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A LOVE-FEAST SCENE.

HARRISBURG, March 1, 1873. Strolling into one of the elegant churches of an orthodox denomination on Saturday exening last, I witnessed a scene which was at once so impressive and so unusual, that I make it the topic of this letter. The pew opener, in answer to my inquiry, stated that there was to be no sermon, but that evening service was to consist alone of a Love Feast, preceding the quarterly celebration of the Lord's Supper on the morrow.

was shown into a pew within half a dozen slips of the altar, and watched with some interest the filling up of the pews around me. I had made not a few acquaintances within the city, but as my Sundays had not been spent at the capital, had not found out at what churches my friends worshipped, and now looked curiously about to catch sight of some familiar face. I was gratified sooner than I anticipated, for in a few moments I recognized in

nearly the front pew the portly presence of a wealthy gentleman whom I had often met in the office of an insurance agent, and from the latter I had learned that our portly friend owned a hundred tenement houses on Elm street, and was one of the richest men in the city. As he turned by chance and seeing me, gave me a little nod and smile, the pew just in front of me was opened by the usher, and Mr. C-----, a private banker of Market street, and his elegant dressed family, grand and stately in seal skins, velvet and laces, humbly bowed in. To my surprise, also, my landlord, keeper of the finest hotel in the city, came in with the air of one who feels his right to a place, and my eyes lighted in rapid succession upon a drugist, a grecer, a baker and a number of Senators whose faces were familiar, and I wondered that so many of my friends should worship in the church into which I had struggled by accident.

My curiosity was also aroused, for I knew of no church rite denominated a "love feast," and I was anxious for the services to begin.

In looking over the assembled multitude my heart was pained to note the plain gradation of the people according to the evident richness of their dress. There was no mistaking this, and the usher's keen eye made uo mistakes. A scantly, but not meanly clad old lady and a tall, elegant dressed lady-whom I recognized as the wife of Colonel A-a, a large whole-sale liquor merchnt-entering by chance at the same instant, did not for a moment puzzle him. He hade the old lady wait, and conveyed the other in all dignity up very near to the throne-like pulpit and seating her, returned and gave the poor old wowith no notice of the agony of pain not, could not be paid. 'Inasmuch as

fore us all calmly surveying the sea out. of faces turned in wonder upon him. He was tall and massive as I have said, but when his face was once fairly ing eyes turned to heaven murmur, turned toward us, no further thought

snowy hair, and the perfect repose of a face smooth and soft as a child's and with that beauty which goodness alone can give. For a full minute a dead silence reigned. It was broken

by his voice which smote the car as full of such a sadness as must have filled the tones of Brutus while pronouncing sentence of death upon his family in worship of the almighty dol-son. It pealed forth-if its depth and lar. If he talks mainly horses, games its music could be called a pealthese words :

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angles, and have net charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling symbal."

"Brethern I write no new commandments unto you but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning. He that loweth his brother abideth in the light and there is none occasion for his stumbling m him."

"Whosoever doeth not righteous. ness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother."

"If a man say, 'I love God' and hateth his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen ?

Never, never, can I forget the thrilling eloquence, the grandeur and the power of words or the lightning flashes of the buman eye as I saw and heard them there. Rising as the majesty of supermanhood in the presence of arrant hypocrisy he towered high and flung upon the yielding cowering hends of those who felt their guilt burning its way through their faces to for some time. The leap year had his awful gaze, those words too oft for gotten by those whose voices are often heard chauting their own righteous-ness then speaking comfort to the sor-rowing. In the grandest mements of Ferrest or Booth they never reached that point so successfully where the enunciation of pathos in rebuke-- "hat most difficult achievement in oratory -could produce both trembling and tears as did this unknown Aeschylus. When the storm of commotion and confusion had subsided he fixed his mournful piercing eyes on my friend, the owner of houses, and again began; but not until all that congregation knew where his look was fixed, for it seemed within his power to direct their another word, but taking up the coal very thoughts by his powerful magnetism. "Yesterday, on Elm street, a on his head, and wouldn't let him up widow, sick and with two helpless until the day for the wedding was apbabes, was turned out by a heartless pointed. landlord, to die if must be, because man a seat near the door and left her, the week's rent of three dollars was

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and indeed all in the house from the who were glad to escape an exposure moment he arose had been held as it of their sins, and amid the confusion seemed in like manner. He stood be- the congregation broke up and passed

I lingered and saw the good man fall on his knees and with his stream-"Father forgive them for they know seemed pessible of aught save the sad blue eyes, the broad noble forehead from which on each side fell his long away. I followed but lost sight of him and all my questions failed to elicit any information concerning him; no one knew who he was or whence he came .- Cor. Oil City Derrick.

> Rev. Dr. Cayler talks in this wise : If the father generally talks money, money, at home, he generally rears a aud races, he breeds a batch of sportsmen. If fashiou is the family altar, then the children are offered up as victims upon the altar. If a man makes his own fireside attractive, he may reasonably hope to anchor his own children around it. My neighbor Q---- makes himself the constant evening companion of his boys. The result is that his boys are never found in bad places. But if the father hears the clock strike eleven in his clubhouse or the playhouse, he need not be surprised if his boys hear it strike twelve in the gaming room or the drinking saloon. If he puts the bottle on his own table, he need not wonder if a drunken son staggers in, byand by, at his front door. When the best friend that childhood and youth ought to have becomes their foe, the homes become the starting post for moral ruio.

A neighboring exchange relates this of a girl in its locality who knowing her rights dare maintain them. The fair damsel in question had been receiving attention from a young man almost expired and she began to grow Forrest or Booth they never reached that point so successfully where the enunciation of pathos in rebuke—'hat so," was her further' remark, "and in less than four hours it'll be gone." He smiled a sickly smile and murmored, "Yes." "Well, I want to know when you are going to marry me?" was her startling question. "I-marry-why, you don't mean it?" "Oh yes I do. When's it going to be?" "I never intended anything of the kind," was his trembling response. She didn't say scuttle kuecked him flat, and then set

The presence of mind of some men is most remarkable. Now there is which swept like a cloud over the pale, sweet face. I afterwards knew she of these, my brethern, ye have done that man who dined at the Atlantic hotel recently. He mistock the horse-notically deaf and might as well redish for some other toothsome dish,

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TALL TALKING.

The Greaks were great inventors of these sayings. On Dieneces, the Spar-tan, being told the number of Xerkes's army was so great that when they shot forth their arrows the sun would be darkened by their multitude; he answered : "If the Medes darken the sun we shall have our fight in the shade." The American humor partakes slightly of the same character and extravagance : but it is, neverthe-less' the growth of the soil. The vastness of the country, which is bounded

on the east by the Atlantic Ocean, on the north by the Aurora Borealis, on the west by the setting sun, and on the south by the day of judgment, and the peculiar circumstances in which the people are placed, can be traced in most of these stories. The hyperbolical or tall species of American humor was much in vogue some years ago, and such stories as the following were once very common: "A man was so tall that he had to go up a ladder to shave himself"; "another was so strong that his sneeze would kill a buffalo across the Mississippi River"; "a Massacusetts pig was so lean that it was necessary to tie s knot in his tail to prevent its getting through the chinks of the paling"; "an American artist painted a snow storm so naturally that he caught a bad cold by sitting near it with his coat off"; "some land was so rich that a squash vine, in its rapid growth, overtook a drove of pigs"; "the reason why cream is dear is that milk has risen so high that the cream can't reach the top.'

There is a capital story in which it is related that "a coach drove through the country so fast that the milestones passed so quickly that the passengers thought they were in a churchyard." This coach, however, was beaten by the "skipper which went so fearfully fast that, in sailing round Long Island, she left her shadow three and a half miles behind her." Major N., when asked if he was seriously injured by the explosion of a boiler of the "St. Leonard" steamer, replied "that he was so used to being blown up by his wife that a more steamer had no effect upon him." The evidence of a witness in a life insurance case involved in the blowing up of a steamboat on the Ohio is droll, just because it is characteristic. The witness knew the man, and saw him on the deck of the steamboat before the explosion. When asked by the lawyer, "what was the last time you saw him ?" he answered: "The very last time I set my eyes on him was when the biler burst, and I was going up. I met him and the smoke-pipe coming down." We all know that the American oysters are large; but that one must have been of extraordinary size which required three men to swallow it whole.

It is not fair that the foreigners should have all the lies to themselves; so we will let the Englishmen put in

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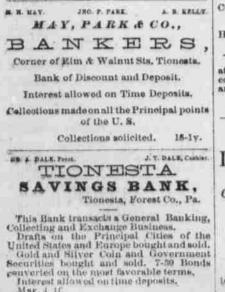
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vas partially deaf, and might as well unto me. have stayed at home as to have been

seated so far from the pulpit. The service soon began, opening with a hymn by the choir, sung in

highly operatic style, as soprauo, solo and chorus, and in which any attempt at jaining by any of the congregation was greeted by such significant stares as to frighten the intruder into silence -and a prayer by the occupant of the pulpit-the love feast was soon in full height. The metting was simple, one in which anyone could speak, but which liberty was only embraced by those who were in no doubt as to their condition in the life after death. I cannet, of course, detail the language of of the town sent for a Christian to all, for probably a hundred spoke, but pray for her. The messenger found a the universal conclusion was that of a perfect certainty of getting to Heaven at last. I was full of happiness to see so many followers of the meek and lowly One ; and thought what happiness all these must shed about them,

for He has said, "By their fruits ye shall know them. Mr. C----, whom I had first recog-nized, with a heavenly light on his countenance, had said that "he was almost home." The banker, that "he

felt he was saved by grace. "Jesus paid it all, All the debt I owe. Mrs. Colonel H, responded :

"Sin hath left no crimson stain ; He washed me white as snow."

The others whom I knew spoke eloquently, glowing with happiness and a consciousness of a spotless life here and a sure rest hereafter, and my heart warmed and throbbed with responsive joy, and I determined to go to them and follow in their footsteps, that I, too, might be as full of faith and peace as they.

At this stage of the exercises, a tall, | natural fountain." massive form slowly arose in the midst of the congregation, and with review of sins, which, God knows, are firm steps made his way out to the all too frequent. Where or when it aisle, thence up to the altar and would have ended I cannot guess, had through the massive door in the black not a long-faced, villainous-looking walnut railing, and stood within the Pecksniff, whose turn had not yet altar and facing the congregation. A come, commenced singing in the voice over the way sa strange feeling of attraction, like a subtile magnetism bound me to him, 'er?' which was taken up by those commit suicide.

Rapidly confronting the banker, he continued: To-day an officer of the law ponneed upon and sold the last bed, the last chair, and the last stove of a poor carpenter whose wife lay dying of consumption, and to nurse whom he had left his daily labor and to procure comfort for whom he had given a chattel mortgage upon his

poor furniture" adding slowly, "And at the suit of a private banker of this city," and as if in solemn mockery, "Jesus paid it all, All the debt I owe."

Again facing a man I did not know he continued, "A poor, dying woman professor of religion instead, and was told that his character would be jeopardized by such a visit. 'Let him that is without sin cast the first stone.""

"A poor, penniless traveler applied to-day for food and rest at a hotel of this city, and was rudely repelled and narrowly escaped injury. 'I was an hungered and ye gave me no meat, I I saw his gaze fixed upon my landlord and remembered the scene he discribed.

I had no time for pity for his asken "A little starving boy asked a baker gaze, and when refused and kicked out he crept back and took one when a parallel to this be found? he thought no one saw him. He was watched and his hurrying little footsteps were followed home, and the officer found his little sister eagerly devouring one-half while a sick mother was moistening a part for her babe which found no nourishment at its

It was terrible, that calm, fearful

and plunged into it with an avidity cheerful to behold. After having appropriated a spoonful to his own use, he suddenly paused, and seemed to be deliberating profoundly upon some subject or other. Then he gave a snort and remarked, in a sort of intense manner : "Blaze, d-n you." Few men would have had the presence of mind to make that speech.

It is no uncommon thing for birds to teach themselves new notes quite different from their own. A tame crow, owned by a gentleman, had been brought up with the chickens, and as his little adopted brothers began to try their powers of crowing, he concluded to do the same. Tho result was the crow outcrowed them all. He was so proud of his accomplishment that he was given to practicing it all hours of the day, to the great surprise and amusement of strangers who passed that way.

A few years since there resided in one of the counties of South Carolina was thirsty and ye gave me no drink, two resectable citizens. They were of I was a stranger and ye took me not the same surname; they also were cousins. They were members of the same religious denomination; their wives were sisters. They were both

nullifiers when South California took face, for again the voice pealed out. "A little starving boy asked a baker Each one was the father of thirteen for a bun which tempted his hungry children ; each of these men had three sons and ten daughters. Where can

> Seventy-five car loads of bones, gathered from the plains of Western Kansas, the flames of defunct buffaloes and Texas cattle, have been shipped East during the past season. The best are selected for combs, knifehandles, &c. ; the next best are ground into dust and used for refining sugar; the refuse is ground into meal for fertilizing purposes.

A Canadian editor announced that "he had a keen rapier to pick all fools and knaves." His cotemporary over the way said he hoped his friends the money. The local paper says would take it from him, for he might this is another evidence that the race

an appearance. A commercial traveler, boasting that his firm spent £300 a year for writing-ink alone, was answered: "During the last twelvo months we have saved in that article alone £2,000 by merely omitting the dots to our i's and the crosses to our t's." One of the best specimens of rhodomontade is the following story : Two men, who were famous for their vaporing, laid a wager as to who could tell the biggest lie. One said that he was in mid ocean, far away from land, when he espied a mun swimming. The ship was stopped, and preparations were made for taking the man in, when he cried out : "I am all right, and only want to know the latitude and longitude, for I am swim-ming to England." This seemed sufficiently improbable; but the other capped it by asking "whether his friend had seen the man again," and being answered in the negative, said: "Then I am he."-British Quarterly.

The following story is told of Rev. Mr. Hammond, who approached a man at Burlington, the other day, asking him if he was a Curistain. 'No,' replied the other party, 'I am a railroad man.' 'Well,' said Mr. Hammond, 'I know of several conductors in New Eugland that are Christians.' 'That may work down East all right, but a man can't be both in Iowa, responded the employe.

He that wants good sense is unhappy in having learning, for he has thereby only ways of expessing himself: and he that has sense, knows that learning is not knowledge, but rather the art of useing it .- Steele.

A pert chap at figures has ciphered out that the Niagara Full is of 11,-363,360 horse power. This includes the Horse Shoe fail, but not the 'Bridal Veil,' which is twelve mule power.

A Georgia negro was over paid \$100 on a check by a bank, and he returned can never be civilized.