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## PACIFIC SLOPE NEWS.

Tacoma boasts of its new hotel.  
Freights over the N. P. R. R., in  
this Territory are increasing largely.  
The people of Orcas Island, W. T.,  
want a post office.

The operations of the quartz mills  
in Nevada are interrupted by ice.

Ten Chinamen were arrested in a  
house last week at San Francisco,  
for violating the cubic air ordinance.

The farmers of Walla Walla valley,  
W. T., are quite happy. They  
realized 75 cents a bushel for their  
wheat this season.

The Columbia River and Walla  
Walla Railroad Company pay about  
\$100 taxes per annum on each mile  
of their road.

Mr. A. Hamilton, of Elma, W. T.,  
captured three bears, one old one  
and two cubs, near his place last  
week.

A tree to make 60,000 feet of lum-  
ber has been sent to a sawmill in  
Humboldt, Cal.

The medical class of the Willa-  
mette University, in Oregon, is  
larger this year than any former  
class in the history of the institution.

The fact that the N. P. R. R. is to  
be finished within eight years' time,  
will give a fresh impetus to business  
in the great Northwest.

J. M. Abadie, of Walla Walla, has  
made during the past year, from  
grapes of his own raising, about 400  
gallons of white wine and 150 gal-  
lons of claret.

The State of Nevada has passed a  
law to the effect that any female  
teacher taking unto herself a hus-  
band must consider her resignation  
accepted.

A Circuit preacher in Oregon  
prayed for rain one night at a far-  
mer's house, and the farmer who had  
a horse race arranged for next day,  
was so mad that he turned the good  
man out of doors.

Some reckless wretch placed a  
quantity of arsenic in the pump at  
the court house, at Albany, Oregon,  
last week, but the fiendish act was  
discovered before harm was done.

On and about the 9th inst. the  
cattle throughout the county of San  
Diego, Cal., were in a very poor  
condition, and a great many dying  
for want of food, the drought having  
parched up everything.

Thos. Brown, of Douglas Co., Or-  
egon, accidentally took a heavy dose  
of strychnine two weeks ago and  
came near making an end of himself.  
He has presented to the doctor who  
saved him an elegant carriage and  
span of fine horses.

During the month of December  
the office of the Board of Immigra-  
tion for Washington Territory at  
Olympia, received and answered 90  
letters from intending immigrants.  
The chairman says that probably 20  
colonies of from 10 to 30 persons  
each, will leave the grasshopper re-  
gions for this Territory in March of  
the present year.

The bill before the House for the  
preservation of Columbia river sal-  
mon fisheries not only contains re-  
strictions regulating the catch, but  
provides for the erection of an arti-  
ficial hatching establishment at  
such point on the river as the United  
States commissioner of fisheries may  
select. The bill proposes an appro-  
priation of \$25,000 for this purpose.

It seems quite likely that the move  
taken by the Bank of California in  
reducing the rates on all loans after  
Jan. 1st to 9 per cent, will soon be  
followed by other banking institu-  
tions in California, and that at no  
distant day rates will be lowered  
still further. The movement, as  
read by our exchanges from the Bay  
city, means that the banks will call  
in their idle capital from mining  
shares at risky rates and invest in  
solid business at less rates.

## NEWS FROM ALL PARTS.

The miss whom King Alfonso is  
about to marry and make Queen of  
Spain, is now 16 years old.

People have to get out of bed up  
in the Lake Superior region with the  
thermometer marking 40 degrees be-  
low zero.

Belknap is living at a fine Wash-  
ington hotel in great style with his  
wife. This comes of being kindly  
acquitted by a sympathetic Senate.  
To confide too much is to put  
your lemons in another man's  
squeezer.

The Chinese are the most silent of  
all the races of mankind.

A mountain of almost pure cop-  
per has been found at Notre Dame  
Bay, Newfoundland.

Never before in the history of  
Texas, was the immigration into it  
so great as it is now.

If a man needs exercise let him  
try to collect bills.

The 400th anniversary of the in-  
troduction of printing into England is  
to be celebrated in London next  
June.

The latest invention is an indicat-  
or for steam cars, by which the vari-  
ous stations to be stopped at are plac-  
arded.

More Russians than natives of any  
other country came to the United  
States last year, and 50,000 more  
talk of coming.

The first bank in the United States  
was the bank of North America, or-  
ganized Jan. 7, 1772, at Philadelphia,  
and it is still transacting business.

An eel is not as slippery as a poli-  
tician, but it can live on water longer.

John A. Logan has been renomina-  
ted U. S. Senator by the Republi-  
cans of Illinois.

The possibility of a new election  
next fall for President is the leading  
topic of talk in New York city.

Senator Ferry has been nominated  
by the Republicans of Michigan for  
re-election.

The Supreme Court of Boston has  
sustained the lower court in the de-  
cision that Israelites are amenable to  
the State laws regulating the observ-  
ances of the Sabbath. The case  
originated in an attempt to keep  
Sunday.

While debating his bill in the  
U. S. Senate, on the 5th inst.  
Wright, made a very savage attack  
on Gov. Grover. Next morning  
Senator Kelly, of Oregon called at-  
tention to the matter and rebuked  
Wright, but the latter declined to  
retract a single word.

Tilden says in case of any contest  
he would rather appeal to ballots  
than to bullets. Other prominent  
Democrats express the same senti-  
ment. Lamar deems a new election  
preferable to the inauguration of  
two Presidents, whilst Hewitt thinks  
that Tilden and Hendricks are elect-  
ed and will be inaugurated.

The fire in the Lykens Valley and  
Short Mountain mines was still rag-  
ing on the 5th inst. The damage is  
already estimated at \$200,000. It  
is doubtful whether, in case the fire  
be extinguished, work will be re-  
sumed before next summer. Nearly  
3000 men were employed in the sev-  
eral collieries of Lykens valley,  
1000 of whom worked in the burn-  
ing mines.

News from New Guinea conveys  
the intelligence that two persons en-  
gaged in making scientific collec-  
tions on that island were lately mur-  
dered by the natives. One was Dr.  
James of the United States, the  
other a Swede, his companion. The  
two had gone in their large boats to  
the east side of Hall's Sound to  
shoot birds of Paradise, when they  
were attacked by natives in three  
canoes and both white men killed.  
The native crew managed to get  
away and carried the sad tidings to  
Cape York. Only a fortnight before  
the notice of his death reached Eng-  
land, Dr. James' first collection  
reached there; and the excellent  
way in which they were preserved,  
together with the careful notes ac-  
companying them, betokened that  
science has lost a promising auxil-  
iary.

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| Gent's " " " "                      | - | 40 to 250     |
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| " Gold Vest Chains, from            | - | 15 to 75      |
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| " Gold Neck Chains                  | - | 5 to 75       |

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1877.

**A MYSTERIOUS SCHEME.**—On the 6th ult., articles were filed in the County Clerk's office at San Francisco organizing the Alaska Ship-building and Lumber Company, with a capital of \$10,000,000 in gold coin. The objects of the formation of this capital and brain fiber into a company, and the mission to be accomplished by its unpretentious birth, were multifariously set forth in the documents filed, and were principally, as we are informed by the Chronicle, to "acquire timber and territory by purchase or otherwise, in Alaska, or other Territories or States of the United States, or elsewhere." This choppy collection of clauses, covering every description of land business, was followed by the declaration that the organization would also engage in the building of ships, steamers and other craft with which to navigate the vasty deep, and also to construct foundries, machine shops, saw-mills, wharves, landings, dry docks, other species of docks, buildings, railways, roads, and in short to do a little of everything on a grand scale. But even this was not all, the company declaring that they would engage in the purchase and exchange of all kinds of vessels; in the acquiring of coal, mineral and timber lands, taking and giving such security as might be thought proper in taking and giving leases of all descriptions of property; in navigating ships wherever they wanted to; in buying and selling merchandise, produce, bills of exchange, foreign and domestic, and in fact conducting a commercial business generally. The company is to continue for fifty years, with nine trustees for the first year, as follows: Henry B. Tichenor, Matthew Turner, Thos. Brown, William T. Coleman, John M. Peck, L. S. Adams, William Burling, Timothy L. Barker of Oakland and Henry D. Bacon, each taking a fair slice of the 100,000 shares in the corporation at \$100 each. On the 20th of December Mr. Piper, in the Lower House of Congress, introduced a bill granting the Alaska Ship-building and Lumber Company the privilege of purchasing one of the Sitka Islands lying on the southern coast of the Territory at \$1.25 per acre, for the purpose of building ships and procuring lumber. The bill also provided that within two years from the date of its passage the company shall construct at least one ship of not less than 1200 tons burden, and shall thereafter vigorously prosecute the business of ship-building on the island, with the privilege of purchasing other land in Alaska at the same price, all to be surveyed by the Surveyor General of the Olympia Land District. The bill was referred to the Committee on Public Lands, and there it remained at our latest advices.

**THE REV. MR. SEE,** a Presbyterian clergyman of Newark, N. J., is under trial by the church for admitting to his pulpit two women, members of the Woman's Temperance Convention, "in disobedience to the rule recorded in 1. Corinthians xiv. 33-37, and 1. Timothy ii. 11-13, and also in violation of the Book of Discipline, chapter 5, sec. 5." It is declared to be the determination of those conducting the trial to settle the question once for all, whether it is lawful and desirable to admit women to Presbyterian pulpits, and not allow dodging it as was done in the case of the Rev. Dr. Cuyler of Brooklyn, who was overhauled some time ago for admitting Miss Sarah Smiley to his pulpit. Mr. See appears to be as anxious as his accusers to see the question tested, and appears to be of different stuff than Dr. Cuyler, who hastened to declare that his crime was an inadvertence and promised not to do so again.

**BOSTON SHIP OWNERS AND SAN FRANCISCO TUGBOATS.**—The Alta California of the 6th contains a letter from a Boston correspondent giving an account of several meetings held by Boston ship owners to consider the high rates of towage charged at San Francisco, during which several interesting facts were brought to light. Mr. J. H. Sears, a merchant on State street, and formerly in command of vessels bound to San Francisco, is the leading spirit of this movement. He complained, among other things, of the league between the pilots and tugboats, and of the excessive charges of stevedores. He cited the case of the ship Ocean King, which—when the tugboats Sol Thomas and Look-out were rivals—was towed from Vallejo street to Mission Rock, again moved, and then again from one side of the wharf to the opposite side, the charges being respectively \$30, \$30 and \$20, or a total charge of \$80, for which the tug had been fast to her three times. The same ship had recently been moved from the stream to Oakland wharf, and from there into the stream, and from the stream to sea, and the ship paid for this service \$975. Other merchants, particularly Samuel G. Reed, Thayer & Lincoln, Henry Hastings and Nicholson & Co., all spoke to the same effect, denouncing the extortionate port charges of San Francisco, and agreeing to build one or two powerful tug-boats of their own to send to San Francisco to do their towing. Mr. Hastings said, "We are not going to start an opposition company, we don't want to go into the towing business, we simply mean to send a boat or two to attend to our own business."

Sufficient capital has already been subscribed, and unless some compromise is effected in San Francisco by which the exorbitant charges are reduced, there is no doubt but the Boston merchants will send their own tug-boats and furnish their own stevedores to attend to their vessels in that port. Prominent British merchants, as well as New York houses, are connected with this movement, and the San Francisco long-shore men and steam-tugs will have to lower their rates or take a back seat in the contest with Yankee pluck and enterprise.

**ARCTIC VOYAGES.**—The failure of the British Arctic Expedition, under Captain Nares, to reach the North Pole recalls similar unsuccessful attempts on previous voyages from this country and England, since the Franklin expedition sailed. In 1848 the British ships Enterprise and Investigator were sent out. In 1849 the Plover, Resolute, Assistance, Intrepid, Pioneer, Lady Franklin, Sophia, Prince Albert and Felix, all British vessels, sailed; and also the American expedition in the Advance and Resolute. In 1851 to the British expeditions then out were added the ship North Star and steamer Isabel. In 1853 the British ships Phoenix and Talbot were out, and in 1853-4 Dr. Kane's expedition in the Advance were out for two winters. In 1860 the British steamer Fox sailed, and Dr. Hayes's expedition also from this country. After that the Arctic voyagers became fewer. Capt. Hall's expedition in the Polaris was made in 1871-3, the steamers Juniata and Tigris also going about the same time on summer cruises. The series is closed by Capt. Nares's expedition, and at present no further explorations seem to be contemplated by either the United States or England.

**James Tomlinson,** of Ottawa Canada, who made drawings of the fallen railroad bridge at Ashtabula, Ohio, testified that he did so under instructions as bridge builder for the railroad; he never approved of the wrought iron Howe truss over a wide span. It makes a heavy bridge and all strains accumulate on the end braces; the main braces would have been strong enough had they been made according to his design. He did not stay till the bridge was finished as he had a difficulty with Stone about plans for strengthening the main braces.

**Lucille Western,** the great actress, died at Brooklyn, on Jan. 11th, of congestion of the lungs, the result of a cold contracted during a recent engagement at Philadelphia.

BY TELEGRAPH.

**Gold in New York, 106 3/4.**  
A dispatch dated Jan. 16, from Brigadier Gen. Terry, says: Three companies of the 5th infantry, under Lieut. Baldwin, struck Sitting Bull's camp on Dec. 18th and defeated him with the loss of all the property in camp and 60 mules and ponies. The Indians escaped with only what was on their persons.

The President has recognized Packard as Governor of Louisiana. Southern Democrats feel very bitter over this act, and they are determined they say, to have a military government rather than Packard.

The Senate and House committee on the electoral count have not yet reached a conclusion. It is intimated that they have agreed upon compromise measures which will prove a surprise to the public, as it embraces features that have not yet been conjectured.

Louisiana voters sustain Nichols and his Legislature.  
All the Eastern railroads have been blockaded by snow.  
By the breaking away of ice, steamers, barges, etc., have been sunk during the past week at Cincinnati, Louisville and Wheeling.

Jas. H. Wilbur, has received the appointment of Indian agent at Yakima, W. T.

The streets of San Francisco are in a flutter on account of repeated failures of stock brokers and operators.  
San Diego, Santa Cruz and Dixon counties, in California, were visited by light rains on the 16th inst.

James Gordon Bennett, with his sister Jeanette and private secretary, sailed for Europe on the 14th inst.  
Petitions from 14 States bearing 4,500 signatures, will be presented to Congress asking for a 16th amendment to the Constitution, prohibiting any State from disfranchising U. S. citizens on account of sex.

No general river and harbor appropriation bill will be reported this session of Congress.  
The President is busy pardoning his convict friends.  
A Russian squadron is at Norfolk, Va. The flagship has the Grand Duke Alexis and Admiral Boulaïoff on board.

Senator and Mrs. Blaine gave a reception on the evening of Jan. 12th, at Augusta, Me., to 700 guests.  
Dr. Phelps, who is figuring in the New York courts in connection with Bennett-May duel, is police surgeon, and will likely lose his position.

The James Lick estate has been settled amicably. John H. Lick, James Lick's son, gets \$383,000 in addition to the \$150,000 devised to him in the deed of trust, out of which he pays to the sisters, nephews and nieces of deceased in various amounts, the sum of \$72,000, in full satisfaction of all claims against the estate. There is some property aside from that intrusted in the deed of trust, administration of which will be amicably settled among the heirs.

The San Francisco board of supervisors, are considering the question of cleaning all the streets and sewers, and by so doing improve the unhealthy condition of the city.

**Religious Notices.**  
Rev. P. C. Herzer, Agent of the American Bible Society, will preach in the M. E. Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Rev. Mr. Bonnel, of Seattle, will hold services in St. Paul's Episcopal Church next Sabbath morning an evening.

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# WEEKLY ARGUS

PORT TOWNSEND.  
JEFFERSON COUNTY, WASHINGTON TERR.

## THE OLD HOME.

A range of hills clothed all with bare, black trees.  
A wide field blackened by December frost.  
The eastern limit of a dark stream crossed.  
That now overflows, and murmurs all in case.  
A low, chain, chiming with the wifful breeze:  
Then, farther, dense, dark pine with trunk  
gray-wooded.  
And wide, wide wastes in the far distance loom.  
And a sad sky bending over these.  
I know, dear friend, 'tis not a pleasant land.  
And yet, my heart is touched and glad:  
For in each other place, fair and grand:  
I've seen the summers green and gold ago.  
The sweet year bloom with most lavish hand.  
O, sad, old home, thine inmost heart I know.

## THE OLD PRINTING PRESS.

AT GEORGE W. NORWELLVILLE.  
A song to the Press, the Printing Press!  
Of the good old-fashioned kind,  
Ere the giant machine, with its pulps of steam,  
Elbows it out of mind.  
In the days of yore  
Our fathers bore  
By their sturdy limbs have wrought  
Of iron or oak,  
This teaching spoke,  
The language of burning thought.  
A song to the Press, the Printing Press!  
As the carriage rolls merrily along,  
His stout sides groan as the bars pull home,  
Keeping time to the pressman's song;  
And the crisp, wet sheet  
On its errand fleet  
By anxious hands is sped,  
Through off-clawlers  
It may sorrow bear  
It brings to the printer bread.  
Then here's to the Press—the old Printing Press!  
Through his days he numbered now,  
A fond heart waves the bars kindly  
A garland to deck his brow;  
Through the giant machine  
With its pulps of steam  
Has doomed his form to decay,  
His stout old frame  
From our hearts shall claim  
Remembrance for many a day.

## Left on Guard.

A GIRL'S PERILOUS ADVENTURE.

I was a very bold and fearless child, and my brothers and sisters often dared me to go into lonely places in the dark, or do perilous feats of various kinds, which challenges I never refused.

Very probably the consciousness that they were about to dupe me gave me more courage than I would otherwise have had, for any unusual noise or appearance would be attributed to one or another coming to frighten me.

But, night and day, I used to go straight up to and touch whatever seemed fearful, and finding the object of doubt resolved in the twinkling of an eye, I acquired an ease which stood me instead in times of real danger.

We lived in a large old-fashioned country house. It opened to the south, and the two large parlors looked to the east and west.

The dining-hall and spacious kitchen formed the square of the house, while at the west and back was another large room, sometimes called the great porch, and at the east and back was the dairy and another porch.

There were three stairways leading to the upper rooms, and a garret, whose ample space was broken only by the great chimney in the center.

We had a gay and lively house, for my parents were much given to the old-fashioned virtues of hospitality.

There were a great many of us when we were all at home, especially in the winter holidays, but at times we were nearly all away.

Boarding-schools, academies, traveling—they all claimed us at various times. Yet it was rare indeed that one was home alone.

It so happened, however, and to me, it was a summer day, and warm and beautiful. The morning promised a lovely day. Just after our early breakfast, a merry party came riding down the lane, in carriages and on horseback, and calling joyously for my father and mother to accompany them on a pleasure trip. They were accustomed to this mode of impromptu festivity, and joyfully answered that they would soon be ready.

It was only the day before that my father had returned from California and had brought with him a bag of gold. I knew he had this, for I had seen him the night before counting some of it, and putting it into another bag, and I badly wanted to ask him to give me one of the pretty coins, but was too well taught to interrupt or tease him.

Thomas brought the carriage to the door. Father's favorite black horse, whose coat looked like lustrous velvet, and who stepped so proudly, was pawing the ground impatiently, as he appeared. He handed in my beautiful mother, and I stood looking on in childish pleasure at her beauty and rich dress that so became her. My father suddenly turned to me and said, taking his key to his iron-bound box.

"Run, Ann, and get me the little bag you saw me put away last night."

I was proud to be so trusted; but when I quickly returned with it, he was already in the carriage, and part way to the gate. He looked out and said:

"No matter, now, Ann, you may put it back again, for we are going another road, and I will pay Harris to-morrow.

Take care of the key, my dear, and good-bye."  
"Good-bye, and a good time to you."

I laughingly replied, and ran back to put the treasure in safety.

I hastened in-doors again to see them wind down in private way that led through our extensive grounds, and half wished I were old enough to go with them. Hearing a slight noise, I turned and saw a stranger, a figure not unusual, a man with a bundle hung on a stick.

He was leaning on the stone wall, and apparently looking after the carriages. He came forward in a moment, and asked if he might sit down and rest, and I would kindly give him a drink of beer. Beer was free as water with us.

Of course I said yes, and with light steps soon had him a substantial drink of bread, cheese and beer, which he came into the kitchen to eat. Betsy and Hannah were busy, hurrying to finish their work, for they were going out to ten and to spend the evening.

They talked gaily about the visit, paying the attention to the stroller, who was quietly eating. He had laid his straw hat upon the floor, and I saw that his shirt was brushed up from behind over it. He had prominent ears, low forehead, and a large mouth, with a retreating chin, where grew a stubby beard of grizzly black, like his hair. I did not know why I observed all this, or his eyes, small, and hid under grayish brows, that seemed to glance furtively about him when no one appeared to be looking.

His voice was harsh and croaking, and had startled me when he first addressed me. We were used to strollers of all kinds, as I have said. Perhaps I was mentally contrasting his repulsive features with my father's noble and dignified features.

He seemed to be very ugly. I was glad when he finished his meal and rose to go.

He asked permission to light his pipe, which was readily granted. He went out directly, passing accidentally through the dining-room and out of the great hall, where he lingered for a moment or two.

He had thanked me civilly enough for his breakfast, but the girls laughed and nodded, as he went out, and said they should think I had picked up a raven.

All that long, bright day I was busy and happy in the flower-garden, or sewing, or reading; and when the girls were looking very cheerful at their half-holiday, I wished them a merry time, and told them not to hasten home, for Thomas should come for them.

I expected my father and mother soon after eight o'clock, and I told Thomas he might go about that time, as they would soon be home, and it looked a little like rain.

Heavy clouds were gathered in the west, and the thunder rumbled sullenly.

He took the covered wagon and old gray, and, before he stepped in, said respectfully, "Miss Ann, I think you had better fasten the doors, as you may be all alone for a short time if I go so soon. Would you not rather I should wait till your father comes?"

"Oh, no, Thomas; I don't mind being alone in the least; and you ought to go let it should rain hard, for it is more than two miles to ride, and they may not wish to leave in a minute. I expect father and mother every moment. Don't wait." Thomas left, and the wagon rattled merrily up the lane.

I bolted the doors because he had told me to, for otherwise I should not have thought of it.

It grew dark rapidly, and the thunder began to peal heavily, while the wind rose, and the flashes lightning grew more vivid and frequent.

I went into the east parlor, and looked out to the south, but the sudden lightning up of the sky, and the following darkness did not interest me. I could not see very well, either, as the honeysuckles covered the windows.

The large mirror reflected me as I turned away to cross the room, and I stopped a moment with a natural vanity, for I was young and fair enough to look upon.

I let all my hair fall loose, and wound it in long, shining brown curls over my fingers. It certainly did look handsome, for it was very thick, and fell below my waist, and curled almost of itself as it fell.

There came a great flash of light, and I saw distinctly reflected in the glass, a face looking in at the window. It was an instant of terror, but I neither screamed nor moved. The face could not see my feet, as I kept my body still, and rolled the long, shining rings over my cold, white fingers. It was an ugly face and I recognized it. I had seen it that morning, and I knew what lay before me. I prayed inwardly a brief prayer for help.

Turning from the glass, I went steadily toward a table that stood near the window, and on which I had left my candle. I moved steadily, as usual, and took up the water-pitcher and looked in it, then took my candle and went toward the kitchen.

The lightning kept flashing, but the candle did not come again. I dropped my candle on the kitchen hearth, and put my foot on the wick. I set down the pitcher on the dresser, and with soft, light footfall hastened through the west room, up the iron stairs, into my father's chamber, and softly closed and unlocked his key, took out both the bags of gold, re-locked it, and made my way into the great chamber.

I heard voices; I heard the doors

tried below. I knew it was not my father. I dared not tremble nor grow faint. I went through that room and two others to the garret stairs. I hardly breathed. I heard a window push up; mine then, and the door opened at it. I felt about me in the dark. There was a sliding panel in the inside of the doorway. I pushed it, and it rolled back. I entered a long closet and the sliding panel came in and closed carefully into its place. I felt cautiously to see if all was safe. I pulled my dress close about me, lest it might be caught, and the door closed tight. Then I waited a least steps coming up the stairs. I heard a search through the rooms below. My heart beat till I thought each bound must be audible. I heard voices—one voice, the Raven's. I knew that harsh croak. It told me nothing. The face had revealed all to me. The man had seen the bag of gold as he leaned over the wall in the morning, unnoticed by the gray gown, and all plain to me. He had gathered from the girls' talk that he might be alone. He had returned and watched. He had brought accomplices.

Very soon the least steps coming up the stairs. I could distinguish the words that they were spoken.

"Drat her! she must have seen you." "No matter; we'll split the box open with this key."

I knew the axe was in the little porch. Thomas had sent it in when he had come chopping the brush, as it looked like rain.

I heard the steps and voices move away, a dull, crashing sound, and then stifled, angry tones. I knew they had opened the box, and found nothing but the papers. I knew they would now search for me.

I heard them as they looked into every room and closet, and came up the stairs separately. They all met at the foot of the garret stairs. A thin board was between us. I thanked God that the panel was close shut. I knew it, for no ray of light came through.

"She must be up here," said the Raven, "and we'll soon have her." "I'll warn her she's here, and I'll ring her neck if she makes a noise about it."

But the thorough search was ended, and the voices grew very angry, and full of frightful oaths and threatenings. They sat down on the garret stairs to hold a parley. A spider ran across my face. A spider put me in mortal fear. It was with great effort that I kept from screaming.

"Come," croaked the Raven, "let us go and get the silver; that will be something." "Give the silver. It's the gold I've come for, an' I'll run the house if I don't find the girl! So let her lie out!"

A cold perspiration came on my forehead. Would they perform their threat?

"Good! Then the rats will squeak, 'Down down the money bags, and we choke the girl to make her dumb.'"

"Hold your noise. The old man will be coming in here. Well be caught here. Be quick."

"Who cares for him. He's only one. A bluebird will give him a handy little headache as he comes in."

They spoke low hideous words that made my flesh creep. I was almost ready to call aloud, to open the panel, to give them the gold, and let them go. They sat up, and the steps and voices went down. It was horrible there in the dark. I was stifling.

I moved the panel lightly. No light entered. I did it softly back. My resolution was taken.

I would get out of the house, run down the road, and meet my father. I would save him.

I left the gold in the closet, shutting it in close. I stole down the steps into the chamber below. I knew there was a window open there. I crept across the room, listening.

I lifted myself cautiously upon the window ledge, and caught a branch of the cherry tree which grew close to the house.

Swinging myself lightly out, I hastened down the iron stairs, and found myself on the ground safe.

No. The lightning flash betrayed me. The Raven's voice shrieked, hoarsely, "There she goes! Catch her! Quick!"

This was it. Out at the front door came the pursuers, hardly ten steps from me. I dashed toward the thick shrubbery to put them off the track.

Fortunately I knew the way, every step of it. They were guided solely by the sound and flashing light.

"Shoot her by the next flash!" cried one.

My flying feet struck loose boards. I was passing directly over an old, unused well, very deep, and it gave back a hollow, resonant sound.

Almost the next moment I heard a crash, the report of a pistol, a heavy fall, oaths, and a deep groan.

Shuddering, I sped on through the garden, up toward the cider-press, over the stone wall, down the hollow, up the hillside, and the birds flew.

No steps followed; no voices shouted after me. I ran down to the second bars and let them down.

It began to rain a few drops, then fast, then poured. I was wet to the skin.

I ran on, for I heard advancing wheels coming rapidly. I stood in the road and cried, "Father! father!"

The carriage stopped. Another carriage behind stopped also.

It was our next neighbor, "who lived a quarter of a mile further on."

"Ann, my child. Good heavens! What is the matter! What has happened?"

I told the whole in a few words, amid eager exclamations of joy at my safety, of surprise, even of danger, because Thomas had left me alone.

"Don't blame him, father; I insisted on his going. A hurried consultation took place. My father was very brave. Our neighbor was very timid. He proposed going on to his house and returning with weapons."

In the meantime I got into the carriage and crouched down at my mother's feet, who was half crying, and wholly thankful to feel me there.

We rode on, and under the gate under the willow. There were lights in the house but all seemed still. Nothing moved. My father put the reins in my mother's hands, and opened the gate that led to my lane.

"Will you go home with Nathan?" said he.

"And leave you here? No." "Take your wife home, Nathan, if you will, and come back."

"We will stay by you." "Let us reconnoitre then, a little." They got out, leaving us sitting still. The rain fell less heavily. They got coming toward the house, for weapons from the lool-house. They went all round the house—all was quiet. They went in.

We sat still, speaking few words, my hand clasped in my mother's.

"Thomas is coming!" I exclaimed eagerly, "I hear the wheels." We called to him as he came to the gate, for he could not see us.

He drove through and called out: "What's the matter?"

We told him sufficient, and he left Betsy and Hannah, and went in at once, with only a heavy whip.

We did not sit long. Nathan came out directly.

"What have you found? Who is there?" "Nothing. Nobody." "Are they all gone?"

"Yes, with some of the silver, and a few things. We don't know what yet." The horses were put under the shed, and we all went in.

My father said, calmly: "We will take a lantern, Thomas, and look around out of doors." I knew they would go to the old well, and I stood and looked out of the window, and saw the gleam of the lantern as it moved.

In a very few minutes they came back.

"One of them is dead," said my father, "and the other lies at the bottom of the well, and groans. The third has escaped."

They laid boards across some barrels in the shed, and brought up the dead man and laid him on them. His comrade who lay in the well had shot him in the head as he plunged through the boards. His next fall was still uglier. It was the Raven.

## Feeding Calves.

In the "Ogden Farm Papers" of the American Agriculturist, Col. Waring gives the following description of his method of raising calves to one year old.

"W. B. Martin, of Roselle, N. J., who has just bought a bull calf from our herd, asks me to give in these papers my method of feeding, from the time dropped until one year old. I really can answer this question fairly only by saying that we feed exactly as we should for common stock. We try to have our calves fed on skimmed milk only, after they are six weeks old. Sometimes the change from fresh milk at this early age, leads to scouring, and the time has to be extended. After that time we give them only skimmed milk until they can be gradually brought to a full hay diet. If a calf needs extra feeding to bring it to a fairly condition, we give it about a pint of oats a day, previously soaked in water. We avoid bran with calves, for fear of loosening their bowels too much, and we avoid corn meal for fear of inducing a tendency to take on fat in the carcass. We even avoid giving the most nutritious hay, and for this two reasons: first to prevent fattening, and second, in order that the calf in satisfying his appetite, shall consume a large bulk of food, and so develop the capacity of his digestive apparatus, and create a permanent desire for large feeding, that will continue when the richer feeding of maturity becomes necessary. As a rule, we hold that the young Jersey should be 'growthy,' deep-flanked and loose-jointed, and should have, generally, the characteristics which farmers know as 'rangy.'"

COMPLIMENTARY.—Nothing could be more beautiful or complimentary than this instance of bird love at first sight. There can be no objection of insincerity in such homage to a lady's attractions.

A few months since, a handsome mocking-bird flew into the residence of a lady in this city, and alighted at her feet, exhibiting little or no fear or suspicion of her, and permitting her to catch it in her hand. She placed it in a cage, and it seemed very contented, and proved to be one of the finest singers of its species, filling the house with its varied and melodious strains, until after some four months of captivity it was taken to a new diet, much to the sorrow and regret of its mistress. A short time after the decease, the same lady was sitting in her room, when another beautiful bird of the same family came and took its position near her, apparently inviting her to capture it, which she did without difficulty. 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