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# ELGIN WATCHES



# TIONESTA, PA., SEPTEMBER 15, 1875.

# THE BELL OF ST. JOHN'S.

#### BY RUFUS SARGENT.

In the huge and smoky foundry ose by the wharves in the town of close by the wharves in the town of the St. John's cathedral chime. Only an hour more, and they would let the glaring, bubbling metal, flowing from the huge furnace, into the mold, which was buried deep in the black earth

close by: It was just at evening, and in the gathering twilight the lurid blue flames that burst from the top of the tall chimney, flashed unearthly gleams upon the neighboring windows and

house tops. The scene within the foundry was ripening inside those burning walls, mold. It was a herculean task, but He knew that the fornace was full of he worked like a giant, and three or forms of the workmen, partly lighted valuable metal, and that close beside four by the yellow glare, moved about like him, buried out of sight in the deep him. Tartarean shadows, and the sooty sand, was the buge mold, so soon to beams and ponderous chains crossing, half black half golden, under the glowing roof, recalled the engines of nels for the flow of the fiery liquid the Cyclops under Mt. Ætua.

The town clock struck six. It was time for supper. All the men threw that was to be used when the moment down their tools, and ran and put on came to let on the molten stream. their outer clothing. "Be back in half an hour sharp!"

cried the forge-master. "We shall make the cast at a quarter of seven." "All right, sir!" cried the men in cried the men in response.

"I hear some of the town folks are coming down to see the work," said une.

"Yes," said auother, "and it'll be scorehing brick fell out something to open their eyes. There the ground at his feet ! was never such a bell cast in the whole State as this one will be."

In a moment more only one workman and the master were left in the foundry. The former was to stay and watch the "blast." He had brought en brick, and trickled down the fur-a double allowance of dinner, and he nace side like running lava. Then would make a supper on what remained.

"Perhaps we can get the 'Inventor' to stay with you, George," said the master, laughingly, as he prepared to

"Yes, where is he?" returned the man, in the same jesting tone.

"He's been round the works long enough to know when anything goes wrong. Hollo ! hollo ! I say ! Where's the 'Inventor !' Come here. Ab, there he is!" And in silent answer to the summons, a shock-haired fellow, with large gray eyes, and a pale, vacant face, appeared from behind a pile of castings. He had on his back a gray shirt much soiled with dust, and he wore a pair of huge pantaloons, held up by a single suspender.

"Well, Mopus," quoth the man George, slapping him rather roughly on the shoulder, "suppose you've got wit enough to help yell if anything's the matter?"

The young fellow looked stupidly around and nodded his head. "Then sit here and look at that fur-

nace, and don't take your eyes off."

made the inventor's eyes do the most of the looking. Whether he felt a kind of reekless trust in the instinct Suddenly something peculiar caught his eye among the debris, and he cried in a startled voice :

for charging himself so little with the important duty before him. He snatched up a fragment of one of the troughs which had led from the Not a word was said by either watcher, and only the deep roar of furnace to the mold. There were the furnace was heard through the vast foundry. George finished his supper, and traces of the stream of bronze still running in it. Then the possiple meaning of the iron found in the in-

sauntered into one of the tool shops to find his pipe. "Inventor" sat alone before the great blast. The one ra-tional faculty of his feeble mind enshouted. abled him to comprehend what it he began nervously to heave away the meant, and even something of the magnitude of the enterprise that was hot mass that lay piled over the bellmold. It was a herculean task, but

valuable metal, and that close beside four of his men took hold and helped were ready, and that near the mouth stooped down. Then he leaped up of the furnace stood the long iron rod | like one half frantic, and, plying his

All this his limited thoughts took in by habit. Dimly conscious that something great was soon to be done,

he sat with his eyes on the furnace, absorbed and intent. Suddenly something startled him. There was a slight noise, and a burn-

ing crack appeared near the top of the furnace. Then another crack, and a scorehing brick fell out and rolled to The lad opened his mouth to shriek,

but so terrified was he that the sounds "The poor lad is in a brain fever,' stuck in his throat, as if he had been she said. in a fit of nightmare. "Does he say anything in his delir-

A thin red stream followed the fallium ?" whispered the master. "O, yes he raves all the time about the big bell-mold. 'I hope it will fill -I hope it will fill,' he says." en brick, and trickled down the furcame another alarming noise, and a thin gap half-way down the masonry let out more of the bissing metal. indeed true. The idiot had cast the great bell of St. John's. Just then the physiciau came out. "Perhaps he will recover his reason by this shock and sickness," he said. "Such things have

Where was George? Was the unfaithful fellow still hunting for his pipe? The furnace was bursting, with only a poor, half idiot lad to guard it. What could he do? He did what

perhaps a lad in his right mind would not have dared to do. Rushing to the mouth of the fornace, he seized the long iron rod that stood near, and tapped the vent. One desperate thrust with the sharp point up the terrible funnel-a few quick, prying strokes! Stand back, now! The contining clay fell away, and the yellow-white flood spurted out with resistless force. It leaped into the clay-lined troughs, and hissed its way, flaming, down to the mouth of the bell-mold.

reclining chair. He had recovered The "fool" had done a deed worthy his reason, and was fast getting back of a general on the field of battle,

his strength. His large gray eyes in-Was it too late? Every moment stantly fastened themselves on the bell, new fissures opened in the doomed fur that splendid masterpicce, whose maknace. Some of the upper stones top-pled over. Still the metal poured out told him the whole story of the castace, and don't take your eyes off." great from those gaping flaws. The but it all sounded like a wild romance to him.

His

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jured boy's hand flashed upon him.

"Bring me a shovel, quick !" he

A spade was put into his hands, and

The master, who had more at stake than the men, of course felt the loss more keeply than they. He almost wept with mingled grief and rage.

wide, sixteen cribs long, and twenty 'Hallo ! What's this? What's this ?" inches deep, containing over one million feet.

> Wilcox, Horton & Co., seven strings long, containing one million three hundred thousand feet of lumber, loaded with two million five hundred B. Cobb, of Tionesta, Pa., in 1872 from and to said points, seven strings containing one million five hundred thousand feet of lumber, and was

a few years since ran a raft from Pittsburgh to Louisville, known as "The Big Joe Hall Raft," six strings abreast and thirty-six platforms long and at least five feet deep, measuring out at Louisville, as near as I can remember. two million, two hundred thousand feet of lumber (ask Jim), and to my knowledge he has run many rafts covering more territory and measuring out more lumber. In fact no pilot thought he was doing more than an ordinary job if he did not beat one million feet. John Shreeves, of Tionesta, Pa., once coupled and run to Cincinnati, from Pittsburgh, a raft nine strings abreast and forty platforms long, said to contain two million, five hundred thousand feet of lumber. I think he uncoupled and "double-teamed" through some narrow places, otherwise than that, made a successful trip. Think I could men-tion fifty pilots who have and can again beat this Missouri monster, and without a steamboat too.

Rafts of more than half that number of feet have been run successfully on the Allegheny river from Warren. Pa., to Pittsburgh. I will name some of the pilots well known to yourself, who have done it : J. M. Martin, John Russell, Lant. Sands, Jim. Nesmith, Alf. Davis, George Aldenburgh, Seth Warren, and some others. T. C. Jackson, of Warren, Pa., run a raft from Miller's Eddy to Pittsburgh on the Allegheny river, three strings abreast, twenty-four platforms long, containing between three and four hundred thousand feet of lumber with three men all told, and landed success-

fully at Pittsburgh. Now, what Allegheny and Ohio pi-lots boast of, is their knowledge and skill in handling floating crafts. They nace. Some of the upper stones top-pled over. Still the metal poured out into the mold. But the waste was great from those gaping flaws. The pressure was relieved by the opened "I remember nothing that happen. one on the Missouri with a steamboat, ed," said he, shaking his head with a but there would be much more in handsmile. "It's all new to me, all new ling it without. If "Missouri" has done nd strange-so strange!" "Yes," said the master, devoutly, she had better send for the "horns" this year. Please ask them to look over this and come again.

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Brick-bats, ore, slag and ashes flew in every direction. Presently the master's spade penetrated the sand and touched something hard. He about four feet deep. J. M. Martin, of Russellsburg, Pa., spade with redoubled energy, tore away the remaining sand, disclosing what looked like a great metalic ring. "Men," he cried out, lifting his flushed face, "the bell is cast !" "Who did this?" asked every excited voice, as soon as the cheering died away. "Come with me, two or three of you!" cried the master. "I think I know who did it. It's a miracle!" They hurried away to the home of the half-witted boy. The attendant met them with her finger on her lips.

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did as he was ordered-just as an old vent, but the leaks multiplied continwatch his owner's coat.

A queer fellow was this "Mopus;" stupid enough in ordinary things to

bright mind.

If anything happened, or went on in an unusual way, he would always notice it, and say what ought to be done, though he could not tell, perhaps, why it ought to be done.

I wo years before, he had been an intelligent, promising\* lad. He was the son of a designer connected with the foundry company, and had always been allowed free access to the shops, and to mingle with the men and watch their work. But one day a great lifting-chain broke, with its load, and an iron fragment struck him on the head, inflicting a dangerous injury. From this he partially recovered, and only partially, for his reason was immaired. But his natural love for machinery and mechanical experiments remained, and as he regained his bodily strength, he spent most of his time making small wheels and shafts, and putting together odd contrivances, which he would exhibit with immense pride and satisfaction.

low gained for him the humorous title of the "Inventor." All the men felt a great kindness for him, even though "See what he's d their manner toward him was occa-

of the king bell of the chime of St. John's. Faithfully he kept his place before the great furpace, while the man George sat down at a little dis-upon such carelessness! Why, the tance and began to eat his supper, boy didn't even know enough to bawl nts shipped direct from the Fae-CHAS, A. SHULTZ, Tuner, Laws Lox 1740, Oll City, Pa. Doubtless the latter intended to keep a general oversight, but he certainly out when he must have s nace tumbling to pieces? Doubtless the latter intended to keep out when he must have seen the fur-

obedient dog would have laid down to ually. It was art running a race with ruin.

Poor "Mopus" stood powerless before the coming catastrophe. need a world of watching, but withal knees knocked together, and his head wonderfully fit to watch a furnace. He swam. A great heap of red-hot bricks and rubbish fell at his feet. He had by what seemed a sort of brute in-stinct, though really his strange sagac-ity in this was a' remnant of a once shout of human voices in the distance. then an awful roar behind him, and

he saw and felt himself pursued by surges of seething fire. Sharp, blis-tering pains pierced his flesh at a hundred points. The rest was all a horrible, uniutelligible dream. It was as if he had suddenly sunk into the earth hand. and been swallowed up forever. He

By seven o'clock comparative quiet reigned again on the scene of disaster. had queuched the flames that had caught the building, and the men, the rough men as they heard it. blackened with smoke, stood in silent rubbish.

to his home.

Little was said, but the few words spoken, uttered with no mild emphasis the natural wrath of the master and the hands against the man George. whose excuses for bimself only exag-

"See what he's done," said they a few days later, as they stood in the half-burned foundry. "Five thousand dollars gone to waste in a minute! The best job in twenty years spoiled ! The upon such carelessness! Why, the ated.

and strange-so strange !"

The men exchanged glances. It was

"Do you think so? Pray Heaven he may!" sole nnly ejaculated the mas-

ter and his men; and they turned away, deeply moved.

hung from a huge derrick in the lathe-

room of the factory, and beneath it

stood a heavy truck upon which it was

about to be lowered. A silence fell

upon the group of workmen as the

pale face and feeble form of "Invent-

or" appeared, borne in on a small soft

Two months later the great bell

happened."

"it was God'a hand."

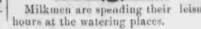
Every eye was turned upon the invalid. Some of the men felt almost afraid, it was so much like a resurrection to have him there among them, the boy they had known so long unintelligent, as if changed into auother

He struck one gentle blow. A deep, sound of distant waterfalls, rolled return of his son." Ruins lay everywhere. The engines from the great bell and echoed through the foundry. Tears filled the eyes of

"Ah," said the master, "there's groups about the remains of the fur- halelujah in that, and it may as well nace. It had fullen to pieces, and begin here. Long may this bell praise nothing was left but heaps of steaming God! He saved it in the ruins of the furnace by one wise thought in the Poor "Inventor," who had been ruins of a human brain. Our turnace found with the tapping-rod in his is rebuilt, and behold, this dear boy hand, lying on his face in the sand, has his reason again! The bell and frightfully burned, had been carried the boy shall glorify God together!" "Amen !" murmured all the listen-

melodious hurden, the boy was lifted out into the sunny day together, the rough men standing in the door ways,

waving their hands. Little "Inventor" afterward well proved his claim to the title so lightly given him in his unfortunate boyhood. His name is now read on many a bell whose matchless richness of tone his genius and skill in metals alone cre-



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A youthful clergyman who recently went forth to enlighten the ignorant, derwitted, now a young man keen and while dealing with the parable of the prodigil son, was anxious to show how

being. "I should like to strike the bell once," said he. Two men lifted him up and put a small hammer in his calf. The climax was as follows : "I shouldn't wonder if the father had sweet, mournful-tone, solemn as the kept that call for years waiting the

Somebody says a man should be always a little bigger than his wife, and a little stronger, a little wiser, and a little more in love with her than she is with him. A woman should always be a little younger, and a little pretti-er, and a little more considerate than her husband. Very likely. If husbands and wives were made to order, what pretty, proper, unandurable creatures they would be.

The Parisians are delighted with the American horse cars which they Then the great bell was lowered, have g t to running in some of their and as the truck rolled away with its streets. But they don't know how to manage them. When the seats are and carried after it, and both went full they take on no more passengers. A Russian proverb says: "Before going to war, pray once; before going to sea, pray twice; before going to be married, pray three times."

Ohio is one of the three. States in which a woman may make a will. Pot there are several States where a woman has a will of her own.

"Jealous, ch?" Joaquin Miller says Milkmen are spending their leisure that such writers as "Buffalo Bili" bring the "language of nature into disrepute."

