joined in praise of the Redeemer's name.'" "George," said the banker, in a broken voice, "how can I sufficiently thank you and my—my—? He could speak no more, his heart was full. The carol-singers sang on: 'God's highest glory was their anthem still. Peace upon earth, and unto men good will.'"

"Not a word about wrongs now," said the surgeon. "I was a bit of a scapegrace. If I am steady and hard-working now, I owe it to her." He looked tenderly at his wife.

"George," said the banker, "it is now Christmas day. The boy is getting on. Politely he must be taken home to his mother this day, and you and your wife—my sister-in-law—must dine with us."

"No," answered the surgeon, "that cannot be. The sufferers demand my presence here. Your boy's nephew—cannot be removed. I will wire as soon as possible to his mother to come here. We will all keep Christmas together under my roof."

"Add now the peeling of Christmas bells came through the window, mingled with the song of the carolers. 'Peace upon earth, and unto men good will.' The brothers held each other's hands, and she tears that had long been held back rolled down the banker's cheeks. 'Beck, sister,' he stammered, 'let me kiss you. Peace upon earth, and unto men good will.'"

INDUSTRIAL.

A Shamokin dispatch says: Plans have just been perfected by the officials of the Reading Coal and Iron company that, when consummated, will transform its old Best colliery at Big Mine Run, and its older Potts colliery at Locust Dale, into one of the most extensive mine openings in the anthracite region, if not in the world. These arrangements provide for the sinking of a slope and a shaft respectively that will extend from the surface to the basin of the coal measures, thus tapping all of the veins of coal in existence there, and also making it possible to mine hundreds of thousands of tons of superior fuel that it was impossible to cut in partially worked veins in the past. The first of these shafts will be sunk on the old Potts colliery at Locust Dale, and will be continued until the basin is reached. It is expected that by the means of this vertical opening 500 yards will penetrate the earth to the same depth as 2,000 yards of slope would do and the strain on the timbers will be correspondingly reduced and the mining of the deeper coal seams will be made considerably cheaper and safer. Mining experts, who have studied this question for years, predict that the innovation of shafting will revolutionize the methods of mining now in vogue. The matter of introducing electric power for coal hauling and lighting purposes in several of the Reading company's mines that have pitched veins is also being seriously considered by the officials, as the plant recently purchased by the Enterprise mine is working very satisfactorily.

THE WORLD OF BUSINESS.

Stocks and Bonds. New York, Dec. 5.—Stocks were irregular but in the main weak. The sales for foreign account were estimated at from 12,000 to 15,000 shares. The usually active railway issues ran off 3/4 to 1 1/2 per cent, the decline being most pronounced in Manhattan, Louisville and Nashville and Missouri Pacific. The grangers lost about 1/4 to 3/8, but when the Northwest dividend was declared that stock rose 1/2 and the other western shares rallied fractionally. The industrial issues, with the usual was the special card, selling at 103 1/2 to 105 1/2. When the usual dividends were announced the price settled at 103 1/2. Chicago Gas again ruled quiet and firm at 47 1/2. Pacific Mail after an early decline to 31 1/2, regained to 33 1/2, and left off at 32 1/2. In the last hour of business Reading was more active and the stock rose about a point to 104. Speculation declined to 1/2 of 1 per cent. Chicago Gas Reading and Western Union gained 1/4 to 3/8 per cent. Total sales 223,100 shares.

The range of today's prices for the active stocks of the New York stock market are given below. The quotations are furnished The Tribune by Will Lam, Allen & Co., stock brokers, 412 Spruce street, Scranton.

Op'n	High	Low	Closing
Am. Tobacco Co.	294	290	293
Am. Cotton Oil	104	103 1/2	104 1/2
Atch. To. & S. Fe.	19 1/2	19 1/4	19 1/2
Chicago Gas	47 1/2	47 1/2	47 1/2
Ches. & Ohio	17 1/2	17 1/4	17 1/2
Chic. & N. W.	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2
Chic. B. & Q.	85 1/2	85 1/4	85 1/2
C. & S. I.	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2
Chic. Mill. & St. P.	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2
Del. & Hud.	128	128	128
D. L. & W.	195 1/2	195 1/4	195 1/2
Diet. & C.	19 1/2	19 1/4	19 1/2
General Electric	21 1/2	21 1/4	21 1/2
Lake Shore	149 1/2	149 1/4	149 1/2
Louis. & Nash.	52 1/2	52 1/4	52 1/2
M. & E.	18 1/2	18 1/4	18 1/2
Manhattan Ele.	101	101	101
N. J. Pac.	29 1/2	29 1/4	29 1/2
Nat. Cordage	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2
New Jersey Central	105 1/2	105 1/4	105 1/2
New York Central	100	100	100
N. Y. & W.	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2
N. Y. & W. Pr.	31 1/2	31 1/4	31 1/2
Nor. Pac.	15 1/2	15 1/4	15 1/2
Omaha	12 1/2	12 1/4	12 1/2
Pac. Mail	32 1/2	32 1/4	32 1/2
Phil. & Read.	9 1/2	9 1/4	9 1/2
Southern R.	10 1/2	10 1/4	10 1/2
Tenn. C. & Iron	3 1/2	3 1/4	3 1/2
Wabash	7 1/2	7 1/4	7 1/2
Wash. Pr.	18 1/2	18 1/4	18 1/2
Western Union	103 1/2	103 1/4	103 1/2
W. Va.	14 1/2	14 1/4	14 1/2
U. S. Leather	11 1/2	11 1/4	11 1/2
U. S. Leather, Pr.	6 1/2	6 1/4	6 1/2

CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE PRICES.

WHEAT	Open	High	Low	Closing
December	60 1/2	60 3/4	60 1/4	60 1/2
January	60 1/2	60 3/4	60 1/4	60 1/2
May	60 1/2	60 3/4	60 1/4	60 1/2
December	20	20 1/4	20	20 1/4
January	20	20 1/4	20	20 1/4
May	20	20 1/4	20	20 1/4
CORN	20	20 1/4	20	20 1/4
January	20	20 1/4	20	20 1/4
May	20	20 1/4	20	20 1/4
LARD	5.35	5.37	5.35	5.37
January	5.35	5.37	5.35	5.37
May	5.35	5.37	5.35	5.37
PORK	8.57	8.72	8.55	8.62
January	8.57	8.72	8.55	8.62
May	8.57	8.72	8.55	8.62

Scranton Board of Trade Exchange Quotations—All Quotations Based on Par of 100.

Name	Bid	Asked
Green Ridge Lumber Co.	100	110
Dime Dep. & Dis. Bank	100	100
Scranton Lacc Cur. Co.	100	100
Nat. Boring & Drilling Co.	100	100
First National Bank	100	100
Thuron Coal Land Co.	100	100
Scranton Jar & Stopper Co.	100	100
Scranton Glass Co.	100	100
Lehigh Valley Lumber	100	100
Spring Brook Water Co.	100	100
Elmhurst Boulevard Co.	100	100
Scranton Axle Works	100	100
Third National Bank	100	100
Lacks. Trust and Safe Dep. Co.	100	100
Scranton Packing Co.	100	100
Scranton Savings Bank	100	100
Lacks. Iron & Steel Co.	100	100
Weston Mill Co.	100	100
Scranton Traction Co.	100	100
Bonta Plate Glass Co.	100	100

BONDS.

Scranton Glass Co.	100
Economy Steam Heat & Power Co.	100
Lacks. Valley Trac. Co., first mortgage, due 1918.	110
Scranton Traction Co.	96
People's Street Railway, first mortgage, due 1918.	110
Scranton & Pittston Trac. Co.	96
People's Street Railway, second mortgage, due 1918.	110
Lacks. Valley Trac. Co., first mortgage, due 1925.	90
Dickson Manufacturing Co.	100
Lacks. Township School 95.	100
City of Scranton Street Imp 95.	100
Scranton Axle Works.	100

New York Produce Market. New York, Dec. 5.—Flour—Quiet, steady. Wheat—Dull, firmer; No. 2 red stone and elevator, 70c; soft, 71c; f. o. b., 70 1/2 to 71c; No. 2 red, 67 1/2 to 68c; ungraded red, 67c; options firm, higher, January, 67 1/2 to 68c; May, 67c; July, 67 1/2 to 68c; December, 67c; Corn—Dull, firmer; No. 2, 34 1/2 to 35c; elevator, 34 1/2 to 35c; soft, 34 1/2 to 35c; options, steady; December, 34 1/2 to 35c; January, 34 1/2 to 35c; February, 34 1/2 to 35c; May, 34 1/2 to 35c; spot prices, No. 2, 24c; No. 2 white, 24c; May, 24 1/2 to 25c; No. 2 Chicago, 22c; No. 3, 21c; No. 3 white, 21c; mixed western, 22 1/2 to 23c; white do, and white state, 23 1/2 to 24c. Provisions—Quiet, unchanged. Lard—Quiet, steady. Butter—Firm; state, 24 1/2 to 25c; creamery, 24 1/2 to 25c; western dairy, 24 1/2 to 25c; do, creamery, 24 1/2 to 25c; do, June, 24 1/2 to 25c; do, factory, 24 1/2 to 25c; Eggs—Steady, quiet, unchanged. Eggs—Steady; state and Pennsylvania, 24 1/2 to 25c; southern, 24 1/2 to 25c; do, factory, 24 1/2 to 25c; do, per case, 24 1/2 to 25c; limes, 16 1/2 to 17c; do, per case, 32 1/2 to 33c.

Buffalo Live Stock. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 5.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,500 head; on sale, 400; market dull and weak; market heavily steady; choice fat cows, 24 1/2 to 25c; 25 1/2 to 26c for fair to choice fat. Hogs—Receipts, 13,000 head; on sale, 8,000; market steady; market heavily steady; early sales Yorkers good to choice, 22 1/2 to 23c; pigs and light generally in good weight; Yorkers and mixed packers, 22c; good choice mediums and heavy, 22 1/2 to 23c; prime heavy, 23c; pigs in light demand and fully, 19 cents lower at 22 1/2 to 23c; roughs, 22 1/2 to 23c; stags, 22 1/2 to 23c. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 8,000 head; on sale, 6,000 head; market steady; choice to extra prime native lambs, 24 1/2 to 25c; good to extra prime, 24 1/2 to 25c; fair to good, 23 1/2 to 24c; mixed, 23 1/2 to 24c; 2 1/2 to 3 1/2; culls and common, 22 1/2 to 23c; mixed sheep, good to extra fat, 24 1/2 to 25c; fair to good, 23 1/2 to 24c; culls, 22 1/2 to 23c; good fat lambs, steady weight, heavy export sheep, 24 1/2 to 25c; light demand, good to choice fat heavy ewes, 23 1/2 to 24c; heavy wethers, 23 1/2 to 24c; lambs, 23 1/2 to 24c; one lamb fancy, 44c; Canada heavy export sheep, 23 1/2 to 24c.

Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, Dec. 5.—Cattle—Receipts, 12,000 head; market heavily steady; common to extra steers, 22 1/2 to 23c; stockers and feeders, 22 1/2 to 23c; cows and bulls, 22 1/2 to 23c; calves, 22 1/2 to 23c; hogs, 22 1/2 to 23c; sheep, 22 1/2 to 23c; mixed, 22 1/2 to 23c; heavy packing and shipping lots, 22 1/2 to 23c; common to choice mixed, 22 1/2 to 23c; choice assorted, 23 1/2 to 24c; light, 23 1/2 to 24c; 2 1/2 to 3 1/2; sheep—Receipts, 11,000 head; market firm; inferior to choice, 17 1/2 to 18c; lambs, 24 1/2 to 25c.



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