

COAL MINE RUN BY WOMEN.

Athletic Sisters Who Can Farm and Do Housework as Well as Dig Coal. A coal mine run by women is an innovation in America.

In the Mahoney Valley, several miles southwest of Shamokin, Pa., lives Joseph Maus, a native of Germany, who is owner and operator of a coal mine.



MARIE MAUS.

the best slate pickers and workers in the anthracite region. He finds them dutiful, cheerful workers, and he never has any fears of their going on strikes for higher wages or from any imaginary grievances.

Mr. Maus superintends the mine and works at cutting out the coal. The oldest daughter, Katie, 22 years of age, performs the duties usually assigned to an outside foreman.

These energetic young women are the specimens of womanhood and are stronger than the average man. They are almost six feet in height, and well proportioned, erect and weigh on an average of 200 pounds.

They have never known a day's illness in their lives and a visit from a doctor is an unknown experience. Their clothes are not of the approved new woman order, but are of serviceable material, the skirt just reaching the ankles.

So much attention is called to the measurement of the strawberry around the waist that the fat man is escaping comment.

Shake Into Your Shoes

Allen's Foot-Ease, a powder for the feet. It cures painful, swollen, smarting feet, and instantly takes the sting out of corns and bunions.

TROUBLESOME PIMPLES

Blood Perfectly Purified by Hood's. "I have been troubled with small red pimples breaking out on my face. They caused me a great deal of pain. I have taken several bottles of Hood's Sarsaparilla and it has given me relief. I have not been troubled with the pimples since I began taking it."

Hood's Sarsaparilla is the best-in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills cure constipation. 25 cents.

Pill Clothes.

The good pill has a good coat. The pill coat serves two purposes; it protects the pill, enabling it to retain all its remedial value, and it disguises the taste for the palate.

Ayer's Cathartic Pills. More pill particulars in Ayer's Curebook, 100 pages. Sent free. J. C. Ayer Co., Lowell, Mass.

A Lighthouse Girl.

Gustav Kobbe writes a paper on "Heroism in the Lighthouse Service" for the Century. Mr. Kobbe says: Several of the violent storms that have whirled over Matineus Rock have tried the fortitude of the little band of faithful watchers upon it.

After several years of exorbitantly large profits the manufacturers of bicycles have been compelled to very largely reduce their prices. The public actually refused to longer pay \$100 for a machine which can be built for one-quarter that amount.

Why should not the same thing occur with type-writing machines? They no doubt cost considerably less to produce than bicycles, and yet some of them are selling at the ridiculously high price of \$100.

The oyster has no greater enemy than the starfish. It appears difficult however, for a fish to open the shell of an oyster, which requires a certain amount of skill even with an oyster knife.

"Have I done anything to offend you, darling?" he asked, brokenly. "To-day you passed me without bowing and now you sit there with such an air of hauteur and pride that—"

After a man has been sick as long as three weeks, his wife, who nurses him, looks as if she had been sick six years.

Ask your grocer to-day to show you a package of Grain-O, the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult.

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KEYSTONE STATE NEWS CONDENSED

UNUSUAL SUICIDE.

Probably Insane Woman Adopts an Original Method to End Her Life.

Mrs. Charles Simmerman of Easton committed suicide in an unusual manner a few days ago. She told her 13-year-old child she was going to take a bath. A few minutes later the child heard her mother groaning and ran for help.

Samuel P. Langdon, of Philadelphia, entered suit in the Blair county courts against John Langdon and seven other persons claiming title to a tract to recover \$200,000 damages.

While a well was being drilled for the Forest Oil Company near West Elizabeth the crown pulley gave way, leaving the tools and more than 100 feet of rope in the well.

A block of 9,000 acres of coal land between the Monongahela river and Jefferson, Green county, has been sold to a party of eastern capitalists.

About 60 of the Baker heirs met at the Alcorn schoolhouse a few days since to take steps to secure the \$38,000,000 they claim is coming to them from an estate near Philadelphia.

The police of Franklin captured a man at Big Rock Bridge, just below the city limits, who was totally divested of clothing and running wild.

Five bridges in Jackson township were washed away during a storm. The other day as was also Shafter's bridge over the Pocono, in Stroud township.

Miss Isabelle White and Mrs. Harriet Cooper, of the Ladies' Auxiliary Committee of the Butler Hospital Association, received a letter the other day from Andrew Carnegie stating that he would contribute \$1,500 to the fund for the erection of a general hospital in this city.

George McKibben, who knocked down and killed James Kearns while driving on the street recently, at New Castle, was arrested for murder.

The body of a female infant, about 2 days old, neatly packed in a lard can, was found floating in the Muncy dam a few days ago by some fishermen.

While seated at the supper table at his home in Franklin recently, Sylvester Haggerty, aged 23 years, was struck by a bolt of lightning and rendered unconscious.

Frank Scully, 16 years of age, of Crabtree, Westmoreland county, poured oil into a stove to start a fire and was probably fatally burned by the explosion that followed.

A fire in Hawley, a town 12 miles from Honesdale, destroyed 12 buildings entailing a loss of \$35,000.

Thirty-one towns are trying to secure the Mammoth Star shoe factory at New England, which must remove from that place on account of the scarcity of adult labor.

Lightning struck the barn of Philip Klingensmith, near Greensburg, Tuesday, and completely destroyed it, with all its contents. Loss, \$2,000, with \$1,600 insurance.

Referee Charles L. Hawley told the Lackawanna County Court that James R. Dainty tried to bribe him in an assumed action in which Dainty was the plaintiff.

Sharon capitalists are negotiating with foreign investors a steel mill, the erection of a tin plate mill there, for which a bonus of \$20,000 is asked.

Mrs. Samuel Sifton, of Dunbar, a few days ago leaped from a moving train, having forgotten her pocketbook, and sustained fatal injuries.

Twenty-five firemen and thirty-six brakemen were suspended on the Pennsylvania and New York division of the Lehigh Valley Railroad.

Caught between a load of hay and a barn door at Goodville, Lancaster county, Michael Snader, a farm hand, was fatally injured.

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CONGRESSIONAL.

July 18. The House was crowded early with members who discussed the new tariff schedule which had been approved at the tariff conference.

July 20. At 12:15 this morning the house of representatives passed the report of the conference committee on the tariff bill by a vote of 185 to 118. The bill now goes to the senate for concurrence and will become a law as soon as it is signed by the President.

Five paragraphs from amendment 562 to amendment 588, were disposed of without question, but at that point Mr. Jones, of Arkansas, said he had not been able to keep track of the matter.

Representative W. C. Stone of Pennsylvania, who was chairman of the committee on coinage, weights and measures of the last house, introduced in the house a bill to authorize the appointment of a monetary commission and to provide for its expenses.

Among a lot of burglars' tools recently captured by the Scotland Yard police was a drill of the finest steel, worked by an electric battery contained in a leather case.

Reports on the Indian wheat crop are beginning to come in. From the Central Provinces we learn that the area of wheat is only 1,898,022 acres, as compared with 2,714,454 acres for 1896.

MARKETS.

Table with columns for Market Name (Pittsburg, Cincinnati, Philadelphia, New York, Live Stock, Cattle, Hogs) and various commodity prices.

Using Long Words.

Doctors who are in the habit of using long words when visiting people may take a hint from the following little story: An old woman whose husband was not very well sent for the doctor.

"I will send him some medicine which must be taken in a recumbent position." After he had gone the old woman sat down greatly puzzled.

"A recumbent position—a recumbent position!" she kept repeating. "I haven't got one." At last she thought, "I will go and see if Nurse Lown has got one to lend me."

"Have you a recumbent position to lend me to take some medicine in?" The nurse, who was equally as ignorant as the old woman, replied: "I had one, but to tell you the truth, I have lost it."

We have not been without Plao's Cure for Consumption for 20 years.—LIEZIE FERRELL, Camp St., Harrisburg, Pa., May 4, 1894.

Fighting Fires in Winter Weather.

To stand upon the peak of a ladder at perhaps the third or fourth story of a building, directing the stream of water at the blazing interior, while the thermometer is at about its lowest point, is not a comfortable task.

Fits permanently cured. No fits or nervousness after first day's use of Dr. Kline's Great Nerve Restorer. \$3 trial bottle and treatise free. Dr. R. H. Kline, Ltd., 303 Arch St., Phila., Pa.

Advertisement for 1897 Columbias bicycles, listing prices for various models like 1896 Columbias, 1897 Hartfords, etc.

EVERY MAN HIS OWN DOCTOR

Advertisement for a medical book titled 'Every Man His Own Doctor' by J. Hamilton Ayres, M.D., describing its benefits for various ailments.

Advertisement for Cascarets, a blood purifier, claiming to cure various skin conditions like pimples, eruptions, and blotches.

Advertisement for SILOS, a product for building, and a notice for a 'GREAT CHANGE' in advertising services.

Advertisement for DRUNK, a cure for catarrh, and a notice for 'Wanted—An Idea' regarding patent inventions.

Advertisement for Pensions, Patents, Claims, and a notice for 'PISO'S OURE FOR CHILLS'.