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very short time.

By to-morrow night it would be all over. Her father was coming to-day in time to see what he called "the doin's." He had arranged to stay the night, for the sake of the fireworks, and in the morning he and his daughter would drive back to the farm.

Clary and Jane had agreed to wear white gowns with blue belts, and each was to have a red rose at the throat, and they were to wait on the tables at the collation in the vestry after the speech and singing. When the two walked over to the church there was a bright pink on Clary's cheeks and lips, and her eyes were sparkling. She wasn't pretty, but somehow she was lovely to look at now. She sat with her cousin well up in front, for pews had been reserved for those who had the affair in charge.

The speaker made a long and very flowery and patriotic speech, after a hymn had been sung and a prayer made.

The building was crowded; the warm breeze fluttered ribbons and crimped hair.

At last it was time for the man who had been visiting the Digbys at the other village to sing "The Star Spangled Banner."

The organ began very low and soft. There was a stir all through the room as the man stepped forward.

You who are reading this sketch know very well who it was who was going to sing.

Clary suddenly clutched Jane's skirt; then she sat rigid. Jane glanced anxiously at her cousin; she saw that she was not going to faint, and then she gave her attention to the singer, who was a rather tall man with a fair beard and dark brown eyes—good, strong, honest eyes.

Everybody said afterward that they were never so surprised in their lives as when they found it was Waldo North who sang so splendidly; and didn't he look fine?—and how well he had turned out!—and he was doing a good business in Boston, they understood.

Once, in the second verse, as Waldo looked over the congregation, his voice faltered just perceivably. That was when he saw Clary sitting there in her white gown with the red rose at her throat. Then he sang better than ever; and the moment the benediction was pronounced he stepped down, and shouldered almost roughly through the crowd until he came to these two girls.

He held out his hand.

"Clary, do you know me?" he asked.

"Oh, yes, indeed," answered Clary, who was white now.

Then she summoned up strength and said, proudly:

"Jane, this is Mr. Waldo North." Jane stared, but finally put out her hand cordially.

"Clary," said Waldo, directly, let me get you out of this crowd."

When they were in the yard he turned and proposed that they go into the pine grove on the hill there.

"Why can't we be married, Clary?" he asked, promptly. "I'm of the same mind I ever was; now if you be, say yes. I never see you look so pretty's you do now. Can't you say yes?"

Clary was so confused that she couldn't speak; but she could look.

"I was too stuffy to try to see you again," went on Waldo, rapidly; "'n' I knew your mother never'd give in. I wasn't any great catch, and I ain't now; but I'm making a good living, and I love you. We won't have a long engagement, will we?"

"No," replied Clary, blushing.

"That's right. I want to tell you that I've got a little boy three years old"—Clary started— "Yes, I married, My wife's been dead more'n two years. She was a real good woman. You'll love Dicky, 'n' he'll love you."

"I'm sure I sh'll love him," from Clary, in a low voice.

"When I was singin' 'Old Glory' just now—" began Waldo, whose face was radiant.

"What's 'Old Glory?'" asked Clary, interrupting him.

"Why, don't you know; 'The Star Spangled Banner.'"

And he looked down at her with that curious pride a man feels in a woman who belongs to him and whom he can instruct.

"When I was singing I thought I sh'd have to stop when I saw you. Yes; you're very pretty to-day. Clary, we are going to be happy, aren't we?"

That night Clary leaned on Waldo's arm as she saw George Washington, with the figures 1776 above his head, her first set piece of fireworks. In the great blaze of red light which followed it somebody unfurled the Stars and Stripes, and the band burst into a clash of music.

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"Porter, can I take this train to New York?"

"Well, you can try, Miss; but in general we uses the locomotive to take it there."

LOAFING DAY.

The lazy boy sprawled on his back and squinted at the sky,
Wishing he were the long-winged bird that slantwise sailed on high;
For day was lapsing swiftly, half way from dawn to noon,
And the breeze it sang: "O! lazy boy, what makes you tired so soon?"

But the lazy boy was silent, and he slowly chewed a straw,
Vaguely mindful of the thrush that whistled in the haw,
And half aware of bleating sheep and of the browsing kine
Far scattered over slumbering hills to the horizon line.

Happy, happy was the boy a-dreaming sweet and long,
Fanned by the breeze that tossed the haw and riffed the thrush's song;
For the whole glad day he had to loaf, he and himself together,
While all the mouths of Nature blew the flutes of fairy weather.

The year's great treadmill round was done, its drudgery ended well,
And now the sunny holiday had caught him in its spell,
So that he lounged, a lazy lout, up-squinting at the sky,
And wished he was the long winged bird that slantwise sailed on high.

It's good to work and good to win the wages of the strong;
Sweet is the hum of labor's hire, and sweet the workman's song;
But once a year a lad must loaf and dream and chew a straw,
And wish he were a falcon free or a catbird in the haw!

—Maurice Thompson in the Independent.

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Value of Cornstalks.

The Baltimore *Sun* gives an account of the organization of a Fifty-Million Dollar Trust for the purpose of making a market for the 250,000,000 tons of cornstalks which have been going to waste in this country every year. If the *Sun's* statements are correct, the "combine" will be of great advantage to the farmers. It says:

"The cornstalk is to be developed by the new trust into a commercial commodity, as cotton seed were a few years ago, and it is believed that 'there are millions in it' According to the New York Commercial, our farmers have hitherto been throwing away $900,000,000 a year in stalks. The yield of stalks averages three tons to the acre, the acreage averaging 80,000,000, and but a fraction of this is utilized as fodder. During the last 20 years our farmers have destroyed, it is estimated by the Commercial, $18,000,000,000 worth of their product—a value equal to the sum total of their mortgages plus the public debt. This sum the new trust proposes to enable the farmers to put in their pockets during the next score of years.

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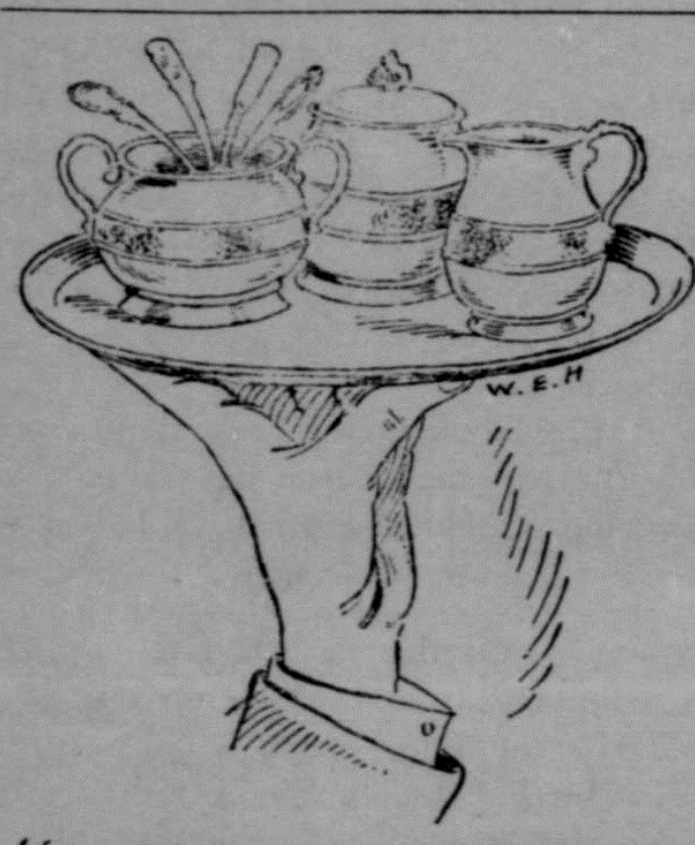

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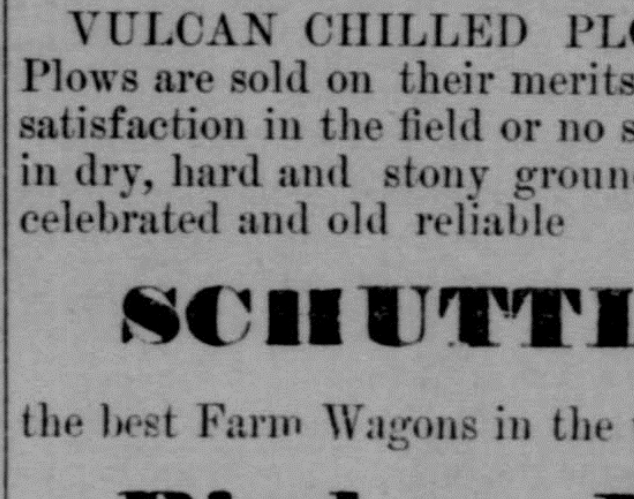

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MAIN LINE AND CONNECTIONS
Taking effect June 25th, 1899.

TRAINS WEST.

LEAVE	1. A M *	11. AM. †	15. AM. †	23. PM †	29. P M †	53. AM. ‡	P M. ‡
New York							
Philadelphia							
Washington							
Baltimore	4.30	8.11	10.17	4.11	5.07	9 5	2 3[illegible]
Arlington		8.16	10.40	4.23	6.16	10 00	2 59
Mt. Hope		8.39	10.43	4.27	6 40	10 03	3 02
Pikesville		8.46	10 50	4.34	6 47	10 1	[illegible]
Owings Mills		9 00	11.02	4.47	7 03	10 2	3 21
Glyndon	5.10	9.11	11.14	4 59	7 17	10 33	3.34
Emory Grove		9.12	11.1[illegible]		7 8	10 3	3.35
Finksburg		9 21	11.25	5.12	7 8	10 6	3.47
Carrollton		9.37	11.38	5.25	7 46	9	4 10
Westminster	5.38	9.53	11 53	5.42	8 0	11 0	4 17
Avondale		10 00	12.00	5.49	8 12	11.2[illegible]	4.27
New Windsor	5.50	10.10	12.10	6.02	8 23	11.34	4 39
Linwood		10.15	12.15	6.07	8 29	11.40	4.45
Union Bridge	5 57	10 20	12 20	6.13	8 33	11.45	4.50
Middleburg		10.26	P. M.	6.19	P M	A. M.	P M
Bruceville	6.03	10.28		6.23			
D. P. Creek		10.33		6.27			
Rocky Ridge		10.40		6.36			
Thurmont	6.11	10.53		6.47			
Edgemont	7.06	11.45		7 15			
Waynesboro	7 24	12.02		7.52			
Chambersb'g	7 57	12 19		8 28			
Shippensburg	[illegible]	1.06		8. 5			
Hagerstown	7.30	12 0		8 5			
Williamsport	AM	P M		P M			

TRAINS EAST.

LEAVE	22. P M. *	4. AM. †	8. AM †	12. P M †	18. P M. †	52. AM ‡	
Williamsport							
Hagerstown	4.10		7.02		2. 5		
Shippensburg			6.00				
Chamb'rsburg			6.31		1 48		
Waynesboro			7.06		2.17		
Edgemont	4 35		7.56		2 38		
Thurmont	5 21		8.1[illegible]		3.21		
Rocky Ridge			8.26		3.31		
D. P. Creek			8.33		3.38		
Bruceville	5.38		8.37		3.44		
Middleburg			8.39		3.48		
Union Bridge	5.45	6 37	8.45	12.55	3.54	6.45	3 18
Linwood		6 41	8.49	12.59	3 59	6 5[illegible]	4 3
New Windsor	5.53	6.46	8.54	1.04	4.0	6 58	4 09
Avondale		6 6		1.14	4 17	7.11	4.0
Westminster	6.07	7 02	9.11	1.20	4.27	7.20	4 28
Carrollton		7 16	9.25	1.34	4 42	7 38	4 3
Finksburg		7 2[illegible]	9.35	1 44	4.55	7 5	4 54
Emory Grove		7.52		1 53	5.03	8 2	5 4
Glyndon	6.17	7.40	9 43	1.54	5.04	8 0	5 15
Owings Mills	6.46	7.52	9 52	2.04	5.16	8 2	5 17
Pikesville		8.03	10.01	2.13	5 29	8 3	5 28
Mt. Hope		8.11	10.05	2.19	5 36	8 38	5 35
Arlington		8.14		2.22	5.39	8.42	38
Baltimore	7.18	8.40	10.27	2.42	6 05	9 07	6 05
Washington							
Philadelphia							
New York	P. M.	AM	A M.	P. M.	P M	AM	M

*Daily. †Daily, except Sunday. ‡Sunday.

BLUE MOUNTAIN EXPRESS. (Parlor Car) leaves Baltimore daily except Sunday, 3.22 p. m., stopping at Westminster, New Windsor, Union Bridge, Bruceville (connection for Frederick), Thurmont, Blue Ridge, Buena Vista Spring, Blue Mountain, Edgemont, ‡Smithsburg, Hagerstown. Returning, leaves Hagerstown 6.43 a. m. daily, except Sunday. Arrive Baltimore 9.31 a. m.

Passengers for and from Cherry Run, Williamsport, P. V. and intermediate points, from and for stations east of Hagerstown change at Hagerstown.

EMMITSBURG R. R. Trains East will leave Emmitsburg daily, except Sundays, at 7 10 and 10.00 A. M. and 2.50 and 4 0 P. M., arriving Rocky Ridge at 7.40 and 10.30 A. M. and 3.20 and 5 20 P. M. Trains west will leave Rocky Ridge, daily, except Sundays, at 8.26 and 10.40 A. M. and 3.31 and 6.36 P. M., arriving at Emmitsburg 8.55 and 11.10 A. M. and 4 10 and 7.06 P. M.

FREDERICK DIVISION PENNSYLVANIA R. R., (Daily ex. Sunday.)—Trains for Frederick leave Bruceville at 8.38 A. M. and 9.35 and 10 40 A. M. and 5.38 and 6.25 P. M. Trains for Taneytown, Littlestown and Columbia leave Bruceville 9.47 A. M., and at 3.45 P. M.

Through Trains for Hanover and Gettysburg and points on Baltimore and Harrisburg Division leave Baltimore daily, except Sunday, at 7.22 A. M. and 3.22 P. M. Through cars for Gettysburg and intermediate points leave Baltimore also daily, except Sunday at 10.17 A. M.

BALTIMORE & CUMBERLAND VALLEY BRANCH.—Trains leave Hagerstown for Waynesboro, Chambersburg and Intermediate Stations at 6.25 a. m. Leave Hagerstown for Shippensburg and Intermediate Stations at 11.10 a. m. and 7. 0 p. m. Leave Chambersburg for Hagerstown and Intermediate Stations at 1.45 p. m. Leave Shippensburg for Hagerstown and Intermediate Stations at 6.00 a. m., and 3.00 p. m.

FOR CHAMBERSBURG VIA. ALTENWALD CUT-OFF.—Leave Hagerstown for Chambersburg and Intermediate Stations at 6.12 a. m. and 3.17 p. m. Leave Chambersburg for Hagerstown and Intermediate Stations at 7.18 a. m. and 7.49 p. m.

CONNECTIONS AT CHERRY RUN, W. VA.—B. and O. passenger trains leave Cherry Run for Cumberland and intermediate points, daily, at 8.51 a. m., Chicago and Pittsburg Express, daily, at 1.04 p. m., Cincinnati, St. Louis and Chicago Express, daily, at 1.17 p. m., Chicago Express, daily, at 10.40 p. m. Passengers from W. M. train No. 211 for points between Hancock and Cumberland take B. and O. train leaving Cherry Run at 1.17 p. m. B. and O. east bound trains arrive Cherry Run at 4.15, 9.21 and 10.47 a. m., and 5.40 p. m.

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P. S.—Come to see us and we will do you good during this sale. Terms Positively Cash. We may continue the cash business owing to the move made by some of our Brother Merchants elsewhere.

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