

## MOST MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

A Bridge Collapsed With Mrs. William Trigg and Party

AND FELL TWENTY FEET IN AN ABYSS.

Thrilling Accident in Which Mrs. Mattie Myers and Master Willie Trigg Were Painfully Hurt—Remarkable Presence of Mind of the Women.

One of the most miraculous escapes from death on record was that in which Mrs. William R. Trigg and children, Mrs. Mattie Myers, and Misses Lella and Nene Myers were the central figures, last Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Trigg, accompanied by the other ladies mentioned, and her three children, Bertie, Barbara, and Willie, have been spending some time this summer at Williamsport, Mass., in the Berkshire Hills. On last Thursday a double team was ordered, and a careful driver was asked for. On the front seat were Master Willie Trigg and the driver, and on the middle seat were Miss Lella and Nene Myers, with Mrs. Trigg and Trigg, while Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Trigg, and little Miss Barbara occupied seats in the rear of the vehicle.

The party drove quite a distance from the hotel, and on their return, when about two and a half miles from the bridge, they had to cross a bridge, which was a mere plank across a deep chasm. On either side of the creek there are a number of rocks, which form a steep precipice from the surface on top. The place is exceedingly dangerous. In case of any accident, being at the foot of a steep hill on either side.

When the party approached the bridge on their descent, the driver checked up his horses and drove very slowly at the same time applying the brakes. Finally the vehicle reached the bridge, which was a mere plank across a deep chasm. On either side of the creek there are a number of rocks, which form a steep precipice from the surface on top. The place is exceedingly dangerous. In case of any accident, being at the foot of a steep hill on either side.

At that moment the driver forced his horses off the bridge, but saw at a glance that he could not pull the vehicle out from the position in which it was wedged. Little Willie Trigg had fallen out of the creek, and little Barbara Trigg, who was five years of age, was hanging over the side of the vehicle, crying to her mother to help her. Brave little creature that she was, she held on while swinging over the edge and maintained her grip until the vehicle was brought back up to the bridge. Little Willie Trigg had fallen out of the vehicle, and was in a most precarious position.

A THIRILLING MOMENT. The driver, seeing the extreme danger and realizing the horrible results that would necessarily follow if the bridge collapsed entirely, with Mrs. Trigg, unconscious, on the middle seat, and little Willie Trigg, in the creek, and the other ladies in the vehicle, to scramble out as best they could, and get themselves under the bridge out of the way. He himself, was ordered to come to the front, and the horses were backed up to the bridge, and with this additional weight, the bridge would be obliged to fall. This was not a moment to lose, and yet he could not leave his post.

Amid all the excitement and danger, Mrs. Trigg and the other ladies dragged little Barbara Trigg from her perilous position, and in some way they managed to pull themselves out of the vehicle, just ready to topple over, and climb down the steep embankment at the bottom of which Mrs. Myers lay in a doleful, unconscious condition. At first the other ladies thought Mrs. Myers had been killed. With the bridge hanging over them as though it would fall every moment they hurriedly lifted Mrs. Myers from the rear of the vehicle, lay, and helped little Willie Trigg out of the creek.

A TERRIBLE CRASH. They were none too soon in the accomplishment of this difficult undertaking, for twenty seconds' delay would have meant death to the whole party. Suddenly the bridge collapsed, and Mrs. Myers, who was lying on the middle seat, was thrown into the air, and fell into the creek. The other ladies, who were clinging to the sides of the vehicle, were thrown into the air, and fell into the creek. The bridge was a mere plank across a deep chasm. On either side of the creek there are a number of rocks, which form a steep precipice from the surface on top. The place is exceedingly dangerous. In case of any accident, being at the foot of a steep hill on either side.

THE INJURED ONES. Mrs. Myers was with some difficulty brought back to consciousness. She was very painfully cut and bruised about the face and arms, but it was afterwards learned that no bones were broken and that there were no internal injuries. Little Willie Trigg was badly bruised and skinned about the head and hands, but otherwise escaped injury. The other members of the party received slight surface and very severe nervous shocks. The injured were carried to the hotel, and medical aid summoned at once. They were secured in addition to the services of a physician and a trained nurse surgical aid from Pittsfield. A post-mortem examination was made of Mrs. Myers' injuries, and it was found that no bones were broken, and that there was no internal injury. She and Master Willie Trigg are doing very well now, and the other ladies have recovered from the severe shock so that there is no occasion for alarm on the part of their many friends here.

HAD BEEN CONDEMNED. The bridge which collapsed had been condemned. Several complaints had been made to the authorities about the dangerous condition of the structure. It was very rickety, and the timber out of which it was made was rotten through. Some workmen had recently put some additional boards on top, which did not at all strengthen the bridge, but on the contrary, added more weight to it. Despite the complaints, however, the old death-trap had been allowed to remain.

The accident was thought to have been one of the most remarkable that ever occurred in that part of the country. For at Williamsport, where the accident took place, there are many people who are very particular about the presence of mind and determination of the ladies who acted with so much judgment and coolness at the critically perilous moment. That the whole party were not killed was one of those miraculous things that appeared to border upon the providential.

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## THE NOWLAN CUP GAMES.

THE HILL CLIMBERS WIN THE FIRST OF THE SERIES.

A Close Game, in Which the Play Was Fast and Snappy, Was Stopped at the End of the Seventh Inning.

LYNCHBURG, VA., Sept. 16.—Special.—There was just seven innings of a great, big, gill-eater game of ball here to-day, when the rain and wind-storm put an end to the contest.

Fast and snappy was the common character of the work of both teams, and Lynchburg won for one little reason—they did stick work that was a shade ahead of that put up by the Hill Climbers. The Hill Climbers were a shade behind, and the finish has been accomplished, the lovers of the national sport who saw it would have looked back to it for many a long day as a memorable epoch in the history of base-ball in Virginia.

HOW THE RUNS WERE MADE.

In the first Lynchburg McIntyre put the sphere in play, and the Hill Climbers, and made it a safe four-bagger. For Richmond, Kain received four balls, and the hitting of the sphere, and the Hill Climbers were a shade behind, and the finish has been accomplished, the lovers of the national sport who saw it would have looked back to it for many a long day as a memorable epoch in the history of base-ball in Virginia.

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Berryhill, 3b..... 0 0 0 0 0  
Leahy, 1b..... 0 0 0 0 0  
Maha, 2b..... 0 0 0 0 0  
Plock, 1b..... 0 0 0 0 0  
Thompson, 1b..... 0 0 0 0 0  
Smith, 1b..... 0 0 0 0 0  
Schubel, 1b..... 0 0 0 0 0  
Willie, 1b..... 0 0 0 0 0  
Totals..... 0 0 0 0 0

RICHMOND. R. H. O. A. E.  
Kain, 1b..... 0 0 0 0 0  
Smith, 1b..... 0 0 0 0 0  
Groves, 1b..... 0 0 0 0 0  
Bradley, 1b..... 0 0 0 0 0  
Foster, 1b..... 0 0 0 0 0  
Berle, 1b..... 0 0 0 0 0  
Tannehill, 1b..... 0 0 0 0 0  
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CUNNINGHAM. Captain Cunningham is in entire ignorance of the nature of the plan suggested by Mr. Gregory. He is, however, a Father Weller paid his usual visit to Marable yesterday, and was also in consultation for a long time with Secretary of the Commonwealth Lawless. The Father says that he is confident that Marable will be hanged, and that he has no reason to believe that he has lately made, which declares the women innocent.

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