

# BILL NVE AS A FIREMAN.

### THE PRECARIOUS CONDITION OF THE VILLAGE OF BILGIEWATER.

William gives a brief insight into the harrowing relationship between the department and Mr. Teeter—Life as a Volunteer Fireman.

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A very disastrous fire occurred night before last in the village of Bilgewater, on Staten Island, destroying valuable property belonging to our fellow townsman, Mr. Oscar Teeter, whose summer home is at Jansenhurst-by-the-Sea, and who spends the winter here. Mr. Teeter belongs to one of our best families—de Holland, and also to a family of high social position, and the latter of which points with pardonable pride, in spite of his well decked and wind-torn tail, to his lineage high.

A few days ago, only two uniforms for the company. The company soon arrived, but the engine of course had not yet reached the disgusting episode, or holocaust. The fire began to take shape about 8 o'clock, when the flames had reached the top of the building, and had used up the winter's kindling wood, baked the Rhode Island greens, worms and all, skinned up the hollow trunk of the dining table, and in the dining room—by Prang—raised a blister on the face of the clock and scorched one of its little hands, seemed to laugh mockingly at the company, and then went into the pantry and exploded a pie.

Now we can hear the pulsing beat of the hearts of those who are coming to the rescue from Totteville pulling an engine. The face has eaten out the whole interior of the structure, having gutted the entire house, and wound up by changing the clock hands for two squares. As the roof falls in the Wet Spell Engine company, of Totteville, and the Rise-Up-William-Riley-and-Come-Along-With-the-Hook-and-Ladder-Truck company, of the same village, are all untiringly watching the fire, some are looking on, not being more than mere enquiring acquaintances of the trustee.

Some delay is experienced in finding the wrench, but at last it is secured, and a desirable connection made with an eligible hydrant, and the engine starts.

No sooner is the apparatus ready than an opprobrious epithet is hurled at the company by one of the rebellious firemen of the village of Bilgewater, hitting the back of the ear, and another the nose in ejaculating the remark "Get it!" The hose is turned on the rude person and held there till the fire has gone out.

We as a village of 17,000 people may learn a valuable lesson from the above episode of voluntarism, and we must not fool with fire, and in the second place we must not fool with a volunteer fire department. While the two companies, Teeter's and the other, were engaged in their own consciences, which is supposed to go to the fire department, but this year they do not hand it over without the duly received money has not been misappropriated. This makes the fire ladies hot, for they own their machines and board themselves. A fire lady later on in his indignation sings out, "It is a disgrace to see a man like you in a fire department."

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At this moment a hose cart was heard on Westervet avenue, running at a high rate of speed, and soon the beautifully clocked horse of Reoclatright Horse Company No. 2 drove in sight, but lost some time by stopping to ask a pedestrian

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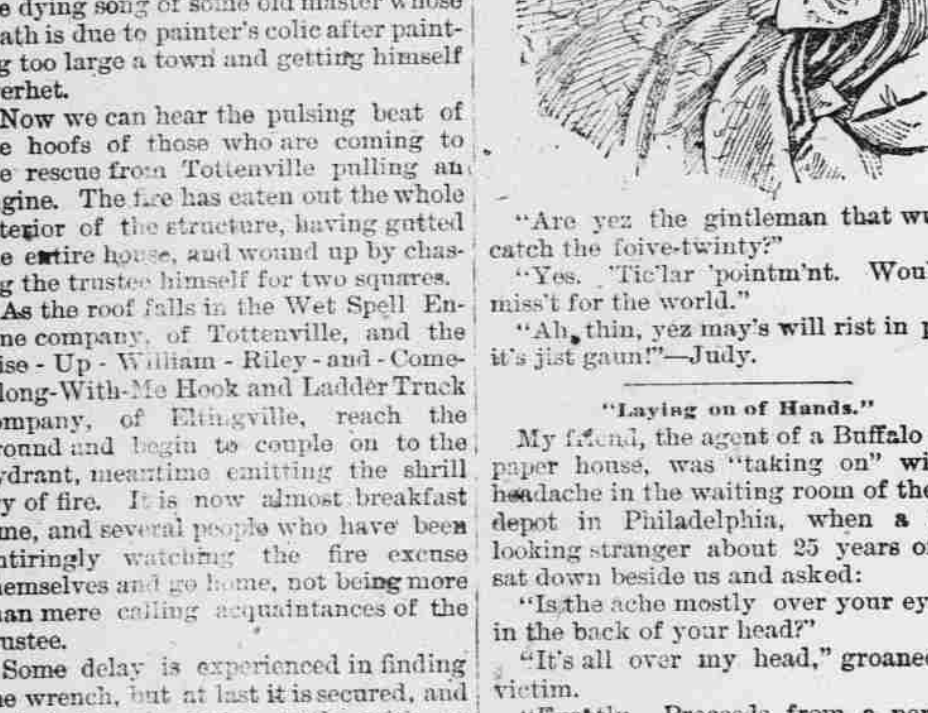
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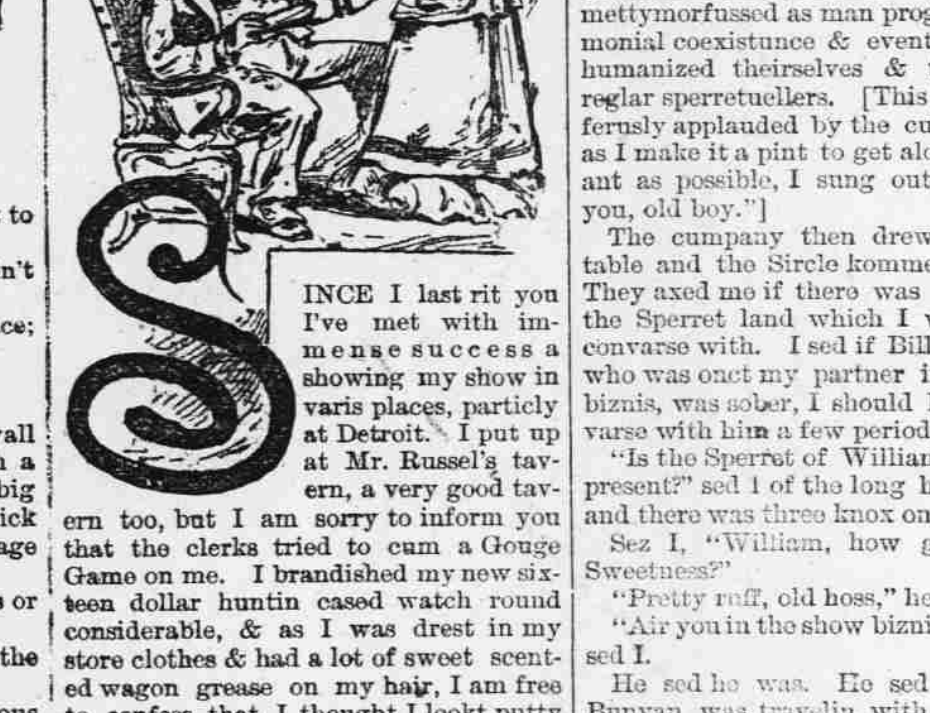
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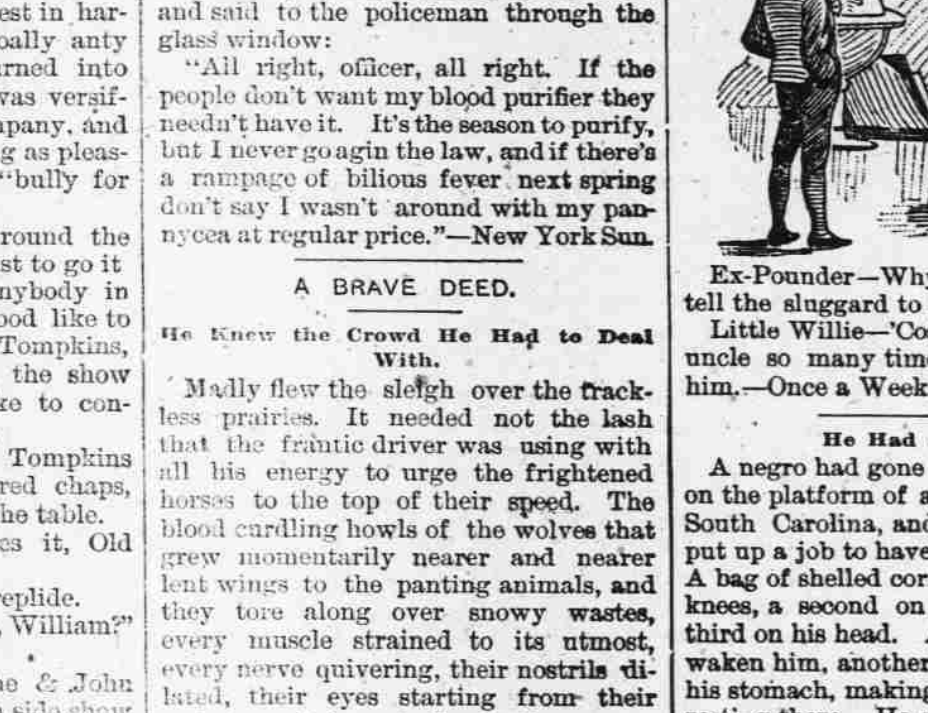
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