

A writer in the New York Times narrates an incident which shows that Artemus Ward's unique and kindly humor was not dependent upon adventitious circumstances. He was to lecture at a town in Central Pennsylvania. On the morning of his lecture a fierce snowstorm broke over that section and raged so long and so furiously that few people braved the tempest. When Artemus Ward appeared on the platform he found an audience of three men, each in the seat his coupon called for; all three far in the rear of the hall.

Artemus kept his solemn face to its solemnest, as he advanced to the footlights, and, beckoning to the men, said: "Come up closer, gentlemen. I want to speak to you."

He had to repeat the invitation before his audience understood that he meant what he said. When they had taken seats together in the front row, Artemus said: "There, now, that is more sociable." He paused a moment, and went on:

"Gentlemen, you are entitled to see my show and hear my lecture, if you are so disposed. But I understand that beneath this hall there is an excellent cafe, and I suggest that we spend the evening there, you as my guests."

Though reluctant to forego the show and lecture, as they saw Artemus had no mind for them, the three agreed to his proposition, the lights were turned out, and the little party descended to the cafe, where for hours they were merry, and whence they were reluctant to start for home.

If Artemus Ward was not at his best then his best must have been past all telling; for the stories he told and the way he told them made his audience forget time and circumstances, and completely banished any lingering regret for what they had not received upstairs.

Largest Tank Steamer.

The "largest tank steamer in the world" belongs to the Standard Oil Company, and was made at the Roach shipyard, in Chester, Pa. The capacity is 720,000 gallons of oil and the cost \$250,000. The dimensions are: Length over all, 254 feet; beam, 40 feet; engines, 1,500 horse power; speed, 12 knots per hour. The ship was designed by John Haug of Philadelphia. The tanks are arranged fore and aft, with the machinery and men's quarters amidships. A longitudinal bulkhead divides the tank space in half, and three watertight cross bulkheads, forward and aft, make twelve main tank divisions. To prevent the oil from reaching the fires by leakage, two wells are situated, one on either side of the machinery space, and these are filled with water. Each well can be pumped out from the deck through a small tank capping each well. Extension tanks on deck, connected with the main tanks, take up any surplus oil shifted by the rolling of the ship, and keep the main tanks always full. Large vent hatches cap each of the deck tanks and provide a means for the escape of gas. Four filling mains connect with the deck tanks, and through these mains oil will be pumped into the tanks at the company's docks. Arrangements are also made for carrying and burning fuel oil.

Mohammed Ali.

One of the most remarkable traits in the Pasha's character, says an English writer, was his mania for foreigners, an eagerness to welcome strangers of every degree, to listen to them, reward and help them if possible, and above all to persuade them to believe in his schemes of reform. In his opinion, the fellah was a serf, a beast of burden; the Turk a hopeless barbarian, fit only to be his sergeant, or tax collector; but a third element remained, by the cultivation of which he might create an instrument of profit, a bulwark of defense, and even a final refuge from his enemies. In no respect did he prove himself more conspicuously to be a born leader of men than in his consummate handling of Europeans with whom he had to deal.

He was only an ignorant Major of Bashi-Bazouks, knowing little of our civilization, yet by his genius for exploiting the wants and ambitions, the vices and fallings of Europeans in general, by making himself indispensable to all of them in turn, he gained their loyalty and enthusiasm just as if he had been one of an old and long-established dynasty of Christian Kings in Alexandria. The fact remains to his credit that, as a whole, the interested European colony of Egypt gloried in the strength of Mohammed Ali, feared him and lamented his fall, at the hands of Palmerston as the ruin of their own fortunes.

EXTRAORDINARY CRIMINAL

The Remarkable Career of Big Bill Mason Arrested in New York.

MANY TIMES A MURDERER

Accused of Killing the Philadelphia Librarian and Scores of Other Serious Crimes.

Daring Capture by New York Detectives in a Street Battle—Has Often Been Imprisoned and Has Also Escaped from Jail—Shot Judge Blodgett of Schenectady Chief Counsel of the General Electric Company, So It Is Said.

Former President Chester A. Arthur's house, No. 123 Lexington avenue, was robbed in 1885. A boy, in the uniform of a district messenger, called with a message. While the servant went with the note for its answer, the boy seized a piece of silver off the hat rack—it was a card case or something of that kind—withdrawn from the house, shut the door softly and took to his heels. The girl returned and found the ornament and boy had disappeared.

The echo of that robbery came with the arrest of "Big Bill" Mason and his gang. His lieutenant, captured with him, was Frank Spencer, alias "Red" Spencer, the thief who robbed former President Arthur's house.

Captain McClusky, chief of the Detective Bureau at Police Headquarters, performed a public service of great value, when his detectives, at the risk of their lives, snapped the handcuffs on those four men. According to the record they are murderers, thieves and dynamiters. A more dangerous quartet of assassins and safe burglars never infested a great city.

The records of these men are on file at police headquarters. William Mason, alias "Wright," "Lynch" and "Big Bill," safe and second story burglar, aged forty-nine, a native of the United States; carriage maker by profession; married; refused to give his residence. This chief of the gang is a tall, slim man, a six-footer, with dark hair and florid complexion. He is very muscular, afraid of nothing, a desperate, powerful outlaw. His number in the Bertillon gallery is 1,638. There they have the length of his fingers and the measurements of every part of his body, with all the details mercilessly enumerated.

With the exception of "Big Bill" Mason, they began their careers as toughs of the slums. Mason was arrested with "Mike" O'Connor and Frank Ritchie at Pittsfield, Mass., for robbing a safe in a jewelry store in November, 1887. He



"BIG BILL" MASON.

escaped December 9, in that same year. O'Connor and Ritchie were convicted at Springfield for their share in the robbery, and given a seventeen years' sentence in the State Prison at Charleston, Mass.

After escaping from Pittsfield jail, Mason appeared at Tarrytown, there meeting Jack Moore, an old pal. On December 18, only nine days after his escape, he and Moore broke into the house of Vice President Bradley, of the Tarrytown Savings Bank.

They carried off a bag of solid silver, took an early morning train and reached Yonkers about daylight, went into a little all night restaurant and were drinking coffee, when the local police, who had become suspicious, arrested them.

In the railroad depot the bag was opened and the silver found. The officers took the prisoners by the first train to New York for identification. Headquarters detectives instantly recognized them as the notorious ex-convicts. The big, slim six footer was William Mason, and the short, sandy haired chap was Jack Moore.

The Yonkers Hawkshaws opened their mouths wide at this, but they were congratulated on their longheadedness in making the arrest. They had covered themselves thick with glory and were praised. The prisoners were taken to Yonkers, tried, convicted, and on January 11, 1888, sentenced to fourteen years in Sing Sing. Moore was pardoned August 7, 1895.

Moore was pardoned August 7, 1895. "Big Bill" Mason, for good behavior. It was always declared, got his "time" reduced five years and two months.

He was next heard of at Terre Haute, Ind. His photograph was sent to the New York police by the Terre Haute chief, Mason, with "Duck" Frye, another New York thief and murderer, and "Reddy the Gloucester," robbed the house of George A. Schall, at No. 422 North Sixth street, Terre Haute.

On receiving their pedigrees from New York the authorities put them through the courts at lightning speed. The three men were convicted and sent to the penitentiary at Michigan

CONDENSED REPORT of the condition of the FIRST NATIONAL BANK of Dushore, Pa., At close of business, July 11, 1898.

ASSETS:

Loans and Discounts	\$ 128,801 00
U. S. Bonds to secure Circulation	12,500 00
Premium on United States Bonds	1,900 00
Stock Securities	15,500 00
Future	1,200 00
Due from Banks Approved reserve Agt	33,286 07
Redemption Fund U. S. Treasurer	502 50
Specie and Legal Tender Notes	12,809 25
	\$ 205,889 49

LIABILITIES:

Capital	\$ 50,000 00
Surplus	10,000 00
Undivided Profits	2,207 00
Due National Banks	4,675 30
Circulation	10,620 00
Dividends Unpaid	207 00
Deposits	132,844 65
	\$ 205,889 49

State of Pennsylvania, County of Sullivan ss: I, M. D. Swarts, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. D. SWARTS, Cashier. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of July 1898. JOHN H. CRONIN, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: ALPHONSO W. WALSH, JNO. B. REESER, F. B. POMEROY, Directors

Administrator's Notice. Estate of Mary McCarty, late of Elkland township, deceased.

Letters of Administration having been granted to the undersigned, Administrator in the estate of Mary McCarty late of Elkland township, deceased, notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, and all persons having claims against it must present them duly authenticated for settlement.

JOSEPH PARDOE, Administrator. THOS. MCCARTY, Adm'r.

Special Notice!

\$2700.00 worth of Clothing,

Shoes, Pants, Ladies' Skirts, Capes, Corsets, and Shirt-waists and everything in Men's Furnishing Goods.

Will close out the entire stock at nearly 50c on the dollar. This will be the greatest sale Laporte ever heard of. Every body should take advantage of the bargains I will offer. We will surely give you prices that you will surely be astonished. It will pay you to buy not only for present but for future use. I will be glad to give the Lowest Price to every body. It will be a special favor that every body should come and examine my stock even if you don't expect to buy.

Highest price paid for Ginseng.

JOE COOPER, LaPorte, Pa. Below I. O. O. F. Hall.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

Go to J. W. Buck, Sonestown, for rubbers, blankets, carpets, clothing and dressgoods at December low prices. Highest prices paid for butter and eggs.

Excellent wheat flour from \$1.10 to \$1.25 at A. T. Armstrong, Sonestown, Pa.

Farm for Sale

The undersigned — on account of failing health will sell his valuable farm situated on Muncy Creek about nine miles north of Hughesville, Pa. part of the purchase money can remain in property. JACOB BUCKS, Strawbridge, Lycoming Co.

Notice of Dissolution.

The partnership heretofore existing between M. E. Reeder and E. F. Ives, doing business under the firm name of Reeder & Ives, has been dissolved as of the 14th day of July, by mutual consent. All debts of said firm to be presented to M. E. Reeder for payment, and all parties owing said firm to make payment to same.

M. E. REEDER, E. F. IVES.

See the cash bargains J. W. Buck is offering this week. Inspect Bucks shoe stock before purchasing elsewhere.

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY, JOHN HOWARD HARRIS, President. College, leading to degrees in Art, Philosophy and Science. Academy, a preparatory school for young men and boys. Institute, a refined boarding school for young ladies. School of Music, with graduating courses. For catalogue, address the Register, W. C. GRETZINGER, Lewisburg, Pa.

FOR SALE.

I offer the following properties: 70 acres, hemlock timber, near Ringdale; 375 acres, virgin timber, Elk Run, North Mountain, close to railroad; 326 acres, coal lands, at Bernice, adjoining present workings; 8 lots (one entire section) at Eagles Merc, each lot 75 feet front on Pennsylvania Ave., with "Bradford" privileges and title; 1 lot 75 ft. front on LaPorte Ave.; several choice lots in LaPorte Boro.; also several warrants of stripped lands in LaPorte, Colley and Fox townships suitable for farming or grazing purposes.

H. T. Downs, Atty-at-Law. LaPorte, Pa.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medicinal discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

Sores.

"Running sores appeared on my leg and spread over the entire lower portion of the limb. I got no help from medicine till I tried yours. I was cured by one bottle of

Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

ISAAC ACKER, Cowans, Va.

A Horrible Railroad Accident

is a daily chronicle in our papers; also the death of some dear friend, who had died with Consumption, whereas, if he or she had taken Otto's Cure for Throat and Lung diseases in time, life would have been rendered happier and perhaps saved. Heed the warning! If you have a cough or any affection of the Throat and Lungs Call on T. J. Keeler, Laporte; W. L. Hoffman, Hills Grove; B. S. Lancaster, Forksville; C. B. Jennings, Agt. Estella; Jno. W. Buck, Sonestown, and get a trial package free. Large size 50c and 25c.

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New lot of timothy and clover seeds and onion sets at John W. Bucks, Sonestown. No-To-Bad for Fifty Cents. Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c, \$1. All druggists.

To Cure Constipation Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic. 10c or 25c. If C. C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

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We step forward, not backward. We are opening up new ways for the public to attain just as good bargains in

General Merchandise

at Laporte as in Williamsport or elsewhere. We are planning each week to that end. This week it is

Soap, 12 bars for 25c
Three cans of corn for 25c
Six pounds of oat meal

Business at the store is getting busier each week. The newness of the goods and the littleness of price tends to turn the stream of trade our way. A call will convince you that you can do the best at

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Spring and Summer

Every corner of the store is bright, with the newest things for Women's wear and Men's wear and Children's wear.

We are glad to have you come in and see the new life of the old store and look at its excellent line of goods.

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In conjunction with the inviting varieties, all prices will be found more than ordinarily small.

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They are the kind women want, and our prices will cause lively selling.

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Buy Good Goods! And you will be surprised how cheap they are in the end.

We have just unpacked such a stock of coats and capes to which we are pleased to call your special attention. We do not pretend to handle the cheapest coats in the market, but we do say we have the BEST and neatest fitting garments made. Our coats and capes are made to order, and in the latest styles with prices to suit everybody.

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