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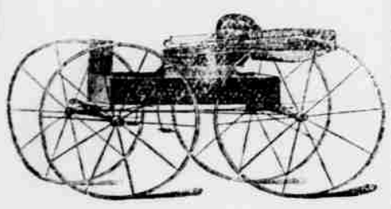

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"What makes you so confident?" queried the reporter.

"Why," quoth the undertaker, "the rich men die in winter and poor men in summer. As winter is coming on it follows naturally that we will have the remains of people belonging to rich families to bury. When I say that the rich die in winter and the poor in summer, I am prepared to give my reasons for that assertion. In the summer time rich men as a rule take it easy. They keep in the shade and spend their time at summer resorts, where they get plenty of fresh air. Poor people, on the other hand, remain at home. They work in the sun, live in basements and hot rooms, and enervate themselves until they take sick and die. It is a well-known fact that poor people as a rule have more children than rich people, and it is also a well known fact that the mortality among children is greater during the summer months than at any other season of the year. Men who work on high walls, as bricklayers, men who clean the streets and teamsters, as well as others who are exposed to the hot rays of a midsummer sun, are poor men, as a rule, who are compelled to work the year round for their daily bread. Rich men die in winter because they are subjected to dangers they take no precautions to avoid. Poor men suffer from exposure, yet their very hardships fit them for the sudden changes of the weather, which are almost constantly occurring. Rich people, wearing furs and heavy overcoats, crowd into overheated and badly ventilated theatres. When they come out they catch their death of cold. Rich people indulge in greater excesses in winter than in summer. They attend more balls and wine parties and lose more sleep in cold than in warm weather. There are many other reasons for the fact stated to you, but it is hardly worth while to enumerate them here. Suffice it to say that the undertakers have nearly all of their best paying funerals during the winter months."
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An Old Cook's Story.

No, ma,am—I never shall forget it until the end of my days. And oh! but that was a wild one, and a cruel day for master to be traveling as he was; and not in one of your comfortable cars, where you don't know whether its shining or pouring down, but in his own little open gig. You see, master was a doctor, and when he was sent for he must go, and this was a case that was very dangerous, and he must stay away all night, and only mistress and me in the house, and more money in it than ever was there before. For you see, Master Mullins, that was superintending the new works, had come down to pay the hands. He had traveled, armed, for many and many a mile, and he arrived, as you may see, a day too soon—that is, it was a Friday, and Saturday was to be pay day, of course.

"I want to go to see my old mother in her bit of a cottage on the lonely road," said Master Mullins to the doctor, "and that little house is no place for a sum that many a man has been murdered for. If I leave it here no one will know it. Yours is the best secured house anywhere for miles, and it will be off my mind;" and the doctor had shown him where to put it. And he had gone off to see the old mother; and now off was the doctor himself. And we women, my mistress and myself, alone. To be sure, the big stone house was so well locked and barred that it was next to impossible any one could get in, and there was no knowledge of anything more than usually valuable being there, so far as we knew. But somehow my heart was in a flutter. Maybe my mistress felt as I did, for she came and sat in the kitchen with me with her knitting, and told me I must come and sleep in the little room off hers that night.

That was at 4, and I remember how dark it was as the long clock began to whirr as it always did before striking, and then counted the hour out like so many pennies. And just as it stopped there came a knock at the door.

I went to open it, and there were two men with a wagon, and in the wagon a long bundle with something sewed up in a cloth.

"Mr. James live here?" says one of the men.

"He does," said I. "He's my master."

"Then," says the man, "here's a bundle for him."

"Bless us! it's big enough," says I.

"It is," said he. "Well, let's in with it, old lady. We'll put it in the corner of the hall. And your master left particular directions that it was not to be opened until he came. It's something that might be very much hurt if it wasn't opened right," says he—"a sort of surprise for your mistress."

"Well," says I, "I'll tell her what was said. And when did you see master?"

"At 9 this morning," says he.

"And what's in the bundle?"

"I don't know," says he. "The doctor was too wet to talk much. He was at ——;" he named a town the doctor was to ride through.

"But he was particular it should'nt be opened until he came," said the man. "I was to tell the lady that, with his love."

"Very well," says I, "I,ll tell her," and away he went, and I took the tea into the parlor and told my mistress what had happened, and she fell to wondering what it could be. "A roll of new curtain silk, perhaps," says she.

"It's too heavy for that," says I.

"A pair of mirrors," says she.

"It's too round for that," says I.

"Then I tell you it's the Turkey carpet I've wanted for the parlor this twelve months," says she; for in those days the Turkey carpet was the kind they most thought of.

"I think it's that, ma'am," says I.

So we talked it over. Servants lived a long while with ladies in those days, and were more thought of than they are now, and my mistress never made me feel as if I had no right to say a word to her of what was in my mind; and after tea was over she went out into the hall to look at the bundle, and I held the light before her. "It can't be anything but the carpet," says she, and she went close to it and put her hand on it. I saw har turn quite pale as she did so.

"Yes, it's the carpet," said she. "Let's go in; it's chilly."

Then she drew me back into the parlor, and when we were inside its door, locked it, and put her hand over my mouth.

"Don't speak or scream, whatever you think," said she. "If we wanted help now, how long would it take us to get it?"

"Three-quarters of an hour," said I.

"Then we must help ourselves," said she, whispering in my ear all the while. "Nanny, come out into the entry with me; stand behind me and hold the light high. Whatever I do, don't scream until it's over."

"Why, what do you mean, mistress?" said I.

"No matter," said she; "do as I bid you."

Then she took the master's big gun from over the mantlepiece and went out into the hall.

I began to think—it was quite dark by that time, you see—that she thought she heard some one at the door; but I did as I was bid, and stood behind her and held the light high; and what do you think my mistress did then? She lifted the gun to her shoulder, took aim, and fired straight into the bundle those men had left for master. She was a good shot, I've heard say, as any man. When she did so we heard a dreadful scream, and the bundle rolled over on the floor, and the next minute there was a great, red, wet spot on it. Then we heard a groan and everything was still.

"I knew there was a man in that bundle," said mistress, "as soon as I touched it. God grant I'm not a murderess."

And then, ma'am, I screamed and screamed as if I'd never stop.

It was an awful night. We dared not do anything to help the poor wretch in the bundle, lest he should have strength to kill us. And how my mistress tied a rope about the poor thing's arms, which we could see now through the cloth, I don't know, but at daybreak Master Mullins came and he called some men from Gregory's farm, and they undid the bundle, and out of it they took the worst-looking man I ever saw, with a black brow and a fierce eye, that made me know that but for his broken leg we'd not have lived to tell the story. And, indeed, he was one of a band of famous thieves that had, somehow, found out that Master Mullins had left his money with the doctor, and that the doctor was called away. He was to cut his way out of the bundle and rob the house that night, of course; and master and Master Mullins said that if my lady hadn't been the bravest lady living it would have been done.—Washington Republican.

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The Bottom Knocked Out of Cheat River.

From time immorial a huge limestone rock estimated to weigh 648,000 pounds, or 324 tons, has been sticking near the top of the mountain on the east side of Cheat river, a few miles below Kingswood, with no apparent support except a large tree which grew below it. On Saturday the 10th inst., a party went to the site to cut down the tree and see the rock tumble into the river. To the surprise of all when the tree was felled the rock failed, when some one suggested that the rock still had the same support it had while the tree was growing. The next idea was to procure tools and dig the earth away from it, shovels and picks were used till there seemed to be nothing to prevent its exit; a lever was prepared and the combined weight of several portly gentlemen on the lever started the rock from its resting. Slowly it moved at first, but faster, faster it went with a crash, crash, seldom equalled in the history of the world. Just think of a rock weighing 324 tons, rolling down an incline of 60 degrees for a distance of half a mile! Great trees were torn up by the roots and hurled into the air like twigs in a hurricane. At last with a tremendous crash it struck the river. It was but two minutes from the time the rock started till its landing. The party now went to view the boulder in its new resting place, but imagine their surprise on reaching the scene, to find the rock entirely disappeared, and a huge opening in the river bed into which the water of the river was rushing carrying saw logs, and everything of the sort headlong into the abyss. An immense cave was discovered in the vicinity a short time ago, which is supposed to be more extensive than the Mammoth Cave of Kentucky and it is supposed that the same cave extends under the river bed and that the roof had been worn so thin by the water inside that it could not bear the weight of the rock, with the force with which it fell. It is predicted that considerable time will be required to fill the cavern, should there be no outlet, and if there is it is possible that the river may always rush into the opening, and from henceforth be no more below that point.—Randolph (Va.) Enterprise.

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