

# The Raftsmen's Journal.

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## Select Poetry.

### CHRISTMAS CAROL.

"Little children can you tell, Do you know the story well, Why the angel sing for joy, On the Christmas morning?"

### THE ORPHAN'S CHRISTMAS-EVE.

It had been snowing heavily all day, but towards night had cleared off, and now a keen, bitter wind was blowing, that out to the very bone. It was so cold indeed, that but few persons were seen on the streets, although it was Christmas-eve. Usually at this hour, on the night before the great Holiday, the pavements were crowded with people; happy children going, hand-in-hand with their parents; to buy toys; gay-looking men; makers in grotesque garments, and boys blowing horns; everything and everybody jubilant with joy and merriment. But now the streets were almost deserted. For the snow lay a foot deep. In vain the shop windows blazed with gas and exhibited their very choicest stores. Here and there a newsboy, stopping to face the blast, cried the evening papers; and now and then a solitary cab drove almost noiselessly through the white streets. The wind roared through the trees of the public square, and the icicles rattled down from the eaves. It was as desolate a winter's night as you ever saw.

"And have you always lived here?" "Always. As long as I can remember. Father was a soldier, you know, and was killed in the war. Now there is nobody but mother and me."

The unexpected son. One summer afternoon, Mr. Malcolm Anderson arrived with his family at his native town. Putting up at the little inn, he proceeded to dress himself in a suit of soldier clothes, and then walked out alone. By a path he well knew, and through a shady lane, dear to his young hazel nutting days, all strangely unchanged he approached his mother's cottage. He stopped a few moments on the lawn outside, to curb down the heart that was bounding to meet that mother, and to clear his eyes of a sudden mist of happy tears. Through the open window he caught a glimpse of her, sitting alone at her spinning wheel, as in the old time. But alas, how changed!

There is my guardian angel, said the woman, pointing to Hetty; you may thank her that I am yet alive. For the first time the stranger saw there was another woman in the room. There was silence for a moment. Hetty Moss looked him straight in the eye, her color going and coming.

EXTRAVAGANCE IN DRESS.—You wish to dress your wife better than your circumstances will allow. She wants to have you do so. She is a woman of spirit, it is said, and does not mean to be a drudge. "Why should our neighbors," she says to her husband, "dress any better than we; they are made of the same flesh and blood that we are. See how they come out. I don't think any man of spirit would let his wife and children go to church as you let us go. Look at these children. You would think they had just come out of some shop house! If I had married as I might have married, we should have had different times—I and my children!" How many men are stung to the quick by such remarks from their wives!

The Exclusion of the Bible. The action of the Board of Education of the city of Cincinnati in excluding the reading of the Bible and the singing of religious songs from the exercises of the public schools is a matter which has attracted much attention and is viewed with no little alarm among Christian people throughout the country. The Philadelphia Bulletin regards it as a backward step and hopes it will not be followed by other cities. Apart from the purely religious aspect of the question, there is a consideration of nearly equal value in the relation which exists between the Bible and civilization.

### Business Directory.

A. WALTERS, Attorney at Law, Clearfield, Pa. Office in the Court House. May 12, 1868.

WALTER DARRITT, Attorney at Law, Clearfield, Pa. Office in the Court House. May 12, 1868.

D. W. GRAHAM, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Queensware, Woodware, Provisions, etc. Market Street, Clearfield, Pa.

DAVID G. NYLING, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Fancy Goods, Hats and Caps, Boots, Shoes, etc. Second Street, Clearfield, Pa. ap23

MERRELL & BIGLER, Dealers in Hardware and Manufacturers of Tin and Sheet-iron ware, Second Street, Clearfield, Pa. June 56.

H. F. NAUGLE, Watch and Clock Maker, and H. F. dealer in Watches, Jewelry, &c. Room in Graham's Store, Market Street. Nov. 18.

H. BUCHER SWOOP, Attorney at Law, Clearfield, Pa. Office in Graham's Row, fourth door west of Graham's Store, Clearfield, Pa. Oct. 18.

H. W. SMITH, Attorney at Law, Clearfield, Pa. Will attend promptly to business entrusted to his care. June 30, 1869.

WILLIAM A. WALLACE, Attorney at Law, Clearfield, Pa. Legal business of all kinds promptly and accurately attended to. Clearfield, Pa. June 10th, 1869.

J. B. MENALLY, Attorney at Law, Clearfield, Pa. Office in brick building of J. Boy, No. 24 street, one door south of Lanich's Hotel. Nov. 18.

TEST, Attorney at Law, Clearfield, Pa. will attend promptly to all legal business entrusted to his care. Clearfield, Pa. July 17, 1867.

THOMAS H. PORCEY, Dealer in Squares and Sawn Lumber, Dry Goods, Groceries, Groceries, Flour, Grain, Feed, Bacon, &c. &c. Granthamton, Clearfield county, Pa. Oct. 10.

J. P. RAZZIER, Dealer in Dry Goods, Clothing, Hardware, Queensware, Groceries, Provision, etc., etc., near the Court House, Clearfield, Pa. June, 1865.

HARTSWICK & IRWIN, Dealers in Drugs, Medicines, Patent Oils, Stationery, Perfumery, Fancy Goods, Notions, etc., etc., Market Street, Clearfield, Pa. Dec. 6, 1865.

KRATZER & SON, dealers in Dry Goods, Clothing, Hardware, Queensware, Groceries, Provisions, &c., Second Street, Clearfield, Pa. Dec. 27, 1865.

JOHN GUELICH, Manufacturer of all kinds of Cabinet-work, Market Street, Clearfield, Pa. He also makes to order Coffins, on short notice, and stands ready to furnish a dealer. April, 59.

RICHARD MOSSOP, Dealer in Foreign and Domestic Goods, Groceries, Flour, Bacon, Liqueurs, &c. Room in Market Street, Clearfield, Pa. west of Journal Office, Clearfield, Pa. April 27.

MURPHY & KRENS, Attorneys at Law, Clearfield, Pa. All legal business promptly attended to. Consultations in English or German. T. J. MULLOCH. D. L. KRIS.

FREDERICK LEITZINGER, Manufacturer of all kinds of Stone-ware, Clearfield, Pa. Orders solicited—wholesale or retail. He also keeps on hand and for sale an assortment of earthenware of his own manufacture. Jan. 1, 1868.

N. M. BOOVER, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in TOBACCO, CIGARS AND SNUFF. A large assortment of pipes, cigar cases, &c., constantly on hand. Two doors East of the Post Office, Clearfield, Pa. May 19, 69.

WESTERN HOTEL, Clearfield, Pa.—This well known, near the Court House, is worthy the patronage of the public. The table will be supplied with the best in the market. The best of liquors on hand. JOHN DOUGHERTY.

JOHN H. FULLORD, Attorney at Law, Clearfield, Pa. Office in Market Street, near Hartwick & Irwin's Drug Store. Prompt attention given to the securing of Bounties claims, &c., and to all legal business. March 17, 1867.

A. THORN, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, having located at KYLERTOWN, Pa., offers his professional services to the citizens of that place and vicinity. (See Directory.) Office and residence on Currier Street, formerly occupied by Dr. Kilne. May 19, 69.

W. R. ARMSTRONG, Attorney at Law, Clearfield, Pa. All legal business entrusted to them will be carefully and promptly attended to. (Aug. 4, 69-68)

WALTER B. PRINE, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Queensware, Groceries, Groceries, etc., Woodland, Clearfield county, Pa. Also extensive dealers in all kinds of sawed lumber, shingles, and square timber, etc., etc., Clearfield, Pa. Aug. 19th, 1868. (See Directory.)

DR. J. P. BUCHFIELD, Late Surgeon of the 83d Reg't Penn's Vols., having returned from the Army, offers his professional services to the citizens of Clearfield and vicinity. Professional calls promptly attended to. Office and residence one door East of South-East corner of 3d and Market Streets. Oct. 4, 1865-66p.

SURVEYOR.—The undersigned offers his services to the public, as a Surveyor. He may be found at his residence in Lawrence township, where calls are engaged; or addressed by letter at Clearfield, Pa., & C. H. R. (See Directory.) March 6th, 1867. JAMES MITCHELL.

JEFFERSON LITZ, M. D., Physician and Surgeon, having located at OCEOLA, Pa., offers his professional services to the people of that place and surrounding country. All calls promptly attended to. Office and residence on Currier Street, formerly occupied by Dr. Kilne. May 19, 69.

J. K. BOTTORF'S PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY, MARKET STREET, CLEARFIELD, PENN'A. Negatives made in cloudy as well as in clear weather. Constantly on hand a good assortment of French, English and American photographs, mounted or unmounted, from any style of moulding, made to order. (See 2-65-Jy-14-69-67)

THOMAS W. MOORE, Land Surveyor and Conveyancer, having recently located in the Borough of Lumber City, and resumed the practice of Land Surveying, respectively attending to the professional services to the owners and speculators in lands in Clearfield and adjoining counties. Office of Conveyance neatly executed. Office and residence one door East of Kirk & Spencers Store. Lumber City, April 14, 1869. Jy.

SOLDIERS' BOUNTIES.—A recent bill has passed both Houses of Congress, and signed by the President, giving soldiers who enlisted prior to July 1st, 1861, one year or more and were honorably discharged, a bounty of \$100.

EP BOUNTIES and Pensions collected by me for those entitled to them. WALTER BARRITT, Atty at Law, Clearfield, Pa. Aug. 15th, 1869.

DENTAL PARTNERSHIP. DR. A. M. HILLS desires to inform his patients and the public generally that he has associated with him in the practice of Dentistry, S. P. SHAW, D. D. S., who is a graduate of the Philadelphia Dental College, and therefore has the highest attainments of his Professional Skill. All work done in the office will hold myself personally responsible for being done in the most satisfactory manner and highest order of the profession.

An established practice of twenty-two years in this place enables me to speak to my patients with confidence. Engagements from a distance should be made by letter a few days before the patients desire to come. (Clearfield, June 3, 1869-Jy.)

SALT! SALT!—A prime article of ground sea salt, put up in pint articles, for sale here at the stove of H. MOSSOP.