## THE SCRANTON TRIBUNE- FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 31, 1896.



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#### SYNOPSIS.

Miss Druslia Brockway, a maden lady, fying by her self in a village near one of the coast cities of Maine, receives a hard "all while alone in her house. She be-somes a bedridden fivalid, and inna'y tends for her nephew and his family from Massachusetts to occupy her house and ake care of her. Corinna Brockway, his laughter, is emaged to be married to Her-ber of the standard to Her-ber benches in the effy hear Autor Jennikov, who lives in the city near Autor Drussilla's, and this is an added in-Jucement. They find Autor Drusilla nerv-sus and dictatorial. She has a room in the front part of the house where she ob-prives and oversees everything that goes in. Corinna conceals her engagement from Aunt Druslin, but one evening by acident prepared an extra strong cup of ica for the old lady who is kept awake and hears Herbert kissing Corinna in the hall. She summons Corinna's mother and barns the name of Corinna's intended, at 1 at once supects that he is the grandson of a man with whom her father once had of a man with whom her father once do a a quarrel. This turns out to be the cube, the old hady is enraged, and threatens to haunt the couple if they marry. She dies, and the young people ift up the room for their private partor. The father of Corin-na insists that a carefully cherished pho-tograph of Auni Drussilla shall be kept they are not be been build be kept. in the room, and it is placed in its old place on the manti-place. Every evening Her-bert comes out on the electric car to spend the evening with Corinna.

### PART III.

But from the day that Aunt Dru-'llia's picture was restored to its old vlace Corinna's pleasure in the room



was subtly blighted. The next morning when she entered it, singing, with a duster in her hand, the first thing until the wholesome daylight should which she saw was the photograph, that lay face downward upon the floor about three feet in front of the fire-It up and replaced it, without thought, please her father. Moreover, what But she felt a curious little shudder, would be the use, since if the ghost of But Herbert was laughing. She went on singing in her clear and Aunt Drusilla really took that menas

| oulte ready to leave the room she left Miss Drusilla Brockway, a maiden lady, the photograph where it lay, Finally she picked it up, averting her eyes from It, and set it in its place. Then she hustened away. That evening when Corinna, accom-

voice.

the Stygiar ferry that we read about.

Saw the Photograph Totter and

Spring Toward Her.

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panied by Herbert, opened the door of the parlor the likeness of Aunt Drusilla was lying upon the carpet. "The old haly has tumbled off her perch." said Herbert, with scant rev-

And he set her up again. erence He did not see the fright in Corinna's eyes. All that evening the girl sat with her shoulders toward the picture; if it

and old Mr. Charon, of Charonsville, sprang down again she did not wish to see that. Once, indeed, it seemed to won't deadhead her this way again." So, staid with reason and comforted her that she heard a light thing strike on the floor; but at that moment Herwith the classics-or, rather, such very slight and second-hand acquaintance with them as they had-the lovers bert was reading aloud and the car was passing, so that she could not be certain. When he arose to go away she passed a pleasant evening. Thrice, infollowed him into the entry without

menace them, then stagger and drop to At all events, the following morning she found the photograph prone upon the carpet, and there she let it rean eye on the image of the hag, take The strange contest of wills between herself and the uncanny piece of her up tenderly and replace her on the shelf. pasteboard dispirited and wearied Corinna. Finally she put the photograph "Will you set where you're sot?" he away in the table drawer and hoped for She did not wish to confide her monition of Neighbor Dunn to her fear to Herbert; of course, it was a youngest child, who on one occasion in fanciful dread, and he would laugh at his presence had been an unquiet pasit. Neither would she let the charm of senger in the electric car. But 'tis no use jesting with ghosts: the parlor be spoiled for him as it was

for all that we call them " old truefor her. But one evening as she watcher for penny" and "old mole," they chill the Herbert's coming her father, who was marrow of the bones and prick the hair adjusting a window-shade roller in her on end. So when Herbert had set Aunt little parlor, called to her: "Corinny, where is aunt's picter?" Drusilla in place for the third time he ceased reading and fell on thought. She saw the gleam of the car light Corinna watched him anxiously, Final

ly he spoke, consulting his timepiece: "We will read thirteen minutes down the road, but she must run to find the photograph. Her father took it in his hand. nore," said he. "Then we will listen "A pleasant likeness. Looks almost at the same time keeping our eyes " he commented. He & tood, holdfixed on that bewitched old photograph. ing it, studying the face. Then he heard Unless 1 am mistaken, Corinna,

the sound of the approaching car. "There, run along, Corinny," he bade tage. her, good-naturedly. And, not to mar the lovers' meeting,

he remained just where he was, gazing at the picture until he judged it discreet to his; when he held out the dial of to appear and welcome young Jennison. Then he set Aunt Drusilla in her place utes had passed she slipped her little and went out into the entry. "Glad to inger into his hand with the action of ee you, Herbert," he said, cordially. But late that evening Corinna heard away sound that mixed with the wind again the light impact of the paste- and the rush of the rain, but was more board as it fell to the floor; and again she would not look at it, but waited

evil thing and put it in its own place. More than once in the days that fol-And truly, just as the car thundered

about it. I thought I could keep it ica, and the Atlantic ocean on the political question that will affect the from you, because you always sit with | 25th inst. These shadows forebode your back that way. But fonight- trouble to all upon whom the we staid awhile talking with father and fail. South America, Africa and t mother-and Aunt Drusilla had Leen islands in the Atlantic and Antary mentioned. And-and-Herbert, i'm oceans will be set upon by folda oceans will be set upon by fetcie

afraid of her! You know what the said rations and there will be wars and -that she would haunt us!" The blue fearful deeds among the savages for eyes of the girl were strained with terthe next two or three years. America ror: there was a husky tremor in her will be free from all these evilomens during the year of 1896. Business will "Don't be afraid," said her lover, revive and America, "the home of the brave and the land of the free," will "That was easy for Aunt Drusilla to say-but they don't come back from be the envy of all nations on earth. the other world. She didn't have any Mars will continue to show his aucommutation ticket when she went over

thority this month and will laugh at the high wind gales, storms, tornadoes, floods and cyclones that will sweep many parts of the country like mad. In our Storm and Sign Calendar in Storms and Signs, we have set danger signals on all the days from the 10th to 16th, and from the 23d to the 29th. Terrible gales, gales unprecedented, will sweep over many sections of the Old Country and America, between the first and the middle of the month; as the gaseous matter will pass away from the sun during that time and cause blizzards that will nearly reach

the equator, unless the electric currents are "growned" by nature, then instead of hard storms, an earthquake will be the result. Strange phenomena will be seen in the heavens. A new and very large comet is heading for the earth and will be visible to the large telescopes some time in March or April. The comet that I discovered last fall can now be seen by the naked eye in

the Eastern horizon in the early morning time after 5 o'clock. The position of the planets foretell the coming of an unexpected and serious pouncal question and a religious war threat. The earth is now in sign Leo (the lion), opposed by sign Aquarius (the water

deed, did the likeness of Aunt Dru-silla stir and pitch forward as if to if possible. If high wind gales pass over the country on or about the 12th, the floor. Each time did Herbert, who 13th or 14th of the month, then the evil had seated himself where he could keep forces of nature will soon retire and great prosperity, peace and happiness will be in store for America, and America only. A strange Aurora light will take place in the Southern Seas on or inquired of her sternly, quoting an ad- about the 25th inst. A tornado will sweep the Atlantic City sometime hetween the 1st and 15th. A strong electrie current has been running from the

Northeast to the Southwest for 25 consecutive days and when the reaction sets in there will be trouble and the elements will war.

#### Words of Warning.

Fearful deeds among the savages will continue in the old country in the face but one thing. Gosh! that was funny. of all protests by Christian nations, Mars and Venus will be within one de-

gree of each other on the 9th and an epidemic of diphtheria or scarlet fever will be almost sure to follow. The earth is now in sign Leo, (the lion) opposed by sign Aquarius, (the waterman) who will try to drown the carth if possible

The financial gale will continue to ton Post. sweep over the country for a short time, Cheer up. All the storms will soon be over, then we will all be rolling in clover.

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in the southern seas on the first of this month and in the northern seas on or about the 25th inst.

There will be one or two beautiful sunset scenes this month for the first time since the month of Nevember Prepare for fearful storms or an earthquake.

Watch out for high wind gales between the 10th and 15th.

America will not be able to see the eclipse of the sun but she will feel the effects of it.

Labor troubles will arise in America and lead to high crimes.

New issues will spring up and absorb the minds of our law and order makers yet there is no danger of war. War in America is out of the question.

#### Special Warning.

Special warning is hereby given to all parents to guard their children well; for the evil influences that Mars will exert upon earth this month will excite the nervous system of all children, not born under the planet Mars, and many children will become almost insane through the unseen evil influences that Mars will exert. And, unless they are well watched and protected many children will have their nervous system shocked beyond all hopes of recovery. Professor C. Coles.

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BAR HAR OR STORY.

This is a Bar Harbor story, and the man who told it to me declares he was there when it happened. There is a Washington family of the ultra-exclusive sort, whose summer home is up there on the Maine coast. They have kinsmen in the neighborhood, and one evening, quite unexpectedly, one of their rural uncles dropped in on them to make an indefinite stay. They wouldn't for worlds have been rule to him, but he was dreadfully in the way, so they gave him a ticket to the performance of the "Messiah" and sent him off to hear the oratorio. He went, Next morning at breakfast one of his nieces asked him how he liked it.

"Wall," said he, "I guess I kinder liked it, but it wa'n't very funny. There was nothin' funny in it, so fer as 1 see, 'What was that, uncle?" the nicee asked.

"Waal," said the old man, "there was nigh a dozen old maids got up and sang, 'Fer unto us a King is given. unto us a Son is born.' An' as soon as they said it a los of follows back of them jumped up an' began to shout, Wonderful, wonderfui!"-Washing-









shall learn something to our advan-She was puzzled, but all her trust was in Herbert. Ten minutes were gone, and she hitched her chair a little nearer

his watch to show her that twelve mina timid child. Then they heard a far-

unvarying and stronger than those, "That is the electric car," said Herbert, "Steady, Corinna! Look at you companion her, when she would lift the aunt."

by, the photograph of Aunt Drusilla place, as if it had leaped from its sta- lowed Corinna thought of destroying reared itself like a viper and leaped tion on the mantel shelf. Covinna took the photograph, but that would dis- from the mantel shelf. Covinna gave : slight scream and started to her feet. "I ought to have thought of that at

looking back. main.

books, arranged in neat radiation unkind spirit could find other ways to around the crocheted lamp mat on the the same end. Corinna decided to bear table in the center of the room. All then stand upright, totter and spring toward her, falling to the floor. A su- to grow pale and thin; there was an perstitious terror seized Corinna; her breath stopped and her hands became cold and moist as she stood, not daring to remove her gaze from the object of her fears. She could hear her mother beating eggs in the kitchen, her father chopping wood in the barn, the noise of the electric car that had passed the house and was speeding down the slope of the hill toward Neighbor Dunn's. These everyday sounds dissolved the spell. Corinna would not be silly; she finished her task, dusting everything conscientiously. But until she was



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pleasant voice while she dusted the of disturbing the lovers, no doubt her once," he said. "Don't you understand. Corinna? There's a ledge of rock that runs across the street and by this side these post-mortem spites as she had of the house. That is the reason that at once she saw the photograph stir, borne the while's and railings of Aunt the grass cannot take deep root here, Drusilla in the flesh. But the girl began anxious pucker in her pretty, white away, brow; her manner was listiess and ner- ledge it jars this room and makes the ous. Her mother noticed this change in Corinna; but, having decocted and my dear girl. I will lay the ghost for prescribed a tonic of bitter herbs, she dunged headlong into "spring cleaning," which from that moment occupied And I warrant you that from this cut, all her mind. Beside Corinna declared that nothing was the matter with her. "And spring weather lets everybody down," Sarah Brockway concluded. One gusty, rainy evening of late April it seemed to Herbert that as he and do such honor to the auni who had been

Corinna entered the parlor together she started as if frightened. "What is it?"

he asked her. "Nothing, nothing," answered Co-

He looked at her. Her lins were apart with fear, she was pale, staring at something that lay upon the floor near the fireplace. Herbert was carrying the lighted lamo; he went forward to examine the object. "Why," it is only Aunt Drusilla's pho-

tograph." He picked it up and set it on the mantel shelf.

"But-but-how came it down there?" said the girl with a shivering voice. "My dear child the wind blew it These old houses let in all sorts down of little draughts around the windows. "No, it was not the wind," said Corinna, with the nulst of hopelers conviction. "Herisert, I meant not to say anything about it, because, of course

you will laugh at me. Every evening whether the wind blows or not, that picture quits its place. Every morning I find it on the floor. While you are reading to me that dreadful thing totters forward and then leaps off the shelf

and turns yellow; that is why the old birch has pulled up stakes to run When the car goes over the photograph jump. That is all, truly, you: I will bring a neat and rather solid frame for the picture tomorrow Aunt Drusilla will behave herself." Herbert kept his word, bringing heavy standing frame in gilt metal. Holman Brockway thought it very hadsonme in the future son-in-law ungentle to the lovers. "I take it very kind of you, Herbert," he said. "Tis right, 'tis accordin' to eligion. You're kind o' heatin' cont

of fire onto her head, u-gittia' that nic frame for her pleter. It shows a good disposition in you, Herbert. An' that womises well for Corinny's happiness. mess she's doin' well to marry you." And Aunt Drusilla-as woman, ghost r photograph-troubled them no more. (The end.)

PROF. COLES FOR FEBRUARY.

Mars and Venus will walk hand in hand until the 21st inst. They will then take their departure and leave old Mother Earth to gather the harvest of ares that they have so freely sown MEN'S roadcast over the earth. They will itness the shadows of sorrow that the m's celipse will cast upon the southastern coast of South America, South-'ra Africa and the Antaretic oceans on

he 13th inst. and that the moon's clipse will cast over Europe, Asla and 111 Africa and in part to Australia the

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