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SHE PAID HER WAY.

How an Independent Woman Supported Herself and Paid for Her Burial.

Every middle-aged Philadelphian can remember a wild, picturesque figure that thirty years ago was as familiar a sight to the inhabitants of the Quaker City as the Liberty Bell or the wooden statue of Franklin over the door of the famous library.

"Irish Sheelah," as the town called her, was a gaunt woman, nearly six feet in height, whose vacant eyes told her story before she spoke.

Since she was a child, the children with sound brains had hooted at her and stoned her. She was a child still, with white hair and wrinkles. She knew nothing; she did not even know that the learning and thought and pleasure was in the world in which other people found their life.

Her only enjoyment was in the tags of bright ribbons stitched to her old skirt, which the children gave her from their doll's rags. These were all that she would accept from them; she was never known to take money. That was the one sound spot in her poor, crazed brain—a fierce pride of independence.

Her old mother became helpless. Sheelah could not work, but she would take no alms. She donned a man's coat and high hat, and set out "to earn money like a man," only to be followed by larger crowds of children than before. Charitable friends attempted to send the two helpless women to asylums. But Sheelah declared that no one but herself should support her mother. On this point she was resolute and—sane.

It occurred to some one to make of her a street debt collector. When a creditor despaired of payment of a small bill he gave it to her. She stationed herself with it silently on the curbstone in front of the debtor's house. She made no disturbance and could not be driven away. But every passer-by understood why the well-known grotesque figure was there.

The delinquent seldom was able to bear the mortification for more than one day.

For twenty-five years the poor, flighty creature steadily pursued this strange calling in order, as she persisted, "to pay her way." After her mother's death she grew rapidly more feeble and wild.

But she had one solid comfort. "I'm no beggar. I pay my way."

The poor demented woman, at whom so many people had laughed, died at last. Under her pillow was left money enough to bury her.

Even into the grave Sheelah proudly paid her own way.

FAST PLAYING.

Wonderful Finger Feats in Rapid Piano Work.

Sir James Paget says that he once heard Mlle. Janotha render a presto by Mendelssohn in which she had to play 5,595 notes in four minutes and three seconds! Every one of these notes involve certain movements of the fingers, and in many there were movements laterally as well as those up and down. Let us say that there were three distinct movements for each note. As there were twenty-four notes per second she moved her fingers at least seventy-two distinct times each second.

Moreover, each of those notes was determined by the will and allotted to a certain place, with a certain force at a certain time and with a certain duration. Therefore, there were four distinct qualities in each of the seventy-two movements in each second. Such were the transmissions outward. And all those were conditional on consciousness of the position of each hand and each finger before it was moved and by the sound and the force of each touch. Therefore, there were three conscious sensations to every note.

There were seventy-two transmissions per second, 144 to and fro, and those with constant change of quality. And then, added to that, all the time the memory was remembering each note in its due time and place and was exercised in the comparison of it with others that came before, so that it would be fair to say that there were not less than 200 transmissions of nerve force to and from the brain outward and inward every second during that wonderful performance.—St. Louis Republic.

A Wife as a Commodity.

Having made his fortune in the provinces, a wealthy Frenchman wrote to his business correspondent in Paris in the following terms: "As I have taken a resolution to marry, and do not find a suitable match out here, do not fail to send by the next ship bound hither a young lady of the subjoined qualifications: Let her be of an honest family, between twenty and twenty-five years of age, of a middle stature and well-proportioned; her face agreeable, her character blameless, and her constitution strong enough to bear the change of climate that there may be no occasion to look for a second wife because of the death of the first, soon after she came to hand, which must be provided against as much as possible. Considering the great distance and the dangers of the sea, I demand no portion. If she arrives here on the conditions stipulated, with the present letter indorsed by you, I hereby engage to marry the bearer at fifteen days' sight."

This is a sensible letter, very different from ordinary billets-doux, and it was replied to with punctuality and in the same terms. Among the goods sent by his correspondent was the following item: "A young gentlewoman of twenty-five years of age, of the quality and shape as conditioned per order, as appears by the affidavits and certificates she has to produce." A few days, we are told, were devoted to courtship, when the nuptial ceremony took place, with great magnificence; "nor did Martinique boast a happier couple than the one thus singularly united."—Irish Times.

A Bored Little Princess.

A sad little story is told of the Princess Wilhelmine of Holland, when she was about six or seven, which proves that the life of a prospective queen is not quite a bed of roses. Once when seated at play with three of her dolls, one of the wax babies misbehaved itself and the little Princess held up a warning finger, saying: "If you are so naughty I shall make you into a Princess, and then you won't have any other little children to play with, and you'll always have to throw kisses with your hand whenever you go out driving."

GIANTS ON THE EARTH.

A GOOD DEAL OF FICTION WRITTEN ABOUT THEM.

The Belief That the Ancestors of Mankind Were Giants Exploded Long Ago—Noted Big Men Whose Stature Has Been Recorded by Actual Observers.

The idea conveyed by the word giant in classical mythology is that of beings more or less man-like, but enormous in size and strength. Figures like the Titans and the Giants, whose birth from heaven and earth is sung by Hesiod in the Theogony, such as heap up mountains to scale the sky, and war beside or against the gods, must be treated with other like monstrous figures of the wonder tales of the world as belonging altogether to the realms of mythology.

Besides the conception of giants as special races distinct from mankind, it was a common opinion of the ancients that the human race had itself degenerated, the men of primeval ages having been of so far greater stature and strength as to be in fact gigantic. Yet so far as can be judged by actual remains it does not appear that giants, in the sense of tribes of altogether superhuman stature, ever existed, or that the men of ancient time were, on the whole, taller than those now living. It is now usual to apply the word "giant" to beings not superhuman in their height, but merely the tallest men and women of our nations.

Until the beginning of the present century, it was universally believed that giants, of a size far exceeding those which are exhibited in our times, formerly existed, either as nations or as individual specimens. This belief was based, first, on the asserted discovery of colossal human bones; second, on supposed scriptural evidence; third, on the evidence of various ancient and mediæval authors.

A reference to the first volume of Cuvier's "Ossements Fossiles" will show that the bones of elephants, rhinoceroses, mastodons, etc., have been exhibited and accepted as evidence of prehistoric giants. Even so good a naturalist as Buffon fell into this popular delusion and figured the bones of an elephant as the remains of human giants. Saint Hilaire, in his "Historie des Anomalies de l'Orgainsation," notices several of the most famous of these cases. A gigantic skeleton which was found at Trapani, in Sicily, in the fourteenth century, was at once pronounced to be that of the classical giant, Polyphemus, and his height was calculated at 300 feet. It was pointed out that the bones differed in form as well as in size from those of a man, but this objection was easily met by the question, Why, if his height was sixty times as great as that of an ordinary man, should not his form also be different? Many less celebrated giants were subsequently exumed in Sicily, and the existence of the "Osseous Canerus" described by De Quatrefages in his "Rambles of a Naturalist" fully account for such discoveries at an epoch when few could recognize the differences in form between the bones of an elephant and those of man.

Nor have our own countrymen been less credulous than their neighbors. In 1712 Dr. Increase Mather, in the "Philosophical Transactions," announced the discovery of enormous bones and teeth, which had been found in the State of New York, and which he regarded as affording evidence of the existence of giants of enormous size in ancient times. The bones were in reality those of a mastodon.

The Scripture evidence, when carefully examined, does not amount to much. The Hebrew words nephirim and giborim, which occur several times in the book of Genesis, and which are translated "giants," might as well be translated "bearded," "cruel" or "violent men." The height of Og, King of Bashan, is not given—we are only told the length of his bed. And including his helmet, which was probably taken into account in the recorded measurement, Goliath at most did not exceed eight feet and a half in stature and consequently was not taller than some giants of modern days.

The classical evidence is abundant, but obviously untrustworthy. Thus, Plutarch relates that Serboeins had the grave of Antalus, in the city of Tungis, opened and, "finding there his body full 60 cubits long was infinitely astonished, ordered the tomb to be closed, gave his confirmation to the story and added new honors to the memory of the giant." Pliny gives to one, Gabbaras, an Arabian, the stature of nine feet nine inches, capping this with the mention of Posio and Secundilly, who were half a foot higher.

Pliny reports also that an earthquake in Crete disclosed the bones of a giant forty-six cubits in length, who was held by Dorne to be Orion and by others Otus. What exaggeration can do in this way may be judged from the fact that the Patagonians, whose average height is five feet eleven inches, are described in Pigafetta's "Voyage Round the World" as so monstrous that the Spaniards' heads hardly reached their waists. Descending to more certain evidence, there can be no doubt that a height of eight and nine feet, and probably of more than nine feet, has been attained. There is a skeleton in the museum of Trinity College, Dublin, eight feet six inches in height; that of O'Brien (or Byrne) in the museum of the College of Surgeons of England is eight feet two inches, and that of a giant in the museum at Bonn is eight feet, and the actual body, with the soft parts attached, was probably two or three inches longer than the skeleton. For example, we find it recorded that O'Brien measured eight feet four inches after his death.

A Boston Character.

Aaron Kimball Loring is one of the "characters" of Boston. He keeps a bookstore, into which Emerson used to drop for an idea, John Lothrop Motley for a reference, Prescott the historian for an old chronicle, Lowell for a new book of poems, and Holmes for his current literature. The venerable Robert C. Winthrop, whose name is the embodiment of grave respectability, got off a joke once when Loring moved his books into a cellar store. "I know that we must all go under ground some time," said he, "but, Loring, it is too soon for you."

The Spider's Web.

The body of every spider contains four little masses pierced with a multitude of holes imperceptable to the naked eye, each hole permitting the passage of a single thread; all the threads to the number of 1,000 to each mass, join together when they come out and make the single thread with which the spider spins its web so that what we call a spider's thread consists of more than 4,000 threads united.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

OUR STORE

Is not the child of chance, but the ripened fruit of

TRUTH, INDUSTRY AND ACCOMMODATION!

Truth—in the fulfilment of our obligations!
Industry—in our tireless effort to please!
Accommodation—in our endeavor to do all for our customers they cannot do for themselves!

We announce a continuance of our great sales in

Dry Goods, Dress Goods —AND— Milinery,

and that we are better than ever prepared to promise delightful surprises in each department.

We will enter into no detail, preferring that each reader of this announcement shall come and see for him and herself that we are now as heretofore,

First in Style! Best in Quality! Lowest in Price!

Under these circumstances the seed of dull trade cannot germinate in our garden, for popularity is the flower that blooms there in profusion, as rich as those which adorn our

LADIES' DOMESTIC AND IMPORTED HATS!

With the axe at the root of high prices, with the dross refined and none but the pure gold of uttermost perfection in all our lines, is it any wonder that our store is the Mecca of fashion-hunting pilgrims? Is it any surprise that all who properly appreciate solid goods and minimum prices should flock to our establishment as did the people of old to the glittering market-places of the Orient?

One suggestion, however, to those who are delaying—remember, it is just as sensible and important to be on time as to be in style. Come at once and see our new goods.

B. STERN & CO.,
FROSTBURG, MD.

April 23

Edwards & Son,

—AT THEIR—

Great One-Price Store,

OFFER THE FOLLOWING

UNEQUALED BARGAINS:

Our immense stock has been bought direct from the manufacturers, thereby saving to our patrons the middleman's profit.
We are the largest dealers in our line in all Maryland.
We offer better inducements to the public to patronize our store than can be given by any other house in our line.

☞ Read carefully and considerately the following:

500 pairs ladies fine button Dongola Boots at	$1.25
500 pairs ladies fine Dongola button Boots at	2 00
500 pairs Reed's celebrated button Boots at	2 50
500 pairs Cousin's world-renowned button Boots at	2.50
500 pairs Pel's easy-fitting button Boots at	2.50
500 pairs men's extra-good quality heavy Boots at	1.50
500 pairs men's all kip Boots at	2.00
500 pairs men's fine French kip Boots at	3.00
500 pairs boys' winter Boots, extra good, at	1.25
400 pairs boys' kip Boots at	1.50

We keep in addition to the above superior Boots a full line of the celebrated

Walker Boots for Men and Boys.

400 pairs ladies' heavy winter Shoes at	85 cents
00 pairs misses and children's winter Shoes at	50 cents

A Full Line of the Genuine Milwaukee Oil Grain Shoes in Button and Lace.

EDWIN C. BURT'S NEW YORK SHOES,
A full assortment in widths A to E.

400 pairs infants' Shoes at	30 cents
300 pairs children's Shoes at	50 cents
400 pairs misses Shoes at	$1.00
300 pairs boys' Shoes at	75 cents
200 pairs men's dress Shoes at	$1.00
400 pairs men's fine dress Shoes in Congress and Bal's, good wearers, at	1.25

Mens, Boys and Children's latest New York city styles in HATS for Fall and Winter wear.

Best Assortment and Lowest Prices.

We are the only agents for Dunlap's extra quality New York Hats. Full line of Stetson Hats.

OUR TRUNK AND SATCHEL DEPARTMENT. - - SECOND FLOOR.

With feelings of pride we call special attention to this department. We positively assert that it is unexcelled anywhere. Here you find beautiful Trunks ranging in price from $2.50 up. Satchels from the finest to the cheapest.

"THE LIVING WORLD."

We offer to the public "The Living World," a magnificent book, elegantly bound and beautifully illustrated. This instructive book was produced at a cost of over one hundred thousand dollars; it should be in every household and we propose to put it in the reach of every patron of our store. It costs you nothing. It is absolutely a free gift when you have purchased for cash goods amounting to fifteen dollars. We give you a card and every time you make a purchase the amount is recorded on the card and when your purchases amount to fifteen dollars the book will be given you.

You are not requested to buy the whole amount at one time. You have to July 1st, 1892. Ask for a card. Tell your friends about it.

SAMUEL J. EDWARDS & SON'S
Great One-Price Shoe, Hat and Trunk Store.
98 Baltimore St., Cumberland, Md.

Oct 24

GENERAL ITEMS.

Excursions to California.

Weekly excursions leave St. Louis every Thursday evening at 8:35 and arrive at San Francisco at 10:45 p. m. the following Monday. These trains are equipped with the famous Pullman tourist sleeping cars which run through to San Francisco without change. Price of double berth only $3.75 for the entire journey.

The route is *via* the Wabash, Rock Island, Denver & Rio Grande and Southern Pacific—the scenic line of the world. For rates to all points in the west, northwest and southwest, map folders, etc., see nearest ticket agent or write to F. H. Tristram, central passenger agent, Pittsburg, Pa.

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

A Rare Chance

FURNITURE At Cost!

OWING to the calamity which recently befel my store building, destroying the roof and third story, and not being able to get a place to remove my stock to keep it out of the weather, I am compelled to dispose of same at almost any price in order to save it from ruin by rain or snow, either of which is likely to occur at any time at this season of the year.

The stock comprises Walnut, Oak and Poplar Bed Room Suits; at least 25 Parlor Suits of the latest styles and upholstered in all kinds of Plushes, Brocatels, Tapestries, etc., ranging in price from $25 to $125; also a very fine lot of Upholstered and Rattan Easy Chairs, especially selected for the holiday trade, and a fine lot of Lounges, Bed Lounges, Side-Boards, Hall Racks, Wardrobes, Extension Tables, all kinds of Mattresses, Springs, and, in fact, everything pertaining to a first class Furniture store. Some of this Furniture has been slightly damaged, but the bulk is yet uninjured, and that which has been damaged in any way will be sold exceedingly low. This is an opportunity to get

GOOD FURNITURE CHEAP

which no one in need of same can afford to miss.

Trusting that my friends and the public in general will avail themselves of this chance to get cheap Furniture, and at the same time assist me in a time of need, I am,

Respectfully,

C. F. NICKEL.

Nov 28

A PURE ARTICLE.

READ below what the Revenue Agents have to say of the manufacture of the

BRADDOCK RYE WHISKEY:

OFFICE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, CUMBERLAND, MD., Aug. 16, 1888.

I hereby certify that during the time I was deputy collector internal revenue for District of Maryland James Clark, in the manufacture of his Braddock Pure Rye Whiskey, according to the record from government books, used only rye and barley malt.
WEBSTER BRUCE.

OFFICE BRADDOCK DISTILLERY, CUMBERLAND, MD.

Having been under assignment as United States storekeeper and guager at the Braddock distillery of James Clark, I hereby certify that in the manufacture of his Braddock Pure Barley Malt Whisky only barley malt is used.
JOHN H. YOUNG.

Having been under assignment as United States storekeeper and guager at the Braddock distillery of James Clark while in operation I hereby certify that in the manufacture of the Braddock Pure Rye Whisky only rye and barley malt are used.
J. P. WILLARD.

Don't fail to read our double-column advertisement printed elsewhere in this paper.

No supply for the Holidays is more seasonable than an enjoyable quantity of pure Whiskey. In this and all respects we have undoubtedly fine and reliable goods.

JAMES CLARK & CO.,
55 Baltimore street,
Dec 13 Cumberland, Md.

PRINTING. BOOK BINDING. BLANK BOOK Manufacturing.

ARTHUR SHRIVER & CO.,

THE Leading Establishment of Western Maryland having added greatly to their facilities, are better than ever prepared to promptly execute all orders for work in their lines.

The Finest PRINTING,
The Most Elegant Book Binding,
The Most Substantial BLANK BOOKS
NO CHEAP WORK.
28 South Centre Street,
Cumberland, Md.

Aug 2

FLINTSTONE

CANNED GOODS

Pack of 1891.

I INVITE the attention of the public to the superior quality of my "FLINTSTONE" brand of Canned Fruits and Vegetables, to be found on the shelves of all firstclass grocery stores in the county. My pack is as follows:

Cooking Tomatoes—Choice, fully ripe and superior flavor.

Extra Tomatoes—Finest whole Tomatoes, ready for slicing.

Dessert Apples—Selected varieties, packed in full syrup and ready to serve as dessert fruit.

Pie Peaches—Extra mountain Peaches, fine flavor, all full cans; nearly one-third more Peaches in can than Baltimore packed pie peaches.

Corn—Selected variety of Sugar Corn, packed when young and tender with utmost neatness and care.

My goods are sold to all merchants at moderate prices and will give full satisfaction in every particular.

Notice—All the corn packed at my Flintstone Canning House this season has on the label a *fac-simile* of my signature, thus:

B. L. Turner

Any can which does not bear my signature was not packed this season. [Jan 16]

Miscellaneous Advertisements.

Our Famous Brands of

Reingold, Erlanger and Export Bottle Beer

Are Now on the Market.

☞ Address all orders to

CUMBERLAND BREWING COMPANY,

TELEPHONE CALL, 96-4. [April 4] CUMBERLAND, MD.

CARLOADS of CLOTHING ARRIVING.

NO TIME TO WRITE AN ADVERTISEMENT.
FALL IN WITH THE CROWD,
COME AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.
MARX WINELAND, Main Street, Frostburg, Md.

JOHN CHAMBERS,
—DEALER IN—
STAPLE AND FANCY
GROCERIES,
Flour, Feed and Provisions.
Queensware, Woodware. Tinware.
Canned and Fresh
Oysters
A SPECIALTY.
Main Street, - - FROSTBURG, MD.
March 29

I Say There--Ahoy There, MY FRIEND!

IF you are bound for any other drug store than DAN KRAPF'S you are a somnambulist, or, in plainer words, a

"SLEEP-WALKER."

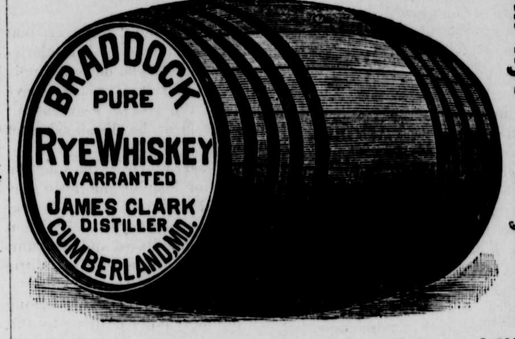
The old "McNeill stand" is the location, just between Betz's jewelry store and Moat's Opera House.

If you amble anywhere near you cannot fail to see it, even though asleep. Every time you visit me I assure a wide-awake interest, and the display also of an ever growing and attractive stock of goods, which will meet your desires in every particular. I am not a cutter, but I am a runner, and I get there, sweet marjoram, also "sweet spirits of nitre," with a sufficient quantity of sweet oil.

☞ Prescriptions will be as thoroughly comprehended and compounded as elsewhere.

DAN. KRAPF, Jr.,
PHARMACIST.
Feb 21

"Braddock" Pure Rye.



The Best All-Rye Whiskey Made

To all those desiring a pure and unadulterated Whiskey for the Holidays, or for Medicinal Purposes, or as a Beverage, we take pleasure in recommending our

"Braddock" Pure Rye Whiskey,

DISTILLED FROM THE VERY CHOICEST

MOUNTAIN RYE AND SPRING WATER.

These goods are distilled under our own personal supervision, and we have, therefore, no hesitation in guaranteeing all our "Braddock."

We are the Largest Distillers and Dealers in all grades of fine

Whiskies, Brandies, Gins, Wines, Alcohol, &c., &c., &c.,

in Western Maryland, and are fully equipped to supply the wants of our customers.

Give the "Braddock" a Trial.

THE BEST ALL-RYE WHISKEY MADE.

☞ Special and prompt attention given to all orders.
☞ Correspondence solicited
☞ Read in another column of this paper what the Revenue Agents who have charge of our Distillery have to say regarding the purity of our goods.

Soliciting a share of your patronage, we are yours very truly,

JAMES CLARK & CO.,
Distillers Braddock Pure Rye,
55 Baltimore street, - - CUMBERLAND, MD.

Price List of Braddock is as follows:

We sell our celebrated Braddock Pure Rye at $2, $2.50, $3 and $4 per gallon, according to age. In ordering, always send money by Postal Note or Money Order. At offices where Postal Notes cannot be obtained and money is enclosed, 2-cent stamps can be sent for Jugs as follows: 1-gallon Jugs, 15 cents; 2-gallon Jugs, 30 cents; 3-gallon Jugs, 45 cents; 5-gallon Kegs, $1. When you desire goods packed in boxes, add 10 cents for box and packing, otherwise goods will be shipped without boxing.

It is unlawful to ship whiskey C. O. D., consequently money must always accompany your orders.

JAMES CLARK & CO.

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