A Situation of Extreme Horror.

"I once," says a celebrated writer, "read a most horrible story of some French travelers who attempted to explore the vaults of the Egyptian pyramids, which revives some of those terrifying obstructions we sometimes meet with in disturbed dreams. These persons had already traversed an extensive labyrinth of chambers and passages; they were on their return, and had arrived at the most difficult part of it—a very long and winding passage, forming a communication between two chambers; its opening narrow and low. The ruggedness of the floor, sides and roof rendered their progress slow and laborious, and these difficulties increased rapidly as they advanced. The torch with which they had entered became useless, from the impossibility of holding it upright, as the passage diminished its height. Both its height and width, at length, however, became so much contracted that the party were compelled to crawl on their bellies. Their wanderings in these interminable passages (for such, in their fatigue of body and mind, they deemed them) seemed to be endless. Their alarm was already great, and their patience exhausted, when the headmost of the party cried out that he could discern the light at the exit of the passage, at a considerable distance ahead, but that he could not advance any farther, and in his efforts to press on, in hopes to surmount the obstacle without complaining, he had squeezed himself so far into the reduced opening that he had now no longer sufficient strength even to recede! The situation of the whole party may be imagined; their terror was beyond the power of direction or advice; while the wretched leader, whether from terror or the natural effect of his situation, swelled so that if it was before difficult it was now impossible for him to stir from the spot he thus miserably occupied. One of the party at this dreadful and critical moment proposed, in the intense selfishness to which the feeling of vital danger reduces all, as the only means of escape from this horrible confinement—this living grave—to cut in pieces the wretched being who formed the obstruction, and clear it by dragging the dismembered carcass piecemeal past them! He heard this dreadful proposal, and contracting himself with agony at the idea of this death was reduced by a strong muscular spasm to his usual dimensions, and was dragged out, affording room for the party to squeeze themselves past over his prostrate body. The unhappy creature was suffocated in the effort, and was left behind a *corpse*.

Busby's Iron Wedding.

Busby, of Trenton, celebrated his "iron wedding" one day last week, and he invited about 120 guests to the wedding. Of course each person felt compelled to bring a present of some kind, and each one did. When Mr. and Mrs. Smith came, they handed Busby a pair of flatirons. When Mr. and Mrs. Jones arrived, they also had a pair of flatirons. All hands laughed at the coincidence. And there was even greater merriment when the Browns arrived with two pairs of flatirons. But when Mr. and Mrs. Robinson came in with another pair of flatirons the laughter became perfectly convulsive. There was, however, something less amusing about it when the Thompsons arrived with four flatirons wrapped in brown paper. And Busby's face actually looked grave when the three Johnson girls were ushered into the parlor carrying a flatiron apiece. Each one of the succeeding sixty guests brought flatirons, and there was no break in the continuity until old Mr. Curry arrived from Philadelphia with a cast-iron cowbell. Now Busby had no earthly use for a cowbell, and, at any other time, he would have treated such a present with scorn. But now he was actually grateful to Mr. Curry, and he was about to embrace him when the Walsinghams came in with the new kind of double-pointed flatirons with wooden handles. And all the rest of the guests brought the same articles, excepting Mr. Rugby, and he had with him a patent stand for holding flatirons. Busby got madder and madder every minute, and, by the time the company had all arrived, he was nearly insane with rage; and he went up to bed, leaving his wife to entertain the guests. In the morning they counted up the spoils, and found that they had 213 flatirons, one stand, and a cowbell. And now the Busbys have cut the Smiths, and Browns, and Johnsons, and the rest entirely, for they are convinced that there was a preconcerted design to play a trick upon them. The fact, however, is, that the hardware store in the place had an overstock of flatirons, and sold them at an absurdly low figure, and Busby's guests unanimously went for the cheapest thing they could find, as people always do on such occasions. Busby thinks he will not celebrate his "silver wedding."—*Max Adeler.*

A Complicated Matrimonial Affair.

The philosophy of domestic history involves many a problem in real life that would be scouted as extravagantly impracticable in fiction, and the peculiarly facile genius of social and legal institutions in the United States seems notably favorable to the development of such curiosities. Thus, a jury in Portland, Me., has recently disagreed, and thereby necessitated a new trial, in a case of alleged mistaken identity, the parties to which are a gentleman who claims another person's wife as his own, and the lady who firmly and indignantly denies that she ever even saw the claimant before. Mrs. Waite, wife of a highly-respectable citizen of that name, is the lady in question, and the claimant of her marital allegiance, who is from another part of the country, persists that he once married and was deserted by her, and brings letters and witnesses in proof thereof. She, on the contrary, is sustained by husband, children, old friends and acquaintances in utterly denying all knowledge of the man, and, as the disagreement of the jury shows, the evidence on both sides is so strong as to baffle the average of human sagacity to decide the astounding problem.

But yet more surprising are the anomalous legal complications of a case in San Bernardino, Cal., of which the following are the chief facts: In 1872, an Englishman named Oades came thither from Australia, and purchased a farm in Temescal Township, representing that he had experienced bitter domestic bereavement and pecuniary loss in the land whence he came, and exhibiting great despondency of spirit in consequence. In January of the following year he wooed and won a comely and highly-respectable widow of San Bernardino, named Foreland, but not without having given her the tragic history of his past life. About six years before he had been a thrifty farmer in Wellington County, New Zealand, on the frontiers of the seditious Maori country. During his absence from home one day on a short journey of business, while his wife and several children were alone in the house, a band of savage Maoris devastated the place, and left the buildings in smoking ruins. Upon his return he found only heaps of smoldering embers and ashes in the place where the homestead had stood; and charred human fragments in the dreadful wreck left him no hope but that his whole family had been butchered by the pitiless destroyers. It seemed, indeed, barely possible at first that some of the victims had been carried off captives; but weeks, months and even years of pitiful waiting and inquiring never sustained the possibility. At last the inconsolable man had gathered what little worldly substance was left to him and emigrated to California, and now told the story of his calamities to her whom he besought to be his second wife. Thus Mrs. Foreland knew what Oades had suffered before she gave him her hand in wedlock, and needed no further information from him when, in a year after the marriage—or only a few weeks ago—the first Mrs. Oades and three children arrived at the farm in search of husband and parent. The woman and little ones had been made prisoners instead of being killed by the Maoris; the remains found in the smoking ruins were those of savages who were slain by each other in a fight for the spoils; and after a captivity of years the hapless Mrs. Oades and her children had finally been released and followed their natural protector to California.

Upon hearing the piteous tale from the poor wanderers, Oades and his second wife were of one mind about what to do in the matter. They would not relinquish their own union, for it had been entered into in perfect good faith on both sides, and was justified by the mutual devotion it had developed; but the desolate newcomers must be received into the house as legitimate members of the family, and receive all the amends that could possibly be made for their anomalous condition.

Not so, though, decided the good people of San Bernardino, who, on being frankly told of the domestic situation, insisted that there must be a divorce to accommodate affairs to a civilized form. As neither Oades nor either of the Mrs. Oades would move in the matter, the public prosecuting attorney was constrained to institute legal proceedings. And then began the judicial perplexities of the problem. According to the Los Angeles *Express*, the husband was first sued for retaining the woman from Australia under his roof. He proved that she was his lawful wife, and the suit was abandoned. A suit was then brought against him for unlawfully living with wife number two. He was acquitted under the law, which declares that "the marriage of a person having a husband or wife living is void unless such former husband or wife living was absent and not known to such person to be living for five years immediately preceding such subsequent marriage—in which case the subsequent marriage is void only from the time nullity is adjudged by a proper tribunal." He was then prosecuted for bigamy, but the law provides that "no person shall be held guilty of bigamy whose husband or wife shall have been absent for five successive years without being known to such person as being living." So he again escaped. A fourth suit was finally brought to dissolve the second marriage. That failed because not brought by one of the interested parties. They were appealed to, but refused to take action. At a public meeting of the now fairly frantic citizens it was proposed to petition the Legislature to pass a special act dissolving Oades' last marriage. But Oades, who was present, immediately arose to address the meeting, and told them that that was no go, for by the twentieth section of the fourth article of the Constitution of California it is expressly provided that "no divorce shall be granted by the Legislature." As Oades produced the book itself this argument was unanswerable. It was then proposed that the Legislature should be petitioned to call a Constitutional Convention for the purpose of annulling one or the other of Oades' marriages; but Oades' produced the Constitution of the United States and read the tenth section of the first article, which expressly provides that "no State * * * shall pass any law * * * impairing the obligation of contracts," "and marriage," he said, "was well settled to be a contract, and, therefore, no earthly right could deprive him of his vested power in his two wives." And thus the case stands at present—one of the most remarkable examples of legal and social contradiction ever known in a civilized country.

Abuse of Old Horses.

A correspondent of an exchange says: I feel a deep sympathy for old horses. It is a common practice in this country to make old horses break the colts and too often work with them for years. It is hard for an old horse to work with a colt or a young, active horse. Old horses, like old men, are often capable of performing more hard work than some young ones, who can beat them for an hour or more. The old man wants to take a moderate jog, and can hold out all day; but a little immoderate exertion for a few minutes unstrings him perhaps all day. An old horse driven at the top of his speed for a few miles spoils the day's journey. When once made sore or strained, the result is stiffness the next day. The old horse should not haul his load to town and then be forced to trot back. It does not injure him as much to do heavy work with slow motion as to do light jobs at the last gait. Again, the old horse requires more time to eat his meals and rest his nerves. Of all animals the horse is the worst abused. Although he has been our faithful and profitable servant, yet in his old age the lash is applied to force out his youthful vigor. The older he grows the more he feels the lash. He is often turned out doors to give place to the colts. Too often the neglect and abuse he is subject to, because he is a little old, result in a greater loss than is made up in the care of young horses. The last part of a horse's life may be more profitable if rightly used than the first part.

There is more comfort and less danger in working old horses. We understand them and they understand us; and we should be willing to conform in some measure to their wishes. It would be more humane as well as profitable to use them as they should be and as long as it would pay, and then take them out and shoot them down. But the practice is to knock them about as much as they will bear to pay well, and then trade them off to some more inhuman wretch than ourselves. The old servant has gone among strangers, and he receives no sympathy in his last extremity. We do not blush to say that a man who has enjoyed the profits and pleasures of a good horse as long as he was profitable, and then shoves him off among inhuman jockeys, is an inhuman, treacherous and suspicious friend. The man who does so without regard to how the horse may be cared for is, in my estimation, of a suspicious character; and I never see horses abused so as to excite pity but my sympathies are directed to the man's wife and children also, if he has them.

—Cream Pies.—Make the crust as usual and spread on the tins. For each pie take one-half cup pulverized sugar and nearly as much of sifted flour; rub together dry and spread over the crust. (It is quite essential that the flour and sugar should be well mixed before uniting with the cream, as it prevents all possibility of lumps.) Pour over it one cup of sour cream and a few spoonfuls of sour or loppered milk; stir gently into the flour and sugar. Grate over a little nutmeg and bake in quick oven. It is better to place an iron grate in the oven under the pies as they are liable to "run over" if too hot on the bottom. These pies are always in good demand. If sweet cream is used, no milk should be added. They should always be eaten fresh, but are good cold or warm.

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FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

—A genuine corn-pone is made thusly: Corn meal and water mixed to a rather stiff batter, salted to taste, and baked well in a hot oven.

—Corn meal cakes for a morning dish: One quart sour milk; two or three eggs; a teaspoonful of saleratus, not heaped; two level full of salt. Mix thick with corn meal, and fry after steak, or in lard.

—Bone Felon.—The London *Lancet* says: "As soon as the disease is felt, put directly over the spot a fly blister about the size of your thumb nail and let it remain for six hours, at the expiration of which time directly under the surface of the blister may be seen the felon, which can instantly be taken out with the point of a needle or a lancet.

—Light Corn Bread.—Scald one quart white corn meal with one quart hot water; then add half cup molasses, one teaspoonful salt and one quart cold water. Stir well, and add one quart meal, half pint yeast. Let rise in a warm place for ten hours, then stir well, put in the skillet and bake by the fireplace four hours. If you haven't hop yeast add half pint salt-rising yeast before putting to bake.

—A Nice Omelet.—Beat two eggs, yolks and whites together, in a bowl, until very light. In a cup put one tablespoonful of corn starch; add slowly a half teaspoonful of milk (new milk is best); when well stirred and smooth, pour this over the eggs, and beat them all well together for a few minutes; a little chopped parsley can be added if wished. Cook as other omelets. In making any kind of omelet, salt and pepper should not be added until sent to table; and to have them perfectly light and tender the ingredients must be well and quickly beaten with the fork.

—Remedy for Sore Throat.—Take one large red pepper, such as are grown for family use; steep in half a pint of water, after which strain in a quart of molasses, adding a little vinegar; boil all together to a thin syrup; use this whenever the throat feels dry or disagreeable; if it be in dead of night it will soothe the throat (and not irritate) and warm it up well. If sharper than can be borne in the mouth, put it back near the palate with a spoon and swallow; apply outwardly a thin slice of salt pork, warming it up well in vinegar and pepper; apply as hot as can be borne on the throat.—*Medical Journal.*

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