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HARDWARE. JOHN F. Blymyer. Has reopened his store.

Hardware of Every Description. COAL OIL LAMPS. CHIMNEYS.

PAINTERS' GOODS IN GENERAL. A large stock of Table Knives and Forks.

REPAIRING. ALL WORK WARRANTED. LOWEST POSSIBLE PRICES.

DIAMOND HOTEL. Samuel Custer, Proprietor. Having been favored with a large share of patronage.

W. CUNNINGHAM. PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. LAYANSVILLE, PA.

REYNOLDS, STEEN & CO. (Opposite St. Charles Hotel). 41 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, PA.

TIN WARE. The undersigned is prepared to manufacture all kinds of tin ware.

House Furnishing Goods. Small size in life line. Shop at corner of Wood and Main streets.

Miscellaneous. JOHN DIBERT & CO. BANKERS. NO. 340 MAIN STREET, JOHNSTOWN, PENNA.

DR. U. M. BEACHLY'S. CELEBRATED BLOOD PURGE! "This remedy has been in use over twenty years."

HOW I CAME TO GET MARRIED. An Old Pioneer's Story. "Your speaking of being chased by wolves in Canada woods recalls a similar experience I once had in Ohio."

JUST RECEIVED AT A. W. KNEPPER'S. A Good Assortment of Notions and Groceries.

SOL UHL. WITH A. H. FRANCISCUS & CO. IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN COTTON YARNS, BATTIS, WICK.

FOR SALE. A Second-hand 15-Horse Power Steam Engine AND BOILER.

FURNITURE. LEMON & WEISE. The oldest and best known firm of Lemon & Weise, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

WM. BOOSE & Co. FOUNDERS & MACHINISTS. SALISBURY, PENN'A.

HOLTZMAN & WEIDERHOLD. Manufacturers of and Dealers in BEDDING AND CURTAIN GOODS.

"GO IT ALONE." There's a game much in fashion. I think it called "Go."

Henry, what is the matter—what makes you look so pale? "Assuming a more tragic vocation, I replied, 'Be firm, dearest—rely on me; we are followed by wolves. Look behind you and you can see the monsters, who are already thirsting for our blood.'"

"The wolf-keeping them chewing a few minutes I said, 'I will die together, and she pulled me down by the side her to await her fate. While thus employed, I succeeded in obtaining a hasty avowal of Fanny, at the same time I was holding back the horses to let the pursuers go by.'"

"It was in the year 1850 that I came to Cleveland, and became employed in a hardware store on Superior street. I had spent all my previous life on a farm, and became tired of tramping around over the pastures."

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"The production of silver from the mines of Utah for the year 1871 is estimated to exceed \$4,000,000, and it is believed that the Little Cottonwood district alone has yielded more than \$6,000,000 the present year. There are seven mines there, besides the Emma, yielding more than \$1,000,000 each, some reaching as high as \$1,400,000."

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A Cheap Fish-Pond. A Missouri correspondent of the Rural World gives the following directions for preparing a fish-pond and the variety of fish to put in it.

"As a point to begin, and place within the reach of every farmer in the State this much desired luxury, I will suggest a plan, costing nothing and will not likely freeze to the bottom in winter. Then catch with the seine a fish known in the streams of Kentucky as the new-light, and called in Missouri the caliver-perch; convey them without injury to the pond, and you will always be certain of an abundance of excellent fish."

"I have given the names above those by which I have heard them called, not being present in fishology. They are a broad, flat fish, with mottled silver sides, white belly, sucker mouth, with less of a delicate web-like structure. They run in the schools; bite best at the live minnow, but will take the common fishing worm very well; grow to the weight of from 14 to 2 pounds. They require no feeding—I find anywhere the sunfish can. I find them in every stream that I am familiar with north of the Missouri river, and I have no doubt they abound south of the same."

"We take the foregoing to be a variety of the sunfish, and though it is a good fish, and relished as one of our best river and creek fishes, it is much inferior in flavor to some others, the white perch for instance. They are indeed to be found almost everywhere, and the varieties of them are almost innumerable. They seem to multiply rapidly in almost any waters, ponds or streams. Some of them are nearly round, others are more elongated, and they weigh from an ounce in weight up to hundreds of pounds. The sea sunfish is sometimes between five and six feet long, and are often harpooned by sailors for food, and are excellent eating. In pure fresh water they never grow large, not over a quarter of a pound; in tide water they grow larger, and sometimes weigh as much as a pound; but in salt water, up bays, rivers and creeks, they grow to two or three times the weight of the latter."

"Of course no one would think of having a fish-pond without a fair supply of water. In each pond, two, there should be a portion agitated by the stream, or the streams of good force, or the fish will be very insipid. It is an error to suppose that a plan having a small spring can have fish by damming it up. It is true they will live and multiply, but the quality, among those who make this a point in fish-eating, will be very ordinary."

The Early Buccaneers. Of the practical cruises of the early buccaners, and of the fate of the Spanish galleons which fell in their way, history contains no record. The first raid commemorated in their chronicles is the attack on the town of San Francisco, Campeche, by Lewis Scott, an Englishman. It succeeded. The Spaniards, accompanied by their Indian allies, were routed, and the galleon which was to be laden with the plunder of the exploit struck through all the islands which were not held by Spaniards. Soon afterwards a Dutchman, named Davis, after an unsuccessful cruise, proposed his crew to undertake an expedition against the town of Granada, Nicaragua. It was known to be wealthy and populous, and the sailors—part French, part English, and part Dutch—jumped at the proposal. Davis rowed nearly a hundred miles up the river, then left his ships, and with eighty determined men, advanced by night to the city. The plan of operations was characteristic. A sentinel challenging them as they approached, they replied that they were fishermen returning home, and two of them advanced toward him, apparently in order to afford further explanations. He met them half way, when they threw their boats into the water, and their swords through his body. They had secured a guide, who led them, one by one, to the houses of the richest inhabitants. Each knocked at a door and begged to see the master of the house. Admitted, he seized the Spaniard by the throat and bade him surrender his own to man's estate. A small party had been detailed to look after the churches. They called on the sacristans, apologized for the lateness of their visit, and begged the loan of the keys of the churches. An hour or two sufficed to hammer the sacramental cups into lumps of metal, to force the bells from their jeweled eyes, and to pack all the altar plate. The work was complete, in fact, by the time some one of the Spaniards gave the alarm by ringing a bell. The buccaners instantly hurried to the appointed rendezvous; then forming in square, they retreated to the boats, and gave the signal for their departure. They were not content with their plunder; they secured the persons of several leading citizens, whom they afterwards released for a ransom of five hundred crowns. Davis arrived safely at Jamaica with his booty, and an equitable division was made, the poorest sailor receiving over five hundred crowns as his share of the week's profit.

Sensible Women. No person in the wide world commands so great respect as a sensible woman. Not the butterflies of fashion who stifle the cries of innocent children and hush to obey the behests of society; not the miserable groundlings whose time is too precious to waste in the commonplace duties of a faithful wife or mother; not the milksoops who talk flippantly of the last novel and cannot tell whether yeast or pulverized chalk is used to make bread; not the women who, with strong-minded females who go about with uncombed hair and dirty hands; but the refined, cultivated woman, who is true to herself, and consequently true to her God and family. One whose mind is a rich storehouse, filled with practical knowledge; one who can see the wisdom in a nation's laws, and the natural philosophy; one who can wash dishes—if her condition in life requires it—or teach drawing; one who can ring the changes of a cooking stove or a piano; one who will "bide content the modest lot of woman," and does not seek to make presidents and grocers to be made without undergoing the perils of boyhood. One whose influence is felt in the home circle; whose teachings point toward heaven. Such a woman is worthy the reverence of all true men.

The unprofitableness of storing gold away in an old stocking has been illustrated in McLean county, Ill. An old man has just sold to a bank \$4000 in the precious metal which he had stored away before the rebellion. It had been sold when the premium was high, and the proceeds were \$2000. Now it would be worth \$30,000.

Some hints regarding construction, though old, may be of use to those wishing to build a good drainage system. First, good drainage must be secured without giving the air access to the ice through the drain. If the soil is porous, or gravelly, no artificial drainage is required. It is not essential that the ice be stored underground, as it keeps quite as well above the surface. Double walls are best and safest. The ice should be compactly packed and enclosed with packed sawdust, or tanbark, on all sides and on the top, to the depth of at least twelve inches. This packing is the great preservative of the ice. Ventilation must be given from the top of the ice. With these principles in view it is easy for a novice to build an ice-house. It is well to bear in mind that the larger the body of ice stored the better it will keep. No farm ice-house should be less than twelve feet square on the inside, and eight feet high. As it is considered work to haul ice from a distance, it is wise to procure it on or near the farm, by throwing a dam across a brook, or leading the water of a spring into a basin. A few square rods of ice will suffice to fill an ordinary house.

Resting with Kings, particularly in winter, is a very good thing, but however experienced, should venture within the smooth but death-bearing current of Niagara, which inevitably carries all within its power over the Falls. People have played little teasing jokes with elephants, and when the jokers have forgotten all about it, the gravely majestic beast has put his foot upon the offender and crushed the honor out of him forever. It has been just so with malice-bearing magicians, and with courtiers who thought they might joke with them. The incarnation of all such monarchs existed in the person of an African king named Chaka. He was given to joking at others, and was betide them if they did not burst with ecstasy at the joke; but if a "fellow of infinite humor" happened to eap the royal joke with a better, Chaka broke into hilarity, which only ended by exclaiming, "Cut off that wretch's head; he has made me laugh."