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Bound To Come Up!



Prices on Blankets are bound to rise. Not a very pleasant fact to contemplate perhaps, but true. Indeed they have already advanced at the mills. The only thing that enables us to keep the figures down is the fact that we bought our stock about six months ago. When we placed orders for three times as many as we sold last year, we thought we had enough to last us through the season, but they are selling so fast that it is now absolutely sure that we shall not have enough. While what we have lasts, we shall sell them at the old prices. Moral: buy your blankets now and save money.

Notice, we give the exact size and weight. 10-4 is a misnomer, you cannot judge anything of the size of a blanket by being told it is 10-4 or 11-4 or 12-4. Ten quarters are two yards and a half which is 90 inches, while as a matter of fact no ordinary bed blanket measures this szie. We give the exact figures, they won't lie, we invite comparison.



To Fit Every Purse and To Suit Every Taste.

"Montezuma," Grey Blankets. Pure Australian lambs wool, soft and fine, not a thread of cotton in it, handsome borders, weight 5 lbs., size 74x82 inches. While they last $4.90.

"Silver Grey," handsome grey blankets with pretty colored borders in pink, blue and black, nearly all wool, weight 5 lbs., size 74x84 in. A very cheap blanket at $2.95.

"Leonora," grey blankets, very soft and fine, and large for the price pretty colored borders, weight 4 lbs. 14 oz., size 72x84 inches., and the price, $1.37.

"Banquet," white blankets, pretty pink, blue, or green borders, very heavy, weighing 5 lbs. 8 oz., size 66x82 inches, and the price $1.37.

"Solid Grey" blankets, very large, measuring 68x82 inches, at the low price of 61 Cents.

"Arabian," grey or white blankets, size 56x74 inches, and the price, 48 Cents.

Heavy Comforts at Light Prices.

No. 57 Comforts, weight 6 lbs. 4 oz., size about 56x66 inches, and the price 57 Cents.

No. 80 Comforts, size 60x70 inches, weight 6 lbs. 13 oz., and the price 80 Cents.

No. 125 Comforts, splendid coverlng, filled with soft, pure, white cotton, size 68x72 inches, weight 6 lbs. 10 oz., and the price $1.25.

SEE OUR ADVERTISEMENT OF NEW GOODS IN THE ADVOCATE.

Until further notice our store will close at 7 o'clock every evening except Saturday.

NEW YORK BARGAIN HOUSE,
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31 East Main Street, Westminster, opposite Catholic Church.
T. W. MATHER & SONS. Telephone Call 27

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I have it. The finest fruits and vegetables, put out by the finest packers in the country. For the finest customers in the world, they're our's. Housewives always enjoy a taste of some one else's work. Try a can of these elegant goods.



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Wm. F. Derr. | Wm. F. Derr.

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Model Emporium.

Our Store Closes at 6 P M., Except Saturday.

IN PERFECT READINESS.

This great store is in readiness for all, with the most complete stock of new and dependable wearing apparel for Ladies and Children it has ever been your pleasure to gaze upon.

A REMARKABLE DRESS GOODS SHOW.



This collection includes all that in fashion says is correct—every new shade, new weave, new finish. Plaids, Crepons, Camels Hair, Cheviot, Broad Cloths, Venitians, Granite Cloth, Homespuns, all are very prominent and are here exhibited in every leading variety.

COME AND SEE THEM.

OPENING NEW WRAPS FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.



To-day we open about twenty new styles in Jaunty Jackets for Ladies, Misses and Children. Most of the garments are plain cloth; Black is the principal, yet we are showing some lovely styles in Castor Brown, and Navy Blue. Prices that will fit the most economical purse.

Women's Jacket's	$5 to $20.
Children's Jackets	$3 to $12.
New Golf Capes	$6 to $15.

NEW WAISTS AND FURS.

We opened this week some lovely Waists for ladies, in Silks and Wool Fabrics, all in new correct styles. Ladies' pretty, well made Cloth Waists, in all shades, $1.25 to $3.

Silk Waists of Fine Black Taffeta, beautifully made, $5.

NEW FUR COLLARS,

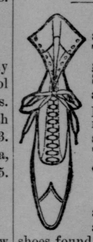
in all the handsomest Furs and new shapes, at $5 to $15.

HANDSOME MILLINERY.

There never has been such a display of Stylish Millinery before, but we would not do our full duty did we not better it every season, yes every week. 'Tis time now for your new Hat; come to-day. These are marvels of beauty, they are stylish and dignified, besides they cannot be duplicated—only here.



New Styles at	$4 and $5.
Children's Hats	$2 and $3.
Golf and Walking Hats	50c to $3.



Serviceable Shoes and comfortable as well. These are but two of the good points found in the Shoes we sell for ladies and children. Every pair solid leather and made in the newest shapes at little prices. To-day we have in mind our Women's Shoes at $2 pr.

These Shoes give you all the style and comfort, as well as more wear than shoes found in many stores priced a dollar higher.

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The Clothing People of Carroll County, Md.

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Over 500 handsome Suit and Pantaloon patterns to select from. We fit you, give you quality in goods, linings and workmaushiip and chare you big round dollars less than you can get same quality elsewhere.

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I wish to inform my friends and patrons that I am still in the

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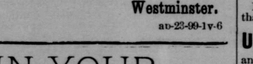
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Stock now Ready for Fall of '99 and Spring of 1900.

Why pay such exorbitant prices for your orchards, when you can buy healthy home grown stock sufficent to plant an acre, consisting of 40 Apple Trees, 15 Plum and 20 Pears, all for $17.00 all of the leading varieties. I will also furnish a formula how to keep trees in a healthy condition and at the same time cause them to bear early, free.

Gooseberries, the largest that grow, for 25 cents each.

Blackberries 10 cents each.

Come and see the fruit and be convinced.

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A Free Trip to Paris!

Reliable persons of a mechanical or inventive mind desiring a trip to the Paris Exposition, with good salary and expenses paid, should write
The PATENT RECORD, Baltimore, Md.

NOTICE TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF CARROLL COUNTY, MD.

Pursuant to the directions contained in Section 13 of Chapter 202 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at its January Session, 1896, the Board of Supervisors of Elections for Carroll county hereby notifies the Qualified Voters of Carroll county, that the Judges of Elections and Registers of Voters for the several Election Districts of Carroll county, and each Election Precinct thereof, will sit for the purpose of registering Voters of said county, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8 A. M. AND 7 P. M., on

TUESDAY, October 3, 1899,
AND ON
TUESDAY, October 10th, 1899,
AND FOR
REVISION ONLY ON
TUESDAY, October 17th, 1899,

at the following places in the several Election Districts, to-wit:

DISTRICT NO. 1, COMMONLY CALLED TANEYTOWN DISTRICT,

William W. Witherow and J. Y. Eckenrode, Judges of Elections and Registers of Voters, will sit in the Town Hall, in the town of Taneytown.

DISTRICT NO. 2, COMMONLY CALLED UNIONTOWN DISTRICT,

George C. Harman and John Senft, Judges of Elections and Registers of Voters, will sit in the room adjoining residence of Dr. Luther Kemp, in the town of Uniontown.

DISTRICT NO. 3, COMMONLY CALLED MYERS' DISTRICT,

Harvey S. Morelock and George E. Bowman, Judges of Elections and Registers of Voters, will sit in room in office of J. William Earhart, in the village of Union Mills.

DISTRICT NO. 4, COMMONLY CALLED WOOLERY'S DISTRICT,

George B. Knox and Charles Taylor, Judges of Elections and Registers of Voters, will sit at Sandyville, in the room of Bradley T. Hering.

DISTRICT NO. 5, COMMONLY CALLED FREEDOM DISTRICT—1ST PRECINCT,

Charles H. Oursler and Simon H. Golibart, Judges of Elections and Registers of Voters, will sit in a room in the residence of Samuel L. Little, in the village of Eldersburg.

2ND PRECINCT.

Francis T. Buckingham and R. H. H Shipley, Judges of Elections and Registers of Voters, will sit in a room in the residence of James Francis, in the village of Berret.

DISTRICT NO. 6, COMMONLY CALLED MANCHESTER DISTRICT,

Cornelius Miller and H. S. Musselman, Judges of Elections and Registers of Voters, will sit in Firemen's Hall, in the town of Manchester.

DISTRICT NO. 7, COMMONLY CALLED WESTMINSTER DISTRICT—1ST PRECINCT.

Washington L. Brown and Abraham Winters, Judges of Elections and Registers of Voters, will sit in the room of Charles Turtle, opposite Court street on Main street, in the city of Westminster.

2ND PRECINCT,

Joseph H. Krichton and Joseph L. Franklin, Judges of Elections and Registers of Voters, will sit in the store room of Joseph H. Krichton, adjoining the store of Gilbert & Gehr, Liberty street, near Main, in the city of Westminster.

DISTRICT NO. 8, COMMONLY CALLED HAMPSTEAD DISTRICT,

William A. Murray and John W. Shank, Judges of Elections and Registers of Voters, will sit in a room in the Enterprise Building, in the town of Hampstead.

DISTRICT NO. 9, COMMONLY CALLED FRANKLIN DISTRICT,

James A. Easton and Ernest I. Stouffer, Judges of Elections and Registers of Voters, will sit in a room adjoining the residence of John T. Ingles, in the village of Taylorsville.

DISTRICT NO. 10, COMMONLY CALLED MIDDLEBURG DISTRICT,

Martin L. Koons and Charles W. Dorcus, Judges of Elections and Registers of Voters, will sit in a room in the residence of Emma G. Lynn, in the village of Middleburg.

DISTRICT NO. 11, COMMONLY CALLED NEW WINDSOR DISTRICT,

E. Joseph Englar and William D. Lovell, Judges of Elections and Registers of Voters, will sit in the office of J. Ross Galt, Main st., in the town of New Windsor.

DISTRICT NO. 12, COMMONLY CALLED UNION BRIDGE DISTRICT,

John H. Hollenberger and J. U. Baker, Judges of Elections and Registers of Voters, will sit in the Firemen's Hall, in the town of Union Bridge.

DISTRICT NO. 13, COMMONLY CALLED MT. AIRY DISTRICT.

J. Theodore Gosnell and Thomas M. Anderson, Judges of Elections and Registers of Voters, will sit in the room of F. C. Norwood, Main street, in the town of Mt. Airy.

HOWARD F. SCHAEFFER,
President.
JAMES M. PICKETT,
CHARLES V. WANTZ,
Board of Supervisors of Elections for Carroll County.
sep-16-td JNO. H. MITTEN, Clerk.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF A Desirable Property,

In Myers' District, Carroll County, Md.

By virtue of the power contained in the mortgage from Mary E. Kelly and Mary M. Kelley to The Westminster Savings Institution, dated October 22nd, 1880, and recorded among the real estate mortgage records of Carroll county, in liber F. T. S. No. 15, folio 264 &c., the undersigned, attorney or agents therein named, will sell at Public Sale, at the COURT HOUSE DOOR IN WESTMINSTER, Md., on

MONDAY, 16th DAY OF OCTOBER, 1899,

at 2 o'clock, P. M., all the land by said mortgage conveyed, containing

57 ACRES, more or less.

The improvements thereon are a large Log Weatherboarded Dwelling House, Barn, Meat House, Henery and other outbuildings; water convenient to the buildings, two springs near the dwelling and a pump, with excellent water, at the barn.

This property is on the Humbert county road, leading from Humbert's schoolhouse to the Littlestown and Westminster Turnpike Road, and is located distant about ¾ of a mile from the pike and 2 miles from Silver Run, adjoins the lands of Andrew Wisner, John Dell and John T. Myers, and is convenient to market, schools, churches, &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash; or credit terms will be given as follows: One-third cash on the day of sale, or on the ratification thereof, one-third in six months and the other one-third in 12 months from the day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser or purchasers, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

This property is offered with the concurrence of the parties concerned.

CHAS. T. REIFSNIDER,
Attorney or Agent named in Mortgage.
Elias N. Davis Auct. sept-23-ts

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THIS is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the estate of

ELIJAH TAYLOR,

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 18th day of April, 1900, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 18th day of September, 1899.

SUSAN TAYLOR,
sep-23-4t Administratrix.

Commissioners' Notice.

HEREAFTER, and until further notice the County Commissioners of Carroll county will meet at their office in Westminster, EVERY MONDAY, for the transaction of business.

By order, JNO. E. MASENHIMER
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EXECUTORS' SALE OF A Desirable Farm AND WOOD LOT,

In Bachman's Valley, Carroll County, Md.

The undersigned, by virtue of the authority contained in the last will and testament of John H. Miller, deceased, also an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, as Executors, will sell at Public Sale, on the premises, being the late residence of the said John H. Miller, on

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26th, A. D., 1899,

at 2 o'clock, P. M., the following Valuable Real Estate:

First. A farm containing about

55 ACRES OF LAND.

The improvements thereon are a large Two-story Weather-boarded Dwelling House, with porches front and back; Bank Barn with ample stabling and wagon shed attached; Granary, Dairy, Smoke House, Corn House and other outbuildings; well with pump at the house and barn; orchard of apple and other fruit trees. About five acres is in excellent timber. The buildings are in good condition and conveniently located. The land is in a high state of cultivation, the fields are laid off in convenient size and are enclosed by good fences. This farm is in Bachman's Valley, Westminster district, Carroll county, Md., is on the county road leading from the Littlestown Turnpike past Geiman's Mill, formerly, now Repp's, to Bachman's Mills, is about five miles from Westminster, about two miles from Bachman's Mills, adjoins the land of Jonas Bachman, William Bachman and others, is convenient to mills, market, schools, churches, &c., and is the same property whereon the said John H. Miller resided at the time of his death.

A survey and plat of this farm will be made previous to the day of sale, according to which it will be offered and sold.

Second. A Wood Lot, containing

4 ACRES, 2 ROODS and 14 PERCHES,

more or less, with a roadway to and from the same. This lot is known as the Masenheimer Lot, and is about 1½ miles from the farm.

Terms of Sale:—One-third cash on the day of sale, or on the ratification thereof, and the residue in two equal payments, the one payable in six and the other in twelve months from the day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the bonds or single bills of the purchaser or purchasers, with sufficient security, bearing interest from the day of sale; or all cash, at the option of the purchaser or purchasers.

GEORGE R. GEHR,
JONAS BACHMAN,
Executors.
Reifsnider & Reifsnider, Attorneys.
sept-16-ts Wm. T. Wilson Auct.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF A DESIRABLE LOT of LAND and DWELLING HOUSE,

in the West End of the City of Westminster.

By virtue of the power contained in the last will and testament of Clara A. Haines, deceased, also an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll County, the undersigned, as executor, will sell at Public Sale, on the premises,

ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 1899,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., that desirable lot of land, consisting of

ONE-QUARTER OF AN ACRE,

more or less. The improvements thereon are a large and well built Two-and-one-half-story BRICK DWELLING HOUSE, with Back Building attached; Carriage House, Frame Stable, Chicken House, Coal House and other outbuildings; well of excellent water at the door, good garden, &c.

The house is substantially built, is desirably located on Main street, in the West End of Westminster, Md., adjoins the residence of Mrs. Margaret Cassell on the south and Mr. John T. Brown on the west side. All the buildings are in good repair.

The lot will be divided and offered as two separate parcels of 30 feet front each and running back 198 feet to an alley so as to leave 90 feet to the residence and a vacant lot next to Mrs. Cassell, of 30 feet in width, and will also be offered as one entire parcel of 60 feet front running back 198 feet to an alley, and sold accordingly as may appear to the interest of the parties concerned.

To any person desiring to purchase a first-class residence, in a pleasant part of Westminster, an opportunity is here presented.

Terms of Sale.—One-third cash on the day of sale, or on the ratification thereof, one-third in six and the other one-third in twelve months from the day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the bonds or single bills of the purchaser or purchasers, with sufficent security, bearing interest from the day of sale; or all cash, at the option of the purchaser or purchasers.

G. MORITZ ZEPP, Executor.
Reifsnider & Reifsnider, Attorneys.
Elias N. Davis, Auctioneer.

A good Family Mare, Top Buggy, Harness, Blanket, and a variety of other articles will be sold at the same time and place. For terms, particulars, &c., see sale bills.

G. MORITZ ZEPP, Executor.
sep-23-ts

PUBLIC SALE OF DESIRABLE Leasehold Property

near the Depot, in Westminster, Md.

The undersigned, administrator with the will annexed of Charles H. Henneman, deceased, by virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll County, will sell at Public Sale, on the premises, on

SATURDAY, THE 14TH OF OCTOBER, 1899, at 2 o'clock, P. M., all that parcel being part of a tract of land, called "Bond's Meadow Enlarged," containing

9,900 SQUARE FEET, more or less.

The improvements thereon are a large Two-story Frame Dwelling House, well with pump at the door; also hydrant with water in the house. There is also a Frame Stable on the premises, large variety of fruit trees, excellent garden, &c.

This property fronts 50 feet on Bond street, running back 198 feet to an alley; is a corner lot desirably located almost opposite St. Paul's Reformed Church parsonage, is in excellent repair and is worthy the attention of purchasers. The lot is subject to an annual ground rent of $7.00 payable in half yearly payments on the first day of April and October. Ground Rent and Taxes paid to day of sale.

For further information apply to the undersigned, residing nearly opposite.

Terms of Sale.—One-third cash on the day of sale or on the ratification thereof, one-third in 6 and the other one-third in 12 months from the day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser or purchasers, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale; or all cash, at the option of the purchaser.

CALVIN S. SLAGLE,
administrator with the will annexed of Chas. H. Henneman, deceased.
Reifsnider & Reifsnider, Attorneys.
Elias N. Davis, Auctioneer. sep-16-ts

NO. 2558 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County.

Charles T. Reifsnider, George M. Pearce, and William H. Bell, Jr., trustees and plaintiffs, vs. William H. Bell and Annie E. Bell, his wife, defendants.

Ordered this 3rd day of October, A. D. 1899, that account C of the Auditor filed in this cause be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 23rd day of October inst.; provided a copy of this order be inserted for two successive weeks before the last named day in some newspaper published in Carroll county.

JAMES H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.
True copy.—Test:
oct-7-2t JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk

ELECTION NOTICE.

Western Maryland Railroad Company,
Office of Secretary, Baltimore, Md.,
Sept. 12th, 1899.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Western Maryland Railroad Company for the election of Five Directors, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the Company, Hillen Station, Baltimore, on Wednesday, October 18th, 1899, at 12 o'clock, M.

sept-16 te. J. T. M. BARNES, Secretary

CASTORIA

The Kind You Have Always Bought has borne the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher, and has been made under his personal supervision for over 30 years. Allow no one to deceive you in this. Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but Experiments, and endanger the health of Children—Experience against Experiment.

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is a harmless substitute for Castor Oil, Paregoric, Drops and Soothing Syrups. It is Pleasant. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. Its age is its guarantee. It destroys Worms and allays Feverishness. It cures Diarrhœa and Wind Colic. It relieves Teething Troubles, cures Constipation and Flatulency. It assimilates the Food, regulates the Stomach and Bowels, giving healthy and natural sleep. The Children's Panacea—The Mother's Friend.

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Select Poetry.

DREAMING OF HOME.

It comes to me often in silence,
When the firelight sputters low—
When the black, uncertain shadows
Seem wraiths of long ago;
Always with a throb of headache,
That thrills each pulsive vein,
Comes the old, unquiet longing
For the peace of home again.

I'm sick of the roar of cities,
And of the faces cold and strange;
I know where there's warmth and welcome
And my yearning fancies range
Back to the dear old homestead,
With an aching sense of pain;
But there'll be joy in the coming,
When I go home again.

When I go home again! There's music
That never may die away,
And it seems the hands of angels,
On a mystic harp at play,
Have touched with a yearning sadness
On a beautiful broken strain,
To which is my fond heart wording,
"When I go home again."

Outside of my darkened window
Is the great world's crash and din,
And slowly the autumn shadows
Come drifting, drifting in.
Sobbing the night wind murmurs
To the splash of the autumn rain;
But I dream of the glorious greeting
When I go home again.—*Eugene Field.*

Select Story.

Romance of the Cuban War.

It was breakfast time at Avondale, and General Higgerson, for the fifth time, wondered what kept his daughter as he fidgeted with his paper and stirred his hot coffee. Just as his patience was at an end the door opened and admitted a tall, handsome girl, with bright blue eyes. She held a big bunch of clematis in her hands.

"Where have you been, Mona?" inquired her father.

"Down by the river; I found the stone wall near the boathouse ablaze with these blossoms. I am sorry to be late, dear."

"The southern mail is in," observed the general, nodding toward a small pile of letters at her plate.

She flushed slightly as she laid the clematis on the sideboard and took her seat at the table. A conscious smile crossed her father's face as she broke the seal of the first letter. He turned to the paper in his hands, and his eyes caught this heading: "A Romance in Real Life."

"With the invalided officers returning this week is young Colonel Lawrence, who was severely hurt in the charge at San Juan. Among the nurses who went to look after the sick was a handsome young woman whom the colonel formerly admired. Family misfortune had forced her to adopt nursing as a profession. Their friendship was renewed, and when the colonel came home he was engaged to his old love. Colonel Lawrence is to be married very shortly. Report says that he had entangled himself with another lady, who will now find that she must look elsewhere for consolation."

As he laid down the paper the general glanced at his daughter. She was sitting, with a dazed expression on her face, gazing at a letter she held.

"Father, what does this mean?" she exclaimed, holding out the letter. He took it from her, and this is what he read:

"Dear Mona—You may have seen in the papers an account of my being wounded; I made light of it in my last letter, fearing to alarm you, but the truth is I am a wreck, as the papers have accurately stated. I am invalided and crippled, and if it had not been for devoted nursing I should not be here to-day. Under the circumstances I do not feel justified in holding you to your engagement; notwithstanding the pain it causes me to do this, I want to release you entirely and leave you free to marry some one who is not so shattered as myself; but believe me, dearest, that whatever my future life, you will always be shrined deep in my heart of hearts.

Your faithful friend,
HENRY LAWRENCE."

"What does it mean?" almost shouted the old general. "It means that your lover is a scoundrel, Mona; read newspaper containing "A Romance in Real Life." The girl grew white to the lips; a mist before her eyes prevented her for a moment from reading the article; slowly she grasped its full purport.

It was a terrible blow to the general; he had always liked Colonel Lawrence and consented to the engagement just before the young man was ordered to Cuba. Both Mona and her father had so thoroughly believed in Lawrence's love and faith that his letter and that story in the newspaper came upon them like a bolt from a calm sky.

Pacing the room wrathfully, he gave vent to his feelings in swearing volubly. "The scoundrel! I should like to horse-whip him myself for a whelp of a cur if he were not wounded. What are his hurts to the stab he has given. Mona—ah! when Gilbert hears this—" and then the general remembered that his son was coming home that week. It was a satisfaction to have a man around to whom he could give vent to his outraged feelings.

As though in answer to his thoughts, the butler at that moment brought in a telegram. "Yes Gilbert was coming, and, fortunately, a day earlier than expected, bringing a friend with him. Just as well to distract her attention," thought her father, as Mona joined him with her hat on and a letter in her hand.

"Going out, dear?"

"Only to the village to post a note."

"Gilbert is coming to-morrow at 5 with an old college friend, who, it seems, has just turned up in New York."

"I am glad," said Mona, quietly, Gilbert arrived in high spirits with his friend, a Major Laurie, just returned from Puerto Rico. As soon as they were alone the general poured out his indignation and woe to his son, who was much incensed at the behavior of Mona's fiance.

"By George," exclaimed Major Laurie, (after excusing herself early in the evening, Mona had left the three men in the billiard-room smoking), "but Miss Mona is stunning. If I were not engaged to the dearest girl in the world, I should lose my heart to your sister."

"I did not know we had to congratulate you, young fellow."

"When does the happy event come off?"

"Very soon; you'll be invited."

"Who is she?" asked Gilbert, interested.

"A Miss Sterling, whose nature verifies her name; have known her since she was a girl."

"Rather anxious time for her when you were wounded," suggested the general.

"Oh, but I was not in much danger, you know; now some fellows got so cut up you would hardly recognize them. There was poor Lawrence—(both the listeners started)—leg clean gone, the other up to the knee, one arm off, and a scar across his face—and the plucky chap just smiled through it all."

Father and son exchanged glances.

"He pulled through, thanks to the devoted nursing he got," continued Laurie, unconscious of the interest his words aroused. "I never saw that man down until yesterday, when he collapsed as though shot."

"How was that?" asked Gilbert, in a constrained voice.

"Well, you see, it was this way; he's very reticent, still, we all knew he was devoted to some girl at home, though he never mentioned her name or spoke about her; couldn't get him into the slightest flirtation with anyone. When we ce came back together he spoke for the first time to me about his affair. 'You see, Laurie, I am such a wreck, should I marry a girl when she might have to nurse me? and then, at best, I'm not a whole man; will have but one sound arm and only part of one leg to offer her.' By George, I felt for the poor devil when he talked like that. Well, I suggested to try her and see what she thought about it. Write and offer to release her. He caught at the idea. 'But I wouldn't write as though pleading with her; I would not want to be married out of pity, but would just state the facts and leave her free to decide,' said he. 'And what do you think she will write.' I asked him. 'I think that she is too faithful to give me up,' he answered, and 'pon my word—scar or no scar—he looked so proud and handsome when he spoke, I only wished his sweetheart could have seen him."

"And then?" asked Gilbert, as Laurie paused in his narrative.

"Oh, then he wrote, alluding to his being a wreck, and referring to the account in the papers, and yesterday her answer came; I was in his rooms when he got her note—just a short one, but he turned white, and said bitterly, 'She writes that my views upon the subject of our engagement ending meet her own; she releases me, evidently without regret, thankful to be free from what might have been a burden to her.' I tried to cheer him up; he gave one look such as you see in a hunted beast as you shoot it down, and, by Jove, he keeled right over. I was in a fearful state, and called his name. He came round presently and begged me not to mention the subject again."

"Laurie, for God's sake explain matters a little more," cried Gilbert, who had risen from his chair in great excitement.

The major stared at his friend in astonishment.

"Yes, sir, cried the general, equally roused, you don't know how much depends upon what you have been telling. Colonel Lawrence was engaged to my daughter Mona."

"The devil!" and the eyeglass dropped.

"And here's news of his engagement to another woman!"

"To another woman?" echoed Laurie evidently in hopeless amazement.

"The nurse who took care of him. There is a flaring account of it in to-day's Reporter."

"It's all a lie," cried Laurie, fumbling for his eyeglass and almost dropping his lisp. "They have mixed our names up; it is I that am engaged to the nurse, Miss Sterling, whom I just mentioned; Lawrence has never looked at any other woman nor had a thought except of his fiancee; I can swear to that. There's just one thing to do. Where's the time table?" and the major was on his feet, inspecting the mantelpiece.

"What do you mean?" asked Gilbert.

"I mean to take a train to New York to-night, if there's one that will get me there."

"Nonsense."

"Do you think I am going to see Lawrence, who saved my life at the risk of his own, go through another night of despair?"

At 6 o'clock next morning a thundering rap at the door of Colonel Lawrence's room brought a sleepy, half-dressed valet to Major Laurie, who demanded instant admittance.

"I hope sir, there's no bad news," said the valet, respectfully, "but the colonel has been so ill ever since you left yesterday and has not slept this night."

"Bad news? No, no, man—the best your master has had this many a day. Hello, Lawrence; may I come in, old fellow?" and Major Laurie walked into the adjoining bedroom. His friend started up in bed at his entrance, and tried to ask a question, but Mona's note was in his hand before he had time to frame the words. "She will be here herself in a few hours," said Laurie, and discreetly turned toward the window and pulled up the blind; the warm sun filled the room with brightness, and a happy light shone in the colonel's eyes as he read the few hurried lines.

"Laurie, Laurie," he cried, as his friend seized his outstretched hand; "she's true to me, after all. Read that." He handed Mona's letter to Laurie:

"My darling," she wrote, "forgive me for misunderstanding your letter. I cannot free you from our engagement as long as I realize that you love me and that I can be of use to you. What matters to me a loss of an arm or leg, as long as you have body enough left to keep your soul together. I'm yours till God calls that soul home to Himself.

"Your loving Mona."

Toward noon of that day Major Laurie had a vision of Mona with her arms around her lover's neck, heard her joyful cry, and from Lawrence a murmured "My darling—at last," and he hastily left to themselves two of the happiest hearts in New York.

As he turned to Mona's brother in the next room, wiping his eyeglass, which had suddenly become misty, he said below his breath, "By Jove, I rather think I've done a good day's work."

The number of soldiers slain in battle depends a great deal on the color of their uniform. The more flashy and conspicuous the helmet and jacket the better the target and consequently the greater the mortality. Red attracts the eye most readily, and 12 men bearing that color are killed to seven in rifle green, or six in blue, or five in either brown, blue-gray or gray.

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