

A MELANCHOLY JOLLY TALE

BY RAY RICHMOND. I once knew a fellow so jolly...



She has No. 10 feet. Which aren't half so sweet...

Then I had hope. A poet must possess a tender heart. So I replied...



passing to and fro a well-worn yet loud-voiced kiss.

AN EXED-DETECTIVE.

BY DWIGHT BALDWIN. I AM an amateur detective.



"BEAN CUTTING AND HEWING AT AN OBJECT," for detective novels, and finally started out...

"I met with some success, too. I was three times beaten by daring criminals whom I was 'shadowing'...

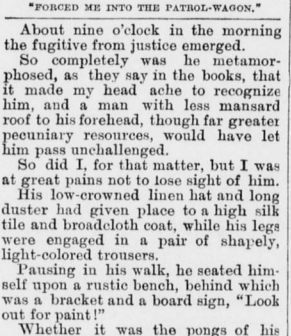


"I'm a conductor, and want my dues," "Time's up! All aboard!" was the reply.

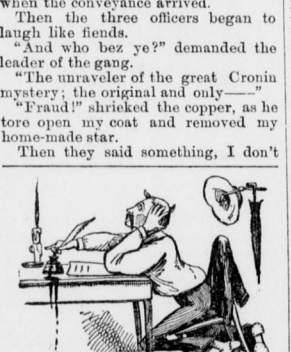
"Not if it's as hard as this pie," replied Cooney, with one of his well-known sly glances and mysterious smiles.

The ticket-taker smiled, listened to what I had to say about Cooney, and passed out to find some cash customers.

At Lincoln Park Cooney left the car and entered a large stone-front house.



About nine o'clock in the morning the fugitive from justice emerged.



"This is Cooney, the Fox," said I, when the convence arrived.

"I can always tell a man by the company he keeps." "How about Driggs, the miser? He has no associates or friends."

PRACTICAL SCIENCE.

A BUDGET OF INTERESTING INFORMATION.

A Good Word for the Much-Abused Milkweed—How to Ascertain the Speed of a Railway Train—To Obtain a Light Without Matches.

To Ascertain the Speed of a Train. Everyone who has ridden on the cars has wondered often how fast the train was running, and often an entire coach-load of passengers will manifest a great interest in the rate of speed...

Light Without Matches. To obtain light instantly without the use of matches, and obviating the danger of setting things on fire, take an oblong vial of the clearest glass, put into it a piece of phosphorus...

Count Fist-in-the-Face. The death of the Count of Pannonro, a Spanish nobleman, recalls a singular story of the past.

Food and Poison. What is food for one may be poison for another. This is well exemplified in watching some of the natural provisions and characteristic peculiarities of certain forms of insect life.

Still Waiting. A sad reminder of the great blizzard of two years ago, says a New York letter to the Baltimore American, is the mental condition of a man living in the fashionable part of Lexington avenue...

Didn't Like Them. "Been to Alaska?" "Yes." "Like the people?" "No." "Why not?" "Too cold and distant."—Chicago Ledger.

A CURIOUS fact is noticed in connection with the formation of barnacles on the ships' bottoms. In the majority of cases there is a much heavier growth of grass or barnacles on one side than the other...

The facts in the case were told by a policeman, who a few evenings ago saw two men standing in front of the house at a late hour and requested them not to talk in a loud voice...

A Famous Ohio Poet. Captain George W. Cutter, author of "The Song of Steam," "E Pluribus Unum," "Never, Never" and many other bold and stirring hymns, was born in Kentucky, though much of his life was spent in Cincinnati.

THE FIRST HACKNEY COACH.



URING the month of April, 1639, one Mr. Garrard, or "Gossip Garrard" as he was commonly called, wrote a letter from London to the Earl of Straford, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland...

A good memory is so very useful and desirable a thing that persons who profess to teach artificial systems of memorizing easily obtain attention and profitable patronage...

The most important part of the memory is the storing away of things, not the bringing of them forth again; and if people are careful during the period of life which is chiefly occupied in storing away things to do this work with attention and thoroughness...

They Struck the Bad Place. A loyal North Carolinian, who served in the Union army, tells this story in connection with the resin-beds, which are found in the turpentine districts.

Noxious Moonlight. The injurious effect of moonlight is almost a ubiquitous belief, and, though an erroneous one in its literal sense, is founded upon experience which makes it probable that moonlight nights often coincide with atmospheric conditions that exercise a noxious influence upon day creatures, especially men, pigeons and horses.

The Automatic Cash Boy. The inventor of this automatic cash and parcel system was a salesman in one of the big Twenty-third street shops yesterday as he switched his customer's purchase and money up into the air and sent it whirling away to a central change and wrapping station...

It Worked. "How's your family, Slowpoke?" "Pretty well. Boy has been sick. Had him vaccinated." "Did it work?" "Yes; and it is about the only thing in the family that has worked since the strike."—Chicago Ledger.

The same origin had, probably, the frightful stories which the Greeks used to tell about their goddess, Hecate...

Curious Psychic Phenomena. At a recent club meeting some "creepy" stories were told which may please lovers of the marvelous, though they deal with dreams rather than with ghosts.

Honest. "He is really so honest that he ought to be put in solitary confinement!" said an exasperated man of a neighbor who was always telling him unpalatable truths.

A Dress Reform Fieled. Have you ever been cornered by a dress reform fiend? She is generally a woman who is at war with herself because she does not look as well as her neighbors...

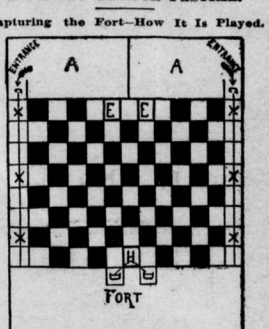
A Lesson Well Learned. I was a mere youngster when I learned two important lessons in business matters: never to lose anything and never to forget anything.

Face and Figure. "See this check, Jones?" "Yes; for a thousand, eh?" "Exactly; for only I refer to the fine lithograph work on it." "Oh! I admire its face less than its figure!"—Chicago Ledger.

GERMAN experiments have proven that sea-mud is a much better fertilizer for rye and oats than farm-yard manure.

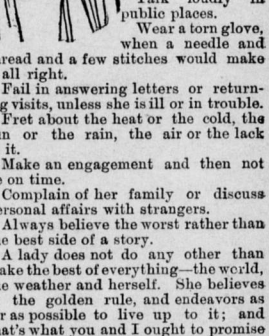
GET on the right horse and you will have a run of luck at the races.

A PRETTY PARLOR PASTIME.



The board is made as shown in the engraving. Each player has thirty men, which are placed in the two ante-rooms A A. Each player must enter his men on the battle-field, or checker-board, by entrances C C.

What a Lady Does Not Do. HERE are several things always absent in a true lady, which girls will do well to notice and remember.



What a Lady Does Not Do (cont.). Wear a dress only fitted to the house or carriage. Wear a long glove, which a needle and thread and a few stitches would make it all right.

A Dress Reform Fieled (cont.). A lady does not do any other than make the best of everything—the world, the weather and herself. She believes in the golden rule, and endeavors as far as possible to live up to it; and that's what you and I ought to promise every morning that we will try and do during the day.

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