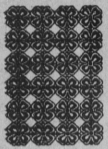




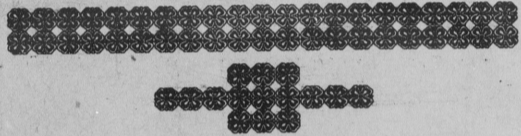
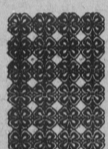
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FALL OF PORT ARTHUR.

The Russian General in command at Port Arthur surrendered to the Japanese under General Nogi, several days ago, and now the plucky little Japanese are in full control of what was considered by military experts an impregnable system of forts. The taking of the Russian stronghold was accomplished at a fearful cost of life to both armies, and the fighting, which lasted for many months, was of the fiercest on record. The total loss to both armies is over 100,000 men. Japan is now practically in full possession of Korea, and it is hoped that peace will soon be declared, although Russia declares she will fight the war to the bitter end. We believe, however, that the clumsy Russian bear is doing a good deal of bluffing, and we believe that the Japanese will win the war in spite of Russia's great strength, let the war last as long as it will. Victory is not always to the strongest nor the race to the swiftest. We believe the Japanese will win because they are in the right, and because despotic old Russia deserves a good licking on general principles.

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Do We Owe Our Life to Boaz Trent?

According to reports brought to THE STAR office by several different persons, Boaz Trent, of Boynton, claims to have saved the editor's life; not because he felt any compassion for the editor, but because he pitied the large family of small children dependent on us for support.

Last week THE STAR made mention of the fact that a lot of dirty cowards and criminals in Boynton have lately been carrying on pretty high in this town, and the paper denounced them in unmeasured terms. On that account, according to what is reported to have been said by Mr. Trent, forty men (?) in Boynton speedily assembled and were about to make a raid on Salisbury to kill the editor or do him great bodily harm. Just in the nick of time, however, gallant old Boaz is reported to have appeared on the scene and made such a touching appeal for mercy that the gang dispersed and decided to let the editor live a few days longer.

The narrow escape we had, almost takes our breath away, for it is remembered that our breath never was as strong, anyway, as that of the Boynton gang of thugs. But we hardly know whether to thank Boaz or not, for we haven't written an obituary for some time, and those forty desperate men would have made excellent victims for us. Of course, we suppose they would have killed and scalped the editor, but we'll guarantee that any time forty thugs come on a killing mission there will be no forty of them go back to Boynton alive, and that our "spook" will still keep THE STAR twinkling and write the obituaries.

If the old gang gets desperate again,

Boaz, just "egg them on" a little, and don't try to stop the yellow-splined hyenas. We were not born in the woods to be scared by such slimy reptiles, and whenever forty such things talk of going in a body to "do up" one man, it is a plain case that every one of the forty is a white-livered, yellow-splined coward and afraid to act alone. Yes, let them come; we won't even ask for the protection of Laus Thomas and his mace, and after it's all over, you will see a narrative in THE STAR that will lay in the shade the story of "Alabama and the Forty Thieves."

Anyway, we don't think it is necessary for Boaz Trent to intercede for mercy for us, for we believe we have as many friends in Boynton as he has. Besides, we don't believe that there are forty fools and cowards in that village, although we will admit that there are some of that stripe, and they are well known and despised by every decent person in this entire locality, including Boynton.

So, gallant Boaz, Keep on your clothes, Intercede not for the "Ed." We fear no foes, Nor cowards' blows While our blood is warm and red.

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All coughs, colds and pulmonary complaints that are curable are quickly cured by One Minute Cough Cure. Clears the phlegm, draws out inflammation and heals and soothes the affected parts, strengthens the lungs, wards off pneumonia. Harmless and pleasant to take. Sold by E. H. Miller. 2-1

Some People are Ungrateful and Have Short Memories.

Several disgruntled subscribers had their subscriptions discontinued last week, and by so doing they made about as big a hole in our business as a man could make by sticking his finger in a bucketful of water and withdrawing it. We are glad to say that the loss has been more than made up by new subscribers, and the old luminary will continue to twinkle in the same old way. But it is wonderful how narrow-minded some people are, and the fellows who got their backs up last week at some truths that were printed, ought rather to be thankful for some things that we didn't print. One of them has evidently forgotten how the editor alone saved him from a criminal slender suit that would have landed him behind the bars. He has forgotten how he had the editor intercede for him with a respectable woman he had slandered and lied about. And you just ought to see the letter that he wrote to that woman, begging her not to prosecute him, etc. It is not too late to give the public the contents of that letter yet, for it will prove rich and juicy reading at any time. Just keep your eye on THE STAR and your ear to the ground, gentle reader, and you will have lots of amusement in due time. Then, too, we can "take unfold" concerning a certain keg of wine that was not "swiped" for communion purposes, although the "swiper" was and still is a hypocrite and liar in good standing in a Christian church. We know just where the wine went, and how it went, and the particulars will surprise people when they learn all the facts.

One of the soreheads laid the blame all to his wife for discontinuing his subscription, just as all weaklings do when they do a thing they are about half ashamed of and feel a little weakness in the spinal column. We think the real trouble is the fact that the fellow failed in a little political game he tried on last spring to rob the editor of a little political honor that was thrust upon us, and which we did not seek.

Another fellow got angry and quit us because he hasn't been doing his duty as a police officer, and THE STAR had the nerve to mention the fact. We will give him more attention when we have more time.

Now, we don't care a rabbit's skin for the small amount of patronage that these fellows have taken from us, but we do object to the way some of them are shooting off their mouths about us to other people, and they will get just the kinds of medicine they are making necessary for themselves. If the soreheads insist on kicking and knifing us in the back, they will all soon have dents in their hats that they would give anything to have removed.

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A Trip to Pittsburg and Harrisburg.

Last Sunday morning we took the "Duquesne" for Pittsburg, where we met our friend S. A. Kimmel, who went with us to visit our little daughter at the Edgwood Park school. We found the little girl well and hearty, and we took her to Highland Park, where we spent a very pleasant afternoon. While at the school we also met William Short, a very bright son of J. B. Short, of West Salisbury. We found William well and happy, and enjoyed a long conversation with him.

From Pittsburg we went to Harrisburg on Monday, where we met our Senator Miller, Representatives Lambert and Endsley, and many other political friends, some of whom we had business with. We are under special obligations to some of our friends down there for courtesies extended. They showed us a nice time, and we accompanied some of them to the Capitol building, Monday evening, where the Republican Senatorial caucus met in session and nominated Hon. P. C. Knox for United States Senator. The caucus was very harmonious, and Mr. Knox was nominated by acclamation. We left Harrisburg early on Tuesday morning, as we did not have time to remain for the opening of the Legislature.

While in Pittsburg we also met Miss Lizzie Livengood, with whom we greatly enjoyed a half-hour's conversation. Our friend Kimmel expected to leave there some day this week for Nevada, and as his partner, J. E. Reitz, went down to the city to join him on Tuesday, we suppose they have taken their departure ere this.

Being absent from home several days during the week, accounts for the late hour of our going to press with this issue of THE STAR.

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Italian Miner's Life Saved by Stumbling.

[Special to THE STAR.] Somerset, Pa., Dec. 31.—Stumbling saved the life of John Montrano, an Italian miner, yesterday. Montrano had lighted the squib of a dynamite charge, and was on the point of getting his coat before running to safety, when he discovered that his coat was on fire, presumably from a lighted pipe left in his pocket.

He realized that three charges he had in his coat were about to explode. He started back toward the face of the coal, when the sputtering squib reminded him that he was between two fires. He stood for a moment horrified, then decided to rush past the burning coat. As he started to run he stumbled. Before he could regain his feet all four charges of dynamite exploded. Had he been standing he would have been killed.

Hickory Timber.

Recently over 200 Chicago manufacturers met to consider the question of a supply of hickory timber for future use. Hickory is an almost indispensable material in the manufacture of buggies, carriages and many agricultural implements, and for certain parts of shop machinery. In fact, for a number of uses nothing has yet been found which will fully take its place, so that the question of a future supply is an important one.

At this Chicago meeting three points were prominently brought out. The first is that the supply of hickory timber is being fast exhausted; second, that it is being destroyed by an insect; third, that there are but three states from which manufacturers can now draw supplies. It is the part of wisdom for land owners to preserve what will soon be one of the best paying products of their farms.

Hospital Rumor Corrected.

[Special to THE STAR.] Somerset, Pa., Dec. 31.—The report that the Somerset Coal Company had practically closed a deal for the purchase of the Somerset residence of the late Abner McKinley for use as a hospital for employes of the Somerset and Fairmont Consolidated Coal Companies was officially denied.

A charter has been taken out for a general hospital to be located here, but it will not be exclusively for employes of the coal companies. Coroner S. J. H. Louthor, of the hospital company, says a general hospital will be opened in about a month, but the McKinley residence was not considered.