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POETICAL.

THE OLD YEAR'S BLESSING.

I am fading from you, But one draweth near, Called the angel guardian Of the coming year.

If my gifts and graces Coldly you forget, Let the New Year's angel Bless and crown them yet.

For we work together: He and I are one, Let him end and perfect All I leave undone.

I brought good desires, Though as yet but seeds; Let the New Year make them Blossom into deeds.

I brought joy to brighten Many happy days; Let the New Year's angel Turn it into praise.

If I give you sickness, If I brought you care, Let him make us patience And the ainer prayer.

Where I brought you sorrow, Through his care at length, It may rise triumphant Into future strength.

If I brought you plenty, All wealth's bounteous charms Shall not the new angel Turn them into aims!

I gave health and leisure, Skill to dream and plan; Let him make them nobler Work for God and man.

If I broke your idols, Showed you they were dust, Let him turn the knowledge Into heavenly trust.

If I brought temptation, Let sin die away, Into boundless pity For all hearts that stray.

If your list of errors Dark and long appears, Let this new born monarch Melt them into tears.

May you hold this angel Dearer than the last— So I bless his future While he craves my past.

ADELAIDE A. PROCTOR.

HOW A MISER WAS CURED.

Jonas Pray was born stingy; he hid his sweetmeats from his little brothers when he was a child, and smoked his cigars alone when he was a young man.

By the time he was forty he was a very rich man, though he lived as plainly as ever, and somehow about that age the first tender feelings he had ever known crept into his heart. He fell in love with a buxom, good-tempered young woman named Sara Woolwich, and offered himself to her. He was not an ill-looking man, and when he chose could make himself agreeable. Sara liked him and accepted him.

Jonas meant to be liberal to her at first, but after a brief honeymoon, his old habits resumed their sway, and at last, the second winter of their married life coming on, Sara found that all her remarks about her shabby summer hat had no effect whatever, and that she might wait a long time without having such a thing as a comfortable cloak suggested to her. She had been a poor girl and had no tresser to speak of and she found it necessary to put her pride in her pocket and ask for what she needed. It was hard enough for a wife to do that, but to be refused was something she had not calculated on.

She knew that her husband had a large bank account—that there was no reason why she should not be dressed as well as any lady in the land. But when she had said, play-

winter things to day? I need a shawl dreadfully, he had answered, 'I thought you were too sensible a woman to run after the fashions, Sara, I'm sure you have very decent things that you might wear a long time yet.'

'That shows how much men know,' Sara answered, determined to be pleasant and not show that she was hurt. 'You would not like your wife to look shabby, Jonas?'

'Well, po,' said Jonas, 'no; but really, Sara, money is so scarce just now. Don't you think you might make what you have do you a little longer?'

'How much longer?' she asked, quietly.

'Oh, I don't know,' said Jones, 'I had an aunt who left me something when she died, who wore the same shawl and bonnet sixteen years, and boasted of it, too.'

His wife looked at him and said nothing.

'Economy is a great thing, Sara,' said Jonas, uneasily. 'It would be dreadful to die in the poor house, you know; and you don't care for other people's admiration, do you, Sara, when you know your Jonas likes you just as well in your well-saved clothes? We don't call them shabby, Sara, only well saved.'

'Call them what you please, Jonas; they merit both epithets.'

She sat quietly, with her hands folded on the table before her, for awhile. Her temper was rising fast, but she had sense enough to crush it down.

A miser is the victim of a vice that masters him just as a drunkard is. Jonas was ashamed of himself even as he spoke, and she knew it. As she looked at him a little while grief came instead of anger. There was so much that was good about Jonas. It was terrible to see this canker creeping over it all; to see the pinched lines about his mouth, the strange, anxious look in his eyes. Sara thought of stories she had read about misers; how they starved themselves while they counted their gold; how some of them died in the dark to save candles, and how, through a long illness one of them refused to have a pillow bought for him, or even a little sauceman in which to heat his porridge. World Jonas grow to be as bad as these? How could she tell? Once or twice of late he had found fault with the amount used, and moaned over his butcher's bill. But men generally did something of that sort; she had heard, and men knew nothing about dress. She arose, softly, and went out of the room, and brought back her shawl and bonnet and laid them before him on the table.

'Jonas, dear,' she said, 'I don't want to be unreasonable, but look at these; see how shabby they are. They were nice when we were married, but they were cheap, very cheap, and cheap things fade so. I have made everything I had do for two years. I did not like to ask for clothes. You know you gave me two pairs of gloves in our honeymoon; I have them still.'

'What a good, careful girl,' said Jonas, caressing her dark hair, as she came and sat on a low stool beside him.

'Yes, I have been careful, it is, my nature to be careful,' said Sara.

'Few rich men's wives would have done so much. Now look at these things, my dear.'

Jonas looked. There came a time afterward when it seemed to him that the faded tint of that shawl, its dingy palm leaves of yellow brown, and the wilted flowers and shabby ribbons of the bonnet had been seared into his brain. He looked at them long and lingeringly. He knew that his wife was reasonable, and that things were, and had long been, unfit for her to wear. But his money tugged at his heart-strings.

'Suppose you wear them just one winter more—just one.'

'The shawl is very thin,' she said, 'I shall catch cold again, as I did last winter.'

'Poor girl,' he said softly, and looked towards the desk where his check-book lay. But the grip of the fiend that rules a miser's soul nipped him sorely as he did so.

'They wear saques a good deal, Sara, don't they?' he said.

'Oh, they are very fashionable,' replied Sara.

'Then couldn't you make one out of that old billiard-cloth that is in

the trunk-room?' asked Jonas, 'my poor mother bought it at an auction. She meant to use it for a coverlet; but it's a very pretty green, don't you think so, Sara? and such nice material.'

There is a limit to woman's patience; this suggestion measured Sara's. She started to her feet and gathering up her bonnet and shawl walked out of the room. After she had gone, Jonas really looked at his check-book, and, for at least two minutes, contemplated drawing a large check, and telling his wife he had been teasing her. But he could not bring himself to do it.

After a while his wife looked into the room with her old bonnet and shawl on and said:

'Jonas, I am going to spend the day with my sister-in-law, but I shall be home before dinner time.'

'I hope you will enjoy yourself, my dear,' said Jonas.

He saw her eyes were heavy with weeping, and looked away ashamed of himself. Then he betook himself to his office where he ground out his money and during the day compromised with himself. He would do no extravagant thing, but when he went home he would give his wife what was necessary. And after all, as he said to himself it would have been better to do it. He had grieved her, and she was the only thing he loved on earth.

He went home earlier than usual that evening, to make what amends his soul would consent to, and as he walked briskly along, being light upon his feet yet—for who has ever heard of a miser growing fat!—he thought he would never again bring the tears to those good, kind eyes. Never, never again, and then—what was that crowd? People were coming his way, looking backward as they came. Men, boys, women, all the throng that an accident or an arrest will collect in the city. And now he was in the midst of the throng and close to four policemen, who, with set faces, marched in time, bearing between them a stretcher on which lay a human form. It was covered—covered with a shawl. Jonas looked. Oh, heavens! he knew the pattern of that shawl; only a few hours before its dingy palm leaves of yellow brown, its faded fringe, its shabby brown center had been spread out before him. It was his wife's shawl!

'Stop—stop—stop!' he cried. 'Let me see her—let me see her?'

'Do you know her?' asked a policeman.

'Let me see her face,' said Jonas, 'I know her face; that's a kind of seal, near by, supported him by the arm.'

'You would not know her face; a telegraph pole fell on her; it is crushed all out of shape,' said the policeman. 'But shawls are alike; keep up your courage. I do not think this is any relation of yours; she's too shabby. See here, this is her bonnet, you don't know that?'

The policeman held up a bonnet. It was crushed and soaked with blood; but Jonas knew it—the streaked ribbon, and a flower among the other flowers had lost its petals. He had fingered it as it lay on the table beside him.

'Yes, I know it!' he cried, 'she is Sara; it's my wife!'

Then he pulled away the shawl from the crushed face, and fainted outright. Just as his senses left him he heard some one say:

'His wife? Why, I thought she was a beggar.'

And another answered: 'Like enough—they call him a miser. I know him. His name is Jonas Pray.'

They carried the poor woman to Jonas Pray's old house, helping him to follow, as he became himself. She was laid upon her bed, and there was a coroner's inquest and then women prepared her body for burial, talking among themselves of the shame it was that she, a rich man's wife, should be so clad; and then their work finished; they went away, that he might be alone with her, if he would. But before the time came he had a cab called and went away in it. He was driven to a large dry-goods store, where he asked to see the manager, and was shown to his office.

'He has come to beg,' thought the manager; and his what can I do for you? was curt. But Jonas cared nothing for anyone's manner now.

He answered, sadly: 'I want to buy a shawl.'

'A salesman will attend to you, sir,' said the manager.

'No,' said Jonas, 'I am too ill, too broken to talk to a salesman, I can trust you. I want the costliest shawl you have.'

'A madman,' thought the manager, 'our costliest is \$5000,' said he, repressing a smile.

'Have it put up for me,' said Jonas.

'Certainly, my dear sir,' said the manager to himself.

But Jonas had taken a check from his pocket, and with trembling hands was filling up the blanks.

The manager looked it over carefully. 'Jonas Pray,' he said, more respectfully. Then it flashed upon him that he had read of a fatal accident to this man's wife that day. It was a strange proceeding, altogether. Secretly he called others to look at his customer. One knew him; financially he was all right.

'And the rest is none of our business,' said the manager, as he saw the bundle of splendor carried down stairs after Jonas Pray. 'They spoke of him as a miser, in the paper. That is a pretty purchase for a miser.'

Meanwhile Jonas was driven home. From the door floated long streamers of black crape. No sweet face smiled a greeting. Carrying the shawl under his arm he went up stairs to the darkened room, where under straight folds of white drapery, seemed to lay the form of his wife. A watcher sat there; he sent her away; and then, alone in the room he knelt down beside the bier.

'Sara,' he said, 'Sara, can you hear me? I loved you, Sara; but I was such a miser—such a miser; but I've bought you a shawl at last. Oh! Sara, Sara! as much as I could for you, you shall be warm.'

At that moment he cried: 'Oh! Jonas, Jonas! Oh, my poor Jonas!'

And turning he saw his wife, either in the spirit or in the flesh, standing behind him. His knees trembled under him. But the figure came closer. It was no ghost, but a living woman, and she took him in her arms.

'Oh, how ill you look,' she said. 'Did you really love me so? And this is all my fault. I went to my sister-in-law's, and there in a fret—oh, I was so angry, Jonas—I gave away my dress, my shawl and my bonnet to a beggar woman, and vowed to sit in my sister's dressing gowns until you gave me decent clothes to come home in. And the poor woman, who was tipsy, too, my dear, was killed two hours after wards, and I never knew what she had been taken for me until this morning. Oh, such a dirty creature, my dear, the papers described her. And for a little while I was glad you had a fright, but I am sorry now that I was!'

For an answer he picked up the costly shawl and wrapped it about her, and took her, folded in it like a mummy, in his arms.

'The miser is dead,' he said, 'but Jonas Pray will show his wife how he can cherish her!'

He did; and if afterwards Sara detected symptoms of a relapse, all she had to do was to wrap herself in the wonderful shawl. The sight of it inevitably recalled the moment when he learned how little, after all, is the value of money. He may, indeed, love his money yet, but he knows that he loves his Sara more.

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WHAT BOLDNESS!

Most of the influential papers of the Democratic press and many of the leaders of the party have recently been urging the necessity of an extra session of the Legislature at an early day.

Such an outrage is now threatened to be visited on the people of Virginia. We have read with a feeling of profound disgust the arguments that have been used by some of the leading Democratic papers of the State in favor of an extra session.

An extra session of the Legislature will cost the people sixty thousand dollars. Are they willing to pay that much to aid in prolonging the existence of the unworthy and incompetent Democratic party?

IT WILL NOT SUCCEED.

It is evidently the purpose of the Democratic party in Virginia, if it cannot otherwise relieve itself from the embarrassing position in which it has been placed on the debt question, to openly and unblushingly espouse repudiation.

The motive which inspires the Democracy is as corrupt and unpatriotic as its record is black and reprehensible. No honest or honorable motive could influence a party in taking a step when it is made at the expense of everything which has the semblance of consistency upon a question, which that party has insisted in reducing to one of "honor and integrity."

The Democrats and Republicans are for the same thing, we are all for the Riddleberger bill. This will be the catch sentence and keynote of the Democratic campaign under the flag of repudiation.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND is evidently suffering from failing health.

WILL the present Democratic House of Representatives pass the Blair bill? Not much.

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Deuring sent On.

The continued case of C. H. T. Deuring, charged with intending unlawfully to impede and obstruct the administration of justice in the Cluverius case, inasmuch as, according to the charge against him, he "did then and there unlawfully and corruptly conspire and confederate and agree with some person or persons unknown, to offer to Herman Joel money, and thereby attempt to persuade and induce the said Herman Joel to make a false statement to the Governor of Virginia, touching a matter before him concerning application of one Thomas J. Cluverius for a pardon or commutation of the sentence against him, the said T. J. Cluverius having been sentenced for murder by the Hastings Court of the city of Richmond," was tried in the Police Court yesterday evening.

Mr. Herman Joel reiterated the testimony before given, that Deuring attempted to bribe him to forget what he knew about the witness key witness in the Cluverius case. Officer Chesterman, who was under the counter during the second interview of Deuring with Joel, corroborated the latter's statement.

After the testimony was received, Mr. Alston Cabell, of counsel for defendant, arose and asked to have the case dismissed, as the accused had been only guilty of very immoral act, but not an unlawful one.

Mr. Edgar Allan was willing to submit the case upon the evidence given, but asked that the accused be sent out to the grand jury.

Mr. Edmund Waditt, of counsel for defendant, asked upon what charge.

Mr. Allan replied: "Conspiracy." The justice said he would send Deuring on to the grand jury on the warrant against him.

Bail was allowed the accused in the sum of \$500. Mr. John S. Brauer going security in the sum of \$400, and Mr. George Guverator in the sum of \$100.

Farmers on the Pacific are busily engaged in plowing.

A board of trade will shortly be established in the city of Chihuahua, Mexico.

The failure of Campanini's voice is said to be owing to his indulgence in whiskey and selzer.

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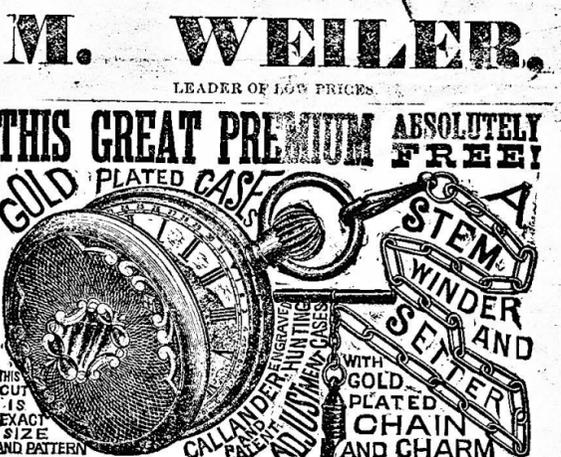
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NORFOLK & WESTERN R. R.

TIME TABLE IN EFFECT NOV. 14, 1886.

Table with columns: TIME, East'n Stand'd, No. 1, WESTWARD, No. 3, WESTWARD, No. 21. Rows include Lv Norfolk, Lv Suffolk, Lv Petersburg, etc.

Parlor and sleeping cars between Bristol and Norfolk on trains No. 1 and 3 (after July 25th).

Connections: Leave Norfolk 6:40 a. m. daily, except 9:35 a. m. daily. Arrive Richmond 10:35 a. m. daily, except Sunday.

Leave Richmond 7:20 a. m. daily, except Sunday, connecting with No. 3 at Petersburg for all points on line of N. & W. R. R.

Leave Richmond daily at 10:49 a. m. and 2:48 p. m. arrives at Norfolk 3:30 p. m. daily and 6:10 p. m. daily.

Leave Richmond daily except Sunday via R. & A. R. R. 8:00 a. m. and 6:45 p. m. arriving at Lynchburg at 2:00 p. m. and 3:35 p. m., connecting with trains on Western Division.

Pullman Palace Car on all Trains. Eastward Daily.

Table with columns: TIME, Eastern Stand'd, No. 2, EASTWARD, No. 21. Rows include Leave Bristol, Lv Abingdon, Lv Marion, etc.

Connections: At Roanoke both No. 2 and 4 connects with S. V. Railroad. No. 4 has Pullman Sleepers to New York without change via S. V. R. R. and Harrisonburg. No. 2 has Pullman Sleepers to Washington without change via B. & O. Railroad.

At Lynchburg, C. M. R. leaves Lynchburg for the North 7:30 a. m. daily, except Sunday, and 2:00 p. m. and 1:00 a. m. daily; leaves Lynchburg 6:10 p. m. and 4:55 a. m. daily; for Danville and the South, Richmond & Alleghany R. R. leaves Lynchburg at 2:10 p. m. and 9:55 p. m., arriving at Richmond 1:30 p. m. daily, except Sunday.

No. 2 makes connections via Petersburg for Richmond, arriving at Richmond 1:30 p. m. daily. At Norfolk No. 2 arrives 3:10 p. m., connecting with Bay Line Steamer, leaving Norfolk daily except Sunday for Baltimore at 6:00 and Old Dominion for New York on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, with N. Y. P. & N. Railroad daily, leaving Norfolk at 6:00 p. m.

New River Division

Eastward (except Sunday) Westward. 2:49pm arr. Central. 10:10. 5:16am lve. New River. 11:15am lve. 1:16pm lve. Staytle. 11:15am lve. 1:25pm lve. Ripplenead. 11:27am lve. 1:06pm lve. Wrentham. 11:27pm lve. 12:55pm lve. Waverly. 11:27pm lve. 12:45pm lve. Oakvale. 11:27pm lve. 1:00am lve. Roanoke. 11:27pm lve.

All inquiries as to Rates, Routes, etc., promptly answered. If you are going to travel, drop a letter or postal to ALLEN HULL, Passenger Agent, Roanoke, Va.

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RICHMOND AND ALLEGHANY RAILROAD.

Schedule of trains in Effect Nov. 3, 1886.

Table with columns: WEST BOUND, MAIL, ACCOM, EX. Rows include Lv. Richmond, Ar. Scottsville, etc.

Table with columns: EAST BOUND, MAIL, ACCOM, EX. Rows include Lv. Clif. Forge, Lv. Galin Water, etc.

Trains marked * daily except Sunday trains marked † daily.

No. 24 leaves Lexington Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 2 p. m., connecting with Mail train West.

Trains on Buckingham Railroad Branch leave Bristol for Avon daily except Sunday at 6:28 a. m. and 6:28 p. m. Returning, leave Avon daily except Sunday at 6:50 a. m. and 6:45 p. m.

Sleeping cars attached to trains Nos. 9 and 10 between Lynchburg and Richmond.

Connections: At Clifton Forge with C. & O. R. R. for the Southwest, Northwest.

At Lynchburg with Norfolk & Western for all points South, Southeast and Southwest. V. M. Railroad for all points North and South.

At Richmond with Associated Railways for all points in the South, and R. F. & P. R. R. for all points North.

For other information apply to J. H. SANDS, G. P. & T. Ag't. Richmond, Va.

PHIPPS MILLER,

LOCAL EDITOR AND BUSINESS MANAGER.

Briefs and Personals.

Note the change in the N. & W. schedule.

Mrs. E. J. Haller has been quite sick.

Mr. Reed Patton spent his holidays in our town.

Miss Mamie Kelly, of Saltville, was in town last week.

No preaching in the Presbyterian church on next Sunday.

The N. & W. Railroad got out ice a few miles above town.

Mr. Chas. Manry came up from Bristol to spend the holidays.

The small boy is thinking how long it will be till next Xmas.

Walter Jackson returned from his visit to Baltimore last Saturday.

Miss Leona Palmer returned from her visit in Georgia last week.

The ragamuffins didn't visit our town this year as has been the custom.

Miss Leona Palmer, of the Glade Spring Institute, was in town last week.

Mr. Jim Davis, of Cripple Creek, Wye county, was in town last week.

Rev. Dickenson is in the city visiting his brother, Dr. S. M. Dickenson.

Dr. Murphy and brother of Bristol were visiting Mr. Geo. Henderlite last week.

The Misses Buchanan, of Emory, were visiting Miss Nannie Sexton last week.

The Misses Cox, of Holstein Mills, were visiting in our town during the festive season.

Miss Allison, of Glade Spring, was the guest of Miss Laura Lincoln during Xmas week.

A. E. Pruner and lady of Lodi, Washington county, spent the holidays in our city.

Mr. Jas. S. Rhea, student at Hampden-Sidney College, spent his holidays in our town.

Frank Moore broke and entered Mr. John Hull's house last week. He made good his escape.

The Methodist S. School did not have their entertainment on Christmas eve as was expected.

Our jailer, Mr. Wilmore, has not had any boarders for two months. He proposes to open a school.

Messrs. Haynes Mergan and John Thomas came from Emory to spend the holidays with their friends.

The boys had a rattling time on Xmas day. Anvils, cannon, and pop crackers made noise enough.

Those who have ice houses are filling them rapidly as their first opportunity has been afforded this week.

The new Postal Cards are coming into use. The objection to the old type that too little space was given for the address.

We call the attention of the traveling public to the schedule of the Shenandoah Valley Railroad, which appears in this issue.

The Odd Fellows enjoyed an oyster supper on Tuesday evening. Mr. Scherer was presented a jewel by his admiring friends in the order.

We have received Hiram Sibley's annual catalogue of seeds. It is well gotten up and gives full directions for any seeds you are likely to use.

We have received Vick's Floral Guide. It is handsomely gotten up and contains valuable information on practical and ornamental gardening.

Mr. Frank Francis and lady left for Abingdon on last Saturday morning to visit relatives and friends for a few days. Mr. Francis returned on Sunday night.

The Good Templars had their social supper in the Opera House on Saturday night. A large number of the members were present and all enjoyed themselves.

Mr. Geo. Wright's little child died on last Tuesday the 27th, aged 3 weeks. The funeral exercises took place on Wednesday from the house and under the direction of Rev. Leith.

David Tatam, of Ohio, will deliver a lecture Monday night on Intemperance. He is a fluent speaker and comes highly recommended. The place will be duly announced. All are earnestly invited to attend.

Mr. Peter Copenhaver, father of our townsman, E. H. Copenhaver, has been very sick. Yesterday his life was despaired of and his family summoned. He is somewhat better this morning.

The members of the Home minstrel troupe are preparing to give a concert in the near future. Circumstances over which they had no control prevented their last entertainment from being what they wished it should be, and they propose to redeem themselves.

Gen. Loring, formerly of the U. S. Army, the confederate army and later of the Egyptian army, died in New York City on last Thursday evening. He was well known in Southwest Va., as he commanded a division here during the civil war.

Mr. H. Thompson and Miss Maggie Iron left for Bristol on Monday night and were there made one. After spending a few days in Bristol they left for Knoxville the home of the groom. They have the Herald's best wishes.

AUTHORIZED BY GOV. LEE.—The celebrated "Kranich and Bach" is the only piano purchased by the State and now in use at the "Governors Mansion." J. D. Hobbie Lynchburg, is the manufacturers State agent for this fine piano and will give the lowest factory prices and most liberal terms. Write to him.

Wm. Atkins lost his fine horse yesterday. While riding above town, the horse took fright at an approaching train and Mr. Atkins dismounted and attempted to hold him. The horse got away, ran in front of the train and had his leg broken and received many bruises. The horse had to be killed to relieve his suffering.

All of the churches and good people of our town are observing this week as one of especial prayer. The subject for Monday night was Praise; Tuesday—Humility; Wednesday—Prayer; Thursday—School and Colleges; Friday—Saturday—Temperance. The Good Templars will attend in a body on Saturday. The meetings have been well conducted, well attended, and may result in great good.

That great and illustrious soldier and statesman, Gen. John A. Logan, is dead. As a soldier he was noted for his indomitable courage, and for his military genius, and gained high distinction for his fidelity to the Union. His character as a statesman is unimpeachable and the loss of the rough diamond, as some have been pleased to call him, will be irreparable to the country.

Mr. Jas. Nickols and Miss Blenda Vaughn were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on the 23rd ultimo, at the residence of the bride's grandmother, Dr. Leith officiating. The happy couple were the recipients of many beautiful and costly presents. We offer our congratulations and join in with their many friends in wishing them a long life of unbroken felicity.

Mr. Joe Kelly met with a strange accident on last Friday night. A party given by Mr. Thomas had just broken up and the gentlemen were waiting at the door for the ladies to put on their wraps. Mr. Kelly attempted to step up in the air and struck the top of the door with much force. The blow cut an ugly gash on his head and two physicians were called in and dressed the wound. He is doing very well at present and nothing serious whatever is feared.

The Georgia Minstrels deserve success. The troupe is composed of 20 colored artists. They showed in our town on the night of the 24th ultimo and gave more general satisfaction than has been known for years. Their rendition of plantation and popular songs was superb and the jokes were, for the most part, new and laughable. Geo. Jackson, alone, would draw a crowd. The orchestral music was very good and the cornet band scored a complete success in the open air concert.

We regret to have to announce to our readers the death of Miss Anna Jackson, which occurred in Abingdon on the 1st inst. She was well known in our town as she was, for a long time, connected with the millinery store of F. Alexander and later with Geo. F. Crush, in whose employment she was until her death. Miss Jackson was a refined, christian lady, and had endeared herself very much to the young and old of our town by her modest ways, captivating manners, and social qualities. Her employer will feel his loss as her social qualities were not greater than her business capacities.

What a grand, great country this is with its vast territory, its big rivers, its pretty women and its Veni Vidi Vici cure. It's Salvation Oil.

We are sorry that lack of space forbids any detailed account of last week's pleasures. Parties were given by Judge and Mrs. Kelly, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Lincoln, Mr. and Mrs. Francis, Mr. and Mrs. Scherer, Mr. and Mrs. Boatwright, Mr. and Mrs. Look, Mr. Will Copenhaver, Mr. and Mrs. Fell, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mr. Henry Hull, Mrs. Britton, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Seaver, and many other places. It isn't worth while to expatiate, but to say that these people sustained their reputation for the entertainment of the young folks, will be sufficient account of the hospitality that everywhere greeted them.

The entertainment given by the ladies of the Palladian Literary Society was a great success. The large and respectful audience that had assembled was first entertained by recitations, dialogues &c. After this the young ladies went through the Broom drill, under the leadership of Capt. W. P. Francis, with grace and exactness. Another company drilled with fans, Miss Gundy commanding, and received rounds of applause. After this the audience went to the dining room to enjoy the elegant supper prepared by the young ladies. After supper was over the evening was spent in social enjoyment till a late hour. A neat sum was realized and we return thanks for the young ladies to the people for their presence and appreciation.

We are indebted to Mr. Jas. H. Francis, Town Recorder, for the following items: During 1886 rain fell on 113 days; snow fell on 33 days. Rain fell on 20 days of June, 18 days of July; and 19 days of August. The greatest extremes of cold and heat were Jan. 12th and July 29th.

MORTUARY REPORT FOR 1886: No. of white persons, 23. Males, 11, Females, 12, No. of colored persons, 9. Males, 3, Females, 6. Total No. of deaths—32. No. of interments in white division of Roundhill Cemetery, 27. In colored division, 14. Several persons were interred in the Cemetery who did not reside in the corporate limits.

Purify. The blood is the most important part of the system and it is of the highest importance that it be kept pure. With impure blood no one need expect to enjoy good health. Hart's Blood and Liver Pills are well adapted to cleanse the blood, and should be used freely.

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Anecdote of Gen. Grant. Gen. Grant, on his return to this country, is said to have been severely afflicted with a cough, contracted while crossing the ocean, and which had stubbornly refused to yield to any treatment. A friend procured for him a bottle of Symphyx, and by its use he was in a few hours entirely relieved. He remarked to his friend: "Men look upon me as a great soldier, but this bottle of Symphyx is greater than I. My calling has been to destroy men's lives, but this medicine is a victorious savior of men. I shall never be without it again."

Business Notices. S. C. Painter is selling goods cheaper than ever.

S. C. Painter is sole agent for the celebrated "Walker" boots and shoes.

The finest stock of spring goods ever brought to Marion at S. C. Painter's.

A LARGE stock of men and boys straw, fur and wool hats at S. C. Painter's.

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Those persons who were fortunate enough to be able to attend the exercises of the Nestorian Literary Society enjoyed a literary treat. After a prayer, by Rev. McPheeters, Mr. Graham Hull opened the exercises by a declamation on Aaron Burr, which called forth merited applause. Mr. James Henderlite then read an essay on Christmas.

The question—"Resolve that war is a more important agent than intemperance in the destruction of the human race", was then discussed by P. B. Henderlite and J. W. Sheffer of the A.F., and by Bascom Copenhaver and Luther Scherer of the N.G. The speeches of the young men showed that they had given the question much thought but the A.F. were unable to prove to the committee that war is the more destructive agent. Mr. D. D. Hull then delivered an oration on — and received many compliments. He is one of the best speakers in the society. The second speaker Mr. Gaylord Goodell entertained all by his happy oration on Success, after which Mr. Thomas Copenhaver read an essay on the chief occupations of the world. As each branch of industry was mentioned a representative would appear bearing the chosen insignia of his calling. The exercise was gotten up by Prof. Greiner and was carried out by the young men in such a manner as to reflect the greatest credit on all.

To The Grand Council and Companions of Marion R. A. Chapter No. 54. A. F. & A. M.

Your committee, the undersigned, appointed to report resolutions in reference to the death of companion, G. G. Goodell, beg leave to submit the following: Whereas the Allwise Jehovah, the Great I Am, did enter our chapter and remove by death our oldest and very highly respected companion G. G. Goodell, whom we all delighted to honor; whose influence and power as a Mason, as well as a citizen, we did not hesitate to admit and whose will and pridential counsels we will no longer bear from mortal lips and animated soul; and whereas it is meet and proper and our desire to express our appreciation of our deceased companion, while he lived with us, in appropriate manner before, be it

Resolved, that a great loss in our companion, G. G. Goodell, who was a tried and true, who was a s. adviser; one who clung to the anchor landmarks of our order; one who was a thoughtful and devoted companion, who could survey moral machinery and its beautiful operations, and contemplate with increasing delight, that splendid moral temple which our ancient companions erected; one who was ever willing to lead the blind by a way they knew not, to lead them in paths they had not known, to make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight, and one who always had compassion, and give aid to those who were in adversity.

2d, That this preamble and these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this chapter and a copy of same be furnished Mrs. Copenhaver, daughter of our deceased companion, and also that the town papers be requested to publish.

Respectfully submitted, J. H. FRANCIS, D. C. MILLER, J. B. BREA, Com.

NOTICE!

There will be a special convocation of Marion Royal Arch Chapter No. 54, on Monday night, Jan'y 10th. All R. A. M's are requested to attend. Work in Royal Arch degree, and o'ers.

By order of the HIGH PRIEST.

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W. D. Hoyt & Co., Wholesale and Retail Druggists of Rome, Ga., say: We have been selling Dr. King's New Discovery, Electric Bitters and Bucklen's Arnica Salve for two years. Have never handled remedies that sell as well, or give such universal satisfaction. There have been some wonderful cures effected by these medicines in this city. Several cases of protracted Constipation have been entirely cured by the use of a few bottles of Dr. King's New Discovery, taken in conjunction with Electric Bitters. We guarantee them always. Sold by JOHN S. PENDLETON, MARION, VA.

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Read the prospectus of St. Nicholas for '87. Leave \$4.00 at this office and you get it and the PATRIOT AND HERALD one year. A good offer!

POISON IN THE ASHES

What the Mt. Lebanon Shakers Found—Incident in the History of a Quiet Community.

The Mount Lebanon (New York) Shakers are a quiet community, secluded from the fret and worry of the outside world. They are widely known, however, for their strict honor and probity in business.

The Shakers believe that nature has a remedy for every disease. A few have been found—the rest are as yet unknown. Many were discovered by accident. Others came to light as the result of patient experiment and research.

Nervous Dyspepsia is a comparatively new disease, growing out of the conditions of modern life. It is a joint affection of the digestive organs and of the nervous system. These two were formerly treated as separate ailments, and it was left for the clear-sighted Shakers to prove that the basis of this terrible and often fatal complication lies chiefly in the disordered and depraved functions of digestion and nutrition. They reasoned thus:—"If we can induce the stomach to do its work, and stimulate the excretive organs to drive out of the body the poisonous waste matters which remain after the life-giving elements of the food have been absorbed, we shall have conquered Nervous Dyspepsia and Nervous Exhaustion. And they were right.

Knowing the infallible power of Shaker Extract (Seigel's Syrup) in less complicated though similar diseases, they resolved to test it fully in this. To leave no ground for doubt they prescribed the remedy in hundreds of cases which had been pronounced incurable—with perfect success in every instance where their directions as to living and diet were scrupulously followed. Nervous Dyspepsia and Exhaustion is a peculiarly American disease. To a greater or less extent half the people of this country suffer from it—both sexes and all ages. In no country in the world are there so many insane asylums filled to overflowing, all resulting from this alarming disease. Its leading symptoms are these: Frequent or continual headache; a dull pain at the base of the brain; bad breath; nauseous eructations; the rising of sour and pungent fluids to the throat; a sense of oppression and faintness at the pit of the stomach; fatulence; wakefulness and loss of sleep; disgust with food even when weak from the need of it; sticky or slimy matter on the teeth or in the mouth, especially on rising in the morning; furred and coated tongue; dull eyes; cold hands and feet; constipation; dry or rough skin; inability to fix the mind on any labor calling for continuous attention; and oppressive and sad forebodings and fears.

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Miss Okey Sprinkle has just returned from her trip north and is now receiving the largest and most carefully selected stock of goods ever seen in Marion. They have all the latest patterns in ladies fine dress goods, a splendid line of ladies fine shoes, fall and winter hats elegant trimmings, ribbons, etc. Have also collars, cuffs, Hamburg, &c., &c. Ladies make this their headquarters as they are waited on exclusively by ladies. Also have best brands of chewing tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, ties, scarfs, etc., etc. Have the purest and best candies, citron, spices &c. Your patronage is solicited.

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Blankets, Towels and Handkerchiefs,

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