

A HOUSE WHERE MEN NEVER LAUGH.

How do you think you would like to live fearing every moment to be blown up; not daring to speak loud, to jar any thing, for fear of starting an explosion that would send you in an instant to the other world?

You don't think it would be very pleasant? Well, it isn't; yet hundreds of men live just in that state, work, receive pay, and live year after year in the very sight of death, as it were; all that the world may have gunpowder.

You can easily guess that those men go about quietly and never laugh.

You know that gunpowder is very dangerous in a gun, or near a fire, but perhaps you don't know that it is equally dangerous all through the process of making. A powder mill is a fearful place to visit, and strangers are very seldom allowed to enter one. They are built far from any town, in the woods, and each branch of the work is done in a separate building. These houses are quite a distance from each other, so that if one blows up it wouldn't blow up the rest. Then the lower parts of the building are made very strong, while the roofs are very lightly set on so that if it explodes only the roof will suffer. But, in spite of every care, sometimes a whole settlement of the powder mills will go off almost in an instant, and every vestige of the toil of years will be swept away in a few seconds.

But, though you feel like holding your breath to look at it, it is really a very interesting process to see. It is made, perhaps you know, of charcoal, saltpetre and brimstone. Each of those articles is prepared in a house by itself; but the house where they are mixed is the first terrible one. In this building is an immense mill-stone, rolling round and round in an iron bed, and under the stone are put the three fearful ingredients of gunpowder. There they are thoroughly mixed and ground together. This is a very dangerous operation, because if the stone comes in contact with its iron bed it is very apt to strike fire, and the merest suspicion of a spark would set off the whole. The materials are spread three or four inches thick in the bed; the wheel, which goes by water power, is started, and every man leaves the place. The door is shut, and the machinery left to do its terrible work alone. When it has run long enough the mill is stopped and the men come back. This operation leaves the powder in hard lumps or cakes.

The next house is where the cakes are broken into grains, and, of course, is quite as dangerous as the last one. But the men can't go away from this; they are obliged to attend to it every moment, and you may be sure no laugh or joke is ever heard within its walls. Every one who goes in has to take off his boots and put on rubbers, because one grain of the dangerous powder, crushed by a boot, would explode the whole in an instant.

The floor of this house is covered with leather, and is made perfectly black by the dust of gunpowder. It contains a set of sieves, each one smaller than the last, through which the powder is sifted, and an immense laboring mill, where it is ground up, while men shovel it in with wooden shovels. The machinery makes a great deal of noise, but the men are silent, as in the other houses. The reckless crashing of the machinery even seems to give greater horror, and one is very anxious to get out of that house.

The stoving-house is the next on the list and there the gunpowder is heated on wooden trays. It is very hot, and no workmen stay there. From there it goes to the packing-house, and it is put up in barrels, kegs and canisters.

Safely through all these houses, it goes at last to the storehouse.

One feels like drawing a long breath to see the fearful stuff safely packed away out of the hands of men, in this curious house.

"You've heard of things being as dry as a powder house, but you wouldn't think this house very dry. It is almost imbedded in water. The roof is one big tank kept full of water. Did you ever hear of a water-roof before? Instead of steps to go in, there are shallow tanks of water, through which every one must walk to the door.

In none of these powder houses is any light ever allowed except sunlight. The wages are good, the day's work is short, ending always at 3 or 4 o'clock. But the men have a serious look, that makes one think every moment of the danger and glad to get away.

Though curiosity may take a man once to visit a powder-mill, he has no desire to go the second time; and he feels all the rest of his life that for once he has been very near death.—*Ex.*

A TRAVELER'S ADVENTURE.

See what confusion may be produced by the unaided inaction of one under certain favorable circumstances. Not long since, a traveler, patiently awaiting in the station of Gazzada, in Italy, for the departure of the train for Varese, chanced to fall asleep. The train arrived and passed on, and our traveler still peacefully slumbered. But by and by he awoke to find all the doors of the station locked, the lamps extinguished, and the attendant gone home. The hour was the ghostly hour of one o'clock. A silence as of death prevailed. He became frightened, lit the gas, and beat against the doors, with loud cries calling for relief. The watchman of the station, terrified at the clamor, was convinced that the station was besieged by a band of robbers. He seized his revolver, and with frantic eagerness, repeatedly fired into vacancy, while his wife gave the alarm to the villagers, by crying aloud, "Thieves! assassins!" Here was a cheerful situation truly for our sleepy traveler. The inhabitants of Gazzada ran—that is to say, no, they did not run; they content themselves with counting, with a shiver, the reports of the revolvers, which succeed each other with a frightful rapidity. But finally numbers prevailed over fear. They arm themselves with guns, swords, and clubs, and take up their march for the station. Here those with guns rained in a concentrated fire upon the station without knowing what was the matter. The unhappy traveler, who had been in such a hurry to get out, took refuge under a bench in order to avoid the balls that whistled around him. This scene, strange as it may seem, lasted two hours, and was finally brought to a close when the ammunition of the assailing party was exhausted. Then the watchman posted his men at all exits, and in a loud voice demanded the brigands to surrender themselves. At this invitation our traveler, with hands clasped in humble entreaty, issued with trembling steps from the building.

SENATORIAL SECRETS.

Many Senators, sensible of the needs of the times, are rather glad than otherwise that their secrets do get out. In fact, by a sort of passive policy, they oftentimes greatly assist and immensely benefit the country in the procurement of essential news. A year or two ago, a momentous question was before the Senate, and the utmost secrecy was observed regarding it. Correspondents were in distress over it. It seemed impossible to get at the facts, until at length one, more determined than the rest, called at the residence of a well-known Senator, and, stating the exigencies of the case, begged the favor of the honorable gentleman's assistance. It was in the Senator's library, and no third party was present.

"Very well, sir," said Mr. —; "I see you are anxious to get at the document. Do you see that safe in the corner?"

The correspondent saw it. "Well, sir," proceeded the Senator, with dignity, "that safe this morning contained it."

"And that key?" "There is a bunch of keys, sir, on that table," pointing to an oval marble. I am going out to Senator B—. I may not return in an hour.

And the honorable gentleman went out. When he returned the correspondent was playing with the bunch of keys on the table.

WANTED AGENTS!

\$100 to \$250 per month, everywhere, male and female, to introduce the latest improved most simple and perfect

SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINE

ever invented. We challenge the world to compete with it. Price only \$18.00 and fully warranted for five years, making the Elastic Lock Stitch, alike on both sides. The same as all the high priced Shuttle machines.

Also, the celebrated and latest improved Common Sense Family Sewing Machine.

Price only \$15.00, and fully warranted for five years. These machines will Stitch, Hem, Fell, Tuck, Quilt, Cord, Bind, Braid and Embroider in a most superior manner. And are warranted to do a work that can be done on any high priced machine in the world. For Circulars and terms, address, S. WYNKOOP & CO., 2054 Ridge Avenue, or P. O. Box 2726, Philadelphia, Pa. w22 3m

Z. C. M. I.

WHOLESALE DRY GOODS

DEPARTMENT,

UP STAIRS, EMPORIUM BUILDINGS.

A full first-class Stocks of

STAPLE DRY GOODS

NOTIONS, BOOTS AND SHOES, AT LOW PRICES!!

Wholesale Buyers and Co-operative Dealers, please inspect.

Retail Dep't,

EMPORIUM BUILDINGS.

THE FINEST DISPLAY

AND

Assortment of Goods

We cut in any lengths, at a small advance on wholesale.

This is the Department for Families.

GROCERY AND HARDWARE

DEPARTMENT,

Constitution Buildings.

Purchasers can here find

An IMMENSE STOCK

And in each branch a Great Variety.

IMPLEMENTS, TOOLS and MACHINERY,

All on the premises.

Miners' Supplies a Specialty.

CLOTHING

DEPARTMENT.

HOME-MADE

AND

IMPORTED!!

Manufactured from

HOME-MADE,

FRENCH,

GERMAN,

ENGLISH and

AMERICAN

FABRICS

Fine Cassimeres, Cloths and Trimmings

On hand for Gentlemen ordering their own

First-class Fitters and Workmen to fill all orders promptly.

DRUG DEP'T.

FANCY AND STAPLE

DRUGS,

Patent Medicines,

Perfumery.

Liquors in great variety

English Ale and Porter, Averill Paint, White Lead, Oils, Colors, Glass, etc.

Prescriptions from Physicians will have special attention.

H. B. CLAWSON Supt.

NOTICE.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. That where-as cash entry No. 907, for the Townsite of Peoa, Summit Co. Utah Territory, made June 21, 1872, embracing the following described lands, to wit: N E 1/4 of Sec. 23, W 1/4 of S E 1/4 and N E 1/4 of S E 1/4 of Sec. No. 23, in Township 1, South of Range No. 5 East, containing 208 acres, has been made in trust for the inhabitants thereof, and is now ready to be disposed of in lots to any person or persons entitled thereto.

All persons claiming to be owners or possessors of any portion of said entry, will take due notice and make the application as provided in the statutes of Utah.

E. A. HINKLEY, Probate Judge. w 20 3m

LA BELLE WAGONS.

FACTORY ESTABLISHED 1863, AT FOND DU LAC, WISCONSIN.

All Work Warranted for One Year.

FARMERS & FREIGHTERS, ATTENTION

WE are now receiving a full supply of these Superior Farm and Freight Wagons. The La Belle Wagons have been thoroughly tested the past season in the canyons and in heavy freighting between Salt Lake City and Pioche, and have given the best of satisfaction in all uses and for light draft they cannot be beaten. The timber is of the very best quality from Northern Wisconsin and from three to four years seasoned. As the Factory builds nothing but Farm and Freight Wagons, the timber is carefully selected, and only the best put into Wagons.

Dry Wagon Stock of all Kinds for Sale.

Depot 1 1/2 Blocks South of Theatre, State Road

C. H. DeGROAT, Agent.

Salt Lake City, March 12, 1872 w19 6m

NOTICE!

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN. That cash entry for the Townsite of Geoben, Utah Co. Utah Territory, made July 8, 1872 embracing the following described lands, to wit: The S E of S E 1/4 - c. 11, S W of S W 1/4 Sec. 17, N W of N W 1/4 Sec. 13, N E of N E 1/4 Sec. 14, Township 10 South of Range 1 West, containing 160 acres, has been made in trust for the inhabitants thereof, and is now ready to be disposed of in lots to any person or persons entitled thereto.

All persons claiming to be owners or possessors of any portion of said entry, will take due notice and make the application as provided in the statutes of Utah.

GEO. W. BEAN, Probate Judge. Provo City, July 9, 1872. w23 3m

J. M. JOELSON,

Dealer in

FURNITURE,

And Manufacturer of

Upholstery, Mattresses, &c.,

GROESBECK CORNER, Opposite the

WHITE HOUSE,

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

w49 6f

THE SCUTLER WAGON.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

IN order to correct the false reports that have been freely circulated by parties interested in injuring my business, that all my stock of Wagon material was destroyed by fire, October 9th, 1871, I invite all those who may have an opportunity to call and examine my stock at the following places viz:

Warehouse 94 and 96 South Clinton St., Lumber Yard cor. Monroe & Clinton-sts, Lumber Yard 89 to 95 South Clinton-st, Lumber Yard 150 to 156 West Adam-st. All outside the burnt district, where I still have a thoroughly seasoned stock of timber for 25,000 Wagons yet on hand and am daily adding to my already large stock of material, which will warrant me in saying that I have a stock of Wagon Lumber superior to any, and all other manufacturers, in the North-west. For further information address P. SCUTLER, 410 Mo. Ave-st., Chicago, Ill. or Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution, Salt Lake City, Utah.

GEO. A. LOWE, Corinne, Utah. w26 1m a

GRAEFENBERG FAMILY MEDICINES

HAVE been known and used with wonderful success for over Twenty five years. They are certainly the most reliable of any in the world.

Graefenberg Vegetable Pills are exceedingly mild in their action and will cure Diseases of Digestion, Biliousness, Headache and Liver Complaints.

Graefenberg Marshall's Uterine Catholicon, a great remedy for Female Weakness.

Graefenberg Children's Panacea, a safe medicine for diseases to which children are subject.

Graefenberg Dysentery Syrup, certain in all Bowel Complaints. These remedies should be in every household. They are all entirely Vegetable.

For Sale by Druggists. Get an Almanac and Pamphlet.

GRAEFENBERG CO.

w15 13-Willam-st., N. Y.

A. T. GREEN,

Commission Merchant

and

Purchasing Agent,

No. Front Street, San Francisco Cal. 45th and p