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The Dreadful Club.

Mr. Philander Hawkins was a slave.

He lived in the land of the stars and stripes. He was a property owner and an office holder. He came and went like any other man. Still he was a slave. He bent the knee to the most despotic tyrant that ever reigned over covering humanity. That tyrant was his wife.

Mrs. Hawkins was a clever woman, but ignorant, narrow-minded, unreasonable, with a temper that carried all before it, including Mr. Hawkins and the three children. People said that Mr. Hawkins didn't dare to say that his soul was his own. Still less dared he to assert any right as to the house, the children, or any worldly possessions.

When Mrs. Hawkins drew down the shades and locked up all the front part of the house, and made the family sit in the dining-room, the neighbors hinted it was "cranky." But poor Mr. Hawkins dared not to remonstrate. He was equally powerless when she dieted the family all winter on buckwheat cakes and apple sauce, and all summer on boiled potatoes and mush and milk.

Mr. Hawkins was fond of music, but Mrs. Hawkins kept the piano securely locked, save on those rare occasions when they had company.

Mr. Hawkins longed to go into society, and to entertain his friends occasionally in his own house, but his wife set her face against all manner of amusements and recreations; and although Mr. Hawkins had been petitioning ever since they were married that they might have a "little company," this petition had always received a withering veto from the reigning power.

Mr. Hawkins was a Methodist, and strongly attached to his own church; but his stronger help was a Baptist, and much against his will and conscience, Mr. Hawkins meekly followed his wife every Sunday to the Baptist church around the corner.

One afternoon Hawkins sat in his office with a cloud on his brow. He had just come from a stormy scene at home, in which Mrs. Hawkins had informed him that no one in her house should go in or out the front door except on Sundays.

A knock at the door and a lady entered, wearing a black silk dress, a stylish bonnet and a pleasant smile. She introduced herself as a Mrs. ——, from Boston, and at once made known her errand.

"I am soliciting contributions," she said, "for a most worthy object. I desire to found a club for the ladies of the city. It is called the Woman's Mutual Improvement Club. We shall study history, literature, art, house-keeping, hygiene—in in short, everything that tends to enlighten and cultivate woman. I think I can promise that this club will make the women of this place more intelligent, cultured, independent ——.

"Stop!" shrieked Mr. Hawkins. "For heaven's sake stop!"

The lady looked at him in amazement.

Mr. Hawkins was seized with an awful fear. "Independent! Oh heavens!" he groaned.

"I'll have nothing to do with the thing!" he shouted. "I won't subscribe one cent, and I'll do all I can to oppose it."

The lady left precipitately, convinced that Mr. Hawkins was an escaped lunatic.

"Then you aren't in favor of the club!" said his partner, as the door closed behind the lady.

"Well, I should say I wasn't!" thundered Mr. Hawkins. "That woman ought to be suppressed. What right has she to come here putting any more independent notions in our women's heads!"

But his partner only smiled, and winked knowingly at the clerk.

Mr. Hawkins did not say anything about the club at home. He feebly hoped that his wife might not hear about it. Delusive dream! The next evening, at tea, she informed him that she had been invited to join the Woman's Mutual Improvement Club, and she had put her name down as a charter member.

Poor Mr. Hawkins! Fate was against him. He went about in a walking night-mare, vaguely wondering what awful thing would happen next. There was just one thought that gave him the faintest gleam of comfort.

"Whatever comes," he finally concluded, "it dosen't seem that Sarah could be any worse than she is. Perhaps she'll take to going around lecturing on spiritualism or some other strong-minded subject; and if she should, why, the children and I would try to bear up while she was gone."

Two weeks passed. Mrs. Hawkins had twice been present at the deliberations of that awful club. Mr. Hawkins had listened with a morbid fascination, while she held forth at the tea table about the first afternoon on "Ruskin."

The subject announced for the next day was "Hygiene." Mrs. Hawkins came back from the second meeting and drank her tea in meditative silence. Mr. Hawkins was filled with apprehension. What was Sarah up to now?

After tea Mrs. Hawkins said, "Leander, you may go to Smith's and order a five pound roast of beef, and stop at the grocery and get some onions and turnips and molases and raisins and oranges."

"Say, ma, are we going to have company?" queried her son.

"No, we aren't," replied the mother, shortly, "and nobody asked you to say anything."

Mr. Hawkins laid down his paper, curiosity getting the better of his fear.

"Why, then, Sarah," he said mildly, "what are you going to do with all these?"

"They said at the club today," said Mrs. Hawkins, "that no one could have good health who didn't have good, substantial food to eat. Dr. Wellington Hawes said it was better to pay the butcher than to pay the doctor. And I've been feeling kind of tired and miserable for the last few days, and believe it's because we don't have hearty food to eat."

Mr. Hawkins' face expressed a thousand different emotions; as he retired behind his paper, grimly wondering if that was what made him feel kind of "tired and miserable," for the last fifteen years. The family fared better after that. Mrs. Hawkins bought a new cook book in the place of the one that had been in her family for twenty years, and Mr. Hawkins began to take a more cheerful view of life.

The next Monday afternoon, Mr. Hawkins came home to find the front curtains up, and the sun shining right into the parlor, where sat his wife talking to a neighbor. Mrs. Hawkins was saying: "They said at the club this afternoon that sunlight was healthy, and that people had been known to die from living in rooms where the sun never came. So I am going to keep the shades up after this."

And a second time Mr. Hawkins had occasion to bless the club.

A few weeks later the club had a day on "home decorations," after which Mrs. Hawkins proceeded to take down the hideous blue shades from the windows and replace them with soft, graceful hangings, and hung up some engravings and put scarfs on the tables and chairs.

One evening Mr. Hawkins found his wife's face wreathed in smiles. He couldn't imagine what it meant. But shortly it came out that an article at the club had asserted that fretting produced wrinkles. Hence those smiles.

But when at the close of an "Emerson" day, Mrs. Hawkins announced that the Concord philosopher thought that a man and wife might have different religious creeds, and she didn't know that she had any objections to Mr. Hawkins going to his own church after this—when this happened, Mr. Hawkins was fain to believe that the millenium was at hand.

There was still another round in the ladder of progress, and Mrs. Hawkins never faltered when she reached it, but mounted it boldly. The subject at the club was "Our Social Natures." Mrs. Hawkins walked home from that meeting with two other club ladies, and stood at the gate and talked earnestly for half an hour. That evening she informed Mr. Hawkins, with the air of having always thought to herself, that it was natural for people to like society. Carlyle said, "Beware of the solitary man," and Mrs. DeGrimes said at the club that it was every woman's duty to look after the social interest of her family.

"She made a splendid speech," said Mrs. Hawkins, "and we all agreed with her. And I have been thinking it would be a good idea for us to have some company; and I am going to let the children have a party."

That night Mr. Hawkins wrote a letter to Mr. A——, in Boston. He humbly apologized for his rudeness to her; he enclosed a check for $100, and told her to use it where it would do the most good; and he concluded in these fervent words, "As long as I live I shall bless that club. It helped me when everything else failed."

How He Signed.

Manager Harris, of the Tremont House was fond of stories and reminiscences of hotel life, says the Boston Times. The other evening he told some friends of an incident which happened when he was connected with Willard's Hotel, Washington.

One evening a man tall and spare surrounded by a country atmosphere, cautiously said that he wanted a room. Mr. Harris placed the register before him and a pen.

"What's that for?" inquired the would-be guest.

"Sign your name, please," was the reply.

"I've got a lady with with me. It's my wife—we've just got married," was the faltered remark of the visitor.

"Then write both your names on the register," was the advice given.

An inspection a moment later revealed the following surprising entry:

"Miss Jennie & me."

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A reward of $10,000 was offered some time ago by the Illinois State Grange for an invention of an improvement on the wheat binders which would bind the grain with straw. The invention has already been made and approved. It is said to work entirely satisfactory. The committee which tested the improvement says:

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THREE BABES IN THIRTEEN DAYS.—A dispatch from Corry, Pa., says: "Members of the medical fraternity hereabouts have for saveral weeks past been discussing the remarkable case of Mrs. L. S. Harvey, who within thirteen days gave birth to three children. Mrs. Harvey is about forty years old, resides at Albion Station, this county, and is the mother of several children. Several weeks ago she gave birth to a three-pound baby, but it did not live. Two days afterward the doctor was again summoned and was astounded at the birth of a second child. It was dead, however, and not as fully developed as the first. The physician had about got over his astonishment and finished looking up the records on such matters when, ten days later, his services were again required. This time there was another still-born babe, less fully developed than the second. Mrs. Harvey is doing well, and no further additions are expected. The peculiar case will be written up from a physician's standpoint for the medical journals, having already been the subject of much discussion among the doctors."

A GENUINE CENTENARIAN.—In East Templeton, Mass., Mrs. Polly French celebrated her 100th birthday New Year's Day. She recently climbed two flights of stairs to be photographed, and she walks about the village without a cane. She was born in the first year of Washington's administration and spent most of her life in Vermont where an uncle of hers was made a captive by the Indians. Her maiden name was Pierce, and she was a kinswoman of President Franklin Pierce. While Henry Ward Beecher was a student at Amherst College he lectured at her home, in Dummerston, Vt., and she made an abstract of his address, which, she has preserved ever since. She tells of the times when the people used pitch pine knots for lights and made their own clothing. She is still strong enough to go about from town to town to visit her four surviving children.

A ROMANTIC WEDDING.—News of a romantic wedding comes from Weldon, N. C. The happy pair were Mr. Robert Bobbitt and Miss Anne Moore, both of Drewry's Bluff, Va. The father was bitterly opposed to the alliance, so the couple had to be married very quietly, and by the light of a bull's-eye lantern, while several friends kept the father of the bride at bay by attracting his attention while the ceremony was going on. The mother, however, was on the side of the young folks, and was on hand to see the knot well tied.

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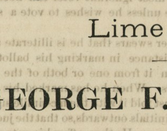

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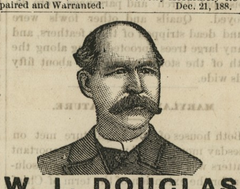

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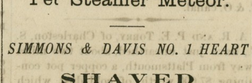

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May 14, 1887.

Chester River Steamboat Company.

CHANGE OF SCHEDULE.

TUESDAY, JAN. 7, 1890.

Steamer EMMA A. FORD

Will leave Chestertown every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 8 A. M., stopping at Rolph's, Booker's, Quaker Neck, Eastern Neck, Queenstown, Rock Hall, Kent Island and intermediate landings on Chester river.

RETURNING will leave Pier 7, Light Street Wharf at 11 A. M., alternate days.

The Steamer B. S. FORD

Will leave Centreville every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8.30 A. M., stopping at landings on the Corsica river, and at Bogles, Queenstown, Kent Island and Rock Hall.

RETURNING will leave Pier 7, Light Street Wharf, at 11 A. M., alternate days.

Fare $1 Round Trip.

Tickets good until used, and accepted on all boats of the line.

☞ The United States Express Company service on the daily boats, affording patrons an opportunity of making through shipments of freight to all points in the United States and Canada without delay.

☞ For the convenience of our patrons, we have built at our Rock Hall landing, ample accommodations for the care of teams.

GEORGE WARFIELD, PRESIDENT.

Jan. 11, 1890.

SASSAFRAS RIVER LINE!

On and after MONDAY, December 9th, 1889, the

Steamer TRUMPETER

Will leave Georgetown on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 7.30 A. M.

Leave Pier 6, Light street, Baltimore, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 10.30 A. M., stopping at all the landings on the route each way.

WILLIAM CUNDIFF, Pier 6, Light Street Wharf.

Dec. 7, 1889.

DAILY LINE TO BALTIMORE!

Steamer Gratitude

Leave LONG COVE, (Tuesday & Friday)	6.30 A. M.
" CENTREVILLE, (daily)	7.00 A. M.
" JACKSON'S CREEK, (daily)	8.15 A. M.
" ROCK HALL, (daily)	9.15 A. M.
Arriving IN BALTIMORE	11.30 A. M.
Returning, leave BALTIMORE, (daily)	2.15 P. M.
Arriving at ROCK HALL	4.15 P. M.

Excursion Ticket (good until used)	$1.00
Single Fare	75
Fare from Rock Hall, each way	50

☞ Elegant accommodations at Rock Hall for the care of passengers and teams.

C. HALYBURTON, JR., GEN'L MANAGER,
March 16, 1889. Pier 13, Light Street.

Balto. and Delaware Bay Railroad.

TIME TABLE No. 9.

CHANGE OF TIME, to Take Effect Nov. 30, 1889.

GOING EAST. GOING WEST.

Freight & Pass. Leave Smyrna for Baltimore at 7.00 a. m. daily except Sundays.	Passenger No. 1 only. Leave Smyrna for Baltimore at 2.10 p. m. Thursdays only.	DISTANCE.	STATIONS.	Freight & Pass. Leave Balt. for Smyrna at 4.30 P. M. daily except Sundays.	Passenger No. 1 only. Leave Balt. for Smyrna at 4.30 P. M. Tuesdays only.
Read Downwards.				Read Upwards.	
A. M. P. M.				P. M. P. M.	
6 25 1 25			Lve Chestertown Arr	1 05 12 45	6 45
6 37 1 37	5 "	"	....Worton.....Lve	12 53 12 30	6 35
6 43 1 43	7 "	"	....Lynch's..... "	12 47 12 20	6 30
6 49 1 49	9 "	"	....Still Pond.... "	12 41 12 10	6 25
7 01 1 01	12 "	"	....Kennedyville "	12 29 11 55	6 15
7 13 2 13	15 "	"	....Black's..... "	12 17 11 40	6 05
7 28 2 28	18 "	"	....Lambson's.... "	12 02 11 25	5 55
7 46 2 46	22 "	"	....Massey's..... "	11 14 11 05	5 39
7 58 2 58	25 "	"	....Delaney's.... "	11 02 10 50	5 27
8 10 3 10	28 "	"	....*Bingham's.... "	11 20 10 35	5 15
8 25 3 25	32 Arr	.....	....Clayton..... "	11 05 10 15	5 00

Stations marked thus (*) have no agents.

Freights for Bingham's and Delaney's must be prepaid.

All Trains make close connection at Clayton with trains on the Delaware Railroad going North and South.

Freight carried at low rates to all points, and must be at the stations thirty (30) minutes before starting time, in order to insure dispatch.

The above arrangement on Thursdays will give passengers four hours in Philadelphia, and return the same day.

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J. R. FRANKLIN, Gen'l Freight Agent.

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DELAWARE DIVISION.

On and after Nov. 11th, 1889 (Sundays excepted) trains will leave as follows:

SOUTHWARD.					NORTHWARD.			
PASS	PASS	EXP.	PASS		PASS	EXP.	PASS	PASS
P M	P M	A M	A M		A M	A M	P M	P M
‡6.07	‡4.03	11.35	‡7.27	...Phila.....	‡9.32	10.52	‡1.27	‡8.50
5.17	12.45	10.08	6.40	...Balto.....	10.39	11.10	2.00	9.25
7.00	4.45	12.21	8.30	Wilmin'n	8.43	9.42	12.22	7.35
	5.01		8.44	Farmhurst	8.33			7.26
7.11	5.05	12.32	8.50	N. Castle.	8.28	9.31	12.08	7.20
	5.10		8.56	StateRoad	8.23		12.02	7.15
7.19	5.16		9.01	....Bear....	8.17		11.56	7.08
7.26	5.20	12.44	9.10	..Porter's..	8.12	9.19	11.50	7.03
7.31	5.25	12.49	9.15	Kirkwood	8.06		11.45	6.59
7.39	5.34		9.22	Mt. Pleas't	7.57		11.36	6.50
	5.38		9.27	Armstrg's	7.53			6.44
7.48	5.43	1.06	9.33	Middle'n	7.49	9.00	11.27	6.41
7.56	5.51		9.43	Townsend	7.40	8.50	11.18	6.32
	5.55		9.48	Blackbird	7.35		11.13	6.28
	6.02		9.54	Greens'p'r	7.28			6.20
8.09	6.06	1.25	10.00	..Clayton..	7.24	8.36	11.01	6.16
7.59	5.57	1.16	9.50	‡Smyrna	7.15	8.28	11.54	6.06
	6.12		10.05	Brenford	7.19		10.54	6.11
8.16	6.17		10.11