The Pittsburgh Gazette.

How it Feels to be Blown Up—A Michigan Local Editor's Experience.

Most of our readers will doubtless remember the explosion of the steamer Magnolia on the Ohio river, some ten miles above Cincinnati, in March last. Mention was made at the time of the supposed fatal injuries received by Charles B. Lewis, ("Em Quad"), ex-local editor of the Lansing *Democrat*, who was on his way to accept a situation on the Maysville, (Ky.) *Bulletin*. Being now, after a lapse of more than three months, partially able to resume his duties, he thus writes up an account of his accident for the *Jacksonian:*

"When I bought my ticket I asked the clerk if the Magnolia was considered a safe boat. He looked at me with a half-sneering, half-pitying expression, and replied by inquiring if I had ever traveled much.

"'Well, no—not above the average.'

"'Then you'll learn something by-and-by,' he continued.

"I did. Was seated in the cabin, between an ex-Colonel of a Georgia regiment and a Cincinnati pork dealer, and we were all talking over the impeachment matter. My fellow passengers soon became heated and angry. They were cursing Congress and the President across my head—each one as he felt—and I was looking for a muss. Their angry talk soon collected a crowd. I had just got up from my chair to keep clear of the coming fracas, when I heard a yell of agony, and before you could have counted three, up through the cabin, and almost under our feet, came a huge, jagged mass of iron.

"For an instant thereafter I was conscious of everything going on. I saw the cabin roof lifted up, heard the angry hiss of steam, the crashing of timbers, and a cry from the injured and frightened passengers that will never be forgotten. Then I was lifted from my feet; I felt an intense pain in the back of my head, and a biting, stinging sensation over my entire body. Sixteen days afterwards I awoke in the Commercial hospital at Cincinnati. I knew that I was badly hurt, but could not remember how or when I was injured.

"As afterwards ascertained, I was blown out of the cabin into the river. When the explosion occurred, the steamer was just rounding the bend above California, hugging pretty close the Ohio shore to avoid the heavy current. I must have taken a jump of at least two hundred feet, as I was picked up close to the shore. The survivors were conveyed down to the city on a tug, and here comes the only joke I can discover in the whole affair.

"From some cause or other, my face was turned to as deep a black as negro ever wore, and I was accordingly treated as one. A dead cart was sent down from the hospital, and side by side with two wounded darkeys, lying on a mattress, I was carried up. The mistake was not discovered until the surgeons commenced shaving the hair off to get at my broken skull. I was supposed, for the first two days, to be a deck hand, but the telegram from my wife to the editor of the *Enquirer*, who came and hunted me up, soon set the matter right.

"On awakening in the hospital, I inquired how badly I was hurt. The only answer I received was to 'keep still.' Considering that I could move neither hand nor foot, I regarded this advice as entirely thrown away. But it did not take me long to find out that, first, there was an uncomfortable 'air-hole' in the back of my head; second the sight entirely gone from the left optic and the skin peeled off my face and ears; third that I had been 'steamed,' or rather cooked, from head to heels, including both arms; and lastly that the doctors had just pulled me through a severe attack of pneumonia. Remained in the hospital twenty-nine days, and then concluded to go home. Had not yet been able to leave my bed, but, accompanied by my brother-in-law, C. H. Rulison, Esq., who had nursed me from the third day, I made the journey.

"Getting home—my friends had been looking to see me come in a coffin—my wounds had all filled up with 'proud flesh.' This, of course, had to be burned out, driving me crazy for a night and a day, and compelling me to use a solution of blue vitriol twice a day for forty days. So you can form a slight idea of the pain and suffering, and how much 'ye local' can endure without becoming 'dead matter.'

"Now, after a lapse of almost one hundred days, I find myself once more about, but condemned to wear the savage marks of the steam-fiend to my grave. A bald spot where the iron missile crushed my skull, a 'piebald' eye, a face that resembles a beet, and over my arms, body and limbs are scars that resemble great slices of fresh beef laid upon the skin. But after all, I am yet alive and getting ready to once more pursue the 'itemizing business,' which you know is vastly better than being fished out of the Ohio some torpid day, with no Coroner handy for an inquest."

Fruit.

We give the following extracts from an article about fruit in a recent number of *Chamber's Journal*:

I am not quite sure whether fruit is always brought to us as it should be. Pears and apples no doubt bear careful carriage, and, however suddenly they may ripen at last, are often a long time reaching the perfection of maturity, even after they have been gathered; but there is an essence which belongs to most fruit, and which begins to vanish the moment it is plucked. Even the short transfer from the garden wall to the dish at dessert cannot be made without the loss of some of that subtle flavor which is conveyed by the living stalk from the sun-fed tree. Fruit should be eaten alive, like oysters. There is an edge to the taste of a fresh-opened oyster, which comes, I suppose, from the surprise he feels at being suddenly scooped out of his shell. In a few minutes this gives place to a feeling of alarm, and then, in an hour or two, to one of despair. When he is laid out with his brethren in a dish, the whole fruit is hopeless and sad. They may still taste of life, but it is of life disappointed. But the fresh opened oyster has no time to grow feverish or melancholy.

While a plumb, for example, hangs upon its stalk, it is in some kind of magnetic correspondence with all the powers of nature. Cut it off, and in time it dies, currupt, unwholesome; and every movement in its progress from life to death is marked by a decadence of that essence which makes fruit delicious. Therefore, supposing that you pluck it ripe, the sooner a plum is eaten the better for you. This of course applies most to tender, thin-skinned fruit. A firm apple dies slowly. A nut holds out long against the debasing influence of separation from its source of life. But plumbs, figs, peaches, apricots, and strawberries begin to suffer directly after they are gathered. This is the case even with pines, which are susceptible of bruises, but they contain such an apparent surplussage of flavor that the first stages of their decay are not perceived except by a cunning palate.

I think the morning is the best time for fruit; I am not quite sure, though. The afternoon is good. But I don't recommend fruit with the dew on it. Let the fruit get its own breakfast before you eat it yourself. It breakfasts on early sunshine and dew. It takes these things in, and smiles upon itself and the world, just as you do just half an hour after a pleasant breakfast. Eat it while it is in this humor, by no means in the raw and early morning; thus you have the young freshness and virgin flavor of the fruit. It has another character later in the day, when it is filled with sunshine; then I think it is sweeter.

The Little Woman.

As a rule, the little women are brave. When the lymphatic giantess falls into a faint, or goes off into hysterics, she storms, or bustles about, or holds on like a game terrier, according to the work on hand. She will fly at any man who annoys her, and bears herself as equal to the biggest and strongest fellow of her acquaintance. In general she does it all by sheer pluck, and is not notorious for subtlety or craft. Had Delilah been a little woman, she would never have undertaken to shear Samson's locks. She would have defied him with all his strength untouched on his head; and she would have overcome him, too. Judith and Jael were both probably large women. The work they went about, demanded a certain strength of muscle and toughness of sinew; but who can say that Jezebel was not a small, freckled, auburn haired Lady Audley of her time, full of the consecrated fire, the electric force, the passionate recklessness of her type? Regan and Goneril might have been beautiful demons of the same pattern; we have the example of the Marchioness de Brinvillers as to what amount of spiritual deviltry can exist with the face and manner of an angel direct from heaven; and perhaps Cordelia was a tall, dark haired girl, with a pair of brown eyes, and a long nose sloping downward.

On the whole, then, the little women have the best of it. More petted than their bigger sisters, and infinitely more powerful, they have their own way, in part, because it really does not seem worth while to contest a point with such little creatures. There is nothing that wounds a man's self-respect in any victory they may get or claim. Where there is absolute inequality of strength, there can be no humiliation in the self-imposed defeat of the stronger; and as it is always more pleasant to have peace than war, and as big men for the most part rather like than not to put their necks under the tread of tiny feet, the little woman goes on her way triumphant to the end, breaking all the laws she does not like, and throwing down all the barriers that impede her progress, perfectly irresistible and irrepressible in all circumstances and under any conditions.—*Saturday Review.*

Willow Ware.

It is a surprising fact that upward of five thousand different articles in common use are manufactured of the ordinary willow. The American willow is probably as good as the German and French varieties for all practical purposes, but an insufficient quantity of it is grown, and hence we depend chiefly on the foreign supply. The French are famous for the production of "fancy" articles in willow ware, but the Germans, and especially the Bavarians, excel in the general excellence of the work of this kind. They devise all sorts of useful contrivances and display much ingenuity in inventing curious articles which are of no particular utility, but serve to adorn spare corners of apartments, or to pique curiosity as to the purposes for which they are intended.

In Bavaria, fathers hand down their knowledge of this art to their sons, and when the sons become fathers, their progeny follow the same line of business. Willow working is a family affair, and long practice makes perfect. Expert and nimble fingers are required, to split and weave the little willow wands into so many shapes as these facile people producc. From the tiny toy basket, scarcely bigger than a lady's thimble, but complete in all its parts, which is to go to the child's nursury, up to the ponderous hamper with the capacity of bushels there is a wide leap—but the Bavarian worker knows how and when and where to stick his awl, and thread in the willow in and out. Some of his work is so fairy that a breath blows them away; another piece is strong enough to hold a heavy man, with no danger that he will break the plaited straws. In this country heavy willow-work is chiefly produced—such as clothes-baskets, children's chairs and wagons, market baskets and the like, and the blind excel in his industry. Some very neat and pretty patterns are made in the Shaker settlements. On the banks of the Connecticut river large supplies of willow are obtained, of a quality unsurpassed by those of any other part of the globe.

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BUSINESS CHANGES.

CO-PARTNERSHIP.

We have admitted WILL. P. DILWORTH as a partner with us in the wholesale Grocery Business, on the 1st inst.

J. S. DILWORTH & CO.,

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JULY 6TH, 1868. jy8:s77

CO-PARTNERSHIP.—THE UNDERSIGNED have this day associated themselves together under the firm name of

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For the purpose of carrying on the WHOLESALE LOOKING GLASS BUSINESS, at No 6 Wood st.

WM. PICKERSGILL, Jr.,
JAMES LYONS,
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OLIVER McGRAIL.

Pittsburgh, July 1st, 1868. jy10:s97

DISSOLUTION OF CO-PARTNERSHIP.—The Partnership heretofore existing under the style of

SAMUEL HASTINGS & CO.,

Is this day dissolved by mutual consent, DAVID EWING withdrawing from the firm. The business will be carried on as usual, under the old name of S. HASTINGS & CO., Carpenters and Builders, corner of West street and North Avenue. The business of the old firm will be settled by the undersigned.

SAMUEL HASTINGS,
DAVID HASTINGS.

Allegheny, July 6th, 1868. jy8:s91

NOTICE.

The undersigned has associated with him in business, dating from April 1st, 1868, Mr. ALFRED S. WALL, his son ASA S. GILLISPIE and LOUIS ENGLERT. The style of the firm to be J. J. GILLESPIE & CO. J. J. GILLESPIE.

Referring to the above, the undersigned take pleasure in stating that they will continue the

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BANKRUPT NOTICES.

DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES, for the Western District of Pennsylvania. IN BANKRUPTCY.

Western District of Pennsylvania, ss.

A Warrant in Bankruptcy has been issued by said Court against the Estate of JAMES D. DRAVO, of the county of Allegheny, and State of Pennsylvania, in said District, adjudged a bankrupt upon petition of his creditors, and the payment of any debts and the delivery of any property belonging to said bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law. A meeting of the creditors of said bankrupt, to prove their debts and choose one or more assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden at Pittsburgh, in said District, on the 6th day of August, A. D. 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the office of SAMUEL HARPER, Esq., No. 93 Diamond street, one of the Register's in Bankruptcy of said District.

THOMAS A. ROWLEY,
jy10:s95 U. S. Marshal for said District.

WESTERN DISTRICT of PENNSYLVANIA, SS.

At Pittsburgh, the 22d day of June, A. D. 1868. The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of JOSEPH R. PRICKE, of Pittsburgh, in the county of Allegheny and State of Pennsylvania, within said district, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district.

JOHN H. BAILEY, Assignee,
je22:r94t Attorney-at-law, 89 Grant street.

LEGAL.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, Pa. At No. —, June Term, 1868. In the matter of the application for a Charter of Incorporation of the "German Catholic St. Francisca Beneficial Society (Hospital) of Pittsburgh."

And now to wit, May 23, 1868, the petition of the donors of said Hospital, the Articles of Association and instrument of writing, &c., under which they propose to be incorporated, being presented to the Court, and the objects, articles and conditions therein set forth appearing to be lawful, &c., on motion of JOHN BARTON, Attorney for the Petitioners, it is ordered that said instrument of writing be filed in the office of the Prothonotary of said Court, and that notice of said application be inserted in the Pittsburgh *Gazette* for at least three weeks, setting forth that said application has been made to said Court to grant said Charter, and that the same will be granted at the next term of said Court, unless exceptions are filed in proper time.

Certified from the Record.

my25:q60-M JACOB H. WALTER, Proth'y.

NOTICE.—Letters Testamentary having been granted me on the ESTATE OF MARY FANGMEYER, deceased, all persons having claims against her estate will present them to me, duly authenticated, and all persons owing said estate will make payment to me or my attorney, JOHN W. TAYLOR, No. 73 Grant street.

CHRISTOF FANGMEYER.

July 2d, 1868. jy3:s41

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