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"Dragons and Cherry Blossoms."

Mr. Robert May has a new edition of his book...

"Liquoraria."

Mr. May's new book is a collection of recipes...

The What-never mission gave a break and...

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THE NEWTOWN BEE.

FRIDAY, NOV. 13, 1896. CIRCULATION.

JANUARY 7, 1896. LAST WEEK. \$10 EAST WEEK. \$10.00

Fairfield County News.

STRAFORD.

THOMAS BRIDGES ATTEMPTS SUICIDE.

Our people were somewhat shocked to learn of the attempt of Thomas Bridges, a well known citizen in town, to take his own life.

A De F. Wheeler has his new wind engine up and ready to be attached to the pump.

Arthur Sumner's new house is being put up forward very rapidly.

David Wolcott's new house is done, excepting the heating arrangement.

Kreper's house has been painting the lightness tower.

A fair audience greeted the Glympo district of their entertainment given last night in the Town hall.

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LESS THAN ONE-HALF

The regular price we're selling BLUE and GRANITE WARE, and while the assortment lasts you can fit up your kitchen with a full line, at prices that will surprise you, a few of which we quote as follows:

- 2 1/2 Preserver Kettle 10c. 3 1/2 " " " 15c. 4 1/2 " " " 20c. 5 1/2 " " " 25c. 6 1/2 " " " 30c. 7 1/2 " " " 35c. 8 1/2 " " " 40c. 9 1/2 " " " 45c. 10 1/2 " " " 50c. 11 1/2 " " " 55c. 12 1/2 " " " 60c. 13 1/2 " " " 65c. 14 1/2 " " " 70c. 15 1/2 " " " 75c. 16 1/2 " " " 80c. 17 1/2 " " " 85c. 18 1/2 " " " 90c. 19 1/2 " " " 95c. 20 1/2 " " " 1.00

TRUMBULL.

CADES ORGANIZE FOR STUDY.

A Travelers' Club for ladies has been organized and will meet around in the homes of its members, once in two weeks. The first meeting was held at the parsonage, Saturday afternoon. The course pursued is that planned by the C. L. S. C., and consists of a careful study of all points of special interest in a trip through England and Scotland.

AN ENTERTAINMENT AND FAIR.

The Young Ladies' Mission Circle will provide a very interesting entertainment and fair in the church parlors, Tuesday evening, November 17, at 7.30. Should Tuesday evening be stormy, it will be held on Wednesday evening at the same hour. Admission 10c; supper 15c. The young ladies are working hard to make this a very interesting evening and they extend a very cordial invitation to the public.

NEWELL BRIDGEMAN AND STEPHEN BEACH

have been trading their residence with new point.

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Famous Natural Bridge.

A VISITOR DESCRIBES VIRGINIA'S GREAT MARVEL.

[From The Atlanta (Ga.) Journal.]

"That is where they let down the rope to the boy. He jumped from that little ledge you see away up there—that bird just flew past it—and caught the rope as it swung toward him."

We looked up, stretched our heads back until our necks ached.

"Is that story really true?"

"The old settlers around here say so. The boy was a student from Washington and Lee, which is not very far from here. Of course, the account of the feat, usually found in Fifth Readers, is a good deal exaggerated. There was no crowd watching while he climbed, as the story says; only a few of his friends were with him; but it is true that a boy really did climb nearly to the top of the bridge. You see that ledge up there almost under the arch? When he reached that place he could climb no further on account of the arching over the bridge. Then they say he looked back to see how to climb down again. You know it's a fact that you can climb up much easier than down. There may be a deeper significance to those words, I thought. When you look downward everything appears to be smoother. So there the boy hung nearly 200 feet from the ground, unable to move one way or the other."

We looked again up to that tiny projection not much bigger than the bowl of a spoon, it seemed, from that great distance. It was awful. (Later, when we went to the top of the bridge, we looked down; it was frightful.)

We were standing under the shadow of that fearful monument of the Builder who knows no limits, the bridge, whose walls are mountains and whose buttresses are peaks. The ravine is so deep the sun shines in only about noon. And all this magnificence of architecture royally thrown away on a mere wading stream! Its arch is no bigger than minnows. But the Builder's quarry, likewise, knows no limits.

DISAPPOINTMENT AT FIRST VIEW.

The approach to the bridge is by a narrow, tortuous, rapidly descending path. A small stream tumbles down the mountain side as all the way. The deep foliage of the trees keeps us hidden from a view of the bridge, until a sharp turn to the right suddenly brings us up almost under it.

But the first sight, perhaps, is a little disappointing. The mind has to take time, to adjust itself to these enormous dimensions. As we approach it, at length stand just under the bridge itself, and look upward, perhaps even then we are still a little disappointed, until suddenly we are startled by a faint crying flock of swallows flying under the bridge; then we begin to comprehend its dizzy altitude.

The approach is not so impressive as the opposite view on account of the dipping of the arch on that side. To walk a hundred feet further on, passing under the bridge; and then look back at it, one catches the curves of its enormous convexity, and the lift of its span. On this side, also, the two mountains that buttress the bridge rapidly rise for some distance further on; consequently the ravine walls are much higher. All these things combine to make the latter view of the bridge very impressive.

Cathedral wall nearly 300 feet high, straight as the side of a house, buttressed and turreted, towers up on one side. Across the ravine from it, overhanging the abyss below, is a little ledge of rock not ten feet square, Pulpit Rock. Here one may stand and look below—if he can!—and try to realize the horror of that boy when he "caught the faint echoes of the people beneath him shouting to him to jump for the rope." In an old Virginia history there is a statement that when the boy was drawn up his hair had turned white.

ALL ROCK, SOLID AND GHOSTLY.

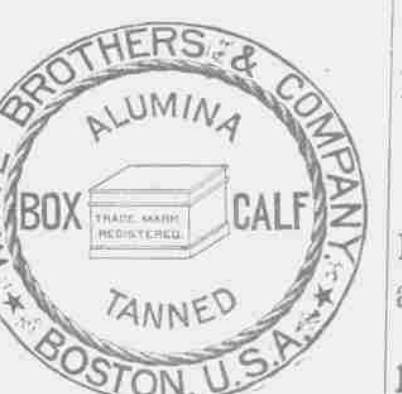
Nothing grows down the sides of this ravine. It is all rock, solid and ghostly. If one were to slip, he would strike against nothing on his way until he struck the ground. There is scarcely a place for a bird to alight. How did the boy climb it? The story goes that he had a knife and cut footholds between the rock rims.

And it is narrow, that little aliver running ravine; just room enough for its brook and a footpath beside it. It is narrow and cold under the shadow of these eternal ramparts. When birds fly down into it they merely drop; there is not room to use their wings. They spread them out to break the fall, and drop down like leaves. If a Niagara



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were spilling over one of its sides its leap would strike against the opposite wall.

Above, Nature has so coyly softened the edge of the hideous precipice, so hidden it with blossoming trees and mossy turf, that a drowsy walker there some day would unexpectedly feel a sharp slip of his feet, would catch out at a tree, a bit of grass—the sudden flashlight of a yawning abyss—death!

One comes shouting and laughing down the steps toward Pulpit Rock—suddenly stops himself aghast, quivering on the very edge of the frightful drop.

In 1779 a great mass of rock was split off from the arch by the freezing of the water in its crevices, and was hurled below, crashing into a million fragments. The ground is littered over with bits of rock, with here and there a boulder half embedded in the soil. There hangs on the left of the arch as one approaches another mass just ready to fall; a wide crack extends from the top of the hill almost down to the ground. Half a bill yawns! A column of earth and frightful rocks half as big as freight cars stand up there in the air, held back by a few clouds, a slender stem, a root or two. When it falls one power exists that may clear it away—the river.

WASHINGTON'S INITIALS.

"G. W." There it is; his own autograph—Washington's. It is one of the great "wreath boxes" of the bridge. It cut deep into the rock about thirty feet above the ground. Several other names are cut above this, but they were not put there by climbers; some engineers placed ladders against the rock and thus reached the point. The "G. W." is said to be really genuine. The Old Settler vouches for this fact also. The "W." is quite plain, but the "G." is somewhat uncertain.

Other points of interest are Lost River, an underground stream whose running can be heard by stooping down close to a hole in the side of the mountain; Saltpeper Cave, a new crevice under a large ledge of rock, which furnished nitre to the soldiers of 1812; the Keeper of the Bridge, a perfect profile of a very old man near the arch of the bridge. A glimpse of the rushing waters of Lost River can be seen through the hole in the hill. It is perfectly clear and cold, and as pure as if it had been filtered. Over the hole, cut into the stone, by whom no one knows, is the legend: "He who drinks here shall return." Our party felt doubly sure of returning, for we drank of the water unwittingly, and saw the words only afterward.

What caused the bridge? We cannot fall to ask it as we gaze up at the tremendous mass. It is unreasonable to suppose that it is to-day in the same form that it had in the beginning. Was the entire ravine once a long and tortuous cove? Did the little creek rippling along beside us throughout the ages, stretching so far back that we

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