ATCHISON, (Kansas,) April 12, 1871.

Editor of Agitator :- I was requested

by several of the inhabitants of Tioga

Western country, and I don't know of

description of the country west of Cin-

cinnati. We took passage for St. Louis

from Cincinnati via of the Ohio and

Mississippi railroad. We soon struck

must say it looked everything but invi-

ting. Imagine to yourself a vast ex-

rocky bluffs and wet, marshy prairie

with the fever and ague, just to look at

ception of that portion of Indianathro'

which we passed. In order to give you

some insight in regard to the character

of the people who inhabit this section,

I would cite your attention to the fol-

lowing conversation, which I over-

who were discussing the question, were

of Seymour, and the other agentleman

who was making some inquiries about

"I understand you are a citizen of

At this point in the conversation the

apsed into a state of gloomy abstract-

edness, which even the cry of Seymour,

We crossed the line of demarcation

R. T. MARKS.

[Correspondence of the Agitator.]

TRUMANSBURG, (N. Y.,) April 18, 1871.

sharp-eye peering around among your

But one thing I want to know before

I agree to stay long in Wellsboro; can

and somebody's blessed "baby boy,"

But I suppose the latter "could'nt be

I want to say to you privately, that I

others, a good many times. I like the

is too much like Mr. Beecher's dinner.

You know he could'nt see whether it

was flesh, fish, or fowl; dog, cat, horse,

The best thing in Wellsboro, after the

Agitator, is the Graded School. I have

for years visited the schools, both East

ver mines, if you had them, are the in

terests of your children. In them lies

your greatness, or your downfall. God

"Now, gentlemen," said a peripatet-

ic lecturer to a somewhat noisy crowd

pin drop any time during the lecture

after that.

W. O. C.

tone of it., But I don't like a paper that

hills. This says "progress."

beauty.

had," anybow.

er mutton.

out on him in this manner:

'Woll, yes, I reckon I am."

Seymour?"

cents recently."

to arouse him from.

t; and you will have some just con-

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Jan. 4, 1871-ly. Wellsboro Pa,

Jno. I. Mitchell, . Attorney and Counselor at Law, Claim, and Insurance Agent. Office over Kress's Drug Store, Wellsboro, Pa. Jan. 1, 1871-y

William A. Stone. Attorney and Counselor at Law, first door above

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John W. Guernsey, Attorney and Counsolor at Law. All business entrusted to him will be promptly attended to.
Office 2d door south of Hazlett's Hotel, Tioga, Tioga County, Pa.-Jan. 1, 1871.

Wm. B. Smith, Pension, Bounty and Insurance Agent. Communications sent to the above address will reeive prompt attention. Terms moderate Knoxville, Pa .- Jan. 1, 1871.

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Jan 1, 1871 y

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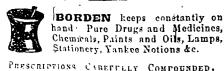
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claims against said estate, will call and settle with NATHAN S. WHITING, Sallivan, March 29, 1871 6w4 Admin'r.

N DIVORCE -To Margaret A. Hyde: You are hereby notified that Franklin A. Hyde has applied to the Court of Common Pleas of This lecture should be in the hands of every youth and every man in the land.

The county for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, and that said Court has appointed. Monday, the 29th day of May, 1871, for the learing of said applicant in the premises; on which occasion you can attend if you think profer. April 5, 1871 4w E. A. FISH. Sh'ff.

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THE OLD "PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE" LATELY known agthe Townsend House. and for a time occupied by D. D. Holland day, has been thoroughly relitted, repaired and opened by

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IN DIVORCE .- To Honry J. Mowery: You

v her next friend. Moses Smith, has applied he Court of Common Pleas of Tioga county fo a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, and that said Court has appointed Monday, the 29th day of May, 1871, for the hearing of said applicant in the premises; on which occasion you can attend if you think proper.

April 5, 1871 4w E. A. FISH, Sheriff.

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N DIVORCE. To Noah Allen: You are hereby notified that Adelia Allen, by her a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, and next friend, J. B Reynolds, has applied to the that said Court has appointed Monday, the 29th Court of Common Pleas of Tioga county for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, and that said Court has appointed Monday, the 29th day of May, 1871, for the hearing of said applicant in the premises; on which occasion you may attend if you think proper.

April 12, 1871 4w E. A. PISH, Sheriff.

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RAILWAY TIME TABLES.

ERIE RAILWAY. ON and after MONDAY, Dec. 6, 1870, Trains will leave Corning, at the following hours, viz: Going WEST.

5,46 A. M., NIGHT EXPRESS (Mondays excepted) for Buffalo, Dunkirk and the west.

6,06 A. M., NIGHT EXPRESS daily, (6,16 A. M. for Rochester, Sundays excepted) for Buffalo, Dun-kirk, and the west. 6.00 A.M., WAY PREIGHT for Rochester, Sun-10,25 A.M., MAIL TRAIN, Sundays excepted for

12,05 P. M., WAY FREIGHT, Bundays excepted, for 2,00 A.M. BALTIMORE BEP., Sundays excepted 1 TALIAN UK KUTLAND MARBLE, or Rochester and Enfalo, via Avon. of the latest style and approved workmanship 6.30 P. M., EMIGRANT TRAIN, daily, for the West. 7.35 F. M., DAY EXPRESS, Sundays excepted, (7,45 P. M., for Rochester,) for Buffalo and the west. 12.13 A.M., EXPRESS MAIL, Sundays excepted for Buffalo; Dunkirk and the west.

GOING EAST. 12,13 A. M., NIGHT EXPRESS, Sundays excepted, connecting at New York with afternoon trains and steamers for the New England Cities. 4,45 A. M., CINCINNATI EXPRESS, Mondays ex-cepted, connecting at New Jersey with trains for Philada. Baltimore and Washington. 2,07 P. M., ACCOMMODATION TRAIN, for Elmira

Sundays excepted.

11,28 A.M., DAY EXPRESS, Sundays excepted, connecting at Jersey City with midnight Express train for Philadelphia. 12,15 P M., SUBQUEHANFA WAY, daily, 11.40 A. M., WAY PREIGHT, Sundays excepted. 4.30 P. M., DIVISION MAIL, Sundays excepted. 7.44 H. M., LIGHTNING EYPRESS, daily, connecting at Jersey City wirh morning Express train for Baltimore and Washington.

BAGGAGE CHECKED THROUGH. Arevised and complete "Pocket Time Table" of Passenger Trains on the Eric Railway and connecting Lines, has recently been published, and can be procured on application to the Ticket Agent of the Company L. D. RUCKER, WM.R. BARR, Gen'l Pass. Agent.

Gen'lSup' Blossburg & Corning, & Tioga R. R Trains will run as follows until further notice GOING NORTH FROM TIGGA.

No. 2, 2.35. No. 4, 9,28. No. 6, 5,34. No. 8, 8,22. No. 10, 11,35. No. 12, 12,12. No. 14, 5,60. No. 16: 6,20. No.18, II,12. GOING SOUTH FROM TIOGA. No. 1, 9,28. No. 3, 4.55, No. 5, 6,01. No. 7, 1,15 No. 9, 7,20. No. 11, 10,18. No. 13, 1,42. L.H.SHATTUCK, Sup't.

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On and after Dec. 5, 1870, trains will arrive and departfrom Troy, as follows; LEAVE NORTHWARD. 924 p. m.—Daily (except Sundays) for Elmira and Buffalo, via Eric Railway from Elmira, 10 14 a.m.—Daily(except Sundays) for Elmira, Buffa-lo, Canandaigua, Rockester, Susp. Bridgeand the

LEAVE SOUTHWARD. A. m.—Daily(except Sundays) for Baltimore Washington, Philadelphia, &c. 7 07 P. m.—Daily (except Sundays) for Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia. ED.S.YOUNG urg, Gon'lPass.Ag' CALFRED R. FISKE Baltimore, Md

Arrival and Departure of Stages.

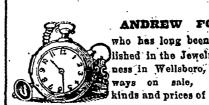


THE Stages running over the different routes from Wellsboro, will depart and arrive as follows from the Wellsboro Post Office: WELLSBORG & TIGGA .- Depart 5 & 10, a. m., strive 1) YELLSBORG & MANSFELD.—Depart Sa. m., arrive 6 p. n Wellsbone & Coudensfort.—Dep. Mon. & Thur. 2 p. m arrive Menday & Thursday at 12 m,

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&o., &c,, &c.

With most other articles usually kept in such stablishment, which is sold low for

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Repairing done neatly, and promptly, and hort notice. January 1, 1871-y.

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NY quantity on hand at the Elk Run Plaster A Mill, 4 miles from Gaines. Price \$5'00 per

Jan. 25th, 1871.-3m IN DIVORCE.-To Richard Bush: You are hereby notified that Ellon M. Bush, by her next friend, David P. Roberts, has applied to the Court of Common Pleas of Tiogs county for day of May, 1871, for the hearing of said appli-cant in the premises; on which occasion you may attend if you think proper. April 5, 1871 4w E. A. FISH, Sheriff.

IN DIVORCE.—To Harriet Wilson: You are hereby notified that George Wilson has ap: said applicant in the premises; on which occasiot you can attend if you think proper.

April 5, 1871 4w E. A. FISH, Sheriff.

Administrator's Notice. OTICE is hereby given that the Administrators of the estate of Chas. H. Phelps, deceased, will sell at public vendue, at the late residence of decedent, in the Borough of Mansfield, on Thursday, April 27, 1871, the following personal property, belonging to said estate, to wit: 1 cow, I heifer, 1 pig, about 28 cords of stove wood, about 28 yards of carpet, a quantity of Oil Cloth, 2 stoves 3 tables, 2 mirrors; I clock, several trunks, 2 hedstands, 1 cookstové. clock, several trunks, 2 bedsteads, 1: cookstové, pipe and furniture, a lot of miscellaneous Books, 1 writing desk and book case, and several other: domestic utensils too numerous to mention.

April 15, 1871-2w. S. A. PHELPS, S. A. PHELPS, C. H. SEYMOUR,

Administrators.

WELLSBORO, TIOGA COUNTY, PA., APRIL 26, 1871.

POET'S CORNER.

NO RING. BY ALICE CARY.

What is it that both spoil the fair adorning With which her body she would dignify, When from her bed she rises in the morning To comb, and plait, and tie Her hair with ribbons colored like the sky? What is it that her pleasure discomposes.

When she would sit and sing the sun away,-Making her see dead roses in red roses, And in the dewfall gray blight that seems the world to overlay? What is it makes the trembling look of trouble

About her tender mouth and eyelids fair? Ah me ah me! she feels her heart beat double Without the mother's prayer, And her wild fears are more than she can bear, To the poor sightless lark new powers are given

But still to make her wavering way toward heaven With undiscerning wing; But what to her doth her sick sorrow bring? Her days she turns, and yet keeps overturning, And her flesh shrinks, as if she felt the rod; For, 'gainst her will, she thinks hard things con-

Not only with a golden tongue to sing,

The everlasting God, And longs to be incensate, like the clod. Sweet Heaven, be pitiful! rain down upon her The saintly charities ordained for such ;-She was so poor in everything but honor,

And she loved much-loved much!

cerning.

Would, Lord, she had thy garment's hem to touch Haply, it was the hungry heart within her, The woman's heart, denied its natural right, That made her be the thing men call a sinner, Even in her own despite. ord, that her judges might receive their sight -Atlantic Monthly

MISCELLANEOUS.

[Correspondence of the Agitator.] Hurrisburg, April 12, 1871. A Trip via Pine Grove to Pottsville: Having occasion to visit some friends new line of travel, as the old route by way of Reading had become too monot-Leaving Harrisburg at 3:40 P. M., we lecting rocks that almost overhung the road bed. For a distance of twenty barren wilderness, houseless and homeless, save some small stations erected by the company, which bear the euphonious names of "The Forge," "The Tank," "Raush Gap"-but I could not

see the gap-"Cold Spring" and "Bear Gap," until we emerge into an open country, and are suddenly greeted with a view of Pine Grove, situated at the junction of two streams in a glen of the mountains, presenting a thriving. business like appearance, with many fine residences, and large stone churches, with spires pointing heavenward. The afternoon was one of the most and fight therefor, upon my honor's disagreeable that could be imagined, pawn and spur of kingly knighthood. tering against the windows and rat-

tling on the roof; and a person must have been in a very happy frame of mind, to enjoy the surrounding scenery or note many of the peculiarities of to return by the same route, and, weather permitting, to make dottings by the wayside. Arriving at Pottsville, I President Judge of that district, and a

burg. For the first thirty or forty miles ful-a bright sun overhead, and the I entered into the spirit of the occasion, with all the vim of a connoisseur .-Mountains on the right, and mountains on the left, the narrow gorge through which our road lay, beside a meandering stream, was one vast surface of rocks, boulders in form, piled one upon another, and wedged together as if by some great convulsion of nature. Stunted trees, and some of larger growth, where could they spring from, and what supported their growth? as not a particle of soil was perceivable to the naked eye, and the roots wormed and small particle of mother earth upon which to feed their stunted and shriv-

elled branches. The mountains rose abruptly upon either side, to the height of a thousand and laurel,—a fit place for serpents and peaks are huge masses of rocks, piled and minaret, bastion and parapet, port-

harper rehearsing his softest music to of connubial bliss was photographed the helress of the hold, and courtly ma- | before me, I had forgotten Don Quix-We presume few will agree with us in pro-nouncing this the best short poem that Alles Cary ever wrote, though all will agree that it is good, every way.

Itom lounging in her tapestried boudoir, surrounded by her menial throng.— How long this enchanting scene would have held me thus entranced. I am untron lounging in her tapestried boudoir, otte, and all the world, saye the loyely have held me thus entranced. I am un- vows which, if e v e r broken, should able to say. My mind was completely make me a wandering vagabond in the absorbed in this one contemplation; I was oblivious to all around: I reckoned not the flight of time, the shriek of the engine, or the cars rattling along over shone brighter, and every star seemed their stony bed; I no longer saw the to be of the first magnitude; my cup stunted shrubbery or rugged boulders of happiness run over, earth had no along the gorge,—but with eyes intent upon the fast receding mountain peak, the land of fancy and of dreams, I once more placed my magic flask to my lips, with one desperate effort to bring myself back to the realities of my surroundings, when, oh, horror of horrors! the flask was empty! Some traveling mountebank taking advantage of my entire absorption in nature's wonders. had robbed me of my brightest jewel. I now replaced the empty, useless casket, and with a look of withering contempt upon the most adjacent passengers, I sank into a land of dreams.

> CHAPTER II. W "BAL MASQUE."

To your readers who have never at ended a masked ball, I propose to give short chapter of my experience. The citizens of Harrisburg, not to be outdone by Philadelphia, determined to give a ball that should outrival any like occasion of ancient or modern times. The selection of masks and apparel was made from all the cities around us, and represented all classes from the middle ages to the present time. I had no intention of joining in the festivities of my hotel. I have had enough of mask the occasion, but simply to be a looker- ed balls; I'm not at home there. Let on; consequently about ten o'clock in the evening I wended forth, solitary and alone, to the place of rendezvous. A fee of one dollar gave admission to the hall, or the gallery of the hall, as spectators were not allowed to commingle with the masked revelers. For some time I enjoyed the burlesque, the quaint features and wild antics of the performers with some degree of satisfaction; but after the first novelty of in Pottsville, I determined to take a the scene has passed, a person wishes to

come into closer juxtaposition to the phantasmagoria, or, as "A. Ward" onous for my active imagination; there-says, become one of them; and I being fore I selected the above route as the one of those that constitutionally reone most likely to meet the demands. quire exercise, was not long in deterproceed up the Philadelphia and Erie the dressing room, I inquired the rent mining a line of action. Proceeding to road to Dauphin, and turn thence to of a suit for the evening, and being known of Nessus, except that he was At last we arrived at St. Louis, the the right, through a gorge in the mountains. We were whirled rapidly through a several of different callings, their sinuscities and short curvings, at the great risk of being thrown from the great risk of the great risk of being thrown from the g five dollars. Being of a romantic turn | the famous shirt. the track, or colliding with some pro- of mind, I wished to appear before the audience as "Don Quixotte," that fa- Hercules was a giant also; but giants and tranquil waters of the Missouri, week were headed "MARY IN H-L," mous knight of chivalry, in search of are as apt to fall in love as small folks, winding its way along to join the Fa. meaning Mary in Cannibal, of course. miles, the country is a mountainous, his lost Dulcinea; but in my haste and and so he fell in love with Delauira, the ther of Waters, the Mississippi; while But while setting up the piece I was excitement I mistook the knight for daughter of Bacchus, the jolly god, and on our left loomed up high and rocky suddenly riven from head to heel by the squire, and jumped into the habili- Althea, the daughter of an Ætolian cliffs. Here we are in a tunnel; evements of "Sancho Panza." Accou- king. But as Delanira was a very love- rybody looks alike now for a few mintred as I was, with all the lofty pride of the ancient knight, and determined to in the person of Achelous, the god of a again. This portion of Missouri is raoutrival my worthy ancestor for the river of the same name, and, of course, ther unprepossessing, and remains so once, I was ushered into the hall and introduced by the name, style and title early days, they fought; Achelous was ter leaving Jefferson City we passed represented in my regalia. Then com- whipped, Hercules married the girl, over one hundred miles of as nice far-

lance in defense of the right, avenge horns, and was again most unmerciful- readers of the Agitator can find anyfancied or committed injury to females, in fact to make their cause my own

opportunely, for once, came to the res-Bess," and, in a homely phrase, "shook more entertaining, hospitable family it her," and sought honors in other fields. eight o'clock morning train for Harris- ears an impassionate tale of never-end- band, which, of course, being a woman, ing love, a beautiful home in some se- she believed. there is nothing unusually attractive, questered nook, gladdened and beautinot until we pass the limits of Pine fied by her presence, the singing of many victories, and among them took Grove, and then, "Welcome, ye des- birds, the sweet odor of fragrant flow- Echalia, killed Eurytus, the king, and erts and ye caves; my native land good ers, the ripple of tiny fountains, the his sons, and carried off his daughter night." The weather was most delight- echo of heavenly music, and, to con- lole. After a while, Delauira began to balmy breath of an April morning to cent children, that would in time glad- hole, or, to speak more classically, she exhilarate the spirits; everything in den our home and make merry the live- smelt a rat. About this time her hushappy contrast with the day previous; long day. This was too much; I had band erected an altar to Jupiter, on the to be more reserved and alone than the lole. great majority in attendance; and having learned by experience that discrewere thickly standing along the entire ceeded to reconnoiter the situation.-

route, and the great mystery to me was, My advances were well timed, and met him, the poison penetrated all his limbs; twisted around the rocks, and delved and Juliet of the occasion. All was wrenched off the garment, but it stuck any better schools than you have it between their crevices in search of some bliss; and in my gladness I cried "Eu- to his flesh, and with it he tore away Wellsboro. The faces of the children reka.'. We danced together and waltz- great pieces of his body. In this con- are dear to me; and they will not soon ercise, we promenaded on the piazza of apron strings. feet or more, their sides completely cov-the hall. She was intelligent, and I Poor Hercules! He was carried up ered with boulders and stunted trees was literary. The moon was shining to the top of mount Eta by his own bless the children. vile creeping things to hold high car- and the myriad of stars glimmered in was built, himself laid upon it, the pile nival in. Upon two of the highest the arched firmament. I gave her a set on fire, and, amid peals of thunder high above the mountain's range, and (I had learned it in Peter Parley's ge- up, mid clouds of smoke, to "high "how would you like a good blackplied to the Court of Common Pleas of Tiogs at a distance present an appearance that county for a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, and that said Court has appointed Monday, and that said Court has appointed Monday, and that said Court has appointed Monday, the settled theory that of the present an appearance that or motive—which is pure cowarthe 29th day of May, 1871, for the hearing of and there was a hush
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being beside me; I was pouring in her willing ear a tale of never-ending love, earth; and in my delirium of joy had seized her hand, which sent an electric thrill throughout my frame; the moon brighter spot, heaven no higher hope, the past, present and future were centered in the one word, now; -when alas! shall I say it? the nectar-brimmed cup was dashed from my lips. I was confronted by a monster, who claimed my lovely Dulcinea as his wife, ordered her within, and turned all his pent up fury upon my innocent head. His mask thrown off, 1 saw at once that the green eyed monster, jealousy, had possession of him. I apologized at one time, showed signs of anger at another, but all of no avail. He had been a silent witness of the scene, and demanded immediate satisfaction. Here was a dilemma, an unexpected denoument, and my only remedy was to compromise. I cursed my ill luck, and wished Don Quixotte and all masked balls in France: and to close the matter, proposed a private conference. We descended, and after having removed my borrowed apparel, I demanded his terms. They were exorbitant and unreasonable, and watching my opportunity I jumped through a window, landed in the middle of an onion bed, tumbled over a fence, and made direct for those who like them attend, but hereafter I give them a wide berth. "So endeth the chapter."

> [For the Agitator.] THE SHIRT OF NESSUS, &C.

Mr. VanGelder :- I will try to answer your correspondent "L. A. D.," altho I cannot vouch for the truth of all the between Illinois and Indiana, somestories we read, of ancient gods, heroes

and other mythological personages. Nessus was one of the ancient cen- try was better for agricultural and grataurs, a race of giants, who inhabited mostly mount Pelion, Thessaly. Nes- ered after leaving Cincinnati. But sus. however, was said to have resided there is just one evil lurking through on the banks of the river Evenus, and this section of the Western country, acted as a kind of boatless ferryman, and that is this: there is too much wet carrying passengers across the river on and marshy prairie land to insure a

journey, by the Missouri and Pacific ly young maiden, Hercules had a rival utes. Out of that, and away we go in accordance with the custom of those until we arrive at Jefferson City. Afmenced the labors of the evening. I the defeated rival changed himself into ming country as I ever saw, and the was to succor the oppressed, couch my a mad bull, came at Hercules with his soil is unsurpassed in fertility. If the

The marriage, however, was most un- | right; and you may expect to hear from fortunate for Hercules; for having ac- me again soon. cidentally killed a young boy, named the rain pouring down in torrents, spat- My first experience was the protecto- Eunomous, he went voluntarily into rate of ancient "Queen Bess," who, exile, in accordance with the custom of judging from her squeaking, piping the country. Barefoot and alone, they tones, must at least have passed her fif. two, Hercules and his lovely wife, starty brief summers in "Afric's sunny fed for a foreign land. Coming, in their clime." I don't speak positively, but journey, to the river Evenus, Hercules, the region; consequently I determined in defending her from the assaults of a like a good husband, as he was, hired lawless banditti, I was getting the worst the centaur Nessus to take his wife upof the bargain, until my laggard squire on his shoulder and carry her across, while he, with his bow and quiver and became the guest of Hon. James Ryon, cue. I had had enough of "Queen other traps, waded across also. Nessus having the longest legs got over first; your streets with music a great deal and from the verdant shore toward would be hard to find this side of the A tall and queenly damoiselle, habited which he was slowly wending, and in the somber costume of a nun, atten- while still in the middle of the stream, Refreshed by a night's rest and the ded by a Franciscan monk, who was Hercules heard a shrill scream, which good things provided at the table, I constantly counting her beads and say- he knew to be that of his wife. Dropprepared myself for an early departure, | ing her "Ave Marias," seemed to me | ping his other traps, he seized a poisouand with pencil and paper, a flask of an object worthy of my chivalry, and ed arrow, drew his bow, and shot Nes-Schuylkill's classic water, reduced in I sought the opportunity of freeing her sus through the body. Nessus, as some the proportion of one water to twelve from the meshes of the Romish Church atonement for the attempted outrage, 'old rye," (as I prefer weak drinks,) and restoring her again to her family told Delanira that if she would save his and with the good-byes and well-wish- and friends. With all the eloquence of blood as it ran from his body, it would es of my friends, I stepped aboard the an ardent admirer, I poured into her ever after preserve the love of her hus-

After this Hercules achieved a great clude the picture, the prattle of inno- think there was a snake in the potato overdone the thing, and by her unmis- | promontory of Eubœa, and sent home takable exhibitions of anger, I was to his wife for a clean white shift to forced to beat a hasty retreat and seek | wear during sacrifice. Delanira sent the safety amid the crowd that thronged | shirt of Nessus, which she had stripped | the hall. My next encounter was with off him when he died, thinking this like your paper, and I have said so to for two years!—Galaxy. an Italian Countess, one who seemed would preserve him from the love of

Hercules put on the shirt furnished him by his wife, went to work with a tion was the better part of valor, I pro- | will at the sacrifice, sweat profusely, and when the shirt became warm upon with reciprocation. I could recall some and caused him the most excruciating Latin sentences, learned in my school agony. He seized by the feet Lichas. days, which were readily understood who had brought him the shirt, and and West, and I know how to appreby her, and we soon became the Romeo | threw him headlong into the sea. He | ciate a good school. I have never seen ed in true Italian style, (I am a grace- dition he was carried home, and his be forgotten. Greater than your railful dancer,) and all went merry as a wife, seeing what she had unwittingly roads, or your coal mines, or your sil marriage bell. When wearied with ex- done, went and hung herself with her

in all the splender of a full grown orb, command, where a great funeral pyre history of those far off worlds of light, and flashes of lightning, he was carried who had gathered at one of his seances, That's all there is about it. Recol-

wet my lips, and become jubilant; I pressions, not suitable, as I thought, for the selection of your small clothes the solemnity of the occasion, and soon and squires around him, his armor hanging on the wall, and dogs in leashes baying for the call. I see the ancient state of the selection of your small clothes the selection of your small clothes the selection of your small clothes bacco, got into a railroad carriage the life, and subject to abuse in the columns of this journal. Nature is strong in us, though not often. Yours, &c. J. E. The selection of your small clothes the solemnity of the selection of your small clothes other day, and inquired of a male neighbor; "Do you chew tobacco sir?" "No, we feel a desire that way, we shall treat some body's wife with common courted and in the columns of this journal. Nature is strong in us, though not often. Yours, &c. J. E. The selection of your small clothes the solemnity of the selection of your small clothes of the selection of your small clothes. In the solemnity of the selection of your small clothes of the selection of your small clothes. I have known them to be mistaken. The pressions, not suitable, as I thought, for the selection of your small clothes of the selection of your small clothes. I have known them to be mistaken. The pressions of the selection of your small clothes of the selection of your small clothes. I have known them to be mistaken. The pressions of the selection of your small clothes. I have known the pression of the selection of your small clothes. The pression of the selection of your small clothes. I have known the p es baying for the call. I see the ancient | bicon had been crossed, the El Dorado | about Nemesis next week.

MORAL.-Be careful to know that the

shirt is your own before you put it on,

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My First Experience in Journalism

BB MARK TWAIN. I was a very smart child at the age

week, and asked me if I thought I could edit one issue of the paper judiciously. Ah, didn't I want to try! Hinton was the editor of the rival paper. He had lately been jilted, and one night a friend found an open note on the poor fellow's bed, in which he stated that he could no longer endure ife and had drowned himself in Bear Creek. The friend ran down there and discovered Hinton wading back to shore! He had concluded he wouldn't. The village was full of it for several days, but Hinton did not suspect it. I thought this was a fine opportunity. I wrote an elaborately wretched account of the whole matter, and then illustrated it with vilainous cuts engraved on the bottom of wooden type with a jackknife-one of them a picture of Hinton wading out into the creek in his shirt. with a lantern, sounding the depth of the water with a walking stick. I thought it was desperately funny, and was densely unconclous that there was any moral obliquity about such a pub; dication. Being satisfied with this effort. I looked about for other worlds to conquer, and it struck me that it would make good interesting matter to charge the editor of a neighboring county paper with a piece of gratuitous rascality and "see him squirm!" I did it putting the article into the form of a parody on the Burial of "Sir John Moore"-and a pretty crude parody it was, too. Then I lampooned two promipent citizens outrageously-not because they had done anything to deserve it. but merely because I thought it was my duty to make the paper lively. Next I gently touched up the newest strangerthe lion of the day, the gorgeous journeyman tailor from Quincy. He was a simpering coxcomb of the first water poetry" for the "Journal" about hi "L. A. D." doubtless knows that railroad. On our right lay the broad newest conquest. His rhymes for my what I regard as a perfect thunderbolt of humor, and I compressed it into a happy foot-note at the bottom, thus: We will let this thing, pass, just this once; but we wish Mr. J. Gordon Runnels to understand distinctly that we have a character to sustain, and from this time forth, when he wants to commune with his friends in h-l, he must select some other medium than the columns of this journal!"

> thing interesting in my letter, why all The paper came out, and I never knew my little thing attract so much attention as those playful trifles of mine.— For once the Hannibal "Journal" was ip demand—a novelty it had not experienced before. The whole town was stirred. Hinton dropped in with double-barreled shot-gun early in the torenoon. When he found that it was an infant (as he called me) that had done him the damage, he simply pulled my ears and went away; but he threw up his situation that night and left town for good. The tailor came with his goose and a pair of shears; but he despised me, too, and departed for the South that night. The two lampooned citizens came with threats of libel, and went away incensed at my insignificance. The country editor pranced in an hour, waiting to hear their bells with a war-whoop next day, suffering when they came into town, but did not for blood to drink but he ended by orgiving me cordially and inviting me On our way out in the stage, we passlown to the drug store to wash away ed along by the track of the new railill animosity in a friendly bumper of road that is soon to be. I could seem to see the old iron horse, with his big,

> My uncle was very angry when he got back-unreasonably so, I thought, considering what an impetus I had given the paper, and considering also you raise grapes? I can't live without that gratitude for his preservation grapes and the beautiful vine; they are ought to have been uppermost in his to me the emblem of all grace, and mind, inasmuch as by his delay he had so wonderfully escaped dissection, tom-There were two things I wanted to ahawking, libel, and getting his head take with me when I lest Wellsboro: shot off. But he softened when he a pair of tame pigeons, that came down hooked at the accounts and saw that I every day to the door of the post office, had actually booked the unparalleled number of thirty-three new subscribers. and had the vegetables to show for it cord wood, cabbages, beans, and unsale able turnips enough to run the family

> > "Discretion is the Better Part," Etc. The editor of the San Francisco News Letter is a sensible man. He is'nt going to'be shot for fooling around another man's wife-not if he knows himself. Somebody having been shot for that same offense, he publishes the following notice, editorially: "All men's wives who have hitherto

enjoyed the advantage of our acquain-

tance, are hereby notified that this cea-A lady who had great horror for to- ed as a conspirator against our precious I cant get you a chew if you want one." sy, get shot, and go to our reward."

[Cerrespondence of the Agitator.]

of thirteen—an unusually smart child, county to write to them concerning the thought at the time. It was then any easier way to do so than to transthat I did my first newspaper scribmit a letter to them through your colbling and, most unexpectedly to me, umns. I will commence by giving a

it stirred up a fine sensation in the com munity. It did, indeed, and I was very proudiof it, too. I was a printer's "devil," and a pro-

gressive and aspiring one. My uncle

the southern portion of Indiana, and I had me on his paper (the "Weekly Hannibal Journal,") two dollars a year in addance-500 subscribers, and they paid in cord-wood, cabbages, and unpanse of country, interspersed with. marketable turnips,) and on a lucky summer's day he left town to be gone a lands, which fairly make a person shake heard, in regard to a village, or rather a station, called Seymour, which we were rapidly approaching. The parties two gentlemen, one of them a citizen the place, with a view of stopping there a few days. The interrogator opened 'What kind of a place is Seymour?" " Woll, stranger, it is a pretty rough own; money is scarce; there was a man knocked down and robbed of five nterrogator seemed satisfied, for he reas we brought up to the station, failed where in the vicinity of Vincennes.-From this point to St. Louis the counzing purposes than any we had discov-

Mr. Editor:-The birds were flying north; so I followed them. But I was sorry to leave so early. I wanted to see your beautiful village when it had put on its "spring fashions." It seems nestled down so cozily among the green hills, I imagine it must be a very pleasant place in the summer. When I left, the robins and bluebirds were filling richer and sweeter than any that the "Swiss Bell Ringers" could produce. (By the way, I stood out of doors for

> 'Fahnestock's Vermifuge." It was his ittle joke.

ses to day, never to be renewed. It is with deep grief that we disrupt the social relations which promised so much, but we feel impelled thereto by the first law of nature. Our lady friends who are married to other and inferior men, will please stick like leeches to their legal protectors, and not recognize us in the street. We have taken consideruble pleasure in their society-a pleasure which we flatter ourselves has been mutual—but this thing can no longer be permitted to go on. We trust body perishes every day for being upon and we do not care to have our turn "Bless you," was the reply, "I did not past forbearance of aggrieved husbands, intend to tell any such story. I only we make our bow and retire. Hereaflect, I don't vouch for the truth of all wanted to know how many blackguards ter our nods and smiles will be lavished are present." You might have heard a upon girls and widows exclusively;no others need apply. Whosoever shall attempt to introduce us to his own wife, or that of another man, will be regard.