

An Obstinate Man.

Some time ago a citizen of Pittsburgh was very ill. He fell into a stupor which lasted three or four days. He was carefully watched by his wife and one or two ladies from the neighborhood. One afternoon the attending physician said he could not live through the day, and his sorrowing wife, with a view to having everything in readiness for the end, held a consultation with her friends as to the arrangements for the funeral. The conversation was held at the bedside of the dying man, and in a short time all the details were arranged, except the names of those who should be asked to be pall-bearers. Three or four young men had been selected, when the wife said, in a sobbing tone suitable for the occasion:

"How would Mr. So-and-so do?" "Oh, he would do nicely," echoed the chorus of friends. "He's such a nice young man."

There was a sudden movement under the coverings of the bed, and the dying husband slowly raised himself on one elbow, rubbed his eyes, and in a weak voice said:

"No, he won't do. I ain't going to have that young fellow for one of my pall-bearers."

The ladies were astonished at this revival of the sick man, but his wife laid him back gently on the pillows, and said soothingly:

"Never mind, dear, don't worry. This is a matter that need not trouble you. It is a sad duty which we will have to perform after you are gone."

"No, it isn't," said the husband crossly. "That fellow isn't going to be one of my pall-bearers. I don't like him and never did, and if you are going to have him, I'll get well, see if I don't."

Again he fell back in the bed and became unconscious, but in a few hours there came a change for the better. To-day he walks the streets as hale and hardy as any man.

Frightened Explorers.

A Louisville paper says: A gentleman who has just arrived in the city from the cave regions gives the following account of the thrilling adventures of the teachers and scholars of the Glasgow, Ky., Presbyterian Church Sabbath School, who visited the Grand Crystal Avenue cave, at Glasgow Junction, on last Friday. It is the custom of the teachers and scholars of the school to annually visit one of those great wonders of nature, the caves of Kentucky, and last Friday morning some sixty happy children, ranging in age from five to fifteen, accompanied by their teachers and parents, entered the Grand Crystal Avenue cave and spent several hours exploring its great wonders. They reached the river and Mr. T. R. Pucket's boat, the Cave Wonder, landed them safely on the opposite shore, and on they went, deeply interested in the enchanted beauties.

They had wandered some five miles in the cave when the terrible discovery was made that their lights were about to give out and would not last until they got back to the river.

They retraced their steps immediately and did manage to reach the banks of the river, where they had to sit on its banks for four hours before the boat put in an appearance. Fortunately Mr. Pucket had a package of candles aboard, and the thoroughly frightened children, parents and teachers were all got safely out of the cave. Their suspense while waiting in darkness was terrible, as they did not know where the boat was and they dare not go in search of it, as they might fall into horrible pits.

Another New York Mystery.

There is great excitement in New York over the mysterious death of John F. Seymour. As reported last week, he was found in the grounds of the General Theological Seminary, his late place of residence, with a bullet through his heart; and the police are as much at a loss as they were on the morning of the Hull murder. They immediately evolved a theory, of course, which was that the deceased had committed suicide. He might have thrown his pistol away, or it might have been stolen, they said. Two men were employed to mow the grass over a space of twenty-five feet square, where the body was found, but no pistol was discovered, and as there are no signs of powder on the shirt bosom, the police have reluctantly abandoned their idea. They now think that the killing was the accidental work of some one who wanted to celebrate the arrival of the Fourth. The wound indicated that the shot was fired from an elevation, and the detectives have settled down to the belief that the fatal shot was a fortuitous one.—The deceased man was in comfortable circumstances, and his relations toward his wife and children were most affectionate. He was a brother-in-law of Bishop George F. Seymour, who is dean of the General Theological Seminary of the Protestant Episcopal Church.

A Pittsburg paper describes a terrible accident that happened to a youth in that city during the celebration. He became tired toward the middle of the day,

and taking a seat on a doorstep, he was deserted by a number of boys who were looking for just such an opportunity as this to set off a big cannon-firecracker. One of them stole up behind the unsuspecting youth and placed the lighted fire-cracker directly behind him on the step. A moment later the young man turned round, and seeing the unexploded fire-cracker sitting there he picked it up and put it in his pocket with a grin of satisfaction.—Hardly had he done so, however, when the thing went off, sending the victim sprawling on his hands and knees. Very little was left of his coat tails and still less of the seat of his trousers. The young man went sadly home, the ruins being covered by a long linen duster.

During a storm which passed over Union township, near Mowry Mill, Bedford county, on Friday last four persons were struck by lightning, one of whom was instantly killed and three others so badly injured that they were not expected to recover. Mrs. Malvin Clark, her son, aged two years, and the widow Staft and her sister were engaged in picking cherries. When the storm came on they took shelter beneath one of the trees, which was struck by lightning. Mrs. Clark was instantly killed, and her son and the other two ladies were so seriously injured by the electric current that they were not expected to recover at last accounts.

One of the alligators which escaped from the Zoological Garden at Philadelphia, about a year ago, says the Westchester Local News, was seen on Wednesday in the canal at Port Providence, near Phoenixville. Some of the people in that locality have lately been missing their ducks very rapidly, and they now ascribe the loss to this reptile. The affair has created considerable excitement among the boys of the neighborhood, and in consequence bathing in that water is about at an end.

A young man named Skilly, of Pittsburg, while in an intoxicated condition on Saturday, bade his friends good-bye and announced his determination of drowning himself. But after wading into the water a short distance, Skilly thought he would defer his suicide until another day, but, unfortunately, he had excited his friends' curiosity. They were quite as intoxicated as himself, and insisted that he should drown himself for their amusement. Skilly refused, and was straightway thrown into the water. A sober man arrived in the nick of time to save the drunken wretch.

Two negro convicts, Johnson and Jago, who escaped from the prison south at Jeffersonville, Indiana, a few days ago, have had a remarkable struggle for their liberty. They took refuge in a swamp, almost inaccessible, near Memphis, Clark county, but two days afterward Jago ventured out to get something to eat, and was captured and returned to the prison. Johnson has been in the swamp ever since, and is surrounded by guards, so that his escape seems impossible. He is absolutely being starved to death, and he can get no food in his hiding place. It is thought he is subsisting on green berries and roots.

Mrs. Mary A. Adams was on Tuesday convicted at Pottsville for cruelty to her grand children, a boy and girl aged eight and six years. It was the custom of this amiable woman to compel the boy to sleep with his hands behind his back, and on the floor during severe cold weather, and when seriously ill to perform hard labor. The girl's hands were blistered by being held over the stove and her shoes were taken off and she was compelled to stand barefooted in the snow. Judge Perahing will deliver an address to her on the subject.

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