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THE PILGRIM WAY Hut once I puss this way. And then -- no more. But once, and then the allent door Bwings on its bloges Opena . . . closes

I pass this way. Ho while I may. With all my might, I will ensuy Bweet comfort and delight To all I meet upon the pilgrim way. For no man travels twice The great highway

That climbs through darkness up "Through night To-day. -John Oxenham, in Philadelphia Pub

, lie Ledger.

THE OLD MAN OF THE BIG

CLOCK TOWER



Say, I stand for the women folks, all busy places in those days. There and I think they're just as bright were Speight's and Overton's also on brained as the men; I don't care what | Main Street, and Pringle's on the vaanybody says. There was that big cant front of the Perryman lot on Mill election on Monday. The women had Street, their first vote, and for weeks the This village smithy always had an men were saying: "Oh, the women attraction for the children just let won't know how to vote, we'll have loose from school. They would look to show them so there'll be no spoiled and wonder at the flying sparks from ballots at the election, especially with the anvil, the red-hot from horse show the Referendum ballots. They'll be and other products of the brawny sure to spoil a lot of them. Well, smith's skilful work. Later Tommy as everybody knows, the election came moved his shop over to Frederick off on Monday, and there were some Street, and this property went into the spoiled ballots, and now the men are possession of Johnny McKee, whose saying: "That's women voters for you, career as an ingenious shop keeper what could you expect. We knew and dispenser of liquid refreshments they'd spoil their ballots." Why, bless from the liquor department would be you, electors have been held with bal- reminiscences of a column of space it. lots in this very same old town for self. forty-five years, every year, and numbers of them thrown in between for members of parliament, with only the men voting, and at every blessed one of them there were spoiled ballots. And now the men go strutting around and saying, "It's too bad the women spoiled so many ballots." I'll bet my if once, just once, I could be new from last summer's panama hat that more of the ballots were spoiled in the election on Monday by men than by women. My Mary voted all right. anyway. I know, for she told me just how she marked her ballots, and they were both O. K. because they were and a good big cross after Mr. Cleav- Marsh, I had a hole in my shoe. Oh er's name for member of parliament of course it was in the sole, but you

And now we come to Main Street and reminiscenses of events which occurred on that old thoroughfare Most of you don't know that Main sympathized Street was for years the leading business street in town, in fact back in May. "I don't want to be him. But the early days of 1825 to 25 it was the gloves like that make you feel as if only street Acton had, excepting Mill you might be anybody disagreeable." Street, down to where the mill was "Pa Wilfer," Pen enlightened fer, opened by Miller Hemstreet, away ambition was to have a complete new back before Acton had a name. He suit of clothes, hat and boots included, called it "Danville Grocery." I can't at one time. He achieved it finally.

remember it's exact location nor on So will you, some day." which side of the street it stood, nor can any of the few old fogies like Ballie May grumbled. "It isn't bemyself in town tell me. I know Mr. cause .. I'm one of those sacrificing Hemstreet got a wife here, and I think hereines you read about, because I'm he finally removed to Cleveland, Ohio, not. Only there's always something where some of his descendants still re- happening. like Betty's sickness last side. He was an elder brother of the winter and mother's accident last week late William Hemstreet.

Street, where it is intersected by Mill you having to give them presents. Street, the corner lot has quite a his- don't see how in the world you contory. For years it was a vacant lot trive it, Pen." The young men and boys used it for what they called a "jumping ground." tell you, will you promise never to It was the only "park" the hamlet breathe it to a single soul?" had, and primitive athletics were practiced there, such as jumping, wrestling, pitching horse shoes, etc., and answered well Golds:nith's description of the vilage green:

"Sweet Auburn! levellest village of the Where health and plenty cheered the laboring awain. Where smiling spring its earliest visi And parting summer's lingering How often have I loltered o'er th Where humble happiness endeared such How often have I passed on every fortunate and highly decorative feet." The never-failing brook, the busy mill, The decent church that topt the neighhawthorne bush, with seats beneath the shade

For talking age and whispering lovers How often have I blest the coming day, When toll remitting lent its turn to And all the vilinge train, from labor Led up their sports beneath spreading tree. While many a pastime circled in the The young contending us And many a gambol frolicked o'er ground And sleights of art, and feats strongth went round. And still, as each repeated pleasure Succeeding sports the mirthful

The swain mistrustices While secret laughter tittered The bashful virgin's sidelong looks The matron's glance that would those looks reprova

Those were thy charms, sweet village, sports like these. With sweet succession, taught even These round thy bowers their cheerful induence shed These were thy charms-but all these charms are fleil.

In the course of time this renowned corner lot came into the possession of the late Mrs. H. Augusta Booord, who came from Lowville with her three sons, John, Fred and Percy. Bhe first conducted a store on the corner where Woodhall & McKay's store is: now. This was destroyed by fire and Mrs. Becord then erected a commodious store and dwelling on the vacant corner. This was neatly painted and always had an attractive appearance. \$50,000. Wasn't that a bargain?"-Mrs. Secord did a thriving business Boston Transcript.

here for many years. Sho always had a fine garden of flowers, shrubs and fruit on the lot beside the store in which she took great delight. When Percy was a little chap meanles worm guite prevalent in the village and his mother was auxious that he should take this infantile allment when the other children had it and get done with it. To this end she took the little lad to a neighbor's on Church Street where two of the little daughters were entering the convalencing period and offered one of them a penny to permit Percy to kins her and thus insure infection. Percy had the mension, and this girlio of that day who is now a matron in town with a charming daughter of murriageable age, delights to relate

this measies story of over half a century ago. Mrs. Becord finally settred from the arduous and_exacting experiences of mercantile life to enjoy a well-carned rest during her declining years. She sleeps the sleep of the just. John, like myself is ageing and is a "whitehaired" boy again, doing a prosperous real estate and insurance business in Orillia; Fred is enjoying his bachelor-

hood in the town of his boyhood days; and Percy died suddenly in Buffalo, where he was a busy man in professional life a number of years ago. After Mrs. Secord's retirement, A. W. Green, W. H. Howell and-Mrs. Caldwell successively conducted businesses. there. During the occupancy of the latter this fine property was destroyed by fire. The present building was erected and has been occupied, first by Cooper & Akins, and now by Wm. Cooper, with merchant tailoring business. The small store on the westerly limits of the lot has had numerous tenants and is now the Coxy Cafe of Sammy Stauffer.

The next lot has had a varied career. Thomas Hoare had a waggon shop there for a number of years with a residence at the aide in the rear. Thomas Gibbons followed with a blacksmith shop. This was a busy place for the lumbering business was at its height at Baint Helena and Smith's mills, and the lumber products being volume of teaming. Gibbons' was one of four blacksmith's shops which were

THE OLD MAN

BALLIE MAY'S CLOTHES "I'm tired," Sallie May declared, "of being pleced out." It seems to me that hat to shoes I'd never grumble again." "That's a pretty becoming hat any-

how." Pa declared. "Yes, and just look at my gloves! I've mended them and mended them and monded them. I hardly dare touch anything with the tips of my fingers marked the same way that I did mine, for fear they'll come through. And which was four crosses in the NO last fall, when I got a new pair of column for the good old Referendum. gloves to go to that reception to Mrs. Of course they're not all as smart as know what shors look like by the time Mary, but I stand for the women, any- they come to holes in their soles. And if, by any almost impossible chance, I have now gloves and hat and shoes at the same time, dt's because I'm making last year's suit go over." "You poor little Pa Wilfer!" Pen

"Who's Pa Wilfer?" asked Ballie "was one of the creations of a certain The first store on Main Street was Charles Dickens. And his modest

"Not if things keep on happening." and prices, going up till they hit the Starting at the east side of Main sky, and people getting married and

"It's a secret," Pan declared. "If I Hallie May promised. secret is, I don't!"

"You don't! "And the second part is," I'en pursued. "I hypnotize people." "Hypnotize them!"

"Exactly. Myself first of all. I won't allow myself to think about the shoes that I can't have, but I keep reminding myself how becoming my hat is. And I hold my head with such an air that people all have to look at that hat to see what makes me so puffed up about it. And so they forget to look at my shoes. Conversely, if shoes are my strong point, I subtly draw their attention from my face to my "I might have known you were teasing," Hallie May protested, "Yet," she added thoughtfully, "I don't know but what there's something it it, after all." "There's heaps in it." Pen assured her. "Especially if you keep your own thoughts well hypnotised first of

LEARNED THE POKER TRICK

all. Try it, Ballie May."

A judge tolls with relish of his encounter with a certain young matron it seems her husband had been spending most of his nights at the club and the lady hinted to his honor that one of these days she would bring the mat ter into court. The other day, however, encountering the judge on the street, she buttonholed him, saying "Judge, I'm so sorry I said all those things about my husband, /He can go to the club all he wants to, and I'll never say a word," "Why the change of heart?" asked the judge curiousty. "Well, the other night a burglar brokinto the house and my husband laid him out with a poker. I had heard that he was a poker expert and now understand. The dear boy has been spending his nights preparing for just such an entergency."

CHEAP ENOUGH

Magistrato-"How did you manage o extract the man's watch from his pocket when it was provided with a safety-catch? Prisoner-"Excuse me, sir, that is a professional secret. I am willing to teach you, however, for two guineas."

THOUSANDS TO THE GOOD

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THE PULL OF THE CROWD

"It isn't easy to withstand the pull of the crowd." Ho said a public speaker, not long since. No, it is not easy but it is precisely this power which, used aright, constitutes true greatness. greatnesses the statesman, and for a much larger number, the greatness of will the water have on it. What will the box, and very skulfully the coun- lural for young folks to seek associapharacter.

happen to it then? Won't it spoil?" | sel put the question to him. Had the tion and it is proper too. Writers "O, they all do it; it won't do to seem odd" is fatal to the development have only one answer: Did you ever of personality. The pull of the crowd hear of a skunk carrying an umbrella?" often loads men and wemen to living beyond their means. To lay by some thing for "a rainy day," to be able to help in the forms of service that are needful is surely better than to live at the limit of one's income, for the reason, forsooth, that others can afford more than we. The pull of the crowd sometimes prevents us from expressing our con-

city filmits he was confronted by a victions in matters of right and wrong sign which read: "Blood limit twenty We are afraid of open scorn or Ill miles un hour." concealed sarcasm. To be sure, it is neither necessary nor wise to go about the world tactionaly forcing our views upon othern; but there come times lever make it, but we'll do our dogwith us all when to keep silent is to gone best. Gee up, you laxy critters! give tacit consent to low standards, and other occasions when merely to regist the pull of the growd is not sufficient, when an open and decided protest is a brave, true act. There await our soldier lads in times of peace as great tests as they have experionced on the battle fields of France | only thinking of your love for me that of pork. The pull of the crowd will not always pulled me through after that last act as an impetus to the winning of wound." these moral victories; sometimes will even make them difficult-and ac fort to know I saved three poor felworth while. For, after all, it is weaklows in that way." ness that palls. "Give me to struggle that my soul may grow." It is not for our own good only that

we should resist the pull of the crowd It is worth something to have set others thinking. Nearly all forward steps have had their inception in the words and acts of those who have had courage to depart from beaten paths. Thera is in mankind a latent power of response to the good and true and noble which is capable of being fanned into is the part of superpower to supply that inspiration. This sort of super man, not Nietzcho's, he who aims t lift his fellows to a higher plane of living, that is, is certain after a time to gain recognition. Those who brave commonly accepted standards and customs that are wrong and evil, consistently resisting the pull of the crowd are eventually held in higher esteem if they had compromised conscience and stifled protest.

Our world more than ever to-day needs strong men and women. Resist the pull of the crowd-when it is wrong .-- Wilma Stubbe.

A LITTLE PRAISE HELPS

There is not one among us who does not crave the word of commendation and who would not quickly respond to a little praise. That man is a poor apostle of synshine who is forever criticizing your mistakes and is plous y silent touching you points of merit. The-man whom praise would inflate will finally blow up anyhow. We've got a notion that a recognition of marit spurs a man to the best that's in him. Silence at this point maps every ounce of inspiration and individuality dwindes to mere mechanical toll; and then you have reached the burying ground of dead hopes. It's a scheme that works; we've seen it work. The rightful mood of praise for duty well performed is the cry of every hones neart. To ignore it means a crucifixion; to recognize it means an ample and Joyous return. Try it out; that's

A REAL INDICATOR

A. South Caroline man claims to have made a substantial contribution to the movement for the conservation of human life through the invention of a device which will boultively prevent accidents to automobiles at grade crossings. The working of the attachment is simple and is explained by the inventor as follows: "While the car is running 16 miles an hour a white bulb shows on the

radiator, at 25 miles a green buib appears, at 40 a red bulb, and when the driver begins to but 'em out around ia our porte: the seat plays 'Nearer My God, to

HIS HARD LOY

With the idea of bringing his bustness knowledge up to date, Bandy McFee left his village shop in charge of his wife and went to Clasgow. He got an introduction to the manager of a big city store, and began to ank questions, mainly as to the profibe

ow man, "they vary, of course. On no articles we get ten per cent., and get only one, for if I buy an article for

IUDAI

DE SCENT OF RAIN NEVER

BOTHERED HIM

A furrier was selling a coat to a

rain," asked the woman, "What effect

WOULD DO HIS BEST

Ham Hodge came down from the

beart of the clay belt mountains with

Bam's ox-team had had a weary two-

days' pull, and when Bam reached the

He pulled his whiskers mediatively

"Well, I know darned well we'll

nd then drawled out to his oxen:

RATHER FREE WITH ABSENT

TREATMENT

The Lady-"Yes, it is such a com-

The Holdler-"I am positive it

London Idean.

load of produce.

"Hut suppose I get it wet in the kinsed the fair lady.



A POSER OR COUNSEL

The case looked black against the

soman customer. "Yes, ma'am," he suit, and out of the mouths of various how shall young people find opportuni-

"Madam," answered the furtier, "L'witnesses spoken the truth regarding have recognized the need but we have

"Had to do it!" bellowed the coun-

well, what would you have done?"

SKIM MILK AND BUTTERMILK

When akim milk or buttermilk

dressed pork and that only when fed

with corn, while 100 pounds of skim

tage cheese. One pound of cottage

cheese possesses as much nutritive

value for the human body as I pound

Remember, if you want an economi

ral lunch and at the same time

perfectly balanced diet in that lunch

for your children or for yourself, just

milk will produce 15 pounds of cot-

his osculatory performances?

You see, I had to do it."

The sounsel sat down.

said: "I guarantee this to be genuine witnesses it had been proved that he des for wholesome and same diquise.

skunk for that will wear for years." had on no fewer than 1.367 times ment? The skating rink offers about

defendant. It was a breach of promise buman problems are renewed again-

Now the defendant himself was in the mingling of the sexes. It is ha

"Yes; that's right," he admitted popular acceptance. Private parties

sel. "How, sir? What do you mean? bastimes in towns and villages- young

Will you kindly explain to the jury?" people in particular, who have no

"Well, you see," the young man an- homes and no place that invites them

wered, not in the least embarrass- except the streets. Such have no pro-

ed: "I either had to keep on kissing, per place to apend evenings under

her, or else let her sing, and or | wholesome auspices except a few that

used for feeding hogs for pork printing. side of the cork. Two plas would be

tion it has been found that 100 pounds sufficient, bed they should be placed

of skim milk will produce 4 pounds of at right angles to each other.

THE LONG EVENINGS

the daly healthy winter enjoyment for

seen no good suggestion that will find

might undertake to realize the idea of

bringing young folk togother for noclat

churches offer. The whole question is

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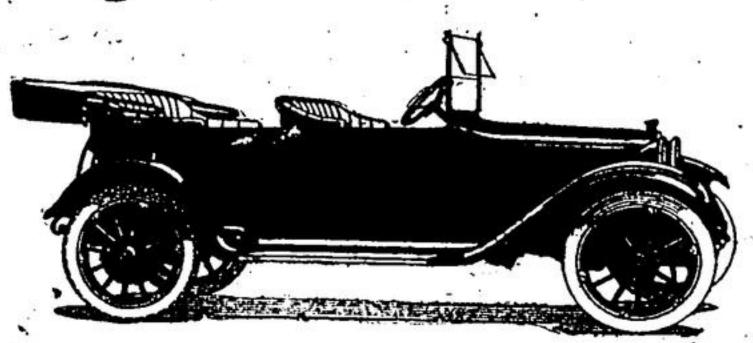
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