

The Smart and Silberberg Co

Make It a Very Merry Christmas.

We're doing our part. We have provided a tremendous stock of carefully selected merchandise and displayed it advantageously for your choosing.

We strongly urge you to do your shopping at once, preferably in the morning. But even in the rush of last-minute buying and hasty selections, you are certain to get an excellent gift for your money and a gift that will be appreciated.

the Toys That the Children Want.

The children loose in our Toyland and you can soon appeal to them most. Some take to the Games; Mechanical Toys and so on. You'll make no mistake in buying the things that the children admire the most.

For the Christmas tree, too, are here in plenty. Toys are now marked half price—odd lots, just to clean up. Perfect though in every way.

Latest Sale of Umbrellas

Well known. Nearly 400 sold the first two days. What means? We knew when we first saw these wonderful values that the sale would be a hot one. We figure on quite such a favorable result many more left, and one is just as good a look for them all to go.

Best Values.

and Tailor Made Waists.

New styles and a sharp saving at the regular prices such pretty waists for everybody. But one way or another we are ready to

share up with you.

The Smart & Silberberg Co. OIL CITY, PA.

Oil City Trust Company, Oil City, Pa.

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A Practical Christmas Present

At any cost you may desire.

A Four Per Cent. Savings Account Book

With an initial deposit.

Assets, \$2,940,000.00

GAINED 55 POUNDS.

Charles L. Schultz of Dunkirk Tells How He Regained His Health.

When, six months ago, I began using Thompson's Barosma, I had made up my mind to sell out and go out of business, but a friend of mine asked me if I had taken Barosma. I had not, but was willing to try most any thing and began using it as directed. I was very pale and weak, I continued using it as directed and today I weigh 55 pounds more than when I commenced using Barosma. I was a skeleton compared with what I am now and shall remain in business. When I would get up in the morning I would feel

dull and sleepy and not rested, felt like going back to bed again. CHAS. L. SCHULTZ.

I know Charles L. Schultz; he is a man of truth, having worked as drayman in Dunkirk for years. C. J. WHITNER, Mayor.

P. S.—The above was written five years ago, and my health has been all that a man could desire ever since, and my weight is 55 pounds. CHAS. L. SCHULTZ.

Thompson Medical Company, Manufacturing Laboratory, 8 and 10 Diamond Street, Titusville, Pa. FOR SALE BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

STEVENS ARMS

are for sale by all progressive Hardware and Sporting Goods Merchants and DAN BEARD'S splendid effort "GUNS AND GUNNING" will be mailed postpaid to any applicant by J. STEVENS ARMS & TOOL COMPANY, Chicopee Falls, Mass.

Advertisement for Stevens Arms featuring an image of a woman and text about 'Family Favorite' and 'Brilliant Sparkling Clear'.

The House By The Lake

By Wallace Leonard.

Natalie Livingston sat gazing out of her window across the closely cropped lawn and out over the lake dotted with many pleasure craft. She could hear laughter coming from the water, and it only made it all the harder for her to go away.

But there was the stinging but polite little note informing her that her services were no longer required, and enclosing the customary week's wages and her ticket back to the city. She knew she was not dismissed because of incompetency, but because of the scarcity of eligible young men and the superabundance of marriageable young ladies with overambitious mothers.

She had known there were objections because of the attentions paid her by some of the male guests, and which she had tried hard to avoid. Her self-possession and refined manners had all been discussed by the mothers with the marriageable, but less attractive daughters, and for once they had united and sent a committee to the management and demanded Natalie's removal.

The very idea of her being allowed to use the boats on the lake and walk around on the lawn and veranda like one of the guests! indignantly remarked Miss Allen conspicuous for her black colored red hair, turned up nose and an impediment in her speech, but whose mother occupied one of the most expensive suites in the hotel and entertained largely.

"Such impertinence!" chimed in Miss Clark, a school teacher of uncertain age. Why, she actually curls her hair, yet faults her innocence and good manners in the eyes of men, thinking to dazzle them.

And so it had been until the note had been the result. Poor Natalie. All she wanted was to be left alone to earn her living and she had been delighted at the prospect of spending the hot summer months at the Lakeside, but now she would have to go back to the sweltering city and haunt the employment agencies, and even if she was successful, as she could scarcely hope to be at this dull season, she would be obliged to live in a stuffy furnished room in a poor quarter, made even more miserable by its crowded condition.

She packed her simple belongings, and tears came to the great blue eyes as she closed the door and slowly made her way to the manager's office to bid him good-by.

She did not find him in, and as her train did not leave until night she walked towards the lake out into the woods all white with dogwood and purple with violets, and thought of her past.

Her mother had died, leaving her alone, and when the estate had been settled there was but little left for Natalie. She had faced the situation bravely and had secured this position. She thought as she walked along of the cool months she had spent with her mother in the mountains, and these woods seemed only a tantalizing reminder of that other and happier life.

At last, unable to restrain herself longer, she sank down on the soft green grass and burst into soul-refreshing tears. She was still crying when she heard a rustle of the bushes near her and looked up. She saw the bushes part and Malcolm Goodrich stepped into the open.

He started, almost falling back among the bushes. "Why, Nat," he exclaimed, "in heaven's name, what are you doing here? Is it really you, and where have you been all this time?"

"I have searched everywhere for you, and to find you this way! Tell me, Nat, what did you run away for?"

"Why, I have been right here part of the time," she answered, trying hard to hide the traces of her tears and smiling bravely. "You know there was nothing left, so I left college, and after a course in shorthand accepted the position of stenographer at the hotel up there for the summer."

Then she told him of the note and its cause. He listened attentively and said: "Poor little girl! Why, I own that hotel and these woods and that castle-like house on the hill. I bought it as a summer home. Do you like it? The hotel is leased for this season. I was just looking over the place a bit when I heard you sobbing, and now, Nat, there is no end of happiness in store for you."

"But I leave this evening for the city. I must find another position."

"Now, look here, Nat. You know I love you and I intended to tell you so, and ask you to marry me as soon as I got out of college. Then your mother died, and I knew I must wait, and then you disappeared as completely as though the earth had opened and swallowed you. She did not answer, but sat silently thinking of the note and the hot city, and turning suddenly, she asked, "Is it because you are sorry for me that you are asking me this, Malcolm?"

"Why, bless you, Nat; it's because I love you and have loved you ever since we were kiddies, and your hat fell into the brook and I waded in and rescued it, and was soundly spanked for getting wet."

They laughed at the happy recollection and as he took her in his arms she nestled closer and gazed silently across the lake to the house overlooking it that was to be their home.

III Health is More Expensive Than any Cure This country is now filled with people who migrate across the continent in all directions seeking that which gold cannot buy. Nine-tenths of them are suffering from throat and lung trouble or chronic catarrh resulting from neglected colds, and spending fortunes vainly trying to regain lost health. Could a sufferer undo the past and cure himself, or could he avoid the anxiety and expense that would attend a long trip to a distant city where he could have himself cured, and at a cost that would be his ruin?

HEAVY DAMAGES FOR A JOKE.

Two Young Men Fined \$14,000 For Hazing.

Fourteen thousand dollars damages was the verdict of a jury recently in a suit brought by Charles Stoner against five young men of prominent families in Bradford, Ill., for injuries caused in a hazing prank of which he was the victim. The defendants are William Real, Earl Lappin, Arley Harwood, Earl Howe, and Francis Long.

Stoner, the son of a farmer, was attending school in Bradford last spring when the incident occurred. He was caught from home one evening and dragged to a cesspool at the edge of the city, where he was tied to a tombstone.

He was terribly frightened at shadowy forms approaching among the trees, and made a desperate effort to free himself. As he lunged, he pulled the tombstone to which he was tied, over upon him. His knee bone was broken, and he suffered internal injuries. His captors freed him, and he was taken to a hospital, where he remained a nervous wreck for many weeks.

One of his hazers, Arthur Pilgrim, is in California. Another, John Charkey, is thought to be in south Dakota. These two, together with the five against which the civil action was brought, have been indicted for conspiracy.—Chicago Tribune.

The Murdock Family.

Ben Murdock tells of the coming to Kansas of the father of the Murdocks as follows: "He cut a short hickory stick on the south bank of the Kaw River near the foot of Kansas avenue, Topeka, hung a pack on the stick, put it over his shoulder, crossed the river on a log wagon, took his foot in his hand, started on a beam and walked from Topeka to Mount Pleasant, Ia., where he landed in twelve days, the distance being over 200 miles. That was fifty years ago last March. Thomas Murdock—his was the Colonel of a Virginia regiment that was mustered for the Mexican War but didn't go—left the Allegheny Mountains with a wife and five children in a covered wagon and a carryall early in the fall of 1856 for the Territory of Kansas. The father and two oldest sons made the overland trip from Mount Pleasant, Ia., to Topeka in the winter of 1856-7 by wagon, the wife and three younger children remaining in that town. When Thomas Murdock returned to Mount Pleasant he loaded his family into the cars for Burlington, where they took a Mississippi steamboat for St. Louis. Here they changed boats, taking a Missouri River one for Leavenworth, where they were met by a team and hauled to Topeka.

Colleges Undesirable Insurance Risks.

Colleges are now regarded as rather undesirable insurance risks, and it is probable that the rate will be generally increased. In 18 years 784 fires have occurred in college buildings, entailing a loss of \$10,500,000 in money and a heavy loss of life. This makes the average money loss over \$13,000.

First Woman's Rights Convention.

Mrs. Elizabeth Smith-Miller and Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson are now the only survivors of the 89 persons who signed the call for the first National Woman's Rights Convention which was held in Worcester, Mass., in 1850.

Another Cure For Sleeping Sickness.

Dr. Plimmer has discovered a drug which is far more effective in the treatment of sleeping sickness than atoxyl. Dr. Plimmer's researches have been carried out for the tropical diseases committee of the Royal Society of Great Britain.

English Schools in Santa Clara.

English will be taught in the 18 public schools of Santa Clara province, Cuba, next year. Ultimately it will be a required study in all the Cuban public schools.

Shorthand Engravers Few.

There are only three engravers of shorthand in England. One lives at Bath. He has, as a joke, suggested to his two London fellow-workers the propriety of a trade union.

Population of Canada Growing.

The population of Canada, according to the official estimates of last country, was 5,504,900 on April 1, an increase of 21 per cent in six years.

Arctic Explorers Don't Have Colds.

No Arctic explorers ever have colds until they return to civilization. Then, one and all, they are prostrated by severe influenza.

Students To Sit Erect.

The public schools of Cleveland may be equipped with book holders which enable the scholars to sit erect while studying.

Koreans Paste Their Clothes Together.

The Korean tailor does not stitch garments. He pastes the edges together and presses them down. Koreans carry glue around to stick their clothes together when they are torn.

Vicomte and Vicomtesse Who Walk.

Since 1896 the Vicomte and Vicomtesse de Grunard have been making their honeymoon on foot. They have arrived at Paris after walking 41,250 miles. It is on a wages.

A Girl may Prune Herself on her good looks without living in a boarding house.

For a Lame Back. When you have pains or lameness in the back, bathe the parts with Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day, massaging with the palm of the hand for five minutes at each application. Then dampen a piece of flannel slightly with this liniment and bind it on over the seat of pain, and you may be surprised to see how quickly the lameness disappears. For sale by Dana & Paton.

It is a time that will save nine in ten.

It is a time that will save nine in ten. For biliousness, constipation. They do not die by J. R. Morgan.

His Broken Engagement

[Original.]

Young McNatt shrugged his shoulders. After the moment in which he had enjoyed the novel sensation he shrugged them again, bitterly. He did more—he bit off the end of a cigar and muttered harsh words.

"I said it like fast very well satisfied with myself. He realized that he had taken the situation with all the composure of one to whom being rejected by one's best girl was an old story and not at all as a novice would have taken it."

Callie was the first girl whom he had engaged by devoted attentions for three months he had looked upon life with the tolerance of the worldling, and he was not engaged? Were not he and Callie to get married some day when he was more firmly established financially?

At 20 a man regards an income as a mere incidental annoyance because of its slimness. He and Callie had a vaguely cheerful idea that with years came increased salary as a matter of course. He had called her "little girl" as he planned for the future and he had grown several inches by realizing that she depended on his superior wisdom and ability.

And after a foolish little quarrel she had decided that he did not love him as she had thought. Young McNatt read it again and again, showed the end of his cigar.

"My dear Charles, after last evening's exhibition of temper on your part it is better that we should not let our dream go on. All is over between us. Our lives are sundered henceforth. Forget me, as I have no doubt you will. It has been a mistake. Do not call as I am going with Mr. Lester to the theatre."

"Tried to make me jealous, foolish girl!" muttered young McNatt, alluding to the last sentence. "Women are so transparent. Callie was not quite 18. The letter was so calmly as if I was an empty candy box—and with no more heart! It cuts a fellow up!"

He walked to the window and stared hard at the pavement. He was searching vigorously for the emotion he ought to have, cringing back the insistent knowledge that all he felt was complacency at having arrived at the point where he could get engaged and then have his heart broken by a frivolous girl.

"I am well rid of her," he told a banana cart that was being pushed by. Then he scowled as he had seen a villain on the stage do a short time before. "But to a man with a heart an ideal is slow to die. She will go gayly on—with that Lester idiot. I suppose—because she is shallow. While—ah, perhaps in years to come, Callie, I can blot you from my memory."

Young McNatt almost caught himself heaving at his ready grasp of the obligations of the occasion. He remembered that when his older brother had gone through a similar experience he had trampled his heat necktie under foot and slammed things. That young McNatt felt, had been crude and a sign of inexperience. He had a better grasp on the possibilities. There was a real ache on his left side, not far enough over really to be his heart, but then his heart might be misplaced for all he knew.

"A blow just at the opening of a man's career," he told himself, with gentle bitterness. "But the world shall not know, shall get pity me. Naturally things never can look the same to me again, but I shall laugh and go on and pretend to have an interest in life and no one will know that I carry a disfigured spirit, an eddy heart, beneath the smiling exterior. I have loved and lost. Well, so be it. I am not one to scatter my affections about. I shall never love again—never!"

Entranced with the thought of this horrible fate, young McNatt surveyed himself in the mirror.

"Pale," he murmured. "I am sensitive and show when I am moved. Little Callie! Foolish girl! Spoil her life for a whim. Some day she will know it when it is too late. I am done with women. They have no interest for me now. They are merely an incident and must not be allowed to interfere with a man's career. I shall—"

"Hello, Furney!" he broke off, as another youth about his own age entered attired in the latest agony.

"Say," remarked Birney, breathlessly, with no respect for the tragedy in which his friend was involved, "come along with me and call on that Larkins girl we met last week. She asked me to call and she said to bring you."

"Not that stunner—with the blue eyes and—"

"The same," returned young McNatt's visitor, nodding his head to give greater emphasis to his reply. Young McNatt whistled. "Geet!" he exclaimed. "What luck! I should say I would go! How'd you ever work it? Where's my hat?"—Ex change.

Advertisement for D. Swift & Co. Patents, featuring text about patenting and a list of directors.

Advertisement for James Oil City, Pa., featuring the text "We Have Cut the Price on \$2,000.00 Worth of Christmas Merchandise" and a signature.

Pennsylvania Railroad.

THE STEEL COACH—A TRAVEL SAFEGUARD.

The Pennsylvania Railroad now has in operation on its lines east of Pittsburgh over two hundred passenger coaches, dining cars, baggage cars, and mail cars of the new all-steel type. The solid steel framework of these cars, designed to resist shock and minimize the dangers of collision, is further strengthened by the steel sheathing enclosing the body of the car. In fact, everything about the coach is steel, save the window frames, the cushions of the seats and the flooring. Such little woodwork as enters into the make-up of the coach, the plush with which the car seats are covered and the hair with which they are stuffed is treated to a fire-proofing process, whilst the floors are cement, thus rendering the coach at once practically indestructible and thoroughly fire-proof. It is built like a battleship.

The new coach is longer than the standard car generally in use on the railroads of this country, and has a comfortable seating capacity of sixty to ninety people according to the style of the coach. The unusual weight of the coaches give to them a solidity that greatly increases the comfort of the passengers. The seats are adjusted to a more convenient space and angle, the coaches are all lighted with electricity and amply ventilated in winter as well as summer by new and thoroughly tested methods.

The interior of the coach is plain though pleasing to the eye. The absence of ornamentation enhances the idea of strength and at the same time assures absolute cleanliness and thorough sanitation. Steel cars are now in use on the principal trains between New York, Philadelphia, Washington, and on the Main Line between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. The number of cars is constantly being increased as the finished products come from the shops. The Pennsylvania Railroad's equipment is recognized as Standard of America.

Bank Statement table with columns for Report, Resources, and Liabilities. Resources include Loans and discounts, Overdrafts, and Bonds. Liabilities include Capital stock and Surplus fund.

Advertisement for Jos. H. Raver, Practical Boiler Maker, and Franklin Trust Company, featuring a 4% interest rate and text about the foundation of all wealth.