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11.02 p. m. via L. V.	"	"	2.15 p.m.
2.27 p. m. via L. & S.	"	"	5.35 p.m.
4.47 p. m. via L. & S.	"	"	8.20 p.m.
4.44 p. m. via L. V.	"	"	8.20 p. m.
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Scranton	.....	7.35	10.30	1.30
Pittston	.....	8.02	10.57	4.53
Wilkes Barre	.....	8.30	11.25	2.20
White Haven	.....	9.55	12.55	3.40
Penn Ha'n Junc.	.....	10.37	1.39	4.19
Mauch Chunk	7.30	11.00	A2.00 / 12.20	4.40
Catasauqua	8.35	11.58	3.17	5.39
Allentown	8.43	12.06	3.25	5.47
Bethlehem	9.00	12.17	3.37	6.00
Arrive Easton	9.27	12.43	4.03	6.25

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Leave	No. 10. A. M.	No. 4. A. M.	No. 6. P. M.	No. 14. P. M.
Easton	8.30	11.50	3.55	7.15
Bethlehem	8.55	12.15	4.27	7.45
Allentown	9.16	12.35	4.37	7.57
Catasauqua	9.24	12.32	4.45	8.06
Mauch Chunk	10.25	A1.25 / 11.45	A5.45 / 6.05	9.10
Penn Haven J'n.	10.45	2.02	6.25	....
White Haven	11.23	2.40	7.08	.....
Wilkes-Barre	12.40	4.00	8.30	....
Pittston	1.03	4.26	8.55	.....
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A bit of good advice this, to all those who contemplate matrimony, which as a general rule, we say is binding alike on the sons of Adam, and the daughters of Eve.

I am not, however, going to write of the advantages or disadvantages of the question, but simply give a few hints to those who have not yet uttered that little sentence, which is multum in parvo, "I will."

To the young woman I say, "Don't marry a fool;" you can never respect a man if you think he has no brains; and where there is no respect, love cannot possibly exist.

No matter how foppishly he may dress, nor how much cheap jewellery he may wear; if he has no sense, do not give your company to him, for a man with less pretensions, but with intelligence, will make you a better husband.

Do not marry a man who has not a firm principle. You say the men are so deceptive, that it is a very hard matter to discover whether their principles are firm or not. I admit there is too much truth in the assertion; still there are some means by which you may ascertain their soundness of principle. If you meet a young man who has no opinion of his own, but will say 'yes, or 'no' as the case requires, beware of him. A man who is not true to anything, you cannot expect to be true to you.

Never think of marrying a man who is not courteous and kind. Remember unkind sweethearts, as a rule, make unkind husbands. If a man talks disrespectfully of his parents, don't have much to say to him; if he refuses to fetch water for his aged mother, or afflicted sister, be assured that he will serve you the same, if you become his wife. Do you talk of reforming him after you are married? Such reforms are unhappily rare, and are accomplished with much difficulty.

Shun a lazy man. The Chinese have a proverb, that "oysters get their pearls by gaping. If some young men could get money by that means, they would become very rich. Such men do not make good husbands. If a young man comes to you, and says that "he is too good to work, that his aged father supports him," take the advice of John Ploughman, and tell him to "go to Lubberland, where men get half-a-crown a day for sleeping."

Do not wed a man whose morals are not good. It is not all gold that glitters. There are many black hearts beating beneath fashionable coats. There are many so-called men going about, made up by the tailor and the jeweller. They look somewhat attractive, but possess discrimination, and you will see all through this tinsel; and if there is nothing real and good, have nothing to say to such men.

To the young men whose eyes may scan these pages, I submit the following observations, beginging with a Spanish proverb, which says, "Before you marry be sure of a house in which to tarry." I wish to guard you against a practice which is by far too common. I mean, getting married, and "going home with, what is called, the old people, to live."

When you are married you will do best in a home of your own; hence before you marry, be sure of a house in which to tarry.

We also recommend you to make a choice of an intelligent young woman. Don't have a wife who must for ever be sitting down talking small talk, or else remain as mute as an Egyptian mummy.

Seek a young woman with a gentle spirit and a kind heart. The remark we made in reference to sons, holds good when applied to daughters. A vixen of a daughter will make a vixen of a wife, but a kind and affectionate daughter, will not fail to make an affectionate wife.

Be sure that your wife lives home and is domesticated. It is a great misfortune to have a wife who doesn't know her own work, and cares as little about it as she knows. Playing tunes on the piano, and working embroidery, are all right in their places, but these won't satisfy your appetite when you come home to dinner. See to it that your wife can play tunes on the frying pan and gridirons. When you choose a wife, choose her rather on Saturday than on Sunday; that is, make choice of her in her working dress. Quite necessary in these days of sham to attend to that advice. There is so much false hair, and so many false teeth worn, and so much paint used (such marvellous triumphs of art over nature) that we have need to say—"Young men, beware of man traps.

There are two evils in marriage against which we wish to guard young people of both sexes. One is, persons belonging to the church marrying those who are not religious. Such unions are unscriptural, and are a fruitful source of unhappiness. A marriage upon which you cannot ask the Divine blessing, should by all means be avoided; and how can you ask God's blessing when you knowingly violate his word?

Another evil is, persons getting married to those old enough to be their parents or grandparents. Such marriages are generally made from base and low motives, and are rarely happy. I wonder the principal actors in the affair are not ashamed.

If all you who are candidates for the United State will take these homely hints and act upon them, marriage, in your case, will not be what the little girl told the priest it was. A priest, the other day, who was examining a confirmation class in the South of Ireland, asked the question, "What is the sacrament of matrimony?" A little girl at the head of the class said, "'Tis a state of torment, into which souls enter to parpare them for another and better world." "Being," said the priest, "the answer for purgatory." We imagine the little girl was not wide of the mark in many cases. But most persons make their own purgatory. That you may not do it, we urge you to "Measure your cloth ten times, for you can cut it but once."

Current Items.

Birds and flowers will soon appear.

Utah Territory can boast that it is free from debt.

The national sin of Americans, says Dr. McCosh, is self-adulation.

There are 25,000 women in the Iowa granges, each of whom is entrusted with a vote.

Alderman Mullally of the St. Louis Council refers with gratitude to the fact that he has been a member of the body for two years, and has escaped without getting a black eye.

Mrs. Vermeul, President of the Women's Temperance Society, proposes that the ladies should labor for the cause by conversation and otherwise, but not exhibit themselves in groggeries.

John Van Valkenburgh, of Chatham Centre, Columbia county, is the oldest legislator so far discovered. He served in 1820, and is ninety-two years of age. His wife is still living, the pair having been married for seventy-four years.

A clerk in the Mare Island Navy Yard, California, had the rashness to tell the commandant how $10,000 could be saved in purchasing supplies for his department. The commandant immediately began to retrench by dispensing with the service of that clerk.

Senator Sumner has in his possession a gold watch which was presented by Washington to Lafayette after the battle of Yorktown. Upon it is this inscription: "G. Washington to Gilbert Mortier de Lafayette, in commemoration of the capitulation of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown, Oct. 17, 1781.

A new "wrinkle" about the age of horses is the discovery of an Illinois farmer, who determines the age of all animals over nine years old by the following novel method: After the horse is nine years old a wrinkle comes on the upper corner of the lower lid, and every year thereafter he has one well-defined wrinkle for every year over nine. If, for instance, a horse has three wrinkles, he is twelve; if he has four, he is thirteen. Add the number of wrinkles to nine and you will get it.

Patrick Kane, aged thirty-three years, died in Laceyville, Pa., March 2 under pecular circumstances. About two months ago he was prostrated with typhoid fever. After six weeks his doctor pronounced him out of danger, and ordered him to take nourishment. Kane, however, sent for Father Riley, his priest, who, at Kane's request, prepared him for death. Kane refused to eat food of any kind, saying that he was fit to die, and die he would. For thirteen days he fasted and prayed, and on Sunday died of starvation.

A Philadelphia correspondent of the Boston Journal of Commerce tells how money is spent at Centennial headquarters. Thomas Webster receives $300 a month for special literary services, B. H. Haines receives $500 per month, and William B. Robbins $250 for the same sort of work, which consists mainly in copying circulars. The other beneficiaries are J. E. Peyton, who, as general visitor to different States, gets $300; Hart, general editor, $300 a man named Blake, $300; a man named Petit, $300; and Charles B. Norton, $400 per month. At this rate it will take about the amount donated by New Jersey to keep these copyists and runners going until '76.

There are some funny things in the temperence movement. In Lincoln, Neb., the ladies invaded Major Klentsch's saloon about the time he usually closed for the night. He told them to get out, but they wouldn't go. So he turned off the gas and locked them in. The prisoners sang and prayed in the dark, until friends came and rescued them by breaking in the door. A lawsuit for trespass has been begun by Klentsch. In Madison a saloon keeper paid fifteen dollars to a father to escape prosecution for selling rum to his son, a minor; but, upon learning that the legal penalty is only five dollars, he sues to recover the excess. In California a bill is in the Legislature prohibiting the sale of liquor within one mile of any school. The dealers claim that if it becomes a law the temperance folks will start shrewdly-located apologies for schools, so that virtual prohibition will be the result. In a late liquor raid in Rutland, the truckman hired to cart off the seized goods made a private bargain with the owner, and took about half of them back to the store after the trouble was over. Boston enemies of temperance say that until recently Dio Lewis let a building for liquor selling, and is so much elated.