A WONDERFUL CLOCK.

Remarkable Ingenuity of a German.

A correspondent of the Philadelphia *Press* writes: Karl Ketter, a poor German miner, residing within a few miles of Shamokin, Northumberland county, has been exhibiting a clock at that place during the past week, of a most remarkable character. He had been three years constructing it, the first two years at intervals of time, and the last year he worked at it day and night, scarcely taking time enough to sleep and eat. He became almost a monomaniac on the subject. The clock was in his mind during his waking hours and in his dreams at night. He occupied alone a small wooden shanty, where he worked, slept and cooked his food. Whatever cooking and sleeping he did, however was but little. It is thought he would have nearly starved but for the kindly interest which his neighbors took in him and his clock. They took him food and encouraged him in his labors.

The clock, which was made of no other tools than two common jack knives, is eight feet high and four feet broad. Its frame is of the gothic style of architecture. It has sixteen sides and is surmounted by a globe, on top of which is attached a small golden cross. On the front of the clock there are four dial plates: one shows the day of the week, another shows the day of the month, another shows the minutes and fractions of a minute, and the other the hour of the day. These dials are carved in a most unique manner, having emblematic figures upon them and around them of almost every imaginable description. About the dial plate is a semi-circular gallery, extending around about half the width of the frame work of the clock. Immediately in front, in the centre of this semi-circular gallery, is the carved wooden figure of our Saviour.

At the ends of the gallery, on either side, there is a small door, opening into the body of the clock. Over the door, on on the right hand side of the clock, as you stand facing it is an eagle. Over the door, on the left hand side, is a chicken cock. Twice a day, that is, at 12:05 in the day and at 12:05 at night, a sweet chime of bells begin to play, the small door on the right hand side opens, and the small wooden figures, admirably carved, of the twelve Apostles, appear and walk out slowly and gravely in procession, Peter in the lead. Advancing along the gallery until they get opposite the figure of Jesus, each in turn, except Judas slowly turns round and bows his head to the Master, then recovers his former position; as Peter does this the cock crows. They continue to advance to the other side of the gallery and enter the small door on the left. As Judas (who is in the rear), with his right hand covering his face, and his left hand clasping the bag which is supposed to contain the thirty pieces of silver, comes in full view of the cock, the cock crows again. By a simple arrangement this procession can be made to come out and pass around the gallery at any time desired. On pedestals, at the extreme corners of the front of the clock, are carved wooden statutes of Moses and Elias.

In the rear are two obelisks of the Egyptian style, upon which are carved hieroglyphic characters to represent the ancient period of the world's history. The clock will run thirty-two hours without winding. Mr. Ketter, who is a native of Frierburg, in Baden, is very proud of his workmanship. He can scracely bear to be away from it long enough to eat his meals. He has been offered ten thousand dollars for it by a party from New York, but he refused it.

Mr. Ketter says he had often heard of the celebrated clock in Strasburg, Germany, but he never saw it, and he has no knowledge of how it was constructed, neither has he ever had any instruction in mechanics of any kind.

His purpose is to exhibit it for a few months in this country, and then take it with him to Germany.

The Old Woman I Met at Baden.

[Howard Paul, in the American Register, Paris.]

Recently at Baden Baden I met an American female (I can't call her a lady) who out-Malaproped the most Partington of Mr. Browns. She was from "out West," and was now on her first tour on the continent. She was literally a phenomenon of ignorance and misconception. She sat next to me at the *table d'hote* at the hotel, and after the fashion of neighbors at continental dinners we fell into conversation. She turned to me and said:

"How do you have your letters addressed?"

"Oh, simply to the Hotel Royal", (where I was staying).

"That's a good idea. I didn't know the name of no hotels here, so a neighbor who had once been in Europe told me it would be a good plan to have all of mine sent to the *post restaurant*, and I can't find no such restaurant. I took a carriage yesterday and looked for it everywhere."

It was simply a duty to instruct her that she should apply to the *post restante*.

I found the old dame had just returned from Italy.

"Did you like Milan?" I inquired.

"It's elegant."

"And the pictures, the art treasures of sunny Italy, are they not delightful?" I asked with an affectation of enthusiasm.

"They're splendid," said she, "where they're not too old. They showed me a lot of broken bits of things in Rome that couldn't make head nor tail of—a body here, a leg there, an arm somewhere else; it looked to be mere rubbage, that did, but the picters were very nice. I liked Raphael's marriage with the Virgin, but I didn't think much of the 'Last Supper,' as they showed me at Milan. How they can call it a masterpiece I can't think, for I've seen public house signs in Ameriky that had much richer coloring into them than that. One of the Apostles only had one leg, and I'm sure that aint no good drawin,' not that I know much of paintin', dear knows."

"Did you stop at Florance?" I asked.

"Oh, yes, and went to see the Pity Palace."

"Did you see Venus, by Titian? There's a work!"

"Yes, there is a work, and she ought to be ashamed of herself!"

"Ashamed of herself, who—Venus? Why, you wouldn't have her dressed or drayed, would you? You'd ruin the classic beauty. Think of art."

"Think of decency! I say again she ought to be ashamed of herself; I don't mean Venus, for I spose it's the regular thing for her to be undressed; but Titiens ought to remember she is a lady, and looked upon as such in London. I've heard her sing."

"Heard her sing, who?" I asked in amazement.

"Why, Titiens; and how she could waste her time a paintin' one of her own sex laying off on a sofa, like that, I can't think. Titiens Venus may be a great work, but for my part I prefer her Norma."

Handling a Snapping Turtle by the Wrong End.

A man named Gilsey, who by strict economy and severe industry, has succeeded in getting his family in a little place, free of incumbrance, was fishing in Still river, near the Beaver Brook mills, on Sunday afternoon. After sitting on the bank for a couple of hours, without catching anything, he was gratified to see, on a flat stone in the water, a snapping turtle sunning itself. The butt-end of the turtle was toward him, and he thought he would capture it; but while he was looking for a place to step, the turtle gravely turned around without his knowledge, and when he got in reaching distance, and bent down to take hold of what nature designed should be taken hold of while handling a snapping turtle, that sociable animal just reached out and took hold of Mr. Gilsey's hand with a grasp that left no doubt of its sincerity. The shrieks of the unfortunate man aroused some of the neighbors, but when they arrived it was too late to be of any benefit to him, or even to themselves, for they just caught a glimpse of a bare-headed man tearing over the hill, swinging a small carpet-bag in one hand, and they at once concluded that it was a narrow escape from highway robbery. However, it was not a carpet-bag he was swinging; it was that turtle, and it clung to him until he reached the White street bridge, when it let go; but the frightened man did not slacken his gate until he got home. When he reached the house, the ludicrousness of the affair burst upon him, and when his wife looked at his pale face, and bare head, and dust-begrimmed clothes, and asked him what was the matter, he said, "Nothing was the matter, only he was afraid he would be too late for church," and appeared to be much relieved to find that he wasn't.—*Danbury News.*

A Candid Candidate.

It is the fashion in California to have the candidates for political nominations come before the convention and make speeches in advance of balloting. A Dr. Williamson, with a keen appreciation of the successful politician of modern times, thus improved the occasion: "Gentlemen: I must say I have been wanting this office. I want it bad, and I am not ashamed to say so. I think I can be elected if nominated. I have heard your resolutions—most of them though not all—and I endorse the principal part of them. If I am elected to the Legislature, I will serve you as well as I can under the circumstances, if I should unfortunately steal anything I will bring it down here to San Joaquin and divide with you. I know how to steal; I can steal as well as any man, and I think that is the kind of man to send to Sacramento, so that he can prevent the other fellows from getting the advantage of us—so we can checkmate 'em. I am opposed to all monopolies in all forms and conditions. I think I would be an available candidate, for I can run over more ground than any of them. I think I can; but if you think otherwise, just say so, and I will go back practicing medicine. I am good at practicing medicine."—But we grieve to mind that his frankness was unappreciated—the convention selected a candidate who did not tell half so much truth.

It is told of a young gentleman, whom a maiden liked but her father didn't, that at a reasonable hour the old gent mildly intimated that the time for retiring had arrived. "I think you are correct, my dear sir," answered nineteenth century, modestly, "we have been waiting over an hour for you to put yourself in your little bed." The father retired thoughtfully.

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