RAILROAD TIME TABLES.

PENN'A R. R.

EAST.	WEST
7.11 A. M.	9.14 A. M.
10.17 "	12.15 P. M.
2.21 P. M.	4.31 "
5.50 "	7.51 "
SUNDAYS.	
10.17 A. M.	4.31 P. M.

D. L. & W. R.

EAST.	WEST.
6.57 A. M.	9.06 A. M.
10.19 "	12.44 P. M.
2.11 P. M.	4.35 "
5.45 "	8.57 "
SUNDAYS	
6.57 A. M.	12.44 P. M.
5.45 P. M	8.57 "

PHILA & READING R. R.

NORTH.	SOUTH.
8.03 A. M.	11.24 A. M.
4.00 P. M.	6.05 P. M.
BLOOM STREET.	
8.05 A. M.	11.22 A. M.
4.02 P. M.	6.01 P. M.

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Danville Bank Adds to Surplus.

At the regular semi-annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Danville National Bank, held Monday morning, the usual half yearly dividend of three per cent was declared. The directors also dceided to add to the surplus fund the sum of $20,000, making the total amount of this fund $110,000. Within five years the surplus fund has been increased from $80,600 to $110,000, and in the same period the deposits have increased from $150,000 to over a half million dollars. This is a record of which any financial institution might well be proud, but this bank has other records which make it one of the best in this part of this state.

The Danville National Bank has been in existence over a half century and in that time it has declared 105 consecutive semi-annual dividends, including the one of Monday. It has had as president Peter Baldy, Edward Baldy and William J. Baldy, grandfather, father and son. The increase in its deposits and dividends indicates its soundness. During its existence the bank has paid to stockholders $653,000 in dividends.

The present officers and directors of the Danville National Bank are: President, William J. Baldy; Vice-President, Joseph Hunter; Cashier, M. Grier Youngman; Assistant Cashier, George M. Gearhart; Directors, William J. Baldy, Joseph Hunter, William K. Holloway, C. P. Hancock, D. R. Eckman and F. C. Angle.

Improvements Nearly Completed.

Council saved the borough a considerable sum of money by deciding to rebuild the rear wall of the Continental Hose House instead of tearing down the entire structure and erecting a new one. No difficulty was experienced in finding a good foundation for the rear wall, which along with nearly all the other improvements is now completed. The plasterers and painters have not finished their work. Otherwise the hose house is ready for occupancy. It is now as solid and substantial as a new buiding. Twenty-three feet have been cut from the 50-foot hose tower in the rear of the building, which was considered unsafe owing to its height. This has rather improved the appearance of the structure than otherwise and at the same time has removed a source of danger, which caused much anxiety among those who occupied adjoining properties. The Continental boys will be snugly installed in their remodeled home before Thanksgiving Day.

Second Meeting of Church Club.

The second meeting and dinner o the Episcopal Church Club of the diocese of Central Pennsylania will be held on Tuesday evening, November 18th., at 7.30 o'clock, at the Scranton Club, Board of Trade building, Scranton. A meeting of the Council will be held before the club session to act upon nominations for membership. The Right Reverend Sidney Catlin Partridge, D. D., Bishop of Kyoto, will be the guest of the club. Clergymen and laymen from all parts of the diocese will be guests of the members on that occasion.

The officers of the Church Club, who also compose the Council, are: President, James M. Lamberton, Harrisburg; Vice Presidents, Guy E. Farquhar, Pottsville, Reading Archdeaconry; Charles M. Clement, Sunbury, Williamsport Archdeaconry; Henry Z. Russell, Honesdale, Scranton Archdeaconry; George N. Reynolds, Lancaster, Harrisburg Archdeaconry; Secretary and Treasurer, Frank C. Angle, Danville.

Gold Watch Fell Into the River.

Miss Martha Lobach, of Cambra, Luzerne county, who is at present at the home of Miss Keeler, East Market street, met with a serious loss on Sunday. With some companions she was standing on the sidewalk of the river bridge when her gold watch in some way became detached from her clothing and fell into the river, where the water was at least ten feet deep. In falling it struck the floor in such a way as to cause the case to fly open.

The river is yet too muddy to enable one to see the bottom so that there is no way of telling whether the watch may be recovered or not. The current is quite strong at the point where the watch fell in, and as it flew open the probability is that it was caught by the current and carried some distance.

Miss Lobach feels her loss very keenly, as the watch was a present from her father now deceased.

Plugs in Good Condition.

George Hulliben, engineer at the Water Works, has completed the work of inspecting the fire plugs of the borough to see if any of them were leaking. This is a defect that has to be guarded against, as when the weather becomes cold they are apt to freeze, which leads to very serious consequences in case of fire.

Most of the plugs were found in good condition. Wherever the least water was found inside it was pumped out, leaving the plug empty and dry so that freezing will be out of the question.

CONFIRMED BY THE U. S. COURT

The United States District Court, at Philadelphia, has confirmed the sale of the Danville Rolling Mill to the re-organization trustees and the matter will come up in the court today for the final transfer on the part of the trustees in bankruptcy to the trustees of the plant of re-organization. Under the conditions of the sale forty-five per cent of the purchase money is to be paid over to the trustees in bankruptcy. This is likely to bring about some action on the part of the re-organization trustees to have the mill, which has been shut down for several weeks, resume operations.

The plant has been operated under a lease from the re-organization trustees, which provided that it was to be kept in operation. The recent shutdown was caused by the scarcity and high prices of coal. Whether or not the mill will be run by the present firm is not known, but it is thought that some plan will be submitted today by the re-organization trustees which will result in the plant being started. It is in good shape as new rolls and "squeezer" were put in but a few months ago. The furnaces are also in condition to be fired up at once.

Sale of Reserved Seat Tickets.

The Lecture Committee having in charge the Y. M. C. A. Star Course of Entertainments, after carefully considering the matter, have decided to open the reserved seat board at the Y. M. C. A. building, on Friday morning, Nov. 14th., at 8 o'clock, instead of at the Opera House, as heretofore. By this arrangement, it is hoped that many difficulties will be overcome.

The plan for reserving will be as follows:—On entering the Y. M. C. A. building, each person will receive a card, containing a number, and this number must be presented in its order at the reserved seat board, which will be placed on the platform in the auditorium. By this arrangement, persons who are waiting for their numbers to be called can be seated, thus avoiding the discomfort of being jostled about by the crowd or pushed out of line.

All tickets must be purchased before the time of reserving, and can be had at Grone's Book store, Hunt's drug store, W. V. Oglesby's office and the Y. M. C. A. Patrons of the Course are requested to note carefully the above suggestion.

First Ball of the Elks.

The first ball of Danville Lodge of Elks will be held in the armory on Wednesday evening, November 26th. The committee is now busy preparing for the event, which will inaugurate the social season in this city. In addition to the ball there will be a euchre party and a concert. A special orchestra of ten pieces, under the direction of Herbert Wyle, will render the music for the occasion. The affair promises to be a big success as every member of the Elks will do his utmost to make the evening a pleasure to those who attend.

The Danville Lodge is one of the most progressive in the state and this ball is but another evidence of the activity of its members. The new rooms in the Grone Building when ready for occupancy, will be the handsomest in this vicinity and the location is admirable. The Danville Elks have already become noted as hospitable hosts and the cordial reception given visiting brethren on the visit of the Shamokin Elks at the time of the base ball game was favorably commented upon by all who were their guests.

Much Activity at the Y. M. C. A.

There is much activity at the Young Men's Christian Association these days, and the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary are especially busy preparing for the turkey supper they will give at the association rooms on the evening of November 20. This will be a big affair and from present indications the ladies feel assured that success will crown their efforts.

General Secretary Laumaster is also kept hustling for in addition to his many duties at the building he is getting matters in shape for the Star Course of entertainments. The opening of the course will be on Friday, November 21, Brooke's Marine Band and Orchestra. This orchestra is well known here and will have a crowded house. It is under the direction of Thomas Preston Brooke. A curious and interesting feature of the program is "The Dislocated Organ," each member of the orchestra playing on an organ pipe representing a certain key in the musical scale.

The ladies who have joined the physical culture class, which met for the first time last week, are delighted with the instruction and new members are coming in. The other classes are also growing and much interest is manifested in the physical department of association work.

Assistant Resident Surgeon.

Dr. Walter E. Drumheller, son of O. R. Drumheller, of the Hotel Oliver, was recently appointed assistant resident dental surgeon at the Philadelphia Hospital. There were quite a number of applicants for the place, but the appointment was given to Dr. Drumheller, who graduated from the University of Pennsylvania last spring with a high average. Dr. Drumheller has been spending several days with his parents and returned to Philadelphia yesterday afternoon.

Asleep Amid Flames.

Breaking into a blazing home, some firemen lately dragged the sleeping inmates from death. Fancied security, and death near. It's that way when you neglect coughs and colds. Don't do it. Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption gives perfect protection against all Throat, Chest and Lung Trouble. Keep it near, and avoid suffering, death, and doctor's bills. A teaspoonful stops a late cough, persistent use the most stubborn. Harmless and nice tasting, it's guaranteed to satisfy by Paules & Co. Price 50c and $1.00. Trial bottle free.

HACK PARTY'S ADVENTURE

A party of ladies and gentlemen who left this city in a two-horse hack Saturday for a visit at a farm house near Eyersgrove met with an unfortunate accident, which robbed the trip of a great deal of its pleasure.

About two miles beyond Jerseytown they came to a small stream, the bridge over which was being rebuilt, only the new piers being completed. The driver, Frank Shellhammer, somehow learned of this fact, also that he would have to drive through the creek in crossing, although the bridge was without a light of any kind to warn of danger or to show where to drive down into the stream.

The hack was one of C. C. Moyer's. The driver, did the best he could under the circumstances. No pains had been taken to level down the bank to the water's edge and it was next to impossible to effect a crossing in safety without the aid of light. There were deep ruts worn down by passing wagons, but as was quite natural the driver missed these in the darkness and the hack upset.

The entire party was thrown out. There was quite a scramble and excitement with plenty of noise. No one was injured, however, except the driver, whose right leg was hurt by one of the horses and Mr. Thomas Johns, who sustained a sprained wrist. The box and entire top of the hack was badly wrecked.

The party, which had nearly reached its destination, made the remainder of the distance on foot. When the hour for returning arrived the hack was found unfit for service. A couple of the party, however, managed to make the trip back to Danville with the driver. The rest of the party remained until Sunday when another conveyance was secured.

The following persons were in the party: Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Johns, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Fetterman, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Haring, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Vastine, Mrs. J. C. Mincemoyer and Mrs. Webster Foust.

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Mr. Jos. Hooker, baker, of 102 North Spruce Street, says: "I was for a long time afflicted with lameness in my back, and a pain over my kidneys. I had a great deal of nervousness, restlessness; did not sleep well, had bad dreams, and was continually tossing from side to side striving to get a comfortable position. The kidney secretions were not normal. I was tired all the time and often had a dull aching in the back of my neck. I read accounts of Doan's Kidneys Pills curing people. The description of their symptoms tallied almost exactly with mine and induced me to try the remedy. On using them a short time the whole trouble disappeared."

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Remember the name—Doan's—and take no substitute.

Charles King Laid to Rest.

The funeral of Charles King, which took place Saturday afternoon at 1:30, was largely attended, among those who gathered around his bier being in addition to his neighbors and fellow employes at the Reading Iron Works, some thirty Odd Fellows, members of Calumet Lodge, who attended in a body.

The services were conducted by Rev N. E. Cleaver, who spoke at length, drawing a very practical lesson from the life and death of the deceased. Many of his remarks were very beautiful and full of consolation to the survivors of the family.

The pall bearers were: Dr. Jonh Sweisfort, John L. Evans, D. R. Williams, D. C. Williams, Rush Yerrick and S. M. Trumbower. Interment was made in Odd Fellows' cemetery.

Preparing to Build a Vault.

The new banking company, which intends opening a savings bank in the room vacated by the post office in the Opera House block, is hauling stone preparatory to the building of a large vault.

The stone are intended merely for the foundation; the safe proper will be of brick laid in cement. On the inside it will be ten feet long, seven feet wide and seven and a half feet high. The safe will be constructed on scientific principles and will be fastened with a time lock.

Inside the large safe or vault, which will be used to protect books and papers, will be installed a smaller one, known as the "Patent Manganese Steel Mob and Burglar Proof Bank Safe," manufactured by the Hibbard—Redman—Ely Safe Company of New York, which is said to embody all improvements made up to date, and to have stood all tests, being absolutely impervious to the drill.

The cash and securities will be deposited in the smaller and inside safe, which being absolutely safe in itself the company claims will be doubly secure when locked in the large safe or vault, affording the very best of protection to deposits.

A Startling Surprise.

Very few could believe in looking at A. T. Hoadley, a healthy robust blacksmith of Tilden, Ind., that for ten years he suffered such tortures from Rhematism as few could endure and live. But a wonderful change followed his taking Electric Bitters. "Two bottles wholly cured me," he writes "and I have not felt a twinge in over a year." They regulate the Kidneys, purify the blood and cure Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Nervousness, improve digestion and give perfect health. Try them. Only 50 cts at Paules & Co's drug store.

Nearly Recovered.

J. R. Hughes, the stone cutter, who was very badly injured some days ago by being struck by a bar while unloading stone has very nearly recovered from the effects of the accident and has resumed work.

FREIGHT TRAFFIC VERY HEAVY

There is a big rush of freight business on all the railroads due to the shipment of coal from the anthracite regions in addition to the ordinary traffic. Even during the strike the roads had about as much freight as could be handled, but now that the coal trade is added every facility is being taxed to the utmost to get the numerous trains over the roads. Anthracite coal is given the preference and every city and town is using up the supply as fast as it can be turned out at the mines.

The Catawissa branch of the Philadelphia & Reading road, from East Mahanoy Junction to West Milton, is an important part of the Reading system and is handling a large number of trains daily. It connects the northern and southern parts of the main line and is a short route from Philadelphia, Williamsport and the northwest. Practically all of the traffic of the Beech Creek branch of the New York Central goes south via the Catawissa branch.

Yesterday afternoon just before the arrival of the four o'clock passenger train the tracks at the Reading station in this city resembled the terminal yard of a division. There were three freights on the main and side tracks Nos. 61 and 63 north-bound, and No. 84, south-bound. The local freight pulled in shortly before four o'clock, being several hours late. The passenger train was run on the siding until No. 84, a solid train of soft coal, passed on its journey south. After the freight cleared the main track the passenger came up to the station and proceeded on its way to West Milton only five minutes late.

Officer Young a Busy Man.

The delightful weather condition of Monday were such as to turn the thoughts of school boys to truancy. Nearly a dozen were out during the afternoon with Truant Officer Young in close pursuit.

It is not at all unusual these autumn days for a stroller about town to find himself suddenly confronted with a group of three or four urchins who have come scampering down some narrow alley, breathless with excitement, while their backward glances betray the fact that they are expecting pursuit

A little investigation will show that the Truant Officer is not far away. His bicycle, which stands him in good stead on the level, avails him but little in the hilly portions of the Fourth Ward and Welsh Hill, where the youngsters when discovered dash across lots and disappear down steep and rugged alleys where a wheel would not dare to venture.

The truant, however, as is generally the case in wrong doing, is sure to be brought to justice and where he is not captured the first day he is taken the next. Officer Young started out shortly after noon Monday. The first school visited furnished him with the names of seven delinquents and the list grew rapidly as he received reports from the other wards.

In the majority of instances the boys are out but a few hours before they are run down by the officer, who is very alert and seems to understand the ways of truants. The first humiliating experience in many instances is sufficient to cure the boy of truancy and he has no wish to make a second attempt. It was not many years ago that truancy was a great evil in our schools, as the result of which many a boy grew up in ignorance, only to realize his mistake when too late. In those cases—and there were many—where the parents failed to co-operate properly with the teacher there was nothing to compel attendance and the boy put in an appearance at school or remained away generally as he saw fit. The truant officer at present takes the place of the derelict parent and the boy has to be at school or give some satisfactory reason for being absent.

COULD NOT SLEEP.

No Rest at Night—Nervous—Worried—Tired all the Time—The Medicine That Never Fails.

Mr. J. M. Kline of Paxinos, Pa., says:—"Last fall I got a box of Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills at Gosh's Drug Store, Danville, Pa., and had my wife use them. She had suffered a great deal from nervousness and sleeplessness and nothing seemed to do her much good. The pills acted like a charm—soothing and quieting the nerves. She speakes most highly of them and I have no hesitation in recommending them."

Dr. A. W. Chase's Nerve Pills are sold at 50 cts a box at dealers or Dr. A W. Chase Medicine Co., Buffalo, N. Y. See that portrait and signature of A. W. Chase, M. D. are on every package.

Heavy Mail on Rural Routes.

The first month of the Rural Free Delivery in Montour county ended on Friday and the total number of pieces of mail handled by the four carriers during October was 10,750. The popularity of the delivery is shown by these figures and there will be a considerable increase during this month. Many residents on the routes who did not put up boxes when the service started are now realizing its benefits and are becoming patrons. Only those who put up private boxes, complying with the requirements of the post office department, are served by the carriers. The collections are growing larger and there is considerable registry and money order business done.

Foot Injured.

A. C. Roat is nursing a very sore foot and experiences great difficulty in getting around. He was engaged in hauling goods a day or so ago and was just in the act of applying the brake when he trod on a round stone and his foot slipped under the wheel. The toes were badly crushed.

OLD FOLKS' DAY OBSERVED

Sunday afternoon, at two o'clock the Sunday School of St. Paul's church held its annual Rally Day exercises and the monthly missionary meeting. The attendance was unusually large and the meeting was a great success. The missionary offering was the largest of any month in this year. An interesting address was made by the pastor, Rev. Harry Curtin Harman, on the work of the general missionary convention of the M. E. church in America, which was recently held at Cleveland, Ohio. Rev. Harman was a delegate from the Central Pennsylvania Conference at the convention. The program also included an address by William Antrim on "Rally Day", address by Frank P. Johnson on "Missionary Giving", violin solo by Nelson Woods, and a paper by Miss Elsie Wilson on "What we Ought to Give to Missions".

In accordance with the recent action of the Presbytery a series of evangelistic services will be held in the lecture room of Mahoning Presbyterian church, from November 10th, to 14th. Rev. C. H. Bruce, D. D., of Jersey Shore, will conduct the services. Rev. James F. Marshall, of Washington, D. C., occupied the pulpit of the Mahoning church yesterday morning and evening.

Harvest Home was observed Sunday at the First Baptist church and both services were well attended. In the morning the pastor, Rev. L. B. Twichell, preached from the text: "And when the burnt offering began, the song of the Lord began also with trumpets". His evening discourse was on "Harvest Home; the harvest is past, the summer is ended."

Old Folks' Day, which was observed at Trinity M. E. church Sunday morning, proved an event of unusual interest which was enjoyed alike by the veterans in the service of the Lord and the younger members of the congregation who more recently entered the religious life.

The decorations were most beautiful and appropriate. A profusion of chrysanthemums interspersed with palms, symbolizing the vigor and flower of life were grouped about the altar and the choir, while fastened to the rear wall at each side of the pulpit were immense clusters of autumn leaves, russet and brown with here and there a deeper hue, which suggested forcibly the autumn time of human life.

The speaker of the occasion was an aged veteran in the Christian Ministry, Rev. Dr Samuel Barnes of Philadelphia. He founded his remarks upon Second Timothy, fourth chapter, 4th to 7th verses.

Dr. Barnes was Presiding Elder of the Danville District of the Central Pennsylvania Conference early in the '70's and is well remembered by many of our citizens of middle life and older. He was peculiarly gifted as a preacher of the gospel and ranked high as a pulpit orator. He was in his prime during the earlier days of Mountain Grove and the mere announcement that Dr. Barnes was to preach invariably resulted in a general outpouring of the people.

Advancing years has robbed the faithful divine of none of his religious enthusiasm. He still retains his vigor of thought, all the old time magnetism and although his eye may have lost some of its lustre and his manner become more subdued his sermons still undoubtedly measure up with the best efforts of his life.

His remarks to the aged, whom he termed the "veterans," were full of beauty and tenderness. He himself has been a Christian for over sixty years. Upon inquiry he found that there are none in that church whose conversion dates that far back. He found two who have been Christians fifty years, seven who have been Christians forty years. All who had been in the church for over thirty years, he said, are "veterans" and of these he found nineteen. In this connection, he stated that seventeen years seems to be the average age at which people seek religion.

He quoted a great many passages to show how much there is in the Scriptures to cheer and console the aged and to strengthen their faith.

The sacrament was administered to all who have been in the church over thirty years after which the benediction was pronounced.

Woman is often referred to by man as "doubling his joys and halving his sorrows." That may be complimentary but it would seem to be rather hard on the women. For in plain terms it means that where things are going good with the man his wife makes them go better. But when things are going ill with him he expects his wife to share half his burdens. And there's more truth than poetry in this presentation of masculine selfishness. Men don't appreciate the fact that the strain of motherhood alone is a burden bigger than all the loads that rest upon male shoulders. They see the wife grow thin, pale, nervous and worn without a thought that she is over burdened. Among the pleasant letter sreceived by Dr. Pierce are those from husbands who have waked up before it was too late to the crushing burdens laid upon the wife, and in the search for help have found it in Dr Pierce's Favorite Prescription a restorative which has given back to mother the health of the maiden and the maiden's happiness. "Favorite Prescription" always helps, and almost always cures. It has perfectly cured ninety-eight out of every hundred women who have used it when afflicted with diseases peculiar to women.

A Merry Party.

Misses Mary and Lettie Merrell, gave a dinner party Sunday to a number of their friends at Willow Dale farm. Those in the party were Miss Hannah Fry, Nora Cooper, Florence Beyer, Elizabeth Snyder, Emma Hendricks, Eva Beyer, Minnie Fry, Bertha Campbell, Elizabeth Farnsworth, Belle Shultz, and Reese Merrell. In the afternoon those in the party enjoyed a pleasant drive to Billmeyer's Park and Washingtonville.

MR. BOWSER REFORMS

IT LASTS THE ENTIRE EVENING, CAUSING MRS. BOWSER MUCH ALARM.

The Old Fellow Remains in Gentle Mood and Sits on the Front Steps, Showing an Interest In Unfortunates Who Appeal to Him.

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FROM the front steps of the Bowser mansion Mr. Bowser can be seen as he drops off the car, and Mrs. Bowser was waiting the other evening and wondering what his mood would be. His action caused her surprise. Instead of coming along down the walk in his aggressive way and blasting the eyes of the umbrella mender and the fruit peddlers who accosted him, his gait was slow and gentle, and he bowed to an old clo' man and stopped to ask the hokey pokey ice cream seller how business was. He did not open the gate with a kick, but with all due con-

A HUCKLEBERRY MAN STOPPED AT THE GATE.

sideration, and he smiled at Mrs. Bowser and the cat and remarked that it had been a hot day.

"Have you got a sore throat or a headache?" queried Mrs. Bowser as he chucked her under the chin in passing into the house.

"Not at all, dear," he smilingly replied. "It's been rather warm, but I don't know when I've felt better. Have you got one of your usual good dinners this evening?"

"Certainly not. I guess I used you a little rough the other night, but I was only joking, you know."

The man got his 10 cents and backed off with doubt and surprise written on every line of his face, and he had not yet turned the corner when an old clo' man came along. He was an old clo' man who had come along one evening the week before and given Mr. Bowser "sass" and had to flee for his life. Realizing the peril, he was sliding past the gate on this occasion without a word when he was startled to hear a voice calling:

"Say, old clo', come in a minute. I gave you a run the other night, but I had a headache and was excusable. If you'll come tomorrow, my wife will look up two or three suits for you. I like your voice. Please yell out a few times."

The man took to his heels and made off, looking over his shoulder as he ran, and Mrs. Bowser furtively wiped a tear from her eyes and said:

"Mr. Bowser, the doctor is sure to be at home at this hour, and I'd like you to telephone him to come over. It won't do you any harm to have him examine your head."

"The doctor again! Why, what do you imagine can ail my head?"

"You may have met with a fall or something. Don't you remember the case of the man who was wandering around and had forgotten his own name? A hot day sometimes affects the brain without a person realizing it."

"Don't be a goose," replied Mr. Bowser. "I haven't forgotten that my name is Bowser, and I don't think my brains have turned to cod liver oil."

"Did I tell you the coal was out?" she asked, determined to arouse him.

"No, but I expected it would be."

"And the gas bill is a dollar more this month."

"Is it? Well, we can stand that."

"And the cook wants $2 more per month."

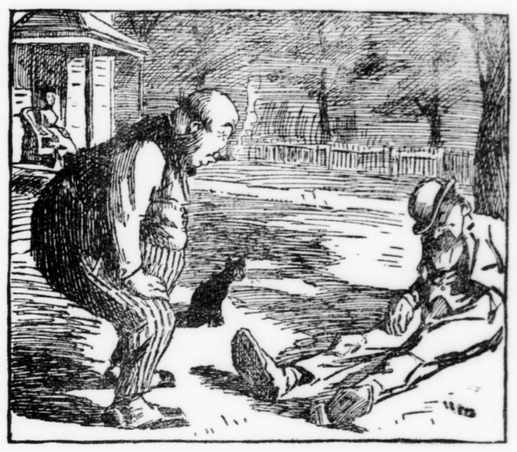
"Then give it to her."

"You—you don't feel strange or dizzy or anything of that kind?" queried Mrs. Bowser as they went upstairs.

"Not a bit," he replied. "I don't understand your solicitude about me. Is it so strange that I'm feeling tiptop and could eat two raw lobsters if I had 'em?"

"Then you haven't had nosebleed or a buzzing in your ears?"

"Nonsense! Say, now, but I begin to think that the hot weather has been too much for you. I'll put the ice bag at your feet and a wet rag around your



A DRUNKEN MAN WENT TO BED ON THE GRASS.

head if you have a feeling of goneness."

Mr. Bowser could not be aroused. He sat and smoked and joked and laughed, and even when a drunken man came along and opened the gate and went to bed on the grass he was carefully moved to the sidewalk and a nickel placed in his vest pocket to buy a morning nip with. Peace, harmony and good nature prevailed at 8 o'clock and at 9 and 10, and Mr. Bowser was smiling and the cat purring at bedtime.

"What does it mean?" queried Mrs. Bowser of herself for the hundredth time, but she could not answer. All she could do as Mr. Bowser slept was to sit up and gaze into his peaceful countenance and silently pray to Providence that he would not awake at midnight and arm himself with an ax and slaughter the family.

M. QUAD.

It wasn't a good dinner. Mrs. Bowser had been out shopping, and the cook had taken things easy and forgotten two or three orders. Mr. Bowser's smile did not fade, however. He not only ate whatever was placed before him, but enjoyed it and had a word of praise now and then. Nine times out of ten on coming home to such a dinner he would have pounded on the table and demanded to know if he were looked upon as a hog to eat such stuff as that, and the cook and the cat and Mrs. Bowser would have had chills for a week. On this occasion not a complaint, not a criticism, was made. He laughed and joked and kept his good nature, and as the meal was finished he patted Mrs. Bowser on the shoulder and said:

"I thank you, little woman, for always consulting my tastes as you do. Any place you'd like to go this evening?"

"I—I guess not," she replied. "You are sure you are well?"

"Perfectly sure. Don't I look it? Did you have money enough for your shopping? I meant to have left you $10 this morning, but it slipped my mind. How handsome and intelligent the old cat looks! We will sit on the steps and enjoy the cool breeze while I smoke."

Mr. Bowser had taken a seat on the front steps after dinner on several occasions, and the result each time had been a row with street fakirs and passing loafers. Mrs. Bowser watched him with her heart in her mouth, and the cat's eyes began to shine as she thought of conflicts, but no calamity occurred. A huckleberry man with four boxes left over stopped at the gate and shouted and shrieked and yelled, but instead of rushing down the steps and taking him by the throat Mr. Bowser simply shook his head and went on watching the flight of the nighthawks. The banana man not only stopped at the gate and whooped, but he entered it and stood at the foot of the steps and hung on for ten minutes. Had it been the evening before he would not have whooped twice before the clammy hand of death would have been at his throat. He was going away discouraged when Mr. Bowser actually bought half a dozen bananas and divided them among the boys playing about. Mrs. Bowser trembled from head to heel as she witnessed the incident, and her voice sounded strangely in her own ears as she hesitatingly said:

"Mr. Bowser, don't you think we ought to send for the doctor?"

"The doctor? Why, what on earth do we want of the doctor?" he laughingly replied as he slyly pinched her ear.

"The hot weather may—may have affected you, you know."

"La, la! It's been a hot day, but I feel as if I could run a foot race. Hello! Here comes our old friend Cyrus."

Cyrus was the name he had given to an old vagabond who had come whining for alms every evening in the week until thrown over the fence for a fraud. On this occasion Cyrus had struck the street by accident, and as he looked up and saw the man who had toyed with him he started to run.

"Here, man!" shouted Mr. Bowser. "Come back here and get a dime!"

"Do you mean that?" asked the vag as he turned about.

"Of course I do. You'll want beer, if not a bed."

"And you won't pick me up and try to throw me over the treetops?"

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After some thought the young woman replied: "I will accept your offer on one condition. You must first give me as many dollars as I can raise from the ground with my teeth."

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