

replied Burnett, again roused to the 'short anger.' 'A mighty fine scholar you must be to fault a priest's sermon and the printing of a newspaper! I suppose you'll be for preaching and printing yourself.'

Grace recommenced—

'Boys and girls—but most particular boys—we must all die! Ay, indeed, die—as sure as grass grows or water runs. Now, you see that the great min of odd times are all dead! Not a mortal soul of them all alive.' 'Uncle?' said Grace, pausing, 'do you think that's true?'

'True!' repeated Black Burnett, not looking in the midst manner under the deep and shaggy brows which had gained him his cognomen; 'to be sure; and to all reason it's true. Show me one of the people of odd times that's alive.'

'Molly Myran, of Cragg's-pas, near Carickburn's, above a hundred,' replied Grace, who feared, she hardly knew why, that the sermon was a sort of quiz upon the priest-hood, though she dared not say so.

'Molly Myran?' again repeated her uncle, contemptuously. 'God help the child, sure no one's worth talking of amongst the rare ancients that's less than a thousand or two! Go on with the sermon.'

Grace continued—

'There was Julius Cassar, and twelve of them there was—*mortuus est*—he's dead. 'Mortuus est' enquired Burnett, sharply. 'Mortuus est!—M-O-R,' continued poor Grace, reading and then spelling the letters.

'I hope you're reading what's on the paper,' persisted her uncle, doubtfully.

'As true as grapes!' she replied, that is what it's read. 'There was the great Cleopatra, an Egyptian, and a great warrior; he used to drink *puris for waters*; he's dead, too! There was Marc Anthony, a great friend and coadjutor of Cleopatra's, he had a great town for boating and the like; *mortuus est* he's dead, too! There was Charlemagne, a great French man of learning and tongues, and with all his learning; *mortuus est* he's dead, too! There was the great Alexander, the general of the whole world!'

'Largi save us!' ejaculated the old man, as he knocked the ashes out of his pipe against a stone which projected from the back of the chimney.

'The whole world!' repeated Grace; 'he used to roar and hawl whenever he could get a faction fight a-foot; and it's not at that he'd stop, if he had his own way, for it was all fun to him;—*mortuus est* he's dead, too! There was the great Cicero, a mighty fine preacher, like myself; *mortuus est*, he's dead, too! There was the wonderful Arkimedes, he was a great mathematician, an admiral, and a navigator; he used to set ships of fire by just looking at them through a spy-glass; he had an eye, boys, like a peacock; *mortuus est* he's dead, too!'

'Grace,' interrupted the old man, 'I believe, after all, you're right. I wish I had the name of that paper. I don't think it's of the true sort, so I'll read it up, position my pocket, show it to his reverence at the station on Friday, and ask him if the sermon's a right one.'

'Just let me go over it a bit first,' said Grace, intending doubtless to refer to the paragraph on fashion, as all girls in Ireland and out of Ireland invariably do. 'Sure, I'm not so fond of spending my time at any thing of the sort.' She continued looking over columns after columns, until at last she came to a name she thought she had heard her uncle speak of.

'Didn't you know one James Kenneth, uncle?'

'To be sure I did, Grace. What has honest Jimmy been after, to be put on the paper?'

'He's dead, uncle.'

'The Lord be good to us!' ejaculated the old man; 'James Kenneth was fifteen years to the good younger than me! My poor Grace!'

'Why, what had I to do with him?' enquired the girl, astonished at her uncle's earnestness.

'Not much, to be sure; and yet you had, Grace, as a body may say.'

'But what's very strange, uncle, is, that just under his death, is the death of his son Thomas; a young man in his seventeenth year.'

Grace was so intent on the paragraph, for people are always touched by the deaths of those who are nearly their own age, that she kept her eyes fixed on the paper, and it was some minutes before she perceived that a deadly sneeze had overpowered his countenance. She sprang from her seat, when she looked up, and finding her arms round his neck, enquired if he was ill.

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During a recent storm, the moon supposing it to be a fair night, undertook to shine, and did not discover its error until it saw there was no stars out, when it retreated.

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Clown's Benefit!

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When will be presented an unusual display of the talent of the company in a series of required arrangements to wit:—
Mr. E. A. Dickerson has volunteered his services for this night only. He will sing some of his best songs, and a special notice to the colored Negro Opera, of 'O HUSK!' at the 'Virginia Chapel.'

Dear Public, you and I are,
Have death so much in fun,
I'll crack you now, a monstrous great
Lard-sauceful pun!

Like a great fall of rain,
As great fall house I claim,
And if I am not satisfied—May
A great fall of my name.

The members of the 'Virginia Fire Co., are hereby notified to attend a meeting to be held at the Duquesne House, this evening, at 7 o'clock. By order D. D. BRUCE, Secretary.

The annual meeting of the 'Virginia Fire Co.' for the election of officers, will be held at the Eagle Hotel, on Monday evening next, at 7 o'clock. Punctual attendance is desired. Feb 4-2t. D. D. BRUCE, Secy.

Houses to Let!

NO LET, and possession given on the first day of April next, a Frame Dwelling House, containing 4 rooms, kitchen, cellar, and garden, on Liberty street. Also, a very comfortable brick House on O'Connell street, now occupied by J. W. Tuten Esq., Feb 4-1t.

Also, 2 three story brick Houses on Pine street. Also, several frame Dwelling Houses suitable for small families.

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Also, 2 Building Lots on the bank of the Allegheny river, will be let on an improving lease at a low rate. The above houses are offered at reduced rates to suit the times. Apply to JAMES BLAKEY, Feb 4-1w.

WANTED TO PURCHASE.

100 bushels Clover Seed, for which the highest market price will be given.

TO LET.

A School Room in the basement story of the English Lutheran Church, 7th st. Equipped with desks, &c. C. YEAGER, 108 Market st.

NERVE AND BONE LINIMENT.

THIS genuine Nerve & Bone Liniment, invented by J. T. Cochran, has been used for the cure of Rheumatism, Gout, Neuralgic Swellings, Sprains, Chills, Croup, Hoarseness, and various other complaints, for eight years, with unparalleled success. It can be had whole sale or retail at the Drug Store of F. L. SNOWDEN, Feb 3.

BIRD SEEDS. A first rate supply of Bird Seed, containing Canary, Hemp and Rape; just received by F. L. SNOWDEN, 148 Liberty st. Feb 3.

WANTED. A box of (from 10 to 15 years of age) Application to be made before the first of March to F. L. SNOWDEN, 184, Liberty street of Wood st.

CARDS! CARDS!

BURNED CARDS! Burned cards, sorted, cleaned, and ready for use. A full supply of the above received this day at the Washington Job Printing Office, 3 doors west of Market street, 5th street. Also, Engraver's Spallies, Cobb's Reader, Macmillan's Electric Reader, and Printing and Writing Ink. Feb 3-2t.