

THE MIRACLE.

Among the hills and valleys of the soul, Working his miracles, Love came to me...

HIS SPECTACLES.

They Created a New World Full of Details.

I am bothered about my spectacles. Since I have had them the world has been so different. Formerly I saw things only (or mainly) in the mass.

I put on the glasses and looked at the optician's young man and beheld that he was wrinkled.

Horribly wrinkled. His face was nothing but innumerable ugly lines and blotches.

Would I keep them on? Or should he put them in the case? The lines bunched themselves up into hideous questioning creases.

I stepped out stupidly into the street, shying at the doorpost, into the concentrated glare of electric lights that danced and flashed on the lenses of my spectacles.

After a moment or two of daze I began to see. To see with terrible distinctness. The eyes began to accept this new universe. So awfully new. There was no background now, no picture, no atmosphere.

And yet my eyes had a feeling of pride—pride that they could see so far, that these dots of men slouching under a lamp-post before the Man-in-House should vibrate so clear an image to Cornhill.

Then the faces began to simplify. Lines assumed their proper subordination. I perceived men still had expressions. I perceived that they had eyes, fearful eyes, thousands of eyes, surrounding me, looking at me.

I had come out of my chrysalis. For the first time I was nakedly within handstrike of the world.

Nothing has altered. The objects I look at are just the same. My eyes are the same. Only now two little

pieces of convex pebble are fixed between the eyes and the objects. One takes off the spectacles and examines them for a solution to the mystery.

It makes one uneasy. Tangible matter ceases to be the steadfast thing we had imagined it. How can I be sure that what these pebbles show me is truer than my old vision?

Which is the better world? The old one, vague but steadfast and organic; or this new, real, definite, anarchic paradox?

WESTERN FRUIT.

Great Development of Fruit Raising in the Northwest.

California oranges, apricots, plums, cherries, grapes and other fruits have long been familiar to Eastern people, who, if they have thought about the matter at all, have very likely regarded this influx of Pacific coast fruit as due to climatic conditions.

The rapid development of the fruit-growing industry in this region is due to the great fertility of the soil, the intelligence and energy of the Western farmers, and the co-operative organizations of growers.

These methods have enabled the Western growers to realize a profit on apples and peaches of \$100 to \$1000 an acre, on berries from \$400 to \$600 an acre, and on other things even more.

The fruit pack of the region this year will be the largest in its history—five times as great as in 1906.

There is no mystery about this remarkable development. It is due solely to intelligence, enterprise and hard work, and is just as much within the reach of Eastern growers as it was in the grasp of their Western rivals.

"At" and "Across." Dissenting from the opinion of most of his fellow-countrymen, Professor John Lester, an English speaker, at a meeting of the Friends' Educational Association, in Philadelphia, declared that the manners of boys in the United States were better than those of English lads.

An Unmentioned Ancestor. Mr. B. is very proud of his ancient lineage and never lets slip an opportunity to boast of it.

A NILE TRAGEDY.

A melancholy crocodile Once lived—to be exact—Just where the unsuspecting Nile Falls down a cataract.

Such grief, we all know, is not what it appears. No take them all back, You saurian quack, He really pined for tempered shore.

Each day he watched, with mournful sigh, The tourist steamers trim; Each day the "Pharos Express" went by, And almost finished him.

Wife—"Must you go to the club to-night, dear?" Husband—"It isn't absolutely necessary, but I need the rest."

Proud Father—"My child is only a month old, and he cries for the moon." Proud Mother—"Mine isn't a week old, and he cries for the milky way."

Newed—"Don't you believe that marriage broadens a man?" Oldwed—"Well, I don't know about that; but it usually makes him shorter."

Master of the House—"Sarah, bring me an infinitesimal portion of cheese." New Servant—"If you please, sir, we ain't got that much in the house." Baltimore American.

Little Fred—"Why is it that women are always complaining about their servants?" Little Elsie—"Oh, that's just to let people know they can afford to have 'em." Chicago News.

Algy—"Why, my dear fellow, how can you say that the prices of necessities are getting higher? Why, personally, I know of a touring car that costs a thousand dollars less than it did a year ago." Puck.

Young Wife—"Doctor, can't you give me any hope?" Knowing Physician—"I am afraid not, madam. While your husband's age is against him, his vitality ensures his recovery." Baltimore American.

Borus (struggling author)—"You book critics were unnecessarily severe on that last novel of mine." Naggus—"Why, you ungrateful hound, with one accord we pronounced it one of the cleanest and most uplifting works of fiction that had appeared this season." Borus—"That's what I mean. I haven't sold a single copy." Chicago Tribune.

It was visiting day at the kindergarten, and the young teacher was proud of her little pupils as they went through their drills and exercises, and beamed with pleasure at the appreciation shown by the visitors, who applauded generously.

"Children," she said, "to-day we are going to learn about the cat, and I want you to tell me what you know about it." Tommy, how many legs has the cat?"

"Four," replied Tommy, proudly conscious of rectitude. "Yes, and, Daisy, what else has the cat?"

"Claws an' tail," murmured Daisy, shyly. Various other portions of feline anatomy were ascertained, and finally the instructress turned to one of the latest acquisitions of the kindergarten, and said, sweetly:

"Now, Mary, can you tell me whether the cat has fur or feathers?" With scorn and contempt, mingled with a vast surprise, Mary said: "Gee, teacher, ain't you never seen a cat?"

PENNSYLVANIA STATE NEWS

RIOT ATTENDS RUSSIAN NEW YEAR FESTIVITIES

Outbreaks Occur at Butler and Lyndora—Several Are Hurt When Italians Attack.

Butler.—The dinpup of Russian New Year festivities in the foreign district was marked by disturbances. Italians last night attacked a house in Red Row where 20 Russians were celebrating.

Several injured Russians were hurried away to the foreign section and the police were unable to locate the ring leaders. In Lyndora two outbreaks occurred.

BIG JUDGMENT AWARDED

W. R. Wirsing Awarded \$45,000 Against Man Whose Daughter He Married.

Uniontown.—Judgment has been entered here in favor of William R. Wirsing against his father-in-law, James R. Smith, now in the penitentiary for \$45,000, the amount of the verdict returned against Smith for inflicting personal injuries on Wirsing, who had eloped with Smith's daughter.

Location for New Line.

Announcement is made that the location of the proposed new line from Richwood, on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, to Bakersville has been made, and nothing has been done to start construction.

Charged With Stealing Cats.

Washington.—The theft of two black cats from a Washington woman has caused the arrest of five Washington boys, members of prominent families.

Big Fire at Vandergrift.

Vandergrift.—The Pennington building was practically destroyed by fire which started from a defective furnace. Pennington & Sons, who owned the building and conducted a clothing store in it, suffered a loss of \$13,000.

Fire Destroys Much Glass.

New Kensington.—Six thousand dollars' worth of German plate glass and castings were destroyed when fire consumed the warehouse of the Woodward Beveling plant here.

Child Dies From Eating Tobacco.

Shanokin.—John Blue, infant son of Frank Blue, of Natelle, died here from eating tobacco. The child got a pouch of smoking tobacco belonging to his father and swallowed a large quantity before his mother discovered it.

Epidemic Kills Hogs.

Washington.—Farmers south of Washington report their hogs are dying from an epidemic of some undiagnosed disease which has prevailed for weeks. Veterinarians have been unable to check the trouble and the state authorities will be asked to investigate.

Widow Sues for \$40,000.

Butler.—Mrs. Jennie Ramsey of this city has brought suit against the Pennsylvania Railway Company for \$40,000 by reason of the killing of her husband, Oliver J. Ramsey, fireman of the West Penn locomotive, wrecked at Creighton in January, 1907.

NEGRO GETS 33 YEARS

Man Who Struck Down Girls With Bludgeon Pleads Guilty of Three Attacks.

Scranton.—Robert Perry, the negro who confessed to assaulting three different women with a bludgeon during the past two months, pleaded guilty before Judge Edwards and was sentenced to 33 years in the penitentiary.

One of Perry's victims, Miss Belle Osborne, is permanently disfigured and still suffers from internal hemorrhages. Miss Carden, whom he struck on the head, is suffering from concussion of the brain.

BREAKFAST FOODS ON GRILL

Pure Food Commission Has 13 Cases Against Stuff Sold in Pennsylvania.

Thirteen suits are to be brought at once by State Dairy and Food Commissioner Faust as the result of the recent inquiry into the breakfast foods sold in Pennsylvania.

MOVE TO OPEN BANK

Note of Cashier's Bondsmen Now the Only Obstacle. Washington.—Attorney Carl E. Gibson, representing John C. McClain, temporary receiver of the closed Peoples Bank of California, asked for an immediate hearing on the rule recently granted by the court, requiring the receiver to show cause why judgment should not be opened and Cary Piper and W. A. Stroud, bondsmen for Cashier O. F. Piper, be allowed to make a defense as to their failure to meet a note given the bank for \$20,000.

TO PROTECT COAL DIGGERS

Committee is Appointed by Chief Inspector to Visit Mines Believed Dangerous. Harrisburg.—In view of the recent serious disasters in the bituminous region of Pennsylvania, the inspectors have been urged by Chief Roderick, of the state department of mines, to greater efforts to protect the miners.

Pennsylvania to Use Telephones.

Arrangements are being made by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to install the telephone system of operating trains on the Cambria & Clearfield division, to replace the telegraph system, which has been used for some time.

Dog Poisoner at Large.

Mars citizens are aroused over the work of a dog poisoner. A reward of \$500 has been offered and the Butler county health inspector and county detective have been appealed to.

Kittanning Has Perfect Health.

Kittanning is such a sanitary borough that the board of health has decided a health officer at \$15 a month is an unnecessary expense.

Taken by neighbors to Ford City to be christened.

The program of improvements mapped out by the United States Steel Corporation calls for a steel railroad bridge over the Monongahela river between Monessen and Donora, estimated to cost \$1,000,000.

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Proposes New \$1,000,000 Bridge.

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RED LIGHTS HELP LETTUCE.

Camille Flammarion Makes Remarkable Experiments With Vegetables.

Camille Flammarion, a French scientist, publishes the results of the remarkable experiments that he has been conducting to discover the effect of various lights on the growth of plants which he subjected to red, green, blue and white light.

Instructions to Correspondents.

The late Sol Miller's instructions to county correspondents were characteristic. Here are a few of them: "Milch" or eggs, when speaking of a milk cow, can never get into these columns if we are about and have our senses. The person who so writes it incurs our deadly enmity.

Camels Once in Texas.

The discovery of the skeleton of a camel in Texas caused great local surprise for a time, as the oldest inhabitant could not recall when a circus had passed near Spofford Junction, the locality where the bones were found.

Biggest Man in the House.

"Cy" Sulloway of New Hampshire still retains his place as the biggest man in the House of Representatives, and so far no one has appeared that may claim honor to second place ahead of Ollie James of Kentucky.

Rome to Have a "Zoo."

Rome is shortly to have its Zoological Garden modeled on the plan of the Jardin des Plantes, in Paris, with shady walks and gorgeous flower beds and tropical plants.

RAILROAD MAN Didn't Like Being Starved.

A man running on a railroad has to be in good condition all the time or he is liable to do harm to himself and others.

As the fresh air.

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Illustration of a crocodile.