The Ghostly Manifestations of Aunt Drusilla.

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SYNOPSIS. Miss Drusilla Brockway, a maiden lady. Miss Drusilla Brockway, a maiden lady. Hving by her self in a village near one of the coast cities of Maine, receives a bad fall white alone in her house. She becomes a bedridden invalid, and finarly sends for her neithew and his family from Massachusetts to occupy her house and take care of her. Corinna Brockway, his daughter, is engaged to be married to Her-hert Jennison, who lives in the city near Aupt Drusilla's, unct this is an added inducement. They find Junt Drustlla nervous and detatorial. She has a room in the front part of the house where she observes and oversees everything that goes on. Corinna conceals, her engagement on. Corinna conceals her engagement from Aunt Drusilia, but one evening by ac-cident prepared an extra strong cup of tea for the old lady who is kept awake and hears Herbert kissing Corinna in the half. She summons Corinna's mother and learns the name of Corinna's intended, an I at once superts that he is the grandson of a man with whom her father once had

PART II.

So Herbert Jennison was called; Cor-Inna followed him. Her father and mother came also, with the vague idea that this might be a pleasing occasion. the presentation to Aunt Drusilla of he youth who hoped to become her grand-nephew. Anything but a pleas-ant occasion. The old woman reared ner gaunt head, white-capped, and demanded to know if he was the grandson of Joel Jennison. He was. Had he ver heard of the lawsuit, Brockway ainst Jennison, in 1837? He had not old woman was ready to burst with



"Cornena Was Terrified; She Clung to Her Lover.

venom; she scolded, screamed, hissed; she quoted Sripture in the line of dishustled the astounded lovers out of the room; Sarah tried to recompense the aunt's cap and temper, while the hag kept on shricking: "They shan't marry, then shan't marry. I'll die and I'll

haunt them." Corinna was terrified; she clung to lover, trembling and sobbing. He told her that they ought not to mind the half-crazy words of a poor old woman: Aunt Drusialla was outrageous. to be sure, but it was partly nerves;

she could not mean all that said. We are doing no wrong, so we need not be afraid of men nor ghosts," Herbert comforted the girl. "Poor old creature she can't walk while she lives and she won't walk after she is dead." "Do you suppose that she ever had anyone that cared for her, Herbert?"

"Then I am sorry for her, and I won't blame her too much. But, Herbert, I nm afraid of her." "I guess you're getting nervous your-

'I should think not.'

self, Corinna. Come, let us sit down read now." They were reading nloud a Life of George Washington; it appeared serially in one of the maga-Herbert had that evening brought a new number from town.

It was quite true that Aunt Drusilla in all her life had never had a lover. never received the attentions and the pretty speeches that cause a woman to value herself happily. She had always been plain, self-sufficing, even forbidding. But she had one moment of vanity. Some years before, the wagon itinerant photographer broken down on the top of the hill in front of her house. It took hours to mend it; and at noon the man asked Miss Brockway if she would give him some diener. In return he would make her a photograph, cabinet size and alcely finished. She set a meal before him: atterwards he sighted her with the camera, put away the negative and promised to send the picture in a few days. "I guess I ain't likely to see my own face, without 'tis in the looking glass," she said, cyntrally, as he drove away.

But the vagabond artist kept his word and sent her the photograph. "I sin't got nobody to give it to, an" I'll keep it myself. 'Tis with too much money to throw away," she told Mrs. Dunn. Nobody imagined how greatly Miss Drusilla prized that picture; in which all the wrinkles and seams-not the auatographs of gentleand mellowed experience, but of hard and suspicious ill-humor-had been smoothed out of her face. It fluttered her up to the



! point of the credible: she was aware that she possessed no beauties, but this likeness softly persuaded her that she was not so bad looking, after all. She came to take its testimony rather than that of the ancient mirror in its tarnished gilt frame-which, indeed, gave a greenish hue to her countenance, and perhaps elongated it a triffe. It may be that the photograph was so dear to her because, like a true friend, it took her at her best possibilities instead of her unlovely actuality. She was apt to frown at the mirror and came as near as she ever did to a smile in looking at the photograph. The portrait, unframed, always stood in the same place, near to the corner of the mantelpiece, next to the side window of Miss Drusilla's chamber. The wan birch tree, looking in, must have witnessed some oddly kind glances pass from her face to its likeness. The bit of paste-board was the sole object of the ten-derness of the old woman, were this from egotism or from a dim recognition of her better self. "Miss Drusilly's turrible proud of her picter. It don't

thing." Mr. Dunn said to his wife. Corinna and Herbert did their best not to offend the old woman again by sight or hearing of them. The girl had noticed that evening when, after the crisis of nerves, she carried out the aunt's small teapot, that the decoction had been of extra strength; and she took heed that in future it should be of a milder brew. But Aunt Drusilla was unmitigable; she would hear nothing in favor of young Jennison; his grandfather had eaten of the sour grapes of litigation, and she would set the grandson's teeth on edge with all sorts of hideous oddities. She would summon the family in haste, pounding with her stick; as soon as the door was opened she would screem disagreeable remarks at the lovers, order Jennison out of the house, call them ill names, and always contrive to make some dark allusion to her threat that she, after death, would baunt them. It was unbearable, but what could be done? There was no disciplining a poor, half-crazed, helpless creature like that. They came to take her chidings like the bluster and shrick

handsome much, fur's I can see; but

I'm glad if she takes comfort in any-

of the wind around the house. She grew gradually weaker, and as her forces lessened, her temper appeared somewhat milder. She sometimes thanked Holman Brockway when he lifted her. "You've been real good to me, for one that ain't a blood relation," she said to Sarah one day. But although she seldom railed at the lovers as indeed she rarely had the opportunity-she never spoke a kind word to mal prophecy and imprecation; at last | Corinna. For all that the girl in her she snatched off her nightcap and timid way tried to please the aunt. An threw it at him. Holman Brockway hour before the old woman died, she spoke again of the marriage with Herbert Jennison, but only to repeat her uncanny threat: "I'm going to die, and

> It could only be felt as a relief when at last Aunt Drusilla was laid away in the village burying ground, under the fir trees. "Now she can rest-and give other folks a rest too," commented Mr.

Dunn, returning from the grave. The strain had been long upon Sarah and Corinna; they felt depressed and nervous, after the fashion of weary women. It was time to plant early peas; so that for Holman Brockway here was work in the open air, which is the universal solvent for all imaginary and some real troubles. The October; they would live with the parents of Corinna, and had decided to parlor. Herbert thought that the furnishing of it would be a wholesome and heerful occupation for Corinna: Pirst, it can be well scrubbed and aired to drive out the blue devils " said her mother must come in town and we will go to choose the furniture and the ready now, and have some good times evenings in it. I declare, I feel next door lamp sewing while I read aloud."

So the room was freshly painted and papered; white mslin curtains were hung at he windows; a three-ply earpet of modest colors and pattern, and a | the full circular price on all sizes



I'm Going to Die and I'll Haunt You.

very cheap and stylish, the dealer had called them—made up a little parlor which, if not artistle, was cozy and the pride of the heart of a good little girl. When her father was ushered into the transformed room he admired it great-

y. Then he began to look vaguely about him as if missing something. "I seem to want to see Aunt Drusilly's picter in its place again," he said. "Oh, no, father. It is our parlor now,

Corinna protested. "I know that, daughter, an' you've made it real pretty. But I guess we hev to remember that 'twas Aunt Drusilla's room before that, an' that we owe the house an' farm an' all to her. She was aggravatin,' I know; but she's gone where she sees things different. I expect she looks some like her photograph now, all kind of smoothed out and pleasant. It would appear to me like rememberin' of her at her best an' gratefully, to set her pitcher up where the always kept it. An' it can't hurt gross receipts of \$18,819,618, an increase you and Herbert none. Corinny. I of \$751,398; operating expenses, \$12,376,she always kept it. An' it can't hurt should call it a just an' right act on

Holman Brockway had a streak of

of his litigious father and his crabbed aunt. He spoke gently but Corinna knew that there was no opposing him. 'i shall simply die, to have Aunt Drusilla always before my eyes," the girl complained. But her lover persuaded her that it was better to content her father. "We may get to be quite fond of the old girl, she looks so pleasant; and then she can't talk, which is an advantage," he said, jestingly.

During the daytime Corinna did not care to stay in the newly-furnished room; she had a tender little instinct that she would enjoy only in company with Herbert. She dusted it carefully every morning; then went out, closing the door behind her, not reentering there until the evening brought her lover. He came by the electric cars now, a new suburban line had lately been completed. At 7:55 she could see the headlight at the turn of the road, in two minutes more she heard the hoarse hum of the wheels; at 7:58 Herbert would swing himself off the car, which proceeded just as if it were not deprived of its own valuable freight. At eight precisely. Corinna's parents having greeted her lover, the young pair would find themselves in their own little parlor. They were not sure whether they enjoyed that room most in the present or in anticipation. It was very cozy for engaged people; they divined that it would appear still cozier when they should be married.

(To be concluded.)

INDUSTRIAL.

A Chleago despatch says: The officlals of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe deny the reports that the company has entered into a contract with the Wagner Palace Car company to put their sleepers on the entire system, re-placing the Pullman cars. No agreement or contract of any kind has been made with the Wagner company nor are negotiations pending in that direction. The contract with the Pullman company which was cancelled when the company was reorganized, has been temporarily renewed. It is, however subject to abrogation by the road on giving sixty days' notice. No such notice has been given and there is no immediate intention of giving it.

Railway construction in Japan, which was temporarily interrupted during the late war, is again becoming active. sum of \$22,000,000 has been voted for the construction of a double line, 376 miles long, between Tokio and Kobe, passing through the principal commercial and industrial centers of Japan. viz.: Yokohama, Kiota and Osaka. Numerous other lines have been projected in different yarts of the empire. Official figures state that in March, 1895, there were in Japan twenty-nine railway companies, with 2.193 miles of line.

The eastbound shipments from Chicago last week were 77,704 tons, against 54,963 the corresponding week last year. Of the total, Michigan Central carried 8,315 tons, Wabash 7,752, Lake Shore 11,267, Fort Worth 6,804, Pan Handle 8,415, Baltimore and Ohio 5,593, Chicago and Grand Trunk 8,699, Nickel Plate 6.650, Chicago and Erie 8,985, and the Big Four 5,224.

The Reading railroad reports its coal shipment for last week at 300,000 tons. of which 80,000 tons were sent to Port Richmond and 30,000 tons to New York

The traffic arrangement between the leading express companies of this country which established fixed rates is likely to go to pieces.

RAILROAD NOTES.

Philadelphia Press: The Reading Coal and Iron company has decided to shut down its mines on Friday night for an indefinite period. This action is in view of the sentiment expressed at the meeting of the presidents of the coal companies last Thursday, when it was deemed advisable to restrict the tonnage of various companies. At the Reading office nothing definite could be ascertained in regard as to how long the mines would be closed, but it is understood that no work will be done for several days at least. While nothing was said about any of the other companies closing their mines it is more than likely that similar action will be taken throughout the coal regions. Owing to the unseasonable weather in the drawing room one of those steryoung people were to marry the next there is very little demand for coal, and as the production continues to be very large the stock on hand is fast accumuuse Aunt Drusilla's room as their own lating, so much so that some of the parlor. Herbert thought that the furit, and many of them are using their cars as storage yards. All the companies are in favor of restricting the output, but upon the manner in which this practical lover, "then Corinna and it is to be done they have not decided. Some of the officers are inclined to shut | tificate that she had drawn a prize of down their mines three days a week. \$5,000. carpet. We may as well get the room This scheme does not meet the approval of all the companies, as some of them would rather have the working hours o married when Corinna sits by the reduced, and in this way operate their mines part of every day. At the meeting tomorrow in all probability this question will be decided. It is also rumored that it has been agreed to charge of a and chairs covered with blue plush | coal on and after February 1. For some time past these prices have not been lived up to, and stove coal has been sold as low as \$3.25 per ton in New York. when the regular price is \$4.15. During the week ending January 5 the Reading Railroad company transported over its system 291,025 tons, an increase over the corresponding week of 1895 of 72,438 ions. And for the year to date 2,195,955 tons have been carried, as against 1,-829,889 last year, an increase of 366,065

> The advance in the price of Reading shares and securities since the plan of reorganization was accepted by the security holders has been marked. The advance in the stock at yesterday's highest price was equivalent to 5% per cent. from the lowest price some weeks ago. The improvement in the bonds has been nearly as great. The movement is said to be based on the prospect of a settle ment between the coal companies, but the Morgan influence would in any event be exerted in the direction in the improvement in the prices of Reading securities while the payment of the assessments are pending. The Reading December report the first month of the fiscal year was favorable. The railroad company shows a surplus in profits of \$37,909 as compared with a deficit of \$188,584 in 1894. The Coal and Iron com pany's loss on mining for the month was \$82,420, a decrease of \$105,007, and the deficit in meeting charges for the month was \$177,420, as compared with \$290,428. The result for both companies shows an improvement of \$342.517 as compared with the month of December. 1894.

The Delaware and Hudson Canal company reports for the year 1895 gross receipts from coal, \$7,369,379; from railroads, \$10,129,082, and from miscellene ous sources, \$1.321,157, making total 732, an increase of \$847,185; net earnings of \$5,442,886, decrease \$95,786; and balance after interest, taxes and rentfirm will, a mild form perhaps of that | als, of \$2,364,393, increase \$145,680.

PROLIFIC IN STATESMEN.

Ohio lias Not Lost Her Proud Procedence in the Nation-The Wonderful Quota of Ohio-Born Men in the Senate and House.

Harry Hall, in Pittsburg Times. In the republic's later years Ohio has gone far toward wrestling from Virginia, the distinguished appellation of the "Mother of Presidents." Seven presidents were born on the sacred soil of the Old Dominion, four of whom, Washington, Jefferson, Madison and Monroe, were elected from their native William Henry Harrison was state. elected from Ohio, and Zachary Taylor from Louisiana and John Tyler succeeded to the presidency from the vice presidency.

the nation a president, William Henry

the senate Ohio has John Sherman and Calvin S. Brice, her own two represenators from other states as William B. Allison, of Iowa, born at Perry, Wayne county, O.; Stephen B. Elkins, of West Virginia, born in Perry county: Thomas H. Carter, of Montana, born in Scioto county, and Lucien Baker, of Kansas, these all Republicans; Daniel W. Voorhees, of Indiana, Democrat, born in Butler county, and those two shining lights of Western Populism. William V. Allison, of Nebraska, born in Madison county, and James H. Kyle, of South Dakota, born near Nenia Thus Ohlo has more sons in the senate than any other state, those ranking next being New York, with Senators Hill and Murphy, Democrats; Gear, of Iowa; Teller, of Colorado, and Clark, of Wyoming, Republicans, and Stewart of Nevada, Populist and general blatherskite; Kentucky with Blackburn; Call, of Florida; Vest, of Missouri; Mills, of Texas; Palmer, of Illinois, Democrats, and Cullom, of Illinois, Republican; and Pennsylvania, with Senators Quay and Cameron; Burrows, of Michigan; Shoup, of Idaho; Mitchell, of Oregon, Republicans, and Peffer, of

Kansas, Populist.

26 out of 357 representatives.

The late Henry W. Grady, who was one of the best humorists, once related to a friend the following anecdote of "It was shortly after the close of the

war," said he, "and Georgia was flooded with circulars of wild-cat lottery companies. I was then about fourteen years old, and walking in home late one afternoon I saw on the center-table eotyped lottery circulars addressed to my mother. It came from a lottery company in the north, purporting to be operated in the interest of confederate widows, notifying my mother that they had been informed of the death of her husband in the war and holding out to her the flattering offer of a \$5,000 prize. provided she would buy a ticket at a cost of \$5 and give the lottery a cer-

"I asked my mother if I could reply to that circular," said Grady, "and she cheerfully gave her consent. I at once indited a communication as follows: 'Gentlemen:-Your favor received I herewith accept wour proposition and request that you send by return mail

In New York City, for five consecutive years, the proportion of Deaths from Consumption has been three in every Twenty Persons.

truly. "You outwitted them eleverly," said

any sense!"-Stanton, in Times-Herald. THAT SETTLED IT. The esteem in which the sailor's calling is held in Massachusetts coast towns is indicated by a story that comes from Martha's Vineyard. teacher was wanted and a sailor applied for the position. He had to pass an examination by the committee and trembled at the ordeal, being sadly unlearned in book-lore. The chairman began the examination: "Mr. what is the shape of the earth?" "It is It was not until 1840 that Ohio gave round, sir," the candidate answered. "How do you know?" "Because have sailed around it three times.

Harrison, and he was not born within her borders. In 1868 Ulysses S. Grant. born at Point Pleasant, O., in 1822, but a citizen of Illinois, was elected and served two terms. He was succeeded by Rutherford B. Hayes, of Ohio, and four years later another Ohioan, James A. Garfield, became chief magistrate. In 1888 Benjamin Harrison, of Indiana. but born at North Bend, O., succeeded Grover Cleveland in the white house. Thus Ohio had in the period of 48 years, four native-born citizens and one by adoption in the presidential office, and ranks next to Virginia as the state of presidents. Two of her sons, Wilham McKinley and William B. Allison are now named for that high office, and the present prospect is that it will go

to one of them.

The "Ohio man" is also very much in evidence in the present congress. In sentatives, and such distinguished

In the house, too, Ohio comes in for no inconsiderable share of the mem-

bers. Of her own delegation of twenty-one members, all are Ohians by birth except Sorg, born in Wheeling, W. Va.: DeWitt, in Indiana; Grosvenor, in Connecticut, and Northway, in New York. Then she has, besides, R. R. Hitt, Illinois, chairman of the important foreign affairs committee, born at Urbana; George W. Smith. Illinois, a native of Putnam county; J. A. T. Hull, Iowa, of Clinton county; W. P. Hepburn, Iowa,

of Wellsville, Columbiana county; W. B. Calderwood, Kansas, of Perry county; J. K. Cowen, Maryland, of Millersburg, Holmes county; J. A. Tracy, Missouri, of Wayne county; C. G. Burton, Missouri, of Cleveland; J. E. Reyburn, Pennsylvania, of Clark county, and Warren Miller, West Virginia, of Meigs county. These give Of bership in the house and senate of thirty-five, not including her four representatives who were born in other states, or 9 out of the 87 senators and

AN ANECDOTE OF HENRY W. GRADY.

A Startling Admission.

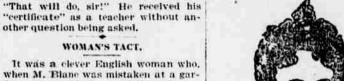
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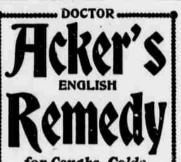
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