Brother's

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sical voice:

cheek and kissing the clammy brow.

She had not seen him enter. She had

and catching the notes of the carolers

throwing himself by the bedside.

"Angry with you, my dear!"

his voice when in the passage.

The agitated father could say no

Presently he rose and said in a shak-

ing voice to the lady: "Is he much

hurt? Excuse my intrusion. I heard

"I am glad you have come," the lady

answered. "Your little boy is shaken,

tion, but there is no material harm

done. My husband is a surgeon, and

he has examined him thoroughly. No

bones are broken; there are some con-tusions, that is all. What he needs is a

good sleep, and I trust he will get that,

now he has seen you. He has been worrying because he thought you would be

angry at his running away from

"Set your mind at rest," said Mr.

Murgatroyd to his boy. "Jack, you hear what the good lady says. You must try

"I will, papa, if you wish it."
"I wish it above everything."

"Let me hold your hand, then."

So the little hot hand was thrust into the father's cold palm, and Mr. Mur-

gatroyd sat on the bed looking at his

to the lady who was nursing him.

So they sat on the bed, clasping his child's hand, she with her arm un-

der the little head, crooning the Christ-

mas hymn, in a voice like that of a dove, soft, sweet, low, becoming lower im-perceptibly as the child dozed off, and

"I cannot sufficiently thank you," said the banker, in a choking voice.

Tears were in his heart. Tears of thankfulness to Heaven that his son

was safe, tears of gratitude to the sweet

kind woman who had nursed the child

The surgeon had not returned home. He was fully engaged that night at-

tending to the many patients who had

But towards early morning, yet long

before dawn, his latch-key sounded in

"There is my husband," said the lady, with a flush of pleasure and love in her

Mr. Murgatroyd started, he felt a

He started to his feet now only re-

spasm at his heart, and turned and

the lock of the front door.

"Well, Bessie, how is

leasing his son's hand

"George!"

face to face.

window, sang

charge?

come under his care through the acci-

The hours of the night passed.

hen ceasing.

as her own son.

She smiled, and recommenced: "Hark, the herald angels sing!"

ge go on singing." said the child

ning away from school?"

SYNOPSIS.

Ir. Murgatroyd is as wealthy English aker, hard and selfish in tempor, but woted to his only son, in whom all his pes center. The banker's brother, orge, had been something of a scape-ace, and when inally he married "a iging woman" was disinherited. All ice of him has been lost; indeed, it mus that little effort was made to astain his fate. The father of Mr. Murgaryd had recently died, and it has been elded that the boy, Jack, must remain school during the holidays, much to the row of his mother. But Jack, unable bear the disappointment, runs away, learning of this Mr. Muyatroyd takes it rain to seek for him. He presently mes to an obstruction—the wreck of the lin which the poor boy probably took. darkness, rain and confusion he arches for his son, but his agonized intries bring only rebuffs. He has just anxiously questioning a riotous party Christmas carolers and received an oil-ned invitation to join in their singing.

Mr. Murgatroyd did not pause to answer, but sped as fast as he could walk faster than went the lurching cartowards the inn, the light from which he could see like a luminous tangle of floss silk in the rain and fog. He rushed into the house. Men were standing in the passage, others were in the bar. The landlady was running ut in semi-distraction. She caught a glimpse of the anxious father. "It's no use," she called, "can't give another bed. All's ockepied, wot with them as

wants oursels. It's no use, nobedy bruised, frightened, in a nervous condican attend you." 'I don't want a room," replied the banker. "I want to know about the

is brought from the accident, and wo:

sufferers, who they are—"
"I can't attend to nobody, my head
and hands is full," retorted the landlady, and rushed up the steep stairs. He appealed to the landlord, who took matters composedly.
"Have you here many injured per

* Middlin'—anout three,"
"Is one of them a boy?"

"Well, you may co.il him a bo; if you like, but he's a gen'leman." "My son was every inch that."
"And is in the commercial line. He's

terrile put cut because of his sainplea."
"Oh! Who are the others?" "Trere's a woman-got her back broken, I fancy."

"And the third?" "Let's see, Jim"-to a friend -"that's the stoker as was scalded."

"There's more at the George."
"VI ere is the Gcc:ge?" "Tother side of the brig." "How many there?"

"Have you heard of a lad-a little lad-being found and taken anywhere?" "Let's see. I say, Jim, wasn't there, mite o' a lad tooked to the doctor's?" "To the doctor's? Where is the doc-

"You so shead. It's a square house wi' all the flues gathered into one chimbley in the middle, and all the roof from all the walls gathered up about that chimbley. It caught first once, that is, the kitchen flue did, and it was of night, "I wish it about the state of the state and folks said that the house with its queer roof and chimbley was like a volcaney. They calls the house now Ax any chap where Vesuvius is and they'll show you."



Mr. Murgatroyd left the house and hastened in the direction of the surscen's dwelling. He had not far to walk, the house lay beside the highway. He caught up the carolers, who had passed the Horse and Jockey without their hymn, aware that sufferers were within, and that the people of the tavern were too occupied to regale

"Tell me," said the banker, "where is the doctor's house—I mean Vesuvius?" "Right ahead. There you are. Sorry you ain't a halto, or you'd ha' been use-

banker opened an iron gate, ran the little garden and paused

some delay the door was opened aid, and Mr. Murgatroyd thrust into the hall, as the narrow leading to the staircase would

He could hardly speak, he was so agi-

in hymns of joy, unknown before, con-spire."
"George,"said the banker, in a broken voice, "how can I sufficiently thank you and my—" He could speak no more, his heart was full. The carol-singers at moment he heard a voice:

smothered cry Mr.Murgatroyd past the maid; he had recog-son's voice; he deigned no exsang on: "God's highest glory was their anthem Peace upon earth, and unto men good will. matien, offered no excuse for his duct, as he rushed to the stairs, up them and dashed into the bed-m at the stair head, whence a light "George," said the banker, recover-ing himself, "a great wrong has been done you-by-by my poor father, and no less by me. A wrong to you-and to your dear wife. It shall be my first own tones had issued.

the father stood dazzled, unmoment to see anything dis-

duty to redress this wrong." "Not a word about wrongs now," said the surgeon. "I was a bit of a scape-grace. 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. Positively he must be taken home to his mother this day, and you and your wife—my sister-in-law—must dine with

"No," answered the surgeon, "that cannot be. The sufferers demand my presence here. Your boy—my nephew—cannot be removed. I will wire as soon as possible to his mother to come

soon as possible to his mother to come here. We will all keep Christmas to-gether under my roof."

And now the pealing of Christmas bells came through the window, min-gled with the song of the carolers: "Feare upon earth, and unto men good will."

The brothers held each other's hands.

INDUSTRIAL.

A Shamokin dispatch says: Plans have just been perfected by the of-ficials of the Reading Coal and Iron company that, when consummated, will transform its old Bast colliery at Big Mine Run, and its older Potts col-llery 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 respec-tively that will extend from the surthus 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 selves to the light he saw a lady with big shafts will be sunk on the old Potts colliery at Locust Dale, and will be continued until the basin is reached. It a very sweet face stooping over a bed, with her arm under the head of a child is expected that by the means of this who was in it, caressing the little hot vertical opening 900 pards will penetrate the earth to the same depth as heard the steps, and concluded they 2,000 yards of slope would do and the strain on the timbers will be correwere those of the returning maid. She swayed the suffering child in her arms, spondingly reduced and the mining of the deeper coal seams will be made con-

siderably cheaper and safer. Mining in the distance sang, with a clear, muexperts, who have studied this question "Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings. Hall the Heaven-burn Prince of Peace, Hell the Sun of Righteousness." for years, predict that the innovation shafting will revolutionize the methods of mining now in vogue. The matter of introducing electric power "My son-my son!" cried the eager, agitated father, running forward and for coal hauling and lighting purposes in several of the Reading company's mines that have pitching veins is also being seriously considered by the offi-cials, as the plant recently placed at "Papa!" exclaimed the boy, and put out his hands and drew his father's head to him to kiss. "I knew you'd the Enterprise mine is working very come. You won't be angry at my run-

satisfactorily. The rate of wages fixed by the committee of the Schuylkill coal exchange to be paid miners in this region for the last half of November and the first half of December is eight per cent. below the \$2.50 basis. This is the highest rate of wages paid since November of last year, when the rate for the first half of the month was also eight per cent. below that basis. The average calculated rate for the present year, including the latest rate is 12½ per cent, below the basis. During June, July, August, eeptember and October wages went 15, 16 and 17 per cent. below the basis, but the Philadelphia & Reading company paid at the rate of 12 per cent. below, mak-ing the average payments to its employes for the year 10% per cent. below the basis.

A meeting of the bituminous coal operators will be held in New York today to take such action as will create harmony in the trade and an increase in the price of this variety of coal. Some time ago a committee was formed to prepare a plan for the restoration of rates and the restriction of production Before this was done the individual operators were to be seen and their o-operation solicited. It is said that all the coal producers in the various districts have been seen and they have given their consent to going into any scheme that will be of benefit to the

The town of Keystone, S. Dak., has grown from its three log cabins in 1891 to a place of 1000 people. It has three mills crushing ore and two more building, with good buildings, schools, etc. and all the signs of a flourishing civilization. Two lines of railroads are surveyed to the camp, which will be built in the near future. The town thus far has had a legitimate growth due to the finding and working of new mines, but there is no doubt that with the advent of the railroad the camp will suffer all the effects of the Western boom.

The report that an extensive deal is about to be consummated involving important freight connections between sey Central, Baltimore and Ohio and Lehigh Valley railroads is denied by officials of the latter company. The scheme was said to include the building of a bridge between Bergen Point, N. J., and Staten Island, and a car ferry between the latter and Bay Ridge.

The Luke Fidder Mine at Shamokin which was flooded over a year ago for the purpose of extinguishing the fire which resulted in the death of many men and thirty-five mules, will soon again be put in operation. All the water has at last been pumped out. The bodies of the mules have also been taken out. The estimated loss by the flood is \$30,000.

The Lehigh Valley Railroad company has awarded a contract for the equip-ment of 186 miles of its track with automatic signals, which, when erected, will give the company 235 miles of track protected by these signals. It is said he company intends to equip its whole line with these signals.

What are claimed to be the largest fire engines in the world are the two built recently in London. One is capable of throwing 1400, the other 1800 to 2,000 gallons of water per minute. The machines weigh three and one-half ons each, and can be readily drawn at full gallop by four horses.

Three times as many American horses have been sold in England this year average price at the ports of shipment has been \$155. They are used chieny The brothers, so long parted, stood

Our merchant marine decreased 50,-000 tops in the year ending with last June. Only 252 voyages were made between the United States and Europe under the American flag, as against 10,-

There will be a meeting of all initial anthracite coal carrying lines in New York on Friday, to take up the question of advancing the freight rates on coal to western points fifty cents per

The Philadelphia Inquirer is convinced that the coal trade will never thrive until the Reading railroad is accorded the hog's share of tonnage. We shall see.

The United Mine Workers of Amerlea now claims a membership of about 12,000 miners in the anthracite coal

Rockefeller's income is \$27,000 daily.

Toledo Grain Market.

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Toledo, O., Dec. 5.—Wheat—Receipts, 6,000 bushels; shipments, 11,000 bushels; quiet; No. 2 red cash and December, 65½c.; May, 63½c.; No. 2 red cash, 65½c.; No. 2 white, 63½c. Corn—Receipts, 35,000 bushels; shipments, 23,00 bushels; nothing doing. Oats—Receipts, 1,300 bushels; nominal. Cloverseed—Receipts, 240 bags; shipments, 64 bags; firmer; prime cash and December, 34.55; March, 34.60.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 5.—Oil opened \$1.34 offered; highest, \$1.32½; lowest, \$1.51; closed, \$1.31 offered. Standard's price, \$1.88. Oll City, Pa., Dec. 5.—Oll opened and highest, \$1.21; lowest, \$1.21; closed, \$1.20; bid.

THE WORLD OF BUSINESS

regular 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 1/2 per cent., the decline being most pronounced in Manhattan, Louis-ville and Nashville and Missouri Pacific. The grangers lost about ¼ to % but when the Northwest dividend was declared that stock rose % and the other western shares rallied fraction-ally. In the industrials sugar as usual was the special card, selling at 103% @105%. When the usual dividends were announced the price settled at 103% Chicago Gas again ruled quiet and firm at 64% 665. Pacific Mail after an early decline to 31% returned to 32% and left off at 22%. In the last hour of business Reading was more active and the stock rose about a point to 10%. Speculation closed irregular. Net changes show declines of 1/61 per cent. Chicago Gas Reading and Western Union gained

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 Linn, Allen & co., stock brokers, 412 Spruce street, Scranton.

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	Am. Cotton Oil	104	100%		
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	Chicago Gas	64%	65	6474	64
	Ches. & Ohio	1776	17%	17	17
	Chic. & N. W	10816	106%	106%	106
	Chic., B. & Q	82%	82%	824	821
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ij	Dist. & C. F	19	1956	181/4	187
	General Electric	31%	311/4	31	31
	Lake Shore	149%	149%	149%	149
	Louis, & Nash	52	5234	61%	51
N	M. K. & Texas		1314	1314	131
i	Manhattan Ele		101	99%	100
j	Mo. Pac		2916	2914	291
ì	Nat. Cordage		7	6%	62
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١	Ontario & West	1514	1514	1514	151
ı	Pac. Mail		3216	3114	321
1	Phil. & Read		1016	9%	101
ı	Southern R. R		10%	1014	103
١	Tenn., C. & Iron	2914	32%	3214	321
I	Wabash		714	714	71
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Nat. Boring & Drilling Co		80
First National Bank		
Thuron Coal Land Co		90
Scranton Jar & Stopper Co		26
Scranton Glass Co		0
Lackawanna Lumber Co		
Spring Brook Water Co		100
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Scranton Axle Works		- 80
Third National Bank		222
Lucka. Trust and Safe Dep. Co		100
Scranton Packing Co		100
Scranton Savings Bank		***
Lacka, Iron & Steel Co		150
Weston Mill Co		250
Scranton Traction Co		36
Bonta Plate Glass Co	***	20
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Scranton Glass Co		100
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Power Co	***	100
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New York Produce Market.

New York, Dec. 5.—Flour—Quiet, steady. Wheat—Dull, firmer; No. 2 red store and elevator, 70c.; afloat, 71½c.; f. o. b., 70½a 71c.; No. 2 red, 67ac7½c.; ungraded red, 73c.; options firm, higher; January, 65½c.; March, 63½c.; May, 68c.; July, 68½c.; December, 66c. Corn—Dull, firmer; No. 2, 36½a36½c.; elevator, 35½a35½c., afloat; steamer mixed, 34%c.; options were dull andy firm; December, 34%c.; January, 24½d.; May, 25½c.; June, 35½c. Oats—Quiet, firmer; options dull, firmer; December, 22%c.; May, 25½c.; Spot prices, No. 2, 22%c.; No. 2 white, 23%c.; May, 23½a24c.; No. 3 white, 25c.; mixed western, 22a23½c.; No. 3 white, 55c.; mixed western, 22a23½c.; No. 3 white, 55c.; mixed western, 22a23½c.; white do, and white state, 23½a27c. Provisions white, 25c.; mixed western, 22a234c.; white do, and white state, 234a27c. Provisions—Quiet, unchanged. Lard—Quiet, steady. Butter—Firmer; state dairy, 15a22c.; do, creamery, 18a25c.; western dairy, Ilaifoc.; do, oreamery, 18a25c.; western dairy, Ilaifoc.; do, factory, 9a16c.; Eigins, 28c.; imitation creamery, 13a19c. Cheese—Steady quiet, unchanged. Eggs—Steady; state and Pennsylvania, 12a25c.; southern, 21a22c.; ice house, 16a20c.; do, per case, 33.50a4.

Buffalo Live Stock.

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Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 5.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,900 head; on saie, 40; market dull and weak; good handy sters, \$2.75a2.95; fair to choice fat cows. \$2.0a2.85; bulls, \$2.50a3 for fair to choice fat. Hogs—Receipts, 13,00 head; on sale, 2.500 head; market strong and firm; early sales Yorkers good to choice, \$3.65a3.67½; pigns and flight genreally in good weight; Torkers and mixed packers, \$3.65; good to choice mediums and heavy, 33.65a3.70; prime heavy, 3.70; pigs in light demand and fully, 10 cents lower at \$3.70a2.75; roughs, \$3a2.20; stags, \$2.75a3. Sheep and lambs—Receipts, 9,000 head; on sale, 8,000 head; market steady; choice to extra prime native lambs, \$4.25a4.40; good to choice, \$3.90a4.20; fair to good lots, \$3.40a 3.75; culls and common, \$2.65a3.20; mixed sheep, good to extra fat, \$2.45a2.85; fair to good, \$2a2.25; culls, \$1.25a1.75; good fat hendy wethers, \$3a3.50; export sheep very light demand, good to choice fat heavy ewes, \$3.25a3.50; heavy wethers, \$3.50a3.75; late sales Canada lambs common to good, \$4.15a4.40; one load fancy, \$4.65; Canada heavy export sheep, \$3.50a4.

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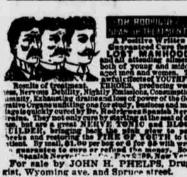
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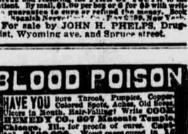
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