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A RURAL ROMANCE.

A great burden of suspense has been lifted from the minds of the people of Conlin, Pa., and vicinity by the marriage of Anna Colbert, daughter of the well to do village tailor, Benjamin Colbert, to Anthony Fraley, a prosperous young builder. The bride is twenty years old, pretty and vivacious. The bridegroom is twenty-three. They were married by Dominie Blackbook on Friday morning. At first people refused to believe it, but when it became known that the event was an accomplished fact bonfires were almost entirely suspended in the village for half a day, so pleased was everybody that all hot air had not been used up in weeks nights wondering what pretty Miss Colbert and her lover would do next to furnish material subjects for gossip.

It was more than two years ago that Miss Colbert and Anthony Fraley became acquainted as friends. It was a case of reciprocal love at first sight, and the young man began making frequent calls on Miss Anna at her father's house. Fair Colbert was not long in learning that he was the daughter's lover should he, forsooth, Fraley then being only foreman of his father's carpenter, with no visible income, and he soon notified Anthony that he must cease his attentions to Anna, and ordered Anna to remain in future absentee from Anthony. Finding that nothing could change the old gentleman's determination, he changed his method of attack. "He will and her love added no sweet."

But that they managed to secure comfortable with each other was made manifest a few weeks later, when Miss Colbert was found missing from her home one day, and in her place was a note stating that the distress of her heart were so much stronger than her desire to obey the commands of her parent that she had eloped with Anthony Fraley and that they had gone away to get married.

Now, it had so happened that a week or so before the elopement Papa Colbert had hired Anthony Fraley half a dozen men to Pittsburg from where the young man had great expectations, and upon investigating the rumor he had found it to be based on a very solid foundation. The council a great manager he came over the scheming tailor's views on the subject of his daughter's marital prospects, and he was on the eve of announcing to her that he had repented of separating her and her lover, and that they might resume their tender relations, when the elopement was announced to him in his daughter's note. The tailor was of the very wrath variety, and the first thing people knew it was announced that Anna Colbert and Anthony Fraley were to be married on Friday, July 31, and on that day were.

Such is the romance that has kept the people of this place more than busy for two years, the denouement to which has lifted a great burden of suspense from their minds, and carried joy to the heart of Tobias Benjamin Colbert.—New York World.

Tobacco Tax.

English footballs in Norway are reported to be not a little perplexed by the peculiarities of the game. At home they are accustomed to a uniform time, calculated for the meridian of Greenwich; but in Norway every town adopts its own solar time, hence football matches are gradually appearing to be scarce. The telegraph offices and the railways that happen to be in connection with Christiania regulate themselves, it is true, by Christiania time, but the only time the secretaries, for all the other railways, together with the steamers, stay punctually by local time. To add still further to his bewilderment, an enemy from the frontier crossed the frontier than the Swedish railway time, which is eighteen minutes different from Christiania time, comes into use.

In Bergen unfortunate strangers who have arrived their watches by the town or parochial clock are constantly rushing to the telegraph office only to find that it is about in accordance with Christiania time. The unlucky British tourist who spends so much of his time and money in Norway in these days might fairly ask for a little more consideration. The Norwegians themselves are subject to a uniform time according to the meridian of Christiania.—New York Recorder.

Remarkable Vitality of Seed.

It has been claimed that the seeds taken from ancient Egyptian tombs are capable of growth, but proof of the claim is lacking. It has been demonstrated, however, that seeds of a very great age are capable of development. Raspberries have been raised from seed taken from the coffins of a time who died during the time of the Emperor Hadrian, who reigned in the second century of our era. Tomb of the Kings, opening into now life after lying dormant sixteen centuries.—St. Louis Republic.

American Entomology.

At the eighteenth annual meeting of American entomologists the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, J. Van Lindley, North Carolina; vice president, W. J. Peters, Ohio; secretary, C. A. Green, New York; treasurer, G. A. White, Dakota. Executive committee: W. Dodge, Alaska; W. C. Berry, New [illegible]; J. G. Carpenter, Nebraska. The next meeting is to be held at Atlanta.

Things Told by Horticulturists.

California Fruit Growers' sales effected to Hanford a Sunflower, a new cherry named for the owner of the tree which has the first time pass into fruit this year. The fruit has the flavor of the Black Tartarian, but lacks of the color of the Royal Anne. The Brown is a very heavy

"I happened to think," he replied, "it was only meant to run, and we had let her wait."

Without another word the pleased Miss Colbert drove on home, and her lover followed leisurely.

The account from one of the tales a daughter who did not surprise this old gentleman, for he suspected she had come to plead for forgiveness and reconciliation. Before she had time to say a word he blurted her out with:

"I know every one did it in the way, but I forgive you both. Send for your husband."

So when the father was told the truth he was well, and splendid his daughter for her faithfulness. From that day for weeks, greatly to the amazement of Anthony Fraley, Anna's father used every means to ingratiate the stalwart and handsome young lover into Anna would not yield, and declared that she would never agree one or speak to Anthony. On the contrary, she openly accepted the attentions of Jessie Johnson, a widower, twice her age. In the meantime Fraley had repented of his harshness in pressuring himself on Anna on the day of the elopement, and persistently endeavored to obtain his former sweetheart's forgiveness, but she would not even agree to speak, although they were aided by the efforts of her father. Six months after her elopement and its peculiar ending, she told her father that she intended to marry Widower Johnson. As Widower Johnson was by no means a prepossessing man and had five children, one nearly as old as Miss Colbert, every one knew that the girl was going to marry for money.

No one knew this better than Anthony Fraley, and he made up his mind to prevent the wedding. He chose a singular way of doing it. He went to Johnson and told him that if he married Anna Fraley he would shoot him dead on his wedding day. Whether Johnson was not a man of particularly strong personal courage, and Fraley's manner was so determined and so sure that he was sincerely in earnest, Miss Colbert, every one knew that the girl was going to marry Widower Johnson.

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