arms. If he loved her too! He drew a long breath and stared hard at the blank envelope on the desk before him.

"And now," said the young girl, "I only want to add that I think Jim was quite wrong in [illegible] your wishes. He might have [illegible] I wanted him to [illegible] But he is [illegible] so self-willed. I am very sorry that I [illegible] be the means of separating you, and I [illegible] quite sure I am not worth the great sacrifice [illegible] —my husband—has made."

Abel was quite sure there were tears in her eyes again, but he did not look up.

"Where is Jim now?" he asked. Then he smiled grimly. "And why are you not enjoying your—your wedding tour?"

"There was a vacancy in the bank where my father is employed," said the girl, "and father secured it for Jim. His duties began to-day. Perhaps we will take our wedding journey later. We have to look out carefully for the main chance now, you know."

"And you didn't expect to fall back on my dollars?" said the old man.

"Not a penny of them," quickly replied the girl.

The old man [illegible] in his chair.

"And why not?" he asked.

"I think you understand," said the girl, and her gaze dropped to the letter on the desk.

"Does Jim know you are here?"

"No; at least he didn't know I was coming. Father will tell him to meet me at the corner at [illegible] o'clock. I must go."

"Wait," said the old man quickly. He looked at her searchingly. She met his gaze with a smile. Her mind was on Jim.

Abel deliberately put the will back in its envelope, and the envelope in its pigeonhole. Then he picked up the letter in its unaddressed envelope, tore it into minute particles and tossed them into the waste basket.

"I've changed my mind," he softly muttered.

He pulled down his desk cover with a bang and reached for his hat.

"There," he said. "I'm ready." Then he added, "Will you give me your arm, my dear?" As they passed through the doorway he paused.

"I think, Alice," he said, "that you and I are going to be very good friends. And now we must hunt up Jim and take him home with us."

THE CURFEW IN PRACTICE.

IT WORKS WELL IN AN INDIANA TOWN.

From The [illegible] Advertiser.

[illegible] is trying the virtue of a curfew ordinance. Its [illegible] purpose is to keep out of the streets the children who have been permitted to frequent them in the evening without [illegible] hereabouts. It takes effect at [illegible] o'clock p. m. in the summer and at [illegible] o'clock p. m. during the winter. The effect of the rule has been watched with interest [illegible] as it has been during the first week, since the arrest has been made, [illegible] that was sufficient to show the intention of the [illegible] to enforce the ordinance in a fair and reasonable manner. According to all the testimony at hand the ordinance is an excellent thing in that it accomplishes the purpose for which it was passed. Children and young folk in particular are no longer seen [illegible] the streets in groups or singly and the gain for order is plainly noticeable.

There is a disposition shown in the press of other [illegible] to poke fun at the course pursued here in this matter, but our citizens care nothing for that. They are trying honestly an experiment from which not a good is hoped for and their expectations have met no disappointment up to to-day. Instead of laughing at our "village," similarly afflicted communities would do well to adopt the same course of treatment for what is everywhere acknowledged to be a serious evil. If large numbers of the young can be kept out of temptation and from evil courses by so simple a device it is far wiser to try it than to jeer at it. It is not a laughing matter at all, but one of grave moment to the welfare of nearly all large towns. Our experiment is worthy of general imitation, for it is a great success in its beginning.

RUBBER TIRED POLICEMEN.

From The Louisville Courier-Journal.

Washington, Ind., has a gum shoe police force. Every policeman in the department is required by the Chief to wear shoes with rubber soles and heels, in order, like a [illegible] to slip up noiselessly upon any person who may be in mischief, and nab him when he least expects it.

If a policeman reports for duty without his gum [illegible] is [illegible] reprimanded, and is [illegible] give cause for such [illegible] If [illegible] If the offence is committed [illegible] would better [illegible] the [illegible] out for a new job.

The advantages of a rubber tired police force are obvious. The actual experience of a travelling man in Washington proves the wisdom of the rubber tired feet.

"Washington, Ind., has the most efficient police force in the country," said a travelling man at the Louisville Hotel the other night. "The police of Louisville, New-York and Chicago are not in it with those rubber tired policemen over there. I was in Washington not long ago, and [illegible] to want a 'nightcap' before I retired. I asked a fellow where I could find a saloon. He gave me instructions about going in the back [illegible] I found the place, and was just about to drink a julep when I was tapped on the shoulder by somebody. I had heard no noise, and thought the saloon was haunted. I quickly turned around, and there was one of those rubber tired policemen at my back. He made no more noise in entering the saloon than a sparrow would in lighting on a telegraph pole.

"The next night a couple of travelling men got together to have a game of hearts. I didn't want to play poker, for I hadn't tackled with the pasteboards for so long that I knew I would play a losing game. We went to a room over a saloon, and the game commenced. Suddenly a policeman appeared as if by magic. He peered all around, and upon finding that it was a social game, departed.

"Another evening I went out for a walk. Everything was quiet as could be, and I was sober in thought. Suddenly one of these gum shoe men passed me just as noiselessly as he had entered the saloon. I never would have known that he was within a hundred miles of me if I had not felt a gentle breeze by his passing."

SHOAL STRANGERS.

From The [illegible]

Rivers—Where are you going to spend your vacation?

Brooks—I'm going back to [illegible] for a month.

Rivers—I'll [illegible] my vacation.

HOW HE PUT HIS EYES OUT.

DENVER CURTIS PERRY [illegible] TELLS OF HIS WONDERFUL CONTRIVANCE.

Almost everybody has heard of Oliver Curtis Perry, the highly ambitious person who tried to rob the express car on a New-York Central train some years ago, and sought to elude his pursuers by running away with a locomotive that happened to be standing near the station at Lyons, N. Y. Perry is now a [illegible] of the salubrious retreat conducted by the State Lunacy Commission at Matteawan, and he was judged eligible for that distinction by reason of putting out his own eyes while in Sing Sing, where he had arranged to make his home for the next forty or fifty summers. Perry is what the books call a paranoiac; his brain, if it [illegible] so to say, affected with [illegible] so that he burns [illegible] with a consuming passion. And he has sought it in [illegible] ways that would have fed the soul of Tom Sawyer. So when Perry came to put out his eyes he built a machine for the purpose, and while he planned it, saw visions of [illegible]

HOW PERRY BLINDED HIMSELF.

describing his wonderful apparatus. However, at the time the authorities thought best not to give out any such food for the sensational editors to convert into headline sentiment, so there was no contradiction of the story that he did the job in the true manner of rubbing powdered glass into his optics.

"No," said Perry with an injured air, as he sat on the edge of his comfortable iron bed the other day, "I used powdered glass merely to finish the work on one eye. My apparatus was perfectly constructed, but it slipped [illegible] a little in operating. That was in Sing Sing. I used the powdered glass after I became an inmate—a patient—in this place. I found that one of my eyes was still sensitive to light, so I [illegible] it on [illegible] and broke it and finished the job."

Perry turned his face with its white bandage over the eyes. The latter are entirely healed, so that the bandage is only a badge of distinction, like old Quimby Apple's red [illegible] seen through the doorway of the neighboring ward. Perry snorted a little [illegible] "Of course you know," he said, [illegible] "what I did [illegible] about me?"

[illegible]

"I [illegible] and [illegible] you know of that?"

"No."

Perry drew his breath quickly. "You never read of it—and—did you say you were a reporter? And you [illegible]" He finished the sentence with a look of real annoyance. It was too bad.

"Tell me about it."

"Well," said Perry, "my idea was that if I blinded myself the authorities and the public would know that I—I—had—it—as it were—[illegible] well he said "as it were") repented of my—er—crimes and was incapable of any further—eh"—

"[illegible]"

"Eh—yes—exactly. And perhaps a pardon. [illegible]"

"Tell me about the machine."

"I thought it out very carefully. It was very [illegible] at a mold. Well, I got a [illegible] and I experimented a long time in regard to how long it had to burn before it sank as low as I wished it to, to answer my purpose. Then I had my friends—I have many wealthy friends, there is a lady in"—

[illegible] never mind her."

"Well, my friends sent me a box of these here [illegible] It was [illegible] box. I took a piece of this here box and made me a wooden holder that I could fix over my eyes. At a point over each eye I made a small hole—a perforation, as you would say. Then I took two of the [illegible] and sharpened them to needle points. I attached these two spin"—these two—eh"—

"Yes, nails."

"Yes. I fastened these nails to another piece of wood cut far enough apart so's they would play through through the perforations in the eye-piece. Then I weighted the spindles by fastening a small dumbbell I had in my cell—for exercising, you know—by tying this to the piece of wood that carried the spindles. I arranged to suspend these here weighted needles just so's their points would pass through the perforations of the board that I was to tie over my eyes, and kept the needle board in line with two upright blocks for it to slide down between. Then I got some wire and I made a tight coil spring, which I fastened to the end of the eye-piece. I plugged the candle with a few bits of iron to make it heavy enough to weigh down the spring; then when I lighted it it would weigh less and less as it burned, till at last—I figured it to a [illegible] it would get light enough so's the spring would raise it up, then the flame touched the [illegible] that supported the needle board. When that cord burned through the weight of the dumbbell on the needle board would push the needles through [illegible] and [illegible] my eyes." Perry [illegible] his very point. "Then everything [illegible] some [illegible] which I [illegible] after much careful instruction to him in my part. I [illegible] my apparatus over my eyes, fastened the supporting cord to the chair at the side of my cot [illegible] and the spring [illegible] and lit the candle, and went to sleep. When I woke up I was blind." He smiled joyously. "And yet," he said, "after all that these here doctors say I'm crazy. And [illegible] it? I [illegible] a single [illegible] Did you ever read any of my poems? Yes, I write a great deal." Perry's face clouded again. "You know," he said, "they [illegible] the other day because [illegible] I spit in a patient's face [illegible] [illegible] I [illegible] say he hoped [illegible] [illegible] I am here [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] say [illegible] I [illegible] I [illegible] understand? [illegible] all the [illegible] any [illegible] more [illegible] I [illegible] about [illegible] is [illegible] I only [illegible]

"[illegible] with [illegible] wonderful [illegible] that [illegible] you [illegible] was [illegible] They asked [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] entirely foreign, as you might say."

NEW UNDERGROUND ROADS IN LONDON.

From The London Mail.

Those whose business takes them past the "heart" of the City, the Bank of England, the Royal Exchange, and the Mansion House, know the [illegible] state of the roadway at this point, caused by the various underground [illegible] railway schemes now approaching completion.

In front of the Royal Exchange is the [illegible] terminus of the Central London Railway, [illegible] Shepherd's Bush, and [illegible] Notting Hill, is making rapid progress. [illegible] the Waterloo and City line was opened to the public in August [illegible] At the junction of [illegible] and King William-st. is arising the new City station of the City and South London Railway, which [illegible] the autumn of this year be able to convey passengers from [illegible] Common [illegible]

Another [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] line, and [illegible] passengers to the Angel and [illegible] from North [illegible] [illegible] Bank. [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] Railway [illegible] Finsbury Park to Moorgate [illegible] expected [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

A TOWN IN THE AIR.

From Public Opinion.

[illegible] is a splendid specimen of fantastic [illegible] crowning the summit of [illegible] with [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] very [illegible] rising [illegible] great [illegible] houses. The greater part of the island [illegible] and on the top stands a town which [illegible] [illegible] interest and romantic [illegible] [illegible] It is one of the finest [illegible] types of the [illegible] Most of the houses [illegible] and wrote an account of its wonders.

RECKONING TIME.

THE DAY BEGINS AT SUNSET IN MAHOMEDAN COUNTRIES.

VERY [illegible] IN AFRICA [illegible] THE EUROPEAN [illegible] WITH [illegible]

From The Washington Times.

The ordinary method of reckoning time in Mahommedan countries is from sunset to sunset. Twelve o'clock is at sunset, and this is the beginning of the day. This period of twelve hours [illegible] every [illegible] forward according to the [illegible] Of course, [illegible] is impossible under such a system. The telegraphs and railroads in [illegible] for example, [illegible] anything [illegible] [illegible] it might be [illegible] In Teheran, [illegible] the time shown on a [illegible] at [illegible] [illegible] the time [illegible] But the merchants and the railway company keep [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] start [illegible] moment [illegible]

There are still [illegible] parts of the world that [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] The time [illegible] than [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] at the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

THE [illegible] OF [illegible] TIME.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] With this [illegible] hoped that the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

In India [illegible] the whole of [illegible] the Madras [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] the time of [illegible] Local [illegible] in most towns and [illegible] and it is [illegible] striking [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] and telegraph offices, [illegible] but [illegible] Madras, and [illegible] [illegible] difference [illegible] Madras and local time for all the Government [illegible] in India.

Some countries constantly use two standards of time. This is not troublesome at all [illegible] that, before the adoption of [illegible] the railroads across our own continent employed about seventy standards of time to make up their time tables. Railroads and telegraphs throughout Spain use Madrid time, but for all other purposes the local time is determined by the meridian of each locality. Throughout Russia St. Petersburg time is used for telegraphic purposes, and each place has its own local time besides. In Portugal the country [illegible] keep their local time very roughly, but [illegible] and the railroad and telegraph [illegible] [illegible] the time of the [illegible] Royal Observatory. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the Netherlands [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] post [illegible] Greenwich [illegible] In many towns Amsterdam [illegible] and still other towns [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] St. John's [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] is maintained with [illegible]

THE STANDARD IN ENGLAND.

In Great Britain Greenwich mean time is the standard, and is used for all purposes nearly everywhere. Among the few exceptions is the city of Canterbury, which uses a time about four minutes fast of Greenwich, and [illegible] a few railroad stations [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] Ireland uses the time of Dublin, and [illegible] twenty-five minutes and [illegible] [illegible] Greenwich time.

The [illegible] throughout Argentina is that of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] minutes [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] two times differing by [illegible] one for the west and the other for the east bound trains.