M'COY KICKS CORBETT

Cowardly Assault on the Ex-Champion Pugilist.

CORBETT WAS BEING HELD

When Kid McCoy Delivered a Vicious Kick Striking Jim in the Groin. Details of the Meeting. Colloquy and Assault.

(By Telegraph.)

NEW YORK, Sept. 28.—The pugilists, "Kid" McCoy and James J. Corbett, whose match has been broken off, met in the Gilsey House lobby this afternoon, when McCoy knocked Corbett's hat off and then, while Corbett was held by his friends, kicked Corbett in the groin. He then ran out of the side door, away from the crowd. Corbett was taken to his room and a doctor summoned.

Corbett, his manager, George Considine, and Al Smith ate lunch together in the Gilsey House cafe, finishing about 1 o'clock. They then walked out through the lobby, and in the Broadway entrance met David Nugent, of the Hawthorne Athletic Club, who joined them. In one side of the entrance were McCoy, William Gray, of the Hawthorne Athletic Club, and six other men. They were talking excitedly.

Considine saluted Gray, and Corbett walked up to do likewise. Gray, after acknowledging the salute, said to Corbett: "I don't think you want to fight."

"What's that?" inquired Corbett.

Gray repeated the remark, and Corbett loudly said that he was ready to fight McCoy anywhere and at any time.

"I'll fight him right here on the street," said Corbett.

McCoy, who had been listening, stepped up to Corbett as the latter spoke and knocked off his hat. Several of Corbett's friends, wishing no disturbance, held him, and just as they seized him by the arms and shoulders, McCoy delivered a kick at Corbett which struck him in the groin. Corbett leaned over in pain, unable to try to get at McCoy, who, as soon as he had kicked Corbett, ran back to the side entrance of the hotel. Corbett tried to follow, but he could not do so, and he was persuaded to go to his room. A doctor was immediately summoned.

A large crowd gathered at the first rumor that the prize-fighters were in the hotel together, and by the time the report that they had gotten into a fight had spread, which was in a few minutes, the hotel was besieged. The crowd was in a state of excitement about the alleged fight, but neither of the pugilists was seen by the people. McCoy disappeared early.

THE ROOSEVELTS.

An Account of the Nominee and His Public-Spirited Forefathers.

The political and military career of Colonel Roosevelt is told in a graphic way in the nominating speech of Mr. Depew, but some interesting facts regarding the nominee's forefathers and public-spirited relatives are given in the following article from the New York Sun:

"Isaac Roosevelt was a member of the New York Provincial Congress, the legislature and the city council, and was also long the president of the Bank of New York. His son, Nicholas J. Roosevelt, born in the city of New York in 1767, was associated with Robert Fulton in the invention and introduction of the steamboat, the priority of the invention being a matter of dispute. Fulton said of him in a published statement: 'As to Mr. Roosevelt, I regard him as a noble-minded, intelligent man, and would do anything to serve him that I could.' Nicholas J. Roosevelt lived until 1854, dying at the great age of eighty-seven. It is a long-lived family.

"His nephew, Cornelius Van Schaik Roosevelt, was born in this city in 1794, and died at Oyster Bay on Long Island in 1871, or in his seventy-eighth year. He was a successful merchant, and was noted for his large, regular and systematic contributions to charity.

"His son, Robert Barnwell Roosevelt, born in the city of New York in 1829, is still living, and is a Democrat. He has been in Congress, has rendered much service in the organization of associations for the protection of game, was a state fish commissioner, was active in the committee of seventy after the exposure of the Tweed ring, against which he had been arrayed in the Citizens' Association, and in 1888 was appointed minister to the Netherlands. He has been an extraordinarily active man in many public directions and also has been a fertile writer on sporting and other subjects.

"Theodore Roosevelt, his brother, born in the city of New York, was of shorter life than his family generally. He lived from 1831 to 1878. He was a merchant and afterward a banker. He was appointed collector of the port, but was not confirmed by the Senate. He was noted for his extensive and systematic charities and earnest and active public spirit.

"His son, the present Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, was born in 1858 in the city of New York, was graduated at Harvard College in 1880, and at once entered into politics, being elected the very next year by the Republicans to the assembly, where he was one of the most active members. In 1884 he was chairman of the New York delegation to the National Republican convention. In 1886 he ran unsuccessfully for mayor of New York on the Republican ticket. His subsequent political and military career is known to everybody.

"His great uncle, James John Roosevelt, born in New York in 1795, lived to be eighty years old. He was a lawyer and a Democrat, was twice a member of the state legislature between 1835 and 1840, was a justice of the supreme court, and afterward was United States district attorney in New York.

"Another relative of Theodore Roosevelt, a cousin of the Cornelius before spoken of, was James Henry Roosevelt, born in New York in 1800, and dying there in 1863. He accumulated a large fortune by living economically and unostentatiously, and why he had been thus self-sacrificing was explained when his will was read. It left the great bulk of his estate to found the noble Roosevelt Hospital, in which a tablet justly describes him as a true son of New York, a man upright in his aims, simple in his life and sublime in his benefaction.

"Another Roosevelt, Hilborne Lewis, also born in New York, was a noted organ builder and an inventor."

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Dr. N. Jackson, homeopathist, has located at No. 123 Twenty-ninth street, and offers his services to the public of Newport News. sep-29-1m

Two thirds of your life is spent in your shoes. Wear the Mugler Shoe and make two thirds of your life comfortable.

LADS OWN THE TOWN

(Continued from First Page.)

The amount of funds sent to the treasurer to date was $285.45.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer T. J. Williams, of Charlottesville, submitted his annual report, which showed the total amount on hand to be $551.57.

Mr. Joseph E. Kiger, Statistican of the Association, submitted his report, which showed the total number of firemen in Virginia to be 2,235, and the amount expended in keeping up of volunteer organizations about $134,000. Many towns in the State are without protection from fires.

The electino of delegates of the National Convention of Chief Engineers which meets in St. Louis, was next taken up.

The nominees were Captain J. H. Redwood, of Richmond; Captain Thomas Kivlighan, of Staunton, and Llewellyn Lookabill, of Roanoke.

The first ballot resulted as follows:

Redwood 31.
Lookabill 29.
Kivlighan 22.

The President declared that there was no election, and the lowest man was dropped and the second ballot taken, resulting in the election of Mr. Lookabill, as follows:

Lookabill 45.
Redwood 37.

The election of Mr. Lookabill was made unanimous.

ROANOKE SELECTED.

The selection of a place for holding the next convention was next declared in order. A delegate from Roanoke offered the Magic City, which, after some discussion, was selected.

The following officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year:

President—James McFall, chief of the Roanoke Fire Department.

Senior Vice-President—J. H. Redwood, of Richmond.

Secretary—George G. Cumming, of Portsmouth.

Treasurer—T. J. Williams, chief of the Charlottesville Fire Department.

Statistician—J. H. Perley, of Charlottesville.

After returning thanks to Chief Stow and the local firemen, the convention adjourned to meet in Roanoke the last week in September, 1899.

Resolutions of thanks to firemen, citizens' committee and people of Newport News in general for hospitable treatment, to Firemen's Herald, of New York for complimentary copies of that paper; to volunteer firemen, of Greensboro, N. C., for same courtesy were adopted by the convention.

LADDIES ARRIVE.

All of the Virginia volunteer fire companies contemplating attending the convention, except those from nearby cities, have arrived and are now quartered at the different hotels and boarding houses.

The vanguard arrived Tuesday morning, when the Philadelphia veterans came in. At night the volunteer companies from Charlottesville and Waynesboro arrived over the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad and were escorted to the quarters engaged before hand at boarding houses about the city.

As the visitors came in, members of the reception committee, of which Mr J. F. Ludlow, is chairman, were on hand to greet them and give any information desired.

Yesterday morning, bright and early, Mr. Ludlow and his co-workers were up and ready to receive the earliest of the day's arrivals.

The National Soldiers' Home Band, Professor Hall, arrived about 7 o'clock in the morning. This organization, which is one of the best bands in this section, was engaged to escort the incoming delegations to their quarters and from an early hour music filled the air as the firemen marched through the streets.

The company from Danville, represented by Chief Ramey and ten men, arrived at 8 o'clock on the steamer Louise, having made the trip to Norfolk on the Atlantic & Danville R. R.

The Louise at once returned to Norfolk and made a return trip to this city, arriving shortly before 11 o'clock. On this trip, the steamer brought a large number of firemen, many of whom were accompanied by relatives and friends.

The companies which came in on the Louise are from the following cities:

Bedford City, fifteen men, Warwick Hotel.

Pocahontas, four men, quarters at 119 Twenty-ninth street.

The Danville company is quartered at 3412 Lafayette avenue.

The Chesapeake & Ohio train arriving shortly after 11 o'clock brought the following organizations:

Stonewall Brigade Band, Staunton.

Lexington, twenty-five men, Warwick Hotel.

Basic City, eighteen men, quarters at Pike Building.

Staunton and Harrisonburg.

Today the following companies will come by train or steamer.

Independent Fire Company, Portsmouth, accompanied by Artillery Band, 100 men, tug Alice, 8 A. M.

Norfolk, ten men, Louise at 8 A. M.

Suffolk, forty men.

Annex Hose Company, Portsmouth, twenty-five men.

Richmond, C. & O., 11:15 A. M.

Phoebus, thirty men, 9 A. M.

Berkley, twenty men, 8 A. M.

These companies living nearby will be present only one day and will come today to participate in the parade, in which all of the visiting firemen and a number of civic and military bodies will take part.

STONEWALL BAND ARRIVES.

The Stonewall Brigade Band, the South's famous musical organization, arrived yesterday from Staunton, Va., and was escorted to the Warwick Hotel by the Soldiers' Home band and a the Citizen's Executive Committee. In the afternoon the band marched from the hotel to Johnson's Opera House, where the convention was to be held and played several selections, winding up with "Dixie," which elicited great applause from the large crowd that gathered.

Last night the band tendered a complimentary serenade to Mr. D. S. Jones, chairman of the Citizen's Executive Committee, and to ex-Mayor Walter A. Post, general manager of the works of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, discoursing music that drew an immense crowd to the corner of West avenue and Twenty-sixth street. After the serenade the members of the band were invited into Mr. Jones' residence, where they were presented to ex-Mayor Post, Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Jones, Mr. W. G. Burgess, W. Scott Boyenton, Captain J. E. Williams and others. In a neat little address Mr. Jones thanked the band for the compliment paid him, saying he was deeply sensible of such an honor from an organization bearing the name of "Stonewall." President C. E. Haines, a veteran of the civil war, responded to the address. Mr. Post was then presented and thanked the band, closing with an invitation to the members to visit the shipyard before leaving the city. Addresses were delivered by Dr. Jones, Mr. Burgess and others.

It had been intended that the Stonewall Brigade Band should give a concert at the Casino last night, but owing to the fact that it had been previously arranged for the Soldiers' Home band to play there, President Haines requested that his band be excused, as it would be discourteous to the other organization. This was a great disappointment to the large crowd that went to the grounds, though the Soldiers' Home band rendered an excellent program. The Stonewall band did not appear in their full-dress uniform yesterday. The members of the band are business and professional men of Staunton, and they take pride in their organization, which became famous during the war between the states. Most of the members are young men, sons of veterans, who played martial music for General T. J. (Stonewall) Jackson's brigade. It is true that they charge for their services, but not one cent of the money goes in their pockets, but is applied to keeping the band up-to-date. The city of Staunton makes an annual appropriation of $600 toward supporting the organization. The band carries a physician, Dr. C. T. Lewis. There are thirty men in the city, including Mr. Haines, the president, and Mr. R. A. Hamilton, Confederate veterans, and original members.

The band will take part in the parade today, escorting Harmony Hose Company, and tonight it will give a concert in Johnson's Opera Hause. Already many seats have been sold and the indications are that the house will be packed to the doors. The band has arranged an entertaining program for the evening, which will include several descriptive pieces, among them being the "Nigger in the Barnyard."

Under the rules and regulations of the band no member is permitted to imbibe intoxicants while in uniform, and the rule is never violated.

CONCERT AT THE CASINO.

Fully 2,000 people heard the concert given at the Casino last night by the Soldiers' Home band. It had been arranged that the Stonewall Brigade band should take part in the concert, but by request of the latter organization it did not take part. The concert was indeed a musical treat. The selections consisted of high grade music, and they were superbly rendered.

FIREMEN'S BAND.

The Roanoke firemen, 100 strong in full uniform, headed by the Roanoke Fire Department Band, arrived in the city yesterday morning. They made a magnificent appearance as they marched up Washington avenue. Last night the band serenaded Mayor Allan A. Moss, Chief W. K. Stowe, Jr., and Mr. D. S. Jones.

"FAKE" ALARM LAST NIGHT.

The alarm of fire turned in at box 21, opposite the Warwick Hotel, between 10 and 11 o'clock last night, was a "fake" pure and simple. Several dry goods boxes were placed on a vacant lot in Bar Harbor and set on fire, and then the alarm was sent in. The department responded with its usual alacrity. A number of the visiting firemen who happened to be at the fire department building, helped to pull the reel to the scene of the fire.

PROGRAM FOR TODAY.

The great parade will take place this afternoon, and it is likely that there will be at least 800 firemen in line, besides the civic organizations. Following is the official program:

9 to 11 A. M.—Visit to the Chesapeake & Ohio Piers.

12 to 1:30 P. M.—Visit to the great plant of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company, one of the largest shipbuilding plants in the world, where the battleships Kentucky, Kearsarge and Illinois are now under construction.

2 P. M.—Grand firemen's parade, D. S. Jones, chief marshal.

2:30 P. M.—Laying corner-stone of the High School by Masonic order, accompanied by other secret organizations and escorted by State Firemen's Association.

6 to 9 P. M.—Grand banquet for all visiting Firemen at Casino, A. L. Powell, chairman and toastmaster.

9 P. M.—Concert by visiting bands at the Casino park.

ORDER OF PARADE.

Chief Marshal D. S. Jones has issued the following order directing the formation and movement of the firemen's parade today:

Chief of Staff, W. S. Boyenton, with E. W. Milstead, as aide.

First division—In charge of Dr. A. C. Jones, marshal; will form on Thirty-fourth street and West avenue, headed by the Soldiers' Home band, followed by the Philadelphia veteran firemen, Liberty Fire Company and others.

Second division—J. F. Ludlow, in charge; will form on Thirty-third street near West avenue, headed by the Old Point band, followed by the Independent Fire Company, of Portsmouth, and others.

Third division—In charge of E. C. Hillyer, marshal; will form on Thirty-second street, headed by the Roanoke Fire Department band, followed by the Roanoke Fire Department.

Fourth division—In charge of W. G. Burgess, marshal; will form on Thirty-first street, headed by the Suffolk band, followed by the Phoenix Fire Company, of Suffolk, and others.

Fifth division—In charge of W. Vanderslice, marshal; will form on Thirtieth street, headed by the Phoenix band, followed by the Phoenix Fire Company, and others.

Sixth division—In charge of C. C. Smith, marshal; will form on Twenty-ninth street, headed by the Stonewall Brigade band, of Staunton, and followed by the Harmony Hose Company, and others.

Seventh division will comprise civic orders, in charge of Col. E. W. Huffman, marshal.

Eighth division—In charge of Elias Peyser, marshal; will form on Twenty-fifth street, and will be headed by the visiting fire chiefs and followed by the fire commissioners, mayor and judge of Corporation Court, members of Common Council, police comissioners and school trustees, in carriages.

The official line of march, as fully and finally agreed upon, will be as follows:

LINE OF MARCH.

Head of column, forming on Thirty-fourth street and West avenue, will move thence down West avenue to Twenty-third street, thence to Washington avenue, up Washington avenue to Thirty-ninth street, thence to Lafayette avenue, down Lafayette avenue to Twenty-eighth street, thence east to Chestnut avenue, down Chestnut avenue to Twenty-fifth street, where a halt will be made for refreshments, the line of march being resumed thereafter at Twenty-fifth street, thence down Twenty-fifth street to Orcutt avenue, up Orcutt avenue to Twenty-sixth street, down Twenty-sixth street to Jefferson avenue, up Jefferson avenue to Twenty-eighth street, thence to Lafayette avenue, down Lafayette avenue to Twenty-fifth street, up Twenty-fifth street to Washington avenue, where each division will be dismissed by the chief marshal.

The procession will move promptly at 2 o'clock, and so it will be necessary for the various organizations to form before that hour. The city officials, for whom carriages have been provided, will meet at the courthouse at 11:30 o'clock this morning.

PROGRAM FOR TOMORROW.

Following is the official program for tomorrow.

9 A. M.—Prize drill—prize $25.00.

10 A. M.—Hook and ladder contest—prize $50.00.

10:30 A. M.—Interstate reel contest—prize $50.00.

11 A. M.—Reel contest (Association teams only),—first prize $50.00, second prize $25.00.

12 M.—Reel contest (open to the world),—prize trumpet and $25.00.

2:30 P. M.—Reel contest (open to the world) —prize $250.00.

3 P. M.—Presentation of prizes at the Casino.

Largest uniform body—prize $25.00.

8 P. M.—Moonlight excursion by Harmony Hose Company, free to firemen, on seamer Pocahontas, from Pier No. 1.

A Pointer.

Poor clothing is not cheap at any price. Our stock embraces all the latest styles of foreign and domestic suitings of good quality, and the garments made by us are guaratneed both as to style and finish. When you want a good suit at a reasonable price come to see us.

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Biggest ink and pencil tablet for 5 cents at Adams' Racket Store.

ALONG THE WATER FRONT

ITEMS OF INTEREST GATHERED ABOUT THE PIERS

Entrances and Clearances at the Custom House. List of Vessels Now in Port. Other Marine Items.

CALENDAR FOR TODAY.

High Water 8:22 A. M. and 8:41 P. M.
Low Water 2:10 A. M. and 2:44 P. M.
Sun Rises ..... 5:59.
Sun Sets ..... 5:51.

Weather Forecast

WASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Forecast for Thursday, for Virginia—Threatening weather, with showers in extreme western portions; light easterly winds, increasing.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

Vessels Arrived Yesterday.

Steamship Holywell (Br.), Brown, Galveston.

Steamship Strathfillan (Br.), Thompson, New York.

Schooner Alice M. Colburn, McLeod, Portland.

Schooner H. W. Macumber, Baltimore.

Barge Ocean Belle, Providence.

Barge Belle of Oregon, New York.

News of the Navy Yard.

Steamship Appomatox (Br.), Foali, London.

Steamship Holywell (Br.), Brown, Liverpool.

Barge D. I. Tueney, Boston.

DAY BEACON AT HATTERAS

A day beacon, to be placed on one of the dangerous shoals of the Diamond group off Hatteras as an experiment, has been completed by the firm which had contracted to construct it for the United States lighthouse board. The beacon consists of a skeleton structure of wrought iron and cast steel, embracing four legs, forming a pyramid frame, upon the apex of which will be the day mark and cage around it. It is to rest on four cast steel discs, through which steam will be used to wash away the sand and allow the discs to seek a foundation fourteen feet below the bottom, thus establishing a stronghold which it is expected will prevent the action of the sea having any effect upon it. The skeleton structure will afford no resistance to the seas that sweep over the shoals, and the construction of the frame work has been calculated to work so that damage will be almost impossible.

This frame weighs thirty tons, is fitted to two steel pontoons. These pontoons are seven feet in diameter and forty feet long, with convex ends. Fastened to them, the beacon is to be towed to Hatteras and a fourteen-foot lump will be selected for its position. A system of levers on the pontoons can be used to release the beacon from the pontoons. The pontoons can then be towed to a port and used for some future work of the kind. The effectiveness of this beacon in such a position as is to be selected to experiment with will be watched by marinres with intense interest.

IN A BRITISH REGIMENT.

The Unwritten Rules That Guide the Officers In Matrimonial Affairs.

This regimental family is, as a rule, by no means an Eveless Eden. Several of the officers will probably be married men, and the ladies are usually recognized as members of the regimental family and are quite as keen as their husbands to maintain in every way the honor and credit of the corps. The regiment likewise feels that the married ladies belong to it quite as much as do their husbands, and outsiders are occasionally made to repent an action, possibly unintentional, which has been construed into a social slight on one of these ladies.

In some regiments the ladies all dine at mess with their husbands' brother officers on Christmas night. In others other little friendly customs exist, identifying them with the corps, and in the case of all regimental entertainments the wife of the senior officer will, as a matter of course, receive the guests.

In view of what I have said above the reader must not run away with the idea that matrimony is at all encouraged in the cavalry. Very far from it. It is recognized that human frailty is such that some allowance must be made for senior officers, but the married subaltern is not likely to find himself popular and unless a very good chap may receive a strong hint to remove himself and his bride to some other regiment.

The feeling about matrimony may be summed up as follows: The colonel should be married—a bachelor colonel in the mess is not alway a joy forever; majors, especially if grumpy and livery in the morning, may be married; captains should not be married, and subalterns must be bachelors, though, sad to say, they often prove quite as susceptible as their seniors.

The chief reason for this feeling against matrimony is that it is bad for the mess. Married officers only pay half the usual mess subscriptions through their agents, and as they seldom dine in the mess the cost of maintaining a proper establishment, being divisible into fewer parts, falls more heavily on the bachelor members. Also the sociability of the mess suffers, and, though this is strictly between ourselves, the addition of a new lady to the married roll of a regiment is not always found to increase the harmony of its regimental life. In some corps would be benedicts have to pay a fine of £100 to the funds of the mess as a compensation for their intended desertion.—A British Officer in Harper's Magazine.

The London Organ Grinder.

When I went into my present house some years ago, the street in which it is situated enjoyed a constant procession of organ grinders. I have not infrequently had to leave my work three times within an hour to send away these pests, one of them sometimes appearing on the scene only a few minutes after I had got rid of another.

At one time some of them found out that I was always out on a particular day of the week and selected that day to give us their attentions. One of them one morning "ground" before the house for half an hour out of sheer spite, and on catching sight of the lady of the house at the window shook his fist at her.

This is the kind of thing to which residents in London are subject under the present law. By dint, however, of perseverance in rigorously and immediately ordering off every organ man the moment he began at whatever time of day or night when I happened to be in the way to do it I have succeeded in diminishing their number very materially, but it is at the cost of an infinity of annoyance and worry, which to a certain extent is always recurring.—National Review.

LONDON, Sept. 28.—A dispatch from Copenhagen to the Exchange Telegraph Company says the condition of the Queen of Denmark has grown more serious. All the royal family has been summoned in haste.

HALIFAX, Sept. 28.—An excursion train from the Pictou exhibition here this morning crashed into a work train near Stellarton and killed Engineers Sproul and O'Brien, Firemen Henderson and McKenzie.

Wm. Cameron, a passenger, of Pictou, was injured as was also John McMillan and a number of others.

A STRATAGEM.

"Now my dear Franz, let us talk as man to man. You do not love her but for the money she will bring you, which would be $1,000, with which you would set yourself up in the turning business. Her father favors you, for you are a decent sort of fellow, and dislikes me, for I am somewhat of a devil. Now, as money is the idea, I will give you hard cash in hand $1,500 to take yourself out of the way."

"What, pay it to me on the spot?"

"Yes, on the spot."

"All right then, give me the money and I will leave the city."

Now, it happened, as is frequently the case, that the fair Gretchen liked the better looking man of the two, despite his spice of gayety. Her father, a tobacconist, however, was so dead set against him that it was impossible for him to visit her openly, and so the two had recourse to stratagem.

They met in the dead of night out of the sound of the snores of her honorable father, and they agreed to all that was happy and customary. She was shocked at the ease with which Franz let her go and after pondering upon it she became afraid that there was some little farce in the transaction, and, sure enough, three days afterward, during which her father had growled at the nonappearance of the lover, she startled her friend Carl by whispering in his ear that she was sure that both she and her father were to remove from the city, as she had witnessed many strange movements which could not be accounted for in any other way.

"Hum, hum!" thought that shrewd young man. "This will not do. Try and bewall Franz for a day or two, and perhaps your father will tell you."

The little blue eyed minx actually did this wicked thing and wept copiously for hours together.

"Deserted—ah—deserted! Oh, Franz, Franz! Oh, the wickedness of wretched man!"

It worked well. The father was at first a trifle suspicious; but, being finally convinced by his fair daughter's prolonged misery, whispered this in her ear:

"Don't be alarmed, my love. I am glad you are awaking to the merits of this estimable young man. He is not far off, only 100 miles or so, and we will go to him. It is necessary that he should be hid for the present on account of the vengeance of some rascals whom he ruined, but he cannot get on without you, and so tomorrow we will meet him, and you may marry the dear boy as soon as you choose, and, to tell the truth, we have arranged to have the ceremony performed at the third station from this city by a friend of mine, who will get aboard the train at that point."

All this was not long withheld from the gaping ears of Carl, who stared at this new evidence of the fallibility of mankind.

"He tried to cheat me out of my $1,500, did he? Well, then, we'll see if we can't do some cheating on our own account. Kiss me, Gretchen, and hug me, if you choose, but don't be afraid. Go on bewailing."

The time came. The goods and chattels of the tobacco merchant were packed, and in the darkness of the night he smoked his parting pipe, sitting on a corded box containing his wardrobe, while Gretchen, pale and shivering, sat beside him, holding her sachel and looking anxiously at her forefinger, on which as yet no ring appeared. Meanwhile strange things were going on a few miles out of town. The virtuous Franz walked out of his lodgings and proceeded to the depot, chuckling. He was in his normal condition, half intoxicated.

At a dark part of the way he was jumped upon by a strong fellow, who took him up bodily and carried him to a stable in the rear of some buildings, preventing him from crying as he went. He entered a dark spot and then on shutting a door he turned up a light. Of course it was Carl. He took some leather straps from a harness and bound up the fellow very tight and bandaged his mouth.

"Now, my dear devil, we are likely to be even. You shall stay where you are until somebody finds you in the morning, and I shall go and marry your intended wife. It was all found out, and I have half a mind to thrash you on the spot. It was a mean trick you attempted to play—infernally mean—but we shall be even, my lad."

An hour later a train steamed into the station, and a man with Franz's drunken gait, his cloak and cap, staggered into the rear compartment, where were the honest tobacconist and his daughter and the minister, with divine powers.

The tobacconist embraced the newcomer.

"Ah, my beloved Franz, my son, my jovial boy! No wonder you drank on this joyful day."

Franz, however, seemed to prefer the embraces of the sweet girl, who flew at him with all ardor. It was necessary that the work should be done quickly, as the honorable minister must get out at the next station to go to a dinner party. So they stood up, and in a few minutes it was completed. The minister and the train came to the station. Carl and his wife arose.

"But you are not going to get out here, Franz," cried the father.

"Yes," replied Carl, "as well here as anywhere."

All alighted. They went into the brilliantly lighted saloon. Carl took off his hat.

The tobacconist uttered an oath like the sound of a mortar and sank prostrate upon the seat. Ten minutes did he glare, and ten more did he rave and curse.

It blew over. All things blow over. Franz got $15 damages for bruised ankles and hurt spirit, but all are now happy in the extreme.—Exchange.

It is quite useless for either man or woman to expect perfection. The man who will not marry until he gets this must necessarily remain unmarried. He is a sour grape, hanging by a twig of obstinacy on a wall of great expectations, and the only thing to be said in his favor is that he has missed the opportunity of making some woman miserable. A young man once said to a friend: "I am not going to give myself away when I marry. The fortunate girl who gets me must have three qualifications." "What are these?" "She must be handsome, rich and a fool." "Why all that?" "Well, she must be handsome and rich, or else I won't have her. She must be a fool, or else she won't have me."—Chambers' Journal.

Margaret Fuller's Good Shot.

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"Why, what do you mean" asked Margaret in surprise. "What do you wear?"

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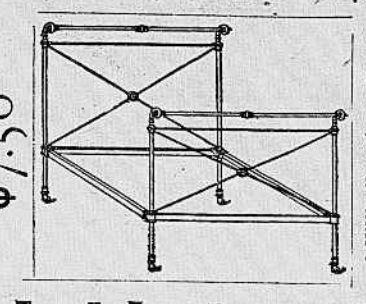

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