

A Cat-astrophe.

The Baltimore "Sun" says: A west end man had the flat roof of the L. of his house tarred, and when six or seven cats got on it, the following night, they could yell and arch their backs and try to get a pull on all four feet at once, but they couldn't lift themselves free, and their singing was frightful, and people in the neighborhood began to chuck things at them, and the owner of the house forgot about the tar and went barefooted and in his robe de nuit upon the roof to chase them off and pretty soon he found he couldn't stir, and he began to whoop and swear, and a policeman got a ladder and climbed upon the roof, and when he came up over the edge, on his hands and knees, he had to remain in that posture, and he used very emphatic language. Meantime the bootjacks were falling in a shower about and upon them, and the man's mother-in-law, in looking out of an upper window that overlooked the L. roof, to ask them if they were not ashamed to be out on a roof playing cat at that time of night unfortunately knocked her wig off, and it fell in the tar; and then she rushed down a flight of stairs and went out on the roof to get it, and couldn't pull the wig up, but got her hand stuck to it; so she couldn't let go of it, and of course her position and, her bald head make a dead give away, as it was quite light, when some one finally came with boards to put down on the roof for them to be got on to when they were cut loose from the tar, and the old lady didn't feel a bit worse than the policeman, who had to walk through the streets with the knees of his trousers cut out, and left stuck on the roof and a great hunk of tar stuck to each hand, and got a reprimand when he reached the station. And the house-owner himself blasted his feet trying to melt the tar off of them by holding them up to a hot stove, and when the cats were cut loose from the roof and put on the ground, they tried to gnaw the tar from their claws and got their paws stuck in their mouths and rolled about and yawled and carried on so that folks thought they were mad and killed them. And that house-owner's mother-in-law hasn't yet got over jawing him about that tar roof.

Another Tornado.

TAYLORVILLE, Ill., April 25.—A terrible cyclone, scarcely less violent and destructive than that which visited Western Missouri, a week ago, passed over a portion of Christian county, a little after 7 o'clock last night, plowing its way through the timber and scattering houses, barns and fences in its course.

Those killed outright were Mrs. T. J. Langley and two children of Alonzo Cutler, and all of them were mangled in a horrible manner. One of the Cutler children was found this morning in a brush-pile 200 yards from the house, with the upper part of its skull gone.

Besides these, Mrs. Cutler, John Hay, Harry Langley, Mrs. Hoefner and two children, Alexander Elliott, James Watts and wife and George Higgins and wife are not expected to live. Mr. and Mrs. Higgins seem to be in the most precarious condition. They sought shelter from the storm behind a chicken-coop, and several hours after were picked up a quarter of a mile away, mangled almost past recognition.

MEDORA, Ill., April 25.—J. H. & J. M. Valintine's store was blown from its foundations by the cyclone and completely wrecked. Their loss is \$10,000. Two powder-cans, which were in the store, were ignited in some way and exploded, injuring Mr. Valintine badly and fatally injuring his clerk. The storm took a northeasterly direction, sweeping everything before it. Nothing was left of many of the houses but the foundations. Mrs. Abner Haynes was blown about 200 yards and instantly killed, in nearly every house the inmates were more or less injured.

Dangerous Girls.

An Altoona special to the New York Telegram says that a young man named Ruple from Martinsburg, went to Hollidaysburg on Tuesday to see a daughter of ex-Representative Jesse T. Crawford, who was one of the five defendants in the recent Riot bill bribery trials at Harrisburg. The other girls threw the man out, and when found on the porch, his nose was broken and his face terribly cut up. He was carried to the Kellerman House unconscious. Crawford was informed of the affair by telegraph.

An Astonished Widower.

J. Smith, of Orange, whose young wife recently died, was astonished when he came home a few days ago to find that his wife's relatives had unpacked and were using his wife's things. He expostulated, when they presented to him a will purporting to have come from his wife in the spirit world through a medium. He will contest it.

Odd Gift from a Murderer.

The Hartford "Times" says: William Allen, one of the prison murderers, was taken to the State's prison last week.—Mrs. Wetmore has made several visits to Hartford to see him, and Allen, as the last act before going to prison, had his moustache, which he was so proud of, shaved off, and sent it in a letter to Mrs. Wetmore.

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