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HIS COUNTRY NEWSPAPER. Reminiscences Suggested to an Old Boy by the News of Unionville. "It is a fashion, I know, among city folk to ridicule the country paper," says a reformed traveling man, "but I have been a regular subscriber to the Unionville Banner for over thirty years. There's one evening in the week that I look forward to with zest. That's Monday night, when I light my old pipe, put on my slippers and lie back in the battered rocker for a musing and a dreaming over my copy of the Banner.

"Yes, there it is. Hasn't changed a font of type, I guess, in forty years. Same old, same old job type. Same old Washington press still grinds it out, I'll bet, as it did when I was a frocked boy and used to hang around the front door of the tumbledown rookery where snow-haired Editor Moore used to be pecking up the type or methodically scratching down the fact that 'Miss May Smith is visiting friends in our neighboring burg,' or 'John Loftus is preparing to build a new barn. Most of the lumber is already on the ground.' "I turn to the front page first, of course, and here, in my 'Local News,' I ascertain that 'Miss Ella Stuart has quite a class of music pupils here in town and also conducts a class in Patonsburg. Miss Stuart has a good quality of musical talent.' Why, dear me, dear me; don't it beat all how things do move! Why, I used to go to the high school in Unionville with Ella Stuart's mother. And now, a time I hung May baskets with her and then hung over the old white paling gate and held her hand until an ominous raising of an upper window indicated that a parent of Ella's mother desired the daughter's presence within.

"And, let's see! Why, here's something: 'Walter Thomas has been to the city this week, laying in a new stock of goods. Peter Fiegel is helping out in The Emporium during Walter's absence.' Well, it is surprising how some boys'll come up in the world in spite of poverty and distress. Know who that Walter Thomas is? Well, sir, he's the grandson of old Pap Thomas, as we used to call him, who used to live away down there by the railroad in that little hut of a place, and had a cabbage patch all around the house. Desolate a looking place as you ever saw.

"Pap was sort of half-witted and had a son who I should say was fully three-quarters witted. A peaceable, law-abiding well-digger he came to be. Married a real bright girl, really considerably above the average, and here their son's become the leading merchant in Unionville! This Peter Fiegel is a relation—son, maybe—of an old foreigner who settled down in Unionville and earned a living at cobbling. Said to be of noble birth he was, and mysterious generally. "I shouldn't know the faces that would greet me on Main street, I suppose now. Most of 'em come up since I was a boy. I wonder who really has made the truest success, the boys who stayed at home or those who were going to conquer the great world outside. There were my schoolmates who married and settled down in Unionville, and their sons and daughters are to-day's young men and women. I was going to do such big things when I struck the city that I couldn't exactly make up my mind to take time to come back and court Susie Williams. I kept putting it off and putting it off until I should get a little better and a little better position until, first thing I knew, Phil Kerns up and married her and I was left. So, that's how it is, and bless me if I don't wonder sometimes as I muse over the old Banner if the boys who stayed at home have made such a miserable failure of it after all.

"So, I read along to ponder over the memories that those quaint items in the 'Local News' call forth. Well, you may poke fun at the country weeklies as you will, but I fall to see why the fact that a resident of another residence lately bought the place of another resident of Unionville, and intends to move into it, may not be as well worth chronicling in the local paper of Unionville as the fact that the dog of a famous actress died on the steamer is worth two-column pictures and a half-column description in city dailies. Blamed if I can see much difference in merit between a poodle dog editorial in a city daily and a big cabbage just laid on the desk of ye editor of a country weekly."—Boston correspondence of the New York Sun.

Curious Fish From a Driven Well. Some time ago a driven well was sunk at the Howell Creamery, Pine Island, to the depth of 250 feet. The supply of water obtained equalled only one quarter of the amount necessary, and in order to obtain a greater supply two charges of jettite, a new explosive, were discharged by William J. Brown, an expert in its use. Both charges were set off simultaneously by an electric battery, and a column of water eight inches in diameter was thrown to a height of 300 feet. Many curious things came up from the bottom of the well, including three curious fish. They were about eight inches long and had neither head nor tail, both ends being alike. They could swim as easily backward as forward and were not provided with eyes or mouth. There were several small orifices at each end of these curious fish. When they came down with a shower of stones from the top of the column of water they bounded repeatedly many feet in the air. One was captured by a Poland, who, curious to see its interior, struck it with a dull hatchet, but made no impression whatsoever upon the fish, although he killed it. One is still alive in captivity.—New York Sun.

CHANGE OLD NAMES. Many Foreigners Begin Life Here Under New Aliases. The clerk of the city court made public the names of seventy persons who changed their names in legal form in the year 1900, says the New York Evening Post. Most of the original names are of palpably foreign extraction. As a rule all reasonable requests for change of name are granted. They are then filed away, the petition giving the allowed reasons for change and the judgment passed upon it by the court. A glance at the records and the various name changes gives rise to considerable speculation as to the real cause of dissatisfaction. Why, one wonders, should a name of such aristocratic twang as Waldemar Ruyhbar be cast aside in preference to the hackneyed title of Henry Smith? On the next page of the records is the reverse of the question of high-sounding names, where one finds the somewhat plebeian cognomen of Gumbinsky changed to Von Tilsner. What evidence of nationality remains in the name of Jay, unless it is discovered to be a corruption of Jacobowsky? There scarcely could be any greater effacement of a family name than to substitute the noncommittal Blank for Polanger. Sebastian Bibo is lost entirely in Frank Walter and Ruzicka becomes the Americanized Robert. Many changes result from family quarrels, when another family name is taken in place of the legitimate one. Often the wills of eccentric relatives demand a change in the name of the beneficiary, without which no legacy can be obtained. Occasionally the name of a person into such dire poverty or imprisonment has brought that a new name is sought for which a new reputation may be built. In the case of foreigners who have become American citizens the stiff consonants of Russia, Bohemia and Poland prove too much for our Anglicized tongues and a change is really necessary. Under this reason come such changes, no doubt, as Chmelick to Lohan, Neugroschel to Rochelle, Yuzukjan to Yuzuk, and Rochmovitz to Rockmore.

UNDER THE SNOW. Ghastly Truths Revealed on the Disappearance of Winter's White Mantle. Deadly dangers lurk in the ground left bare by the departing snow. All Winter long there have been accumulating deadly disease germs. These have been protected and kept alive by the covering of snow and now, with the first warm days, these death-bringing microbes are awakened by the rays of the sun, and as the ground dries they are carried to all corners of the community in the dust that is blown everywhere by the Spring winds. The human body at this time is particularly susceptible to these germs, especially the germs of fevers. The system has been depleted by the foregoing Winter. The blood is sluggish and filled with impurities. The nerves have not recovered from the tension they have been under for the past months. The stomach, the bowels, the kidneys, the liver are all at their worst. It is, therefore, not strange that these germs of disease find fertile ground in which to thrive, flourish and develop into deadly illness. Spring is the time of year when one should fear an attack of fever, especially when the system is depleted, one should dread any severe illness. The vitality is at a low ebb. There is less power of resistance to throw off disease, and it is on this account that fatalities are so much greater during the Spring months than at any other time of the year. There is but one way to ward off such dangers, and that is to fortify

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