

A White Girl Blacks Herself and Marries a Negro.

KINGSTON, N. Y., November 9.—Social circles at Gardiner, in this county, are greatly excited at present over the elopement and marriage of Miss Carrie M. Plant, a young white woman, with James W. Sampson, a mulatto. Miss Plant is a niece of Mr. John H. Deyo, a well-to-do farmer residing in the town of Gardiner, who during the war was extensively engaged in trading along the Mississippi and was estimated to be worth \$150,000. He was well known at New Orleans and thereabouts. After the war Mr. Deyo settled down on his farm in this county, and as he was childless his niece, Carrie Plant, was adopted into the family. During the past summer Mr. Deyo, being sick and unable to assist in the working of his farm, hired James Wesley Sampson, a young colored man about twenty-one years of age. He was a good worker, polite and pleasant about the house and farm, and soon won the goodwill and respect of those about him. After a time it was noticed that Wesley was paying Miss Plant too much attention, and her uncle two weeks ago concluded that it would be advisable to send his niece off on a visit for a month or so. But before he could make his intentions known both Wesley and his niece were missing. Search was at once instituted, but without avail. The climax was reached on Saturday last, when it was discovered that after encountering many difficulties the runaway pair had been made man and wife. Sampson and his bride, it finally leaked out, had visited a number of ministers and a Justice of the Peace, but under no circumstances would they listen to their entreaties to be married. They had about given up in despair, and left for the house of one James Cantine, who keeps a low resort. There the wife of Cantine (a white woman) resolved that the pair should be united even if she had to resort to strategy. It was decided that Miss Carrie's face should be blackened with burnt cork. This was done, and the pair started off to the parsonage of the Reformed Dutch Church of Stone Ridge, where Rev. V. S. Hurlbert, the pastor without for a moment suspecting the deception, united them in wedlock. When the news reached her former home her uncle was nearly crazed. Sampson and his wife have settled down at Lapala, a negro colony not far from this city. Miss Plant, who is now about seventeen years of age, would have fallen heir to the larger part of the property of her uncle, who is estimated to be worth from \$60,000 to \$70,000.

An Astonishing Wedding Fee.

The Reading Eagle says:—Rev. A. S. Leinbach received a note from Sinking Spring a few days ago, requesting him to be ready to marry a couple at his residence on a certain day. The clergyman was waiting on the day appointed, but the couple did not appear, and he supposed they had changed their minds. The next day, however, while he was absent from home, and the ladies of his household were busied with their domestic duties, the door bell was rung and on the steps stood the couple from the country.

The girl was quite young, but the man was considerably older. They said the rain had kept them at home on the day appointed, but they desired to be married at once. They were invited in, and Rev. Mr. Leinbach was searched for at the post office and elsewhere, without success.—Another minister from the country, however, was met by the messenger, and requested to perform the ceremony. He went to Rev. Leinbach's house, two ladies of the family were called as witnesses, and the nuptial knot was tied.

After receiving a handsome marriage certificate the couple took their leave, and at the moment of departure the groom put into the hand of the officiating clergyman something rolled up in white paper. They then departed in such haste as to excite surprise. The package was opened, and roll after roll of paper was removed, until at last the marriage fee was found—an old-fashioned copper half-cent, of the date of 1832.

A Woman Changes Her Mind.

Mary Pyatt rejected John K. Arnold's offer of marriage for a long time, at Kimberly, Pa., but he was persistent, and at length she consented. There was a great wedding, and the couple went off on a tour. After a week the bride returned to her home declaring that she had no recollection of anything between her last refusal of Arnold and her awakening to find, to her great surprise and displeasure, that she was his wife. She insists that she was out of her mind during the interval, and declines to even see her husband.

At Batesville, Ohio, on Saturday night, Frank M. Bledenbaugh, a wealthy young German, while insane from intoxication and jealousy, crushed in his wife's skull with an axe and cut the throat of his infant son. He then went to the room of a visitor, Mrs. Stephens, and killed her and her child. A servant in the room attempted to escape, but was knocked senseless. She subsequently gave an alarm, and in the morning the murderer was found in the tobacco-house with his throat cut, but not fatally.

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