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J. E. BINGHAM, M. D., HAS MOVED HIS OFFICE TO THE corner of First and Alder streets, adjoining his residence.

DR. MAUZEY, (U. S. Army) Physician and Surgeon.

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STANDARD FLOURING MILLS.

NORTH PACIFIC MILLS.

ESTABLISHED 1862.

GEORGE SAVAGE, Practical Watchmaker.

JEWELRY, Waltham Watches.

NETH THOMAS' CLOCKS!

FINE FISHING TACKLE.

NEW MILLINERY!

MILLINERY GOODS!

LADIES' UNDERWEAR!

HEALTH CORSET!

My Grandfather's Clock.

My grandfather's clock was too high for the...

And it reached forty feet below the floor...

While he stood on the top of the door...

When he died it ran faster than before...

And every time that he heard the time...

Chorus, by the entire congregation:

Tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tock, tock, tock...

Whistling and roaring and shrieking and thumping!

Tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tock, tock, tock...

Whoo! Whoo! Whoo! Whoo! Whoo! Whoo!...

And he never sang any other time.

But he sang it every morning, and he sang it in the night.

And he sang it when the congregation cried:

Chorus, by people who whistle, but can't sing...

Forty-nine hours a day without slumbering...

Tick, tock, tick, tock, tock, tock, tock, tock...

Tick, tock, tick, tock, tick, tock, tock, tock...

The Position of the Democracy.

At a democratic caucus held by the members of congress on the 6th inst. Hon. Alex. H. Stephens introduced a series of resolutions...

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THE HORRORS OF WAR.

Unavoidable Massacre of Afghan Prisoners by the British.

On the following day (the 8th) reconnoitering parties scoured the country in every direction and came back with the news that although straggling parties of natives were still on the hillsides, yet not a single Mongol or Waziri was visible on the plain.

It was pleasant information, and the day passed quietly. About 7 o'clock, however, when we were in the midst of dinner, two shots were fired on the right side of the camp, and this was immediately followed by rifle firing from the hills across the plains and were now surrounding us.

The General buckled on his revolver and went out to see what the matter was, at the same time sending several of his officers to bring him information. Bang, bang, bang, went the rifles on every side. It surely must be a serious business. The troops were ordered out. The hussars were already in their saddles and galloping to the front to discover the enemy. A Sepoy came up to the General and reported that on the other side of the nullah, near the camp, six Afghan horsemen had been seen and several men had been killed.

Immediately after the Sepoy had told his tale, Col. Villiers came up panting and reported that the enemy was nowhere visible, and that the whole affair was a false alarm. One sentry had imagined he saw something and fired. The contagion had spread, and every sentry was blazing away wildly, either at nothing or at our own sleep.

Further inquiries were made, and it became apparent that Col. Villiers' explanation of the matter was correct, and our sentinels were having a little sham fight on their own account. So, reassured, we returned to finish our dinner.

We had scarcely reached our tents, however, before news reached us that a terrible tragedy had taken place on the outskirts of the camp, where the prisoners taken on the previous day had been sent to be taken care of by the Twenty-first Regiment. They were arranged in three lines, and made to sit upon the ground. Each line was fastened by a rope, which was passed round each man, and then fixed in the ground by wooden pegs.

A guard was placed over the prisoners, with strict orders to prevent any of them from escaping, as it was considered desirable that each man should be identified, so that we might see who among them were Mongols, who Waziris, and who Khozeds. It appears that the two first shots which we heard were not fired by our sentries, but had come into the camp of the Twenty-first from the opposite side of the ravine. The prisoners imagined the shots to be the signals for them to attempt to escape. They accordingly jumped up from the ground at one and the same moment, and commenced swaying from side to side, evidently with the object either of breaking the ropes or tearing them from their fastenings in the ground. They were all in a state of terrible excitement. The alarm was given, and a number of Sepoys rushed out to help the guards. The guard endeavored to keep the prisoners quiet and to prevent them from escaping. Several of the prisoners, however, snatched at the rifles of the Sepoys and tried to get possession of them. Hence ensued a series of desperate hand-to-hand struggles, in which two or three rifles were broken. One powerful fellow managed to get clear of his ropes and the sentry who was after him. As he was running away one of the guards laid a bullet in the leg, but this did not stop him, for he reached the other side of the ravine in safety. He had only, however, run into the arms of the outlying pickets, who fired at and killed him. Another fellow got free of his bonds, but he had only run a few yards when he was met by a native officer, who drew his revolver and shot him dead.

The situation was now becoming desperate for the guards, they saw that unless extreme measures were taken at once the whole of the remaining prisoners would get loose and probably escape. So while the great mass of wild men, hearing, shouting and rending at the ropes, which were being broken, the guard before getting free, the guards loaded their rifles, and either shot or bayoneted every man who persisted in struggling. The terrible deed had the effect desired. Shattered by the fact of men falling dead by their sides, and by the groans of comrades who were sinking severely wounded, the men who had escaped unhurt instantly became quiet, and crouched upon the ground in terror. The scene of this tragedy was appalling. The dead, the dying, the living, and the wounded were still tied together. All were lying huddled up in one confused mass of bodies. The living could not be told from the dead, except when some suffering wretch, sitting in a pool of his own blood, and looking ghastly in the moon-lit ground, besought help.

I shall never forget the appearance of the straggling face of one of these wounded men. He wore a blue turban, a long blue shirt, and dirty white pyjamas. He was young. He was leaning back on a dead body. As I passed he turned his face full into the light of the moon; his jet hair had fallen from his turban, and formed a weird frame around his features, which were haggard with agony. In his own language he addressed me. His tones were low and pitiful, I did not know what he was saying, but it was as easy to see that he was asking for relief as if he had appealed to me "in the dear name of God." He had been bayoneted through the chest, and I fear that the wound was beyond mortal help. The uninjured man knelt and bent forward his head, terrified to raise them up, and they were in this position so quiet that they appeared to be simulating death in order to escape molestation. Therefore





