

UP AGAINST IT

In the course of events man is doomed to many disappointments. Cherished plans go wrong; happy surprises for some loved one fail in their intended effect. To such as this mankind is injured, but when scorn is displayed toward a labor of love by one's better half—then the poor fellow contemplates murder, suicide, divorce, any old thing.

The other evening in one of our large department stores the rush was so great and the extra force of clerks were so busily employed disposing of the necessities of life and the luxuries of Christmas-tide that no attention was bestowed on one of the handsome oil illuminators which diffused its soft glow over the busy scene.

Suddenly the happy throng was enveloped in a blinding cloud of soot. Investigation revealed the fact that the oil illuminator had for some time needed the attentions of the superintendent of lights and lighting; that it had been smoking at such a rate that the pearly whiteness of the globe was transformed to a black like unto a funeral pall. Enough lampblack had been unwittingly manufactured to supply the local trade for a year could it have been saved.

After the evening's rush was over and the extra help had departed for their homes the proprietor endeavored to bribe his better half to accept the contract for cleaning the illuminator. In this he failed and was informed that he would have to clean it himself. The next morning the aforesaid proprietor, feeling a good deal as he imagined Hercules did at the time he tackled the job of doing the chores at Mr. Augeias' stables, set about eradicating the marks of the lampblack.

Hot water, soapsuds, two or three kinds of cleaning preparations, chamois skin, feather duster and plenty of elbow grease were used by him in restoring the globe to its pristine purity of color. So proud was he of the job that he drew the attention of everyone who entered the emporium to the result, and in return received many compliments.

It was well along in the morning before his better half entered the store. Hardly giving her time to be seated the proprietor, happy as a boy with a basketful of gifts, and regardless of a number of customers from whom he had just received warm words of praise, called her attention to the rehabilitated lamp.

Steadily she gazed; for fully two minutes her attention was devoted to the object and then, in a voice audible in every part of the store, she said:

"Why don't you get to work and clean it?"
Draw the curtain.

A QUIET WEDDING.

On Thursday, Dec. 22, the home of Mrs. Bertha Whitman, north east of Monroe, was the scene of a very quiet wedding at which time her only daughter, Miss Annie, and William B. Reed of Monroe were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The bride was becomingly attired in a light brown serge with satin trimming, and carried a bouquet of white roses. The groom wore the conventional black. John Whitman, brother of the bride, acted as groomsman, and Miss Blanche Houdeshell as bridesmaid. Rev. Beal performed the ceremony, the happy couple standing under

an arch of greens; the room being tastefully decorated. After congratulations were offered a bountiful dinner was served; then an hour was spent in pleasant conversation until the bride and groom took their departure, amid a shower of rice and old shoes, for Chicago, where they will visit with bride's relatives for a short time. After the first of March Mr. and Mrs. Reed will be at home to their many friends on the farm belonging to the groom's father, northeast of Monroe. The following guests were present:

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Peacock and family of Monroe.
Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Peacock and family of Fairdale.
Mrs. Mary Reed of Fairdale.
Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Halbroder of Monroe.
Misses Blanche and Ada Houdeshell of Monroe.
Miss Edna Dunning, Davis Junction.
Their many friends wish them much joy and happiness.

Eminent Ladies Social.

An enjoyable sociable was given Friday night by the Eminent Ladies for the members and their families. Tempting refreshments were served, and the evening passed with vocal and instrumental music, graphophone selections, recitations and games. The program rendered was as follows:

Graphophone.....
Song.....Sir Knights
Declamation.....Dorian Clark
Instrumental music.....Edna Juel
Declamation.....Clark Upstone
Graphophone.....
Declamation.....Paul Manning
Reading.....Mrs. A. Clark
Recitation.....Daisy Manning
Recitation—Miss Jones and the Burelar.
Mrs. O. W. Upstone
Graphophone.....
Song.....Sir Knights
A special meeting of the Eminent Ladies has been called for next Tuesday night for the election of officers.

Lindenwood Happenings

Christmas tree at the church Friday night.
M. D. Stocking has his ice up.
Wm. Hills had the end of his finger bitten off by a hog last week.
Miss Campbell, our night operator, has a two months' vacation.
Revival meetings will commence next week.
Luff & Talbot want all accounts paid by Jan. 1.
E. Dresser of Rockford spent a few days with his son.
A. Hart of Dixon, brother-in-law of F. Jones, was buried Wednesday at this place.
Mr. Triggs of Rockford put up a fine tomb stone this week.
The Odd Fellows will be in their new hall next week.
P. C. Arends has a new horse.
John Bird and wife of Rockford, Ia., are visiting his mother this week.
Lindenwood, Dec. 21.

ROBBED THE GRAVE.
A startling incident of which Mr. John Oliver of Philadelphia was the subject is narrated by him as follows: "I was in a most dreadful condition. My skin was almost yellow, eyes sunken, tongue coated, pain continually in back and sides, no appetite—gradually growing weaker day by day. Three physicians had given me up. Fortunately a friend advised trying Electric Bitters; and to my great joy and surprise the first bottle made a decided improvement. I continued their use for three weeks and am now a well man. I know they saved my life and robbed the grave of another victim." No one should fail to try them. Only 50c per bottle at Hunt's drug store.

AT FAIRDALE.

The M. W. A. meet the second and fourth Mondays of each month.
The Court of Honor holds its meetings the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.
The Epworth League holds its business meetings the third Wednesday evening of each month.
The Junior League holds its business meetings the third Saturday of each month at 2:30, at the parsonage.
W. C. T. U. meets second and fourth Saturday afternoon.

Quite a number from here attended the theater at Rockford Wednesday evening.
The Court of Honor elects officers tonight.
Tom Martin of Monroe has rented a part of the postoffice and has put in a harness shop.
G. A. Juehl has sold his butcher shop to Oscar Peacock, who takes possession the first of the year.
Dr. Rutledge of Elgin was a visitor at this place Thursday.
The band concert last Friday was largely attended and everybody was well pleased. The band wish to extend their many thanks to those who assisted.
Dr. H. G. Lamont was a visitor Thursday.

Wallace camp M. W. A. at their annual election of officers last night elected as follows: Edgar B. Still, venerable consul; James Lantz, worthy adviser; L. E. Moyer, clerk; Robert Craig, banker; S. S. Hollingsworth, escort; Wm. Dean, watchman; George Koch, manager.
Thomas Shanahan had a bad accident one day this week. While handling a coop of chickens at the depot he ran a sliver fully an inch and a quarter in length into his right hand. It went in at the thick part of the hand near the wrist and glancing on a bone came out on the back of his hand. The sliver was soon extracted and Thomas permitted to return to his duties.

Mrs. Daniel Cadwell, mother of Mrs. Philip Upstone, died at her daughter's home Dec. 20, at the age of 91 years 9 months and 6 days, death being due to old age. Some days before she sustained a fall, the shock of which hastened the end. The funeral was held from the church Thursday, Rev. Pierce officiating. Sarah Flanders was born at Eaton Sotan, Bedfordshire, England, March 14, 1807. In 1833 at the age of 26 she was united in marriage to Daniel Cadwell. Seven children were born to them, of whom but two are living, Mrs. Philip Upstone of Fairdale and Daniel Cadwell of St. Joseph, Mo. In 1850 she came to America and to Chicago in 1851, where she has made her home most of the time since. She was a member of the Episcopal church of London.
Fairdale, Dec. 22.

CHERRY PICKINGS.

Mrs. Ella Adams returned last week from a three weeks' visit in Beloit.
Christmas tree Saturday evening at the M. E. church.
The club dance given in Sanborn's hall Friday evening was enjoyed by all who attended.
Stella Fisher is no better. Mrs. Fisher is improving.
Charles Lowey is visiting at his mother-in-law's, Mrs. Vandercreek.
Miss Della Aten of Belvidere spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ben Aten.
Some of our young people intend to attend the dance at New Milford Friday evening.
Mrs. Ben Shirley is entertaining her sister.
Guy Pritchard and wife are vis-

iting at his grandmother's, Mrs. Pritchard.

School closes Friday for a week's vacation.
Albert Faulkner has taken Mr. Mack's place in the creamery. Mr. Mack now has a position in Rockford.
Word was received from Chicago today that Wm. Fallon is not expected to live.
Lizzie Enright is able to be out again.
Mrs. Keeser is still on the sick list.
Cherry Valley, Dec. 21.

From Davis Junction.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Janerson of Iowa are expected to spend the holidays at the home of Mrs. Janerson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richardson.
The band boys give a dance and cake walk in their hall Friday, Dec. 30. Every coon from Coontown will be present.
The C. M. & St. P. has a force of men working here putting in 600 feet of new sidewalk. This completes about 1,000 feet, all in a line, which is a much needed improvement to our town.
The lecture given by Mrs. Grout was largely attended and proved very interesting.

McDonough, Taylor & Co. are filling their ice house.
Sterling Campbell returned to his home Monday night after two weeks at the hospital.
Bicycle riders were out Sunday enjoying the good roads.
Mr. and Mrs. Victor Wetherstine returned to their home Monday after a brief visit with Mrs. W's sister, Mrs. Woodworth, at Oregon.
Wm. Dales has opened a shoe shop at King's Station.
There will be no Christmas exercises in our church this year.
Mrs. Fowler is seriously ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Wm. D. Les.

The Misses May Kennish, Bessie File, Edith Frost and Zulu Bagley closed their schools for the holiday vacation.
George Bennett and wife attended the funeral of Mrs. Snyder at Oregon last week.
The band boys are unable to get the Rochelle Harp orchestra to play for their dance, owing to the serious illness of one of the members.
Mr. and Mrs. Walcott of Rockford Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horn.
No. 107 passenger train that leaves here at 4:30, had a headend collision with a freight north of Rockford Wednesday, no one being hurt.
A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to the readers of the News.

Thomas Richards is on the sick list.
Several from here expect to take in the Christmas exercises at Holcomb Friday.
A. L. Pratt was seen on our streets Tuesday afternoon.
The oyster supper at the hall Friday proved a success.
[We wish to thank the Davis Junction correspondent for news this week, but request that future letters be signed, not for publication; just to get acquainted.—Ed.]

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold, indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of Eucal dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on to the chest over the seat of pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold at Hunt's drug store.

MONROE ITEMS

You want those new shape neckties a Tyler's.
Fred Tyler was in Rockford Tuesday.
Al Saams drove to Rockford Tuesday.
A line of misses' and children's wool hose to close at reduced price. A bargain at Nashold's.
Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Tyler were here several days last week.
Charles Miller was seeing the sights in Rockford Saturday.

A pair of those lady or gents' slippers at Tyler's would make a fine Christmas present.
Mrs. T. W. Martin returned from her Rockford visit Saturday.
You can find the very newest thing in lamps at Tyler's.
Man James was a Kirkland visitor Tuesday.
Mrs. P. Murphy was a Rockford visitor Saturday.

Jim Porter was doing business in Rockford Saturday.
Ladies' fancy lined shoes; warm, neat and dressy, at Nashold's.
Mixed candies 10c per pound; fancy candies, assorted, 30c per pound; try a box at Fisk's.
Ed Springsteen was here Sunday.
Robert Carrenduff is visiting his parents here this week.
There will be a turkey and duck raffle at the billiard room tonight.

Take your laundry to the depot Sent every Wednesday.
G. E. Smith, the dentist, will be at Dr. Snyder's office 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month. Hours 12:30 to 4 p. m.
Henry Krauthoff was here Sunday.
Herm Crill of Glidden, Ia., is a guest at Henry Crill's.
Henry Evers took out his first papers at Rockford Saturday.
A subscription to a leading magazine makes a gift appreciated by all. G. H. Hunt can supply any magazine at publisher's rate.

Remember that Ed H. Lane, the jeweler, will be in Monroe Jan. 5. All repair work or orders can be left at G. H. Hunt's, where he makes his headquarters.
If you are in need of sales bills or job printing of any kind bring your work to The News.
Tige Upstone and Len Jenkins were in Kirkland Sunday.
Mrs. L. S. Wagner was a Rockford visitor the first of the week.
Will Main of Stillman Valley spent Sunday with Monroe friends.

You cannot always tell whether your goods are all wool or mixed goods. It makes no difference if you use Putnam Fadeless Dyes. They color everything. Sold by G. H. Hunt.
Fred Malana was here from Genoa Sunday.
Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Pratt will spend Christmas with relatives at Aurora.
Messrs. Frank Howe and L. S. Wagner were transacting business

in Chicago last Friday and Saturday.

Len Crill was transacting business in Rockford this week.
Jim Jenkins bought a horse of Peter Clark this week.
You can get the choicest apples at Tyler's. Either Baldwins, Spies, Greenings or Pippins.
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Raup and family will spend Christmas with relatives at Harlem.
Bargains in misses' and children's wool hose at Nashold's.
Frank Taylor of Kingston was a guest of G. H. Hunt several days the first of the week.
Robert Gritzbaugh of Kirkland was a visitor at Lawrence Zimmer's Sunday.

Those fancy lined ladies' shoes at Nashold's are just the thing for winter wear; warm and dressy.
3 lbs. choice candy for 25c at Tyler's.
Miss Sue Welch was a Rockford visitor the first of the week.
Tyler has the largest and most complete stock of china ware and lamps to select your Christmas presents from that has ever been in this section of the country.

Grandpa Wright and wife had a narrow escape from asphyxiation by coal gas Monday night, Mr. Wright having just strength enough to open a window when he awakened. They were both quite ill from the fumes, but are now nearly recovered.
Get you some of those medallions at Tyler's; 2 for 25c.
You can get your horse shod all around with new shoes for \$1 at Powers' shop in Monroe. First class work guaranteed and only the best materials used. Special attention to horses that interfere.

At the meeting of the Woodmen this week arrangements were made for the installation of officers at the meeting of Jan. 4. It was also decided to hold the annual dance about Jan. 26, and all committees were appointed.
Fisk is selling 17 lbs. of granulated sugar for \$1, 19 lbs. light brown sugar \$1; good Japan tea 40c; coffee from 12c to 30c; Lenox soap 8 bars for 25c.
Laundry packages called for and delivered in village. Leave orders at depot.

The Milwaukee road makes a rate of one and one-third fare to all points within 200 miles for the holidays. Tickets on sale Dec. 24, 25, 26, 31, Jan. 1 and 2. Good returning until Jan. 4.
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The World's Telephones.
It is estimated that the total number of telephone subscribers of the whole world amounts to about 1,500,000. The United States stands at the top with 900,000. Then follows Germany, with 160,000 subscribers; Great Britain, with 75,000; Switzerland, with 50,000; France, with 35,000; Austria-Hungary, with 30,000; the vast Russian empire, with only 18,000; Scandinavia, 16,000; Denmark, with 15,000; Italy, 14,000; Holland and Spain, each 12,000; Belgium, 11,000; Japan, 3,500; Portugal, Luxembourg, Australia, each 2,000; Roumania, 400; Bulgaria, 300. It will be seen that there is still plenty of room for extension. There are many countries where the telephone is still quite unknown.

Russian Courtship.
One of the national eccentricities in the Ukraine, Russia, is that the maiden is the one that does all the courting. When she falls in love with a man she goes to his house and tells him the state of her feelings. If he reciprocates all is well and a formal marriage is duly arranged. If, however, he is unwilling, she remains there hoping to coax him into a better mind. The poor fellow cannot treat her with the least discourtesy or turn her out, for her friends would be sure to avenge the insult. His best chance, therefore, if he is really determined that he will not marry her, is to leave his home and stay away as long as she is in it. This is certainly a peculiar way of turning a man out of house and home.

We Are Frog Eaters.
From the present indications America will soon be outdoing France in the consumption of frog flesh. The city of New York alone consumes 600,000 "hams" of frogs during the year. These delicacies are now sold in tin boxes like other conserved meats.

War and Coffee.
"I suppose," said the coffee drummer, "that the excitement over the war has all died out, even in this rather backward neck of the woods?" "Oh, yes," replied the grocer of Basswood Corners. "Lots of the men don't even bring their pocket knives with them any more when they come to the store evenings."—Judge.

One of Many.
Mrs. Weeks—"What business is your husband engaged in?" Mrs. Meeks—"He operates in stocks." Mrs. Weeks—"Is he a 'bull' or a 'bear'?" Mrs. Meeks—"Both. He's a bull at the stock exchange and a bear at home."

The Largest Sun-Dial.
The largest sun-dial in the world is Hayou Haroo, a large promontory extending 3,000 feet above the Aegean sea. As the sun swings round the shadow of this mountain it touches, one by one, a circle of islands, which act as hour marks.

Money Coined in Britain.
The total amount of money coined by all the queen's predecessors on the throne was £205,000,000 sterling. During the present reign the mint has turned out £450,000,000 sterling, including £158,000,000 in India—a record for all time.

Just What She Didn't Want.
Poor Lover—I'd always treat you like an angel. She—Yes; with nothing to eat, and still less to wear.—Harper's Bazaar.

Unusual Origin of a Trinket.
Will Shy of this place has a very odd but beautiful scarfpin made from the tusk of a wild boar. The tusk was presented to him by Dave Nichols of the Salvisa neighborhood, who, while digging the foundation for a dwelling house recently, where many years ago a pioneer's log cabin stood, excavated skeletons of several wild boars. With the skeletons, but not attached to them, were found several tusks half a foot or more in length. Old residents say that it has been seventy-five to a hundred years since any wild hogs were in this locality; hence the skeletons excavated by Mr. Nichols must be very old.—Harrodsburg (Ky.) Democrat.

God Give Us Men.
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Men whom the spoils of office will not buy,
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An Elderly Lady.
An elderly lady living at Fordham Heights, a part of New York City, and who was known to be a warm advocate of Ripans Tablets for any case of liver trouble or indigestion, said to a reporter who visited her for the purpose of learning the particulars of her case: "I had always employed a physician and did so on the last occasion I had for one, but at that time obtained no beneficial results. I had never had any faith in patent medicines, but having seen Ripans Tablets recommended very highly in the New York Herald concluded to give them a trial, and found they were just what my case demanded. I have never employed a physician since, and that means a saving of \$3 a call. A dollar's worth of Ripans Tablets lasts me a month, and I would not be without them now if it were my last dollar." At the time of this interview there were present two daughters who specially objected to their mother giving a testimonial which should parade her name in the newspapers, but to do this the elderly lady argued: "There may be other cases just like mine, and I am sure I take great pleasure in recommending the Tablets to any one afflicted as I was. If the telling about my case in the papers enables some other person similarly affected to be as greatly benefited as I have been, I see no objection." The daughters, knowing how earnestly she felt about the benefit she had received, decided she was quite right.

Sales Increasing.
The largest retail drug store in America is that of Hegeman & Co. on Broadway in New York City. A reporter who went there to learn how Ripans Tablets were selling bought a five-cent carton and asked: "Do you have much call for these?" He was referred to a gentleman who proved to be the head of the department. He said: "The sale of Ripans Tablets is constant and is increasing, due especially to the influential character of the testimonials in the daily press, and growing out of these, through the recommendation of friend to friend. Satisfaction with them is very general. When once they are begun I notice that a permanent customer for them is made. This, I believe, is through their intrinsic merit, which proves the bona fide character of the advertising. I think them specially useful in the general run of stomach troubles."

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