

THE GIRL I LEFT BEHIND ME.

The dames of France are fond and free, And Flemish lips are willing...

She says, "My own dear love, come home, My friends are rich and many..."

For never shall my true love brave A life of war and toiling...

IN AN OMNIBUS.

By Alice and Claude Asken.

Thought-transmission? Clairvoyance? No, I can't say I believe much in that sort of thing...

All the same, I did have a rather curious experience the other evening. It was only a trifling affair...

Here's the story for what it's worth: I had had a busy day at the office, and was tired out when I took my usual 'bus home...

There was only just room for me, for my two fellow passengers on the right were bulky individuals...

Of course, I apologized, and then forgot all about the matter. I didn't even look at the girl...

Well, I had to shut up my paper and amuse myself as best I could with my own thoughts...

She was quite young—nineteen or twenty, perhaps—neither pretty nor ugly, and of nondescript coloring...

All the girls seemed to be chattering together gaily enough—all except my girl. I saw her as plainly as I see you...

Oh, no; I wasn't in the least bit fascinated, or any rot of that sort. I'm not the kind of man who is always looking for chance acquaintances...

Well, the 'bus rumbled on, and nobody seemed inclined to move. We were all bound for Hammersmith. I leaned back in my seat as well as I could...

closer against the rail; the girl was leaning back, too, and my arm—I couldn't help it—pressed against hers. I had my hand upon the rail, you see...

At the same time, I suppose—as the clairvoyants would say—the brain is particularly receptive when it is in that condition...

I saw the man, the identical fellow, dressed just as I figured him that evening. It was at an A. B. C. shop where I sometimes go myself for a cup of tea...

But it was not my friend of the omnibus—oh, no; it was another girl altogether, though I think she was of the same class...

QUAINT AND CURIOUS.

There are only 800 clergymen in the whole of Norway.

Extremes meet. A house in St. Augustine, built in 1655, has been turned into a garage.

There are 256 railroad stations within a six-mile radius of St. Paul's Cathedral, London.

The Somali soldier keeps himself in perfect condition on a diet of nuts. He eats only 20 a day, but they are of a very nourishing kind.

Germany publishes every year nearly twice as many new books as France. The number of new German books in 1907 was 30,073.

It is estimated by mining experts at Johannesburg, that the amount of gold still to be mined along the Rand Reef is to be valued at \$5,000,000,000.

Twenty percent of the population of Canada earns its living in connection with the country's carrying trade. Railroad employes alone number 124,000.

Rumania is the most illiterate country in Europe. The last census shows that in a population of about 6,000,000 nearly 4,000,000 neither write nor read.

Because of the lichen which grow abundantly on the stone-paved streets in Madeira, making them slippery, it is possible to use sleighs the year round.

A clock once owned by John Wesley and presented by him to the John Street Methodist church in New York city, is still doing good service in the church.

There are 28.78 miles of railroad line in the United States for every 10,000 inhabitants, as against 6.2 miles in Germany, 5.5 miles in the United Kingdom and 7.4 in France.

A Boston paper has discovered that a large amount of horse meat is being sold in the markets of that city, some of the restaurant keepers buying horse meat for beef steaks.

All the trade of Zanzibar and Pemba goes through Zanzibar, and these two islands produce, according to recent estimates, 95 percent of the cloves used in the world, and the clove crop for the last two years was excellent.

One of the effects of the German old-age pension scheme is rather peculiar. The pension is forfeited if the workman does not work forty-eight or forty-nine weeks out of the fifty-two on an average, and this provision has been a deterrent to strikes.

PENNSYLVANIA

Interesting Items from All Sections of the Keystone State.

BANDITS TORTURE WOMEN

Masked Robbers Batter in Door of Farmhouse and Bind Two Occupants.

Washington—Three masked robbers battered down the front door of a house occupied by Miss Maria De Garmo and her niece, Miss Lizzie Hartman...

While one man stood guard over the women the two others ransacked the rooms. Carpets were torn up, mattresses ripped open and every possible hiding place searched fruitfully.

IMITATED JESSE JAMES.

Altoona Business Man and Woman Companions Robbed While Driving.

Altoona.—As Charles Straney, an Altoona business man, his mother and small daughter were driving up the Allegheny mountains to Buckhorn Inn, a man emerged from a thicket and covered them with a revolver...

Chief of Police Clark left at once and captured the robber along with the vehicle. The highwayman's name is Carlton Parnell and his age is given as 16.

MANY SEEK STATE AID

Tuberculosis Dispensaries Treated 3,000 in July.

Harrisburg.—Reports to the State Health Department for July show that at the close of the month 3,000 persons were being treated at the free tuberculosis dispensaries maintained by the department in each county.

Some of the dispensaries are becoming too small and larger quarters are contemplated.

Dig Up Human Bones.

Canonsburg.—Workmen employed by John McNary, a contractor who is installing sewers in South Canonsburg, dug up 77 bones of human bodies in Orchard avenue. Some were those of a child of 4, some of a child of 10 and some of a person about 35.

Sham Fight, by Vets.

Jeannette.—The second annual reunion of the Westmoreland County Veterans' Association, embracing members of the G. A. R., Spanish-American Veterans and Sons of Veterans, will be held at Oakford Park, August 27.

Mail Clerk Held.

Harrisburg.—John L. Holly, railway mail clerk, who was arrested here Saturday for robbing the mails, was held for the October term of the United States Court after a hearing before United States Commissioner Wolfe.

Dies at Age of 102.

Greensburg.—Mrs. Jane Kerr, widow of Alexander Kerr, 102 years old, died on the 11th. She was the mother of James Kerr of Hempfield township, and of John Kerr of Greensburg. She was born in Scotland.

No More Bounty for Scapls.

Harrisburg.—The fund of \$50,000 appropriated by the legislature of 1907 for the payment of bounties on scapls of noxious animals was exhausted August 12, when 10 per cent was paid on bills aggregating \$22,000, sent in by 43 counties.

County's First Hanging.

Sharon.—Governor Stuart has fixed September 28 as the date for the execution of Anabel Lombardi, who two years ago shot and killed Pasquill Parnell in this city. This will be the first hanging in Mercer county.

ECHO OF BANK FAILURE

Mercantile Firm Suspends as Result of Waynesburg Crash.

Washington.—As the result of the Farmers and Drivers National bank failure at Waynesburg, Barney Grossman's mercantile establishment here was closed, the business going into the hands of a receiver. C. B. Groom of Pittsburg was appointed receiver.

NEW PLANT, MORE WORK

Half Million Dollar Job in Oil City.

Recipe for a Political Campaign.

Take the roots of several ripe questions and cover them well with equal parts of fudge and dead beats. Add one modicum of sense and a number of great scoops of nonsense.

Now let the whole thing boil and bubble for several months. If it should not rise well, add newspapers. When it is at white heat, garnish liberally with long green. Now let the steam off and set aside to cool.

BABY CRIED AND SCRATCHED

All the Time—Was Covered with Torturing Eczema—Doctor Said Sores Would Last for Years—Perfect Cure by Cuticura.

"My baby niece was suffering from that terrible torture, eczema. It was all over her body, but the worst was on her face and hands. She cried and scratched all the time and could not sleep night or day from the itching and burning."

It is then ready for the griddle, which is best made in the shape of a platform constructed from well-worn planks.

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