

# THE EVENING NEWS.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 1872.

IN HIS OWN HOUSE.  
TO DEATH.  
[CONCLUDED.]

The unhappy man takes comfort from fate too soon in the matter, for it's a swing-making, and the dastardly furies are not immediately tolerated in the new house itself; they know how to terrorize the miserable owner elsewhere into reader future hospitality.

"The four insurance agents, a patent fence and wash-tub man, and six lightning-rod men, called at the store to see about insuring, fencing, washtubbing, &c., and robbing me into a life of happiness and comfort." Mr. Jones, my employer, said. "You must not have your friends visit you during business hours, James," which made me so vexed, said \* \* \*."

DESPERATE SCENES OF VIOLENCE.

Next follow dreadful scenes of actual violence in this strange, pathetic story of house-owning life, succeeded by an entry neopetal with strategical confidence:

"To day everything ran like clock-work until I arrived at home, when I found a team of dashing horses had run to a couple of dwarfs, perched on the front yard, and a light wagon filled with children and things stood in the middle of a bed of fuchsias and geraniums, a bundle of the yellow variety, and with teeth like a coarse-cut saw, smiled at me from the door step, while two men upon the roof were busy tearing off shingles and driving hooks into the chimney. I made a careful detour, and entered my house to find a black-whiskered chap, smelling strongly of patchouli, leaning lovingly over Angeline's shoulder, while she was engaged in prancing on a sewing machine. 'What is all this? What is all that is cheery down this way?' said I. 'Ah!' replied old Patchouli, with a leer at my wife, your husband, I presume. The fact is, sir, your wife—a devilish fine woman, by the way, has decided to purchase one of our double-treadle reversible sewing machines, and will not run down at the heel sewing machine. But I fear—why repeat what followed? My entry in this journal to-day will be brief but to the point. I am wearing a saddle-rock oyster over my eye. Angeline is in tears and in bed, with a strong odor of camphor about her person. But no back-action now; we have to pay the rent of my house, and were it not for the present condition of my boxer-bed, and few displaced shingles on the roof, one would never dream that two able-bodied lightning-rod men had attempted to go through me yesterday. I must organize for war, however, on the Prussian plan. Peace exists in our household once more, and I am safe again, and we have formed an alliance for offensive purposes against all enemies to our peaceful home and happiness. A 'small-pox' sign kept the agents away for two days, but the milkman and postman also forsook us, and we were forced to take it down. Since then, by keeping the doors doubly locked and using a system of countersigns and raps when members of the family desired ingress or egress, the obtrusive visitors were kept at bay."

VAIN HOPES.

Value the hero here entertained. Even after expelling a "patent-lightning-rod man," who had attacked him by climbing in at a window, and having the window itself fitted with iron bars, the luckless liver in his own house was doomed to endure another peasant:

"My little boy awakened me this morning by exclaiming, 'Oh, papa, come here to the window, there is a circus out here, and I want to see the elephant.' I did as requested, but what juvenile innocence had mistaken for a 'show' was a whole lot of glistening wagons with the horses harnessed to my palely painted picket fence. Reclining on my green and grassy lawn were forty-three lightning-rod men, each with a sample of their wares in one hand, and a tight note in the other for the unlucky victim to sign if he could not pay cash. While I was thinking what to do, up drove seven sewing machine men, each with a machine strapped in the hind end of his pants, and while they commenced to unload, another company came to a halt. A scuffling sound also emanated from the fireplace in the parlor at this juncture, and upon investigation I found a life insurance man tightly wedged in the opening, head downward. I did not go to my place of business today—not a member of my family desired out of the house, and now, at 10 o'clock P.M., hear the crowd outside, and know that it has not diminished."

THE END APPROACHES RAPIDLY NOW, AND THE CONCLUDING PASSAGE OF THIS "Diary" SHOWS THE OVERHEATED MIND BREAKING DOWN AT LAST UNDER A BURDEN OF MISERY GREATER THAN IT CAN BEAR.

"Three days in my house and most out of food. The letter carrier shoved a note from my employers through the hole of this window, which informed me I had been discharged for shirking work and going to pieces. I only smiled a sardonically smile as I read it. The twins clamored for milk last night, and I slipped out in the darkness to milk the cow. I found a sewing machine man tacking his cards on her ribs, her tail had been pricked and docked, and a lightning rod with a silver-point extended along its surface. She was as dry as a powderhorn, and in returning to the house I met with the captain of a down-insurance man, and barely escaped with my life. I can't stand this much longer. My wife always knew she made a mistake in marrying me. To-night I will end this miserable existence. If I could only go out West and buy a farm, but even then I would soon be swept by the invading hordes of agents into the Pacific."

Mr. Jones' story—the story of life in one's own house—is told. The Leader reporter's language, in powerful allusion to the aquatic death-scene, is too beautiful to be improved—"He sleeps perchance with the waves of the canal unminified by the world; and when claims of trade that pass and repass over him like heads not the proud ship, laden with hoop poles, as she careers before the gale that strikes her in the stern and forces her ahead; nor the curse of her commander at the guns that follow him like rope to accost him on his heels."

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Pioneer Line of Utah

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