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into the house. On the threshold he paused, and turned to his companion. 'Don't make no noise jest yet,' he said. 'She's sound asleep.'

When they had seated themselves silently, Nathaniel recounted everything that had happened that night. Borden did not interrupt, but listened, resting his very heavy face on his hand. He looked up when Nathaniel finished.

'Thank ye,' he said simply. 'Mebbe I can pay ye back some day. I woke up, and thought I heard my wife calling me. I went to Milly's room to see if she had spoke, and found the letter she left. I hooked up and drove on the run after her. If it hadn't been for you, I'd been too late!' He let his head sink on his hand again. 'God knows what made her do such a thing,' he continued. 'She never said much about the man. She knew I hated him, but that oughtn't to matter. She might have trusted her own father.'

'It is all right now, any way,' said Nathaniel cheerfully. 'You've got her back safe and sound.'

Borden shook his head sadly. 'It can't never be the same so far as Milly is concerned. She might just as well gone off with him. She tried to do it once; mebbe she'll try again. I can't never trust her after this'.

'Don't blame the girl too much. Perhaps it ain't all her fault. Mebbe you ain't done jest right by her. She might be afraid to talk to you.'

'I done the best I could by her,' replied the other. 'I ain't petted her much, for I ain't that kind of a man; but she's all I've got since her mother died, and I'd done anything in the world to keep her from this. If she'd only told about it, I'd understood her, and helped her any way I could. She ought to known that.'

'Girls don't know them things,' said Nathaniel slowly. 'They're different from men, and we've got to treat 'em different. I ain't got no doubt Milly never understood ye, and I don't think it's her fault. You'd ought to be more open with her, and talk with her more about things.'

'I wish I had,' said Borden. Mebbe your right. I wish I'd been different. I've done wrong somehow. If I had it all to do over again.'

'Ye have,' Nathaniel interrupted.

The other man shook his head again. 'If's too late,' he said. 'Can't ye see it's too late?'

'You are not going to be hard on the girl, are you?'

"I couldn't be hard on her if I wanted to, and the Lord knows I don't want to; but I can't forget it. No one could.'

The old man sat silent for sometime. 'I'd like to tell ye a little experience,' he said at length.

Borden looked up inquiringly.

'About ten years ago,' Nathaniel continued slowly, 'I had a girl jest about as old as Milly, and a good deal like her. My wife had been dead a long time, and I was alone with my girl jest about the way ye be with yourn. I never was the same after Mary died, and couldn't help seeming glum and hard like; leastways, I didn't think so then. I loved the little one better than anything else in the world, but I didn't never tell her so. I sort of took it for granted that she knowed it without being told, but she didn't. I found that out afterwards.'

He paused a moment and went to the window, looking out into the blackness. Borden sat silent, gazing at him. Nathaniel came back, and stood leaning on the chimney shelf.

'There ain't a great deal more to tell,' he said. 'She run away one night, and left a letter, like Milly did, saying what she was going to do; only she wrote it so that when I read it I seen my mistake as plain as day. It was too late for me then. It ain't It ain't too late for ye now.'

'Did ye find her?' said Borden.

'I never saw her again, said Nathaniel softly. 'I hunted for her everywhere. I sold the farm and spent the money looking for her. I used to go along the streets looking at every girl's face, thinking it might be hers; but I couldn't find her. My money run out, and I had to give up. I never knowed what become of her, nor whether she was alive or dead.' His voice trembled. 'I never knowed.' he repeated, and buried his face on his arm, as it rested on the chimney shelf.

'I never thought you had trouble like that,' said Borden, after a pause.

'I don't tell about it,' returned Nathaniel, raising his head. 'I wouldn't tell ye, except I want ye should profit by it.' His eyes were wet, as he faced his friend. 'I would 'a' given my life,' he said, 'for one day like what you've got ahead. If I could 'a' been sure she was dead, I'd been happy, almost. It near drove me crazy to set and think how I might keep her, ef I'd only done different. I could see the whole business then, and remembered the things I hadn't done. Ef Mary had been alive, it wouldn't have happened. I got to wondering if she blamed me or was sorry for me. I hadn't never thought much about God, but prayed to him over and over again, and begged for one more chance; jest one chance; only a day, to tell my girl what I'd thought and never told her. His voice was as gentle as a mother's. I never had the chance, John,' he said. 'You've got it now. For your wife's sake don't let it get away. Ye won't, I know ye won't?'

Borden was silent, but his silence gave a sufficient reply. He had always liked Fletcher and now he understood him.

Nathaniel turned, and passed softly up the stairs. He tapped at the door, and the girl came quickly out to him

'Is he here?' she asked the old man breathlessly.

'No, dearie,' he responded, 'but your father's come for ye. Ye needn't be afraid,' he added, as she shrank back in terror. 'He won't be cross with ye. Mr. Osgood couldn't come, but he sent this letter.'

The girl seized the note and hid it in her breast.

'Does father——' she began.

'He ain't angry,' said the old man. 'Come.'

He took her hand, and led the way down the stairs, she following dumbly. She had feared to meet her father; but he stretched out his arm and she ran to him with a sob.

'Come home, Milly,' he said, gently. 'Come home and tell me all about it.'

Together they went out, and found Nathaniel waiting by the carriage. He tucked the robes around the shivering girl, and held in a vise-like grip the hand that her father held out to him.

'Drive fast' he said, 'and you'll get home before morning.'

Until the wagon was out of sight, the old man stood bareheaded, gazing after it.

'I hope some man has done as much for my little girl,' he said softly to himself. 'Ef I only knowed!' and he turned and passed into the lonely house.

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[From the New York Sun.]

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American farmers, as a class, are far less progressive and far more tenacious of old and fixed ideas than are our merchants and manufacturers. When the great Western areas of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa and Kansas were invaded by settlers, land was cheap and the soil was virgin. Big crops and cheap prices resulting from this combination convinced the agriculturists of the East that competition was hopeless, and those who did not migrate for the purpose of sharing the wealth of the new region settled down at home with a conviction that a living was about all they could expect from their farms. This idea became fixed, and it prevails today. The conditions of today convert it into a distinct fallacy.

Farm values in the West have increased until they now approximate those of the East. Thus, divided the total value of farm land with improvements, including buildings, by the number of acres of improved land it appears that an Illinois farm is worth $60 an acre, while New York State farms are worth $57. In point of possible productiveness it is doubtful if the Western lands are now much more fruitful than the lands of the older States would be if they were intelligently cultivated. In the matter of price the farmer of the East has an advantage in the markets.

The principle involved in corn production holds good with regard to other crops. The missionaries who preach to the Eastern farmer the opportunities which lie in larger crops from smaller acreage are doing good work. Under the conditions of today the farmer of the East is in good case to compete with the farmer of the West. His first step is to get out of his head the idea that his competition is hopeless. In that process the missionaries are giving him assistance by means of facts, figures and practical illustrations. Our persistent and energetic Secretary of Agriculture will do well to turn a few more of them loose on the community.

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The International C. E. Convention.

Although the international Christian Endeavor convention, which meets in Baltimore July 5 to 10, is scarcely three months off, the thousands of delegates from all parts of this and foreign countries are eager in their efforts to secure desirable headquarters while attending it. The Maryland delegates, who will probably number 10,000, will have their headquarters at Northminster Presbyterian Church, on the corner of North avenue and St. Paul streets. It will be there that the delegates from every society in the state, including those from this county, will be expected to register, and secure the convention privileges, upon the contribution of $1 for one share of the convention stock. This small fee, which is entirely a new feature, will entitle the delegate or the person so registering, to a souvenir program, which is to be a thing of beauty; a handsome official badge; a printed report of the convention and a handsomely engraved souvenir certificate of stock bearing the autographs of the 17 members of the "Committee of 1905." The other states and countries which will have their headquarters at Northminster Church are Vermont, Mexico and South America. Foreign countries and every state in the Union have been assigned to headquarters in some evangelical church in the convention city.

The headquarters of the juniors, who are to give a grand rally on the afternoon of July 5, in the Fifth Regiment Armory, will be in Brown Memorial Presbyterian Church. At least 1500 juniors are now being trained for the rally, and it will be one of the most interesting features of the convention.

Another feature of the convention will be the grand concert of 2000 trained voices, to be given in the Fifth Regiment Armory on the evening of June 30. A singer of note—either Nordica, Schumann, Heink or Campanari, will be engaged to render the solo numbers on the program. Mr. Richard A. Harris is chairman of the music committee. During the convention Mr. Merritt B. Holley, of Michigan, will exhibit his wonderful Christian Endeavor museum. The delegates will be given excursions to Annapolis, Washington, Tolchester, Gettysburg, Ocean City, Rehobeth Beach and other places, and at nearly all of them patriotic and mass-meetings will be held.

It is likely that one or more members of the general "Committee of 1905" will visit several of the societies in this county very soon, and give a complete explanation of the convention affairs. There are nearly 275 societies in the state.

The Western Maryland Railroad Company has acquired a new feeder in the shape of the Belington and Beaver Creek railroad, a 10-mile line in West Virginia. The property also includes the coal lands of the Weaver Coal and Coke Company and the Maryland Smokeless Coal Company, embracing in all about 10,000 acres. There are also 400 coke ovens, and the railroad has 500 coal cars. The deal represents between $1,500,000 and $2,000,000. The railroad connects with the West Virginia Central at Belington and the tonnage that formerly went over the Baltimore and Ohio will be secured by the Western Maryland, which owns the West Virginia Central.

Washington correspondence of the Baltimore *Evening News* says: "Assistant Postmaster General Madden's order barring from the mails after September 1, calendars, sheet music, patterns, post cards, pasteboard images, circulars, hand bills and other matter like merchandise sent through the mails as Sunday supplements to daily papers, indicates that Postmaster General Cortelyou has approved the restrictive policy adopted heretofore. Second-class matter is handled at a loss by the Postoffice Department, and the more bulky it is the larger the postal deficit. The move is primarily one in the interest of economy.

Reno S. Harp, of Frederick, the newly-elected grand chancellor commander of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Knights of Pythias, has made the following appointments: Grand master-at-arms, John F. Thomas, Baltimore; grand inner guard, George A. Deaver, Baltimore; grand outer guard, A. P. Marsh, Frederick.

Miss Susie Stonesifer, of Hanover, Pa., recently completed a patchwork quilt, upon which she had been at work, at times, for fifty years, having begun it when she was twelve years old. She did all the work with the same needle.

The annual gathering of farmers' organizations at the Maryland Agricultural College and Experiment Station will not be held there this year until August, when the corn and other crops are at their best.

The total rate of taxation this year in Baltimore county is 87½ cents on the $100, the State tax being 23½, or one cent more than last year, and the county tax being 64, or three less than last year.

Rev. D. Sylvester Martin, a member of the senior class of Gettysburg Theological Seminary, has been elected pastor of the Lutheran Church at New Freedom, York county, Pa. His home is near Hanover, Pa.

Mr. William Wagner, of Hanover, Pa., a veteran of the Civil War, died suddenly while sitting in Centre Square, at that place, a few days ago. He was about 80 years old.

Abram Sheeley, at one time a commissioner of Adams county, Pa, died recently in New Oxford, aged 77 years.

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The rustle of leaves.

I want the old song of the river,
The little, low laugh of the rills;
I want the warm blue of September
Again on the hills.

I want to lie down in the woodlands,
Where the feathery clematis shines,
God's blue sky above, and about me
The peace of the pines.

I want to run on through the pasture
And let down the dusty old bars,
I want to find you there still waiting,
Your eyes like twin stars

O nights you are weary and dreary,
And, days, there is something you lack,
To the farm in the little, old valley,
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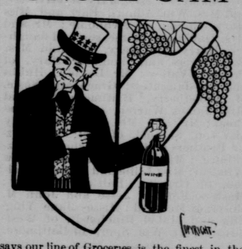
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STATIONS.	F M	W E	Ac.	Ac.	TP	A
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Hillen Station	4 20	S 15	10 12	4 15	5 00	6 15
Union Station	4 35	8 20	10 17	4 20	5 08	6 20
Penna. Ave.	....	8 24	10 21	4 24	....	6 24
Fulton Station	4 41	8 29	10 24	4 27	5 10	6 27
Walbrook	4 43	8 30	10 31	4 30	5 19	6 30
Arlington	....	8 37	10 38	4 37	....	6 40
Mt. Hope	....	8 40	10 42	4 40	....	6 43
Howardville	....	8 43	10 46	4 43	....	6 46
Sudbrook Park	....	8 45	10 48	4 46	....	6 48
Pikesville	....	8 47	10 50	4 48	....	6 50
Greenwood	....	....	....	....	....	....
Owings Mills	....	8 57	11 03	4 57	....	7 07
Glyndon	7 09	9 09	11 15	5 11	....	7 19
Emory Grove	....	....	....	....	....	....
York, ar	....	....	1 25	....	....	....
Hanover, ar	....	....	1 10	....	....	....
Gettysburg, ar	....	....	1 45	....	....	....
Glen Falls	....	9 11	11 26	5 13	....	7 32
Finksburg	....	9 16	11 29	5 20	....	7 34
Carrollton	....	9 19	11 41	5 31	....	7 45
Westminster	5 26	9 45	11 55	5 44	6 05	8 05
Avondale	....	9 51	12 01	5 51	....	8 13
Medford	....	9 54	12 04	5 55	....	8 17
New Windsor	5 49	10 01	12 11	6 05	6 21	8 27
Linwood	....	10 06	12 16	6 11	....	8 34
Union Bridge	5 56	10 10	12 20	6 15	6 30	8 40
Middleburg	....	10 15	....	....	6 35	....
Bruceville	6 02	10 20	....	....	6 41	....
D. P. Creek	....	10 24	....	....	6 44	....
Rocky Ridge	....	10 32	....	....	6 50	....
Emmittsburg, ar	....	11 02	....	....	7 22	....
Loy's	....	10 36	....	....	6 55	....
Graceham	....	10 40	....	....	6 59	....
Thurmont	6 0	10 45	....	....	7 02	....
Deerfield	....	10 58	....	....	7 15	....
Sabillasville	....	11 0	....	....	7 21	....
Blue Ridge Summit	6 43	11 13	....	....	7 30	....
Highfield	6 45	11 15	....	....	7 32	....
Buena Vista Springs	6 48	1 19	....	....	7 37	....
Pen-Mar	....	11 22	....	....	7 50	....
Blue Mountain	....	....	....	....	....	....
Edgemont	1 00	11 33	....	....	7 55	....
Waynesboro, Pa., ar	7 26	11 50	....	....	8 12	....
Chambersburg, ar	8 05	2 27	....	....	8 48	....
Shippensburg, ar	....	12 55	....	....	9 15	....
Smithburg	....	11 18	....	....	7 55	....
Cavetown	....	11 39	....	....	7 56	....
Chewsville	....	11 43	....	....	8 01	....
Potomac ave	....	11 50	....	....	8 16	....
Hagerstown	7 30	11 55	....	....	8 15	....
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Potomac ave	....	....	7 15	....	2 5	4 15
Chewsville	....	....	7 24	....	2 23	4 22
Cavetown	....	....	7 8	....	2 28	....
Smithburg	....	....	7 30	....	2 50	4 28
Shippensburg, Pa	....	....	6 00	....	....	2 55
Chambersburg, Pa	....	....	6 26	....	1 45	3 22
Waynesboro, Pa	....	....	7 01	....	2 17	4 10
Edgemont	....	.