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The Little Contraband.

Our first contraband was the subject of much sport for the boys. It was while we were in camp at Lebanon, Kentucky, in the last days of December, 1861, that a bright little lad, or octogenarian boy of twelve or fourteen years of age came to the camp of company A, and said he had "run off" because "old massa was done gwine to sell him down South." He at once enlisted the sympathy of the boys of my squad, who hid him under one of the beds of our tent. Not long afterwards, while we were engaged in a game of seven-up (some of us seated upon the bed under which little Jake was hid) the officer of the day, with Jake's master, entered the tent, and asked whether "we had seen a little yellow boy that he'd lost." Conrad Heck Russell, the wag of the squad, looked up, and with mock innocence asked: "Was he your son, sir?" This ended the search, for of course none of us had seen him, and the slave owner gave up the search.

That night we received orders to march the next morning at sunrise, and before daylight, on New Year's morning, 1862, our camp-wagon was loaded, and in it was stowed little Jake. At sunrise we began our march, which ended in the death of Zoilcoifer and the rout of his army at Mill Springs, on January 19.

Jake's master followed us on horse-back during our first day's march; but before going into camp that night the boys had concocted a scheme to get rid of him, and one of our members, Bill Bennett, was delegated to carry it out. He took the old fellow to one side, and very gravely informed him that the boys believed he was dogging their march for no good purpose; that he, Bennett, had overheard a plan to kill him that night, and he was kindly advised to "skin out," which he did at a lively gait. We saw no more of him. Jake stayed with us, and became a favorite in many ways about the camp.—C. A. Edwards.

Photographing Stars.

The method of photographing the stars is interesting. When the photographer places in the focus of the telescope a highly sensitive photographic plate the vibrations of the rays of light thrown themselves assiduously on the plate and steadily apply to the task of shaking asunder the molecules of silver salts in the gelatine film. Just as the waves of ocean by incessantly beating against a shore will gradually wear away the mightiest cliffs of the toughest rock, so the innumerable millions of waves of light persistently impinging upon a single point of the plate will at length effect the necessary recombination and make the plate the guardian of the image of the star. It will be obvious that this process will be the more complete the longer the exposure is permitted, and thus we see one of the reasons why photography forms such an admirable method of depicting the stars. We can give exposures of many minutes or of one, two, three or four hours, and all the time the effect is being gradually accumulated. Hence it is that a star which is altogether too feeble to produce an impression upon the most acute eye, forti fied by a telescope of the utmost power, may yet be completely photographed when a sufficient exposure has been allowed to leave its record on the plate. Thus is it that photography of the heavens disclose to us the existence of stars which could never have been detected except for this cumulative method of observation that photography is competent to give. No telescope is required, as the photographic apparatus takes the exact impression.

Fabulous but Funny.

Such was the heat of the closing week of the Ohio campaign that the Republican committee had turned a number of orators into the rural districts with instructions to speak at every school house they could find. Tuesday night one of these speakers, who was imported from New York and was working along the western border, got mixed up in his reckoning and made an eloquent plea for Foraker's election at a village four miles across the Indiana line.

—Pittsburg Dispatch.

"Won't you give my new play a good puff?" asked an author of a dramatic critic.
"I hardly think it would be safe."
"Why not?"
"Well, it's so weak that a puff would blow it to pieces."—New York Sun.

What do you publish a paper for, I'd like to know! sarcastically inquired an irate politician, tackling a country editor.
"Erect a solid house, in advance," responded the editor, "and you owe me for four years."

What? Is widow Brown going to be led to the altar for the third time? "No, I guess not. She ought to be able to find her way there herself by this time." All of the sad and gloomy words that mankind ever wrote.

There are no sudden ones to me Thence next: "Please remit.

A Little Comedy.

I was one among a crowd who witnessed an interesting little comedy on the Bowery, near Grand street, yesterday. A young man called for five cents' worth of roasted chestnuts, which an obliging Italian vender emptied into his overcoat pocket. The young man, who happened to have his Yale heart with him, gave the merchant a dime, which he put in his pocket, but made no sign of returning change.

"Give you a dime," said the man, "and I want five cents change."

The Italian shook his head and rubbed his hands together in a cool indifferent manner.

"I guess," said the man, who is always ready with advice on such occasions, "the poor fellow does not understand English."

The young man, who seemed to labor under the delusion that English, with a final coveI affixed to each word was Italian, said: "Gave you dino, you no give me change back. Wante five cents. Hear me O?"

"Great heavens," cried the Italian. "What sort talk you say that is?"

"Oh you speak English, do you? Just hand over my five cents change."

A hot argument followed, which was ended by the girl pulling the young man away and the crowd laughing. The Italian kept the dime.
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The Thanksgiving Number of the Picaugae is out in an ornamental colored cover. Besides furnishing several Thanksgiving pictures, it presents to its readers its usual interesting reading matter.

To work up our West Side enterprises, a determination to do our best is necessary. If you want the patronage of West Side people let them know what you have in stock, and that you can sell as cheap as merchants across the river. Put before their eyes a long list of goods at low prices. Our East Side men do this, and they do our business. Don't let them get ahead of us. We must wake up, if we are going to do business.

The large scrapers have been advantageously used upon the streets over the river, but that has little benefited the West Side except in so far as it has left less mud to be carried into Miami City on the shoes of those coming from town. What we need is a few large scrapers on this side. Probably if the city cannot afford it, some of our West Side business men can help us out of the difficulty, and have our streets thoroughly cleaned. The condition of our streets is a shame to the city. If the streets are to be cleaned east of the river, since we are helping to pay for such work, why should we not also have some of our more important streets scraped? It is stated by one, who, we are confident knows whereof he speaks, that Miami City is entitled to $4,200 for street improvement. What has become of the street it would not be a bad idea to use a little of it now just.

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LOCAL NEWS.

Go to Francisco's for drugs.

Ask for Brown's Tar Sop.

Benjamin Fanta, of Hayo's Station, was in Miami City on business last Tuesday.

Miss Iva Money is expected home from a visit to Germantown, to-day.

Miss Lou Baylis, of Enclid Avenue, has left for an extended tour to Chicago and other western cities to visit friends.

Miss Alice Bristley, of Hamilton, who has been visiting her sister on West Second street, will return to her home to-day.

A week ago yesterday a big boy arrived at the home of Mr. John K. Chapman, of North Summit street.

Mr. William Barlow is going on a hunting expedition near Farmville, next week, to spend a few days in the woods.

Mr. J. G. Peight, of Hawthorne street, in New Paris, Ohio, finishing a new hotel that is now in the course of erection at that place.

For Sale Cheap.

Lot on Enclid Ave., 1 square from White Line, 2 from Fifth St. cars, three minutes' walk from Kuhn's shop. Part cash, balance on yearly payments with interest at 5%.

Last Sunday afternoon the fire department was called to the residence of Mr. Wm. H. Getzen-danner, engineer of the fire engine at the Western. By the tipping of a stove a small fire was produced burning a hole through the floor, but was easily extinguished without the aid of hose. The house was slight, amounting to only a few dollars.

Mrs. C. Rhodes and her daughter Emma, of Anderson, Indiana, are visiting Mrs. Rhodes' sister, Mrs. J. F. Neibert, of Baxter street.

It should be understood that Bates & Roesch not only keep a large and fine line of gents' fortunes, but also an elegant line of dry goods of all description as well.

Now is the time to subscribe for the News, three months for twenty cents.

Rev. Charles McDaniel is in this city, to take charge of the West End United Brethren church. Next Sunday will bring the first meeting, at which, Rev. Wm. Miller, P. E., a brother of D. R. Miller, will be present and preach.

CITY NEWS.

The joke is on Charlie Free- man. He didn't know an old-time friend who had had his mustache shaved off, and was asked to him as his old friend's brother. Charlie says that so many mustaches have been sacrificed by the election that it is really hard to tell any body just present.

Herald.

Last Monday night John Horn made an assault on Orval Miller, whom he so badly cut with a pocket knife that he barely escaped with his life. Horn was arrested and arraigned before Mayor Crawford and charged with cutting with intent to wound. place. Horn is guilty, giving as an explanation that he was only attempting to carry a cosmado whom Miller had attempted to waylay. On a default of bail he was locked up.

The large scrapers have been assiduously applied to the streets this week. For the first time in many months the curb stones are able to be seen on some of our prominent streets. The scraper scheme appears to be in every way satisfactory, and is thought not only to be a much faster, but also a much more economical way of cleaning the streets. The eight thousand dollars appropriated by council for street cleaning will be spent in having the streets scraped and the mud shoveled and hauled away. It is said that not one cent out of the eight thousand dollars will be spent in having them cleaned with hose.

Thursday morning a young man eighteen years of age, by the name of Charles F. French, who was brought into police headquarters to have an interview with Chief Steinmetz. He has been suspect- ed for some time as an accomplice in a number of burglaries about Dayton, and has been un- der the surveillance of the police.

Upon searching him, a revolver, a jimmy, a bunch of keys and a bottle of chloroform were found. Being questioned as to how they came into his possession, he an- swered that the jimmy belonged to a cousin; he had found the keys; he used the jimmy in his work as a mechanic; but when it came to chloroform, all resources of excuse had been exhausted. When Mr. St. Clair, of the Y. M. C. A., examined the keys, and found them the same as the one stolen from the Y. M. C. A. building, the young man gave in and confessed his guilt as a bur- glar in that case.
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