

The Man With a Lizard.

Peter Lemen, of 308 Atwater street, who was supposed to have a lizard, died at 1 o'clock this morning, and during this forenoon a post mortem examination was held by Dr. E. R. Ellis, assisted by Drs. G. P. Gaylord, J. G. Gilchrist and G. B. Foster. The examination revealed a tumor of dense fibrous substance, of the duodenum, or second stomach. This diseased mass did not include more than four or five inches of the intestine, but its effect was to almost completely close the passage from his stomach downwards, and thus prevent the digestion and assimilation of food. He suffered but little from pain, and his death resulted, as it were, from starvation. From a man of 200 pounds weight he was reduced to 60 or 65 pounds. It is due Mr. Lemen to say that the idea of his having a lizard did not originate with him, but with the "doctors." Every botanic, clairvoyant and Indian "doctor" who saw him at once pronounced his trouble "a lizard."

Whose Wife Was She?

A curious case recently came before the Probate Court of Essex county. About 60 years ago a woman married a man who went to sea and was reported lost. She had a child by him. After eight years she married again, and lived with her second husband nearly fifty years and then died. Meantime her first husband came to light forty years ago, hung around a little while and then went to sea, apparently satisfied that his wife should remain with the second man. At sea he committed suicide by jumping overboard. The woman had some money, and now the descendants of her first child claim her estate. The second husband is about eighty years old, and opposes the claims of the first husband's heirs, while they claim that the woman was not legally married to the living man, and hence neither he nor his children have any right to her estate.—New Bedford Mercury.

That Wonderful Jay Gould.

A New York correspondent says: "Has Jay Gould sold himself to the devil?—This question is so natural that Mr. Gould cannot be surprised at its occurrence in various quarters. He certainly has accumulated wealth with a rapidity which justifies almost any conclusion, not exceeding that satanic assistance which is so common in tradition. He admitted when under cross examination in the Williams telegraph case that he owned 90,000 shares of Western Union and controlled 52,000 miles of railroad lines. Such is the confession of a man who in 1850 was peddling maps through Delaware county. How strange it also seems to hear such a statement from a little fellow who in stature and weight is hardly more than a fifteen year old boy.—This case indeed stands unparalleled in the records of wealth."

A Spunky Woman.

The lady teacher of a school in Greece, Monroe county, N. Y., had promised to punish a couple of lads for some violation of school discipline. They bolted from the house and took to their heels in backwoods style at a lively rate. The teacher, with her Grecian spirit nothing daunted at this turn of affairs, gave chase, over fences, across ditches, fields, etc., at a rate that would astonish an ordinary pedestrian, in the determination of her purpose to fulfill her obligations to those under her charge, and finally succeeded in capturing the run-aways.

A strange case is that of a young lady of Lahaska. Annie P., eldest daughter of Henry and Phoebe Rice, who resides on a farm about two miles from the village, was a bright intelligent and winning girl of about eighteen years of age. In July, 1877, she began to show symptoms of what was then supposed to be consumption, but her decline was so rapid that in a month she could scarcely whisper audibly. The puzzled doctor suggested a change, accordingly she spent a week with friends in Wrightstown. But ere another month had elapsed she had not even the power to whisper, so she had to resort to writing. Even that is now limited, as she can write but a few words before she is almost exhausted. Gradually she sank until she took her bed, which she now never leaves. If she desires a drink the arm of her father or brothers raises and supports her, then lays her gently on her pillow almost lifeless. More than four weeks ago she refused to eat, and since that time she has tasted no food whatever. Pleading is of no avail; she will touch nothing. Dr. Walters, the physician now in attendance, says it is one of the most unaccountable cases he ever met with. The girl is sinking slowly but surely, and while things continue in the state they are now, there is no possible hope for her recovery. Another singular thing is, since Henry's daughter was stricken, his sister-in-law, who lives on the next farm, was taken the same way, though at times she appears better.—Both ladies are very low at the time of this writing.—Newtown Enterprise.

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