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Business Cards. Various small advertisements for local businesses and services.

Cambria County BANK, M. W. KEIM & CO., JOHNSTOWN, PA.

BANKERS, JOHNSTOWN, PENNA.

AN ACT, JOHNSTOWN

SAVINGS BANK, JOHNSTOWN

WM. BOOSE & Co., FOUNDEES & MACHINISTS, SALISBURY, PENN.

G. G. Hammer & Sons, C. G. BASSETT

Garret Lumber Co., EARNEST & DELP

Ursina Lime Kilns, Prime Building Lime, By the Car Load.

ALLEGHENY CITY STAIR-BUILDING AND WOOD-TURNINGSHOP.

REGLATOR

PURELY VEGETABLE, JOHN DIBERT & CO.

LOCK STITCH, FIVE YEARS

Home Sewing Machine, WE KNOW HAYWARD'S QUINCY

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IF WE WOULD, IF WE WOULD NOT CHECK THE SPEAKER

A VERY EVEN RACE, A broad and sinuous line of river

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ple, remarking that "with all the science of the modern age, I had rarely won a race with Davy."

"A fine sight it was indeed!" resumed their enthusiastic friend. "I used to be remarkably fond of boating before I got my flesh—remarkably so."

"Harvard, are you? I am glad to hear it. Glad to have met you. Allow me to introduce myself—name's Wentworth, please—ancient stone mason set in the midst of extensive grounds. On the way up the avenue the two visitors were electrified by seeing the flutter of muslin skirts on the terrace."

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Choice of Studies in Schools. The Illinois newspapers report an interesting case involving the authority of school boards over the studies of pupils, which was decided at Rockford, Illinois, a few days ago.

Report of Commissioner of Internal Revenue. The report of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue shows that the total receipts from the year ending with June last, exclusive of the direct tax upon lands, and the duty upon the capital circulation, and deposits of National Banks, were \$114,073,456.

INNOVATION AT HOME. But the oldest piece of architecture in this city can be seen out on Farmington avenue, about a mile west of the depot, in a house being built for Mark Twain, who is Roughing-It Innocents abroad (forgive the pun), but who left the plans and contracts in the hands of a prominent architect who is pushing the work rapidly along.

Why People Don't Go to Church. Why do not people go to church more? One thinks it is, and another thinks it is not. You can open a church in a hotel and let a voice go forth that has the power of touching men, and you will find it crowded and thronged.

Justice and Mercy. No obligation of justice does force a man to be cruel or to use the sharpest sentence. A just man does justice to every man, and he does not, then, if he is also wise, he knows there is a doubt of mercy and compassion due to the infirmities of man's nature; and that it is to be paid; and he that is cruel and ungentle to a sinning person, and does the worst to him, is not doing justice.

Forest Fire. Our forest trees have done their work for the season and have laid away their gay robes until summoned again by the voice of spring. The sun was among the first to throw off its gorgeous robes, although among the last to put them on.

History of the Elizabethan Era. For the benefit of the wearers of Elizabethan ruffs, we hunt up a history of that fashionable appendage. The fashion of wearing ruffs began about 1576, according to the Stowe; and under the hands of fostering starch and forcing sticks they were worn to the length of a quarter of a yard. The bellies were not the only ones who were adorned by these immense surroundings; for the dandies of that day also assumed the ruff in its largest proportions, and all the portraits of the ancient cavaliers attest this.

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Washington Society. A writer in Leppin's says that a Washington season is a generic thing; women come to the place for the sake of it, as they go nowhere else. Through the system of calling, which is in vogue here, and the introductions obtained there to people of the more select circles, when fortified by wealth and pertinacity, upon the whole charmed round of pleasure. Society in other cities is totally unlike society in Washington. There it is an interchange of kindness between households, and summer friends; it is the festivity of happy anniversaries, the union of families in new ties, the cherishing of long acquaintances. But in Washington—except so far as the small number of residents is concerned—its whole purpose and meaning are anomalous; each administration brings a new following, each Congress has a new rabble at its heels; friendships are accidents of the day, diplomacy is carried on by dining; every party has a political purpose, every civility a double meaning. Never the less, the social life in the kindling of enthusiasm, are not absent from the scene, the contrary, there is more of that than elsewhere, for it is sustained by the chosen intellect and beauty of the continent. You may meet admirals there who have sailed round the globe, generals who have fought mighty battles, priests who may yet be the Pope's men and women who are figures of the century; they will tell you the romance of their travel, the heart beat of their success, and you will contrive to hear it for all the accompanying roar and sweep in which they are the lay figures for aspirants to power. In such a society of reporters, in such a party of course, all asperities are softened; this man's daughter dances with the son of his arch enemy; deference is accorded to the opinion of a woman on public matters as if she already possessed the right of suffrage; there is an exhilaration in meeting and avoiding, and overlooking, in the light and skilful skating over dangerous surfaces, while a rare freedom unites with a gentle, even if politic courtesy, which is delightful to meet-night, and which allures you to seek to-morrow's acquaintance without a conscience it is, possibly, but for all that sufficiently fascinating.