

Exciting Side-Scene at a Wedding.

The Bethlehem Times says: A few days ago a young couple in a one horse conveyance drove up in front of the residence of one of our clergymen, to be spliced for life. The horse was tied with a rope halter to a post, so as to secure the animal while the ceremonies were going on within.

The clergyman had got his books and papers in readiness, and had gone through with the usual formalities, the question as to age and legal objections had been satisfactorily answered, the groom had been congratulated upon the choice he had made and the ceremony was just to be begun, when the clerical gentleman chanced to look out of the window and noticed that the horse and vehicle in which the couple had arrived were in danger of destruction.

The horse had thrown himself, and was about choking himself with the halter. The bridegroom and clergyman both hurried out, and by the time they had reached the pavement the horse had badly unfastened himself in the harness, and partly upon the conveyance. Then commenced the tug of war. Neither the bridegroom or clergyman could open the halter, and yet the horse was choking. Just then another clergyman came to the assistance of the nuptial clergyman and bridegroom, and opened the Gordian knot by cutting it with his pocket knife.

The horse soon regained the horizontal position, the bride, who had also come out to assist at the work, the groom and the clergyman returned to the parlor, where the ceremony was happily concluded. It is hoped that the knot was tied so that no neighboring clergyman's pocket knife may sever it. The happy couple left, the groom rejoicing that he had, first, his horse, and second, his helpmeet, all safe.

A Curious Phenomenon.

Mr. Van Dorn complained Saturday that it seemed to him that something was wrapped lightly about the thumb on the arm which was removed by amputation on Saturday a week, and on examining the thumb, which had been laid by Dr. Stannard on a board in the rear room of his store, it was found that a thread had accidentally become entangled about the thumb and that in the swelling of the thumb the thread had made a crease around it. The thread was removed and Mr. Van Dorn, without knowing that the string was wrapped about the thumb, said that it felt much better. Soon after Dr. Stannard made an experiment to further test the curious phenomenon, and tied the thumb and little finger firmly together, and laid a hatchet on the hand. Van Dorn soon commenced to complain of pain in the hand, and finally, that it seemed that the thumb and finger were tied together. The string was removed, and the hand straightened out again, when the patient, without any knowledge of what had been done, said that the arm felt better than it had any time since the amputation.

The above are the facts, on which we have no theory to advance regarding the matter.—Cherry Falls Exponent.

An Unpleasant Traveling Companion.

A sleeping car incident, more sensational than that of which Theodore Tilton was the hero, occurred near New Orleans a few days ago. A man named Lee became frantically jealous because his wife innocently asked the conductor of the car for a glass of water, struck her in the face, threatened to shoot her and then started after the unlucky conductor, who had gone into a forward car, with the avowed intention of killing him at sight. As soon as he got outside he turned and fired three shots through the window down the aisle, one bullet passing through a woman's dress, but harming no one. Before he could overtake the sleeping car conductor he was intercepted by the train conductor, who, with the assistance of a passenger, overpowered the infuriated blood-hunter and turned him over to the police on reaching the city.

Turning the Tables.

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