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[illegible] Shotter and Ball.

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[illegible] Shotter, who had fallen, was raising himself [illegible] stooping posture, surprised that his [illegible] had fallen, the latter stood motionless, [illegible] his knife and drawn his knife, and [illegible] pal and trembling with [illegible]

[illegible] "The cowardly hypocrite! [illegible] Ball! He felt [illegible] blast him! but [illegible] the traitor! [illegible] his heart's [illegible]

[illegible] opening his knife, he advanced to meet [illegible] adversary, who bled with that cruel doubt [illegible] sign.

[illegible] Ball any less [illegible]

[illegible] mortified the wounded man, [illegible] hough in great [illegible] I have missed [illegible] harmed! He sees me [illegible] And now he thinks to butcher me!—[illegible] life, and now he would take mine [illegible] yet! And being on [illegible] retreated toward [illegible] and in excruciat[illegible] upon him with [illegible]

[illegible] to the roof of th[illegible] and in some hasty way [illegible] he might have obtain[illegible] but his wou[illegible] and on rea[illegible] himself rapid[illegible] back again[illegible] partial defen[illegible] as dearly as [illegible]

[illegible] his enraged [illegible] increased, confr[illegible]

[illegible] him with ingr[illegible] cowardice, in thus violat[illegible] they had [illegible] given to [illegible]

[illegible] I have kept m[illegible]

[illegible] for you would [illegible] before, from a [illegible] was a Yankee tric[illegible] while you m[illegible]

[illegible] answered Sh[illegible] to prop himself up [illegible] your thigh as I prop[illegible] out of that. [illegible] Ball, looking [illegible]

[illegible] when your back was turned [illegible] —you see my [illegible]

He fell [illegible] as he spoke, to the es[illegible] the early [illegible] antagonist [illegible] quite vanquished [illegible] loss of blood, co[illegible] [illegible] and lay def[illegible] [illegible] power of [illegible]

Notts immediately [illegible] before Ball compr[illegible] the truth, and fully appreciated the nob[illegible] [illegible] acter of this [illegible] adversary.

"And I [illegible] taken his life af[illegible]" muttered Ball [illegible], after having examined [illegible] shot hand, and rightly attributing to [illegible] own escape from a severe wound, he hastily [illegible] the side of the insensible man, and poure[illegible] [illegible] water over him. The [illegible] and bathing [illegible] temples restored him partially, but had it not been for the timely [illegible] of assistance from town, he might have d[illegible] where he fell.

The sheriff and an armed *posse comitatus*, with some dozen others from Van Buren, all mounted, had meanwhile got wind of the affair between the twain and accompanied the spot appointed for the settlement, and had now come to arrest both, if indeed they were yet alive, to answer to the murder of young Banks, the allegation being granted on the suspicions already mentioned.

Ball and his wounded companion were accordingly forthwith removed from the scene of their singular duel to Van Buren, to await a preliminary examination, which was, however, deferred for a few days, until Shotter had become better able to undergo the excitement.

Meanwhile Ball was the constant attendant and nurse of his late antagonist, in their confinement, and having explained to him why he had doubted his honesty in the affair, their friendship became at once fervent and indissoluble.

To add to the happiness of both, on the third day, after the duel, the scapegrace, Banks, who had been supposed murdered, returned to Van Buren with a few friends, and, to the mingled delight and indignation of many, declared that he had not been assailed at all, that his mysterious disappearance, with the evidences connected with it, was only one of the practical jokes in which he was accustomed to indulge. To this end he had given to the pedler the pistol which had excited suspicion against him. The sudden show of money which had caused Ball to be suspected, he attributed to the fact that the latter had won a large sum of him, in private, on the day preceding his mischievous freak.

On this state of things being known, the prisoners were at once liberated, and such was the fury and contempt of the excited Van Burenites against Banks, who had caused many innocent persons to be suspected, by indulgence in such a senseless trick, that, after a stout resistance, he and his friends were disarmed, and stripped of their clothing, and ridden upon rails out of town, to which it is presumed they never had a desire to return.

Shotter and Ball were the lions in Van Buren for a long time, and subsequently the former accompanied the planter to his estate in Mississippi, where, having given his friend profitable hints as to the way in which a New-Englander would make the plantation pay, and having witnessed the successful adoption of his plans, he left him and returned to Arkansas, where he became one of her most useful and honored citizens.

WHISTLING.—Speaking of horses, we can scarcely imagine one capable of inflicting more twisting misery than an intolerable whistler. A *dulcet pipe* we *can* stand, when all the nation is "armed and equipped," &c., on training day, and the drum, with its flang, flang, flang, serves to drown its screams; but to listen to a poor nag, badly murdered by a poor *pay-hoss*, we prefer death in some easier if not quicker way. We always think of the French stage-driver, who being annoyed by such a bore, suddenly turned upon him with "My frien', vat for you ill time visles? *You loss your dog, eh?*" The whistle was plugged!

HAD HIM THERE.—A [illegible] man was cautioning a young lady for tight [illegible]

"Why," replied the mis[illegible] "you would not surely recommend loose habits to your parishioners. The clergyman smiled.

The Kane Expedition--Statement of Dr Kane.

We find in the New York *Herald* very full and interesting details of the incidents of Dr Kane's Expedition in search of Sir John Franklin, and [illegible] expedition in search of Dr. Kane. We give the statement made to Mr Henry Grinnell by Dr Kane.

"He was strongly urged, he said, to abandon the Advance in latitude 78 45, after having penetrated [illegible] which was farther than any other [illegible], with the exception of Capt [illegible] and the latitude of 83 10 [illegible] Polynya, or open sea, [illegible] the north farther than the [illegible] point he had reached at [illegible] or ninety miles over the ice [illegible] an immense zone of it inter[illegible] him and his vessel, it was impos[illegible] his investigation far [illegible] For two winters the Advance was [illegible] hemmed in, and it became evi[illegible] from the condition of his men, that [illegible] not survive another winter, he deter[illegible] [illegible] and make the best of his way [illegible] settlement.

[illegible] about eighty new capes and [illegible] bay, and found land up as far as he was [illegible] The extreme northern [illegible] named Grinnell's Land, in [illegible] Henry Grinnell. The hardships [illegible] of a fearful character; and at [illegible] their party of nineteen were [illegible] thought they could not survive. Of these nine died, and the rest were saved, after the most unremitting care and attention. One of these was Mr Alston, the carpenter, who died while crossing the ice, of lockjaw, superinduced by the [illegible]. The other two were frost [illegible] Dr Kane says, was very [illegible]

[illegible] succeeded in crossing Melville [illegible] the headlands of Smith sound [illegible] 1853. Finding the [illegible] impenetrable, they were forced [illegible] temporary passage along the coast, [illegible] —running at the rate of [illegible] an hour, with a rise and fall [illegible] feet. [illegible] had worn a temporary housing. Previous to taking this trip, which [illegible] great [illegible] which was, in her [illegible] the vessel, a Francis metallic boat, [illegible] provisions, was concealed as a [illegible]

[illegible] the pack ice was attended [illegible] The vessel grounded with [illegible] and not for her extreme strength [illegible] been able to sustain the shocks of the [illegible] was twice on her beam ends, [illegible] from the upsetting of the stoves. [illegible] navigation may be [illegible] losing her jibboom, her bower [illegible] and bulwarks, besides about six hundred [illegible] warping line. They were [illegible] by a small daily progress; and by the [illegible] September, 1853, had succeeded in gaining the northern face of Greenland [illegible] reached before. Here the young [illegible] and compelled them to seek a [illegible]

The winter gave them a degree of cold much [illegible] any previous registration on record. [illegible] in November, and for four months in the year mercury was solid daily. The mean annual temperature was five degrees below zero, summer and winter included. This, without a doubt, was the greatest cold experienced by man in the seat of their winter quarters [illegible]

[illegible] of search commenced as [illegible] March. The first parties, under the personal command of Dr Kane, crossed the ice at temperatures of [illegible] below zero. The loss of their dogs compelled them as an only alternative, to adopt the sledge travel. Many of the party were frost bitten, and underwent amputation of the toes. [illegible] by means of these efforts that the expedition succeeded in bringing back these important results. The parties were in the field as early as the 1st of July, only ceasing from labor when the worst coldness made it impossible to [illegible]

The coast has been followed and surveyed by them towards the Atlantic, with a coast line fronting due North, until a stupendous glacier absolutely checked their progress. This mass of ice rose in a lofty precipice, five hundred feet high, abutting into the sea. It undoubtedly is the only barrier between Greenland and the Atlantic—it is an effectual barrier to all future explorations.

1. This glacier, in spite of the difficulty of falling bergs, was followed out to the sea by means of sledges. The party rafting themselves across open water spaces on masses of ice. In this way they succeeded in traveling eighty miles along its base, and traced it into a new Northern land. This glacier, is, we believe, the largest ever discovered by any previous navigator.

2. This new land, cemented to Greenland by protruding ice, was named "Washington." The large bay which intervenes between it and Greenland bears, we believe, the name of Mr. Peabody of Baltimore, one of the projectors of the expedition. This icy connection of the old and new worlds seems to us a feature of peculiar interest.

3. The range of the sledge journeys may be understood from the fact that the entire circuit of Smith's Sound has been effected, and its shores completely charted.

4. But the real discovery of the expedition is an open Polar sea. The channel leading to these waters was entirely free from ice, and this mysterious feature was rendered more remarkable by the existence of a belt of solid ice extending one hundred and twenty-five miles to the southward. This sea verifies the views of Dr. Kane, as expressed to the Geographical Society, before his departure. The lashing of the surf against this frozen beach of ice was impressive beyond description. Several gentlemen with whom we have conversed, speak of this as one of the most remarkable sights which they observed during the expedition. An area of three thousand square miles has been seen entirely free from ice, and was named after the Hon. J. P. Kennedy, late Secretary of the Navy, under whose auspices the expedition was undertaken.

The land to the north and west of this channel has been charted as high as 82 30. This is the nearest land to the Pole yet known. It bears the name of Mr Henry Grinnell, the founder of the enterprise.

ESCAPE TO THE SOUTH.—The great belt of ice made it clear that no relief expeditions from the South could reach the party in time to prevent the imprisonment of a third winter, which, with their deficiencies of fuel, would have proved most disastrous, if not fatal. Under these circumstances, Dr. Kane wisely determined to abandon his brig, and attempt to escape to the South by a combination of boats and sledges. In accordance wtid this view she left the brig on the 27th May, the temperature at that time being five degrees below zero. They crossed a belt of ice eighty-one miles in diameter, dragging the boats behind them, and carrying four of their sick comrades by means of a dog sledge. After an actual travel of 361 miles, they reached Cape Alexander, and embarked in open water. Their guns supplied them with animal food, no provisions being carried in the boat excepting breadstuffs and tallow.

From Cape Alexander they travelled to the Southward, sometimes over ice, sometimes through water, shooting duck and seal, and collecting eggs enough to keep the party in good condition. At Cape York they burned up their spare boats and sledges for fuel and left the coast, striking out into the open sea of Melville Bay, steering for the North Danish settlements of Greenland. Here they were providentially landed on the sixth of August, in vigorous health, after their travel of 1300 miles and 81 days of constant exposure. From Upernivik, the largest of the settlements, they took passage in a Danish trading vessel for England.

By a [illegible] they touched at Disco, where [illegible] were met by Captain Hartstene's expedition. This searching expedition, having found the seas of Smith Sound still unbroken, but having [illegible] intimated with Dr. Kane's journals, had [illegible] departure of Dr Kane and retraced their [illegible]

The expedition has to mourn the loss of three [illegible], two of them perished by lockjaw, and one from abscess following a frost bite. [illegible] may be said to have taken in the direct discharge of their duty. Their names are [illegible] carpenter, Christian Ohlsen, Jefferson Baker and Peter Shubert, volunteers.

Scene in Real Life

We do not often indulge in the sentimental, but occasionally in our walks our attention is called to events happening before us, which leaves an impression upon our mind, and leads us to thoughts and reflections, which as well we, as all other men, should indulge in at times.

We were down on the north side to see an acquaintance at his hotel, and returning by Clark street [illegible] as is generally the case when a man is in a hurry, obeying the best inventions, a stage, passed up the river with a small fleet of vessels in tow, one of which had been cast off and grounded in just west of the bridge. Seeing no hope of getting to our office for some time, and knowing our compositors could have them in any worse temper an hour after than then, we resolved to have a little lay, and feed meanwhile upon by observing what was going on. So we stayed. We'll be expected what did we see.

The vessel we mentioned had been towed for [illegible] outside several canalboats, and as we stood looking at the men upon her, one of them appeared to be a female, who had been searched upon the [illegible] pointed to the shore, then [illegible] and then towards the busy [illegible] moving, headlong enough. She [illegible] a small bundle, from which she [illegible] a gown, which she [illegible] to the hardy [illegible] He refused it, whatever it was, and [illegible] hand [illegible] the vessel [illegible] in the dress up to the bridge. By [illegible] persons thronged the [illegible] bridge would be, if it always [illegible] implating the new [illegible] of the various classes [illegible] almost forgotten the incident we have recited.

Our attention was called from a vain endeavor to discover some [illegible] the occasion of [illegible] going up and down, and [illegible] and bings pulling [illegible] and out, by hearing a most audible sob from some one near us. It was not the sob of childhood, caused by some sudden change from gaiety to grief, it was the sob of some maturer breast, filled with a sense of loneliness and despair. It reached other ears than ours. A lady, dressed in a manner which bespoke of wealth that could [illegible] taste and elegance, and who, like ours, [illegible] detained at that place, stood near, a companion [illegible], whose desire to get at the [illegible] of the platform, she with difficulty repressed.

With a woman's tenderness her heart recognized the stifled [illegible] sorrow, and approaching the person from whence it came, who was none other than the woman we have just seen land from the vessel, she quietly and in the soft sweet voice of woman, which none can resist, inquired if she stood in need, or was she ill, or was her sorrow such that it could be relieved. A portion of the railing near us was vacant, and almost at our side, there two woman came to converse. The stranger was a fair, handsome girl of about 17 years, neatly, but coarsely dressed, with shoes not only well worn, but heavy and unsuited as much for her sex as for the season. The poor girl, in honest simplicity, and with an earnestness which despair alone could impart, related her history, uninterrupted by a single observation from her companion, but often accompanied by tears of both. We have not space for it at length, and we will give it changing its order just enough to enable us to state it briefly.

She said that she was born in Boston, she had no brother or sister now; she remembered that she had a sister, the oldest whose name was Lizzie: that sister, years ago, against her father's will, had married, and with her husband, having been banished from her father's sight, had gone off, and not been heard of since—no doubt was dead. At the time of her sister's marriage, her parents were wealthy; the pride which drove away Lizzie, had brought silent regrets, and after awhile came melancholy complainings by the mother, sighing for the embrace of her first born. This soon led to anger and crimination at home, and dissipation by the father abroad. Losses came upon them, and at last gathering the few worldly goods they possessed, they left the proud city of their birth, five years ago, and settled upon land purchased of the Government in Wisconsin. Her brothers, some older and some younger than herself, one by one drooped and died; and soon the mother, calling in agony up her long exiled daughter, joined the boys in a happier clime.

None were then left but the father and this poor girl. He too was humbled, and striken by the slow but certain disease which lights upon the cheek and fires the eye with the brilliancy of health, even when its victim is on the confines of eternity: he would sit and tell to his surviving child the acts of winning love, and sacrificing devotion, which made his Lizzie the very object of his life. He would talk of her sweet smile, and her happy disposition, until memory led him to the hour when he bid her depart and not let him see her face again. His decline was rapid, and this lone child saw the first flowers which the warmth of Spring had called from the soil of her mother's grave, disturbed, uprooted and thrown aside, that his ashes might mingle with those of the mother of his children. At his death he charged her to pay off, as far as she might be able, the debts incurred to procure the necessaries of life; the land, which for want of culture, had not increased in value, was sold, and left her but a few dollars. These she expended in rearing some boards to mark the spot where she had seen buried one after another, her beloved kindred. She had heard of Chicago. She had heard that in this city there were offices where strangers wishing employment could find work. She had on foot travelled many miles, until she reached Milwaukee, and thence by the kindness of a poor sailor who had seen her day after day on the dock, watching the steamers depart, had inquired and ascertained that she wished to come hither, but had not the money. He brought her to Chicago on his own vessel, and had told her that by crossing the bridge she could find one of those places where situations where given to worthy applicants.

Such was her story. She had mentioned no name except that of father, mother, and of brothers George, Willie &c. Both the women were crying bitterly. The fashionable dressed lady turned her face towards the river, that her tears, at such a crowded and unusual place, might not be observed. She requested us to take her two boys—George and Willie, she called them—by the hand, to keep them from danger and then putting her arm around the neck of the poor friendless, wandering orphan stranger, said, "You are my own sister. I am Lizzie."

These two beings, children of the same parents, how different have been their paths, and how deep their sufferings! We have seen them together in Lizzie's carriage, driven along Lake street. They are doubtless as happy as the [illegible] improvements, relieved only by the [illegible] of a faithfully performed religious duty. But the sufferings of that father and mother may be faintly known from the story of their daughter, what must have been the mental agony of that other daughter, unkindly banished from her mothers side, and driven out into the world without a father's blessing! What must have been her grief, when her letters, written from a prosperous city, from the house of her wealthy and kind husband, telling them of their success, and of the birth of her children were unnoticed and unanswered? She must have felt indeed that the hearts of that father and mother, her sister and brothers, must have been hardened against her. We will say no more. The scene will live in our memory while we can remember the holy love of father, mother, and kindred.

Dark, Diabolical and Mysterious.

The Pittsburg *Dispatch* has a story more horrible in the suggestive than the actual, which we condense.

About the first of September a man who gave his name as Henry Ross rented a store from Mr Sipe. He said he intended to occupy the house as a drug store. He [illegible] leave from Mr Sipe to take down [illegible] a board partition which was [illegible] them in the cellar while he was [illegible] the store. He was observed to go in [illegible] kept the doors and windows [illegible]. On Wednesday he bargained [illegible] of jewelry, which was to be [illegible] store, either at [illegible] o'clock at night [illegible] in the morning. As it [illegible] came, he disappeared and has not been seen [illegible]. On Tuesday Mr Sipe sent for Mayor [illegible] and a [illegible] officer to examine the premises. They found that Ross had cut a trap door through the floor, about four feet square, sustaining the [illegible] by means of a couple of small nails. Underneath he had constructed a close box from the shelving and partition materials taken from the store, which reached to the floor of the basement, nine feet. He had cut out from the basement floor a square corresponding with the size of the trap, but finding scantling beneath had ceased his work in that direction. With the remainder of the boards he had closed up the back cellar window so that no sound could escape. He placed a curtain across the room where the partition had been taken down, and beside the trap door had placed a stationary table, apparently to receive the goods which he expected, and in such a position that whoever brought them must necessarily step upon the trap door and be precipitated into the box, where he would be obliged to remain while the jewelry would be carried away.

Before his disappearance, and before the purchase of the jewelry, Ross asked the keeper of a grocery if he knew a man named Sipe. The grocer replied in the affirmative, and Ross handed him a letter to Mr Sipe. The letter informed Mr Sipe that Ross was gone to Cincinnati, and would be back on the 23d of October, and requested him not to disturb the premises while he was gone. The store rent had been paid in advance. This letter, it is supposed, was to induce the belief that Ross, in case he was successful in obtaining the jewelry, was absent from the city, and thus enable him to prove an *alibi*.

A few days ago he went to Mr Kettenberg, a blacksmith in the fifth ward, and representing that he had a mill about nine miles from the city, the keys of which he had lost, procured a large bunch of keys, which Mr. K. afterwards re-obtained by threatening to bring suit for their value. Ross is described as a medium sized man, with large black whiskers, and with hands of a peculiar yellow appearance—so much so as to induce some to suppose that he was a Gypsey. He speaks excellent German.

HE WOULDN'T SARVE.—Several years ago at a town meeting in a neighboring town, an old fellow, whom we shall call Mr. Perkins, (because that was his name,) was informed by the Moderator, "in open town meeting," that he had been elected surveyor of highways. He arose and said.

"Mr Moderator, I shall incline."

The Moderator expressed great satisfaction and hoped that he would immediately enter upon the duties of his office, as some of the roads were in sad condition.

"I tell ye," responded our hero, "that I incline."

"Very glad," continued the moderator; "and I think I can assure you that the town will be very grateful for your service."

Perkins became exasperated, and, jumping up, yelled at the top of his voice—

"Mr Moderator, I told you twice that I inclined, and I say I won't sarve!"

By motion of a wag present, the town proceeded to elect a surveyor, 'in place of Mr. Perkins, inclined.'

ADOLPHUS GETS INSPIRED.—Dearest, I will build a cot all covered with ivy, in some secluded vale, close by a purling brook, meandering over its pebbled bottom, incessantly bubbling in dulcet strains, 'love, love, love,' where the atmosphere is redolent of soothing, spicy aromas, that makes the eyes languish, and heart dissolve in the liquid fires of love—where the balmy morning zephyrs sigh in the forest's leafy maze, chanting love's melody—where the tiny songsters, that whirl in ethereal space warble nought but love. I will plant thee a garden of gorgeous loveliness, culled from Nature's most ardent designs, warmest tints, and sweet smelling incense.

"Dolphy dear don't forget to leave a patch of cowcumbers, and inyuns; they're so nice pickled."

☞ The finest idea of a thunder storm is when Whiggins came home tight. He came into the room among his wife and daughters, and just then he tumbled over the cradle and fell whoop on the floor. After a while he rose and said. "Wife are you hurt?" "No." "Girls are you hurt?" "No." "Terrible clap, wasn't it?"

A GIRL OF SPIRIT.—Mary, why did you kiss your hand to the gentleman opposite, this morning? said a careful parent to his blooming daughter.

Why, the fellow had the impudence to throw a kiss clear across the street to me, and of course I threw it back, indignantly. You wouldn't have me encourage him by keeping it, would you?

☞ A lady promised her servant girl five dollars as a marriage portion. The girl married a man of very small stature, which somewhat surprised her mistress. "Why Mary what kind of a husband you have got?" "La, Missus," replied Mary, "what kin you expect for five dollars?"

When is money damp? When it is due in the morning and mist at night.