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A Familiar Tragedy.

"In our office," said a clerk, "it is clear that a tragedy has been enacted. The hero I'll call Brown. He is a big, raw-boned farmer from Vermont, ugly and awkward and always horribly dressed, but a great hustler. He doesn't smoke or drink, has no bad habits, the boss is proud of him, and he's sure to get along. His age is 27. Well, it seems there was a girl back there in Vermont whom he was stuck on. Six months ago he bought a \$200 ring, and after he had shown it to us at the office he sent it to the girl. Three months afterward he bought a \$225 ring—it seems the girl had lost the first one. We all laughed at Brown then. 'She's playing you for a sucker,' we said to him. 'Working you for engagement rings. Well, Brown, that's the limit.' He grinned over the joke, and a month ago he went home on his vacation. He didn't say he was going to be married while away, but we all understood that. He took all kinds of ugly new clothes with him, and we wished him joy when he left, and, though he didn't admit that he would bring back a wife, he didn't deny it. Brown returned last week. He was sitting at his desk, on his high stool, when I entered the office, and I rushed up and shook him by the hand and said: 'Congratulations, old man! He frowned. What for he asked. 'Why, ain't you married?' said I. 'No,' snapped Brown, 'and what's more, I don't know that I ever will be.' No one said anything further to him after that, but the next morning it was rumored about the office that the night before he had gotten drunk for the first time in his life."—Philadelphia Record.

KNOBSVILLE.

Oct. 25.—Gen. John Pedden, and Capt. A. Dotterman, have returned to their home in this place, after a very successful season of meetings, at different places in the county. Their many friends at this place are glad to see them back.

Mrs. Tibbet of Kansas city, but formerly of this place, is visiting her brothers, Irwin and Jacob Hamil and her sister Mrs. Wagner. She finds our village somewhat changed as she has been away for twenty-four years.

Among those from our village who attended the Hagerstown fair were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hamil, Messrs. Will Hamil, and Bert Kelso Lemuel Divins, Arthur Mauley, and Misses Maud Myers, and Maggie Hamil.

Mrs. John Brubaker and sister, Maud Myers, were county seat visitors on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Clouser spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Clouser's mother, Mrs. Grissinger of McConnellsburg.

Quite a number of our young folks attended the circus at Hustontown on Saturday night.

Miss Alice Long, returned to her home in this place on Saturday after spending nine weeks at End.

Mr. A. L. Wible spent Saturday in McConnellsburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Wilson of Fort Littleton were visitors to our city on Saturday.

Mr. Scott Unger, of Ayr township was a visitor in this vicinity Saturday and Sunday.

The local institute at Woodburn School Friday night was well attended by Knobsville people.

Mr. Ira Eore spent Friday evening at McConnellsburg.

Mr. Ed Foster, of Wells Valley, was a caller in our town Saturday evening.

Wm. Polk made a business trip to Fort Littleton on Friday.

Headgear for the Ladies That Will Be Worn During the Coming Season.

The three-cornered hat is one of the most fashionable. Flat hats, and trimmings arranged to produce low effects are the present mode, says the American Queen.

Dress hats will be very elaborately trimmed.

Simple sailor hats show fancy scarfs in the new colors attached by pompon of tiny, stiff leathers.

New walking hats have indented crowns and brims faced with velvet. A folded band of the same velvet encircles the crown with a twisted chou at the side through which one up-right shaded quill is passed.

Enormous windmill bows and various new forms of choux made of black glace silk are still considered very stylish and are often placed under the brim.

Many of the autumn felt hats are stitched or piped.

One of the season's hats has a broad brim turned up on the left side, to be filled underneath with flowers or feathers.

Velvet flowers are much in vogue.

A new fancy in street hats of sailor form is a bow or knots of black velvet ribbon under the brim, the latter unwired and with wavy edge.

Fancy silk handkerchiefs are used for draping the crowns of English walking hats,—the ends knotted high at the side.

Black and white ostrich feathers will be largely used.

Velvet toques massed with folds of glass silk are simple and becoming.

Platter hats, twisted into picturesque shapes, trimmed underneath the brim with drooping flowers, are a novelty.

Very long plumes will be worn on felt hats of broad shapes.

CLEAR RIDGE.

The sick are T. W. Huston and Frank Denisar both of whom do not seem to be any better.

Master Roy Fleming, who has had a hard siege of typhoid fever is able to be up.

James McElhany and family spent Sunday with Mrs. McElhany's parents Mr. and Mrs. Anderson.

James Chesnut and wife, Prof. Chesnut and wife, and Miss Mary, Libbie, and Mark Chesnut were the guests of Howard Denisar on Sunday.

G. M. Kerlin, of Laidig was visiting his father at this place on Sunday.

T. E. Fleming and Miss Lillian were the guests of Mrs. Fleming's brother at Saltillio, on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Mary Madden is visiting her daughter Mrs. H. N. Henry.

F. K. Stevens and family are visiting Mrs. Steven's parents Mrs. N. B. Henry.

Harry Huston, who has been employed at West Newton for the past year, was called home on account of the illness of his father and will remain for some time.

SIX FRIGHTFUL FAILURES.

Six terrible failures of six different doctors nearly sent Wm. H. Mullen, of Lockland, O., to an early grave. All said he had a fatal lung trouble and that he must soon die. But he was urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. After taking five bottles he was entirely cured. It is positively guaranteed to cure all diseases of Throat, Chest and Lungs, including Coughs, Colds, LaGrippe, Pneumonia, Bronchitis, Asthma, Hay Fever, Croup, and Whooping Cough. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at W. S. Dickson's drug store.

STONE VALLEY.

S. R. Fraker has left our vicinity and is attending a medical college in Baltimore.

Katharine Campbell of Knobsville has come to live in the family of Dyson Fraker and attend school.

Frank Locke has been suffering with a sore hand for some time.

Mrs. Margaret Henry and daughter Mrs. F. K. Stevens and Russell Stevens and Charley Henry were the guests of her brother Mack Richardson on Friday.

Thomas Gillis was to see his sister Mrs. Bratton of Dublin Mills, the past three days.

Mrs. Eugene Skinner of Pittsburg has spent the past summer at her home at Curt Ferrerberg's.

Miss Maud Gillis expects to go to Waynesboro, in the near future to work at the Millinery trade.

Mrs. Orth expects to spend the winter with her daughter Mrs. Dora Fraker.

Horace Cromer of Pittsburg has spent the past week with his uncles Dennis Charlton and D. F. and David Frakers.

Olive Brown of Hustontown is living with her grandmother Mrs. Colter and attending school.

John McCoy is kept from work on account of a carbuncle on his arm; also Elsa is kept from school on account of sickness.

James Gillis is the champion turkey hunter. He has caught three.

Our school is getting along nicely under the instruction of Miss Lillian Fleming and all the little folks are very much pleased with their teacher.

LICKING CREEK.

Oct. 22.—Miss Estella Decker spent a few days last week with Wm. McDonald's who live in the McIlvain house on the mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sipes spent Saturday and Sunday at Mr. Lewis Sipes'.

Mr. Morgan Deshong and wife and Mr. Obed Mellott spent Sunday at Reuben Sipes'.

Mrs. Joseph Deshong spent a few days with her brother, son and other friends at Hustontown last week.

Preaching at Siloam Sunday morning November 4, at 10 o'clock. Greenhill in the afternoon 2 o'clock by Rev. Seiferd.

Mr William Lohr of Clearfield is spending a week with friends in Licking Creek township.

Miss Mertie Sipes and sister Beckie, of Hustontown, spent last Saturday and Sunday, at Morgan Deshong's.

Mrs. Margaret Sipe, of Saluvia is spending a few days with Mrs. May Lake this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Sipe spent a few days last week with friends in Bedford.

Too much gossiping done in this vicinity.

BRAVE EXPLORERS

Like Stanley and Livingstone, found it harder to overcome malaria, Fever and Ague, and Typhoid disease germs than savage cannibals; but thousands have found that Electric Bitters is a wonderful cure for all malarial diseases. If you have chills with fever, aches in back of neck and head, and tired, worn-out feeling, a trial will convince you of their merit. W. A. Null, of Webb, Ill., writes: "My children suffered for more than a year with chills and fever; then two bottles of Electric Bitters cured them." Only 50 cents. Try them. Guaranteed. Sold by W. S. Dickson, Druggist.

PRATT, MD.

Oct. 22.—Times are prosperous here.

The sawmills have started again. Rev. A. R. Garland is sawing a lot of nice shingles for Mr. Robinett.

George I. Boor, who lately purchased a tract of land and moved here from Buck Valley, while bringing a load of his goods here last Saturday, was thrown from the wagon, and the hind wheel of the wagon passed over his left leg above his ankle causing a very sore leg. While not serious it causes him to use a cane.

Mr. Earnest Carpenter of Hyndman, is a visitor at Geo. I. Boor's. He was down inspecting the Fry lands.

Protected by Wire Fence.

Nearly every mile of the main tracks of the Pennsylvania lines west of Pittsburg is now protected by wire fences. The woven wire is so arranged that nothing larger than a rabbit can get through it. It gives the engineer the assurance of a clear road bed and they are no longer afraid of running into a herd of cattle at night. The wire is galvanized and will last for many years. Practical tests have demonstrated the fact that it will stand for twenty years or more if good posts are provided. Over 4,000 miles of wire fence have been erected by this company. The wire, in one continuous strand, would be long enough to reach around the world. The posts cost as much as the wire as they are made of locust wood, which is most durable that can be found. It is said that if all the locust posts purchased by this company in the past two years were connected they would reach from New York to Liverpool.

A Spanking Machine.

For the use of parents who have large families of unruly boys, and who have not lost faith in the efficacy of corporal punishment. Edward and Ulysses De Moulin have just secured patents on an automatic electric spanking machine. With the new invention in use it is only necessary to place the culprit on the stand, and compel him to grasp two handles. Then, by simply pressing the electric button, the machine is set to work. The severity of the punishment may be varied by changing the power of the electric current employed. The inventors also believe that they will find a large sale for their device among college fraternities and other societies who wish to make memorable the initiation of candidates into their organization. In order to make the victim believe that he is punished more severely than he really is, a "flip-flapper" is attached to the machine, which makes a tremendous racket when the spanker is in operation.

While returning from a squirrel hunt Friday evening, E. C. Ambrose's dog treed a large wildcat at Cacapon Creek. Mr. Ambrose raised his gun, fired and the cat dropped to the ground apparently dead. When the hunter bent over his game the dog rushed up, and at that instant the cat jumped on Mr. Ambrose's shoulder and fiercely bit him in the back and about the face and arms before he shook the beast off, when it attacked and killed the dog. Mr. Ambrose succeeded in reloading his gun and dispatching the cat at short range. It weighed 68 pounds, and was the largest ever seen in that section.—Hancock Times.

An Observing Editor in one of our exchanges remarks:

"If delinquent subscribers would only pay their bills, as they do almost any of their other expenses, there would be better papers and more prosperous and happy editors. But most people seem to think that the editor gives his services and it does not matter to him whether the subscribers, pay or not. This is a great mistake. An editor cannot live on soup made of grass or of stone flavored with imagination; he cannot wear old shoes no collar and patches on his trousers. We have not the least doubt that there is a special felicity in store for people in the next world who always respond cheerfully and promptly when their subscriptions are due."

She Was Happy.

She is sweet sixteen, and she says the first time she kissed her sweetheart it made her feel like a tub of butter swimming in honey, cognac, nutmeg and cranberries, as though something ran down her nerves on feet of diamonds, escorted by several cupids in chariots drawn by angels shaded with honeysuckles and the whole spread with melted rainbow.

"You know the fat policeman on your beat?"

"I have seen him."

"Well, the other night he chased two thieves around the block, and they ran so fast and he ran so slow that on the second round they caught up with him—and he promptly collared them."

DISSUADED FROM SUICIDE.

The Convinced Applicant a Parson Cured With Telling Word.

"An Arkansas country store keeper of my acquaintance had a bad attack of melancholy about a year ago," said a New Orleans drummer, "and attempted to commit suicide. He put a pistol to his head and pulled the trigger, but the cartridge failed to explode, and before he could try it again the weapon was taken away. However, he swore he would do the deed the first chance he got, and he was no doubt really of that intention when he was talked out of it by a little itinerant preacher who was a reformed gambler. The argument used by the parson was so peculiar and ingenious that it made a deep impression on my mind. 'You know you would be a dead man,' he said as nearly as I can remember, 'if it wasn't for the fact that there was a defective cartridge under the hammer of your revolver. Now, a defective cartridge is a very unusual thing,' he went on. 'They calculate at the manufactory that there is possibly one to the quarter million turned out. The chance of that bad cartridge being in the box that you bought for your gun was not over one to another quarter million, the chance of your getting hold of it when you loaded was exactly 1 to 50, and the chance of it being under the hammer was 1 to 5. That makes the total odds 1 to 500,000.'"

"At that point the little preacher suddenly straightened up, his eyes flashed fire, his chest expanded, and he shook his forefinger under the storekeeper's nose. 'You miserable sinner,' he roared, 'do you imagine for a minute that the Lord would have given you that kind of odds and let you win out on the play if he hadn't got some good and special use for your life? Don't let me ever hear of you trying to block him again!'"

"The word he suicide thought the thing over and concluded that the parson was right. His melancholy promptly disappeared, and the last time I saw him he was bubbling over with cheerfulness. He believes firmly he is a man of destiny."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

ALL HONOR TO PARSLEY.

Various Folklore and History Concerning This Common Herb.

Some quaint ideas have hovered around that familiar garden herb and dish adorning parsley. In England, Devonshire folk declare that parsley must never be transplanted or great evil will follow. Suffolk people say it will not come up double unless sown on Good Friday—a notion that experimenters might surely soon have disproved—while ancient dwellers in Hampshire steadfastly refuse to give any parsley away. Ask them for roses, lilies, fruit or rare vegetables, and baskets full will be gladly bestowed on you, but request a few sprigs of parsley and you will be told, with a solemn shaking of heads, "No, we never pick parsley for any one, unless it's paid for!"

The great historian Plutarch relates an interesting anecdote on the subject of this herb. Timoleon was leading an army against the Carthaginians. "But as he was ascending a hill from the top of which the enemy's camp and all their vast forces would be in sight, he met some nudes laden with parsley, and his men took it into their hands that it was a bad omen because we usually crown the sepulcher with parsley, and thence comes the proverb with regard to one that is dangerously ill, 'Such a one has need of nothing but parsley.' To deliver them from this superstition and to remove the panic Timoleon ordered the troops to halt, and making a speech suitable to the occasion, observed among other things that crowns were brought them before the victory and offered themselves of their own accord. For the Corinthians from all antiquity have looked upon a wreath of parsley as sacred, crowning the victors with it at the isthman games." The general then crowned himself and all his officers with parsley wreaths, and led his men to battle, their fears conquered, the result being a decisive victory.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Measuring Medicines.

A teaspoonful is just one dram; a dessertspoonful, two drams; a tablespoonful, four drams.

In mixing or administering drugs of any sort quantities should be carefully measured in a medicine glass, for then one may be quite sure of the amount given, which is quite impossible to be if one uses spoons, for these vary in size according to fashion.

When measuring medicine, it is best to stand the glass on the table, for if one holds it in the hand one may easily hold it crookedly, and thus inadvertently pour out a larger or smaller amount than is prescribed by the doctor. In some cases errors of this kind might be mischievous in effect.

A Remarkable Railroad.

One of the most remarkable railroads in the United States is that which runs from Fabryan, at the foot of Mount Washington, to the summit—a distance of 3.38 miles. The time required in making the ascent is one and one-half hours, which is at the rate of a mile in 27 minutes. The descent is made in the same time. The fare is \$4 for the round trip, or at the rate of 60 cents a mile. No other road in the world charges quite so much and few run trains at a speed quite so slow. About 6,000 passengers are carried annually.

Little Lucy's Prayer.

One evening little Lucy knelt to her evening prayer. Her little heart was bursting with self satisfaction, she had been so exemplary all through the day. "O Lord," she said, "make me very good, even better than I am." Many an older person thinks this prayer if he does not dare to put it into words.—Oswego Times.

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See your mistake in time and avert it.

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It was the turning point. The magazine sold. It was good and people liked it. Other half page ads followed. Result: fortune, fame, honor.

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This paper reaches the homes of this section.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Presbyterian—Rev. W. A. West, D. D., Pastor. Sabbath school, 9:15. Preaching service—each alternate Sunday morning counting from Aug. 12th, at 10:30, and every Sunday evening at 7:30. Junior Christian Endeavor at 2:30. Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Methodist Episcopal—Rev. H. M. Nash, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching every other Sunday morning, counting from August 12th, at 10:30 and every Sunday evening at 7:30. Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7:30.

United Presbyterian—Rev. J. L. Groves, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching every Sunday morning at 10:30, and every other Sunday evening counting from August 19, at 7:30. The alternate Sabbath evenings are used by the Young People's Christian Union at 7:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Evangelical Lutheran—Pulpit vacant. Sunday school 9:15 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:30.

Reformed—Rev. C. M. Smith, Pastor. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 7:30.

BLACKOAK.

Oct. 21.—Miss Berte Fost has returned home from a summer's visit with friends in McKeesport.

Mr. Paul Lynch spent Saturday and Sunday with friends on Blackoak.

Mr. Adolphus Dickon is trying his new horse. He has one that has a record of "two-thirty."

Mr. Alfred J. Mellott and family spent Sunday with Mr. Mellott's parents near Cedar Grove.

Mrs. Dorcas Shyman, daughter Etie, and son Penie, spent Sunday afternoon with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Dickon.

Miss Audie Dicken spent Sunday with her cousins, Miss Grace and Blanche Shyman.

Mrs. Sima Miller is visiting friends in Black Valley.

Mrs. Sadie Bootman, daughter Bessie and sister Lydia, went over to Silver Mills last Tuesday. Preaching at the M. E. church first Sunday in November at half past ten in the forenoon.

New Furniture Store. In Chambersburg. We have opened a new 101 South Main St. Fine stock of Parlor, Bed Room AND Library Furniture. Mirrors, Screens, etc. in the Limbory Block.

We have at our old store, No. 55 Queen Street, Dining Room Furniture, Looking Glasses, Upholstery Goods, Trimmings. Large stock of 3 fold S... Fancy Rockers, Couches, etc. for the Fall Trade. H. SIBBER & CO. CHAMBERSBURG, PA.

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THE CORNER. Oct. 24.—Farmers are husking corn. Mr. Lemuel Henderson of Warfordsburg spent Saturday with his brother Edsworth's place.

Lizzie Seylle who had been ill at the home of Wm. Lott with spinal trouble was to Philadelphia, to the hos. Mrs. Ida B. Stahl will leave Pittsburg Thursday where expects to make her home.

Flora Hann and sister Jennie spent Sabbath at Mr. Eph Houck's.

A number of young folks our vicinity attended the fair week.

Mr. Ephraim Houck spent bath at Jacob Clonser's.

Peter Kirk and daughter otly spent Sabbath at David ton's.

Miss Mae Harr, was in McConnellsburg Friday evening.

Logue Shives and Riley T. of Belfast made a trip to vicinity Sabbath morning their wheels.

WOMAN'S TROUBLES AND FEVER DISEASES CURED BY Johnston's Sarsaparil. PAINFUL and Suppressed Menstruation, Leucorrhoea, Whites, etc. Ulceration of the Uterus, etc. of life, in matron or maid, all first relief, help, benefit and cure in JOHNSTON'S SARSAPARILLA. It is a panacea for all pain or headache at the top or back of the head, dizziness, the pain in the left side, a distended condition of digestion, palpitation, the heart, cold hands and feet, nervousness and irritation, sleeplessness, muscular weakness, bearing pains, backache, legache, irregularity of the heart, shortness of breath, abnormal discharges, with other painful menstruations, swelling of the feet, soreness of the face, neuralgia, uterine displacement, catarrh, and all those symptoms, which make the average woman's life so miserable. MICHIGAN DRUG CO. Detroit. For Sale at Trout's Drug Store.