

**MRS. PEPPER'S VISIT TO TOWN.**

Mr. Pepper moved his wife and family over to Plainfield last Spring. Before that, he had lived in town, and Mrs. Pepper did so much long "to go to the country." For a while, after they got out there, the novelty of keeping chickens and a cow so pleased her that she forgot all about New York. But, along in the Fall, Mrs. P. concluded she'd like to go to the City just once. In vain Pepper pleaded the dangers of getting on and off the horse-cars, getting lost, or run over on Broadway, missing the train coming home, or getting off at the wrong station, or the children being left at home in care of the girls, or the duce knows what all. "No sir," said Mrs. Pepper, "I'm no child, and besides, I want some change. You men go to the City every day, while we poor women, week in and week out, stay at home and look after the household. I want to go to New York."

So Pepper, perplexed, reluctantly consented. For greater security, Peter, the oldest boy, who was given to teasing his sister, was designated as her escort, and the following Thursday was the eventful day. When Thursday came, Mr. and Mrs. P. fully impressed with the importance of the occasion, rose betimes. Peter was arrayed in his Sunday toggery, fully one hour before the time for departure. For greater assurance on Pepper's part, it had been decided that he should take them down with him on his regular train. When what a kissing of the little girls and babies there was when the time came for them to go. How Maggie, the nurse, was strictly enjoined not to let the children climb on the chicken coop, or to go outside the gate, or play with the matches, or do a thousand other things that mothers have prohibited, Maggie disregarded, and children done for ever so many generations.

At last they got started. "Poor little darling things," said Mrs. Pepper, half repenting her resolution to go. But then—she hadn't been to New York for so long.

Mr. P. put his wife and Peter in a stage on Broadway and anxiously bid them good bye. He did not feel quite satisfied in his own mind that he should ever see either of them alive again. To be sure, they had agreed to meet him at the ferry at 4 o'clock; but then—and poor Pepper went on conjuring all sorts of impossible accidents and praying all day for four o'clock to come. Mrs. Pepper meantime was going the rounds—Stewart—Lord & Taylor's—Macy's, and all the other places she visited in turn; but in each and every place she saw something to remind her of the children; she and Peter stopped in and had some lunch, but every time she looked into the cup of tea she couldn't help wondering whether Maggie would remember to sweeten the baby's milk before she put it into the bottle. She, too, kept looking at the clocks, to see how long it was before four o'clock; and when, laden with packages, she finally did get down to the ferry again, Peter following her, also laden with bundles, which half concealed him from the rude world's gaze, there was Mr. Pepper awaiting her with "Oh! mother I'm so glad that you've come."

When they got home that night, everything was found to have gone on well enough; but, for all that, when the children had all said their prayers and been tucked away in bed, and when Mrs. Pepper had got through counting up her purchases for the day, she came and laid her head on Pepper's shoulder, and said, "I don't think, dear, I shall want to go to New York for a year to come." And Pepper would have probably said, "All right, my love," but—goodness me! she was sound asleep.

The Germans of Cincinnati are making efforts to introduce into the State of Ohio the song-birds of their native land. A few days since 1,300 birds of different varieties arrived from Germany, and were set free near the city. They immediately began building their nests. Among them are the nightingale, the skylark, and the blackbird of Germany. A few birds imported and set free the year previous are returning after the winter, and it is hoped that those set free this year will do likewise. Meanwhile the English sparrows imported into New York a few years since to protect the trees of Central Park from the ravages of insects are making their benevolent way all over the country.

A practical toper proposes the following compromise to the temperance women: O, women, in our hours of ease, you know we'll do what'er you please: we'll promise to renounce the sin of Bourbon, brandy, rum and gin, and go so far as to refrain (except when tempted) from champagne; but have some mercy, do, my dear, and leave, oh, leave us lager beer!"

A citizen of Salem, Or., has a habit of carrying matches in his coat tail pocket. The other day he was lounging against a brick building, but as his underwear was not fire proof it suddenly occurred to him to visit a hydrant, which he did with as little delay as possible.

A man in Providence on the occasion of the death of an infant daughter, entered a milliner's store and asked if they kept "black trips" to hang on door bells. If they did he wanted three yards.

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ON AND AFTER Monday, February 2, 1874, trains will run as follows:

STATIONS.	Northward	Southward
Pittsburgh	7:00	8:00
W. Pen. Junc.	7:15	8:15
Kittanning	7:30	8:30
R. R. Junc.	7:45	8:45
Brady Bend	8:00	9:00
Parker	8:15	9:15
Embleton	8:30	9:30
Scrabgrass	8:45	9:45
Franklin	9:00	10:00
Oil City	9:15	10:15

STATIONS.	Northward	Southward
Oilopolis	8:00	9:00
Eagle Rock	8:15	9:15
Tidionto	8:30	9:30
Irvinton	8:45	9:45
Rouseville	10:05	11:05
Titusville	11:10	12:10
Corry	11:15	12:15
Mayville	11:30	12:30
Buffalo	11:45	12:45

Trains run by Philadelphia Time. J. J. LAWRENCE, Gen'l. Sup't.

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ARRIVE.  
Mail Train, 1.30 a. m.; Fast Line, 12.12 a. m.; Wall's accommodation No. 1, 6.20 a. m.; Brinton's accommodation No. 1, 7.30 a. m.; Wall's accommodation No. 2, 8.55 a. m.; Cincinnati express 9.30 a. m.; Johnstown accommodation 10.30 a. m.; Braddock's accommodation No. 1, 7.00 p. m.; Pittsburgh express 1.30 p. m.; Pacific express 1.50 p. m.; Wall's accommodation No. 3, 2.35 p. m.; Homewood accommodation No. 1, 2.55 p. m.; Wall's accommodation No. 4, 6.50 p. m.; Brinton accommodation No. 2, 1.10 p. m.; Way Passenger 10.30 p. m.

DEPART.  
Southern express 5.30 a. m.; Pacific express 5.40 a. m.; Wall's accommodation No. 1, 6.30 a. m.; Mail Train 8.10 a. m.; Brinton's accommodation 11.20 a. m.; Braddock's accommodation No. 1, 5.10 p. m.; Cincinnati express 12.35 p. m.; Wall's accommodation No. 2, 11.51 a. m.; Johnstown accommodation 4.05 p. m.; Homewood accommodation No. 1, 5.40 p. m.; Philadelphia express 3.30 p. m.; Wall's accommodation No. 3, 3.05 p. m.; Wall's accommodation No. 4, 6.05 p. m.; Fast Line 7.40 p. m.; Wall's No. 5, 11.00 p. m.

The Church Trains leave Wall's Station every Sunday at 9.05 a. m., reaching Pittsburgh at 10.05 a. m. Returning leave Pittsburgh at 12.50 p. m., and arrive at Wall's Station at 2.10 p. m.

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ON AND after Monday Feb. 2, Trains will run as follows—(Philadelphia Time):

Trains leave Oil City for Pittsburgh at 2:15 p. m. 7:45 a. m. arriving at Pittsburgh at 10:05 and 3:00 p. m.
Brady's Bend Accommodation leaves Oil City at 5:12 p. m. arriving at Brady's Bend at 9:35 p. m.
Trains leave Pittsburgh for Oil City at 7:20 a. m. and 3:20 p. m., arriving in Oil City at 2:33 and 9:45 p. m.
Oil City Accommodation leaves Brady's Bend at 6:40 a. m. arriving in Oil City at 12:05 p. m.
Trains leave Oil City for Buffalo at 2:45 p. m. 6:20 a. m. and 9:10 a. m. arriving in Buffalo at 8:55 p. m. 1:10 a. m. and 7:25 p. m.
Trains leave Buffalo for Oil City at 6:05 p. m. and 12:25 p. m. arriving at Oil City at 2:10 p. m. and 8:20 p. m.
All trains given above run through from Pittsburgh to Buffalo and return, without change of cars. Trains run on Philadelphia time, which is 20 minutes faster than Pittsburgh time. The time at Buffalo is L. S. & M. R. Y. time which is 28 minutes slower than Philadelphia time.
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