

TWILIGHT SONG.

Through the shine, through the rain
We have shared the day's load;
To the old man's eyes...

But the road leads us all,
For the King now is dead;
And we know, stand or fall...

oddy of our being traveling companions,
and grew pleasantly familiar
I answered him, not wishing to appear...

Household Matters

Care of Milk. Milk which has been standing any time in a jug should always be carefully poured into another...

For Hot Dishes. The housekeeper who cannot have a zinc covered kitchen table will find several squares of hard wood...

To Clean Woodwork. Woodwork that has become yellow or is badly stained may be cleaned with a mixture of a pint of hot water and two tablespoonsful of pulverized borax...

Drinking Ice Water. Large drafts of ice water are always mischievous. If sipped slowly, so that the stomach does not become chilled...

About Table Linen. Plain tablecloths and napkins are made up very simply with ordinary or overhand hemming. Hemstitching of any kind suggests bedroom linen...

The Baked Apple. One of the most wholesome dishes is a baked apple. It is delicious at breakfast, as well as at supper. In fact, apples in almost any form are invaluable...

RECIPES

Lobster Soup—Chop fine one-half can of lobster, let simmer in one quart of milk twenty-five minutes...

Velvet Cream—Two tablespoonsful of strawberry jelly, two tablespoonsful of currant jelly, two tablespoonsful of pulverized sugar...

Celery Soup—One-half cup rice, small cup celery, chopped fine, cooked in different saucapans until quite soft...

Macaroni Oysters—One-quarter of a pound macaroni broken up in small pieces. Cook in boiling salted water...

Young Chickens—After cleaning, split them open down the back, remove all objectionable insides...

Cucumber Aspic Jelly—Peel and slice two large cucumbers and one quite small onion, and cook slowly for one hour in one pint of water...

Dried Apple Cake—Prepare by washing and soaking over night, two cupfuls of dried apples, squeeze dry...

Light Colored Taffetas. Plain taffeta is rather old for a young girl, but the light colored striped flowered taffetas are lovely for evening dresses...

Fruit Pudding—Line a mold one or one and one-half inches thick with ice cream made from strawberry ice cream...

Origin of the Frankfurter. The little sausage known as "frankfurter" and "wiener" was offered for sale for the first time in 1855...

Floating Island—One quart of milk, five eggs and five tablespoonsful of sugar; scald the milk, then add the beaten yolks...

NEW IDEAS in TOILETTES

New York City.—No dress worn by the girl of twelve or younger is quite so pretty and quite so attractive as the one that includes a guimpe of white.



Here is an exceedingly stylish and quite novel model that will be found most desirable for the first school days as well as for immediate wear...

A LATE DESIGN BY MAY MANTON.



tends under the arm and over the shoulder, giving something of a suspender effect, while in reality it is simply made in skeleton style with tucks that simulate box pleats at the edges...

The quantity of material required for the medium size (ten years) is five yards twenty-seven or thirty-two, or three and three-eighths yards forty-four inches wide...

Modification of the "High Back." Many hats appear to be trimmed much higher at the back than they really are, owing to their forward inclination...

Productive of almost endless variety also is what we call here the "movement" given to the brim, that is to say, the particular curve or roll it is made to take...

two and one-half yards twenty-seven or one and five-eighths yards forty-four inches wide, with one-half yard of all over lace.

up at the back or side. Moreover, brims may be wide or narrow. All widths are accepted, although, as I told you in my last, medium widths will perhaps be the most generally adopted for the present...

Broadcloth in Demand. With the great vogue of broadcloth will come the demand for less expensive goods which present much the same appearance. Henrietta and drap d'ete will answer exceedingly well for the construction of costumes and house gowns...

AJ meets Ribbon Belts. Very attractive adjuncts to dainty ribbon belts are the silver girdles in the stylish festoon effect, consisting of a row of cupids, with festoons of flowers between, all in oxidized silver...

A Cavalier Hat. A cavalier hat in a soft shade of green felt had a scarf of velvet tied in a large bow directly in front. The hat was turned up on the left side, and was trimmed with a beautifully shaded green feather...

Blouse or Guimpe Waist. The simple waist made with full front, such as this one, is always in demand, but especially so at this time, when princess skirts and skeleton waists are so much worn by young girls...

THE KEYSTONE STATE

The Latest Pennsylvania News Told in Short Order.

Elmer Long and Peter Dowd, Coal Township Commissioners, returned to Shamokin from Harrisburg, being assured by the State Road Department that a macadam road will be built from Paxinos to Shamokin, a distance of six miles.

Fire in the home of tax collector A. Ludwick, at Freeland, damaged the building and furniture. The loss is \$3000. Heroic work on the part of firemen prevented the fire from spreading.

The Taxpayers' Association of Luzerne County has commenced action against the auditors of Pittston Township to compel them to publish an itemized statement of the receipts and expenditures of the public school directors, treasurer and tax collector of the township, which they have refused to do.

Mrs. Joseph Savin, of Nanticoke, fled from her home because her husband, who had been acting peculiarly for some time, took a sea to bed with him and threatened to saw her to pieces. The authorities took him to an insane asylum.

Dr. Arthur J. Wilson, City Bacteriologist, has reported that the water of the wells in Scranton is better than it might be expected. In only one case out of top was typhoid bacteria discovered.

Before Justice Morgan the first suit of the Borough of Shamokin to recover money from the property owners due for street paving was heard. John P. Mahew was the defendant. Judgement for \$140 was entered. This is the first of a series of suits to be filed.

John D. Gill, of Greensburg, Prohibition candidate for Justice of the State Supreme Court, filed in the State Department a formal notice of his withdrawal. A meeting of the Prohibition State Committee will probably be called to nominate a candidate to take his place.

Reports received by State Fish Commissioner Meehan from all sections of Pennsylvania show that the present bass season is the best in ten years, and that the trout season was the best in thirty years.

Giuseppi Lonizi, an Italian, who was to have been married to Theresa Paetari, at Steelton, disappeared a few hours before the time fixed for the marriage and is still missing.

J. Sutton Wall, Chief Draughtsman of the Internal Affairs Department, and four assistants left Harrisburg for Erie to make a survey of the shore of Lake Erie to determine the point which was the western terminus of the old boundary line between Pennsylvania and New York.

Governor Pennypacker honored a requisition from Governor Higgins for the extradition of Edward Carney, who is wanted at Buffalo, N. Y., to answer a charge of being a pickpocket. Carney was arrested in Harrisburg during the Old Home Week celebration.

The new home of the Rescue Hook and Ladder Company of St. Clair was dedicated.

The annual donation day at the Home of the Aged and Infirm Deaf at Doylestown netted the institution \$187.95.

While picking apples Albert McCarty, of Bucksville, fell from a tree and fractured his collarbone.

Because he fell on an icy pavement and permanently injured his hip, a jury awarded Henry Clemmens \$1500 damages against the city of Reading.

John Koset, a young Hungarian, was killed at the Bethlehem Steel Works.

Christian Nixdorf, 70 years old, of Lancaster, was fatally injured by the premature explosion of a gas canon, which he, with other old veterans, was engaged in discharging along the route of the G. A. R. parade at Myerstown. He was struck in the breast by the breech block of the canon, which was blown off.

Robert R. Koch, of Philadelphia, who sued Edward Semmel, of Easton, for \$5000 damages because of alleged slander, was given a verdict of \$1000. The allegation was that Koch had been called a crook by the defendant.

A train of eleven heavy freight cars dashed down a steep grade on a siding and crashed into Luckenbach's grain elevator, in Bethlehem, doing considerable damage.

A Twelve-Thousand-Pound Cheque.

THE hour grew late, and Mr. Brand paced his chamber in moody silence. The train had come in, but this messenger had not returned, and the merchant was troubled; troubled by a vague sort of doubt, which haunted him to spite of his faith in Lake.

Having heard rumors concerning a house with which he had extensive dealing, the merchant had despatched Lake to London, telling him to make inquiries, and in any case, to get the partners of the firm in question to settle their account.

"Do you think he will be here to-night, dear papa?" "I hope so, Mary, but it is very late."

"If there is no other train?" "Only the night express, and that does not stop, except at the central stations."

"Perhaps he will come, papa; he would not mind coming ten miles, even if he had to walk."

"He should not have missed the train," said Mr. Brand, sternly; "punctuality is an imperative duty with men of business."

"But, papa, something may have occurred to detain him."

"Nothing should detain a man who has given his word."

cheque for some petty amount, and was evidently astonished by the immensity of the order I had presented. I left the bank with my pocketbook full of notes, and I found that I had lost the train. The next would be the night express, so I strolled into a billiard room. A man is just as safe with a fortune in his pocket as if penniless, so that he is wise enough to hold his tongue. There was some clever play going on, and I stood watching the players till some one challenged me to have a game. If I have one special vanity, it is my science with the cue; I accepted, and as I did so a strange feeling, which had been growing upon me, took a sudden turn which startled me.

"My challenger was the man whom I had noticed at the banker's. There was nothing strange in the fact of his being in the room, one of his favorite resorts, but I was possessed by the vague shadow of a single idea. I had read somewhere of a man being followed and plundered in a train, and somehow I associated the story with the man before me. It was the first time I had ever paid him any particular attention, but I gave him full observation now. The more I looked at him the less I liked him. He was handsome, gentlemanly, with a fair form and elegant figure, full of suppleness and strength. His manner was singularly unassuming, his face frank and genial, but by looking closely at him you could see something sinister-looking in the depth and softness of his eyes.

"I never liked a stranger to be affable and prepossessing, and my friend was the very pink of affability and grace."

"We played for an hour with alternating success; he was an amusing companion, well informed, and had traveled, but I still having some time to spare, went to see a friend in the Temple."

"When, at the expiration of some thirty or forty minutes, I emerged into Fleet street, amongst the first person on whom my gaze fell was my late antagonist at billiards."

"I thought there was something more than a mere coincidence in this second meeting since we stood together at the banker's. He was in a clear shop opposite."

"Not a hundred yards from the Temple gate stood a man whom I recognized with a very welcome feeling. It was George Vixen, the detective."

"He was fashionably dressed, and looked an aristocrat of the first water. I went up and greeted him as I should an old familiar, held out my hand and said: 'Step into the hotel office. I have something to say.'"

"He shook hands in the most natural way possible. I took his arm, and we entered the door of an adjacent hotel."

"I told him my suspicion, told him of the sum in my possession, and of the journey I had to perform by rail."

"I saw that, watching through the glass of the door, he was taking a mental photograph of two men."

"They mean business," said Vixen, quietly, "but I shall be with you. We must part at the door, or they will see we have scented the game."

"And you," I said, "how will you get me?"

"I'll be here, shall travel to Liverpool by the night express."

"He left me. I had no fear now, knowing him to be a clever and determined fellow."

"Taking a casual glance across the road, I saw my man with his companion. It was quite evident that they were tracking me, though I lost sight of them before reaching St. Paul's."

"I strolled along the churchyard, wandered nearly to Islington, then went through the city again before I made for the station; my acquaintance of the billiard room did not come in sight, though I kept well on the alert."

"I took my ticket, lingering almost to the moment of starting before I entered the carriage, but my man did not appear. Two men were in the compartment with me. I could not see the face of one, and the other was a stranger."

"The bell rang. The guard had just time to put a bewildered old gentleman by my side, and we were off."

"The man whose face I had not seen turned toward me."

"I could scarcely repress an exclamation. There was no mistaking that frank, genial countenance, nor the lurking devil in those eyes, whose softness was so sinister."

"He had met me then at last! Vixen had broken his promise, and I was left to travel that perilous journey alone, with the man who had followed me so skilfully—another who might be his confederate, and an old gentleman, who after grubbing out his indignation against all railway servants and locomotive traveling in general, was fast asleep in the corner."

"That the intentions of my billiard player were had was manifest by the fact of his having assumed a false mustache and beard. They added to the beauty of his face, but left to his eyes that sleepy, cruel glitter that is characteristic of the Asiatic."

"He spoke to me, remarked the