AMERICAN SENTINEL.

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Chopping Mill
AT
SMITH, YINGLING & CO'S
FACTORY.

Corn Chop, Corn and Cob Crushed, Corn Meal and Graham Flour made and on sale. Corn, Rye and Oats ground together.
Hominy made and for sale.
Grain of all kinds bought.
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The Great Model Emporium.



The Opening of New Summer Wrappers,

made as you would make them at home, from Lawns, Percales and Madras, the prettiest the makers could find. A bright, cheerful showing of home garments for women. The prices are but a trifle, from 75c to $2.00.

Interesting Millinery News.

The business has been greater than ever, this fortnight past. But not only were the preparations on a larger scale, but the designers spurred to redoubled effort by the success of the season, are turning out hundreds of charming Hats. Styledom's kingdom is entrenched. Her throne was never so thoroughly planted here before. To-day there are scores of new conceits in headwear ready. Prices moderate.

RIBBONS GALORE.



The cheif garniture decreed by fashion this season is here in profusion. No costume will be complete unless ribbons are abundantly used. Ribbons for hats, Ribbons at the neck and waist, Ribbons for sashes, in fact Ribbon everywhere.

ONE SPECIAL.—10,000 yards beautiful all Silk Ribbon, 4 inches wide, in every fashionable color, and scores of pretty plaids and stripes, instead of 35c yd, we say only 25c.



BOY'S CLOTHING at LESS THAN HALF PRICE.

Our entire stock of Boys' High Grade Clothing to be sold at once regardless of cost. We will discontinue the selling of Boys' Clothing, and now offer our entire stock at 50 cents on the dollar. Remember nothing will be duplicated, so come quick to get the choice. Many elegant styles and sizes now on sale from 5 to 15 years. We have put them in two classes for quick selling.



LOT NO. 1.

All our finest suits in New Nobby Cloths, that sold regular for $5.00 and $6.00, offered at $2.75 SUIT.

LOT NO. 2.

Every Boy's Suit made of Pretty Cassimeres, in the best manner, such as we have been selling for $3.00 and $4.00, are now yours, at $1.50 SUIT.

The Great Model Emporium,
William F. Derr,
Near Railroad, Westminster.

The WHITE PALACE.

JOHN D. BOWERS.

I would like to call your attention to my old system of giving away one glass of my noted Soda Water, with every CASH PURCHASE OF ONE DOLLAR. I have special bargains

in Prunes, Peaches, Apricots;

Park's Coffee—15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 cents per pound. I have added a special large line of

FANCY AND STAPLE GROCERIES, FRUITS, CANNED GOODS, BOTTLE GOODS, PATENT MEDICINES, &c.,

which you would do well to call and price. My Staple Grocery Department is as large as ever, and will give you the same inducements in many of the articles.

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My SODA WATER is the same this year as ever, with a few improvements.

COUNTRY PRODUCE taken in exchange; Highest Prices Paid.

JOHN D. BOWERS, 47 and 49 E. MAIN ST.,
Opp. Catholic Church. Westminster.
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SMITH & REIFSNIDER,
HEADQUARTERS FOR
LUMBER, COAL AND SLATE.

We have no specialities; everything in the Building, Coal or Slate line is our speciality. A full line of Sash, Doors, Blinds and General Mill Work has recently been added and in the future we will carry a complete stock of same. Carroll county Agents for "Ruberoid Felt Roofing" and "Universal Building Paper."

SMITH & REIFSNIDER,
26 WEST MAIN STREET, WESTMINSTER, Md.
W. M. Phone No. 13.

There'll be Merry Doings

Among the Carpets and Draperies during the next few days. It's house-cleaning time now and your mind is on these matters. There are styles and values here that will make "town talk" when the news gets out. We make a strong bid for your business in these important items, and are prepared to serve you to your entire satisfaction.

The New Carpets.

Every worthy weave from Rag to Velvet. Dray loads of them have been received during the past weeks. We've laid our lines to do the Carpet business of the town, and with the equipment we've got we ought to do it.

Ingrain Carpets

All wool and a yard wide. The best extra supers, not an antiquated or side-tracked pattern among them. All clean, quiet, neutral tints that won't show dust, and they turn well.

New Tapestry Brussels.

The Best 10-wire kind, of course. No better medium-priced Carpet made. Got a number of Hall and Stair patterns among them. They've got the looks and wear in them; you all know the quality, now come in and get the price.

Moquette Carpets.

Always beautiful, more so this season than ever before; soft as a mossy bank, bright as a meadow in June. Many of them have borders to match. Pay you to give them careful inspection.

All the other Kinds of Carpets.

We want you to feel that we have your Carpet interest at heart. This is the best time to choose when the lines are complete. Come in and let us figure with you; small order or large, it's all one to us. What we want is that you should look upon this store as the depot for your Carpet supplies. Order your Carpets now and we'll make and lay them wherever you want them.

The New Mattings.

Some jointless, some cord-warp, some plain, some fancy and all good. They're made of good, live straw; they're flexible and don't scuff out like the poorer, dried out sorts. What a cool, cleanly, comfortable floor covering they make, to be sure; and so cheap, too, as we sell them.

Oil Cloths, Linoleums, Door Mats.

Every thing that rightly belongs to such a department. Its housecleaning time now and your mind is on these matters. Let us relieve your mind; we can do it to your entire satisfaction.

RUGS AND ART SQUARES.—Haven't space to particularize, but they're in every known weave, size and color combinations, and the prices will agreeably surprise you.

A ROUND-UP OF WINDOW SHADES.—All right in line with the housecleaning argument. Don't think you ever bought good, reliable Window Shades at sitch very modest prices. They come in Hollands and Opaques, some plain, some fringed; all with best patent spring rollers.

WATCH OUR ADVERTISEMENT NEXT WEEK SURE.

MILLER BROS.,
Popular Stores, Leaders, Originators and Promoters of
LOW PRICES,
WESTMINSTER, MD. [Telephone No. 56.]

BENNETT & CO.,

NEAR THE DEPOT. WESTMINSTER.

LUMBER, COAL, SLATE,

Sash, Doors, Blinds and all Kinds of Mill Work.
Diamond Wall Cement for Plastering.

Agricultural Implements.

VULCAN CHILLED PLOWS. The best Plow on earth. These Plows are sold on their merits and every one is guaranteed to give entire satisfaction in the field or no sale. The only Plow made that will stick in dry, hard and stony ground. Sole agents in Carroll county of the celebrated and old reliable

SCHUTTLER WAGONS,

the best Farm Wagons in the world. Deering Harvesting Company's

Binders, Mo[illegible]

Binder Twine, Oil. The Deering and best constructed Binder on th[illegible] equipped with ball and roller bea[illegible] main axle, main gear shaft and cr[illegible] Deering one lever reel; Deering bi[illegible] ance double butt adjuster, all of w[illegible] ficient binder in the world. Come[illegible] perior and Owego Grain Drills, [illegible] Steel and Wood Frame Harrows, H[illegible] up complete, Hay Tedders, Field [illegible] tors, Single, Double and Triple [illegible] Engines, Thrashers, Wind Stacke[illegible] anteed on every article sold.

LEFFERT, THE LEA[illegible] TOBAC[illegible]

18 brands of Whiskies, 7 [illegible] Rums for mince pies. Gins a[illegible] celebrated Baltimore Beer, be[illegible] draught and in bottles. Porte[illegible]

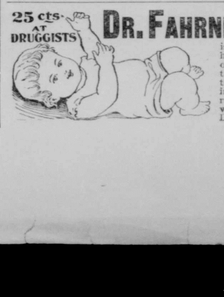
BEATS ALL AND FIRST PIC[illegible]

best for the price in the county[illegible] Chewing Tobacco in the city.[illegible] therefore can sell goods way d[illegible] I knew you will come back.

LEFFERT'S DO[illegible]

ap-10 tf 5 and 7 E. Main St., opp. Depot, Westminster.

25 cts. AT DRUGGISTS



DR. FAHRNEY'S TEETHING SYRUP

is preferred by mothers because it is perfectly harmless to the most delicate infant. Not an atom of injurious drugs in a gallon of it. It takes baby through the entire period of teething in comparative comfort. Cures colic in ten minutes; relieves indigestion; cures sour stomach, and is widely recommended for cholera infantum. **Trial bottle will be sent free if you mention this paper.** Address DRS. D. FAHRNEY & SON, HAGERSTOWN, Md.

STYLE, SERVICE AND FIT

are all embodied in the shoes we sell. We stake our reputation on our shoes. Will thank you to tell us about every pair that doesn't wear satisfactorily. Occasionally a bad pair gets out, but never if we know it. That's why we want you to tell us about it, so we can fix the blame and remedy the evil.

Our line of Men's $3.00 Shoes is deserving of especial notice. All the newest toes and the [illegible] calf and russet. Beautiful p[illegible] $3.50.

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OUR LADIES' OXFORDS

are ready for your inspectio[illegible] Very select styles in coin toes, pate[illegible] tip or tip of the same. Goods wa[illegible] ranted to wear, $1.25.

Also some very pretty styles a[illegible] good serviceable shoes, at 97c.

LADIES' BELTS.

A very choice collection, includ-ing all the new buckles. Prices are very low, 10c, 19c and 25c.

ODD ITEMS AT ODD PRICES.

Best quality Table Oil Cloth, 12½c.
Best quality Felt Window Shades, on spring rollers, each 10c.
Best Linen Shades, 25c.
Woodchuck Laundry Soap, a first-class article and good size cakes, each 2½c.
Carpet Tacks, a box, 1c.
Scrub Brushes and Stove Brushes 5c to 10c.
Polishing Mittens, keep your hands clean and make a fine lustre, each 10c.

[illegible] plenty of them now. Fat pint size too, not ¾ pt., like the last were.
Large size Wall Mirrors, 39c.
Large size Lamp Chimneys, 5c.
Good heavy Brooms, 4 strings, 15c.
Painted Foot Tubs, 19c.
Best Parlor Matches, a dozen, 10c.
Best Black Ink, a bottle, 3c.
Good Toilet Soap, a cake, 2c.
Market Baskets, 35c, 39c, 45c and 50c.
Good Split Baskets, 5c.
Clothes Baskets 50c, 69c and 89c.
Whitewash Brushes, 5c and 10c.
Good all bristle Whitewash Brushes, 19c and 25c.
Granite Basting Spoons 4c.
Best heavy tin copper-bottom Wash Boilers, No. 7, 75c; No. 8, 90c; No. 9, $1.00.

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Department Store,
31 East Main Street, Westminster, opposite Catholic Church.
T. W. MATHER & SONS. Telephone Call 27.

The Manson Wheel.

Be sure to give us a call and examine our

NEW '98 MANSON WHEEL.

They are the best made, for only $50. All Wheels fitted with Morgan & Wright, single tube, or Goodrich Tire. They are both good Tires. When you buy a wheel we fit it up with a

Neverout Lamp,

which is the best lamp made; a L. A. W. Bell and Brake. We can gear your whe[illegible] from 63 to 122. We can give you any tir[illegible] ever made. We also repair all punctures made in our new wheels, free of charge, for [illegible] months. If you need a new tire, don't buy any until you see the M. & W. Single Tube which is the best. Do not get any clinche[illegible] tire because the rim might burst. They als[illegible] creep on the rim, and cut the valve stems off. Do not send your wheels away when they are out of repair; we can repair them here a[illegible] less expense.

WM. A. STULTZ, Jr.,
20 LIBERTY STREET,
WESTMINSTER, Md

P. S.—We have a fine line of Second-hand Wheels at all prices, from $5.00 up to $25.00. Brazing and Enameling a specialty.
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BARK WANTED

AT

Schlosser Tannery.

We will pay FIVE DOLLARS ($5.00) per Ton of 2000 lbs. for PRIME CHESTNUT OR SPANISH OAK BARK, of this year's peeling, delivered in good order and condition at the Schlosser Tannery, before the 1st day of July, 1898.

ENGLAND & BRYAN,
Proprietors.
Jas. S. Baer, Supt.
mar-19-2mo

SPRING OPENING AT
OAK HALL,
NEWINDSOR, MD.

You are Cordially Invited to our SPRING OPENING.

Our Dress Goods selections are superior to any we have yet offered. You will find Silks, Mixed Novelties, Covert Cloths, Whip Cords, Serges, Poplins, Wide Whale Suitings, Crepons, Grenadines, Fancy Plaids, both Silk and Worsted in great variety. A specialty in Black Goods, from 25c to $1.25. Ask to see our Novelties for Waists in Wash Goods, French Ginghams, Madrasine Cloth, Percales, these are beauties from 7c to 20c per yard. A beautiful line of Silks for Waists, from 25c to $1.25 per yard. Shirt Waists, from 25c to $1.50. 44 Bleached and Unbleached Muslin 5c. Gingham 3½c to 10c. Best Calico 4c to 5c.

CARPET AND MATTING IN ABUNDANCE, at very Low Prices.

CLOTHING, SHOES AND HATS.

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GEORGE C. ANDERS.

WALLPAPER!

Up to date Paper Hangers and Wall Paper Dealers. We don't claim to be the only firm in the county that carries a stock of

WALL PAPER,

but we are as everybody knows, the largest dealers. We buy goods direct from the factory just as cheap as these New York Wall Paper Stores that say they give you Paper at 5 cts. per piece. We do the same and you

DON'T pay any FREIGHT.

It costs more to do business in a large city and they don't give goods away and live at the same time. We

WORK AS CHEAP

as any of the Paper Hangers, when you take quality of goods into consideration, and have best facilities for doing so. We are prompt. We carry a line of

CHEAP READY-MADE WINDOW SHADES, from 10 cts. to 50 cts. Also make them to order. Look us up. Examine our goods and you will then come to the conclusion that we are up to the times. Work done anywhere in the county without extra charge.

MATTHEWS & MYERS.
45 E. Main St. Westminster, Md.
ja-25-98-1y

FLOWERS.

Best Cut Roses, 50 and 75 cents per dozen, for the remainder of the season. Also Rose Stalks, $1.00 per dozen. Order at once.

Bedding Plants at 50c per dozen.

H. S. ROOP & CO.,
ap-23-3t next door to Monlour House.

CASTORIA

The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher. is on every wrapper.

CASTORIA

STATEMENT Showing the Condition of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 31st, 1897.

ASSETS.

Value of real estate and ground rents owned by the Company, less encumbrance thereon	2,989,861.79
Mortgage loans on real estate	66,785,998.21
Loans made to policy-holders on this Company's policies assigned as collateral	5,165,850.00
Premium notes on policies in force, of which $ is for first year's premiums	352,435.18
Bonds and stocks absolutely owned by the Company	20,440,923.68
Cash in Company's office and in Banks	4,130,041.92
Interest due on stocks, bonds and other securities	1,804,196.04
Net amount of uncollected and deferred premiums	1,727,730.74
Total	103,397,057.56

DEDUCT LEDGER LIABILITIES.

Agents' Credit balances	21,882.75
All other	54.90
	21,887.65
	103,375,149.91

ASSETS NOT ADMITTED.

Securities deposited in various States for the protection of Policy-holders in such States (market value)	10,300.00
Bills receivable	9,710.35
	20,014.35
	103,395,164.26

LIABILITIES.

Net Reserve	80,199,763.00
Present value of amounts not yet due on matured installment policies	140,683.85
Net policy claims	360,672.01
Unpaid dividends or other profits due policy-holders	131,445.88
Bills, accounts, commissions, &c., due or accrued	51,538.23
Premiums paid in advance	7,000.00
Total Liabilities	80,885,066.07
Surplus as regards Policy-holders	22,510,071.19
Total income	20,062,499.90
Total Expenditures	10,219,587.26
178,462 Policies in force in United States on 31st December, 1897	413,081,370.00
286 Policies written in Maryland during the year 1897	1,024,326.00
Premiums received on Maryland business in 1897	253,366.23
Losses paid in Maryland during 1897	106,300.00
Losses incurred in Maryland during 1897	106,300.00

STATE OF MARYLAND,
Insur. Department, Commissioner's Office,
Annapolis, March 16th, 1898.

In compliance with the Code of Public General Laws, I hereby certify that the above is a true abstract from the sworn statement of the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company of Milwaukee, Wis., to Dec. 31st, 1897, now on file in this Department.

F. ALBERT KURTZ,
Insurance Commissioner.

SAMUEL T. OTTO, Agent,
New Windsor, Md. ap-16-3t

EXAMINERS' NOTICE.

THE undersigned, Examiners appointed by virtue of a commission issued to them by the County Commissioners of Carroll county, to open and locate a public road in said county, commencing at a point in the public road leading eastwardly from Wartiekisburg to the Washington road, and at or near the intersection of an old road now in use over the lands of James Robertson, and running thence on or near the bed of said old road, and on the lands of James Robertson, to a corner on Rezin F. Cook's lot; thence on or near the bed of a road now in use between the lands of said Cook and James Robertson; then continuing on said road, now in use, and across the lands of said James Robertson, to a corner between the lands of Leonard Zile and James Robertson; then still continuing on the bed of said road, now in use, and on or near the line between the lands of said Zile and Robertson to a corner between the lands of David Robertson and William T. Robertson; then still on or near the bed of said road, now in use and on, or near the line between the lands of the said David and William T. Robertson to the end of said line; then still continuing on or near the bed of said road, now in use, across the lands of said David Robertson to a corner between the lands of Jesse C. Robertson and Jeremiah W. Robertson; then on or near the line between the lands of said Jesse C. and Jeremiah W. Robertson, and also on or near the bed of the said road now in use, until it reaches the end of said line; thence across the land of said Jeremiah W. Robertson to the land of the late George W. Wagner; then through the said Wagner's land to a public road leading from Medford Station to the Washington road; then across said public road and through the lands of William A. Roop until it reaches the public road now in use at or near the foot of Stevenson's hill, hereby give notice to all persons whom it may concern, that we will meet on the ground at the beginning of said road, at 9 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesday, May 18th, 1898, to execute the trust reposed in us by the aforesaid commission.

JOHN T. CASSELL,
WM. G. RINEHART,
ROBERT H. H. SHIPLEY,
ap-16-3t Examiners.

WATER COMPANY NOTICE.

OFFICE WESTMINSTER WATER CO.,
APRIL 14TH, 1898.

Consumers of Water are hereby notified that their Rebates will expire May 1st, 1898. If paid at the office of the Company—Carroll Hall Building—on or before May 10th,

A DISCOUNT OF FOUR PER CENT.

will be allowed. If not paid until after June 1st interest will be charged.

Parties using meters are requested to make payment of meter deposit on or before May 10th.

A. H. HUBER,
ap-16-3t Sec. and Treas.

CORPORATION ELECTION.

NOTICE is hereby given that an Election of One Person to serve as

MAYOR AND FIVE PERSONS

to serve as Common Council, for the City of Westminster, Md., for the ensuing year, will be held on

MONDAY, THE 2ND DAY OF MAY, 1898,

between the hours of 12 M. and 6 P. M., at the residence of

MRS. M. E. GRUMBINE,
No. 72 East Main street, Westminster.
NELSON GILBERT, Mayor.
HENRY B. GRAMMER, Clerk. ap-9-te

Select Poetry.

RETROSPECT.

When you were here, I often sat
Love-silent with you half the day;
There was small need of speech in that
Sweet converse of the blended way.

Now you are gone, and hour by hour
I muse of things I long to share;
There's not a bud, a leaf, a flower,
But helps me miss you everywhere.

My lonely heart enspheres the past
With ether caught from heaven's gold;
I dream of bliss too sweet to last,
And then I waken, starved and cold.

For by that solitary path
That outward leads from mortal ken
You walked; and here am I, and faith,
And jostling crowds of careless men.

I've touched the inmost core of pain
In creeping days, each day a year;
Yet might I sit tongue-tied again,
If you were here, if you were here.

Harper's Bazar.

Select Story.

REUBEN'S AWAKENING

From the London Star.

Reuben Glent, the cashier o the tinmills at Scrapend, had a dause way with females. The tinworkers' wives, or such of them as had any knowledge of his affairs, said a woman was no more than a ledger to him, and Henrietta, who had been left with him in the old house when his mother died, sometimes felt, with a sinking of heart, that there was more in the comparison than she cared to admit.

There was no relationship between Reuben and Retta, although they had lived in the same house for fifteen years. Retta was the daughter of one of his mother's school friends, and had come to the house at the tinmill when her mother died. Reuben was nearly thirty then, and hardly noticed the girl of little more than half his age, but to Mrs. Glent the girl was deliverance. The cashier's mother would hear no word against her boy, but he was stern and moody, and she longed for sunny episodes. Retta brought them with her laughing face and odd ways. She wound herself found Mrs. Glent's heart in a week, but made no impression on the sterner article owned by Reuben.

Once or twice during the years that passed the old lady had hinted to Reuben that he could not remain single all his life, and that there was a tidy wife in the house for the asking. She was a prudent woman, Reuben's mother, and did not lose sight of the fact that Retta was mistress of £2,000 well invested. The circumstance was brought periodically before the cashier in a practical manner, for he was the girl's trustee; but he dealt with her dividends as he dealt with a check for wages. Sentiment was as far distant from the transaction as the stars.

As time went on Reuben's mother gave up her project with a sad heart, for she loved the girl, and knew how true a husband her son would be She even suggested other matrimonial projects, but the girl would have none of them, saying that she wasn't of the marying sort. She laughed when she said it, but the face seemed older. There were lines under the eyes and about the mouth that should not have been there, for she was little more than a girl. "It's for Reuben, I'll take my oath," the old lady silently protested with a touch of bitterness; "the poor lass is wasting her heart for him."

Mrs. Glent had long been weakening before the winter came on, and an attack of bronchitis in the cold days developed with startling rapidity into a fatal illness. Retta nursed her like an angel. Reuben was awed by the girl's devotion, and spoke reverently to her. All through the dismal time of the death and the funeral he treated her as if she were as close to his mother as himself, and when the terms of the will were read, requiring that Retta should make her home in the tinmill house during her spinsterhood, and leaving her a substantial legacy, Reuben carried out his mother's wishes toward the girl with ready and almost meek approval. Officious tongues wagged over the arrangement, but Reuben silenced them with a look, and Retta let them pass without the appearance of concern. They were only friends, Reuben and she, but they suited each other, and neither was much given to consider the views of outsiders.

Winter softened into spring warmed into summer, without making any change in this strange companionship. Reuben took Retta to the Baptist Chapel on Sundays, and to an occasional concert at the Co-operative Hall. The big office staff of the enormous tinworks formed almost all the society of the place, and Retta was invited with Reuben to dinners at the secretary's house just as she had been before Mrs. Glent's death, and acted as lady of the house when return feasts were given. For the rest, she and Reuben saw little of each other except at table. Reuben had his local golf club, his gas and water investments, his school board work to look after in the evenings. Retta had nothing. The ladies of Reuben's acquaintance did not encourage her when they were apart. So she sat indoors mending things, dusting the piano she seldom played, and growing older. No complaint about her lot ever passed her lips or met Reuben's eyes in hers. Her one thought in life was his comfort, her one desire to anticipate his every wish.

Reuben's awakening came on a day when the town was voting for a county council vacancy. Reuben was on the committee or one of the candidates, and drove here and there about the streets and roads in his own dogcart with the game old mare, for he was a man of substance, and might have left his office desk any moment if he had felt so inclined. Driving was not one of his strong points, which the old mare knew very well, and each time he crossed the narrow canal bridge leading to the tinmill house, Retta trembled to see how closely he shaved the low parapet. He was a weighty man, Reuben, and not the sort to be thrown from a cart and never feel it.

"Do be more careful, Reuben," she timidly suggested. "You wouldn't look up again if you touched the side and turned over there."

Reuben whistled impatiently and was away again before he could see how serious the warning was. So anxious was Retta about the danger spot that she turned out of the house each time she saw Reuben approaching it.

At last the event she had dreaded actually occurred. Reuben's right wheel struck a projecting piece of the old stone parapet, which held it fast. The dogcart wheeled round, then dragging itself almost clear of the low protection, stood poised upon one wheel, while Reuben clutched at the top handrail, and the mare pawing and plunging with its back against the parapet. Retta was on the scene in an instant, and just as she reached Reuben the imprisoned wheel dragged clear of the projection and Reuben came thundering down into the narrow roadway, carrying Retta before him as a breakfall, and pinning her against the opposite parapet. Reuben was spared many bruises—but Retta!

She lay with her head and arm hanging over the parapet, senseless.

Late that night the doctor came out of the room to which Retta had been carried, and said that she had recovered consciousness.

Reuben heard the news eagerly.

"Is there any permanent injury?" he asked.

The doctor looked serious. "I fear so," he replied. "Her spine is injured. Your weight forced her roughly against the sharp stone edge. To tell you the truth, Glent, I have not much hope that she will ever rise again. But go and see her. She is calling for you."

Reuben entered the room with a gentler step and look than he had borne for many a day. The maid-servant, working with the bandages, eyed him reproachfully. A neighbor's wife rose from the bedside and placed her fingers to her lips. Reuben did not notice her. His eyes were all for the whitefaced woman whose eyes were fixed on him. She was smiling—heaven help him, he had killed her and she was smiling to him!

"Retta."

"Yes, Reuben"—the answer came faintly.

"I am so sorry, Retty. Are you in pain?"

"A little, Reub—but—I saved you."

"She has always been saving you, if you but knew," said the visitor, grimly; "women get little thanks for doing the like of that."

"You'll be up and about soon, Retta, no doubt," Reuben continued.

Retta shook her head, weakly. "No, Reuben, you'll want a new housekeeper."

Then a strange thing happened. Over the face of the precise, hard man, who had never known before what emotion was, there swept a wave of shamed gratitude. His eye, now moist for the first time since childhood, lighted on Retta's face with a new purpose. Before the women in the room could realize what he was doing he had sunk down by the bedside, and, placing his hand on the sufferer's brow, whispered in a voice of intense earnestness:

"Never, Retta. You and you alone. It's not too late to marry, dear. Afoot or abed you'll be my wife. You have given up your strength and comfort for me, Retta. What else there is of my life is all for you."

Reuben kept his word, and there never was such a wedding in town before. Retta did not leave her bed again, but the constant devotion of her husband made each pang a blessing.

Agreeable advice is seldom useful advice.

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