Little Germany, Nov. 24, 1879. Mr. Editor - This is called Little Germany, but for what reason it received this appellation, we are not able to tell. It might be so-called to distinguish it from big Germany or from Germany in Europe to which it may have a strong resemblance, (2)

It is supposed that it received its title from the fact that a number of Germans at one time solely occupied this goodly land. If a committee were now appointed to honor this pleturesque and romantic valley with a name, we are inclined to think it would be called Holy Land, not because we have two good, comfortable churches here, and because most of the people in this favored spot adhere to some ten religious beliefs, but because more holes have been dug here in search of minerals, than in any other part of the county. And not only this, but on the old furnace road formerly leading from the old stone church to Julius Guerskey's farm, can be seen a hole that was dug in search of a pot of money, which was dreamed of for three consecutive nights. This occurred some thirty years ago, and to this day it is believed that the peculiar pot existed there, and was taken out by some unknown per-

This is truly a Holy Land, for holes can be found in nearly every field. Digging for coal and iron ore was commenced here more than forty years ago, and bundreds and even thousands of dollars spent for that purpose. Ore digging here some years ago, was attended with success. The Perry Furnace and Oak Grove Furnace, took tons of iron ore from the mines on Mr. Dum's farm in this valley. Since those furnaces were stopped, the iron ore business was abandoned, but since then companies have been organized several times to dig for coal, but with no success, and private individuals have been digging for the same mineral with the same result. About ten or twelve years ago a company was inaugurated for the purpose of boring for coal, and after consuming much time, and spending five hundred dollars, they abanboned the enterprize.

It is said during the boring that they struck a vein of coal (?) about three inches

Another company was organized about three years ago, and after operating a few months they quit.

Interest in digging iron ore was revived a few months ago. Different localities have been prospected, but finally the old ore mines on Mr. Jacob Dum's farm have been reopened, where three or four hands are employed daily. Several large shafts have been sunk, and twenty or thirty tons of ore already taken out.

For fear of wearying your readers, I will change the subject.

One of the first schools in this county

was established here. About 1780 a schoolhouse was erected on a lot of 17 acres of ground, by Henry Ludolph Spark, a German school-master. Mr. Spark taught school many years, and at his death donated the lot and the house thereon erected for school purposes. After Mr. Spark's death, Isaiah Carl succeeded him, and administered school affairs for upwards of twenty years, with such success that the school-house came to be called "Carl's". Mr. Carl was followed by Mr. Daniel Preisler, and Mr. Preisler by J. B. Cooper, Esq., and Cooper by the Hon. Wm. Grier, present elected associate judge and since then it was taught by many different male teachers until last fall, when Miss Annie Showalter took charge of this school, and tius far has been as successful as any of her predecessors.

The old Germany church stands on the ground that was donated by Spark. This church was occupied by the Lutheran and Reformed congregations for about thirty years, but now abandoned by them. Rev. Wm. Heim and Rev. C. H. Leinbach at first served their respective congregations in this church.

The Dunkards have services here every eight weeks, and the United Brethren have services here every four weeks. A Union Sabbath School is held here nearly every summer, but for want of interest, it generally dies out in good time to go into winter

quarters. A very interesting Bible class was organ-ized here with Mr. D. H. Smith as teacher. Mr. Smith is a very efficient Bible teacher Mr. Smith is a very efficient Bible teacher and his class were very sorry that the class was broken up so soon. A few weeks ago it met for the last time, when the following members of the class were present; Miss Annie Foose, Miss Jennie Rice, Mr. Fred. Frose and G. W. Gehr. After a few appropriate and solemn remarks by all the members, they separated with the hope that if they shall no more meet in a Bible class here, that they shall meet in a region of a glorious immortality, where parting of a glorious immortality, where parting shall be no more.

There are six grave yards in this valley, of which the oldest is the Indian grave yard, where it is supposed several red men have been buried. The next oldest is the one in which Ludolph Spark is supposed to be interred. About one hundred people are buried there, but only a few mounds can be seen now and a few rough slate stones with rude letters upon them mark the resting place of some unknown persons. stones with rude letters upon them mark the resting place of some unknown persons. Mr. Solomon Smith of Carroll twp., who is 50 years of age, informed me that he attended several funerals there, and that the dead were conveyed there on the front part of a farm wagon. He gave me the names of many that were buried there but I have forgotten them. Another grave yard is on Mr. Solomon Reeder's farm which was plowed over for many years. The people here are quiet, peaceful inhabitants and prosper about as well as any in other parts of the county. For fear of occupying too much space in your valuable paper I close.

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