STRANGER THAN FICTION.

HUSBAND AND WIFE UNITED AFTER FORTY YEARS.

Both Had Married, But Now They Are Together and Happy—One of the Strangest Cases on Record.

A story of life more strange than plots dreamed of by novelists has been made known in Allegheny, by the arrival from England of a woman who came to join her husband whom she had not seen for 42 years. During their long separation the wife remarried and the husband took a second wife. Now, each of these later partners have died and the couple have been reunited for life. A stranger part of the tale is that their daughter, while she mourned her father as dead, married the son of her mother's then living husband. This couple is separated now by the antipathy to the daughter's husband shown the father.

Forty-six years ago, at Cowan, near Sutton, Yorkshire, England, Thomas Davey, a young shoemaker, selected as a life partner the belle of the town, a handsome young woman, who had been courted by all the young men in the vicinity. After their marriage they lived most happily together, and two children, Elizabeth and Edward, were born. But Davey had ambitions to be rich and believed that fortune

WOULD NOT COME

to him in England. After a long consultation with his young wife, who had then been his bride but four years, it was decided that he should come to America. This was with the expectation that as soon as he was able he would send to England for the wife and children.

Davey, after landing at New York in 1854, went first to Pottsville, where he remained some time, but prospered there little better than he had done in his native country. After several months he received no letters from home, and then came the information, which was told him by a friend who had just arrived from England, that his wife had died, and that his children were being cared for by his relatives. The information saddened him, and he drifted aimlessly in the anthracite coal region. Then he went to Allegheny, where he opened a shoe shop on Lacock street.

From that time on the man prospered. Slowly, but surely he began to accumulate money, and it was not long until he had

PURCHASED THE PROPERTY

where his shop was. So busy was he in his endeavors to amass a fortune that he ceased to write to his relatives in England. He continued making and repairing shoes and buying small editions to his property. At the expiration of over 20 years in Allegheny, and never having heard from his brother or children, Davey turned his thoughts to a second marriage. He had met a widow, Bessie Spencer, who then was keeping a small restaurant on Water street, Pittsburg, and paid court to her. They were married and joined their possessions, making a sum which almost equaled $10,000. They lived happily together in the old house on Lacock street. About five years ago Davey built the house he lives in, at the corner of Rebecca and Corry streets, in the First Ward, and took his second wife there.

One of Davey's intimate friends was Frederick Smith, a retired furniture manufacturer and seller, who resided at 183 Lacock street. Smith was partially familiar with the history of Davey. Two years ago last June, while the second Mrs. Davey was alive, Smith and wife went for a visit to

THEIR NATIVE HOME,

Dewsbury, Lancashire, England. While they were there Smith received a letter from Davey, making kindly inquiries of his health and telling him of his property affairs in Alleghany. He added a postscript, requesting Smith to go to Cowan and to make inquiries of his brother John as to the whereabouts of his two children.

Smith did as he was requested. He found on a visit to Cowan that John Davey was dead, but John's son took him to the house of another brother, William. Smith told William that he had met his brother Thomas in America, and, that he was well and prospering. The information was so surprising to William that his disbelief was expressed in an emphatic manner. "You are a liar," he said to Smith, "and the man who says he is my brother is an imposter. Why our Tom has been dead for 30 years."

Smith showed Tom the letter in his brother's handwriting, and convinced him of the truth of what he had said. Then William took Smith to the home of Thomas's wife, and there a complication of

STRANGER INTEREST

was developed. Mrs. Davey, believing herself a widow, had married John Briggs, and was a widow the second time. From the original Mrs. Davey and her daughter Elizabeth, now grown to mature womanhood, Smith learned their story.

After her husband's departure Mrs. Davey had written regularly to him at Pottsville, and his letters in reply had always been of the most affectionate nature. Then they ceased altogether, without any explanation. After waiting for five years to hear from him, several letters having been returned unopened, it was decided that he had died, and the wife married Briggs, a widower, who had a son named John. Edward Davey, the son whom Thomas had left behind died at an early age, leaving Mrs. Davey only her daughter, Elizabeth, to comfort her in her sorrow.

After the marriage of Mrs. Davey to Briggs the two children by their former marriages were brought to live with the couple, and soon there sprang up an attachment between them, which terminated in

THEIR MARRIAGE.

When five years ago John Briggs died, his widow as she was supposed to be, went to live with her daughter and step-son-in-law. This was the condition of affairs that Smith found when he went to England.

On Smith's return to this country, and after he had related all the particulars to Davey, the latter was almost distracted over the condition of affairs. With his first wife the widow of a second husband, his daughter the wife of this other man's son and he the husband of another woman, his affairs could not have been more complicated.

On July 18, 1895, the second Mrs. Davey died without having borne her husband any children. Davey had prospered further, and the $10,000 he had when he married Mrs. Spencer grew until it was more than $60,000. He has houses in the First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth Wards, and his rentals every month bring him in a goodly sum. But he was 71 years old, had forgotten the face of his daughter, had been separated from his wife for 41 years, and was lonely.

He sought the aid of Smith again, and through him opened negotiations for the

COMING TO AMERICA

of his wife, his daughter and her husband. Smith sent the money to them. At this time Davey was on what he believed to be his deathbed, and he made a will, giving all his property to his daughter. Smith, in writing to her, told her to bring her mother's marriage certificate and the register of her birth and christening, so that, in the event of Davey's death before her arrival, she could get the estate.

The result of these negotiations were that, on last Thanksgiving Day, Davey's daughter and her husband, with their children arrived in this country. Davey's wife could not then bring herself to a point where she could meet her former husband, but she promised that she might do so at some future time.

All did not go well after the arrival of the younger couple. The old man thought a great deal of his daughter, but every time he looked at her husband he saw in him the image of the man who had been his wife's husband. So strong did his dislike for the young man grow that the latter was finally compelled to leave his home and return to England, his wife, however, remaining in this country with her father. Briggs is now living at 23 Belfield Old Road, Rockdale, Lancashire.

MANY LETTERS

were sent to the original Mrs. Davey, and finally she consented to join her husband here. She arrived 10 days ago, and the pathetic meeting that occurred cannot be described. Davey is now 72 years of age, and his wife is only two years his junior. The explanations that were made on both sides were perfectly satisfactory, and the couple are now living under the same roof, with their daughter at their side.

At Davey's home the other evening a reporter had a conversation with the daughter, Mrs. Briggs. She gave in outline the strange complications which have arisen in the lives of her parents. They are happy now, and mean that nothing shall part them. Having been once married Mrs. Briggs said, they did not think it necessary to go through the ceremony again. Her father's health has greatly improved, she said, and the look of care has been taken from her mother's face. As for Mrs. Briggs her only sorrow is that she is separated from her husband, and is thus experiencing some of the misfortunes that her parents have gone through.

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whole body seemed racked with pain to such an extent that it is impossible for me to describe it. I got so low that the doctor who was attending me lost hope, but suggested calling in another doctor for consultation. I begged them to give me something to deaden the terrible pain I endured, but all things done for me seemed unavailing. After the consultation was ended my doctor said to me, you are a great sufferer, but it will not be for long. We have tried everything; we can do no more. I had therefore to prepare myself for death, and would have welcomed it as a relief to my suffering, were it not for the thought of leaving my husband and child. When my husband heard what the doctors said, he replied then we will at once go back to Canada, and weak and suffering as I was we returned to our old home. Friends here urged that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills be tried and my husband procured them. After taking them for some weeks I rallied, and from that on I constantly improved in health. I am now entirely free from pain. I can eat well and sleep well, and am almost as strong as ever I was in my life, and this renewed health and strength I owe to the marvellous powers of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and in gratitude I urge all sick people to try them.

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WOMEN'S EARLY INVENTIONS.

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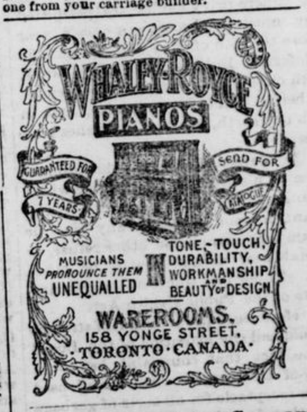

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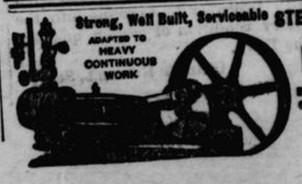
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