

MARION NEWS

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MARION, VA., MAY 5, 1899.

Marion Graded School—Annual Report. Number of pupils enrolled, 136; average monthly attendance, 108; daily " 94; per cent of attendance, 92.

It is the belief of the faculty that the work this year has been better than that of the previous year, and that during the year, there has been a marked improvement in the organization of the school.

SKULL FRACTURED. Geo. A. Creger Meets With an Untimely Death.

A very serious and fatal accident happened on the east bound passenger train near Wytheville on Wednesday morning of last week at Browning's cut, near the U. S. Fish Hatchery.

A Relic of 1780. Mr. W. V. B. Tilson, of Tilson's Mills, Bland Co., Va., but who lives just across the Bland county line in Smyth, was in Bristol last week.

"FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS." This bill of Four Hundred Dollars shall be exchanged and redeemed in Spanish Milled Dollars, or the value in gold or silver, at the rate of one for forty.

Dora foundry is now employing fifty-four men and is running from twelve to twenty-four hours a day.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

"Out of Sight Out of Mind." In other months we forget the harsh winds of Spring. But they have their use, as some say, to blow out the bad air accumulated after Winter storms and Spring thaws.

This great Spring Medicine clarifies the blood as nothing else can. It cures scrofula, kidney disease, liver troubles, rheumatism and kindred ailments. Thus it gives perfect health, strength and appetite for months to come.

Hood's Sarsaparilla. Never Disappoints. Hood's Pills cure liver ills, the non-irritating and only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The case of the Commonwealth against Geo. E. Davis for the malicious shooting of Gen. Jas. A. Walker on March 11th, was concluded Wednesday evening. The case was given to the jury at 4 o'clock with instructions from Judge Stuart and after being out 33 minutes they returned with a verdict of not guilty.

How's This? We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props, Toledo, O. for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligation made by their firm.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 75c. per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Testimonials free.

She Wanted Bare Facts. The mayor of a far western city once received the following letter of inquiry:

"Kind and respected Sir—I see in a paper that a man named John Sipes was attacked and et up by a bare whose ku's he was trying to get when she bare come up and stopt him by eatin him in the mountaines near your town.

"What I want to know is, did it kill him, or was he only partly et up and is he from this place and all about the bare. I don't know but what he is a distaut husband of mine.

"My first husband was of that name and I supposed he was killed in the war, but the name of the man the bare et being the same I thought it might be him after all and I ought to know if he wasn't killed either in the war or by the bare, for I have been married twice and there ought to be divorce papers got out by him or me if the bare did not eat him all up. If it is him, you will know it by his having six toes on the left foot.

"He also had a spread eagle tattooed in his front chest and an anchor on his right arm which you will know him by if the bare did not eat up these sines of its being him.

"Find out all you kin about him without his knowing what it is for. That is, if the bare did not eat him all up. If it did, I don't see as you can do anything and you needn't take no trouble. Please ancer back.

UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA. FREE TO VIRGINIANS. In The Academic Schools. Letters, Science, Law, Medicine, Engineering, Session Begins 15th September.

Thomas B. Reed. It seems to be a settled fact that the honorable Thomas B. Reed of Maine, three times the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and a member elect of Congress which unless called together in extra session will not meet until December next, is about to resign, and retire from public life!

Mr. Reed has shown in his twenty years service in the House that he is a man of the very highest ability, of the clearest and broadest logical power and the widest and most solid acquired attainment.

But no one has questioned his honesty. No man has ever attributed to him sordid, base, or personal interest as the motive of action.

And no one ever, for a moment, could either despise, or hold in light esteem Tom Reed. He is a great man. He has won a lefty place. He has provoked antagonisms. These will die and be forgotten.

But Reed was howled at, a few years since and all over America was dubbed Czar Reed, by the thick and thin Democratic journals, and many innocent souls came to look on "the great man from Maine" as if he were really a sort of Congressional monster.

And what was the gist and meat of his offense? And we answer simply by quoting the words of our esteemed contemporary, the Times of Chattanooga.

"In short, the especial Reed rule, which there has been so much fuss over, is plain good sense. It is to the effect that a member cannot be present in the House and absent at the same time; that if he is physically present he ought to be counted to make a quorum whether he votes or not."—Bristol News.

In Pain? In the Back? Then probably the kidneys. In the Chest? Then probably the lungs. In the Joints? Then probably rheumatism.

No matter where it is, nor what kind, you need have it no longer. It may be an hour, a day, or a year old; it must yield to

Dr. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral Plaster. Immediately after applying it you feel its soothing, warming, strengthening power.

To Cure Consumption Forever. Take Cascarets Candy Cathartic, 10c or 25c. If C. C. fail to cure, druggists refund money.

It's Easy To Take. Thin, pale, anæmic girls need a fatty food to enrich their blood, give color to their cheeks and restore their health and strength.

is exactly what they require; it not only gives them the important element (cod-liver oil) in a palatable and easily digested form, but also the hypophosphites which are so valuable in nervous disorders that usually accompany anæmia.

SCOTT'S EMULSION is a fatty food that is more easily digested than any other form of fat. A certain amount of flesh is necessary for health.

You can get it in this way. We have known persons to gain a pound a day while taking it.

Notice! Notice!! Parties having work in my hands for repairs will please call and get same as I will quit the watch repairing business first of May.

OPIMUM. and Whiskey Habits cured at home without pain. Book of particulars sent FREE.

A Bright Sunday Morning. Will make the Old Winter Suit Look out of Place. The Duty of to-day is to Fix for TO-MORROW.

We can fix you in a handsome custom made SUIT of CLOTHES at a small out-lay. In fact our SPRING LINE is the best and cheapest we have ever shown.

Boys and Childrens Suits. Tailor Made Suits, Young Men. The best and Most Stylish Line of Young Men's Suits Shown in the town.

Shoes for Everybody. We have SHOES FOR EVERYBODY—Men Women and Children. We have the best woman shoe on earth for the price, \$1.25.

New Line of Hats and Caps. Special Line of Shirts, Collars and Cuffs. Our SPECIAL LINES OF SHIRTS, COLLARS, CUFFS, NECKWEAR, HOBSERY, TRUNKS, VALISES, UMBRELLAS, &C., are bought direct from the makers.

You are cordially invited to call and see us. Yours Truly, B. H. Baylor.

ATKINS ITEMS. Atkins, Va., May 2, 1899. These perfume laden days make one forget the days he shivered around the fire last winter, and if the promise that the profuse apple blooms gives us is fulfilled we shall be better able to enjoy ourselves another winter.

Corn planting is well under headway, and a few more fair days will see the planting finished. John Brown went down to Wytheville last Wednesday to attend Conference, and returned Sunday evening.

Walter Blackard, grandson of our P. M., left a few days ago for Kenova, W. Va. where he has secured work. John W. Davis had a fine young cow killed by the west-bound mail train last Wednesday.

Mrs. F. P. Wheeler is, we are glad to say, somewhat better today. Miss Cora Starely is in Bristol going to school.

Mr. Dan'l Aker is still very ill, but we trust he will soon be restored to health. About fifteen persons went from here to Buffalo Bill's show last week. All were highly pleased.

The Rev. Mr. Repass preached a good sermon at the Lutheran Church Sunday evening. H. N. Bell is among us this week, shaking hands, making friends, and gaining votes.

You Can't Get Rested. Because That Tired Feeling is not the result of exertion. It is due to the unhealthy condition of your blood.

To the Voters of Smyth County.—I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Commissioner of the Revenue for Marion District.

To the Voters of Smyth County.—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Revenue for Marion District, and if elected I shall strive to discharge the duties of the office faithfully and impartially.

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Announcements. To the Voters of Smyth County.—I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Common wealth's Attorney.

To the Voters of Smyth County.—I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Commissioner of the Revenue for Rich Valley District.

To the Voters of Smyth County.—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of Attorney for the Commonwealth for this County.

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To the People of Smyth County.—I am a candidate for the office of Sheriff for Smyth county at the election to be held on the 25th day of May, 1899.

To the Voters of Smyth County.—I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer. Election 4th Thursday in May.

To the Voters of Smyth County.—I respectfully request your suffrage at the election to be held on the fourth Thursday in May next, for the position of Treasurer of your County.

To the Voters of Marion District.—I hereby announce myself a candidate for Constable for Marion District. If I am elected, I pledge myself to discharge the duties of the office faithfully.

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ROYAL BAKING POWDER

ABSOLUTELY PURE
Makes the food more delicious and wholesome

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Local Items.

Read locals on editorial page of this week's issue.

Be sure to attend to your registration in time.

G. E. Goodell had a fine cow killed by No. 13, yesterday.

O. E. Francis left for Bristol Monday to accept a position.

See change of the Farmers Protective Union advertisement on first page.

As we go to press we are sorry to learn that our old friend, Mr. I. C. Wolfe is quite sick at his home North of town.

Miss Phillips, so well and favorably known in connection with Marion Graded School, left for her home last week.

People say Hood's Sarsaparilla cures when all other preparations fail to do any good, and you run no risk in giving it a fair trial.

Pastor J. M. Dunaway will preach Sunday morning and night at the Baptist Church. Having resigned as pastor at Wytheville church, he will preach here now every Sunday.

Prof. Hill, principal of Marion Graded School, left for his home in Taylorsville, N. C. last night. The Prof. won many friends during his stay with us.

The prospects for a wheat crop in in Montgomery county are so discouraging that many of the farmers have plowed up their wheat ground and sowed it in oats or will plant corn on it.

Monday was Dewey Day and was gladly remembered by Uncle Sam, but sadly remembered by poor old Spain. The annual recurrence of this day will bring a tinge to the cheek of every Spaniard in the civilized world. They know Dewey now.

See change in J. B. Rhea's advertisement in this week's issue of the News. Mr. Rhea is offering great inducements to all. All grades of goods in his establishment are reduced in price. It will pay you to examine his stock before purchasing elsewhere.

Corporal, W. D. Wilmore, Jr., Gus Tilson, Henry Overbey and Will Tilson, late members of the 4th Va. Reg't returned home from Cuba on last Saturday, having been honorably discharged from the army. The boys were cordially greeted by their numerous friends.

Mr. E. G. Painter, who has been ticket agent at Marion Depot, has been transferred to Salem, Va., and Mr. Ferd Cowden appointed. Mr. Cowden is an old Rail Road man, and his many friends will be gratified to see him again in the employ of the N. & W. company.

Rev. W. S. Neighbors, of Knoxville, Tenn., preached two very able and interesting sermons at the Methodist church on last Sunday. Rev. Neighbors is a gentleman of more than ordinary ability and culture. Those of our citizens who failed to hear him, missed a treat.

Captain John E. Noel, of Jennings Creek, Botetourt county, met a fearful death Monday while felling a tree. His body was terribly mangled by being caught under the tree, and death soon ensued. Captain was up in his fifties, and had served in the Confederate army.

The old renowned Chickering pianos are represented in Virginia exclusively by The Hobbie Company, Roanoke. The Chickering is the oldest make and the greatest piano made in America. Write for catalogue, reduced prices, and terms of easy payment to the Hobbie Company, Roanoke, at once.

Mrs. Mittie D. Crouch has purchased the soda fountain of C. M. Wolfe, and now has it nicely fixed up and ready to serve the ladies and gentlemen with good cool drinks. She invites one and all to call in and see her when they want anything in this line. We bespeak for her a liberal share of your patronage.

At Geogel, (lately called Toms Creek) the Carter Iron, Coal and Coke Company will add four hundred new coke ovens to the two hundred it now has in operation. The building of these new ovens and their operation after building will necessitate the building of at least five hundred new houses to shelter the hands required at that place. Geogel is said to be the busiest coal mining town in the Southwest.

Mr. S. L. Alexander, registrar, is now ready to register all persons who may apply for registration who are duly qualified by law. Any one desiring can register at any time up to and including the 9th of May. Don't fail to register, and if you want a transfer attend to it at once.

They Like It.

"My daughter has taken Hood's Sarsaparilla as a blood purifier and tonic, and likes it better than any other medicine. It creates a good appetite and strengthens the whole system. One of my friends who took Hood's Sarsaparilla says it is the best medicine in the world."—Mrs. G. W. Foster, Shallowford, N. C.

Hood's Pills are non-irritating and the only cathartic to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Dr. Hugh Ewing died at Abingdon Monday afternoon at the residence of his nephew, aged seventy-five years. He had practiced medicine at Max Meadows, in Wythe county, where he was buried Tuesday. Dr. Ewing was a man of fine mind, large information, and has been during his mature life a man of prominence and fine character.

We have just laid in a nice stock of fresh groceries, call and see us before supplying yourselves.

PAINTER & ATKINS

As a result of the tornado that swept through the eastern portion of Kirksville, Mo. Friday evening, demolishing half of the residences and other buildings, 200 families are homeless, and nearly fifty dead bodies and seventy injured persons have been recovered from the ruins. More than a dozen of the injured will die. Although the rescuers have been searching the ruins ever since the storm spent itself, many are still missing, and it is thought that a considerable number of the victims were consumed in the flames that broke out soon after the storm ceased. The work of rescue continues, but it may be days before the total number of victims is known.



The University of Virginia, of which we are publishing an advertisement, appeals by its history, achievements and its very name to the loyal support of all true Virginians. It commends itself, moreover, by placing a liberal education, which the times demand more than ever before, in the reach of those of even very limited means by remitting all fees in the academic schools and making those in the professional departments as low as possible. It does even more than this, for it puts in the reach of the deserving a number of scholarships, full information of which can be had by addressing the Chairman of the Faculty. Parents who have sons to educate should send to the University for full information.

To the Voters of Smyth County.

Owing to the illness of my wife, it will be impossible for me to see all of you before the election as I am compelled to stay with her; but I do honestly hope that you will consider my affliction as well as my financial circumstances and help me liberally by giving me your votes for the office of Commissioner of Revenue for Marion District. I feel perfectly competent to discharge the duties of the office and sadly need the effects. Hoping that you may with pleasure, make up your minds to help me on day of election, I remain yours,

Very Respectfully,
F. B. GREEVER,
Chilhowie, Va., May 2nd, '99.

Notice to the Public!

I have just received a full line of all kinds of FRESH GROCERIES. I also have on hand a nice lot of COUNTRY and SUGAR CURED HAMS. In fact, you can find anything you may need in the EATING LINE in my store. Call and examine my goods before purchasing elsewhere, and I am sure you will be convinced that I have as nice and can sell as CHEAP as anybody in town. Give me a trial.

Yours respectfully,
MRS. MITTIE D. CROUCH,
(Thornton's old stand.)
Marion, Va.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents. Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c. All drug stores.

Death of Wm. D. Newman.
Died at his home on Monday evening at 3 1/2 o'clock, after a brief illness, Mr. Wm. D. Newman, aged about 40 years. He was born and raised in Marion, and was well known and respected by all. He was an honest, industrious and hard working man. He was prompt and faithful in the discharge of all duties. He leaves a wife, 3 small children, an aged mother, 1 brother, 3 sisters and a large number of relatives and friends to mourn the loss of a devoted husband and an affectionate father, a dutiful son, and a true friend. The funeral services were held at the Methodist church on Tuesday evening at 3 1/2 o'clock by Rev. L. L. H. Carlock, after which the remains were laid to rest in Round Hill Cemetery. Peace to his ashes.

Death of John S. Atkins.
Mr. John S. Atkins, after a long and painful illness, died at the residence of his sister, Mrs. G. D. H. Killinger, on last Saturday night about 8 o'clock. John was well known by all our citizens, and was a member of the firm of Atkins Bros., lumber dealers. The funeral services were conducted at the residence of Mrs. Killinger on Sunday evening by Revs. Scherer and Waller, after which the remains were laid to rest in Round Hill Cemetery.

We tender our sympathy to the bereaved family and friends in this sad affliction.

Death of Alex. Pierce.
Mr. Alexander Pierce, one of the oldest citizens of Smyth county, was found dead in his mill near his home in Rye Valley, the 17th of last month. It is supposed he fell from the second story of the mill receiving a wound which caused death almost instantly.

A few minutes after the fall he was found by his little grandson, who notified his mother, Mrs. J. F. Curran, a daughter of Mr. Pierce, by the time she arrived at his side his spirit had taken its flight. He was almost 85 years old and one of the substantial and highly respected citizens of his community. He was honest and upright in all his dealings with his fellowmen, and had many friends throughout the county. He leaves three sons two daughters and a number of grandchildren to mourn his untimely end. His funeral service was conducted by Rev. Stradley in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends.

DEATH OF WILLIAM HAULSE.
Mr. William Haulsee died at the home of his son, Rev. J. M. Haulsee, near Sugar Grove, March 25th, 1899. He was one of the old land marks of the county, having reached the advanced age of 83. We regret that we have not been able to get fuller particulars in order to give a sketch of his life and a more extended notice of his death.

Miss Legard, of Bristol, has secured the rooms adjoining Mr. Painter's store, and is prepared to do anything in the dress-making line. She comes to Marion highly recommended.

Notice!
Parties wishing either Salt or Plaster, or both can be supplied with the very best by calling on
HULL & STALEY,
At the Brick Mill.

NOTICE!
Anyone wishing to have dyeing and cleaning done, or grease or stain spots taken out clothing, will please give me a trial and I will guarantee satisfaction. Call on me at Dunlap property.
JOHN R. B. MOSES.

A LOGICAL DISEASE A Climatic Affection.
Nothing but local remedy or change of climate will cure it. ELY'S CREAM BALM It is quickly absorbed. Gives relief at once. Opens and cleanses the Nasal Passages. Allays Inflammation. Heals and Protects the Membrane. Restores the Senses of Taste and Smell. No Cocaine. No Mercury. No Injurious drug. Full Size 50c; Trial Size 10c. at Drug-gists or by mail. ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren Street, New York.

OBITUARY.
Little Corra Dell, daughter of Mr. R. F. Kirk, died at the home of her parents in Smyth County, Va., April 25, 1898, aged near two years. Little Corra was a bud just blooming into life and ere her young heart knew of sin she was removed from her home on earth to a happier home whose joys eternity cannot blight. I would say to father, mother, brother and sister, and all those who have loved her so dear. She was not ours but only lent to us for a little while to give us a glimpse of Heaven. She was sent us in her beauty to make bright a summer's day and she has been called back to Heaven where the blest forever stay; she is robed in spotless garments by the pearly rivers flow and we know that she is happy in her home forever more for she is across the river she is with the Angels now; take one look on faded beauty it is the last the earth can give. Then let us all strive to meet her for she has gone to Heaven to live.—By EMMA KIRK.

Drying Preparations simply develop dry catarrh; they dry up the secretions which adhere to the membrane and decompose, causing a far more serious trouble than the ordinary form of catarrh. Avoid all drying inhalants and use that which cleanses, soothes and heals. Ely's Cream Balm is such a remedy and will cure catarrh or cold in the head easily and pleasantly. All druggists sell it at 50 cents or it will be mailed by Ely Brothers, 56 Warren St., N. Y.

Uncle Sam Getting Even.
The firm of Jacobs & Co., of Lancaster, Pa., which was engaged in the great counterfeiting business just unearthed, defrauding the government of about \$130,000. The factory, valued at about \$70,000, together with the stock, has been confiscated and revenue agents all over the country are searching over the goods of cigar dealers for boxes bearing the number of the firm's factory. The factory number, of course, was always the same.

Everything bearing this number is being confiscated. The revenue officials will not give the number of the factory.
The factory of the firm is valued at \$70,000, exclusive of stock. It is estimated that the government has been defrauded of \$130,000 but with the factory and stock and the goods bearing the counterfeit stamps, now being seized it is thought Uncle Sam will come out ahead on the deal.
I have a nice present for every farmer. Call and see it.
B. H. BAYLOR.

When you want good country produce, call on
PAINTER & ATKINS.
Leeches, when applied to persistent cigarette smokers, drop off dead, distinct traces of the dangerous oil given off by tobacco being found in them. Strangely enough, the same experiment tried upon excessive pipe-smokers resulted in no apparent injury to the leeches.—Philadelphia Record.

Road Fund Account, St. Clair District.
1895. Levy net amount subject to draft, \$605.69
1896. Levy net amount subject to draft, 503.96
Overdrawn on 1895 levy by E. S. Wolf, Supervisor, \$ 8.43
Drafts or warrants ordered by W. A. Wolfe Supervisor, 1,631.11
1,639.54 1,109.65

To over drafts by W. A. Wolfe, 5,29.89
1897. Levy net am't subject to draft, 5,10.22
1898. Estimated delinquent same as '97, 5,11.56
5,28.89 1,021.78

Subject to order of Jas. F. Scott for two years of Supervisor work, 4,91.89
A. F. STONE, Co. Treas.
May 1st, 1899.
The above statement will speak for its self. JAS. F. SCOTT.

Sale of Land in Bland County.
In pursuance of the terms of a deed of trust executed on the 21st day of July, 1883, to R. F. Nickels, trustee, by Jas. R. Bales, wife and others to secure to C. Aultman & Co. certain notes therein described and recorded in Smyth and Bland counties, I, will, as trustee, substituted by the County Court of Smyth county, and at the request of the beneficiary in said deed proceed to sell on the 8th day of April, 1899, in front of the Court House of Smyth county a tract of land lying in Bland county on the North Fork of Holston river, about 8 miles west of Bland Court House, containing 88 acres more or less, the property of Jas. R. Bales, and on which he now resides, and the same time will sell a water saw mill with mill site on the waters of Poor Valley in Bland county, the property of J. J. Bales.
TERMS—Cash in hand sufficient to pay the balance due upon a note for \$425.00, with interest from the 20th day of July, 1883, and the costs of judgment at law on said note and the cost of executing this trust and for any residue on such terms as may be made known on the day of sale.
A. G. PENDLETON, Trustee.
March 3, d 1899.
The above sale is postponed until the 13th day of May, 1899.
A. G. PENDLETON.

J. B. Rhea,

Must Reduce his Large Stock of GOODS.

In order to do so, everything in his store has been cut **One-fourth** of its Retail Value.

If you do NOT SEE what YOU WANT, please CALL FOR IT, for my stock consists of the BEST GRADE of goods and embraces

Dry Goods, men's and boy's shoes, ladies, misses and children's fine shoes and slippers, men's and boy's fur, wool, and straw hats and caps.

Hardware, Tinware, Groceries, Chinaware, Matings, Cotton Yarns and Carpet Chain.

These goods, taking quality into consideration, will be SOLD LOWER for SPOT CASH than the SAME GOODS can possibly be purchased elsewhere. Come and examine for yourselves and be convinced. DO NOT FAIL to examine the FIVE and TEN CENTS GOODS on **MY BARGAIN TABLES.**
To save you money and for bargains,
Very Respectfully,
J. B. RHEA,
(Near Brick Mill.) MARION, VA.

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Strangely Found Pearls

By Charles Adams

AFTER the failure of M. Ferdinand de Lesseps' first grand effort to excavate the Panama canal, there ensued a depressing period when for several years nothing whatever was done, and millions of dollars' worth of expensive machinery lay exposed to wind and weather, and to thieves who carried off immense quantities of plunder.

At length an attempt was made to stay these losses. Painters were employed to coat the excavators, dredges, cranes, dragues, locomotives and other machines with waterproof paints, and guards were sent to patrol the line of works.

Among the guards were a young American whose name is given as Edmund Harris, a Hollander named Van Vleck, from Rotterdam, and one Michael Doohy, an Irishman. Their business was to care for the marine dredges in the "Boea," or western end of the canal trench, near the harbor of Panama. A small steam-launch was provided in which they made their rounds, and on holidays they sometimes used this boat for excursions to other points on the bay. The most interesting of these jaunts, and one attended by a curious adventure, was to the ruins of Panama Viejo (Old Panama), six or eight miles south of the modern city.

Old Panama, the city first built by the Spaniards when at the zenith of their new world prosperity, was taken, plundered and burned by the buccaner Morgan in 1671. For a century it had been the richest city of the western hemisphere, containing at one time fully 70,000 inhabitants, and being called from its position: "The Gate of the New World." Hither were brought the spoils of Peru, by Pizarro, and gold and silver in vast quantities from the newly opened mines. A well-paved highway connected it with Porto Bello, on the Atlantic side of the isthmus.

Of Old Panama nothing now remains except the crumbling walls of the churches and palaces, overgrown by vines, in the midst of a dense tropical forest. One lofty tower alone rises above the tree-tops, that of the Church of St. Anastasius.

Steaming in here at high tide, our three adventurers entered a bayou, or creek mouth, leading beneath a stone bridge, the arch of which is still standing, to a land-locked lagoon which once formed the city's haven for small craft.

Here they left the launch, and first crossing the old stone bridge, visited the church tower. Then they wandered curiously about the site of the old town. The place is now wholly overgrown with jungle, and to move about or to follow the lines of the old streets it is necessary that a machete, or man working with a machete, should go in advance and literally cleave out a path.

Pablo, the half-breed fireman of the launch, undertook this task, but was soon covered by garrapatas, or wood-ticks. While he was clearing himself of them, Mike Doohy took up the machete and cut a path for several hundred yards, over old walls and vine-grown masonry, when to his great discomfiture he suddenly discovered a large hooded viper clinging to his foot. The reptile had struck its fangs into the leather, but fortunately had not been able to bite through it.

This was too much for the Irishman. "I wish yez joy of your walk, gentlemen," said he. "For meself, I shall lave ye the snakes and the bugs, and go back to the launch and shmoke me pipe!"

He left them abruptly, and Pablo resumed the machete, all keeping a sharp eye out for snakes. They had gone on but a few yards when a tremendous yell from Mike caused them to turn.

"Well, I wonder what next shall be de matter wid de Irishmans!" exclaimed Van Vleck. Harris went hastily back. "Mike! Mike!" he shouted. "What's the matter? Where are you?"

"At first he got no reply, but heard a huge gurgling, swashing sound, as

of water, that seemed to come from the earth near by. Then came a muffled cry of "Help! Help!"

Harris then caught sight of a hole in the thick verdure and vines of the path over which they had just come, and approaching, found that Mike had fallen down the deep shaft of an old Spanish well. With Van Vleck's aid, Harris quickly pulled away the vines and gained a better idea of the dimensions of the hole. It was six or seven feet across; they had walked unperceivingly along the very brink of it.

"Is the water deep, Mike? Can you get a foothold, to keep your head out?" Harris shouted down to him. "Little enough!" cried Mike. "Sure it's deep as the say and cowl as de gravel!"

Harris had a surveyor's tapeline in his pocket. He threw the reel end down, holding fast to the other. "Catch hold of that," he cried. "Easy! Don't break it. It will help you to keep your head above water till we can get a line from the launch." He sent Pablo off on a run to fetch the line.

Some minutes elapsed before it could be brought, and meantime Mike had to support as little of his weight as possible by the tape which Harris held, and barely kept his head and neck above the cold well water, like a bull-frog at the margin of a tank.

Van Vleck then tied a loop in the end of the launch-line and lowered it. "Now get your foot in that loop, Mike, and then seize hold above, and we will pull you out!" Harris called down to him.

The combined strength of the three barely sufficed to haul the Irishman up. Foot by foot they hoisted him, dripping and trying to aid them by catching toe-hold and finger-hold here and there in the chunks of the old masonry. The well had been lined up with stone blocks, in cement.

They had him within a few feet of the top when his toe dislodged one of the stone blocks and it fell down with a splash. But the next moment Mike got his arms out and was dragged forth, a very wet and slimy object.

"Bad 'cess to the haythen that leaves their wells uncovered," were his first words. But something about the hole in the wall from which the stone block had slipped appeared to interest him, for all dripping as he was, he got down on his knees and looked down at it.

"I'm thinkin' that was a very queer hole," he said to Harris. "D'ye know, I fancied I caught the glint of a bottle as I passed that hole, sor?"

Harris and Van Vleck laughed, thinking this a hint that Mike desired something to warm him up. But he was not joking. "Sure, I can see the nose as it pout!" he exclaimed. "Wait a bit, while I put me fut in the boose av the rope again, and this bould on tight while I take a peep down."

They let him down a few feet, when he drew out from the hole in the wall a large, square-shouldered bottle of very clumsy shape.

"I have it!" cried Mike, and they pulled him out again. "And now did yez ever see the likes of that for a bottle!" he exclaimed. "Bedad, but the ould stopper is no better than punk. What do ye make of it, sor?" he asked, and handed it to Harris.

The bottle was a lopsided affair of impure green glass, and contained what looked through the glass like small bullets. Harris picked out the stopper, which was of wood wrapped in crumbling leather. Some moments were required to extract it. To their great surprise, the round, bullet-like objects proved to be large pearls, some of them very beautiful. There were 149 of them.

Van Vleck, who had seen jewels and pearls in Holland, was of the opinion that they were of great value. Their first thought, after looking at the contents of the bottle, was to search the hole in the wall for further treasure. But they found nothing except a small, moldering box with silver crockets at the corners. This being opened was found to contain discolored parchments, evidently of the nature of royal letters, or deeds of gift or conveyance, and also exactly a hundred Spanish gold coins of apparently about the weight and value of a doubloon.

"Well, Mike, this is your find," Harris said to him. "I congratulate you." "Faith, then, how wud I hev found it if yez hadn't pulled me out of the ould well? Tell me that, sorr!" exclaimed Mike.

"What is your idea, then?" Harris asked him. "Share and share alike, sor. There wud be no other fair way." "Including Pablo?" "Sure! Didn't the nayerger help pull me out?"

They steamed back to the city and showed the pearls to a dealer there. The man was astonished at the size and beauty of many of them, and would not say what he thought they were worth. An English dealer at length rated the market value at \$3,610, or not far from \$16,550. They had little doubt that this bottle of pearls and the box had been concealed in the well at the time when the city was taken by the pirates, more than two centuries ago, and that the person who secreted them had perished in the sack of the town. There could be no hope, therefore, of finding the rightful possessors.

It will not be thought strange that the three canal guards went again and again to the ruins of Panama Viejo, searching for other old wells, and sounding them with grapple-hooks in the hope of finding other similar caches of old-time wealth; but they found nothing more.—Youth's Companion.

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Her Look of Admiration. Big Brother—I should like to know what you've been flirting with that fool Sapleed for?

Pretty Sister (indignantly)—I haven't. "Yes, you have. He told a friend you stood before him for ten minutes as if entranced, and you looked straight into his eyes as if you would read his very soul, and he said if ever ardent admiration shone in a human face, it did in yours."

"Huh! The fool! I was looking at my own reflection in his eye-glasses." —N. Y. Weekly.

Getting Even. "Why don't you discharge your present doctor and see if somebody else can't help you? Here he's had you in bed for three weeks now, and you seem to be getting worse all the time."

"I would make a change, but this fellow owes me \$50, and his bill foots up only to \$49 to date. I've got to work it out of him somehow."—Chicago Daily News.

The Practical Side of It. Uncle Hiram—So yev study Latin an' Greek at college, dew yev?

Nephew—Yes, sir. Don't you approve of those studies?

Uncle Hiram—Wal, the Latin might come in handy if yev ever worked in a drug store, but I don't see what the Greek is good fer.—N. Y. Journal.

Palpably Unjust. "Millie, dear, what is your papa's objection to me?"

"He says you don't seem to have any definite object or purpose in life, Harry."

"Yet he knows I've been coming to see you for five straight years!"—Chicago Tribune.

Doing His Duty. Mrs. Speakermind (hanging to strap)—I think it's an outrage and a shame that a tired woman has to stand up in a street car.

Great Editor (from behind his newspaper)—Yes, madam; I'll write a scathing editorial on the subject for tomorrow.—N. Y. Weekly.

He Did It. He was a bibliomaniac. "Ah," he exclaimed, "you're dearer than a rare book."

"Swear it!" she cried. "Now kiss the book." After that he made oath to several things.—Chicago Post.

Left Her in Doubt. "Yes, I had a box of poisoned candy sent to myself, and tried it on my wife's pug."

"And—"

"And now she is divided between joy at my escape and suspicion that it was a job put up on the dog."—Indianapolis Journal.

Her Prerogative. Singleton—Have you ever experienced the supreme joy that comes from finding in your pocket a dollar that you didn't know you had?

Benedict—No; but my wife has upon several occasions.—Chicago Daily News.

Hints to the Snobbish. Don't make friends! Oh, no—don't do it. If you're struggling towards the top, you may find—oh, have to rue it—Friends are sometimes hard to drop.—Puck.

SELF-EVIDENT. "I know why people laugh in their sleeves."

"Why?"

"'Coz that's where the funny bone is."—Cincinnati Equiv.

Another One. And then there's the green man's burden—He also has a kick: He comes in from the country To be offered a big gold brick.—Chicago Record.

A New Explanation. Little Willie—Pa, why do they call them "minor poets"?

Pa—Because they ought to be working with the pick and shovel instead of writing poetry, my son.—Tit-Bits.

The Rule Did Not Apply. Park Policeman—Don't you see that sign, madam? "No dogs allowed at large."

Lady—Oh, yes; but my dog is so very small.—N. Y. Journal.

What It Amounts To. Blink—After all, what is extravagance?

Pink—Parting with money we don't want to get things we don't know what to do with.—Brooklyn Life.

Suspicious Courtesy. "I think Josephine is getting uneasy about her future."

"Why?"

"She calls old maids 'maiden ladies.'"—Chicago Record.

Their Private Opinion. "Some vocal music is very trying."

"Decidedly! You not only have to listen to it, but you have to conceal your opinion of it."—Puck.

Encouraging. He—I've often wished I had a sister. She—Well, you never had a better chance.—Town Topics.

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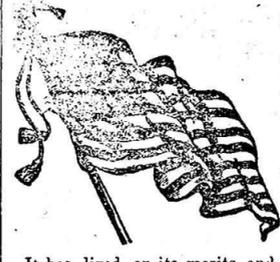
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