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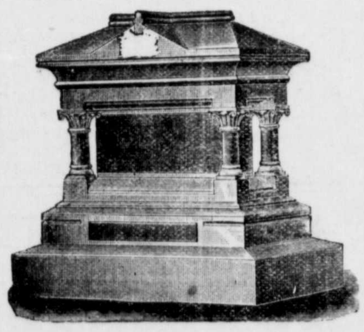

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THE HOUSE AND THE VINE.

S. W. Gillian in Los Angeles Herald.

The house is old—its windows racked;
Its doors are falling down;
Where once the dainty tintings were
Is now a faded brown.
The steps are rotting; in the porch
Great gaping holes are seen;
The roof-tree's broken; with thick mold
The boards are fairly green.

The yard is filled with weeds and trash;
The walk is crumbling fast;
The trees and shrubs are broken—all
Their beauty days are past,
The sagging rails tug at their posts
As though they fain would drop.
Aye, all is drearr and desolate
From floor to chimney top

And yet about the crazy door
And around the tottering stoop
Clambers and clings a tendriled vine
In many a verdant loop;
And on that vine bright blossoms glow
And smile through all the day;
From every dainty flow'r the bees
Sweet burdens bear away.

The broken house—a ruined man
With blighted life and fame;
Soul-windows dimmed, a tarrished coat—
A more than tarnished name.
The clinging vine a woman's love—
Perchance a mem'ry dear
Whose fragrant blossoms bless the world
Through all the changing year.

EASTERN SHORE STORMS.

Mr. Howard Hopkin Furnishes the Queenstown News With Interesting Data.

MR. EDITOR:—This (Monday) being another stormy day, a continuation of our long winter, makes one feel as if we were having a record breaker for this section; I pen a few weathor records that I have kept since 1880 for comparison:

Snow fell Thanksgiving day, 1880; the ground was covered until March, 1881. A very cold winter.

1884. A very cold winter: snow on the ground nearly all January and February; mercury sank to zero the 5th or 6th.

1886. December 5th, six inches of snow; good sleighing for some time.

1888. Rain, snow and high wind from Sunday, March 12th until on Tuesday 13th; no mail to Wye Mills for five days; roads impassable. The greatest storm in this part of the country ever known by the oldest inhabitants; wind blew a hurricane for forty-eight hours.

1890. January 12th, mercury 75. April 1st, snow and ice; temperature 24; killed all the fruit.

1893. January 14, mercury 4½° below zero. Janurry 15, mercury 8° below zero. The lowest record for years.

1895. February 7 and 8, blizzard of snow and wind; no mail; temperature 2° below zero.

1898. April 28, snowed hard for six hours; 4 to six inches deep; killed the wheat.

1899. February 12 and 13, blizzard; three feet of snow; blockaded railroads for five days; no mail for same; country roads filled from fence to fence; cost Talbot county several thousand dollars to dig the snow out of the roads. Saturday, February 11, mercury 8° below zero. Thursday, February 9, mercury was not above zero until 2 P. M; only 2° above in the afternoon; the coldest day I ever experienced. This blizzard was more severe than March 1888 as there was much more snow.

1899. March 7th, another tremendous snow and wind storm; blockaded county roads from fence to fence, drifts six feet deep.
HOWARD R. HOPKINS.

Joint Tenants.

A dying judge, the day before his departure to be with Christ, said to his pastor, "Do you know enough about law to understand what is meant by joint tenancy?" "No," was the reply. "I know nothing about law, but I know a little about grace, and that satisfies me." "Well," said the judge, "if you and I were joint tenants on a farm, I could not say to you, 'That is your hill of corn, and this mine; that is your stalk of wheat, and this is mine; that is your blade of grass, and this is mine;' but we would have share and share alike in everything on the place. I have just been lying here, and thinking with unspeakable joy that Jesus Christ has nothith apart from me, that everything he has is mine, and we will share and share alike through all eternity."—*Selected.*

Sentence Sermons.

The Lord's Day is the savings bank of life.

The only way to have a friend is to be one.

Prayer is the key to the heavenly treasury.

He is the nearest to God who has fewest wants.

"If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments."

It is better to be remembered in a good man's prayers than in a rich man's will.

A handful of good life is worth a bushel of learning.

An idle man is a bore to himself and a pest to society.

No man can ever rise above that at which he aims.

Desmond—If you buy this elegant fur coat, Dorothy, how are we ever going to pay for it?

Dorothy—Oh, Desmond, don't let us talk about two things at once! Let's talk about the coat.—*New York Life.*

Dr. Wier Mitchell's Puzzle.

A simple go-between am I,
Without a thought of pride;
I part the gathered thoughts of men
And liberally divide.
I set the soul of Shakespeare free,
To Milton's thoughts give liberty,
Bid Sidney speak with freer speech,
Let Spenser sing and Taylor preach.
Though through all learnings swift I glide,
No wisdom doth with me abide.

Answer: "*A paper-cutter.*"

From Summer To Ice Floes.

Caqt. Eliason Goes Down the Bay After a Florida Tour.

After an extremely exciting experience with the shifting ice floes of the Chesapeake, in which the steamer was compelled to seek the nearest harbor to avoid beinng hemmed in, the steamer Susquehanna, of the Tolchester Company, with President William C. Eliason on board, came up to her wharf on Light street on Sunday.

Captain Eliason had a graphic story to tell of his experiences. He had returned from Florida with his wife on Wednesday, anxious to ascertain by personal observation the state of affairs in the bay. Accompanied by Mr. William Spedden, he left the city on Friday morning on the Susquenanna. What happened after that Captain Eliason describes as follows:

"We skirted along the ice line to Annapolis without difficulty. The gorged ice which spread almost across the bay was a beautiful sight to see. The northeast wind was setting the ice fields over toward the Western Shore as we struck out for West river.

"Captain Kirwan said he thought the ice would be gone when we returned. That was a bad guess. In West river the ice is about 10 inches thick, and we plowed our way through it with great difficulty. The snow and rain made the atmosphere as thick as though a fog had settled down.

"When Galesville wharf was reached we saw the people coming down the river in sleighs and sleds after freight. The ice in the river was so thick that it was as safe as the land. The sleighs drove right up to the steamers sides.

"At 1.30 P. M. we started homeward, intending to stop in the Rhode river. We entered the river and got to within 300 yards of Steiner's wharf when the engines stopped and we found ourselves stuck hard and fast. The oystermen had about 30 barrels of oysters out upon the ice and we took them on board in a novel manner. Getting all the gang planks, we laid them on the ice and slid the barrels up one at a time. The water was three inches deep upon the ice.

"With much difficulty we succeeded in backing out of the ice and headed for home. We had almost reached Thomas' Point when we discovered that the great ice fields were driving down upon us. We tackled the drift, but had to give up and run at "hurry call" speed back to West river. It was a narrow squeeze, but we made it all right and resigned ourselves to a night of it upon the water. Purser R. M. Francis went ashore and attempted to send a message to the city, but found that all the wires were down.

"This morning we started back once more and succeeded in getting through all right. My friend, Mr. Spedden, had more than he bargained for, and says he will not be likely to go down the bay again while ice is running. From Thomas' Point to Poole's Island we could see no ice and suppose it has been carried down the bay.

"I had a delightful trip in Florida, and the contrast of this blizzard weather with the balmy breezes of that Southern clime is very great, indeed."

Do You Catch the Drift.

Great praise is due unto the man
Whe helps the poor pe-des-trian,
And cleans his walk on thoughtful plan.

Oh,
What,
Then, can
We say of him
Who sees his side-
Walk to the brim heaped
High with clinging drifted
Snow and does not with his shovel.
Go and push the stuff into the street
Where t'will not slip beneath our feet,
And makes us slide and fall and swear and
Mutter language of despair, and get wet
Snow packed in our ear, and rip our clothing up the rear, and fill us inwardly with wrath, with awful grip as aftermath?

What shall we say of such a man
Who does not sweep snow when he can?
There is no sentence fierce and hot
That would reach to his tender spot,
For, if he had one sure as fate,
He'd all that snow annihilate,
And feel the joy that soul uplifts
At ridding walks of pesky drifts.
—Baltimore American.

New York Wants no Fair.

A piece of real estate in Harlem which was held at $900,000 at one time, when it was thought possible the World's Fair, in celebration of the four hundredth anniversary of the first voyage of Christopher Columbus across the Atlantic, would take place in Manhatten, was sold a few days ago for a large amount, but the price was far below the extravagant figures of nine-tenths of a million, says the New York *Tribune.* Are New Yorkers now sorry that no great exposition has been carried on here for 40 years? Consider the experiences of Philadelphia, of Chicago, of Omaha and of Buffalo.

"They say Bender is a terrible drinker."

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