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MISS LEIGHTON'S RIVAL.
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Marion Leigh, Mrs. Russ' new cook,
a dark-haired girl of twenty or so, was
taking from the oven the hot rolls she
had made for breakfast, when Sydney
Dare, Mrs. Russ' cousin and guest, ap-
peared at the door and begged for a
warm biscuit.

"Certainly, sir," Marion replied in
what would have been a dignified tone
but for a childish lisp which was not
the least of her attractions. "I am
about putting them on the table;
breakfast is ready." And she at once
left the room.

He could do no better than follow.
"What an air she has!" he thought.
"She might be a princess in disguise.
By George, she is an interesting study,
and I'll give a little attention to her."

There was another guest at table,
Doctor Percival, a handsome young
physician. As Marion entered he slyly
glanced at her, remarking her fault-
less figure and elegant poise of head.
Dare watched her incessantly when-
ever she appeared.

"Your goddess of the pantry looks
as though she had the blues, Alice,"
he remarked to his hostess.
"Oh, dear! do you think so? She
may be pining for her home. I must
speak with her. She is a perfect
treasure, very sensible, and I wish her
to be happy here," said that pretty,
lively lady.

"Do you know anything of her his-
tory?" ventured Doctor Percival, with-
out looking up.
"Scarcely anything; she is very
reticent; I only know that she has
seen better days."

"If her complexion was not so dark
I should lose my heart to her at once,"
said Dare, with a self-conscious laugh.
He was a handsome man, and a favorite
with women.

"Rumor says you have none to lose,"
remarked Percival, looking at him
searchingly. "What would Miss
Leighton say if she heard you?"

And then the pretty waiting-maid
re-entered the room, and the subject of
conversation was changed.

The next morning, as Marion was
gathering fruit in the garden, she was
joined by Dare, who insisted on carry-
ing the basket to the house, begging
her to let him come in and help her
stone the peaches.

"No," said she, firmly. "The kitchen
is no place for gentlemen, nor have I
time to entertain them."
"But I shall not be the least trouble,"
he urged.

She shook her head in silence.
"Why so cruel, sweet Marion?" he
boldly went on. "I must see you
sometimes, or I shall be miserable."
"Mr. Dare, you must not talk like
that to me. I will not listen; Mrs.
Russ would be angry."

"I am not accountable to Mrs. Russ
for my actions."
"Nor to any one else?" she mean-
ingly asked.

He changed color, but answered
promptly,—
"No."
"Yet I have heard that you are en-
gaged to a wealthy lady in the city
if that is true, you must not seek me
again. In any case, you are so far re-
moved from me in social position that
we can have nothing in common."

"Do not say that—nothing shall
keep me from your side. I will go
now, as you desire, but I shall find a
way to see you again." And with a
languishing look he took himself off,

leaving Marion smiling in rather a
mysterious manner.

That afternoon, being an "afternoon
out," Marion dressed with unusual
care and betook herself to the street.
Aware that she was looking a little
better than usual, she thoroughly en-
joyed her walk to the post-office, and
then retraced her footsteps. She was
within half a mile of Mrs. Russ' house
when she was overtaken by Doctor
Percival. Not recognizing her at first
he was about to pass without speak-
ing, when, happening to glance at her
face, he stopped in amazement.

"Miss Leigh!" he exclaimed. "I
hardly recognized you—I have never
seen you in street costume before."
Accommodating her step to hers, he
prepared to accompany her.

"No," she said, "this is my after-
noon out. I enjoy walking slowly, so
do not let me detain you, Doctor Per-
cival."

But he was not to be disposed of so
easily.

"I, too, enjoy walking slowly; more
than that, I have something I wish to
say to you. You will not be angry, or
consider me impudent?"

"Oh, no, I am sure you could never
be that," said Marion, sweetly.

"I thank you," said he. "Believe
me, I am not actuated by idle curiosity,
but a deep interest in your welfare. I
am something of a character reader,
and I see that you are—pardon me,
for I must speak plainly—mistak-
ably a lady, and am sure some misfor-
tune must have occurred to necessitate
your being in the position you now
occupy."

Marion was much confused, and
trembled visibly. They were nearing
Mrs. Russ' house, so she said,—
"I cannot tell you anything now—
you see we are at our journey's end—
except that I have seen more prosper-
ous times. I am hoping for a better
position some day; at present I am
doing as well as I can."

"And meanwhile I may be your
friend?" he eagerly asked. "You will
let me see you again soon? I shall be
unhappy until I do."

His dark eyes looked unmistakable
admiration into hers.

"You will see me at tea time, Doctor
Percival; I shall be on duty then."

He looked distressed at this reference
to her servitude, and resolved that he
would never rest until she was liberat-
ed from it. He acknowledged to him-
self that he was in love, and felt
confident that she was in every way
worthy of his attachment. He tried
to imagine her in different circum-
stances, in a home such as he could
give her, attired in silks and jewels,
and he knew she would be lovely.
She was irresistible to him now, but
he wished her environments were dif-
ferent.

That evening, her work for the day
done, Marion went to the garden to
gather strawberries for breakfast. She
had filled her basket, and was about to
return to the house when Sydney
Dare suddenly appeared. His face
beamed with delight as he exclaimed,—
"By Jove! I am in luck at last!"

"And why?" the girl coolly asked.
"Because I want to talk with you."
"I am quite sure, Mr. Dare, that you
can have nothing to say to Mr. Russ'
hired girl."

"You need be that no longer," he
eagerly responded. "I love you,
Marion, and will take you away from
here at once. I have money, and you
shall have everything in the world to
make you happy."

"Then it is not true that you are
betrothed to the wealthy Miss Leigh-
ton?" said Marion, with a searching
look.

Sydney Dare grew pale as he en-
deavored to answer unconcernedly,—
"Oh, as to that, I believe there was
some sort of an engagement between
us a long time ago—an engagement of
convenience, which I was wheedled
into making. You see she is wealthy,
and I suppose I must eventually marry
for money. But I do not love her, and
I adore you. Come with me—"

"As your wife?" she coldly asked.
He did not answer; his bold eyes
fell before hers, and with a look of
scorn she left him. Then, flying to
the house and her own room, she threw
herself on the bed and sobbed as
though her heart would break.

There Mrs. Russ found her in the
morning, just as she came in the evening
before, with a burning headache.
Doctor Percival was called immedi-
ately. He discovered symptoms of fever,
but prompt remedies averted it, and in
a day or two she had recovered. But
the doctor had made good use of his
opportunity, and had won her consent
to be his wife.

"Though it is all very wrong and
unwise," she said. "What will your
friends say to your choice?"

"I want you for myself, dear, not
for my friends. I have a dear mother
who has no false pride. She will wel-
come and love you first for my sake,
then for your own. She would see at
a glance that you are a lady. Mrs.
Russ has spoken of you as one who
has met with reverses, and expresses

astonishment at the course you have
seen fit to take, while possessing
talents of a high order. So, darling,
if you love me do not make any more
objections, but let us be married at
once."

He drew her to a close embrace, and
Marion maintained that sweet silence
which signifies consent.

During Marion's illness Mrs. Russ
was obliged to attend to some of her
own domestic affairs. One morning
she arose early, and thinking she would
look in and see how Marion was, pro-
ceeded to her room. What was her
astonishment to discover it empty!

The bed was smoothly made and the
apartment in perfect order. She open-
ed the closet door. Everything be-
longing to Marion was gone, with not-
ing to indicate where or how. She
went to the door and called her hus-
band, who immediately responded in
person.

"Marion has gone, Wilbur," said she,
excitedly.

"Gone where? What do you mean?"

"She has not slept in her bed, and is
nowhere to be found."

"Isn't she in the garden?"

"No, no! I tell you she has gone
and taken all her things. Oh, dear,
what can it mean?"

"Well, this is indeed astonishing.
Did you suspect that she was discon-
tented, my dear?"

"No; I always felt that there was
something strange about her—that she
was far above her position—but there
was never anything unpleasant in our
relations toward each other."

Together Mr. and Mrs. Russ entered
the breakfast room, where Doctor
Percival and Sydney Dare sat reading
the morning papers, and told them of
their astonishing discovery.

Both men grew pale. Percival
sprang to his feet in great agitation,
and searched everywhere in the house
and out of doors; but not the least
trace of Marion could be found.

At luncheon they conferred together
as to what it was best to do.

"She was a strange girl," said Mrs.
Russ. "She has been here two months,
yet I have learned scarcely anything
about her. All allusions to her past
life seemed to embarrass her, so I did
not press her to enlighten me. But I
am sure she is good and true. I wish
she had told us her trouble, if she had
any; perhaps we might have helped
her in some way."

"I don't see that we can do anything
now," said Mr. Russ. "If she chooses
to leave us in this manner we can't
help it. Her departure was evidently
well planned. She took everything
that belonged to her. Were you in
her debt, my dear?"

"No; it is my habit to pay weekly,
you know, and it happened that I paid
her in full last night."

"Well, it is very singular, certainly,"
said Mr. Russ.

"It disturbs me more than you can
imagine; I was really attached to her,"
said Mrs. Russ, feelingly.

Percival and Dare were silent, scarcely
touching the food before them, each
resolved to search for Marion in his
own way. Dare felt angry that she
had so neatly escaped his attention; he
felt positive that she had gone on
his account, Doctor Percival was
staggered. After hours of painful
thought he could only conclude that
she had sacrificed herself to scruple,
and fled from the temptations of be-
coming his wife. He resolved to
advertise in a way that no one but
herself would understand. He would
go everywhere and search for her. He
felt he should find her; he must, or the
world would hold no charm for him.

A week elapsed, and no tidings of
Marion. Nothing had come of the
advertisement, and Doctor Percival,
sick at heart, resolved to go to the
city, where she might perhaps have
fled. He would never give up the
search until he found the only woman
he had ever loved.

Dare left also on the next train. As
he settled himself comfortably and un-
folded a morning paper, he thought,—
"Well, Marion played me a neat
trick. She was a little beauty—but
she is gone, so let her go! It is as
well, perhaps, for I must marry Miss
Leighton as soon as possible after she
returns from Europe. I need money
badly."

Some weeks passed; the autumn
gayeties were at their height, and Miss
Edith Leighton was the reigning belle
of the season. There was to be a ball
at the house of one of his acquaint-
ances, and Doctor Percival felt obliged
to attend it, rather than seem rude to
the friend who invited him. He was
in no mood for society, however, so did
not present himself until a late hour.

As he passed through the brilliantly
lighted drawing-room his eye chanced
to fall on Sydney Dare, who was in
conversation with a lady. He was so
struck by her loveliness that he stood
spell-bound for a few moments, gazing
intently at her. In answer to his in-
quiries he was informed that she was
the wealthy Miss Leighton. He asked
to be presented to her; as their
eyes met in greeting both seemed em-

barrassed, and for a moment nothing
occurred to either to say. Soon, how-
ever, their self-possession returned,
and they seemed mutually attracted.

Edith Leighton was indeed beauti-
ful. Her lovely face was framed by
short, wavy golden hair; her com-
plexion was perfect. She was dressed
in a soft white silk, looped with clus-
ters of blush rosebuds. Doctor Per-
cival was entranced. He thought he
had never beheld so lovely a being.
Despite Sydney Dare's frowns he
handed her to her carriage, and went
home to think and dream of her.

The next morning Sydney Dare called
on Miss Leighton. To his surprise
she received him coldly.

"I have scarcely seen you since
your return from Europe," he said in
his suave tones, the first greetings
over. "I hope you enjoyed your sum-
mer and are well?"

"Quite well, thank you. Where did
you spend the summer, Mr. Dare?"

The abrupt question surprised him.

"Oh, I roamed from place to place,
like the Wandering Jew, trying to en-
dure the time as best I could until
your return. My thoughts were ever
with you," sentimentally.

She moved impatiently.

"I have been told you were at West-
land."

He colored, but tried to look uncon-
cerned.

"Yes, I ran down to my cousin
Russ' for a few days of fishing."

"Oh, then perhaps you know what
became of poor Marion Leigh?" she
said in a more animated tone.

"You knew her?" he asked in sur-
prise.

"No, but I have an aunt who lives
in that vicinity."

"Ah, indeed! I was not aware—"
he began, feeling very uncomfortable.

"Was the girl as handsome as rumor
has made her?" asked Edith, who
seemed much interested in the subject.

"Handsome! She was almost as
black as a mulatto. I don't know how
such things get abroad," said he, un-
easily.

"It is strange! I have been inform-
ed that she ran away to escape the un-
welcome attentions of a person
who was visiting the Russ' family,"
said Edith, looking him full in the
face.

"Edith," said he, now thoroughly
alarmed, "what do you mean? What
falselyhoods have you been listening to?
Was Percival filling your ears with
this poison last night? He is capable
of it. Why do you regard me so
scornfully? Tell me everything—I de-
mand it!" and he arose excitedly.

"Be calm, Mr. Dare. I have seen
Marion Leigh. She has told me her
story, which you know as well as I do.
Here is your ring. I will bid you
good-morning."

She tossed the circlet toward him
and moved to the door.

"I will not have it so!" he said, in-
tercepting her. "You are my betroth-
ed wife, and shall not dismiss me for a
servant's falsehood. How can you
put her word against mine? What did
she tell you! I have a right to know."

"As you say, you have a right to
know," said Edith. "Excuse me a
moment, and you shall learn all."

Left alone, Dare sat in silence, with
bowed head and wildly beating heart,
for nearly half an hour. Then, hear-
ing a soft footfall, he glanced up to
behold Marion Leigh! Much astonish-
ed he sprang to his feet with "You
here!" Then, observing that she was
alone, he quickly approached her and
whispered,—

"Will you not forgive me and be
my friend, and help me out of this
awful predicament?"

"Certainly," replied the voice of
Edith Leighton. "That is precisely
what I intend to do. I came here to
dismiss you, as you must eventually
marry for money, you know."

Dare dropped on a chair from sheer
weakness, and gazed at her in amaze-
ment and horror. Edith, thoroughly
enjoying his discomfiture, suddenly
lifted the dark ring from her golden
locks, and he saw the truth at last.

"I always doubted your sincerity,
and determined to test it," she went
on. "My experience at a cooking
school enabled me to carry out a little
plot which proved very successful.
And now, Mr. Dare—"

"Oh, I am a doctor. Nevertheless,
even my nerves suffered a little when
I saw a ghost in the ball-room."

"A ghost!" involuntarily Edith
raised her eyes, and having done so
was powerless to lower them again.

"What do you mean?"

"Oh, Marion, you cruel darling, did
you dream for a moment that I did
not recognize you at once?" cried
Percival. And had all the world been
present he still would have snatched
her, half protesting, half rejoicing, to
his heart. "Now I demand, as a re-
compense for all the torture I have
suffered, that you marry me next
week."

"Next week! I must have time to
buy my wedding dress."

"Oh, one of those you have on hand
will answer. Do you remember the
one you wore the first time I saw you?
It was brown, checked, and your form
was well hidden in plaits and folds; I
was impressed by your appearance
even then, but I love you better as
you are, my queen!"

A month later there was a happy
wedding, and in after years Doctor
and Mrs. Percival told to intimate
friends the wonderful story of Miss
Leighton's rival.

Not Enforcing the Rules.

"Don't you know better than to
pile all your baggage in that seat?"
demanded a policeman at one of the
railway depots one morning, as he
sharply addressed a traveller who
seemed to be waiting for a train.

"I don't see any sign here prohib-
iting my piling all the baggage I want
to on that seat," returned the traveller,
pushing his hat back and preparing
for an argument. "When you want to
keep persons from smoking you stick
up a sign, don't you. There's half a
dozen 'No Smoking' signs in this
room, and not one forbidding a man
from putting his valises on the seat be-
side him."

"We take it for granted," retorted
the policeman, "that everybody knows
that these seats are to sit on. There's
plenty of room on the floor for band-
boxes and gripsacks."

"There seems to be plenty of room
on the seats, too. More than half of
them are empty. These traps of mine
don't appear to be crowding anybody,
do they?"

"That doesn't make any difference.
It is against the rules."

"Whose rules?"

"The rules of this station. If you
don't take them down—"

"Take down what?"

"Those traps."

"I didn't know but you meant the
rules," rejoined the traveller. "But
we won't have any fuss over it. If it's
contrary to the regulations I'll put
them down on the floor, of course."

He lifted his valises up, hesitated a
moment, and then replaced them on
the seat.

"Look here!" he said, pointing his
finger sternly at the policeman, "didn't
I put these things on the floor when I
came in?"

"No," growled the officer. "You
slapped 'em down on that seat. They
have been there half an hour."

"And you've let me violate the rules
of this depot for a whole half hour,
have you?" said the traveller, raising
his voice. "What kind of—"

"But—"

"Don't attempt any explanation, sir.
I come in here, break one of the rules,
and you see me do it! You delibera-
tely permit a total stranger to you,
sir, to defy the authorities of this de-
pot for thirty minutes! Is that the

It is stated that it is Mr. Cleveland's purpose to refer the construction of the tariff which the Democrats propose to substitute for the McKinley law to a commission of Democrats from both houses of Congress...

LET it be recorded that the December Grand Jury visited the Almshouse, that the jurymen got their dinner, and that the livermen of Norristown increased their revenue...

THE Cincinnati Presbytery, in secret session, Tuesday, found Professor Henry P. Smith, of Lane Theological Seminary, guilty upon two charges pertaining to inspiration...

THE citizens of Abington township, wise in their day and generation, have formed a Road Association, the object of which is to further the important work of bettering the condition of the public highways...

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PUBLIC SENTIMENT, antagonistic to the present electoral system of voting for President and Vice President of the United States, seems to be accumulating rapidly. It requires but little reflection to convince the average mind of the cumbrous, incongruous and manifestly unfair characteristics of a system which should have been abolished many years ago...

PRELIMINARY proceedings in Court have been instituted by Messrs. Taggart and Godshall with a view of contesting the election of C. I. Baker, elected to the Legislature...

We fear the proceedings inaugurated by Messrs. Taggart and Godshall will lead to many unpleasant and unprofitable complications. Whilst we have the highest personal regard for these gentlemen yet we are constrained to view their present purposes from a negative standpoint...

We think you are making a mistake, gentlemen; if it is not too late retrace your steps by all means. If you do not there is a very strong probability that you will live to regret, exceedingly regret, the course you have started upon. Retrace, if possible!

PRESIDENT-ELECT CLEVELAND delivered a speech before the New York Reform Club, Saturday night, and every utterance was freighted with patriotism and rugged sense. Here are a few specimen thoughts characteristic of the true statesman who expressed them...

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less there are things in that message that, like Banquo's ghost, will not down, as the democrats will discover in the near future.

Secretary Foster's annual report, in which he shows, to his own satisfaction, that there should be a surplus, instead of the predicted deficit, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1894, is not as comforting as one would have supposed such information would be to the democrats who are now engaged in preparing the bills carrying the appropriations for that year...

In a quiet way the Speakership of the next House is already exciting considerable interest, and if it shall soon be apparent that Representative Hooker's bill changing the time for Congress to meet from December to March stands a good chance for becoming a law at this session, that interest will become all-absorbing...

The movement began in Congress at the last session to bring about the abrogation of the treaty with Great Britain prohibiting warships on the great lakes, has been revived and is now exciting much interest. Senator Frye's bill for a suspension of all privileges now enjoyed by Canadian commerce is also much talked about.

TO BEGIN AT ONCE. From the Buffalo Express.

"And, Miss Maud," said young Lingerlong, "I want to say before I go that like Jacob of old I would serve seven years to gain your hand."

JAY GOULD WAS CONSISTENT. From the New York Advertiser. To a reader signing himself "L. T. D.," and who sends a lengthy and caustic criticism of the acts of the late Jay Gould, we would say that Mr. Gould was a truly consistent man. He believed in a government of the Goolds, for the Goolds and by the Goolds. He was no hypocrite. He gave much in charity which was not advertised, and he has left his children, who are generously endowed, with ample means to practice benevolence.

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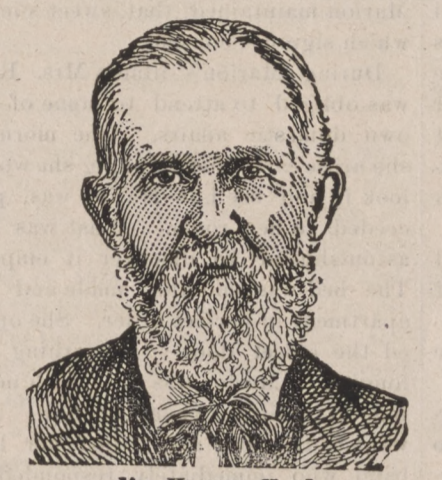
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debt of England and a few other other countries, and, presenting himself at the office, demands a first-class single to Centauri. For this he tenders in payment the scrip of the national debt of England, which just covers the cost of his ticket; but at this time the national debt from little wars had been run up from \$3,500,000,000 to \$5,500,000,000. Having taken his seat, it occurred to him to ask: "At what rate do you travel?" "Sixty miles an hour, sir, including stoppages," is the answer. "Then when shall we reach Centauri?" "In 48,663,000 years, sir."

DESTINY. The rabbit down in Tennessee Ne'er thinks his furry back May, posed in some store window, be A London-dyed seal saquee. The Jersey calf, he doth not feel That he—to close my ballad— Will one day serve as roasted veal, And next day chicken salad. —Chicago Chat.



Mr. Harvey Heed, Laceyville, O.

Catarrh, Heart Failure, Paralysis of the Throat. "I Thank God and Hood's Sarsaparilla for Perfect Health."

Could Scarcely Walk. I had a very bad spell of paralysis of the throat some time ago. My throat seemed closed and I could not swallow. The doctors said it was caused by heart failure, and gave medicine, which I took according to directions, but it did not seem to do me any good. My wife urged me to try Hood's Sarsaparilla, telling me of Mr. Joseph C. Smith, who had been

At Death's Door but was entirely cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla. After talking with Mr. Smith, I concluded to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. When I had taken two bottles I felt very much better. I have continued taking it, and am now feeling excellent. I thank God, and

Hood's Sarsaparilla and my wife for my restoration to perfect health." HARVEY HEED, Laceyville, O. HOOD'S PILLS do not purge, pain or grip, but act promptly, easily and efficiently. 25c.

HAVE YOU DECIDED WHAT TO GIVE YOUR FRIENDS, or are you WONDERING WHAT TO GIVE them for Christmas Presents? If you have decided, YOU HAD BETTER VISIT US. You will find either what you want or something that will satisfactorily take its place.

IF YOU ARE WONDERING what to give, our palstakingly bought and generously displayed stock will help you out of your trouble. Holiday Knick-knacks—useful and ornamental—in great plenty surround you HERE. From some crowded corner or overflowing shelf a pretty something or other will speak to your eye and, without argument or dispute, convince you that it is JUST THE RIGHT THING. It's worth trying.

Fancy Decorations for trees, Triple X Confectioner's Sugar, and German Walnuts are some of the things we HAVE that are not on sale everywhere. Of course, we have everything USUAL for the season.

Kulp & Wagner, GRATER'S FORD, PA.

New Dress Goods!

Our reduction sale continues and attracts so many customers and enables us to sell so many MORE GOODS than can be done at regular full prices, that we have decided to keep it up until thousands of new customers have been made to realize the fact that OUR STORE is the place for RIGHT SORT OF GOODS at the LOWEST PRICES POSSIBLE.

New Dress Goods

for Autumn and Winter, including eight grades of BLUE STORM SERGES! And a great variety of other new sorts, from the lowest priced up to fine French Silk and Wool novelties in beautiful combinations of shades in

Diagonal, Cords, Dots, Mixtures, and Stripes. In much FINER GRADES than are kept anywhere else in Pottstown.

Our New Coats which we had made to our order during the summer are coming in, and we will show the best variety ever shown in Pottstown at the very lowest prices.

GRAND Holiday Display!

Our Stock is the Largest and Most Careful We Ever Selected.

Our 25c and 50c DOLLS as leaders are the prettiest in the market. We have Dolls from 1c. up to \$1.00. Genuine Bisque Figures from \$5. up.

French China Ware Stock. Was never so complete, such as Cups, Saucers and Plates; Children's Cups and Saucers, 10c.

Choice Groceries! Our 50c. gal. Rock Candy Syrup takes the cake; 40c. gal. Sugar Syrup is heavy and fine; New Orleans Molasses is the finest we ever had.

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W. P. FENTON, 215b COLLEGEVILLE, PA.

Fall & Winter Announcement!

Having in View the Purpose of Quitting Business, we have Determined upon A Great Reduction in Prices.

Dry Goods, Cloths, Cassimeres, TO REDUCE STOCK! We will sell you goods at prices that will surprise you, quality considered. Of course you won't miss an opportunity to save money. Remember our stock is large and varied.

Hosiery, Crashes, Table Linen &c., &c. Bed Blankets from 90c. a pair, up. Underwear for Men, Women and Children.

Hardware, Crockeryware, Floor and Table Oil Cloths, Paints, Oils, Varnishes, Wall Paper, &c.

Beaver & Shellenberger TRAPPE, PA.

THE PLACE TO BUY Furniture, Carpets, Bechtel's Warerooms!

WE ARE DEVOTING OUR WHOLE TIME AND ATTENTION TO THE Housefurnishing Business.

IN ALL ITS BRANCHES. Therefore we are better prepared to meet the wants of our customers than any other place in the country. We are now prepared to show a complete assortment in—

SMYRNA, MOQUETTE and other rugs at astonishingly low prices. My customers have been convinced in buying Furniture as well as Carpets, that they can buy cheaper at our place than by going to the city.

Bed Springs, Mattresses, Feather, Bedding, Sideboards, Sinks, Lounges, Couches, and Fancy Lockers, &c.

Oil Cloths. To our extensive stock. Any new work made to order. Upholstering and all kinds of repairing done at very low prices. Moving attended to.

Give us a call, learn our prices, and be convinced. JOHN L. BECHTEL, COLLEGEVILLE, PA.

SILVERWARE

COMPLETE TEA, DINNER AND DESERT SERVICES. CAKE, BERRY, FRUIT AND CELEBY DISHES. A SUPERB ASSORTMENT COMPRISING ALL THE LATEST IDEAS OF THE SEASON.

NEW STYLES PARTICULARLY CONSPICUOUS for Elegance and Distinctiveness.

G. LANZ'S, No. 211 DeKalb Street, Norristown, Pa.

There is a Lively Movement in WATCHES, RINGS, Etc., and judicious buyers will do well to study it closely. Such an occurrence as this indicates something out of the ordinary course and, therefore worthy of special attention.

J. D. SALLADE, 16 E. Main St., NORRISTOWN.

COLLEGEVILLE DRUG STORE.

Pure Persian Insect Powder, White Hellebore and Paris Green. LARGE ASSORTMENT OF SPONGES & CHAMOIS SKINS. TAR CAMPHOR for storing clothing and robes, keeping insects out.

Don't Get the Idea That You CAN BUY Your Goods CHEAPER in the Cities Than You Can in the Country.

For it's a wrong notion, for a few simple reasons. The Store Expenses are greater by one-half in cities than in the country, and then you are likely to buy old stock. The City Merchant is looking for the hyscoids (as he calls them) to close out his old stock. DON'T suffer such an imposition as that. For a definite explanation, go to the

PROVIDENCE SQUARE STORE, JOSEPH G. GOTWALS.

Christmas Presents FOR EVERYBODY! Come and see our Grand Christmas Display. The Largest and Finest we ever had.

Special Offerings for the HOLIDAYS IN Easy Rockers, Fancy Rockers, Fine Perfumes, Silk Handkerchiefs, Carpet Sweepers, Fine Silk Umbrellas.

Fancy Bisque Stand Lamps. Hanging Lamps, French and Austrian Art Pottery, Finely Decorated Dinner and Tea Sets, Rugs and Druggets, and, Easels.

Parlor Suits, Chamber Suits, Sideboards, Dining-room Suites, Hat and Coat Racks, Children's Sets, Office Chairs, Sleds, &c., &c., &c.

We will save you money. We ask you to take a look at the display. No harm done if you do not buy. Goods delivered free of charge.

E. L. MARKLEY 211, 213 & 215 Main St. ROYERSFORD, PA. P. S.—All Christmas Purchases made at our store will be credited on a card entitling the holder to one of our famous Crayon Portraits free.

COLLEGEVILLE Carriage Works R. H. GRATER, Proprietor. A Hand-Made Carriage at Factory Made Price.

A dealer's commission means cheaper material used and less care in construction. I have now nearly completed one four Passenger Brewster Spring Surrey. Eloquent Spring Piano Body Buggy. Storm Brewster Combination Gear, absolutely the finest buggy gear in the world, with either Piano or Corning Bodies; Leather and Rubber Top. White Chapel and Single Phaeton.

These are the finest lot that ever stood in this shop. Call and give us your order, get just what you want right from the mechanic. The prices are down to the very bottom. Repairing of all kinds will receive prompt and careful attention.

OYSTERS IN EVERY STYLE. Perkiomen Bridge Hotel. Meals at All Hours. Ladies' Dining Parlor. A First-Class Caterer in Attendance. FAMILIES SUPPLIED.

BRENDLINGER'S WHITE BRONZE MONUMENTS ARE MORE ENDURING Than ANY OTHER. YOU CAN SAVE MONEY BY WRITING FOR DESIGNS & PRICES. MONUMENTAL BRONZE CO. BRIDGEPORT, CONN.

Home Flashes and Sparks From Abroad.

If it snows a satisfactory result and rains a little less

There may be sleighing yet!

A "white Christmas" would be generally appreciated.

Mary, who owned the little lamb, is married now, you know, Her first-born son is ten years old, And he to school does go.

He oft excites the teacher's ire, By fracturing the rule, Then, as of the "blam" in laugh, To see the "blam" at school.

The approach of the holidays finds the merchants who advertise in the INDEPENDENT fully prepared to accommodate

Old Santa Claus, in whatever shape he may present himself.

Be sure to read all the new advertisements in the present issue. You will find them interesting.

I wrote upon the last page in her book

A tender word of love, because I knew

That she would look upon the last page first,

Ere she read the title of it through.

The Court has decided that 1000 names be placed in the jury wheel for 1893.

In fur goods for men and women, and boys and girls, in hats and caps and underwear, and in gents' furnishing goods in general, K. M. Root, of Pottstown, is ahead. See his ad.

The case of the Commonwealth vs. John D. Rupp, charged with being responsible for the wreck at Flat Rock near Manayunk, has been continued to the March term.

Dillman Gottschall, aged 83, of near Ironbridge, was stricken with paralysis Sunday, and his condition at present is somewhat critical.

For Holiday Goods go to Beaver & Shellenberger, Trappe.

In the matter of the petition to contest the election of Charles S. Baker, Assemblyman, and Samuel Edrigh, County Treasurer, the Court on Monday ordered the contestees to appear for a hearing on January 8, 1893.

The Weather Bureau announces that November was the coldest month for twelve years. But the Republican party makes it thirty.—Norristown Times.

During the year the Indian boys at Carlisle earned \$16,698.83, and the girls \$5,170.15; total, \$24,868.98. Their savings were \$15,723.58.

Rev. C. S. Wicand, of Pottstown, unearthed a deed a few days ago that was made in 1760 and signed by Thomas and Richard Penn and transferring a tract of 47 acres of land to Rev. Wicand's great-grandfather.

At a recent meeting of the Democratic County Committee Edward F. Kane was re-elected Chairman; Oliver G. Morris, Vice-Chairman; A. H. Carn, Treasurer; William L. Dish, Henry I. Fox and W. P. Moyer, Secretaries.

The County Commissioners have appointed Henry Hallmeyer, of Townmencott township, Mercantile Appraiser for 1893.

Monday night, about 9 o'clock, fire broke out in the large barn of Alfred Comly, near Montgomeryville, and in a short time the structure was in ruins. Besides all the crops and machinery, four cows were consumed. The loss is heavy; partly covered by insurance.

J. Williams Thorne, of Salisbury township, Lancaster county, predicts that the coming winter will be very severe, but not as severe as next year; that there will be five or six weeks of good sleighing; that the navigation of the Delaware at Philadelphia will be interrupted for six weeks, and that next summer will be shorter than usual but will give an abundant crop of fruit, grain and hay.

The most acceptable Christmas gift for the older folks is a pair of gold spectacles. Optician Kline of Spring City can supply you and guarantee every pair to give satisfaction or money refunded. With R. H. Kline, Jeweler, 3t

M. E. church, Evansburg. Sabbath school at 9.30 a. m., every Sabbath. Preaching, 10.45 a. m., and every Sabbath evening at 7.30.

Episcopal service at St. James' Evansburg every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., Sunday School, 2 p. m. Also a service at Roversford at 7 p. m. Rev. A. J. Barrow, Rector.

Holy Communion on next Sunday Dec. 18th at 10.30 a. m. Preparatory services on Saturday at 2.30 p. m. A short discourse on Sunday morning by the pastor on the Atonement.

Song and praise service on next Sunday evening at 7.15 p. m. Under the direction of the Y. P. S. C. E. Subject, The Love of Jesus.

St. Luke's Sunday School will hold its Christmas Services on Christmas Eve, Saturday Dec. 24. Elaborate decorations. Good music.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION. The usual Sunday School Christmas celebration at St. James' Evansburg will be held on Christmas eve, Saturday, December 24, at 7.30.

Deserving Praise. We desire to say to our citizens, that for years we have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Dr. King's New Life Pills, Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and Electric Bitters, and have never had a remedy that sells as well, or that has given such universal satisfaction. We do not hesitate to guarantee them every time, and we stand ready to refund the purchase price, if satisfactory results do not follow their use. These remedies have won their great popularity purely on their merits. For sale by J. W. Culbert, Druggist.

BUCKLEN'S ARNICA SALVE. The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures them, or no pay required. It will cure every case of perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25c per bottle. For sale by J. W. Culbert, Druggist, Collegeville, Pa.

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Samuel Walt, aged 80 years, died on Thursday at the residence of his son in Schenksville. His children are Jacob Walt, of Grater's Ford, Samuel Walt, of Schenksville, and Mrs. Jacob S. Frederick, of Boyertown.

Deafness Can't be Cured. By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. Whenever this occurs you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and the tube restored to the normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that we cannot cure by taking Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.

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LOAD OF HAY BURNED.

Cleaver Pugh, of Trooper, was driving down Main street, Norristown, with a load of hay early Thursday morning, when he discovered that the very combustible material in his charge was ablaze. The entire load was consumed. The hay was ignited with incendiary intent by a young man who was under the influence of liquor.

THE BOOM STRIKES COLLEGEVILLE.

The boom in hotel and restaurant properties struck Collegeville quite recently. W. J. Thompson, the well-known butcher of Evansburg, has purchased of George Smith the Collegeville Restaurant property, and will take possession of the same on the first of January. The price obtained by the retiring proprietor has thus far not been made public. It is Mr. Smith's intention to remove to the city.

FELL THROUGH A FUNNEL.

Herbert, the six-year-old son of John Robison, of near this place, was playing in the barn last Friday when he fell through the hay funnel a distance of about twelve feet. Herbert was considerably shocked by the fall, but Dr. M. Y. Weber could not discover any special injuries.

CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT.

Prof. A. J. Truckess's Singing Class will give a Christmas entertainment in the Evansburg public school house on Christmas morning and during the week. Special Christmas music for the occasion is being rehearsed. The exercises will also include dialogues, recitations and instrumental music.

DEPUTIES.

Sheriff-elect A. D. Simpson has announced the appointment of Charles Johnson outside deputy and W. W. Owen inside deputy. Both gentlemen are residents of Norristown. The appointments are favorably commented upon.

ABOUT TO BUILD A HOUSE.

Walter George, the tonsorial artist of the lower ward, recently purchased of H. M. Alderfer a lot of land fronting on Broadway and lying between the residences of Mrs. Zimmerman and L. H. Ingram. Mr. George has broken ground preparatory to building a house which will include one room specially adapted to his business.

RUNAWAY.

Just as W. C. Cassaday, of Trappe, alighted from his carriage at the station, Tuesday afternoon, his big sorrel gelding frightened at the approach of a train and ran away. Mr. Cassaday was thrown down and slightly injured. The horse ran over to the Driving Park where he came to a halt. Davis Raudenbush happened that way and brought the team back to the station.

IN A PROSPEROUS CONDITION.

The following figures were not included in our report last week of the meeting of the Upper Providence Life Stock Insurance Association: Balance in treasury at last settlement, \$324,177; Receipts during the year, \$1137,57; Expenditures, \$1282,65; balance in treasury, December 5, 1892, \$179,09; uncollected tax, \$80,25. Amount of live stock insured, \$50,000.

EVENINGS WITH HYMN WRITERS.

On Sunday evening at Trinity Reformed Church, another special service on our Hymn Writers, will be held. The subject will be "Isaac Watts." There will be a short biography of this eminent writer, all the singing will be of Watts hymns. The former service was so well received that this one cannot fail to be interesting. All are invited. Exercises begin promptly at 7 o'clock.

THE FAIRVIEW HORSE COMPANY.

The annual meeting of the Fairview Horse Company was held at the Fairview Village Hotel the first Saturday of the present month. The plethoric state of the treasury allowed the management to pay to each member the sum of \$3, and still have a balance of \$600. All the old officers were re-elected, as follows: President, David Truckess—President since 1836; Vice President, David Roberts; Treasurer, A. J. Saylor; Secretary, A. J. Truckess. This prosperous Company has 103 members.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE.

A meeting preliminary to holding a Farmers' Institute in Masonic Hall, Phoenixville, January 13th and 14th next, was held in the hall of the Republic Inn in Philadelphia, when various arrangements were in a measure completed. Brother J. O. K. Roberts, of the Messenger, has the enterprise in charge, and is doing his full share to make the Institute successful from beginning to end. It is probable that Captain H. H. Petterolf, of this place, will read a paper at one of the sessions. We expect to present the program in due season.

A MUSICAL EVENT.

The leading musical event of the season at Pottstown was the appearance of Sousa's New Marine Band, a superb organization of talented musicians, in the Opera House, last Saturday afternoon. The high grade culture of every member of the band was conspicuous, and their extraordinary efficiency in executing the most difficult selections delighted every lover of first-class music. The size of the audience did not tend to create the impression that Pottstown is particularly fond of music.

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PASTOR SURPRISED.

Monday evening about 175 members of the Lower Providence Presbyterian church stormed the parsonage and surprised their pastor Rev. C. R. Brodhead. The why and wherefore of the gathering was neatly explained by Rev. S. O. Perry and in turn the pastor graciously responded. Toasts, music and singing preceded the introduction of the next lady of the parsonage to each one present. It was proposed that the happy union in prospect be consummated at once, but notwithstanding the readiness of a clergyman present to officiate, a change in the program was not deemed advisable by the parties most interested. The gifts received by the pastor were numerous.

THE COLLEGEVILLE FIRE COMPANY.

At the regular meeting of the Collegeville Fire Company held Monday evening the expenditures and receipts of the recent bazaar and supper were footed up and the necessary business pertaining thereto disposed of. The net proceeds amount to \$167. A motion was unanimously adopted instructing the Secretary Dr. E. A. Krusen to here extend on behalf of the Chairmen of the various committees a most hearty expression of thanks and warm appreciation to all who contributed either fancy work, cakes, labor in making candy, or cash, and the community in general for the generous patronage cheerfully bestowed. The members of the Company all feel that the efficient aid rendered by willing hands cannot be appreciated too highly and that the generosity of the citizens of Collegeville deserve due recognition.

A STRETCH OF EXERCISABLE ROAD.

The Norristown pike between Jeffersonville and the Norristown borough line, is at present in a most execrable condition. That stretch of road is an existing disgrace to and reproach upon civilization in general and upon Norristown township in particular, a source of most aggravating annoyance to every person traveling it and of imminent danger to the head, legs and life of every horse driven over the aggregation of big, sharp-edged rocks forming the surface of that section of a much traveled highway. It is not fit to be seen much less to be traveled and the worst specimen of all the most wretched and barbaric specimens of road-making or rather road-mutilation, we ever saw or ever wish to see. Marshall street, with its mud-ponds and mires, is becoming the leading avenue to the Hub from the north and west, for most persons would rather be swamped in mud than run the risk of having their joints dislocated or their brains dashed out amid rocks. That section of pike should be photographed and the view sent to Chicago to exhibit to the world the most abominable and utterly execrable piece of road on the face of the globe. We have not done justice to the subject under consideration for the reason that the descriptive limitations of language prevent us from doing so.

A REMARKABLE PROSPECTUS.

We have received from the Publishers of The Youth's Companion its Announcements for 1893. They promise an unusually brilliant volume. Among other notable features is a series of articles entitled: "Your Work in Life," written by persons experienced in the different trades and professions and designed to help young men and women in choosing what to do. Gen. Lew Wallace narrates the origin and growth of his famous novel, "Ben Hur," while Frank R. Stockton tells the history of "Rudyard Kipling." There will be eleven serial stories this year, besides more than one hundred stories by the most successful short story writers, besides many stirring tales of adventure. The Companion aims to be a favorite in every family, and its circulation of nearly six hundred thousand copies a week testifies how widely it is appreciated. New subscribers and new will receive the paper to January 1st, free, including the double holiday numbers. \$1.75 a year. Boston, Mass.

TREASURES FOUND IN STREET EXCAVATIONS.

In Rome the eighty-two miles of new streets made last year yielded the following "dugups": 905 amphora. 2,360 terra cotta lamps. 1,824 inscriptions on marble. 77 columns rare marble. 313 pieces of columns. 157 marble capitals. 118 bases. 590 works of art in terra cotta. 540 works of art in bronze. 711 intaglios and cameos. 103 marble sarcophagi. 152 bass-reliefs. 192 marble statues. 21 marble figures of animals. 266 busts and heads. 54 pictures in polychrome mosaic. 47 pieces of gold. 39 objects of silver. 36,679 coins.

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FROM LIMERICK.

Miss Jesse Royer, of Trappe, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. Rev. O. H. E. Raach, last week, near Fernwood.

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