

THE NIGHT WIND.

Have you ever heard the wind go "Yooooo?"
This is a pitiful sound to hear!
It seems to chill you through and through
With strange and speechless fear.

"TWO OLD FOOLS."

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OLONE! BEE-
BEE'S hat lay on
the piazza-floor,
and Colonel Beebe
himself, his long, thin legs
hanging from the
hammock, was enjoying
indolently his
Henry Clay
while he debated whether he should go
over to see the Major now, or wait
until it was cooler.

ize the import of the words. Then
a dull flush crept into his cheeks,
usually very pale, and he said concisely:
"You are a liar!"
The fatal words were spoken.
The color leaped into
the Colonel's face, and the Major's
flush grew deeper while his eyes re-
turned the flash in those of the other.

"Two!" Israel pronounced the word
distinctly, so that it cut sharply on
the sense of hearing.
An instant's pause, then: "Three!"
The pistols cracked together, and a
cloud of blue smoke curtained the men
and then drifted lazily before the
slight draft of air.

KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS.
CHOKED BY MASKED MEN.
THREE MEN BRUTALLY TREAT A 70-YEAR-
OLD MAN.
Erie.—Barthelme Crowley, a farmer-
70 years old, living four miles east of Erie,
was choked by three masked men.

RELIGIOUS READING.
NOTHING LOST BY PRAYER.
We know not the secret history of the
world's mightiest transactions and its
most momentous events; but from the little that
we know, we can affirm that the men who have
prospered best in the world are those who have
prayed most.

TEMPERANCE.
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO-DAY?
I saw a farmer when the day was done.
The setting sun had sought its crimson
bed.

BIG FIRE AT PARKER.
SEVERAL BUSINESS HOUSES DESTROYED AND
\$300,000 DAMAGE DONE.
PARKER.—Fire started in Clint Elder's bill-
iard hall and before it was subdued it had
destroyed T. J. Blair's stationery store, Mrs.
Wilkin's millinery store, Durbin Mobley's
gent's furnishing store, Knight's barber
shop, the postoffice and Mrs. White's re-
saurant.

THE YOUNG.
But then the great difficulty with many of
the young, even favorably impressed with re-
ligion, is that if they must become
secularly minded, they must abandon many
sweet enjoyments, and commence a life of
uninterrupted self-denial.

CAUGHT IN A FOUL.
At one of the services at the Union Mission
Hall, Toronto, the following story was re-
lated, which came with power and sweetness
to my own heart, and contains a thought that
if realized, would enable every Christian to
see his way, even when surrounded by the
darkness of perplexity and unable to clearly
understand God's dealings with them.

AWARDED \$2,250 DAMAGES.
BEAVER.—The case of Lawrence Dilworth
et al. vs. the Pittsburg & Lake Erie Rail-
road Company resulted in a verdict for the
plaintiff for \$2,250. When the company
changed its route it shut off the water
supply of the plaintiffs, who were operating
the paper mill factory at Beaver Falls.

DOG DESTROYING SHEEP.
HOLLIDAYSBURG.—Blair county farmers
are troubled by the onslaughts made upon
their stock by roaming dogs. Farmer R. L.
Walker, of Duncansville lost 23 sheep—
slaughtered by a pack of dogs.

AN ENGINEER'S JUMPS FOR LIFE.
"Did you ever jump from your cab
while the train was going at full
speed?" I asked of a locomotive en-
gineer the other day.
"Yes, three or four times," he an-
swered.
"Was the sensation?"
"That's according to how you land.
One night three years ago the train-
dispatcher got two of us headed for
each other on a single track at a gait
of forty miles an hour. The first
thing I saw was the headlight of the
other locomotive rounding a curve
thirty rods away. I shut 'er off, threw
over the lever and set the air-brakes,
and then made a jump. I'd no time to
pick for a spot, and as I jumped I
realized that I'd have a bad time of it,
as I knew every foot of the ground. It
was on a level covered with a thistle
patch. There was a strip of them
forty rods long growing up like corn-
stalks. I expect they broke my fall
somewhat, but I don't know that I
ever hit the ground, until I fetched up
for good. It seemed to me that I just
swept through that patch about knee-
high from the ground, and when there
were no more thistles to knock down I
landed 'kerching' against an old stump
and uprooted it. I broke a leg and an
arm, but that wasn't the worst of it.
The doctor estimated the number of
thistle-points sticking into my body at
one billion. My wife and I have been
picking 'em out ever since they got me
home, and we've only finished one side
of me."

When Mussulman and Hindoo Fight.
The odd feature in these riots is
their immediate cause. This is al-
ways reported to be "cow killing,"
but Mussulmans kill oxen all the
year round for food and so do the
Europeans. The grievance is not
that, but a display of the old feeling
of ascendancy on the part of the Mus-
sulmans, who, on the day of their
festival, kill a cow close to a temple
in token of high religious defiance.
Then the Hindoos, who do not mind
about the killings during the rest of
the year, turn out armed, and there
is a battle royal, which, but for the
English, would in twenty-four hours,
develop into a religious war. The
English, however, tell the police to
fire impartially on both sides, and the
police, though they are them-
selves Mussulmans and Hindoos, do
it with delight, and there is peace
and good feeling for the ensuing
year.

THE MANUSCRIPT.
A little stir and all is over! Behold you
brave old oak in the meadows; of what goodly
stature! How strong and lasting! How in-
dispensable to the landscape! How it
down and how empty the sky! Yet in a few
days, the eye growing accustomed to the
aspect of the field, the oak is not missed—
the landscape is as perfect as before. Thus
the great one of the world passeth; the little
gap that his late presence filled closeth fore-
ver; and his name becometh a memory. Dear
God! Is this all of life?—J. T. Crow-
trigg.

NAVAL SALUTES TO THE FLAG ARE AS OLD
AS THE TIME OF ALFRED THE GREAT.
The weekly statement of
the banks in this city for the past week
show an increase in the reserve of \$123,000.
Due from other banks an increase of \$107,-
900; due to other banks a decrease of \$22,-
900. The deposits increase \$314,000; the cir-
culation increase, \$28,000 and the loans and
discounts show a decrease of \$97,000.