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Country Life.

I presume, Mr. Editor, that you like many others take a little time to look around in spring time. In doing so, does not a feeling of sympathy arise within you for those poor people who are pent up in the cities of New York, Philadelphia, and like places, where souls can see nothing but brick and mortar, unless they look straight up at the stars?

Spring time to them, brings little change in their surroundings, and all they appear to see of the country is the produce sent them. Sometimes they see a few sparrows, and those not in the freedom of country life. Apple blossoms are to them a rarity with which no city jewels can compare.

The perfume, the promise of fruit, the glorious blending with the objects around serve only to make a complete picture. To look on nature when she puts on her spring raiment, is a beautiful sight indeed. Yes, even the green leaves have their place; see how nicely they contrast with the newly turned up earth; the rows of vines, strawberries, raspberries, blackberries, all help to make out her first dress-parade.

And here, sir, I wish to make special mention of the great change that has taken place in the way of cultivation. Instead of weeds, brush, grass, and that very objectionable sorrel, I see long rows of vines, thrifty looking rye and oats, giving good promise for the future; all clean; all showing sound judgement. No profit in raising sorrel—sorrel—sorrel!

Success means raising good crops; every farmer knows that; but every farmer does not do it, just the same. I am told that weeds were defended as not being injurious to growing crops; that will not pass with the boarding-house mistress; she knows right well that it takes more to keep two boarders than one. I think the farmer sees it too and is turning his knowledge to account.

Southern Jersey I have heard sneered at, as a place unfit to live in,—sand, brush and mosquitoes. But what has surprised me is, the short time it has taken to clear out the oaks and pines, and put in their place almost a garden! We need not go to Florida and fight with malaria, and sacrifice our physical strength in shipping a few early nuggets in the shape of truck. By the time a few more get there, the market demand will be ever, both by having the production increased and for want of buyers. The mass make the market, not the dollar per quart people JERSEY.

Most of the insurgent prisoners in the Northwest Territory have been allowed to return to their lands, but Keil and other leaders are held for trial.

"WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?"—"Well, not much in particular. But I am a little ailing all over. I don't sleep well, and my kidneys are out of order, and I don't enjoy my meals, and I've a touch of rheumatism, and once in a while a touch of neuralgia." Now, neighbor, you seem to want a general fixing up; and the thing to do it is Brown's Iron Bitters. Mr. A. J. Pickrell, of Ennis, Texas, says, "I was a sickly man. Brown's Iron Bitters made me healthy and strong."

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Hereafter the continued refusal of the Treasury Department clerks to pay their just debts is to be considered sufficient cause for their discharge.

Veteran Union soldiers are being removed from the Treasury Department.

Cunningham and Burton were convicted of causing the dynamite explosion at the Tower of London and sentenced to penal servitude for life.

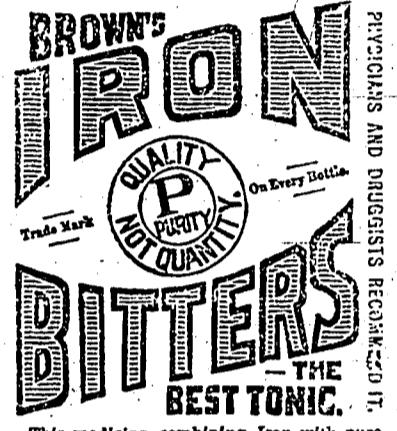
Up in Toronto they fine newsboys for selling newspapers on Sunday. The wicked people who buy and read the papers belong to the first families, and so they go free.

Ayer's Sarsaparilla has such highly concentrated, curative power, that it is by far the cheapest, and surest blood purifier known.

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FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

Men's merits have their seasons as well as faults.

One vice is more expensive than many virtues.

Much can much care; much meat much malady.

Good, the more communicated, more abundant grows.

Danger has a strange respect for those who defy it.

Better suffer from truth than prosper by falsehood.

The road to heaven is equally short where'er we die.

He who is scared by words, has no heart for deeds.

He who is of no use to himself is of no use to anyone.

Nothing is so secret but time and truth will reveal it.

Integrity is a virtue which seeks and needs no costumes.

A button is one of these events that are always coming off.

Manual gratification advances the pleasures of friendship.

To keep one's opinion is a cheap pleasure and a sweet one.

He who pretends to know everything proves that he knows nothing.

What part men's natiqated like a whale? Because they are tired.

What part of speech do shopkeepers most anxious to sell? Articles.

Pleasure may come of illusio, but happiness can only come of reality.

That which you have, and everybody else has at the same time—A name.

The ship that carries more passengers than the Great Eastern—Court-ship.

A glove fight—Trying to put on a number five on a number seven hand.

The duration of passion is no more in our power than the duration of life.

Why is a clock always bashful? Because its hands are ever before its face.

Darling, this potato is only half done." "Then eat the other half, love."

What vocalist can lay claim to having ever been listened to by an ear of corn?

Love is blind. That is why so many young people like to court in the dark.

Why is a tradesman who keeps enlarging his stock like a reptile? He's an adder.

What is that which never asks a question yet requires many answers? A donkey.

We would not have affliction visit you twice, listen at once to what it teaches.

Show us the young lady whose waist has ever been encompassed by an arm of the sea.

What is defeat? Nothing but education, nothing but the first step to something better.

Keep carefully out of a quarrelsome person's way, and still more carefully out of his ways.

A person under the firm persuasion that he can command resources virtually had them.

You may take the greatest trouble and bring it around and find joy on the other side.

"Hard times," muttered the tramp when he tried to cut a clothes-robe and found it made of wire.

When a tree is felled, why has it no right to complain? Because it was axed whether it would or not.

Why is a comet more like a dog than the hog-star? Because a comet has got a tail, and the dog-star hasn't.

If hit you in the mark, you must aim a little above it; every arrow that aims feels the attraction of the earth.

It is the pleasure of the gods—that what is in conformity with justice shall also be in conformity to the laws.

Whatever people may think of you, do that which you believe right. Be alike indifferent to censure or praise.

Ethicism is nothing new to the gods. From his earliest history he is known to have been justly all but.

The moment we feel angry in ourselves we have already ceased striving for truth and begun striving for ourselves.

He who is dear to the hearts is near, though far as he can be; he whom the heart rejects is remote, though near as our very self.

Any coward can fight a battle when he's sure of winning; but give me the man who has pluck to fight when he is sure of losing.

It is better to be a beggar than an ignorant person; for a beggar only wants money, while an ignorant person wants humanity.

Patriotism, like charity, must begin at home. From this centre our sympathies may extend in an ever extending circle.

Faith in a sublime truth, loyalty to a great purpose, will make the faces of men shine like the sun, and their raiment white as the light.

Whatever busies the mind without corrupting it, has at least this use: That it rescues the day from idleness; and he that is never idle will seldom be vicious.

Chivalry is not confined to the relation of the sexes. It is a sentiment which should rightly inspire all who are highly favored in any respect towards those who are less fortunate.

Where are there two things so opposite and yet so nearly related, so unlike and yet often so hard to be distinguished from each other, as humility and pride?

New French Fortifications.

The new French military frontier is to the old one what the repeating rifle is to the flint-lock musket. During the war of 1870 the border was defended only by two or three first-class forts and some fortresses of the second rank built at hap hazard before the idea of strong places had been conceived. Now, thanks to the genius of her engineers, and an untiring expenditure, France is, perhaps, even more thoroughly and scientifically defended than Germany herself.

The first line of defence runs before, the fortifications of Paris, and extends along the course of the Marne. In itself a serious obstacle, and, by means of the entrenched camp of Ton, is practically continued to the Meuse. The right bank of the latter river is formed by a chain of hills, known as the Cotes de Meuse, on which have been built a series of forts with crossed fire, and a fortification of the second rank, Camp de Ton, and at the other by the Camp of Verdun, render the line exceedingly strong and ill to break. As owing to the vicinity of Metz and the nearness of Paris, this region is considered particularly dangerous, all the roads and bridges are barred by "works of art," some of them strong enough to stand only to the last moment, and others, designed to be forced to the capital, an invading host, marching from the East would be forced to avert either to the right or to the left. If they adopted the former alternative they would have to cross successively two rivers, the Aisne and the Marne, and the hills and wooded areas of the Vosges. The latter are easy to defend, even against large numbers. This done, they will find themselves before the second line of defense, formed by the entrenched camps of Rheims and Laon. If, on the other hand, the invading General should decide to operate to his left, he would have to pass through the forest of Ton, and the wooded country of Ton and of Epinal. Advancing further in the same direction, he would encounter the two strong places of Langres and Dijon, the one barring the road to Paris, the other forbidding access to Lyons and the South. It is no longer possible, as it was in 1870, for an enemy to slip in through the Vosges. At any rate, the Saxon frontier, for the gap is now occupied by an entrenched camp supported on the north by Epinal and on the south by Montbéliard. Behind this formidable fence come the strong places of Langres, Dijon, and Besançon. Together with the frontier forts of the Vosges, the Saxon, the Saône, the Jura, and Epinal, these works form a vast pentagon, at whose either angle is placed a fortification of the first order, with which, think French engineers, no enemy, except in numbers utterly overwhelming, will attempt to engage. Nor is this all. After the invaders had subdued or masked all these places, he would have to pass through the Saxon ditches, and at the same time remove all the fortifications that border the Saxon frontier, for the gap is now occupied by an entrenched camp supported on the north by Epinal and on the south by Montbéliard. Behind this formidable fence come the strong places of Langres, Dijon, and Besançon. 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HAMMONTON, ATLANTIC CO., N.J.

SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1885.

LOCAL MATTER.

If any of our readers have flowers or wreaths for the use of the Post, they are requested to leave them at Mr. Ruthford's office on Friday evening next, or very early on Saturday morning.

The post of Rev. Dr. J. B. Gray, for \$10,000 damages for libel, against Messrs. Hester & Shreve, publishers of the Atlantic *Advertiser*, has been amicably settled. The editors have made a full retraction, and pay the costs of suit.

Remember the Post's Dime Package Party, next Tuesday evening, May 29th, at Union Hall. The entertainment will be varied—instrumental and vocal music—home talent—quartettes, etc. Fill the hall, and help the fun along.

Among the many pleasant incidents connected with the closing of our schools was the presentation of tokens of regard from pupils to teachers. Prof. Matthews received a very handsome gold pen, holder, and pencil-case combined.

Printed berry tickets are recognized as necessary for berry growers. They save trouble and confusion during the rush of business. Leave orders for them at the REPUBLICAN office, and we will supply you, and guarantee everything correct.

Last winter, while Mrs. Cramer's house (on Second Street) was temporarily unoccupied, some person entered it and carried away an accordion. Mrs. C. asks that the "borrower" will now return the instrument, as she is about to leave Hammonton. Leave it at the REPUBLICAN office, and no questions will be asked.

Monday the Democratic Administration at Washington removed three Union veterans from their positions in the Treasury Department. Tuesday the Republican party had an effort to bestow—the secessionists in Illinois—and gave the honor to a general of the volunteer forces of the Government who proved his bravery and loyalty on many a hard fought field of battle. These two incidents show in a clear and forcible manner the spirit which pervades the Republican and Democratic parties.

For two months the Democratic papers have been blathering about "the tremendous nature of the task which the country has placed in the hands of president Cleveland." No man ever came to the executive chair when the Government was running more smoothly and required less effort than on the 4th of last March. The National Treasury was overflowing, and the revenue was being collected regularly and honestly, and the government service was so efficient that the Democrats are unable to find any cause but partisan ones for removals. The "tremendous task," about which so much mounth is made, is nothing more than the difficulty the president has in deciding which one of a dozen or more applicants shall get the spoils. If were not for this he could take three days a week "off." There is about as much truth in these "tremendous task" tales, which, with tobacco juice, made up the majority of Democratic stump speeches last Fall.—Press.

The Trenton *Times* has been sold by Lawrence S. Mott, its founder and principal owner, to Edwin Fitzgerald, a printer. Mott who was formerly connected with a Philadelphia paper, will give up journalism, it is understood.

Prof. George H. Cook, of the New Jersey Experiment Station, thinks that the experiments of the season with sorgum warrant the conclusion that both sugar and molasses can be successfully made in New Jersey at the present prices.

General John A. Logue has been re-elected United States senator from Illinois.

Professor Odlin, formerly a director of the Natatorium, at Washington, D.C., and more recently engaged at Old Point Comfort, jumped from the Brooklyn Bridge into the East River, on Tuesday, and died soon after being taken from the water.

The President has appointed Frank A. Pierce, of New Hampshire, vice United States consul at Matanzas, vice David Vickers, suspended.

The New Orleans Exposition will close May 31, and will be reopened next winter free of debt.

The steamship Isere, with Bartholdi's statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World" on board, sailed Thursday from Roten for New York.

500 Pairs Men's, Women's AND CHILDREN'S BECOTS, SHOES & SLIPERS AT COST!

Which means a reduction of from 15 to 75 cents per pair.

Also, Men's and Boys' Hats, (Straw, Wool, and Felt), Overalls, Shirts, etc., etc.

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Respectfully,
J. A. Saxton.

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On and after May 9th, 1885, I will open books for the sale of the best quality of Coal at the lowest rates, upon the instalment plan, which will enable any one to lay in next winter's supply during the summer months when work is plenty and the expense of a family lighter. I have adopted the above plan in order that the workingman may have his coal at the lowest rates and paid for when the cold season arrives. Accordingly, shall receive payments as follows:

1 Ton, : 25 cts. per week.
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4 Tons, : \$1.00 per week.
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or in larger sums if the subscriber so desires. I would also state that I will return on demand all payments that have been made for coal, if circumstances occur that the parties leave the place and have no need of fuel.

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A Red Raspberry, large, firm, and of good color, five days earlier than the "Turner."

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Loss of appetite, Indigestion, constipation, flatulence, &c.

In the back part of Pain under the shoulder-blade, fulness after eating, with a disinclination to exertion of body or mind. Arthritis of the joints, especially of the fingers, with a feeling of having neglected some work, weariness, Dizziness, Flittering of the Heart, Dots before the eyes, Yellowish Headache, Restlessness at night, highly colored Urine.

These Warnings are often overlooked.

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They increase the Appetite, and cause the body to take on flesh, and cure their Troubles.

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Gray Hair or Whiskers changed to a GLOOM BLACK by a single application of this Dye.

It is made of pure, safe, and non-poisonous materials.

It is necessary for you to send us a sample.

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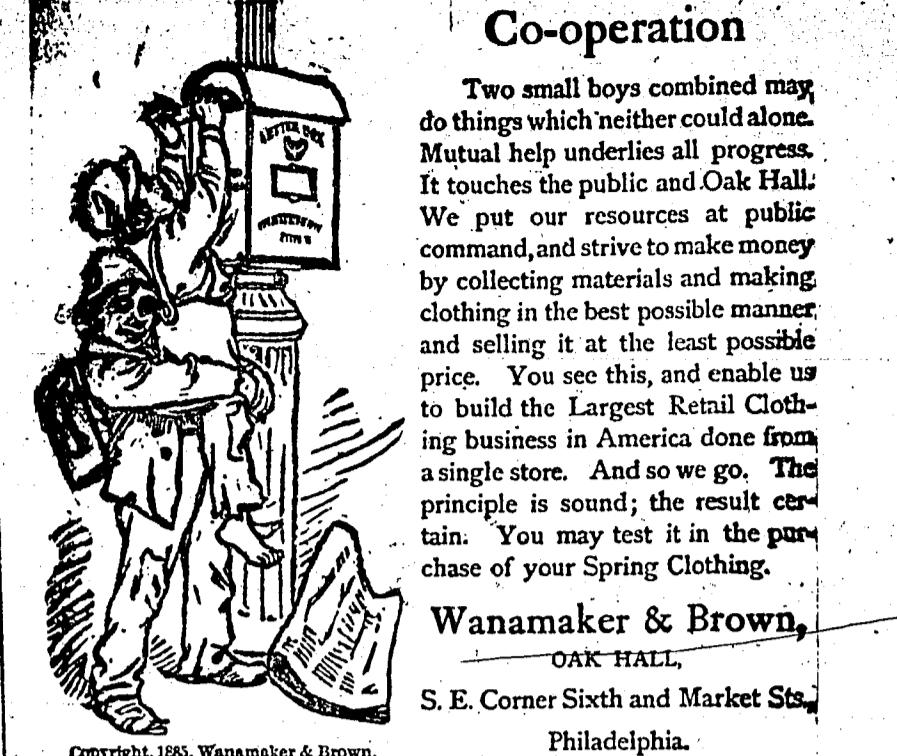
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SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1885.

LOCAL MISCELLANY.

Correspondence solicited upon all topics of local interest. Names of correspondents are requested, not for publication, but as a guarantee of the reliability of the news.

Whiteunday—to-morrow.

P. P. P.—next Tuesday night.

Council meeting next Saturday evening.

A case of scarlet fever is reported in town.

J. B. MICK, Adj.

Commander.

Adjutant.

ANNIE ELVINS, P. M.

The "owl" of Mr. Clark Holdridge's house, near Elm station, was completely destroyed by fire last month. He was insured through our agency. He received payment IN FULL, inside of six days after notice of the fire. No two-thirds clause in insurance written by me; and I don't propose to carry favor with my companies by reporting that the owner burned them down to get the insurance money.

Insurance placed only in the best companies.

Wm. Rutherford,

Real Estate and Insurance Agent,

Hammonton, N. J.

From Our County Papers.

THE REVIEW.

The County Alma House has been undergoing necessary repairs.

Rev. Mr. Diverty, of Absecon, is making for himself an enviable reputation as a pulpit orator.

Joseph North, of Pleasantville, has a superb collection of foreign and American old coins.

A petition signed by almost every revenue tax payer in Atlantic City has been forwarded to Internal Revenue Collector Ferrell, at Camden, asking for the retention of Mr. R. Bruce, deputy collector, whose efficiency, uniform politeness, and non-partisanship have made him popular with those whom he has had official business.

Hammonton would be glad to join in this petition, knowing and appreciating Mr. Bruce.

THE DEMOCRAT.

Mr. A. Stephany is making excellent improvements on his house.

The twenty-fourth annual fair of the Egg Harbor City Agricultural Society will be held on Sept. 19th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd, 1885.

Whit-Monday, 25th Inst., will no doubt be a gala-day for Egg Harbor City, as several festivities are announced which will draw a crowd of strangers. The picnic of the Germania Liederkranz will be an immense affair. The camp-meeting of St. Paul's Post, at the American Hotel, will also be well patronized; and the ball and roller skating of the Egg Harbor Social Club, at Etell's Hall, in the evening, will be a fitting climax.

WE WERE SURPRISED, LAST SATURDAY,

TO HEAR OF THE SUDDEN DEATH OF EDWARD LORING, WHOSE FACE WAS FAMILIAR TO MOST OF US.

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THE WEST WIND:

Wind of the West, blow fresh, blow free,
Over mountain and plain from under sea,
Stirring up every leaf in a simple song,
A mournful cry, and a shout of glee.

All these human are one to thee,
Thou wandering spirit of mystery;
Sweet wild colors to thee belong,
Wind of the West.

AT THE STRIKE OF TWELVE.

The old, bald-headed, wrinkled-faced watchman who walks up and down the broad stone terrace in front of the Berlin University has made a quaint and romantic story to tell to the wayfarer who will take the time and patience to listen in his presence.

I chance to fall in with this peculiar old fellow during my travels through Europe some five years ago. I fell in easy victim to his tongue-twister, and in consequence he told me his life-story.

The incident which he so faithfully portrayed, with a telling minuteness as to detail and the like, clinched to me throughout my entire continental trip; and even as I sit here now, in my home in America, many miles away from the immediate locality connected with the watchman's story, the outlines, the shadings, the features, are yet fresh in mind.

It would, however, be tiresome for me, as well as yourself, dear reader, to repeat the story word for word as it was told to me. I will endeavor to give you the more particular parts, and leave to your imagination the task of filling in the outlines, which are as follows:

Herman Von Berg was known as the leader of the White Caps. They were a jolly lot of fellows, these White Caps, who backed up their assertions with the swords' points, either for study, drinking bouts at the gardens below, love incidents, or mere serious questions of merit, pertaining to dueling affairs.

Gretchen Crouse was the only child of the rich brewer in the city down there. Alas! but she was a maid to set men's hearts on fire, to cause them to put on the buckler of chivalry, and do battle for one sweet smile from her fair face.

She was the belle of the occasion; either at that gay and festive ball, or the skating rink. Gretchen's handsome features and fair face were the first objects of attraction.

Many a fierce and bloody conflict had been fought for the maid's sake; many a sutor had been laid low at the foil's point. Yet no victor could boast that he had won Gretchen's hand. She, who had caused so much blood to be shed, would turn in very horror from the hands who came to lay the laurels of his triumph before her.

"Away from me your hand, for it is stained with blood. Your heart I can not accept. It is black with the crime which hangs over your head."

These were her words when the victor kneeled at her throne of beauty, and sued for one sweet smile for love's own sake.

First it became a wide-spread belief among the students of the University that Gretchen Crouse was a lovesick woman. They had fought one another, spilled blood without stint, and she had denied their suits ever.

Then Herman Von Berg came. How shall I describe him? The faint power of descriptive language failing to adequately express the nobility which was his, both by right of birth as well as the general characteristics of his nature.

A form of an Apollo, featuring some grand knight of the age of Crusade, a wealth of yellowish golden hair, flowing away from a broad white brow, it after the model of a classical head.

He was two-and-twenty years of age when he first made his entrance here, before the faculty. He made friends wherever he went; and enemies as well. Man of the stamp of Herman Von Berg are born to make friends. They find enemies besetting their path also, for envy is akin to admiration in the hearts of men.

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He first saw Gretchen at a skating masque down there on the canal. The water's surface was frozen smooth and glassy. The merry ring of the sharp steel, mingling with the gay laughter of the skaters, was wafted up to my ears as I walked to and fro on the terrace, securely wrapped in my heavy coat.

Gretchen's particular admirer had been for a time back Le Guarde, a French student. His features were thin, clear cut, and regular; in all, it was a fact that women fall in love with first sight, take a sudden loathing to, and hate it forever after.

Le Guarde's appearance was fine and interesting. He was a perfect gentleman in demeanor and deport, and his heart was black with the evil passions which swayed his morose disposition.

They made a handsome pair, the dark-complexioned Le Guarde and the rosy-cheeked, sunny-tressed Gretchen. Already three unlucky rivals bore the indelible traces of foil practice with the Frenchman, and the fourth fellow had received his death-wound.

Gretchen at first turned from the French lover with the same horror that she had from the former victors. She answered him in the same words that she had used; still he was a most persistent individual, and, as he was a man of stern determination, the student up here in the University looked upon it as a *forzosa* (*let*). But in the end she

would bow to his will and give him her hand.

As I said before, Herman Von Berg first met Gretchen at a skating masque. The Frenchman was there, of course, and when he saw the pretty hood of Gretchen leaning close to Herman's white cap, as the pair glided down the lighted aisle, he found his teeth together with rage.

Then at a ball, given by a member of the royal family, Herman again met the fair Gretchen. His whole heart was taken possession of from the first, and he loved with such love as befalls the man who will brave the storms of the tempest, surmounting the headlong way to gain the goal he loves best. And yet, if another man should happen to be the preferred of the loved one, he was one of those noble beings who would hug the wolf to his bosom, even though it ate his very heart out, rather than stoop to such base subterfuge what fair dealing and upright demeanour had denied him. For you that have seen the life-blood gush forth in a vessel of the White and Red Caps. Notes were split, cheeks gashed and eyes blinded by the frequent affairs; and, strange fatality as it might be, the watchmen's story, the outcome, the shadings, the features, are yet fresh in mind.

Upon no occasion was there a possible chance to let slip, whereby a foul practice could be engaged in by the White and Red Caps. As yet there is no meeting between the two leaders and innumerable stories to tell to the wayfarer who will take the time and patience to listen in his presence.

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It was a cruel, cowardly speech; and even Le Guarde's face grew shade whiter as he met the blazing eyes which fastened their gaze upon him.

"Listen! I have never tried to circumvent a single woman. I have never been guilty in my dealings with you, Monsieur Le Guarde, or any other man. As for Gretchen Crouse (and I beg to be pardoned for uttering her name in connection with this affair) she has promised her hand to me. Her heart has been mine ever since we first met."

A manhood's impatience of rage sprang from the Frenchman's lips, and he furiously ejaculated:

"Fight we must, and to the death! Dare you give me the choice of weapons?"

"I dare," responded Herman.

"In France we have many affairs of honor, so to speak. Men meet at the tables over the mounds of earth, their life-blood quaffed forth. Men measure of a score of yards, and with pistol in hand, take aim, kill or are killed. Have you ever heard of the duel known as the stroke of twelve?"

"No. I am prepared to be enlightened," responded Herman.

"A set of dice; we shake them, and the man who throws lowest is the victim. Do you comprehend, Monsieur Von Berg?"

"Go on. What of the victim?" responded Herman.

"Why, you see, the victor is relieved of the disagreeable duty of—ah—killing the other."

"Why, what do you mean, man?" quickly responded Herman.

"For you that are thrown, the dice, in other words, throw lowest prepares to die. In other words, he makes his peace with this world, and gets ready for the other, and, when the clock strikes twelve, he—"

"What?" burst forth a chorus of voices.

"He puts out his own life's light. Poison, knife, or does it in a way which I do not know?"

A harsh fell upon the party. Such a duel was a hitherto unheard of affair; and when to death was added suicide, it sent an icy chill to each student's heart, and froze the tongue with horror.

They cast the dice, and Herman Von Berg threw the lowest.

"You see, my dear sir—beg pardon, you fool! Is it in any way?"

He asked the Frenchman, taking up a wine glass and draining its contents.

Herman's face was a pebbled stud, his heart was yet warm with the words which Gretchen had uttered. In his ears yet rung the promise to marry him. And now all is lost. The brightness, the sunshine of loving, the glory of existence, must shortly fade away, and death will be Herman Von Berg's bride, instead of fair Gretchen Crouse.

He threw out various remarks which led the latter into rage. But they were utterly powerless to challenge him, other than to accept a pass at arms in the armory. Before ten o'clock had struck he had a dozen affairs upon his hands, and doubtless would have had as many more. Herman Von Berg did not care for the sharp-pointed dice; his excuse was the signal of loud cheers of cheer from the White Caps. The smoky rafters of the old inn fairly trembled as the young fellows arose, clinked their glasses together, and sent up a cheer of welcome.

"Secret! but the young fellow seems to be popular," exclaimed Le Guarde, after the cheers had died away.

The remark was addressed to one of his boon companions. However, Herman caught the last two or three words. He walked over to Le Guarde, and said—

"Did you say fellow?"

"Eh, did you speak?" returned Le Guarde.

"I did."

"What was your remark?"

"I asked you if you said fellow?" said Herman.

"Pardon," responded the other, placing his hand behind his ear, and bending toward Herman.

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The students crowded about the pair. They saw that the hand print upon the forehead was a mark of the blow he had received.

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