

STRANGE AFFLICTION

A YOUNG GIRL TRANSFORMED INTO A PEEVISH OLD WOMAN.

Her Vitality Destroyed by an Accidental Shock Received in an Electric Light Establishment.

On the Beekmantown road, about six miles from the town of Lorain, Ohio, lives a farmer named Max Harman, who came from Pennsylvania about a year ago.

Harman's family consists of a wife and three children. The oldest, named Mary, is a young lady nineteen years of age, who has passed through one of the strangest and most painful experiences which ever fell to the lot of a human being.

A short time ago she was a plump, rosy-cheeked girl in robust health and of a sunny disposition. To-day, through the influence of a most peculiar accident, she is in all but years a shrunken, peevish old woman.

Mary was engaged to be married to a man named Jacob Ebertin, who worked for Mr. Harman and made his home with the family.

Ebertin proposed to take his future bride through the place and show her the machinery. It appears that a broken wire of her parent's electric light system perceived, worked its way through her dress.

While passing along the wire came in contact with one of the powerful electric machines, and her hand, resting on an iron bar at the time, completed the current, and she received a severe shock, and fell insensible to the floor.

In a few moments she revived sufficiently to be removed from the place, and was taken to her home. Medical aid was summoned, and for four days the girl lay in bed in a paralyzed condition.

Then she regained the use of her limbs, but immediately began to lose flesh rapidly, the hair on the left side of her head turned gray, and began falling out.

After four weeks Miss Harman was able to be about, but in that time she had been transformed from a young, handsome girl into a feeble old woman.

Her form, which had been plump and rounded, was thin and bent, and the skin on her face and body was dry and wrinkled.

FARM AND GARDEN.

Pumpkins For Fattening Stock.

Ripe pumpkins may be fed to beef cattle, milch cows and hogs. They should not be allowed to eat the seeds, however, as they have a tendency to stimulate the action of the kidneys.

By cutting the pumpkins in halves, and chafing each half upon the ground the hollow part downward, the seeds will nearly all fall out if they are ripe.

When fed to stock it is better to either cut them fine or merely divide them into halves. If cut in large square pieces they are liable to choke the animals.

A steel barn shovel with a square blade ground to an edge makes a very convenient article for slicing them, and a clean barn floor is as good a place for the operation as can be found.

When fed to hogs, it is considered more profitable to boil them, mixing them with meal and a little milk if it can be spared, than to feed raw. The seeds are as injurious to hogs as to neat stock.

Peas For Milk. Peas have formed an exceedingly effective food for producing milk. In the feeding test of a noted Jersey cow, in which an average of seven pounds of butter daily was given for a week, sixteen pounds of pea meal was fed per day, with sixteen pounds of oat meal, and twenty-four pounds of corn meal.

Excess of pasture was also provided. This feed would supply an enormous excess of nutritive elements above those required for maintenance, giving four and a half times as much albuminoids, three times as much carbo-hydrates, and eight times as much fat as would be required for a cow in ordinary milk.

No doubt, it is a cow can digest sufficient food of the right kind. For instance, a kind of butter might be produced which would far exceed the enormous product above claimed for the Jersey cow. In such a case, a cow would act as a filter and merely separate the fats from the food, and pass it through the udder.

There could be no chemical change in the albuminoids or the carbo-hydrates as fat, as is effected in the ordinary feeding of dairy cows, for the system of the cow is unable to do so much work.

The effect of the pea meal in this case was probably due to its effect in enabling the cow to digest the large quantity of corn and grass which was consumed.

Now is the time to gather and dry 'everlasting' flowers for holiday decorations.

Tree planting can be safely performed in localities where the climate is mild through autumn.

The pyrus japonica, brilliant in blossoms and handsome in foliage, is one of the finest and hardiest of shrubs for the lawn.

Pigs should have the run of a yard, and should be provided with cut grass, clover, tares or lucerne, says London Field.

A writer in the American Gardener says that a tomato vine "can be made to clamber to a height of eight or ten feet."

If horses are uniformly well and comfortably bedded, they require the minimum amount of currying and brushing to keep them clean.

The guinea fowl is recommended as a great forager, and destroys numerous insects that hens will not touch. Beside, they do not scratch the garden.

It has been well said that colts intended for farm use should be well trained to all kinds of work when two years old, and to light driving before.

Mr. Waldo F. Brown well says that most farmers do not know that really profitable cows they possess, simply because they have never properly fed and tested them.

The Cultivator says clover hay is very nutritious anyway, but the second crop, for calves, colts, sheep or milch cows, is worth nearly half as much again as the first.

A Massachusetts farmer recommends the Southdown sheep as the best breed for small farmers who would raise their own animal food and become independent of the butcher.

The Western Plowman takes a very sensible view as to raising nut trees. It predicts that in the future trees good for nothing but wood will be grubbed out, and walnuts and hickories put in their place.

Experiments with commercial fertilizers in England indicate that nitrogenous manures appear to be of little use the second season on grass. Superphosphate and kainit had more lasting effect.

Chickens are cheaper than beef, and, an exchange remarks, there are no persons who can better afford to enjoy a good broiled chicken or chicken soup than the farmer and the late chickens should be put to home use.

An exchange suggests that sand may be used to advantage by mixing it with manure, or dusting it over stable floors, or using it as bedding. It prevents the manure from becoming too compact and lumpy, and makes it like old compost.

Dr. Salmon last month told the Society for Promoting Agricultural Science, in New York, that lime will kill the germs of hog cholera. The lime need not be applied at a greater rate than fifty bushels per acre upon land used as a hog pasture.

The feeding places of poultry should be spaced up and put in some kind of a crop. They are excellent locations for small gardens, and usually produce well; but if they are not convenient for garden purposes sow oats on the ground, then turn on the fowls when the oats are six inches high.

NEWS AND NOTES FOR WOMEN.

A Revival in Headgear.

A revival of an almost forgotten fashion is said to be impending in the French capital. The Parisian exquisite is about to appear on his beloved boulevards in the headgear affected by John Bull in the early years of the present century.

If the forthcoming hat is not actually made of "beaver," it will be simply on account of the increasing scarcity of the animal, which is gradually disappearing before the encroachments of Western civilization.

But the beaver is not "gone" yet; and with only that amount of encouragement which is afforded by the absence of constant molestation, he would soon again largely contribute to the world's store of valuable furs.

The mighty hunters who are now beginning to penetrate the few remaining sanctuaries of animal life would do well to remember in time the fable of the goose and the golden egg. Unless some breathing space is now permitted to it in its principal settlements, the extinction of the beaver is within a very easily measurable distance.

In America the prices of beaver skins have risen from \$1 to \$5 each during the last six years. A consignment of fur, not long since, shipped from Winnipeg by the Hudson's Bay Company represented the destruction of over 5,000 beavers, which exceeded that of all other fur-yielding animals of the district, with the one exception of the marten. It would be an infinite pity if this most interesting creature were to be wiped out of the book of nature.

Filed in Gold Coin. In Dec., 1893, J. S. Johnson & Co., 22 Custom House, Boston, Mass., offered gift premiums payable in gold coin, which they say created a great interest among people who kept their money in gold.

There is in England a society conducted by ladies for the promoting of long service among servants. Valuable prizes are given.

Even feathers are made in two-tone effects to match the changeable or dress ribbons and stuffs brought out for shops and millinery purposes.

Bustles are no longer worn by people who can afford to pay skillful dressmaker. Bouffant effects are now obtained by springs or reeds set in the dress itself.

Miss Grace, an English cricket player, recently stayed at the wicket a whole afternoon and scored 217 runs against the good bowling of four men.

The Empress of China has composed six hundred stanzas of poetry within the past year, and they are said by Chinese critics to be richer than the songs of Persia.

Mrs. Langtry says she began to practice fencing several years ago because she found it the best substitute for the exercise she had been accustomed to in her long walks.

Jackets made of the same material as the dress must be tight-fitting, those suitable for wear with any dress may be loose-fitting in front, but must set snugly to the back.

Mrs. John W. Mackay is having a cloak made from the breasts of birds of paradise. These cost thirty shillings each, and about five hundred birds will be necessary.

The women of New York have been granted more patents than their sisters in any other State. The women of Massachusetts, Ohio, Indiana and Wisconsin rank next in order.

Camel's hair shawls are coming into fashion again for the reason that the manufacture has practically become a lost art, and they are getting to be exceedingly hard to obtain.

The Colt and the Pears.

A gentleman who keeps a two-year-old colt in a lot where there is fruit has been particularly late to have all the fruit that fell during the night gathered before the colt was turned out in the morning, thinking the fellow would get all that his system required if he ate what fell during the day.

Yesterday afternoon one of the family heard a pear tree rattle, and, slipping to the window to see if the tree was being molested, saw the colt rubbing against it. Directly a pair was started and the colt at once made for it. Then he repeated the rubbing operation till another fell, which he secured and ate.

He had been seen rubbing against the tree before, but his movements were not watched. But his owner has no doubt that he has secured his share of fruit, and didn't take up windfalls either.

At Ralakhin, near Baku, Russia, a new petroleum spring, which rose 150 yards, flooded the country, impregnating everything. Nobody ventures to light a fire, for fear the town will go off like fireworks.

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THE TAYLOR BROTHERS OF TENNESSEE.

"Bob" and "Alf" Taylor, of Tennessee, visited Chicago this morning. "Bob" is the man who fiddled himself into Congress when he was only twenty-seven years old, and last year into the gubernatorial chair, with Alf as his opponent.

Bob is the Democrat, Alf is the Republican, and they look alike and dress alike, except that Bob wears a silk tie and Alf a cloth hat.

When asked to talk about the politics of Tennessee both will start off, Bob for Democratic success and Alf for Democratic defeat. They were never known to agree on any one point except their attachment for each other.

When Alf will say something favorable of his party, and Bob will shake his head sorrowfully and remark: "Poor Bob; so young to lose his hair."

Alf will say something favorable of his party, and Bob will look at him commiserately and remark: "Who would have ever thought that Alf would wind up in an insane asylum?"

So they kept it up, these two whole-souled and brainy brothers, until the crowd around them was convulsed with laughter.

Bob says Cleveland will carry Tennessee by 30,000 majority. Alf says Blaine will carry Tennessee by 20,000 majority.

"You pays your money and takes your choice," says St. Louis Chronicle.

Hints for Modern Barbers. Our Saxon ancestors appear to have devoted considerable attention to the subject of their hair.

They discovered that dead bees burnt to ashes, and scathed in oil with leaves of willow, would stop hair from falling off; but should the hair be too thick, then must a swallow be burned to ashes under a tile, and the ashes be sprinkled on the head.

But in order together to prevent the growth of hair, emmet's eggs rubbed on the place were found an effectual depilatory; "never will any hair come there," Nineteenth Century.

Farm and Garden Notes. Barn and farm buildings well separated from the house reduce the risk of fire.

Trees, as a rule, have good soil to grow in. Remember this when transplanting.

Cold storage for fruits appears to be too exacting a process for the average grower.

Hugh Whittell, a forty-nine, who died recently at Alameda, Cal., at the age of seventy-seven years, erected his own monument some years ago. It is a splendid marble shaft, bearing his name and the dates of his birth and death, and this epitaph: "He traveled over the first railway ever built in England and crossed the Atlantic in the first steamship that ever plowed the ocean. He explored many lands and died in the fullness of the faith. Amen."

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