

Oh, she comes in silks and grows... I. She is veiled in robes of Latin... II. Yet I see my blood aching... III. With my pulse at a hundred... IV. Still is pleasant to be ailing... V. But I'll tell you, fair physician...

DOLLY AND I.

We were schoolfellows, Dolly and I... At a little dance school in the town close by... We were married—Dolly and I... At the quiet old church in the town close by...

A MIDNIGHT ADVENTURE.

Ours was a gay neighborhood in the summer... One evening there had been a neighborhood gathering at Squire Mason's... The negroes indeed insisted that it was infested by "spirits" or "hunts"...

you can be mistaken sometimes, I shall ride back and see for myself if there's anybody there, dead or alive... "Oh, no, Will," cried Nellie, "please don't go back and leave us by ourselves... I shall be scared to death."

"There, I know you were mistaken, one little ghost," said he to me in a tone of goodnatured contempt... "Not a soul embodied or disembodied, about the old place; nothing but rats and mice and such small deer..."

"Well, now, honey, you know as ole Jake wouldn't confuse yer nuffin es he could do fer yer accordin' ter de circumstance... "You are not dead then—not dead!—not dead!—not lying dead in that dreadful house!"

"Well, who wants you to go by yourself?" said I boldly... "Of course I'm going with you." No such thought had entered my mind until that moment... "I intended to see for myself what all this means, and I ain't afraid of 'spirits'."

"What was that?" cried Nell, suddenly... "What was that?" retorted our escort, looking back... "What noise, I certainly heard a noise in that room just now."

"It sounded like somebody moving about the room, talking and groaning to themselves..." "All fancy, Miss Nellie. Your imagination has been wrought up to expect something ghostly about this old place..."

the footsteps re-entered the house by the back door... Now, will it be believed that as soon as the imminent danger of discovery passed, my curiosity revived, and instead of at once making my escape, I arose to my feet and again peeped through the window... I had not long to wait before my innate curiosity was fearfully gratified...

Having struck the match in a crack of the wall—I noticed even then that it was one of the long wax tapers used by gentlemen for lighting cigars—Will Mason looped over the body... The instinct of self-preservation, the awful fear of death came over me; and I turned and fled for my life...

"Uncle Jake went to look for you as soon as it was light, and found you lying at the bottom of a deep gully into which you had rolled when you fell over the log... "But they must know," cried I, now fully roused... "I tell you, Nellie, I am not dreaming nor delirious. I am wide awake and as sensible as I ever am."

"Will Mason a murderer! Oh, Ju, how wildly you talk!" So I did, and though pa at first thought I was candidate for a strait-jacket, he soon found cause to change his opinion... "It was surmised that the girl had a liaison with Will Mason, and meeting her at the haunted house that night under suspicious circumstances, in a fit of jealous fury had killed her."

"A cheerful Dakota Liar." In the east thousands of people plant, and sow "in the moon" to insure rapid growth, but in Dakota it is dangerous to plant in the prolific phase of the moon, so they are careful to plant at such a time that the moon will exert its influence in holding the crop back...

"An American Beauty." Probably the most superbly beautiful woman ever married in the United States to a foreign diplomat was Mrs. Bass, of Mississippi... "The events of that night made a permanent change in me. I was a nervous, wild, careless, scattered-brained girl I had been."

"Obtains Advance." Farmers have promise of the most abundant crop of fruit ever raised in Jackson county... "I concluded on the ground and visited breathlessly. The footsteps passed me so close that the long grasses they brushed aside touched me, but they went on without stopping to the thicket where the horse was tied, and after some scolding and patting, he was led to the rear of the house and apparently fastened there;

DUBOIS' MILLIONS.

The \$8,000,000 Estate of the State's Great Lumber King. CLEARFIELD, Pa., April 30.—John Dubois, the bachelor lumber king of Pennsylvania, died here to-day an abjectly poor man, conveying all his property, valued at about \$8,000,000, to his favorite nephew, John E. Dubois... He was educated at Chester Military academy.

John Dubois died easily at the head of the lumber business in Pennsylvania. It is doubtful if there is any man between Maine and Michigan who owned more timber land and cut more timber than he did... He owned at the time of his death 33,000 acres of land in one connected body about his town of Dubois' on which there is standing about 350,000,000 feet of white pine lumber...

John Dubois began life with almost no capital, and was a raftsmen on the Susquehanna at the age of 17. His inventive genius helped him greatly. His mills are full of his devices. Whenever he found an impediment in his path, he invented something to overcome it... "Uncle Jake went to look for you as soon as it was light, and found you lying at the bottom of a deep gully into which you had rolled when you fell over the log."

His works at Dubois have a capacity of 85,000 feet of lumber, 6,000 boxes, 5,000 barrel heads and 60,000 shingles per day, besides a hemlock mill with a capacity of 40,000 feet daily, and a large tannery and machine shop... "The best and shortest way to improve a farm is to reduce the stock, plow your fallows in winter so that the soil will be warm and dry in the spring."

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3. That there shall not be arbitrary differences in charge which force business into natural and wasteful channels, or cripple one man for the enrichment of another... 4. That there shall be as little waste of capital as possible, either by corruption, extravagance, or want of business skill.

"Rachel's gone on Jacob; no chance for John!" Of course, the more laughter this raised the more vociferously the bird proclaimed the news. It spread like wild-fire, and the parrot's audience steadily increased... "Look a-here," he said, "between that dazed bird's screech and 'ol' folks a-cackin' that gal's 'most out o' her head. There's nothin' for you to do but go over there and try to fix up things as well ye can."

Walnut City Gazette: A very fatal disease has made its appearance among the horses of this county and quite a number have already died. Our local horsemen are divided upon the nature of the disease, each one having his own theory as to what it is.

MARTYRS TO DISCIPLINE.

The Sad Fate of Nineteen Men Who Waited For the Gavel to Fall. Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph. The crowd that had gathered at the engine-house the other evening was supplemented by a new-comer, and a late acquisition to the Goochtown population... "The conversation was carried on in the same strain for perhaps ten or fifteen minutes, the newcomer having remained quiet, apparently wondering how the fireman climbed the brass pole to the bedchamber above, when he said:

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NOT THE PIPE OF PEACE.

An Interesting Litigation over a \$3 Meerschaum Pipe. Mention was made Monday of the litigation over a meerschaum pipe claimed by Capt. Joseph Atkins to have been stolen from him when he was chief of police in 1880... "The pipe and its loss had been almost forgotten until recently, when Capt. Atkins discovered a pipe in the show window of Mr. Schornstein, on Market and Center streets, which he was positive was the pipe he has lost that he had produced in court to establish its ownership."

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