Shocking Assault in his own House.

The Chicago Times of the 4th just, says Charles Clarkson, the engineer of the Lake Shore dummy, was the victim of a shocking outrage on yesterday morning. He lives near Colehour, on One-hundredth street, nearly a block west of the track. About 4 o'clock on yesterday morning he was awakened by his wife, who said she heard a poise, and thought that burglars were in the house. Clarkson arose and without dressing, seized a revolver from under his pillow and stepped into the kitchon which adjoins the bedroom occupied by. the couple.

As he opened the door between the two rooms he was struck in the face by a tincup the contents of which covered his face, breast, and arm. With a cry of pain he staggered back, for the cup had been filled with vitriol, and the horrible liquid ate into the parts touched. A portion reached his left eye, but he caught a glimpse of the dark forms of two men who hastily beat a retreat. His cries brought his wife to his side. She at once alarmed the neighbors who, after making Clarkson as easy as possible under the circumstances, began searching for traces of the perpetrators of the deed. The tracks of two men wearing heavy, coarse shoes were seen in the snow and they led in the direction of Irondale. They were followed for some distance and at last became lost in the road.

On examination it was found that the vitriol had eaten deeply into the flesh of the unfortunate man, but by the assailants having thrown the tin cup as well as the contents but little reached Clarkson's eyes. The left one is burned the worst, but the physicians say that neither will be deprived of sight. The work of the assailants had been deliberate, as it was found that they had coolly poured the vitriol from a bottle, which they left standing on the table, into Clarkson's dinner pail. It is clear that they accomplished what they desired. They did not come to rob the house, as robbers come armed with something different than vitriol. Their object was to disfigure Clarkson and they succeeded, for his face is marked for life. The cause of the outrage is shrouded in

mystery, but Clarkson intimated to a reporter that he knew who were the instiga-tors, but he refused to give their names. Clarkson has been twice married, as also has his wife.

A Singular Accident.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., February 6 .- A painful accident occurred here yesterday afternoon to Joseph Kirkland, a hackman, employed in cutting ice off one of the builings. A heavy piece of ice, sliding swiftly, struck him and broke his leg just above the ankle, and had he not been secured by a rope he would have been dashed to pieces. He was cared for by Dr. Mo-Garry, of Drummondville. The mode of cutting the ice is very peculiar. The roofs of the buildings in the vicinity of the falls are made very strong to support the heavy weight, and steep to quickly carry off the spray that at times falls upon them. The ice is reached by a ladder raised up to the caves of the building. A man then ascends with an axe and cuts footholds in the ice on the roofs all the way up to the peak, the ladder is then shifted and anothman ascends in a similar manner until as many men as are required have secured positions on the roof. Then the work of cutting the ice commences, and as it is cut loose it slides and tumbles to the ground. The task is a dangerous and laborious one. When the ice is in a thawing condition ropes are fastened under the men's arms and passed over the peak to the opposite side of the roof, and held there by stout men to prevent the cutters from slipping and sliding off the building. The ice varies from two to four feet in thickness in severe winters, and frequently forms a crushing weight on the building, and for safety has to be removed.

A Baltimorean named Mellon Mitchell, twenty-two years of age, has just been divorced from his wife, the decree forbidding the latter from marrying again during the life of the former husband. The cause for this decree was that the father of the lady decoyed Mitchell into his daughter's room while the latter was in bed, locked the door and then demanded that he should marry her then and there, as he had wronged her. The youth protested and denied, but the father, with blood in his eye and a huge revolver in his hand, swore that Mitchell must marry the girl or become without delay a subject for the coroner. A Methodist minister was sent for, and after some demur, which was checked by the sight of the father's pistol, the marriage was performed. The unwilling groom escaped as soon after the ceremony as he could, and brought suit for divorce, with the result announced above, the clergyman having been an important witness in the case.

The Indianapolis News says : Mrs. Myer, wife of the proprietor of the Tivoli Garden, Richmond, chloroformed her husband while he was asleep beside her, gathered all the cash about the place, and got out of the city on the first train, presumably with a haudsomer man. In a note she left behind she accuses him of trying to kill her with a batchet.

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