

CORNAYLIUS HA-HA-HA-HANNIGAN.

'Twas the godfather stuttered, or mayhap the priest; But, he that as it may, it is certain, at least, That the wain or the other was surely to blame...

A BALCONY SCENE

By CAMILLA J. KNIGHT.

WHEN Katharine came back to the dinner table after answering the telephone she looked so sober, especially in contrast with her previous high spirits, that the family resolved itself into an interrogation point at once.

The carriage stopped at the entrance. "Is there a balcony off the music room, too?" "Yes."

"Hello!" Yes, this Katharine. No, but we're just starting. No, but we've been hindered. Oh, no matter how. Yes, we'll come right along now. Good-by.

"I was Harry," she continued, "and he's wild to know why I'm not there; her cheeks flushing as she remembered Harry's preeminent question: 'Have you any more soap?'"

"Suppose we keep the events of the evening to ourselves, Miss Harrison? Not that you have anything to be ashamed of; but I know what your life will be if Harry Thayer gets hold of what has happened."

"An hour or two!" echoed Katharine in dismay. "The concert will be over by that time."

"I see but one way for you, Miss Harrison," he said. "I'll ask the driver to stand at the horses' heads, and if you can climb over the rail—it's not very high—I'll stand on the seat and help you down."

"I can do it all right," admitted Katharine, "but, yes, I will. I mustn't disappoint Harry."

"Why, you poor little girl! You are trembling! Don't take it so hard. Accidents will happen, you know, and 'all's well that ends well.' Cheer up, and be smiled so genially that she naturally responded. Suddenly she started up.

MOTORISTS' FINES

The tribute levied upon motorists by the magistrates of the United Kingdom during 1904 reached the enormous sum of £218,000. This amount averages very nearly £10 per head for every car on the road that year.

"The latest form of police trap is an electrical arrangement," says Stenson Cooks, Secretary of the Automobile Association. "A piece of rope is almost buried across the road at the start of a measured furlong."

John Philip Sousa was condemning the voice of a comic opera comedian. "It is such a voice," he said, smiling, "as belonged to a young man whom I knew in my boyhood days in Washington."

A mantrap has been found in Alford, Lincolnshire, England, which shows the barbarity of less than a century ago. It is probably the largest mantrap in existence. It is 76 inches in length and its jaws, with teeth protruding 2 inches, will open fully 2 feet 2 inches by 18 inches.

The kite, according to ornithological authorities, is declared to be extinct, and it is practically so. But a vigilance committee has nevertheless been formed in Wales for the protection of the bird.

The czar has a habit of spending more time in his study than almost any other ruler in the world. The czarina is always seated with him while he is at work in this room. In this respect he stands almost alone among great monarchs, as nearly all of them prefer to have women out of the way when they are immersed in the business of state in their own private rooms.

The abalone industry is a considerable one among the Chinese of the Pacific coast. Several processes are necessary to bring out the wonderful colorings in the shells, and acres of ground are devoted to curing them.

Jones, who had recently married Smith's widow, hastily opened a note which lay on the breakfast table without looking at the address. To his discomfort he found a circular from a firm of monumental masons, enclosing a drawing of a tombstone with the inscription: "To the memory of my beloved husband, whom I can never replace."

A portrait of Queen Basine, mother of Clovis, the first Christian king of France, shows that women of the sixth century wore their long, heavy tresses in two great locks, which were artistically laced with ribbons.

KEYSTONE STATE CULLINGS

CHLOROFORM DOCTOR Thieves Secure Much Property, Including Revolver, and Raise Window Before Leaving.

Burglars broke into the home of Dr. L. F. Donahue at Mahanoy Plains, near Mahanoy City, and after chloroforming the doctor, his wife and two children got away with cash, jewelry and wearing apparel to the value of \$400.

It was announced that Dr. George W. Atherton has asked to be relieved of the presidency of the Pennsylvania State college and that a committee of the trustees has been appointed to look up a successor.

R. W. Trevor of Somerset paid a negro 25 cents to show him to the home of his cousin John Ray of Connellyville, with whom he intended to spend Christmas.

John Miller, employed in the railroad car shop at Meadville, has no faith in banks and kept his savings in a cigar box in a bureau drawer, which his wife guarded.

While walking along the tracks of the Chartiers Valley road, near Washington, Stephen Stefancie saw the body of a man lying near the track. Investigation showed it to be that of his brother, Michael Stefancie, a tub mill worker, who had been killed by a train.

The Greenough colliery at Kulpmont, owned by Shalomky, Scranton and Hazelton capitalists, resumed operations. It was closed down since last fall owing to the breaker structure being destroyed by fire of supposed incendiary origin.

Roy Beghley, of Vandergrift, who disappeared several days ago, while on his way to the bank with \$312 to deposit, has been traced to Chicago. Private detectives in the employ of the boy's father learned that the boy had been led astray by older companions.

James Quigley, of Butler, a switchman of the Standard Steel Car works, stepped backward in front of an approaching engine on another track. His right arm and left foot were ground off. Quigley succeeded to the position held by John Kelly, who was killed a few weeks ago.

Judge Thomas H. Capp, of Lebanon whom Gov. S. W. Pennypacker recently appointed to the vacant Dauphin county judgeship, created by the death of President Judge John M. Weiss, took the oath of office and entered upon his duties.

George D. Eichler, a Pennsylvania railroad fireman, with headquarters at Youngwood, was arrested, charged with being a deserter from the navy. He was taken to New York. Six months ago he married Minerva Eismann of Madison.

Rev. C. M. Knight, who has been pastor of the Church of Christ at Vanderbilt, has resigned and will go to Ennis, Tex., where he will take charge of one of the influential churches of that city.

Peter Bloodgood, of near Greensburg, shot and killed himself in the presence of his wife and five children. He was 35 years old.

The will of the late John Franklin Miner was filed for probate at Beaver. Mr. Miner leaves his fortune, which is large, to his wife and her heirs. His son, John Reade Miner, is made executor of the will.