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A Story of Indian Captivity.

Gen. Ross, who rescued Cynthia Ann Parker from the Comanche Indians, says that an oil painting of the famous woman will be exhibited at the New Orleans exposition. Cynthia was captured when about 10 years old, and, when taken from the Indians and placed in the household of her uncle, Col. Parker, near Weatherford, she was the squaw of the Chief. Gen. Ross writes: "In the campaign against the Comanches, as I could take but 40 of my men from my post, I requested Capt. N. G. Evans, in command of the United States troops at Camp Cooper, to send me a detachment of 2d cavalry. He promptly sent me a sergeant and 20 well-mounted men. My force was still augmented by some 70 volunteer citizens, under command of the brave old frontiersman, Captain Jack Cureton, of Bosque county.

On one of the Pease River sand hills I found four fresh pony tracks, and being satisfied that Indian videttes had just gone I galloped forward about a mile to a higher point, and riding to the top, to my inexpressible surprise found myself within 200 yards of a Comanche village, located on a small stream winding around the base of the hill. It was a most happy circumstance that a piercing north wind was blowing, bearing with it clouds of sand, and my presence was unobserved and the surprise complete. By signalling my men as I stood concealed, they reached me without being discovered by the Indians, who were busy packing up preparatory to a move. By this time the Indians mounted moved off north across the level plain. My command, with the detatchment of the 2nd cavalry, had outmarched and become separated from the citizen command which left me but 60 men. In making disposition for attack the sergeant and his 20 men were sent at a gallop, behind a chain of sand hills, to compass them in and cut off their retreat, while with 40 men I charged them. The attack was so sudden that a considerable number were killed before they could prepare for defence. They fled precipitately right into the presence of the sergeant and his men. Here they met with a warm reception, and finding themselves completely encompassed every one fled his own way.

"The chief of the party, a noted warrior of great repute, with a young girl about 15 years of age, mounted on his horse behind him and Cynthia Ann Parker, with a girl child about two years of age in her arms and mounted on a fleet pony, fled together, while Lieutenant Tom Kelliher and I pursued them. After running about a mile Kelliher ran up by the side of Cynthia's horse and I was in the act of shooting, when she held up her child and stopped. I kept on after the chief, and about half a mile further, when in about 20 yards of him, I fired my pistol, striking the girl (whom I supposed to be a man, as she rode like one, and only her head was visible above the buffalo robe with which she was wrapped) near the heart, killing her instantly, and the same ball would have killed both but for the shield of the chief, which hung down, covering his back. When the girl fell from the horse she pulled him off also, but he caught on his feet, and before steadying himself, my horse, running at full speed, was very nearly on top of him, when he was struck with an arrow, which caused him to fail to pitching or bucking, and it was with great difficulty that I kept my saddle, and in the mean time narrowly escaped several arrows coming in quick succession from the chief's bow. Being at such disadvantage, he would have killed me in a few minutes but for a random shot from my pistol (while I was clinging with my left hand to the pommel of my saddle) which broke his right arm at the elbow, completely disabling him. My horse then became quiet and I shot the chief twice through the body, whereupon he deliberately walked to a small tree, the only one in sight, and, leaning against it, began to sing a wild, weird song.

Riding back to the squaw as soon as I looked on her face I said: "Why, Tom, this is a white woman; Indians do not have blue eyes.' She said two of her boys were with her when the fight had begun and she was distressed by the fear that they had been killed. It so happened, however, that both escaped, and one of them, Quana, is now a chief. The other died some years ago on the plains. I then asked her to give me the history of her life with the Indians and the circumstances attending her capture by them, which she promptly did in a very sensible manner, and as the facts detailed corresponded with the massacre at Parker's fort, I was impressed with the belief that she was Cynthia Ann Parker. Subsequent events proved the truth of my supposition.

A Drop in Books.

Messrs. T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia, Pa., have followed the fashion of the times and announce a large reduction in the retail price on their whole line of popular duodecimo publications, including the well-known and popular books written by Mrs. Southworth, Mrs. Stephens, Mrs. Hentz, Mrs. Warfield, Miss Dupuy, Alexander Dumas, their well-known and standard Cook Book by Miss Leslie, Mrs. S. J. Hale and others. These established publications have had a long and successful run, which will now get a fresh impetus by this reduction of price, and Messrs. Petersons' will send their Catalogue to any address, if written for, with the new and reduced retail prices annexed.

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Just this time last year the Ohio river was on the "rampage" and the great flood was doing its worst. Happily, there will not be a repetition of the flood this month.

Burned Almost to Death.

Tobacco Leaf.

Wednesday night, between 11 and 12 o'clock, a little daughter of Mr. Chas. W. Staton, who live on the Russellville pike, three and a half miles east of the city, was awakened by smoke in the room. She aroused her father, who found the house on fire, the flames having spread so rapidly that much of the building was consumed and the roof almost ready to fall in.

Mr. Stanton's first thought was of his family, and hastily sending his wife and little ones, who slept below, out of the house, he rushed up-stairs where his two older boys, Clarence, aged eighteen, and Robert, aged sixteen, were sleeping. Nearly everything in the room was on fire, and the smoke very dense. Getting the boys from their bed he attempted to make his way down stairs when the smoke so blinded him that he could not find the stairway. Making his way to a window he burst it open with the intention of letting the boys, one at a time, to the ground, sixteen feet below. By a mis-step Mr. Staton and Clarence fell out the window, leaving Robert, stifled by smoke and confused beyond the power of acting, alone in the room. Being unhurt by the fall on the soft ground, Mr. Staton again mounted the rapidly burning stairs to save his boy. He found him near the top of the stairway, with his face, throat, hands and part of his head frightfully burned. Grasping him in his arms he again traversed the burning stairs, and was himself badly burned on the face, neck and hands. In a few minutes the house and all its contents, except some bedding and a sewing machine that were saved from a lower room by the efforts of Mrs. Staton and Clarence, were entirely consumed. Not a garment, except the night clothes worn at the time, was saved by any member of the family.

Mr. Staton's loss will doubtless reach $1,200, totally uninsured.

Yesterday Dr. Bailey examined Mr. Staton and his son. The father is badly, though not dangerously burned. Robert is in a very critical condition, while there are hopes of his recovery.

Mr. Staton is a good citizen and a clever neighbor. He is a poor man and this loss, even without the terrible affliction of his family, will fall heavily upon him. Yesterday morning Mr. Z. T. Akin circulated a subscription paper and obtained liberal contributions from our business men and citizens for Mr. Staton's benefit.

The Babies in the Cradle.

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Horrors of Mineral Poisoning.

When a young man of 25 years I took mercury in pills and was exposed to the weather, being a railroad man. The result was salivation and the poisoning of my whole system with mercury. I suffered untold misery for years. Some few years ago I broke the skin on my right leg, and the poison in my blood produced an ulcer, from which I suffered so much pain that amputation was regarded necessary. But instead of having the operation performed I commenced taking S. S. S. The ulcer has entirely disappeared, and no symptom of the blood poison left. I am in better health than I have been for years, and I have no hesitancy in saying that it the best blood purifier in the world. I know whereof I speak, as I have given many of them a fair trial. I honestly believe that S. S. S. has added ten years to my life.

T. H. Morgan, Oglethorpe, Ga.

Painful Ulcers.

My mother, who is about seventy-five years old, and a resident of Dooly county, had an ulcerated ankle which gave her great pain and trouble. It became aggravated to a fearful degree, and every application of known or suggested remedies failed to bring relief. Physicians prescribed, but to no avail. After six months suffering I induced her to try S. S. S. One bottle had the remarkable effect of producing a perfect cure, and there has been no return of the disease.

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THE BIG IKE.

Ed. Kentuckian:

An article appeared in your paper written by I. H. Jones, in which he says no such resolution as that given in your issue of Jan. 30th was passed. Did he stop here? No. He said I made an untrue charge against the Virginia St. Church. Now, I want to say to the gentleman that he knows what I said was true. And again he has the credit of saying anything he wants to whether it be true or not, and it makes no change in his business. Furthermore he suggested the old adage to me; 'First know you are right, then go ahead." Well I will give him this for the old adage. Bro. Holland Elliott, who is a member of the Virginia street church, says that he, (I. H. Jones) will not deny to his face having offered the resolution, published Jan. 30th, which said they would not recognize the members of the 2nd church, all of which Bro. Jones denies. I want to say that I did not write about him but about the action of Rev. Williams in the church meeting, and for your part, Bro. Jones, I want to call your attention to that portion of your letter which said you were secretary of the Virginian street church and had the record which would show that no such resolution was passed. The old adage we suggest again. We would ask how many resolutions have been passed since you have been clerk, that the records will not show? This is not the first time you have boasted in this manner. The old adage again in regard to my being correct. Consult R. N. Lander about the time when he and you were counting votes. I know, when you put on your hat, you think you have put it on the only well-developed head in Christian county. Again I want to say I am prepared to prove what I said in regard to transactions in your last church meeting. That is this, I said your church refused to give letters, a fact that you denied. Why is it the members who asked for letters in your last meeting have never received them? I will give you the names of members of your church, who will certify to the statement I have made which are as follows: Holland Elliott, Nealy Mayze and Wyatt Watt. Bro. Watt further says that you are going to break up the Virginia street church. I remember the Lord has said "Blessed are the peace-makers." The old adage again, "First know you are right, then go ahead." We will leave the matter to the public as to who is right, and I hope no one will think I want to encourage such strife, but merely want to justify myself

Good-Bye,
W. W. Gray.

T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia, will issue in a few days a cheap edition of Mrs. Emma D. E. N. Southworth's New Work, "The Bride's Fate," the sequel to "The Changed Brides," bringing that vastly admired work to an appropriate and effective termination. It is a perfect mine of startling incidents and possesses absorbing interest, every page displaying Mrs. Southworth's rare genius and unrivaled power. The plot is grandly contrived, its main theme being the restoration to Drusilla, the heroine, of her husband, Alexander Lyon, through the instrumentality of her baby son one of the most delightful children ever depicted in fiction. "The Bride's Fate," will be published in one large duodecimo volume of 500 pages, at the low price of seventy-five cents a copy, and it should be read by all who admire Mrs. Southworth's powerful and absorbing works, which are now sold everywhere and should be found in every public and private library, for they are certainly the most delightful and popular of all modern novels.

SUPPOSED TO BE FUNNY.

Gov. Adams, of Nevada, happened to overhaul an old coat the other day and found $3,800 in one of the pockets. He had forgotten all about the money. The Governor seems to be as careless with his money as the editor of a country newspaper is with his—well, his exchanges.—Ky. Democrat.

The policeman's lot is not a happy one, still he is a man of a-billy-ty in his line of business.—Louisville Times.

Not the least painful of Mr. Blaine's post-election reflections in his rememberance of Lot's wife. (This paragraph, it must be understood, has a Morrill.)

PATENTS ISSUED.

Southern States.—February 3, 1885.

E. B. Haynes, Baltimore, Md., Pedal Attachment for Pianos—C. Kieser, Baltimore, Md., Drauft Equalizer.

J. Johnson, Norfolk, Va., Peanut-Cleaner, (2 pattens).—W. B. Meachan, Boyton, Va., Axle Skein and Box.

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G. E. Blaine, Chattanooga, Tenn., Plow.—J. P. Simmons, Bell's Depot, Tenn., Corn Planter.

W. S. Ford, Louisville, Ky, Press.—W. N. Sewell, Hedges, Ky., Car Coupling.—Mary R. Walpole, Mayfield, Ky., Wash Boiler.

Elwood H. Allcutt, Kansas City, Mo., Switch.—W. R. Chadsey, St. Louis, Mo., Tobacco Pipe.—A. Mann, Kansas City, Mo., Hot-Air Furnace.—J. McIrvin, Fulton, Mo., Return Steam Trap.—E. S. Miragoli, St. Louis, Mo., Fresco Work.—T. M. Smiley, Farmington, Mo., Churn.—G. W. Varnum, Montgomery City, Mo., Centering Tool.

The Gazette says a Mt Sterling man buys from Syd. Maple, of Estill county, 900 dozen (10,800) eggs every week. Are you sure you are not eggs-aggerating?

OAK GROVE KY.

February 2nd, 1885.

Mr. Editor.

Since the advent of the new year so little of interest has transpired in our midst, that your correspondent has felt that *silence* would indeed be golden, so wisely concluded not to hazard a communication. Items of an interesting character continue scarce, but Oak Grove still exists, and in the language of holy writ, and inspiration we can well exclaim. "Fear not, do thyself no harm, we are all here!" and likely to remain for some time to come if the ground hog prediction is verified, for the sun so charry of his beams lately greeted us most genially this morning and in so mild a manner that the birds came out and indulged in a sweet roundelay that was quite cheering and suggestive of more pleasant days than have recently fallen to out lots. This however is no assurance of what the morrow may bring forth. If the ground hog is a reliable little animal, he has surely been able to define his shadow clearly to-day, and his adherents bid us look out accordingly, an injunction easily obeyed, since winter in Ky. often equals, if not exceeds, the changes in Hafed's World of Chance. The thaw the last few days has been general, and the mud never in a more yielding condition Instead of a visit to the great World's exposition just now, an excursion to China would be more in order and by the most direct route, straight through! Every time our feet touch *terra firma* we feel that me draw nearer the Celestial Country. And cry! O for the Seven leagged boots, or else those Hiawatha wore in his wandering, that measured a mile each step, that we may flee from the present mud as well as the mud to come.

Despite the general *infelicity* of circumstances, wind, weather and water combined, the Author of "the shadows, as well as the sunshine," has not been forgotten in his Temple. Rev. S. P. Forgy each Lord's day—with one exception—has preache at Salem.

An effort is being made to get up an excursion from Pembroke to New Orleans. Excursionists will go to Henderson and take a boat, which will be chartered for the round trip, leaving about 10th or 15th, should all arrangements be perfected.

Pneumonia and an aggravated form or colds and coughs prevail throughout the neighborhood.

Mrs. Sallie Wills has been quite ill with pneumonia, but her many friends will be glad to know she is improving.

Mr. E. H. Garrott, for several weeks past, has been suffering much from a bronchial affection.

Pneumonia among the colored population has been very fatal, an instance occurring of three being buried from the same place, on the same day.

"The long looked for locomotive is surely drawing near us, and we listen in a nervous state of expectancy for the welcome sound of the whistle. The road is being ironed rapidly, and from reliable authority it is said, will reach the nearest point to Oak Grove by Saturday next.

Miss Belle Ryan, of Franklin, Ky., is the guest of the family of Dr. J. P. Thomas.

Yours in the hope of something of more interest next time

Olive Branch.

Peterson's Magazine for March opens with a beautiful steel-plate of two girls caught in a snow-storm, and entitled "The Sisters," illustrating a powerful story by Frank Lee Benedict. In addition, there is the usual double-size fashion-plate, printed from steel, and colored by hand: "Peterson" being the only magazine to give these expensive and refined fashion-plates. Besides this, there is a colored pattern for a Tidy on Java Canvas; a capital humorous illustration, "The Beleaguered Garrison"; and some fifty wood-cuts of fashions, embroideries, work-table designs, and other things useful to ladies. The principal article is an illustrated one, entitled "Washington City: Its Pictorial Side," a remarkably well-written and discriminating paper on the Federal City, considered artistically, architecturally, socially, etc., etc. The stories, as always in "Peterson," are the very best of their kind. The continued novelet—"The Lost Ariadne," by Mrs. John Sherwood, of New York—increases in power with every number. Every lady, as we have often said, ought to take this magazine. The price is but two dollars a year, with great deductions to clubs. Address Charles J. Peterson, 306 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

PREACHERS AND TIGHT COLLARS.

A well-known preacher experienced a painful sense of suffocation during his preaching services on Sunday, followed by severe pain in his throat after going home. On Monday he felt hardly able to speak, and on Tuesday he could with difficulty utter a whisper. By Wednesday the trouble generally relieved itself. This continued for some weeks, alarming the poor man all the time, and increasing in pain and inconvenience. The suffering clergyman consulted a physician, but without avail. He then mentioned the difficulty to a friend who happened to be a dealer in shirts and neckwear. This friend inserted his finger between the clergyman's neck and his neck-band, and at once reported the cause of the trouble. He had been wearing a collar an inch and a half too small for him. He had for years been accustomed to a fifteen-inch collar, and had not taken notice of the fact that he was increasing in size to such an extent that a sixteen and a half collar was now what he needed. The sense of relief when he got a collar of the right size was wonderful. The pain and uneasiness was no longer felt, and that man could now speak with ease. The lesson to clergymen is obvious. There are many who wear tight collars and cravats around their necks, and who are in consequence martyrs of throat ailments. The organs of speech must be allowed ample freedom, if the Gospel message is to be delivered acceptably.—*New York Sun.*

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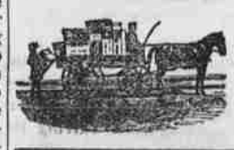

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