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Never been in a printing office before, I suppose; what woman's picture over that case, you ask? Why, that's Nan. She was slug 11, Ob, no. Sing 11 wasn't her nicktame. 'Iwas her number. See here is a f'slug eleven.

Printers use their slug numbers to mark their matter ; else how could they make up their strings ? A string? Oh, we paste all our dupes together, and that makes a string that shows what we have done-Here's my string for today-a regular rope, ain't it?

Want to know about Nan. eh? Well she was the only female typesetter we had, and she was a hummer. She could talk longer and on occasions loader, and truth compells me to say broader than-well than some girls. Pretty? Not exactly, just so-so. Slender, lively, bair the color of canned salmon, teeth pretty well justified and eyes that were usnally blue, but liable to turn green if she got mad. Boys used to say that if Nan was going to Paradise she'd be late getting there; but I never saw anything bad about her except, once in a while, her tougue-Mister, don't you get it into your head that because a girl sets type or works in a factory among a lot of men she can't be good.

"To resume my yarn. Once there came along a handsome young fellow that we dubbed Mr. Kokak, because he came from the town of Kokuk, Nan took quite a fancy o him. He persons in the off nat Nan did notice. We called bim the Rat because he od at bank o us when we No: and what's more, I dont care. any other book published, and the pity but no one loved him. Lank, cadaverous, pook-marked, thin-lips ped fellow, with eyes like two holes burnt in a blanket.

.Well, Nan and Mr. Kokuk went to two the three dances and a circus because she didn't want, 'so there!' Mr. Kokuk and I were in a salson asked Mr. Kokuk. opposite where the Rat's roomed, and we saw Nan come in at the family entrance and buy a flask of whis- Kokuk. key. We were in there celebrating the end of the strike. All went back next day and late in the evening. when only Mr. Kokuk, Nan and I asked the minister to marry them. were left in the office I heard him go but she consented and they were over and tell Nan he must break off the engagement because she had gone back on the strikers, and more Mr. Kokuk took Nan in his arms and particularly for the reason that he would never marry a woman that her head on his shoulder and cry bought whisky by the flask in a saloon. Mr. Kokuk was a kind of a goody-goody fellow, you see. Nan wheeled about on her stool, her eyes snapped till the lashes fairly oracked, and she said: 'You are a little plaster of paris god, ain't you ? Be careful you don't tip over or you'll break in two. You ought to go as a missionary to the cannibals. You proprietor of the "Kokuk Banner."

"Mr. Kokuk put on his coat and went away, but after be had gone I went to lift a handful of type out of a form that stood near Nan's case looking lady, ain't she? She's boss and I saw that her eyes were sweating. Tears as big as rain drops fell down over her case. She kept on throwing in type. She tossed the 'a's into the 'e' box, and comas over among the perieds, and caps down among the lower case letters in a reckless manner. The matter she set the next day was so lotsy that the foreman threatened to discharge her. What do I mean by lonsy? Why, fall of mistakes; to be sure Nan will be not far from the head."

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It is said that P. ". Barnum's son is allowed within a hundred feet of the voting place, and no perposed to raise a fand. bury Rat's wife writes everything which appears over his name, and that whatever pay he receives is turned over to her. fay of the searlet fores, both on the pay he receives is turned over to her. re t.

ain't very particular.'

same day, mind you. He had buried his wife the week before. 'He ought to be able to bury his own dead, he's one, and nearly all growled assent.

raise the fund ? I asked.

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tion! Well, rather.

or two-we used to get plenty of said not a word a long time, but fin- purpose, or to interfere with the comps to such things then-and first ally she turned about with a half other studies of our children. we knew they were engaged. The sneer on her face and said; 'I'll jeff very next thing we went on a strike to see who pays for the tickets to again, all except Nan and the Rat, the theatre tonight' To jeff is to He said his wife was dying, and he play a game of type. Mr. Kokuk had to earn what he could. It wasn't got stuck for the tickets and I tell much because he was a regular black you he was tickled. They went but smith. We call a poor printer a they only saw part of the play, As blacksmith. Nan's eyes turned they were walking along to the theagreen as she said she wouldn't go tre they passed a parsonage. 'Isn't that the man that preached the fun-About a week after the strike began eral sermon for the Rat's children?'

> 'Yes,' answered Nan. 'Let's go in and see him,' said Mr.

'In they went and Nau who is usually surprised at nothing, was much astonished when she heard Mr. Kokuk married, and when the minister had reached the end of the performance kissed her what did she do but drop She said it was because she was worn out watching the Rat's folks. but reckon those tears were tinctured with the essence of joy.

'Say, do you see that countrified ooking feile with a slouch hat on, standing over there by one of the forms talking to the foreman! That's Mr. Kokuk. He is now editor and wouldn't be good eating, but they Gets all the county printing and is making a barrel of money. He's here on a visit and telling the boys about Nan Gave me her picture as she now looks. Gentle, refined of the Sunday school in Kokuk, has two scholars from her own family to send to it, and when any of the printers go on the tramp she bustles into the office and tosses metal with the best of them. If there's a sick family in Kokuk or the continguous territory that needs help, you bet

> Nan will be there. 'Say, Mister, I'm not well posted on religion but when the saints take their places in line in heaven I'll bet

The Bible in School

The public mind is being agitated been at work right along,' said some considerably in many parts of our and other States at the present time Who started the movement to on the question of abolishing the use of the Bible in our public schools. "Nan," answered the fellow who There are three classes of people had proposed the matter. She head- principally engaged in the conflict : ed the list. She's about the only First, those who are inclined to friend the family had. Sit up nights Catholicism ; second, the Protestants; to help take care of Rat's wife, who and thirdly, those who claim not to was a mighty sweet little woman believe or care whether the Bible is Bought whiskey for her when that true or not. The first named are was all that would keep the poor opposed to it on the ground of its teachings being centrary to the "You ought to have seen the ex- tenets and ritual of the Roman pression on Mr. Kukuk's face when Catholic Church, and as their childhe heard this explanation as to why rep have to attend many of our pub-Nan went to the saloun to get a bot- lic schools or go without education. tle of whiskey. 'And when Rat's they are compelled to listen to what wifs died, continued the speaker, they term heresy; so they would and his two children fell sick she like to substitute their Bible in its cared for them. I tell you, boys. place: The ground of opposition of printing offices have their devils, but the last named is that they send now and then angels drop into them. their children to school to be educated, and not to be made preachers off-Before be could say another word and think that the time taken up in Mr. Kokuk sprang up and moved reading the Scriptures could be betthat each member be assessed \$2 to ter employed in other studies. The defray the funeral expenses of Rat's Bible is not used in the school-room children, and that as many of the for secturian purposes, and we don't boys as could hire subs and attend think it ever will or should reach the funeral. Did we carry the mo- such a point ; at the same time we do not think it would be advisable to 'Nan was the only woman mour dispense with its use altogether. It ner, and she looked handsome in a certainly can do no harm to read cheap dress of black she had got for selections from the book of all books the occasion. Next day she was in the hearing of the young. Its back at her case, and at evening, teachings are pure and just, and no while she was distributing type, Mr one so far who has read it and lived Kokuk crept up to her case looking up to its doctrines has been the less like a whipped spaniel, and said: disqualified in any manner to engage 'Nan, do you know what I think of in social or business life. Its ancient historial information is superior to Well I think you are a saint upon language of many of its witters is teeming with beautiful expressions Do you know what I think of of pathos and sincerity. There are you? said Nan, knocking about half many things perhaps in our school a handful of matter into pi. 'I don't methods that need reforming, but think anything. Then how Mr. Ko- leave the Bible where it is as long ank did plead for forgiveness! Nan as it is not used for any sectarian

ERIORIPACIAL TRANSPORTATION OF THE RESIDENCE The Result of Debt.

A Japanese proverb says that riend at hand is better than all your relations at a distance, so a little money in your pocket is better than all the credit in the world. It is astonishing sometimes how much a lit. tle money will buy, and equally surpricing how quickly a bill reaches a hundred, and yet we may have little to show for it. One purchasing on credit buys rashly and generously ; he does not think of pay day, which seems far off, certain like death, but as remote and intangible. It is so easy to buy things in this way, one hardly stops to count the cost ; by this method it almost seems as if al the things we covet grew on trees and all we had to Jo was to put out or hands, we seems to be ready and clothed as if by a miracle, and it s surely a miracle if we pay the bill due in due season. To contract an bligation, to give another the ad vantage; we believe that half the forgeries and embezzlements in the country are the direct result of debt half the paralysis and heart disease which end men's lives in their hey day may be traced to the worry con sequent upon debt, worry kills more people than work, or love, or any disease. It wrinkles in the face, it discolors the .kip, makes the bair fall out, and encourages dyspensia.

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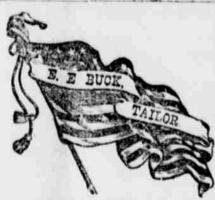
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To Amanda Kentser, intermarciad with Peter Thomas, dec'd., of Adams township, Snyder county, Pa., Wm. Krather of Reedsville, Millin county, Pa., George Krather, of Paxtonville, Snyder county, Pa., Liene, Intermarcied with Samuel Gross of Shrades's Mills, Mifflin county, Pa., Simon Krather, Alice, intermarcied with Hopnia Mitch ii, Alvesta, intermarcied with Nathan Heckenburg will of Paxtonville, Snyder county, Pa., John Krather, a minor who has for his guarchen A. A. Romig, of McClure, Pa. Catherine, new decid., who leaves to survive here husband, Joseph Musser, of Strader's Miss. Millin county, Pa. and the following children viz: John Jennie, niners, who have for their guardine A. A. Romig, of McClure, Savalar county, Pa. Sarah, now decid, who leave to their guardine A. Sarah, now decid, who leave to survive her husband, Andrew Wagnes, and the following children, viz: Charles Kate, George Adde and Eigh, alt of whom are industed in the county, Pa. You are her by etted to be and a many how You are her by effect to be said appear before the Judges of our count of Common Pleas, to be held at Middleburgh on the 4th Monday of MAX, A, D. 1888, at 10 o'clock in the forenous, then and there to accept or reluse to take the real estate of UENRY KRATZER, deed, at the appealsed valuation put upon it by an injurest only awarded by the said Court, and returned by the Sheriff of said county, or show cause why the same should not be sold. And hereof fall not. Wirness the Hon, Joseph C. Buchet, Presi-dent of our said Court at Middleburgh, this 5th day of March A, P. 1888. W. W. WITTENMYER, Proth'y.

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