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How to See Down a Well.

It is not generally known, says the Lancaster (Pa.) Intelligencer, how easy a matter it is to explore the bottom of a well, cistern, or pond of water by the use of a common mirror so that the reflected rays of light will fall into the water.

On Dit.

A gentleman in this city has been keeping bachelor's hall for some time, his wife having been on a visit to some relatives near Niagara Falls.

A California Monte Cristo.

Alvina Hayward is the hero of a story equal to "Monte Cristo." He is a Vermonter who operated with a man named Chamberlain in a gold head which was full of indications but yielded nothing tangible.

Droll Russian Proverbs.

The Scotch and Spaniards have hitherto divided the credit of possessing the largest store of proverbial wisdom; but were the literature of Russia more widely known she might prove a formidable rival either to the land of oatmeal or to that of oranges.

A Volunteer Prisoner.

Is not this, related in a private letter from London, rather a remarkable story? About ten years ago a young American from New York, Walter Hastings, by name, dining in London in company with Lord C...

Death of a Noble Hunter.

Joseph Worley, a veteran, recently died at Bridgeport, Pa., at the advanced age of 102 years. Some time in early life Worley and his brother Jacob, who seems to have been as heroic as the other, drifted toward Fort Henry, occupying the point where Wheeling now stands.

The Editor.

An exchange who knows "how it is himself," says: "The editor is always at leisure, consequently he is ready to receive visitors at all hours. Any man who hasn't anything else to do, can run in for an hour or two, talk of the weather, the crops, his wife and children. It don't make any difference what the editor is doing.

Some interesting facts regarding walking and lying down are grouped in a lecture by Prof. Burt G. Wilder.

In man, the great toe is the essential part of the foot in standing and walking. In the ape this is a thumb, standing out from the side of the foot, and has no power of supporting or propelling. The ape cannot carry himself erect.

The curative power of excitement was curiously illustrated the other day in a Connecticut hospital.

A rheumatic patient, suddenly discovering the corpse of a suicide in the next to his own, sprang out and ran nimbly from the room, without stopping to say "Good morning" to his crutches.

SUB ULMIS.

BY GEO. L. CATLIN. Under the elms we walked As the moon was climbing the sky, And vowed, as we tenderly talked, Together to live and to die.

Broaching a Mine.

Among the many dangers the Cornish miners have to battle against, one of the greatest arises from accidentally carrying the excavation too close to some disused pit, that perhaps many years since has been boarded and earthed over, and in course of time forgotten.

When miners have reason to suspect that such is the case—a suspicion generally caused by a greater exudation of water than is usual—they at once proceed to what is technically termed "hole it," and the following description of the boring or emptying a pit of water may best be given in the words of an old Cornish miner, one of the principal actors in the undertaking:

"Well, you see, sir, we were working two hundred fathoms down—running a level due north—and to our surprise the further we went the more moist the earth got, till on going to work one morning, we found the whole end of the wall covered with drops of dew. Seeing this, it struck all of us at once that there must be a pit at no great distance, and (as they a'most allus are) full of water. Fancy this, sir; a body o' water reaching many fathoms above you are working only separated from it by a thin crust of clay, putting you in the momentary fear of this giving way, and the water rushing in upon you!

"However, there it was and must be got rid of, and this, too, by 'driving' or 'holing' right into it; for if left we should never be safe, or tell when we might come unawares across one of the many levels or shafts which run such numerous ways and depths.

"When the captain of the mine learned of its existence an offer was soon made on tolerable generous terms to any who chose to empty it, which offer six of us accepting, we at once proceeded with our dangerous task.

"The first thing we did was to put up strong frame work with doors attached, opening inward toward the old pit, so that the instant the mine was holed, by running and closing the doors in passing, the mass of water would be kept back for a time—long enough, at all events, as we hoped, for us to reach the ladders.

"After placing three of these safety valves, as we called them, along the level at short distances apart, we proceeded slowly and cautiously with the more dangerous part of our work. Bit by bit we got nearer to the old mine, at every blow of the sledge on the borer expecting the rush of water to follow, often fearing to strike more than one blow before running for our lives, till the constant dread which we were allus in so worked on the nerves of the bravest that even a falling stone would be sufficient to put every one of us to flight.

"Never shall I forget the morning when at last we did get through; and I can a'most fancy seeing one of my mates as he stood with the borer held up ready for another to strike, the rest of us watching for the blow to fall, and prepared to run if necessary.

"At last, while every eye was fixed on 'em, the steel hammer rang on the borer, which in another second was sent whizzing far away down the level, as with a horrible roar the water came tearing and crushing through the earth.

"It was a run then for life, sir; and in a far shorter time than I can tell it, we were through the first door way, and in the act of swinging to the next, when the first was dashed against it; but, thank God, this for a time resisted the pressure of the water, or I should not be here telling of it.

"On we sped, our only hope of safety lying in gaining the ladders before the last door gave way; and what a distance they seemed, when even a few moments' breath might rescue us from death! Breathless, at last we reached them, and had but ascended a few rounds when, with a bang—whirl—crash—the water was upon us, and fast as we climbed, like some horrid monster seeking our destruction, it glided up step for step with us.

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