## THE OWL AND THE SPIDER.

don't watch them too closely. I

rather like storms."

resist to the end."

sealed.

BY PRANK IL STATFFER.

In an old belfry tower A dry and cosy bower, Dozed an owl by the hour.

But the bell's sly old chapper, Was a mischievous rapper. And soon waked the napper.

"Mr. Owl, don't you inited him : With columbs fill blud him, And round and round wind him.

Thus spoke up the spider, Strip'd like an outrider : The owl sharply eyed her.

And said : "If he cheat you, I'll not soold or beat you : I'll just merely cat you.'

The owl saw her spin Her web, frail and thin, Round the bell, out and in.

But, next Sunday morning. Without a word of warning. The bell went a storming!

With a cling and a clang, With a boom and a bang. The old chapper rang !

The out didn't childe her. Rebuke nur deride her. But he ate up the spider !

Here is a moral, dear children, for you : Never promise a thing you're not able to do. --- St. Nicholas for August.

OUT ON THE LAKE.

Wide open blue eyes, fringed with jetty lashes-a little, slender nose- denly Roydon tacked. a mouth fit for Queen Titania- "What are you doing?" cried New York of that day. I said to and a ragged-looking girl. The lat- an' we didn't 'zacily mate with him.

order-a check exquisitly fair, with home?" a tist upon it of the sea-shell, two "I wish we were already there," of fast horses. He said that he girl might be." a that upon it of the sea-shell, two a wish we were aneady thate, of hast horses. He shad that he girl high bet tle, slippered feet, and you have the blanched check, just as a little and I remember looking at the din- said. picture before Roydon Howard's breath of wind fresher than any gy, bony mare, and feeling for the "Does she generally come in a to light on. We didn't take on very gaze, and the inventory successive-they had felt, blew upon them, captain some of the shame which I thought he ought to have for him-"Why, no, sir," said the man, wasn't one o' us, as I menshuned tal diary.

ing else. Ah, if life were all sum- can.' mer, such women would make per- "Can't I help you !

The man glanced up amazed. She out with such a plug. teet wives. An andily sigh followed the latter thought of this most grave philoso-thought of this most grave philosoreverie.

major," she said, in a low, musical as he spoke. The next moment the squall ciently to let us pass. tone.

The voice suited her; it was like struck them. The little yacht lay "Try it, Cap," he should. all else about Fay Richings-in full on its side, then righted itself. Fay's lips were a little pale now, "You bid too low," answered the but no sound escaped them, only little as the grip on the reins tight- hand." perfect attune.

"You bid too low," answered the man, "and yet too high, since you ask upon a subject of whose reply you must be conscious. You forget that, spending the last hour in your The storm was now fully upon I looked around and saw the gen-through it all in a moment. You was a woman! Sure's your born it that, spending the last hour in your society, my thoughts could not wander far." "But you sigh. Must I hold my-self responsible for the sigh, too ?" "It is storm was now fully upon "But you sigh. Must I hold my-self responsible for the sigh, too ?" "It is storm was now fully upon "But you sigh. Must I hold my-self responsible for the sigh, too ?"

"I fear so-in remembering that

must join my regiment on the plains, and her tone was firmer than his changed in an instant to a hand- had found this out, and had been no. Was Sweet William her lover

this morning. Do you shill bld a penny to inquire into a thing so by a sharper blast than at first, went never saw such a transformation as leep as a sigh?" "Well, by Jova !" said Sam Ward, nake a stake? Must have been over. Both found themselves, cling- then happened. The mare lifted deep as a sigh ?" her head. Her ears no longer hung sacred mysteries of salad dressing. that gai on sich a trip, an' we talked The color deepened a little on the ing to its sides. "His charming companion of the forgive me for this. Oh, child, must beautiful cheek. "His charming companion of the forgive me for this. On, child, must to eaten the sound of the approximation of the morning." This was how he re-morning." This was how he re-we die when life holds so much ing hoofs. Her dingy body now she had cleaned up over \$600,000 and was washing my clothes-at an' I never think of it without feeldeeds had preceded him, until, be-fore meeting, had assigned him might yet be saved," she answered, volving wheel. She was all fire, She had diamonds and horses until shole up. When a distribution of the storm won't last long. We choke up. When we diskivered it something akin to hero worship. in her sweet young voice, "but, Roy- all animation, all electricity. I you couldn't rest." A little, sharp stab of pain shot don, if I slip, don't try to save me. could think of not'ing but a loco- "You didn't make any more cuff like pegs for half an hour. Then we was a woman we sot around thar' A little, sharp stab of pain shot don, if I sho, don't try to save me, could trushing along at the rate of mems, after that ?" laughed several. like pegs for hall an hour. Then we riz up and kicked them two fighters "All that was scarcely worth a not worth as much as yours." a mile a minute. Heavens how the "Well, not many-just a few," said the great operator, holding his side o' Sweet William's fur the poor out of camp an' dug a grave 'long sigh from you," she said. "It is "My God! without you, what wind cut my face. Burgundy up to the light. "I be dead gal, an' they sleep that to this "Look out for your hat, Beek," never those who go amid new scenes would mine be?" The words escaped him ere he re-alized their meaning. "Live it, then, for my sake, dear," who feel most keenly the parting, but rather those who are left behind, alized their meaning. amid the old familiar surroundings. eyes as we put the poor gal away, Fay replied, "and remember, al- reins firmly and his eyes fixed and even had a mortgage on the and say. 'Yesterday he had sat here,' an' I seed more'n one old grizzly and say, 'Yesterday he had sat here,' or per-or 'Yesterday he sat there,' or per-chance find a glove that he has chosen to die thus with you than to dropped, or a cigar half smoked-to have lived on withou you. My love, beauty that mare now is, and I the information she found on the and said : thought there was only one end of cuffs after that wasn't as exact as it them it is something felt, something good-bye." The next instant the waters had it all-annihilation. I grabbed the had been, somehow, nor as relia- hath taken away. May they be "The Lord gave and the Lord tangible. "Do you think so? Does the sand caught her torn and bleeding hands, seat firmly with both hands, and I ble." jined together in heaven. - Free "I cat by the rope, from their slight pressed my feet against the dash- And the "king of the streets" Press. sigh for the retreating wave when already one coming claims its wel- hold but Major Howard had spoken board. The wind moaned in my emptied his glass with an indescribcome? I should indeed be glad to words with no idle meaning when cars, although we made the breeze able wink that made Beach, who The Man is as the Wife is. feel that Miss Fay sometimes gave he had asked her what his life ourselves. I could hardly breathe, was short on Harlem, shiver like a me a thought among the many new would be without her. I could not see, except far ahead. I cat who has just swallowed a live A judicious wife is always nipping aspirants for the honor she has Quick as the current, in its hun- knew we were passing team after mouse .- San Francisco Post. off from her husband's moral mabestowed on me." A soldier's life gry greed for its beautiful prey, he team, and I heard the people cheer. ture twigs that are growing in wrong Paper Dishes. has many charms, spite of his hard- threw about her his protecting I shut my eyes. I thought the directions. She keeps him in shape crash would come. I would have ships, and there is some fascination. arm. A late number of the Paper World by continual pruning. If you say spite of its pain, in the long solitar- Then, as though heaven smiled, begged the captain to stop if the ry musings he holds sitting at the the winds ceased as suddenly as speed had not been so great that gives the following account of a new anything silly, she will affectionatedoor of his tent, when, instead of they had risen, and the sun burst speech was impossible. I said to and economical form of dishes re- ly tell you so. If you declare that the plain stretching before him, he forth from its hiding place, showing myself. James Beck, your day has cently introduced by a landlord in you will do some absurd act, she will find some means of preventing views the mental panorama of his the rescue which was bearing down come. Whew-w-w-W how we were Berlin past. "I'm atraid mine will confine upon them. "May I see you, if but flying. There was no motion ex-itself to one figure. Can you guess for five minutes?" were the words cepting speed. We were flying over the adoption of paper plates by chief part of all the common sense scrawled on the card Fay held a the road, horse and riders, seem- some of the great restaurants and there is in the world belongs unques-There was an instant's pause-an few hours later, in her bandaged ingly impelled by some unseen, ir- cates in Berlin. The innovation tionably to women. The wisest instant when something stirred with- hands, as she lay upon her couch, resistible power. I opeaed my eyes was first introduced during the things a man commonly does are in Roydon Howard's heart, prompt- very pale and exhausted, but with once and saw some rach away ahead summer of last year by the adven- those which his wife counsels him a heart full of gratitude for her won- waving heir hats. In an instant turous landlord of a much frequent- to do. A wife is a grand weilder of "Whose but yours? Make imagina- derful escape, awaiting him who had we had reached and passed them, ed open air restaurant. Every cus- the moral pruning knife If Johnand as we went by the three men tomer who ordered bread and butter, son's wife had lived, there would tion reality ! Come with me ! Share penned the words. a soldier's life, and let our mutual How well she knew the quick, im- seemed mingled into one. When rolls, cakes, buns or similar articles, have been no hoarding up of orange patient step, which heralded his will this end come ? 1 wondered, had them served to him upon a lit- peel, no touching the posts in walk-In the suppose that this girl cared for him : impetnonsly into the room. It is seened as the strong of the suppose that this girl cared for him : impetnonsly into the room. It is seened as the strong of the suppose that this girl cared for him : impetnonsly into the room. It is seened as the strong of the suppose that this girl cared for him : impetnonsly into the room. happen at once. It seemed as but even so, at best it was but a "I could not sleep before seeing though we had been an hour riding first glance a great similarity to por- ried he never would have worn that you," he said "My brave girl! how when the speed slackened slower celain. Guests, waiters and hosts memorable and ridiculous coat. And in time of real danger where little I knew youl I thought because and slower and at last the mare were all pleased with the noveity. Whenever you see a man whom passing fancy. would she be? How would she fit you were beautiful there could be stopped I opened my eyes and saw It saved the waiters many a deduc- you know little about, oddly dresshim to ride forth to meet a foe? no courage in yoursoul; that because that we were standing at a roadside tion from their wages on account of ed, or talking adsurdly, or exhibitbreakages, which the deftest and ing eccentricity of manner, you may white, they could have no strength. "Are you through, captain?" I cleverest can scarcely avoid when be sure he is not a married man, for a swoon. he handles hundreds of pieces of the corners are rounded ofl, the lit-"No, no! Here, under the green Dear little hands," taking them ten- tremblingly said. tree, in a ballroom, at the head of a derly in his own. They helped to "Yes," he said, laughing. "let's crockery during a single afternoon the shoots pared away-in married and evening. The paper plates men. Wives have generally more luxurious dinner table, such women save our lives to-day. Fay, will you take a little Santa Cruz." were so cheap that the landlord did sense than their husbanbs, even were charming enough to turn a give them to me, darling ? Will you "The captain turned the mare man's brain; but in moments of be a soldier's wife, and teach him, over to a hostler and we went in- not care to assert his ownership over though they may be clever men. peril, when death, no longer clothed my own sweet love, some of the bra- side, and I helped myself pretty them, and his customers were allow- The wife's advice is like the ballast ed to carry them away, like the that keep the ship steady .-- John in poet's rhythm, stalked before very that only such women as you liberally." "Captain, you gave me a great pretty serviettes of thin paper used Ruskin. wonder that they fied shricking A great light shone in the beauti-from his grim presence. A great light shone in the beauti-in so many restaurants in Holland. Pruning Tomatoes. on the time lost and the chance of Therefore the pause lasted an in- "I owe you my life," she whisper- be a racer. accident incurred in the cleansing of No one who has tried it can have s ant only, then Roydon answered ed. If a debt so rich will receive "Yes, I don't know but she is," earthenware pottery. The success any idea of how valuable the leaves payment so poor, take it, Roydon; said the captain, nonchalantly. his own question with a laugh: "How long were we coming down of the experiment has been so are to the tomato plant. One may "I declare, I am almost growing it is yours. marked that the new species of for experiment take off most of the here?" I asked. plates is likely to be introduced leaves of a plant, and he will find "About 8 minutes." Exercises in Articulation. into a great number of restaurants." the flavor incipid, and every way "How far is it?" But you are wholly responsible for Let your elocution class practice poor. Of course it is the peculiar "About 4 miles." Nothing on Earth so Good. acidity of the tomato that gives it "Here a man touched me and so much value to all of us; but the story to inspire it that I will not The bitter, blustering blast blew drew me aside. "Don't you know Certainly a strong opinion, said acid from the tomato that has rip-one of our reporters to whom the fol- ened on an insufficient amount of that mare, man ?" he asked. my horse. I had no idea it was so The cautious cat contrived "No. lowing was detailed by Mr. Henry foliage, is disagreeable to most tas-"That's Lady Suffolk." Haschop, with Mr. George E. Miller, tes. The same principal has been the first and last waltzes this even-ing " Deep in the depth of the dark, "The fleetest mary dank dells, he drew it deftly down. said Senator Butler." "The fleetest mare of her day," 418 Main street, this city: I suffer-ed so badly with rheumatism in my vines. The man who judiciously The girl stood motionless, watch- Full-fledged, from fancy's fearful "Yes," replied Senator Beck. Byand-by we started home, and as we

Jim Keene's Washerwoman.

"What a perfect picture she makes!" thought Roydon, as he the following story to a Washington great New York rival of Jay Gould, makes: diodight holden into the pointed time, as-sisted her into the sail-boat he had named in her honor, the yachting dress of dark blue, fitting closely to the exquisitely outlined figure, and on the golden braids nestled a co-quettish sailor hat. promptly at the appointed time, as- correspondent :

unettish sailor hat. Fifteen minutes later a splendid breeze had carried them far out into the lake. "The storm has concluded to post-"The storm hastorm hastorm hastorm hastorm hastorm ha "The storm has concluded to post-pone itself in our special favor," said Rodney glancing up at the blue sky, "or perhaps they don't think sky, "or perhaps they don't think shy and a gentleman came shy a stranger entered Poker Valsky, "or perhaps they don't think soldiers should be too severely tried as sailors. Which is it Miss Fay?" "Do you appeal to me as the spirit of the storm cloud? If so, I shall call on it to avenge me." "He answered her simply by alook, but it caused her eyes to droop. "but it caused her eyes to droop.

SENATOR BECK'S RIDE.

but it caused her eyes to droop. She stretched the little white hand down to the water's edge, watching the current resist it as the him; so I got in. The sleepy old "Broker gave you away?" said boat sped onward. "So," he mused, "am I resisting mare jogged along in the most tire- several.

"The captain nodded.

the voice of my heart—so must I some way. Her head hung down, and it seemed as though it was all der in advance, and, besides, I used. Weight chap, muffled up to the ears They spoke but little. They were alone and together—around them water, above them the sky, beneath them a grave. And both were young, up-town place, cogitating over the but began to inquar' arter a chap he

and in each heart the same voice was speaking, yet their lips were scaled. scaled. was speaking, yet their lips were scaled. scaled. scaled scale of affairs, an elegant private scaled scale of affairs, and stopped just scale of affairs, and stopped just scale of affairs, and stopped just scale of affairs, and scale of affairs, and scale of a Thus an hour passed, when sud-lenly Roydon tacked.

a mouth ht for Queen Ittania-white brow, on which clustered Miss Fay, in a tone of disappoint-rings of gold, in a fascination of dis-ment. "Surely we're not going why he wasn't out with a stepper and was admitted. I sent for my Sweet William got out o' his blankhimself, knowing how fond he was man servant, and inquired who the ets at midnight, either asleep or in

continued Royden, assuringly. "It's self. I noticed too, that the people very much surprised ; "her moth- before, but we gin him a decent "Awfully pretty," was the verdict one of these threacherons squalls, whom we passed, who recognized cr, the washerwoman, is very poor," burial an'sold his traps on the squar rendered, "absolutely good for noth- We're in for it, but Fil do the best I him, were staring at the mare, and "Just then my own carriage drove to the highest bidder. I thought that they were wondering round for me, and as it passed the "Waal, now, that stranger was

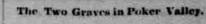
I thought that they were wondering how it was that Captain Norris was sorting the solied clothes in the was a sayin' to myself that he had

pher; a sigh so deep, so profound, was whiter than was hers. driving looked as he passed, around along behind. Pretty soon the coupe Old Kentucky Bill an' Deakon' Joe that it started the girl from her reverie. "Pshaw! she did not realize the danger," he said, mentally. "Can tain nodded, and that he took a lit-"A penny for your thoughts you hold this!" handing her a rope the firmer grip of the reins. The a brown stone front on Twenty- row, an' at length they went at it. gentleman slowed up a little, suff-ciently to let us pass. ninth street. The coupe then kept Old Kentuck gin Joe a lifter on the straight on down to Wall street and jaw, an' Joe he out with his popper

stopped in front of a broker's office, an' fired Kentuck to kingdom come. where the lady alighted with my No, he didn't either. The bullet "I saw she mare lift her head a entire lot of soiled shirt cuffs in her cut a lock of hair and did its bloody

"Fay," cried Roydon you ace "Gentlemen, I have seen trans- make memorandums on my cuffs to an' she was bravin' Injens, b'ars, my furlough is rapidly slipping frightened?" formation scenes; I have seen the consult before starting down town storms and everything else fur an old man in the opera of 'Faust' in the morning. My washerwoman objeck. What was it? Waal I dun-

having my charming companion of this morning. Bo you still bid a



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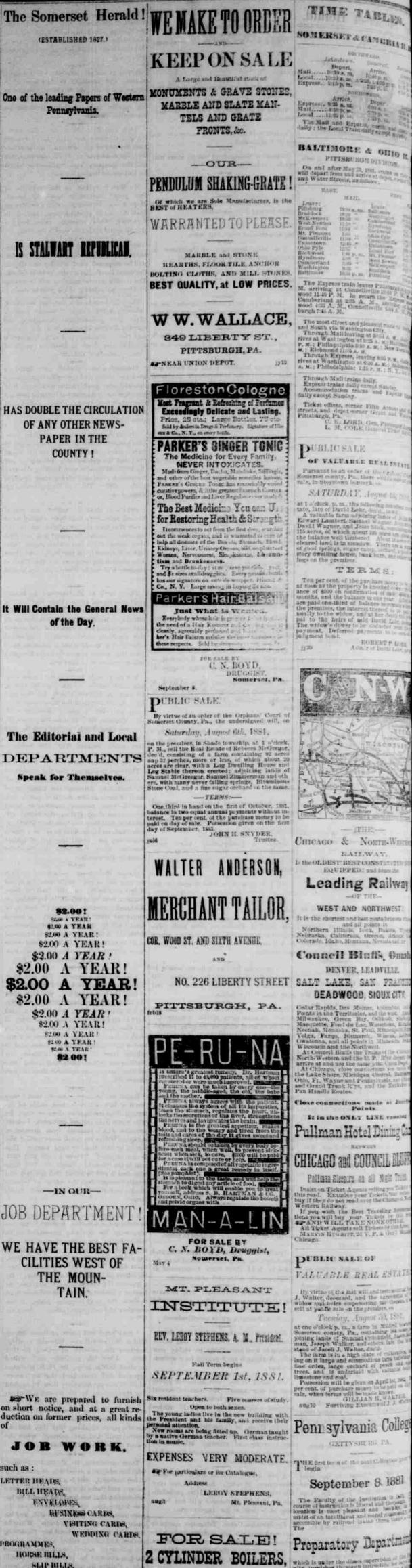
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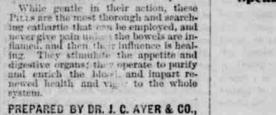
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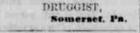
sentimental. If in anybody's presence but yours, Miss Fay, I should apologize for so unwonted a mood. it, and it must be with you so old a on the following sentences : waste words. By the way there is o'er the bounding billow. late. Au revior. Remember I have catch the crippled crow.

ing him as he strode away—watch-ing him vault upon his horse, his tall, superb figure, showing to such splendid advantage, watching horse and rider as they cantered out of sight, the latter turning first to give her a farewell solute with his whip. So in scenario a month will be and to make the long her a farewell solute with his whip. ing him as he strode away-watch- flight, he fluttersng fell.



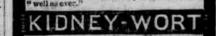
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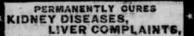
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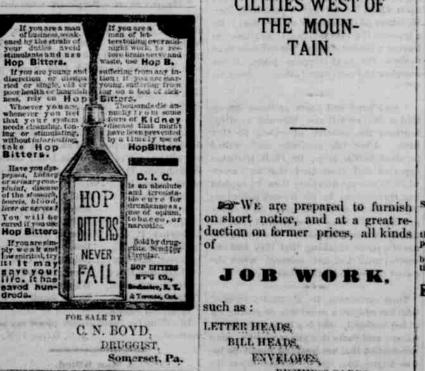






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