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HABITS AND CHARACTERISTICS O THE PENNSYLVANIA DUTCH.

Their Religious Creeds and Customs - Personal Appearance of the Omish Sect-What They Wear and Read-A Sober

and Industrious People. The Pennsylvania Dutchman Myes as he has for a century, obscure, yet His ambition in life is to have a small farm and food enough to eat; more than that doesn't interest him, unless it be that he would like to leave when he dies a farm to each of his sons without a mortgage. If there is anything a Dutchman of the State of Pennsylvania

hates it is a mortgage. These quaint people have lived for more than a century in various portions of Pennsylvania. Among them there are a number of peculiar religious sects whose strange creeds and customs are a marvel to the uninitiated.

One of the most peculiar among them is the Omish. The personal appearance of these people is certainly very striking. The dresses of the women are as plain in appearance as they can possibly be made. Always of some dark material, they are made without any trimming, and are not relieved by any trace of color. In the house al the female members of the family wear a plain white cap that covers up the ears and is tied under the chin, giving the young girls the appearance of youthful grandmothers. No jewelry of any kind is ever used as a means of personal adornment, for, say they, adornment leads to pride and vanity, which are terrible sins. For the same reason buttons are not used to fasten any article of apparel either by the men or Hooks and eyes are employed Even shoe buttons are discarded, and laced shoes or congress gaiters are always worn when they wear

The men are even more striking in appearance than the women. They wear their hair so long that it falls below their coat collars, and is cut evenly around the head, while over the forehead it is "banged."

The Omish, as do most of the Pennsylvania Dutch, have the most fantastic idea of color. One farmhouse which is regarded by the neighbors as the most and careful attention. beautiful in the country around is painted a most gorgeous pink, with black trimmings and green shutters.

These people regard it as a great sin to read anything that borders on fiction. No novels are tolerated in their houses. Their library field consists of the Bible, historical books and newspa-

The Omish hold their religious services at varying intervals, sometimes once in two weeks, but oftener their meetings are further apart. They have no regularly installed ministers. They elect at intervals one of their own numbers to act in that capacity for a stated term, and when his time expires some one else is chosen. The minister is almost always one of the most prosperous farmers in the congregation, but his ministerial duties do not interfere

with his lay occupation. Another of the remarkable sects that is the Dunkards. The people are in many respects like the Omish, but their form of worship is the most peculiar and interesting part of their religion. They are sometimes called Tumblers, because of their practice, when baptizing a convert, to have him kneel and then push him head first into the water. Like the Quakers, the Dunkards are very simple in their language. They will not take an oath, neither will they fight or go to law, and until very recently they were not allowed to receive

any interest on money they loaned. The social customs of the Pennsylvania Dutch are so positive that they can not be passed over without some notice. No young man ever calls on a girl unless he's "goin' a courtin'."

If he means business, he usually dresses up in his best on Saturday af. ternoon, gets out his buggy, that has been washed for the occasion, hitches up his horse and drives to the home of his best girl's father. The old man and his sons rush out, "put up" the horse, and the stranger is invited in to supper, which usually consists of fried ham and potatoes and pie, which latter is the

After supper the whole family gather in the sitting-room and talk crops and gossip about the neighbors. About nine o'clock the family withdraws and leave the two lovers to do their courting all alone. The call doesn't last are now as heretofore, until ten, eleven or twelve o'clock, but the young man, if he is properly trained in etiquette, will drive off just as the sun begins to appear above the hills. This is what they call "sittin' up with a girl," and a man who can't continue his call until morning is not regarded as

With all their peculiarities and eccentricities, however, the Pennsylvania Dutchmen make good citizens. They are, as a rule, sober and industrious

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One suggestion, however, to those who are delaying-remember, it is just as sensible and important to be on time as to be in rice." "Why not est mest?" "Mest is style. Come at once and see our new goods.

BUBER FROSTBURG, MD. A PUNCTUATOR.

of Trying a New Rapid Method of Learning the Rules. n, my boy, there's nothing like hardly say or think anything without following the rule. Take this beautiful selection, which recalls our schoolboy days: 'The boy stood on the burning deck, comma, whence all but he had fled, semicolon; the flames that lit the battle's wreck, comma, shone around him o'er the dead, period. That's grand; that's inspiring. You have all the beauty and all the sentiment, and besides you punctuate as

you go along, and so mingle the artistic and the useful." Brown was quite taken with this new plan for learning how to punctuate properly, says the Washington Star. He had often felt like a brother to the fellow who wrote a book without any punctuation whatever, simply adding in an appendix a complete list of punctuation marks, from which the reader could select and punctuate as much or

as little as he pleased. The first lesson went off swimmingly. Brown so fell into the spirit of it that Youths' Boots...... \$1 00 and 1 25 as he walked up the street afterwards he found himself soliloquizing: " Perhaps, comma-" Then he slipped Shoes.....75 cents, \$1 00 and 1 25 up on a piece of banana skin and went down flat with two exclamation points and enough stars to equip several issues

and 1 00 of a "blanket sheet. For the first time in his life he felt like using the "dash" and also making a dash for the miscreant who threw that murderous peel there. He lay on \$1 00 and 1 25 the pavement long enough to denote several paragraphs, then got up with Shoes..... 1 25 difficulty and limped down the street. But the magic power of that first lesopera button Shoes..... 1 25 son was still upon him, and meeting a newsboy, he began: "Well, comma, my boy, comma, what papers have you? interrogation point." The sharpeyed little rascal gazed at him curiously and then replied: "Com-ah? Come When did yer 'scape from th' 'sy-

After punctuating the town generally during the next two hours and getting a crowd of small boys at his heels, whom he escaped by seeking refuge in an empty school building—a place the average boy never enters if he can help shapes...... 75 cents it—he took home to his dear family a somewhat battered but still large sup-

At 2 a. m. his wife nudged him.

"What—ah? Burglars sprang to the floor, exclaiming: "Dearest, comma, I will defend you, comma, even with my heart's blood, comma, i necessary, exclamation point!" He then threw open the chamber door right in the face of two masked burglars, who held pistols to his breast and demanded: "Your money or your life!" With one whirl of his strong right arm he dashed the pistols aside, two bullets perforating the hall window instead of his head, as was intended. With two more whirls of that trusty arm he sent the burglars as surely and swiftly as one sentence follows another in the mouth of a 200-a-minute speaker out through the window after the bul-

comma, and I'll show you how to punctuate better, comma, but you can't put a period to my existence just yet, period." Then rushing back to his wife he exclaimed: "Joy of my life, exclamation point, light of my eyes, more exclamation points, come to my arms, period." They fell weeping on each other's necks. Stars and dashes come in here, denoting a domestic scene too sacred for the eyes and ears of the vul-

lets, remarking : "There, comma, now,

comma, you can hunt your bullets at

your leisure, period, Call

gar public.

A Daring Escape. "It has been calculated that for every eight hundred bullets fired during the Civil War a man was killed, but I saw a regiment of Mississippians who prided themselves on their marksmanship send that many bullets after one man and fail to get him," said Major James Huxlev to a St. Louis Globe-Democrat "We were at Corinth, and had captured a smooth-faced young Yankee, convicted him of being a spy, and sentenced him to be hanged. He was marched out of camp to where a rude gallows had been hastily erected, and the regiment detailed to see him well into the next world formed a hollow square. The prisoner was a slight, girlish-looking fellow, with a babyish face, and I felt that he should be spared and sent home to his mother instead of being hung as a spy. I expected to see him break down and beg for his when we were treated to a spectacle of

quite a different kind. behind him, he slipped his small hands through his jewelry and let out right and left, knocking the first two guards sprawling. The two behind him stood steps below him. He turned vaulted over their heads, and before the square could come to a charge-bayonets had broken through it and was running like a scared wolf. The regiment broke into an impulsive cheer, and it was nearly a minute before the order to fire upon him was obeyed. aimed, but I can make my oath that rods of him. We gave chase, but it was like trying to run down a streak of turned and waved his handkerchief,

Rice Better Than Beef. The Japanese wrestlers are a race of giants; they often weigh two, three and fair as a baby. He was a Hercules in strength, but looked like an overgrown cherub of Correggio. "What do you eat ?" I asked. "Rice-nothing but weakening. Beef is seventy per cent. water. Rice is eighty per cent. food. ate lean beefsteak once and m oft me. The other man a rice and threw me down." My courier said, "This wrestler is the champion of Japan. No one can throw him.

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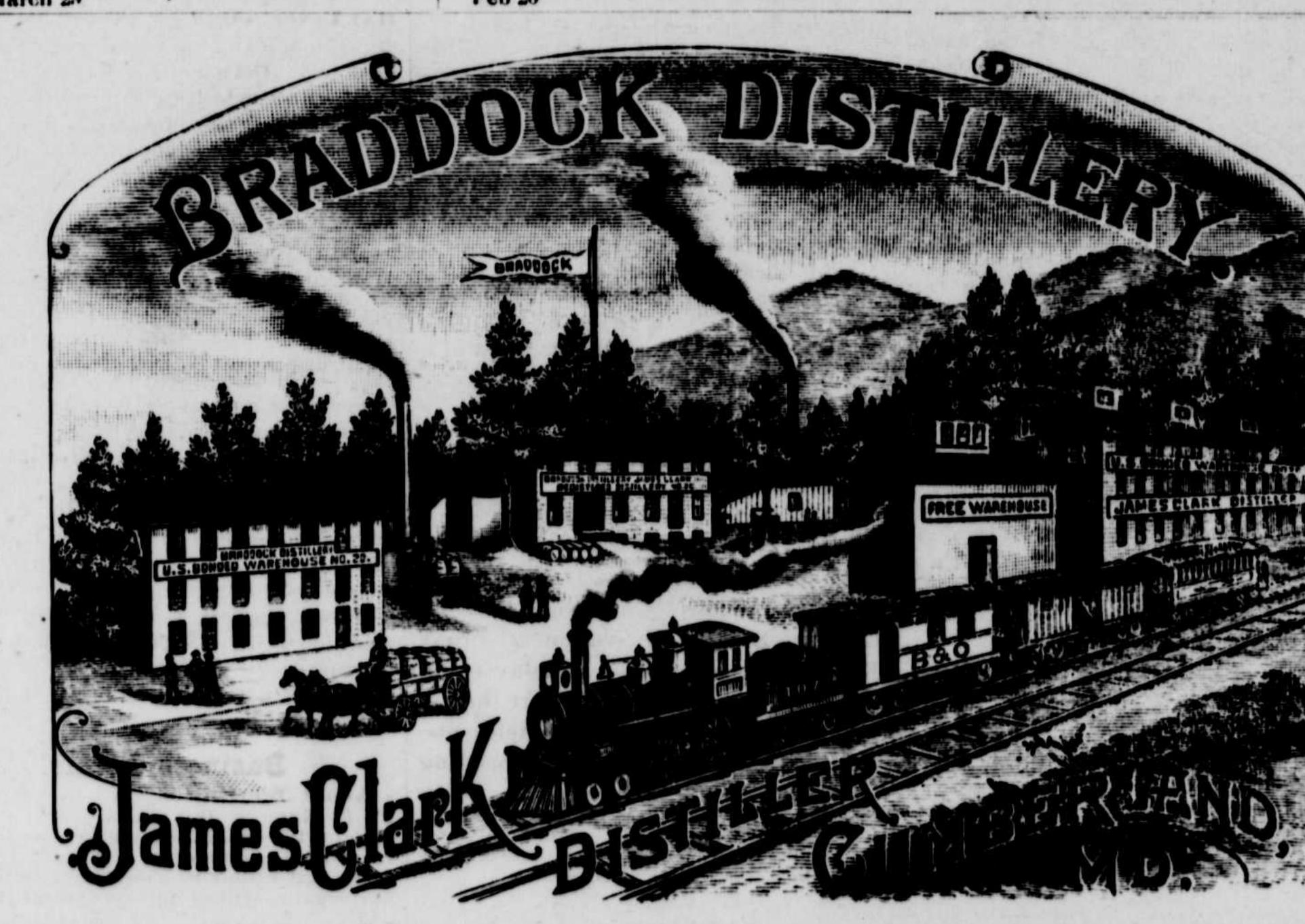
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