PITTSBURGH POST.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.....FEBRUARY 18.

Faint Heart Never Won Fair Lady.

There was once, in the University of Upsula, in Sweden, a student, a lonely youth, with an intense love for study, but destitute of the means necessary for carrying out his wishes. He was poor, and without connections, but still he studied on, living in great destitution, but keeping up a cheerful heart, and trying to withhold his glances from that future which looked so coldly upon him. As a natural result, his good humor and good qualities made him beloved by his young companions. Of that future, from which the young student so resolutely endeavored to turn his eyes and his thoughts, there is a little story to relate: and, without further preface, here it is:—

Once upon a time, he was standing, with some of his comrades, in the great square of Upsula, when his attention was arrested by a young, elegant lady, who at the side of an elderly one, walked slowly over the place. It was the daughter of the Governor of Upsula, living in the city, and the lady with her was her governess. She was generally known for goodness and gentleness of character, and was looked upon with admiration by the students. As the young men stood gazing at her as she passed on like a graceful vision, one of them exclaimed:

"Well, it would be worth something to have a kiss from such a mouth."

The poor student, the hero of our story, who was looking intently on that pure and angelic face, exclaimed, as if by inspiration:

"Well, I think I could have it."

"What!" cried his friends in a chorus, are you crazy? Do you know her?"

"Not at all," he answered, "but I think she would kiss me now, if I were to go and ask her."

"What! in this place before all our eyes?"

"Freely."

"Well, if she will give you a kiss in that manner, I will give you a thousand dollars: exclaimed one of the party.

"And I!" "and I!" exclaimed three or four others, for it so happened that several rich young men were in the group, and bets ran high on so improbable an event, and the challenge was made and received in less time than we take to relate it.

Our hero (my authority does not tell me whether he was handsome or plain: I have my peculiar ideas for believing he was rather plain but singularly good looking at the same time)—our hero walked off to the young lady and said:—

"Mein fraulin, my fortune is in your hands."

She looked at him with astonishment, but arrested her steps. He then proceeded to state his name and condition, his aspirations, and related simply and truly what had just passed between him and his companions. The young lady listened attentively, and when he ceased to speak, she said, blushing, but with great sweetness:—

"If by so little a thing so much can be effected, it would be foolishness for me to refuse your request," and she kissed the young man publicly in the open square.

Next day the student was sent for by the Governor. He wanted to see the young man who dared to seek a kiss from his daughter in such a way, and whom she had consented to kiss so. He received him with a scrutinizing brow, but after an hour's conversation was so pleased with him, that he invited him to dine at his table during his studies at Upsala.

Our young friend now pursued his studies in a manner which made him soon regarded as the most promising scholar at the University. Three years were not passed after the day of the first kiss, when the young man was allowed to give a second one to the daughter of the Governor, as his intended bride.

He became later, one of the greatest scholars in Sweden, as much respected for his learning, as for his character. His works will endure forever among the works of science: and from this happy union sprang a family well known in Sweden at the present day, and whose wealth of fortune and high position in society are regarded as small things compared with its wealth of goodness and love.

CONDITION OF ÆTNA INSURANCE COMPANY, of HARTFORD, CONN., January 1, 1856, as presented to its Stockholders, and made out in compliance with statute laws of New York, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois and Pennsylvania.

STATEMENT.

The name of the Corporation is ÆTNA INSURANCE COMPANY, located at Hartford, Connecticut.

The Capital is Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, and is paid up.

ASSETS of the Company are—

Cash in hand and in Phœnix Bank		$ 50,859 09
Cash on special deposit in Phœnix and Hartford Banks, on interest		100,000 00
Cash in hands of Agents, balances, (good)		161,023 01
Bills receivable, payable at Bank		311,988 75
Real Estate, unencumbered		18,145 78
72 Mortgage Bonds, 6 and 7 per cent. semi-annually		72,000 00
9 Income Bonds, 7 per cent. semi-an.		7,500 00
30 shs of Va. Bonds	6 do. do.	19,200 00
5 State of N. C. do.	6 do. do.	5,000 00
50 Jer. City Water do.	6 do. do.	10,500 00
6 Mifflintown Turnpike	10 do. do.	5,000 00
10 Hartford City do.	6 do. do.	10,000 00
Money due the Company, secured by mortgage		129,600 00
500 Shares Hartford and New Haven R. R. Stock		5,051 16
105 Shares Hartford and Providence R. R. Stock, preferred and guaranteed 10 per cent		64,600 00
157 Shares Boston and Worcester R. R. Stock		9,450 00
250 Shares Conn. River R. R. Stock		14,000 00
50 Shares Conn. River Co. Stock		97,000 00
60 do. Stafford Bank Stock		1,500 00
60 do. Citizens' do. Waterbury		2,400 00
30 do. Eagle do. Providence		6,100 00
300 do. Phœnix do. Hartford		1,980 00
300 do. Farm & Mech. do.		32,940 00
500 do. Exchange do. do.		25,000 00
192 do. State do. do.		16,224 00
100 do. City do. do.		24,578 00
75 do. B'k of Hfrd. Co. Bank Stock, Hartford		11,000 00
150 Shares Conn. River Bank Stock, Hartford		7,097 50
244 Shares, Hartford B'k Stock, Hartf		9,750 00
		20,744 00
		7,160,181 00
230 Shares Merchants' Ex. B'k Stock, New York		10,925 00
200 Shares North River Bank Stock, New York		10,000 00
400 Shares Mechanics' B'k Stk, N.Y.		12,000 00
100 do. B'k N. Amer. do.	N.Y.	10,000 00
100 do. B'k America do.	N.Y.	16,320 00
150 do. B'k Republic do.	N.Y.	15,750 00
100 do. B'k Commerce 80% do.	N.Y.	9,000 00
200 do. " Broadway do.	N.Y.	14,000 00
400 do. People's do.	N.Y.	24,000 00
200 do. Union do.	N.Y.	11,750 00
100 do. Hanover do.	N.Y.	9,000 00
200 do. Ocean do.	N.Y.	8,800 00
150 do. Metropolitan do.	N.Y.	16,425 00
250 do. Butchers & Drov's do.	N.Y.	8,875 00
200 do. Importer's & Trad's do.	N.Y.	20,000 00
160 do. Amer. Ex. do.	N.Y.	11,600 00
31 do. Merchants' do.	N.Y.	2,170 00
100 do. U. S. Trust Co. Stock, N.Y.		10,400 00
100 do. N. Y. Life Ins. & Trust Co. Stock, N.Y.		16,000 00
		227,816 00
100 Shares Orb Life Ins. & Trust Co. Stock, Cincinnati		9,600 00
15 Shares Mech. & Traders' Bank Stock, Jersey City		1,560 00
		$1,074,300 27

LIABILITIES—

Unsettled Claims for Losses and not due.....$176,892 47

The Ætna Insurance Company presents its patrons the very satisfactory condition, of a large Assets, for the further security of their policies—all investments being placed at the minimum market value, at the present time of some depression. They are either prime dividend paying stocks, or good, valuable and clean investments, yielding moderate interest and income. The standard basis on which the Assets have been valued, being Gold or Par. Besides this ability, the Company calls attention to the assurance from its combined system of Agencies, having the utmost of presenting a unique plan last of *experienced Underwriters*, which has worked, for thirty-seven years, the happiest results to stockholders, and claimants for losses—and enables it to enter the year 1856 with greater prestige for future usefulness than has yet been reached by any really *National* Insurance Corporation.

Policies, covering risks of all descriptions of property, insured as usual by

H. B. TEN-EYCK, Agent.

Office, N. W. cor. Wood and Fifth sts.

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

THREE DAILY TRAINS

Between Pittsburgh and Philadelphia.

THE MORNING MAIL TRAIN leaves Pittsburgh for Philadelphia at 7 A. M., and Philadelphia for Pittsburgh at 7½ A. M.

THE FAST LINE leaves Pittsburgh for Philadelphia at 2:30 P. M., and Philadelphia for Pittsburgh at 12:30 P. M.

THE NIGHT EXPRESS TRAIN leaves Pittsburgh for Philadelphia at 9 P. M., and Philadelphia for Pittsburgh at 11 P. M.

BLAIRSVILLE ACCOMMODATION TRAIN leaves Pittsburgh daily, except Sunday, at 4:30 o'clock P. M.

BLINKER'S ACCOMMODATION TRAIN leaves Pittsburgh daily at 11 o'clock A'M., 3:30 P. M., and 6:20 P. M.

The above Lines connect at Pittsburgh with the Railroads to and from St. Louis, No.; Akron, Galena and Chicago; Fort Wayne, Frankfort, Lexington and Louisville, Ky.; Terre Haute, Madison, Lafayette and Indianapolis, Ind.; Cincinnati, Dayton, Springfield, Bellefontaine, Sandusky, Toledo, Cleveland, Columbus, Zanesville, Massillon and Wooster, Ohio; also, with the Steam Packet Boats from and to NEW ORLEANS, ST. LOUIS, LOUISVILLE and CINCINNATI.

THROUGH TICKETS can be had to or from either of the above places.

For further particulars, see handbills at the different starting points. Passengers from the West will find this the shortest and most expeditious route to Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York, or Boston.

THOS. MOORE,
Agent, Passenger Lines, Philadelphia.

J. MESKIMEN,
dec23 Agent, Passenger Lines, Pittsburgh.

THE HOPE COAL COMPANY having recently met with losses in transporting coal to Cincinnati, being insured by the Manufacturers' Insurance Company, of Philadelphia, take pleasure in stating that their claims promptly adjusted by J. Newton Jones, Agent of said Company.

Agent of Hope Coal Company, Cincinnati.
Pittsburgh, December 27, 1855. [dec28

SWALLOW-TAIL LINE OF LIVERPOOL AND NEW YORK PACKET SHIPS.

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