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## A Hermit's Life.

JOSHUA GORSUCH, THE ECCENTRIC HERMIT OF LOCK RIDGE, NINETY-THREE YEARS OLD AND BUSIES HIMSELF WITH CRAZY INVENTIONS.

The Huntingdon correspondent of the Philadelphia Times is responsible for the following which appeared in the Sunday morning edition:

Just beyond the northeastern limits of Huntingdon borough, in a dense and thickly settled spot on Lock Ridge, lives an old hermit whose eccentricities have made him a familiar figure for many, many years.

Joshua Gorsuch was born in November, 1799, not more than a mile from his present mud hovel, and in the ninety-three years of his life he has never been farther than seventeen miles from that spot, and then only twice, having the past two years spent the winter months in the Poor House, at Shirlersburg. Although he is so ill clad that at times his aged body is barely protected from rain and snow and the piercing winds, and though his stomach rarely has an opportunity to digest anything better than crusts of stale bread, the old man holds the idea of the County Almshouse in holy horror. Persuasion could never induce him to go there, and it is only because of the weakness of his century-old frame that he succumbs to force. Members of the Humane Society always keep a watch over him when winter sets in, or perhaps long ere this he would have been in his grave. But the full-fledged Italian from New York city, with hand organ accompaniment, no sooner announces that "Springtime is here, gentle Annie," than the old man steals away from the County Home and on foot makes his way to the now well-known mud cottage near the summit of Lock Ridge.

And what a home it is! With one of his patent ditch-diggers—the horn of a buck, with hickory handle attached—he succeeded in making an excavation in the side of the hill to the depth of six feet, and in this damp, rheumatic hole he sits for hours at a time musing over hoped for wealth. It required many days for the old recluse to complete his home, and during the progress of its construction the architect and builder dined and lodged under a temporary brush heap within sight. These old, deeply sunken, bloodshot eyes told of the joy which filled the heart of their owner when the cottage had been completed to his satisfaction, and in that secluded and to him sacred spot he could model his numerous inventions. Invention is Uncle Joshua's hobby, but his imagination has led him to believe that all his patents have been stolen by the government. On this subject the old man's mind wanders by day and his sleep at night is disturbed by dreams of success on the latest patent, only to be followed by the keen disappointment of a delusion that he has been robbed by the government. To look at him one fancies he sees Diogenes, but while Diogenes was looking for an honest man, Uncle Joshua is looking forward to a time when the United States Government shall be powerless to encroach upon his patent rights, and he shall be able to gaze with pleasure upon the millions that are in them. His long, bony fingers, with nothing apparently on them but a scant covering of skin, and trembling like a leaf exposed to the wind, impress one as longing to grasp the dollars which he believes are sure to come from the introduction of his patents.

The most notable of his queer inventions are a cider press and an incubator. The former very much resembles the old-fashioned sausage stuffer and the main handle is nothing less than a hickory tree sixty or more feet long. Joshua's consolation seems to lie in the fact that when apples, etc., are placed under this great pressure juice must come and worms must die. According to his own story it required him eight days to fell the tree and drag it the few feet to the sacred spot. He invariably refused outside assistance, fearing that the mission of any in-

truder was only to rob him of the invention. The completion of the cider press was followed by the invention of an incubator, and if the latter could only accomplish a part of what Uncle Joshua claims for it, old hens would have an easy time of it in the future. A long box with a glass lid was divided into numerous apartments, and each apartment was assigned a specific duty. No. 1 was for hatching ordinary chicken eggs, and the product according to Joshua's description, would be passed as feminine gender; but the product of an egg placed in an adjoining apartment was sure to be a rooster. Eggs being placed in other apartments—that is chicken eggs—the hatch was liable to be a turkey, goose, duck, pigeon or quail. Like all his other inventions the incubator was a thing of only a moment, and he then began modeling a patent saw, berry picker and fire-extinguisher. None of his inventions have ever gotten beyond the mud hovel on the summit of the ridge, but the old man believes the government is making millions out of those stolen from him. While working on the new inventions his chief object seems to be to keep government officials off his track, and visitors frequently find him crouched in a very small space in his hut to escape detection.

Joshua never voted but once or twice in his very long life. For many years he has thus isolated himself, and the greater part of his life he has resided near his present abode. His hovel is in a beautiful situation on an elevation of perhaps three hundred feet, and directly at the foot of the hill or ridge the rippling waters of a wild and romantic stream can be heard. Joshua's appearance indicates that he has as little use for water as he has for the ladies. It is doubtful whether his long and bushy gray hair is ever combed, and hanging as it does over his face and neck, he very much resembles the wild man of the woods. And then his blood-shot and sunken eyes add nothing to his appearance. His summer clothing is the prolonged use of his winter wear.

The old man may be called a woman hater, and his opinion of the gentle sex is not at all complimentary. He was once married, and his present attitude toward women is no doubt due to that unhappy union. While he sits in his hovel, looking with scorn upon the illustrations of females in one of his sagacious books, his old and tired wife may be seen peddling truck from door to door in this town. Joshua will not converse with men if he can avoid them, much less women, and in any conversation he indulges in wealth must be the subject. He will then get in a happy mood in the prospect that the long looked for millions are near at hand. A visitor is hardly gone until the old man secludes himself in the snake-ridden hut and engages himself for a short time in modeling some patent.

Joshua realizes that his time on earth is limited, and he has already requested that his dry bones be laid to rest, without ceremony, near the spot he is now pleased to call home. He has even constructed a coffin for the interment of his own body, but it is not likely that his plans will be carried out strictly according to his wishes.

## Winter Excursion Book of the Pennsylvania R. R.

A very valuable book for those contemplating either an extended winter trip or a short visit to the sunny South has just been issued by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Many useful suggestions and information are contained in the little volume, which is copiously illustrated and provided with a valuable map of all the territory under consideration. Copies may be obtained at the ticket offices of the Company, or upon application to Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, 233 South Fourth Street, Philadelphia.

LOWELL.

Some of our farmers are busy plowing their corn ground. . . J. J. Steely says that his sny glass is not strong enough to see much of J. B. Shellenberger's beard. . . Mrs. Krebs of the West, is visiting at her brother's Emanuel Knepp's, whom she had not seen for 18 years. . . Boys, you must have a poor opinion of the man that wanted you to come out for postmaster. . . Amos Snook shot a bear on Jacks mountain last Thursday that weighed four hundred pounds. The fat on the ribs was four inches thick, the hide weighed 43 pounds. One of their dogs was killed in the struggle after the bear was shot. . . Miss Cora Knepp, of Lewistown is visiting her Snyder county relatives and friends.

## Valuable Real Estate at Private Sale!

The undersigned offers at private sale the following real estate situated in Paxtonville, Snyder county, Pa., 2 miles west of the County seat, on the Sunbury & Lewistown R. R.:

- TRACT NO. 1.—Four Dwelling Houses, with from 2 to 3 Acres of land with each, and considerable fruit, good water, &c.
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CHAS. P. SWENDEL, Paxtonville, Pa.

**REGISTER'S NOTICES.**—Notice is hereby given that the following named persons have filed their accounts as Executors, Administrators, Guardians, and Executors' accounts in the Register's Office of Snyder county, and the same will be presented for confirmation and allowance at the Court House in Middleburgh, Monday, Dec. 12, 1892.

1. The first and final account of Absalom Barner, Executor of the last will and testament of Christine Smeitz, late of Monroe Twp., dec'd.
2. The first and final account of Joseph D. York, Administrator of the estate of Mary A. Wagner, dec'd.
3. The first and final account of H. K. Gregory, Administrator of the estate of Susan Coughlin, dec'd.
4. The first and final account of H. K. Gregory, Administrator of the estate of Lydia Coughlin, dec'd.
5. Final account of Daniel Ott, Executor, &c., of Jacob Ott, late of Penn Twp., dec'd.
6. First and final account of Isaac M. Brubaker, Administrator of Ezra S. Auker, late of Union Twp., dec'd.
7. The first and final account of Jeremiah Drickmiller, Executor of the estate of Elizabeth Lambert, late of Spring Twp., dec'd.
8. The first and final account of Henry Kahley and Jacob H. Howell, Executors of the estate of George Kahley, late of West Beaver Twp., dec'd.
9. The first and final account of Rebecca Krebs and John H. Droege, Administrators of the estate of Schlemm Krebs, late of West Beaver Twp., dec'd.
10. The account of Lydia Wecheley, Administratrix of the estate of Frederick Wecheley, late of Perry Twp., dec'd.
11. Final account of Isaac B. Romig, Executor of the last will and testament of Anna Mary Kantz, dec'd.

G. M. SHINDEL, Register.

## Jury List.

### PETTIT JURORS.

- List of Petit Jurors drawn for the Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Sessions and Court of Quarter Sessions of the Peace of Snyder county held as September Term, commencing Monday, December 12, 1892.
- Adams—James A. Wagner.  
Beaver—W. H. Freed, W. O. Stetler, Isaac Boush, James Hassinger.  
Beaver West—C. W. Fisher, J. J. Mattern.  
Centre—Thomas Robert Walter, Aaron Walter, James Spangler.  
Chapman—Simon Long.  
Franklin—R. A. Hassinger, Howard Walter, John W. Walter, Robert Erdley, Howard Bolig, John C. Morris.  
Jackson—Newton Wetzel, Charles Spangler, J. P. Middlecreek—Perry Aurand.  
Monroe—Isaac Fisher, John Lesler, J. C. Gaugler.  
Penn—W. H. Row, Daniel Knouse, C. R. Erdley, L. J. Erdley.  
Perry—Benjamin Minium, Lewis Goodling, C. G. Snyder, C. M. Arbogast, P. S. Mitterling.  
Selinsgrove—Henry Schoch.  
Spring—Chas. Goss, Henry Feaker, J. P. Wendt, George Bilger, Jeremiah Hackenberg, Henry Swartz.  
Unborn—Philip W. Arnold, Albright Swintford.  
Washington—F. G. Meyer, Simon Lenker, Samuel G. Hiltish, Harvey Deobler.

### GRAND JURORS.

- Adams—Isaac Lepley, Isaac Napp.  
Beaver—G. M. Shindel, Robert Walter, Aaron Walter, James Spangler, David Herrold, Franklin—Robert Walter, John S. Kaufman, Jackson—H. A. Sassaum, Peter Berner, Middlecreek—Henry Switzer, Monroe—H. B. Borner, Penn—Chas. Miller, Perry—Isaac Armstrong, Spring—R. M. Gordon, W. W. Howling, Selinsgrove—Daniel E. Kramer, John Staley, Spring—H. B. Lamb, Michael Aumiller, Unborn—Philip W. Arnold, E. S. Stahl, H. H. Sechrist, G. W. Knight, Washington—James Troup.

## AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

The undersigned, auditor appointed by the Orphans' Court of Snyder county, do hereby notice the hands of Thom. P. Derr and Solomon S. Graybill, Executors of John Pile dec'd, of the office of P. E. Bower, Esq., in Middleburgh, Pa., on Friday, Dec. 9th, 1892, at 11 o'clock A. M., at which time and place all persons claiming an interest in said estate, as respects to the same, and present their claims, or be forever barred from coming in for a share of said fund.

A. W. POTTER, Auditor.

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Ladies who are suffering with diseases strictly confined to their sex can consult the Doctor with the assurance of a speedy cure without suffering themselves to the very often unnecessary examination. The doctor particularly invites all cases that have been given up by other physicians.

**TESTIMONIALS.**  
Mr. Reuben Grubb, Liverpool, Perry county, Pa., had a cancer on lower lip for several months and was completely cured by the treatment of Dr. R. A. Simpson, of York, Pa.  
Miss Anne Koch, of Liverpool, Perry county, Pa., had for many years a malignant ulcer on her limb near the ankle, and although under the treatment of different doctors, the sore grew worse. It was cured by Dr. R. A. Simpson, of York, Pa., in four months. No scraping of the bone or cutting.

For many years Mr. Charles Allison, of Glen Rock, York county, Pa., had a cancer on his face below the eye. Dr. R. A. Simpson, of York, Pa., removed it by his chemical process. He is now well.

Dr. Simpson invites any one who doubts any of these statements to write to the parties and ascertain for themselves. They may only see a few of the many testimonials obtained. The doctor invites correspondence from a distance. If you will enclose 4 cents in stamps. Remember the dates and call early. Jan. 31, 1892.

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The Burlington Route will sell round trip tickets at half rates, good 30 days, to the cities and farming regions of the West, Northwest and Southwest. Eastern Ticket Agents will sell through tickets on the same plan. See that they read over the Burlington Route, the best line from Chicago, Peoria, Quincy and St. Louis. For further information write P. S. Estris, General Passenger Agent, Chicago, July 15, 1892.

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## ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

A ters of administration in estate of Jacob Hummel, of Monroe township, Snyder county, Pa., dec'd, having been granted to the undersigned, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment, while those having claims will present them duly authenticated to the undersigned.

SIMON HUMMEL, THOMAS HUMMEL, Administrators.

## SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE!

By virtue of a certain writ of Pl. Fa. issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Snyder county, and to me directed, I will expose to Public Sale at the Court House, in Middleburgh, on

Saturday, December 10, 1892,

A certain tract of land situated in West Beaver township, Snyder county, Pa., bounded and described as follows to wit: On the North by lands of Joseph Smith's heirs, East and South by lands of D. B. Hassinger, West by lands of E. Shellenberger, containing 12 ACRES more or less whereon are erected a large TWO STORY DWELLING HOUSE, STABLE and other out-buildings.

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