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ATTORNEYS & COUNSELLORS AT LAW, will attend the Courts of Tioga, Potter and McKean counties. [Wellsboro, Jan. 1, 1865.]

JOHN I. MITCHELL,

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW. Tioga Village, Tioga County, Penn'a. Prompt attention to Collections. March 1, 1865.–1y.

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Wellsboro, Feb. 15, 1865–1y*

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WELLSBORO, TIOGA CO. PENNA.

THE subscriber takes this method to inform his old friends and customers that he has resumed the conduct of the old "Crystal Fountain Hotel," and will hereafter give it his entire attention. Thankful for past favors, he solicits a renewal of the same. DAVID HART.

Wellsboro, Nov. 4, 1863.–1y.

IZAAK WALTON HOUSE,

Gaines, Tioga County, Pa.

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WILLIAMS & SMITH,

ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELORS AT LAW,

BOUNTY & PENSION AGENCY,

Main Street, Wellsboro, Pa.

January 4, 1865–1y.

S. F. SHAIBLIN,

BARBER & HAIR-DRESSER,

SHOP OVER C. L. WILCOX'S STORE. Wellsboro, Dec 7, 1864.

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Knoxville, Oct. 19, 1864–tf. J. H. MARTIN.

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(Corner Main Street and the Avenue

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N. B.—*Jimmy Cowden*, the well-known hostler, will be found on hand.

Wellsboro, Oct. 5, 1864–1y.

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CHAS. & H. VAN VALKENBURG.

Wellsboro, June 28, 1865.

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July 19, 1865–3m.

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GREAT BARGAINS!!—I would in all confidence say to the people of Wellsboro and surrounding country that I have just returned from New York with

A LARGE STOCK OF GOODS,

consisting of

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for Men and Boys.

OVER AND UNDER SHIRTS.

I furnish everything to make a man warm and comfortable. Also,

A NICE LOT OF CASSIMERES,

Also, a large stock of

BOOTS & SHOES

for MEN, WOMEN, and CHILDREN.

Hats, Caps, &c.,

too numerous to mention. All of which

I OFFER FOR CASH,

at prices calculated to carry out my rule of business.

Small Profits and Quick Sales.

Please to call and examine my Stock. Remember the place,

THE CHEAP CASH STORE, ROY'S BUILDING.

Wellsboro, Sept. 20, 1865. G. P. CARD.

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W. T. MATHERS

Has just returned from New York, with an enormous Stock of

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and is offering them to the public for LESS money than they have been sold since the WAR.

GREEN TEAS—JAPANESE OOLONG, IMPERIAL & YOUNG HYSON

of various qualities from 75c. to $2.00 per lb.

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in kernel and all the varieties of ground Coffees.

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cannot fail to please customers if they will call and examine our Stock, either in price or quality.

SYRUP & MOLASSES,

varying in price from 65c. to $1.50 per gallon.

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Also a good stock of Brooms, Market Baskets, Corn Baskets, Axe Helves, Wash Boards, Scrub Brushes, Bed Cords, Door Mats, Buggy Mats, Mop Handles, Pails; also a nice assortment of Bird Cages. The Ladies will please remember that W. T. Mathers keeps J. B. Stratton's

CELEBRATED YEAST CAKE,

T. Kingsford & Sons' Corn Starch, Sage, Vermicella, Tapioca, Macaroni, all kinds of

SPICES, CLOVES, CINNAMON, GINGER, & NUTMEGS &c.

Also Black Snuff, and Yellow Snuff, a good assortment of

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W. T. MATHERS.

keeps constantly on hand the best brands of Saleratus, Soda, Cream Tartar, Sal Soda for Washing; also the best grades of

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The last but not least to mention is, W. T. MATHERS

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Goods ALWAYS AS REPRESENTED or no sale.

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Wellsboro, Aug. 23, 1865.

TO THE PEOPLE OF TIOGA COUNTY:—

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For Lawrenceville, Tioga, Richmond, Chatham, Deerfield, Clymer, Westfield and other towns.

Knoxville, Aug. 2, 1865–tf.

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THE HISTORY OF THE PENNSYLVANIA RESERVE CORPS,

Compiled from Official Documents by J. R. SYPHER, Esq.,

(late War Correspondent of the *Tribune*.)

Mr. O. B. STONE,

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BUY FALL GOODS

CHEAP!

A FULL STOCK

JUST RECEIVED.

Come One and all

AND

SEE FOR YOURSELVES.

CLOTHING

GOT UP TO ORDER,

AND

WARRANTED TO FIT.

A Large Stock of CLOTHS

Just Received.

COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.

MILLSPAUGH & SHUTTS.

Lawrenceville, Oct. 4, 1865–1y.

NEW FIRM & NEW GOODS AT TIOGA.

BORDEN BRO'S,

Would respectfully announce to all whom it may concern, that they keep constantly on hand a large and well selected assortment of

DRUGS AND MEDICINES,

PAINTS, OILS,

GLASS AND WALL PAPER,

DYE STUFFS,

FAMILY DYES,

LAMPS,

GLASS WARE,

PLATED WARE, such as

CASTORS,

FORKS, TABLE

CAKE DISHES, &c.

WRITING PAPER,

ENVELOPES, SCHOOL BOOKS,

PATENT MEDICINES,

Tea, Coffee, Spice, Pepper, Ginger, Saleratus, Starch,

TOILET AND WASHING SOAPS,

and an endless variety of

YANKEE NOTIONS.

Tioga, Pa., Oct. 4, 1865–1y*

C. & N. HAMMOND'S NURSERY.—

Middlebury, Tioga Co., Pa.,

Situated on the Plank Road, four miles from Tioga.

We are prepared to furnish 100,000 Fruit Trees at the following prices:

Appletrees—large size, 25 cents at the Nursery; 30 cents delivered. Common size, 20 cents at the Nursery, 25 cents delivered. Pear Trees, 50 cents.

SUMMER APPLES—Burnham Harvest, Early Harvest, Chenango Strawberry, Washington Strawberry, Red Astrachan, Summer Bellflower, Summer Queen, Summer King, Sweet Bow, Sour Bow.

FALL APPLES—Tanners, Gravenstein, Rambo, Rib ston Pippin, Fall Pippin, Republican Pippin, Hawley or Douse, Maiden's Blush, Large Wine, Ladies' Sweeting, Lymun's Pumpkin Sweet.

WINTER APPLES—Baldwin, Bailey Sweet, Black Gilliflower, Blue Pearmain, American Golden Russet, Roxbury Russet, Rhode Island Greening, Esopus Spitzenburg, Swaar, Sweet Gillflower, Sugar Sweet, Honey Greening, Honey Sweet, Pound Sweet, Pound Sour, Peck's Pleasant, Tallman Sweet, Tompkins Co. King.

PEARS—Bartlett, English Jargonelle, Bleaker's Meadow, Bella Lucrative, Louisa Bona D Jersey, Seckel, Beurre D'Amalis, Golden Beurre, Flemish Beauty, Gout Mereau, Lawrence.

Also—Siberian Crab, Quinces, and Grape roots—several varieties. C. & N. HAMMOND.

Middlebury, Tioga Co., Pa., Oct. 4, 1865–1y.

NOTICE IN PARTITION.—

Notice is hereby given that a summons in partition has issued from the Court of Common Pleas for Tioga County returnable the last Monday of November next, at the suit of Robert G. White, against James H. Gulick and Franklin H. Smith, Trustees of the Arbon Land Company; Ann E. Mantor, Mary A. Dockery, Edwin Dyer, Anthony Schoder and Mary E. Schoder his wife, Thomas B. Jacques, Samuel B. Jacques, and Isaac S. Jacques, for the purpose of making partition of a tract of land situate in Bloss township, Tioga county, Penn'a, described as follows:

Beginning at a birch at the eastern corner of land of Benjamin Patterson; thence north forty degrees east two hundred and ninety five perches to a post; thence south two hundred and fifteen perches to a birch; thence south forty six and three-fourths degrees west one hundred and eighty-six perches to a beech; thence north forty degrees west one hundred and thirty three perches and five-tenths of a perch to a beech; thence north thirty-seven degrees east 20 perches to a post; thence north twenty-four degrees west twenty five perches to the place of beginning—containing two hundred and eighteen acres more or less, and part of a larger tract of land surveyed in pursuance of warrant No. 6005 to Aaron Bloss—said plaintiff alleging that he with the defendants named together and undivided do hold the premises above mentioned. LEROY TABOR, Sheriff.

Sheriff's Office, Oct. 6, 1865.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—Notice is hereby given that the partnership lately existing between A. D. Cole and Henry D. Calkins under the firm of "Cole & Calkins," was dissolved on the 28th day of September, 1865, by mutual consent. The said Calkins has purchased the interest of Cole, and will continue the business by himself.

A. D. COLE.

Tioga, Oct. 4, 1865.

HENRY D. CALKINS.

CONCENTRATED LYE, for sale at ROY'S DRUG STORE.

Correspondence.

No. 2. [Extract.]

LIBERTY, Oct. 9th, 1865.

V. A. ELLIOTT,

SIR: Your letter of August 16th is received. In reply I will say that as to the "underhanded double dealing" you speak of, at the organization of my Regiment in September 1864, I will refer to the honor and candor of the public. You say that some time in August 1864, I should be commissioned to command a regiment, provided I could raise the required number of men. Ten companies you say were tendered me, and now you have the audacity to ask who gave me the monopoly? It will appear from your own words that you previously understood more about my arrangements as to the organizing of a regiment than I did myself. I never invited you to join my regiment nor to assist me in raising men, but at your earnest request, I told you if you did come I would do the fair thing with you. The testimony of my Quartermaster stands without contradiction; that which you introduce does not reflect upon it in the least. I find no fault with the testimony; those officers say they did not know of Wilson's appointment until a certain time; now the question is whether I was bound to promulgate all that had been said and done in relation to the Chaplain to all my officers, or whether it was sufficient to tell one, he being the principal operator in the matter, and this at a time when I had other business of more importance to attend to. I would like to have you state where you was when you told me that Reynolds would certainly come, in reply to my request. The Quartermaster swears that this conversation was in your presence, for he said you replied, and the officer that remarked to me that if the election of Reynolds was not legal then the election of Wilson is not legal, was you and no other man.

The day after the election of Reynolds, I reported the whole proceedings to Aujutant General Russell; he informed me that all was correct except the choice of Chaplain, which he said was not legal as the officers must be mustered to legally elect a Chaplain, and at the same time called my attention to an act which he said had just been published, which said that after the Field, Line and Staff Officers were mustered the majority should elect a chaplain, and when Wilson came to me with a clear majority of one, I did approve their action, supposing them all mustered. You say I came back on my friends, who enlisted my men for me and elected me Colonel. You know full well that when I was chosen Colonel by the meeting at the European Hotel the vote was taken at my own request and it was made by the line officers unanimous, and I have always felt grateful to them for this token of respect, notwithstanding they could not have changed the matter in the least as to my being commissioned for I had received assurances (so who told you that I should be commissioned) from Gov. Curtin and General Russell that I should be appointed, then do not attempt to infer that I was dependent upon the action of my officers for my place as Colonel; but how was it with yourself? The matter of calling a meeting was done by me at the suggestion of Gen. Russell; he said it had become a custom among regimental commanders and it would relieve me of some responsibility. I had a right to refuse this suggestion and to appoint all my officers except Chaplain. Now the question arises whether you was at my disposal or not, or whether I was dependent on the action of my officers at that meeting for my position, as far as you are concerned, I did not desire to have you in my regiment for I had my suspicions of you as being a contentious fellow, and in this I would do the fair thing with you You promised to raise two companies but you never raised one.

If you had taken my advice you would not have brought Mr. Reynolds to the regiment, for I told you to your face that I did not think it worth while for him to come as it had been four days since he had the dispatch. Our meeting was on Monday night the fifth of September, and this conversation was had on the 9th, and whether I understand Arithmetic or not, I believe that 5 and 4 previous to the writing of your letter made nine.

I cheerfully consented that if the officers that signed Wilson's paper had not been mustered to let the whole matter go before them for a fair vote in case Reynolds came on, but when you came to Harrisburg with him the regiment had been ordered away.

You say that the charges of Wilson were forwarded by me without his signature; that I was the cause of your being court-martialed, and I hereswith introduce a true copy of the charges, specifications, &c., with Wilson's name attached:

CAMP IN THE FIELD 207TH REG'T P. V.,
NEAR PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 22, 1864.

Complaint of Chaplain JAMES T. WILSON of the 207th Reg't P. V., against Major V. A. Elliott of same Regiment.

To Col. R. C. Cox, commanding 207th Reg't P. V.:

That: V. A. Elliott, Major of the 207th Reg't P. V. aforesaid, has since my connection with said regiment as Chaplain, treated me in a manner unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

In this, that he, V. A. Elliott aforesaid, Major of the 207th Reg't P. V., did on or about the 20th day of September, A. D. 1864, circulate a certain petition among the officers of said regiment with the intent to disgrace and bring me into contempt—asking me to resign my position of Chaplain of said regiment, and in so doing resorted to means wholly unbecoming an officer and a gentleman.

That the said V. A. Elliott, Major of the 207th Reg't P. V. aforesaid, did while endeavoring to procure the names to said petition, make certain false statements in order to induce said officers to sign the aforesaid petition, to wit: That I had forged the name of Lieut. Col. Snoddy of the 207th Reg't P. V. to a certain instrument of writing.

That the said Major V. A. Elliott aforesaid, did forward said petition containing the signatures of said officers, and also a certain other writing or statement purporting to be acquiesced in by the aforesaid officers and without the knowledge and consent of said officers aforesaid, first had and obtained, did in a clandestine manner forward the same to the Secretary of War.

Which said petition and writing within mentioned when subsequently returned to the commanding officer of the 207th Reg't P. V. Col. R. C. Cox, was discovered by the signers of said petition to have been used for a different purpose from that originally intended by the parties to the petition aforesaid wholly unauthorized, thereby placing the parties to said writing in a false position, maligning my standing in said regiment as Chaplain and *violating*

General Order of the War Department. No. 129, of which the following is an extract:

WAR DEPARTMENT,
General Orders, ADJ'T GENERALS OFFICE,
No. 129. WASHINGTON, March 30, 1864.

The attention of all officers is called to the Army Regulations and General Orders in regard to correspondence in official matters "All such correspondence must be conducted through the proper official channels, except in *cases of pressing necessity*, which do not leave time for regular communication and then the necessity must be stated. All applications or correspondence by whomsoever made in violation of this order will not be responded to and the writers will be arrested and tried for disobedience of orders or recommended to the President for dismissal.

By command of Lt. General Grant,

Official: E. D. TOWNSEND, A. A. G.

A. E. LEAVENWORTH, Act. A. A. G.

To Col. R. C. Cox,
Com'g 207th Reg't P. V.

JAMES T. WILSON,
Chapl'n 207th Reg't P. V.

As early as December 22d, 1864, which will show the length of time that this paper was withheld in order to give you time to settle the matter, and that the paper was signed is evidence that they never came back into my hands for his signature, and how did it happen that you were convicted twice and sentenced to be dismissed, the service of the United States, if the paper had not been signed? Colonel Mathews, our Brigade Commander, told me that he would not forward your application for leave until the matter of the chaplain was disposed of, and I retained the charges until there was a proposition to go without me and make complaint to the Brigade commander. Col. Mathews never advised me to put those charges in the stove as you say, and had he done so, I would have refused unless he became responsible, otherwise I would have subjected myself to arrest, but no doubt this would have been highly gratifying to you to be relieved at my expense.

* * * I desire the public to see the charges, also the certificate of my Adjutant, showing how poor my memory is as to the time you were in arrest in the Army of the James—also the affidavits of Capt. Rogers, Fredericks, and others, showing most conclusively your manner of underhandedness, and that you represented to those officers in order to secure their signatures one thing and afterwards by doing another, yet you say that on account of my treachery you was suspended and prevented from taking that honorable part in the glorious Spring Campaign.

HEAD'QRS 207TH REG'T P. V.,
FRONT OF PETERSBURG, Dec. 24, 1864.

Personally appeared before me, this 24th day of December, Capt. Jas. W. Fredericks, of Co. C, 207th Regiment, being duly sworn, deposeth and says, that he is acquainted with V. A. Elliott, of the 207th Reg't P. V., that some time during the month of September he, Major Elliott, came to him with a petition asking him, said Fredericks, to sign the same, requesting James T. Wilson, Chaplain of the 207th regiment aforesaid, to resign his position as chaplain of said regiment, and by means of certain statements made by the Major aforesaid, charging the chaplain with forging the name of Lieut. Col. W. W. Snoddy, of the 207th Reg't P. V. to a paper or writing and otherwise traducing said chaplain that the petition was only to be used for purposes within the segiment, and to bring about an important election. Some time after at a meeting of the officers with reference to the case of the chaplain, I discovered that the paper, a petition which the Major had circulated was sent to Washington, D. C., to the Secretary of War for a different purpose from that represented to me, and without my knowledge as to its use—thus giving a different effect and coloring to the intended object of said petition and wholly unauthorized by me. Deponent further says that during the conversation with Major Elliott as to chaplain Wilson, he Captain Fredericks, told Major Elliott, that if those allegations of forgery &c. proved untrue, that he would always support him if an election was ordered, as long as no valid reasons existed to make a change necessary.

JAMES W. FREDERICKS,
Capt. com'g Co. C, 207th Reg't P. V.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 24th day of December A. D. 1864. GEO. M. BASTIAN,
1st Lieut and Adj't 207th Reg't P. V.

CAMP BEFORE PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 27, '64.

Personally appeared before me, James A. Rogers, Capt. of Co. B, 207th Reg't P. V., who being duly sworn according to law, doth depose and say, that he did hear Victor A. Elliott, Major of the 207th Reg't P. V. assert that the Rev. James T. Wilson, Chaplain of said regiment had obtained his position through dishonorable means; further that he had forged the name of Lieut. Col. W. W. Snoddy, by which means he secured a majority of the Field officers and company commanders to his recommendation for the Chaplaincy of said regiment.

JAMES A. ROGERS,
Capt, Co. B, 207th Reg't P. V.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 27th day of December, 1864. GEO. M. BASTIAN,
Adj't 207th Reg't P. V.

I, G. M. Bastian, late Adjutant of the 207th Regiment, do certify on honor, that on or about the 29th day of September, 1864, Major V. A. Elliott was by order of Col. J. H. Potter, then commanding Provisional Brigade put under arrest for disobedience of an order which came to the Adjutant's office the day quarters of Elliott, and of Elliott's own choice, and that the said Elliott was not released until in December A. D. 1864. G. M. BASTIAN,
Late Adjutant of 207th Reg't P. V.

Yours, ROBT. C. COX,
Late Col. 207th P. V. and Brev't Brig. Gen. U. S. V.

Miscellany.

THE WIDOW AND THE POKER.

Mr. William Woodhouse was naturally a very timid man. Not that he was lacking in moral or physical courage, but that he was afraid of the women. On all other occasions he was usually equal to the emergency, be it whatever it might; but place him *tete-a-tete* with a woman, and, to use a vulgar, but expressive phrase, he was done for.

His mother had long ago settled down to the uncomfortable conviction that William would never marry and the girls had arrived at the same conclusion; it had become quite the thing to say, in making comparison, "As great a fool as Will Woodhouse."

For—take note, bashful gentlemen—however much ladies may admire modesty in the other sex, they invariably despise a man who has not heart enough to say to the girl of his choice, "I love you."

Will admired all the girls in his way, but he looked upon them very much as sensible people do upon a hornet's nest—as a curious piece of architecture, but not safe to be familiar with.

So he kept his distance, and in the meantime arrived at the mature age of twenty-three. Then he met, for the first time, at a picnic-party, Adelaide Browne. We believe, people with the stoniest hearts fall in love at picnics, and from that hour poor Will had no comfort of his life. Sleeping or waiking, his dreams were full of the beautiful Miss. Browne. Surely there never was another of the numerous Browne family like her! Blue eyes, white muslin dress, with knots of pink ribbon—brown hair, red lips, pearly teeth, snowy hands—all danced together in miscellaneous "all hands round" before his distorted vision.

Adelaide, all unconscious of the trouble she had caused, went her way, breaking the hearts of most of the young gentleman in Highbridge, and trying hard to fracture the few that remained whole.

She was visiting her aunt Hooper and it is an undeniable fact that ladies always take best where they are not known. This is no libel on the sex—no, indeed! for with gentlemen this truth is still more applicable.

Mrs. Hooper was a widow lady, of no small personal attractions in her own estimation, and if she was not so young as she might have been, she thought she was, and behaved accordingly. She still affected short sleeves and profuse ringlets of glossiest black—though envious individuals presisted in it that her curls were made at the hair-dresser's. The same persons also believed that she was anxious to supply that place of the dear deceased as soon as possible.

For a week after meeting with Adelaide, Will bore up bravely. The second meeting destroyed all the stock of composure he had been hoarding up. He took desperately to the Muses, and walked the whole night away, to the infinite destruction of shoe-leather and the infinite disgust of his practical papa.

He met Adelaide now quite frequently.—Highbridge was very gay. There was a singing school, a lyceum, a "society, and then the folks got up excursions to the surrounding hills, for it was yet early autumn, and nature was in her robes of state.

There was an excursion to Mount Giblo, one fine day, and there Will had the ecstatic pleasure of treading on Adelaide's dress, thereby throwing her headlong into a pile of brush, and while Laura Blake picked her up and helped her pin her flounces, he stood by frightened out of his wits, and momentarily expecting the mountain to open and swallow him up.

From that time he pined rapidly. His appetite was a thing of the past. His mother thought him in a quick decline, and dosed him with hoarhound and Dr. Perkin's patent pills. He grew worse and worse.

At last, thinking himself near his end, he confessed to his mother. She was thunder-struck at first; but afterwards, like a sensible woman, she advised him to put on his "t'other clothes" and go right over and lay the case before Miss Browne. It couldn't kill him, she said, and then if she refused him—why, there was as good fish in the sea, etc.

Will took three days to consider, and at the end of that time his mind was made up. He swallowed a double dose of blackberry cordial, donned his flame colored vest and black blue plaids, brushed his hair till it shone like ebony, covered his head with his father's ten dollar beaver, and made the best of his way to Mrs. Hooper's. Not that he intended to ask Adelaide—but Mrs. Hooper. If he could only get the aunt won over to his cause, and employ her to state the condition of his heart to her niece, he should be happy. He felt assured that he never could live through confessing himself to Adelaide; and if he did, and she should say no, he was satisfied he should faint away right on the spot.

As good fortune would have it, he found Mrs. Hooper alone, in her best gown and her best humor. She was charmed to see him, and treated him to nuts and cider, and a seat on the sofa so near herself that Will was at his wit's end to frame the first word of his errand.

They talked of the weather and the crops till the clock struck ten. The widow tried to make him think it was only nine, but he was not so far gone but that he could still count. He felt that the terrible moment could be no longer delayed; he must make a beginning:

"Mrs. Hooper," said he, "I came over this evening—" he hesitated.

"Yes, Will," said she encouragingly.

"I came over—"

"Yes, I know you did," still more encouragingly.

"I came over to ask a great favor of you."

"Well, you couldn't have come to anybody that would be readier to do you a kindness, William."

"Thank you." The sweat stood on his forehead in great drops. "But this is a very delicate business, very. I come to ask you to—"

"Go on—don't be afraid; I am listening."

"The fact of it is, I'm in love—desperately! There, I've done it!"

"Mercy on me! Why, William! and I never mistrusted it—never! Well, of all things!" and the widow edged a little closer and put her fat hand in William's.

"Yes I'm in love, and I come to ask you if you would—"

"Will I? To be sure I will! How could you think otherwise! I have always thought so much of you! But it is so sudden! What would folks say?"

"Deuced if I care!" cried Will, elated at the prospect before him. "It's nobody's business, am I to be wretched on account of what people say? Don't hug me so, Mrs. Hooper, I beg—I aint used to it; and—and—what was that noise?"

"The mice, I guess. Dear William, how glad I am you told me!"

"And you'll ask Adelaide, make it all right with her?"

"Adelaide? Oh! she'll have no earthly objections—of course not!"

"Are you sure? If I was only certain of it! Oh! Mrs. Hooper, I loved her the moment I set my eyes on her!"

"Her? Who?"

"Why, your, niece, Adelaide Browne. She is the only woman on earth that I could ever be happy with. I shall die if I don't get her!"

Mrs. Hooper turned pale. She caught up the poker and flew at our hero like a maniac. He made for the door, she following close.

"I'll show you how to insult a respectable woman!" she cried; "I'll teach you to steal the affections of a guileless heart and then prove false!" each "showing" accompanied by a thump from the poker.

Will at last succeeded in putting the door between him and his antagonist, and in frantic haste he dived down over the steps, and at the bottom reeled foll into the arms of Adelaide Browne herself, who was just returning from a friend's.

"Don't let her get me!" he cried; "I'd rather die than she should hug me again! It's you I love, not her, she's madder than a panther."

It was not a very elegant proposal, but Miss Browne's self-possession insured Will's everlasting weal. She accepted him on the spot.—for she had liked him all along, and nothing had stood between them but this abominable bashfulness

Will is a happy husband and father now; but even to this day the sight of a widow will make him tremble, they are so intimately associated in his mind with a poker.

THE STATE DEBT.—A proclamation by Gov. Curtin, of this State, just published, exhibits the gratifying fact that the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, have reported a reduction of the debt of the Commonwealth for the year ending Sept. 4, 1865, of *seven hundred and fifty five thousand, eight hundred and eleven dollars and twenty-six cents.* This is an increase over the reduction of the debt for the previous year of $467,241 76—the amount reached last year being only $268,569 50, owing to the expenses of the year being heavier than the year just passed, growing out of the war. The statement shows the affairs of the Commonwealth to be in good hands, and that with care and economy, now that we have peace, the State debt may be entirely paid off in the course of a few years.

Our "devil" says that getting in love is something like getting drunk; the more a fellow does it the more he wants to.