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THE ROMANCE OF THE ROOF.

Its Epitome of Life—Nursery, Playground, Parlor and Chamber—The World Next to the Sky.

The baby seemed to be making for the edge of the roof as fast as very rapid locomotion on its hands and knees could carry it there.

"No, no! Come here, pet," said the mother, calmly, and the infant halted and then turned and sat down.

What a place for a baby that was on the roof of a six-story tenement house in Baxter street, the tallest house in the neighborhood, with a view somewhat resembling scenes on the Rhode Island coast, with here and there a black roof to represent the ink of the clouds of spray made by the clouds of the waves and rocks, and all white and blue expanse of the sky.

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place there is, and the one where I have lived the best hours of my life, child, girl and woman."

I should never have thought so kindly of the little patch of tin had I not heard its praises sung in this way, but I saw afterward that the house had no yard at all—nothing but a gloomy court between it and the rear tenement that stood on the site of what just before the yard forty or fifty years ago. And it had, no front, as we understand the term, for the second-hand clothing of the storekeeper on the ground floor took up all the room that was not in the constant rush of passers-by.

Yet there was not even a semi-circle of regret or complaint in the tone of this woman who had never known anything better. Let that reflection bring that case of mind and conscience it can to the proprietor who is responsible and to the citizens whose law permit the canary-like caging of humanity.

JULIAN RALPH.

Getting the Worth of That Ham.

"John, have you charged that ham?" asked a grocer of his clerk a few mornings since.

"What ham?" was the question in answer.

"The ham that was sold about ten minutes ago."

"I did not know that a ham had been sold. I did not sell any."

"Well, I did, and I don't remember to whom I sold it. Do you not remember?"

"This is the first I knew of any ham being sold."

The grocer thought he had lost the price of the ham. Not so the clerk. He looked over the list of orders and tried to remember the persons who had been in the store that morning. Then he charged the ham to every one of his customers, seventeen in all.

"Sixteen of these will kick," remarked the clerk, "and the seventeenth is the man who got the ham."

The proprietor raised the clerk's wages at once.

Both anxiously watched the result. Of the seventeen persons to whom the ham had been charged, just four did the kicking; the rest paid their bills without further inquiry, so the grocer got paid thirteen times for the ham.

The Enterprising Citizen Will:

Take active interest in all matters appertaining to the improvement of the town:

Make it his duty to look after and correct the morals of the community, as far as lies in his power.

Patronize home tradesmen whenever he can do so in justice to himself and point out to them any lack of enterprise on their part.

Make his home neat and presentable, so far as his means will allow; it increases the marketable value, not only of his own property, but that of his neighbor's.

Let no little spite influence his remarks in reference to his neighbor's property; should a prospective purchaser ask for his opinion.

Be ever willing to praise the good points of the community and correct the bad; Support his local paper in preference to all others, as it is his mouthpiece and the guardian of his rights;

Consider no improvement too good for the community, and no aim too high to be reached for.

In short be a good citizen of a good town whose interests it should ever be his study to advance.

Presidents' Horses

Zach Taylor rode at Washington the horse he had used in the Mexican war. His name was "Old Whitey," and it followed the President of the United States to his grave. Franklin Pierce used to ride a black horse named "Old Tom," and he rode him to the end of his life.

He rode twice daily and his coachman, who still lives here, tells me that he kept eight horses in the White House stables. This coachman says Buchanan had one set of harness which cost \$800. His harness were heavily plated with silver "bars" in different places with it. Buchanan, however, never rode on horseback, but his niece, Harriet Lane, was accustomed to gallop with the other society girls of that day over the hills about Washington.

Coffee Not Injurious.

"It is nonsense, say that coffee is injurious on account of the caffeine in it," says a chemist. "Caffeine is an alkaloid, which, taken in larger doses, would produce nervous troubles and other serious consequences, but is present in coffee in such infinitesimal quantities that it is perfectly harmless; on the contrary, it is so refreshing that it is a tonic property. If coffee is injurious it works very slowly, for thousands of people who use it to excessive to a good old age. They say Voltaire drank forty-eight glasses of it a day."

And now electricity is to be added to the defensive features of the barbed-wire fence. Electricity is the only thing possessing the power to make the barbed-wire fence a more shocking affair than it is now.

Tax figures of this year, 1888, resemble those of last year, and a dulle as they spread themselves across the pavement on a fine afternoon.

DR. PHELPS' STATEMENT.

Healthful TEETH are a "Lifetime Joy!" Since in practice here I HAVE EXTRACTED DIS-

Over 1800 Patients Without Giving Pain!

The SAFE administration of Ether and Chloroform a Specialty.

Dr. Phelps' office is at the corner of the call of physicians in general operations. Why not your decayed Teeth Filled?

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MEN'S FURNISHERS.

30 and 32 Pratt Street (Under Maltby House), BALTIMORE, MD.

A full assortment of Underwear, Neckwear, Collars, Cuffs, Handkerchiefs, Suspenders, Hosiery, Gloves, Stuffs, Scarf-pine, etc.

We call particular attention to our large line of Shirts—ready made in White, Percale and Flannel—all sizes, embracing every variety, style and price.

Shirts Made to Order

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For Canton Flannels

At JOHN H. SIMPERS.

New style Flannels, Medium and 6 1/2 and 8 1/2 per yard, 34 and 36 inch wide, in all shades, including the best NATIVE varieties, thereby insuring long-lived, good-looking and good-keeping flannels.

WHITE & COLORED BLANKETS

Men's Heavy, Ladies' (choice), Hosiery in all shades, skirts and shawls. World call special attention to our line of Hosiery. Men's (choice) shawls at 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100, 105, 110, 115, 120, 125, 130, 135, 140, 145, 150, 155, 160, 165, 170, 175, 180, 185, 190, 195, 200, 205, 210, 215, 220, 225, 230, 235, 240, 245, 250, 255, 260, 265, 270, 275, 280, 285, 290, 295, 300, 305, 310, 315, 320, 325, 330, 335, 340, 345, 350, 355, 360, 365, 370, 375, 380, 385, 390, 395, 400, 405, 410, 415, 420, 425, 430, 435, 440, 445, 450, 455, 460, 465, 470, 475, 480, 485, 490, 495, 500, 505, 510, 515, 520, 525, 530, 535, 540, 545, 550, 555, 560, 565, 570, 575, 580, 585, 590, 595, 600, 605, 610, 615, 620, 625, 630, 635, 640, 645, 650, 655, 660, 665, 670, 675, 680, 685, 690, 695, 700, 705, 710, 715, 720, 725, 730, 735, 740, 745, 750, 755, 760, 765, 770, 775, 780, 785, 790, 795, 800, 805, 810, 815, 820, 825, 830, 835, 840, 845, 850, 855, 860, 865, 870, 875, 880, 885, 890, 895, 900, 905, 910, 915, 920, 925, 930, 935, 940, 945, 950, 955, 960, 965, 970, 975, 980, 985, 990, 995, 1000.

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