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Mid-Winter Dreaming. In winter I dreamed that the flowers were springing...

The One-Eyed Conductor. A very strange incident happened to me once, a good many years ago...

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left the next station—the conductor approached...

When a person standing in the road in front of, or by the side of the cars, throws both hands rapidly forward, as if motioning for the cars to go backward...

With mutual kind wishes and cheerful adieus, we parted. The old lady was helped out of the train by her son...

Our own journey came to a conclusion in due time, and the last I saw of the one-eyed conductor, was when he stood on the platform...

I had been leaving a good deal of trouble. I was very ill for some time after my baby's birth, and before I had fully regained my strength...

It was the most unpalatable advice to me that he could have given. I did not want to be cheered nor amused; I did not want to leave home and the dear removers of my little baby...

He promised that he would join me as soon as he could; but after that the doctor had said, he would not hear of my departure being delayed a day longer than could be avoided...

Nothing interested me now—nothing amused me—all was wearisome and monotonous. I leaned from the car-window as long as I could, to catch the last glimpse of poor Joe, who...

After that, I sank back in my seat, so sad and despondent even to cry, and lay there as we sped along, thinking of nothing, caring for nothing but the memories from which they tried to force me to escape...

I did not rise up a little as the conductor approached to collect my fair—the remembrance of the one-eyed man and his nice little mother recurring to me the first time for many months...

After a while I fell into a doze, which lasted until the call of "Lancaster—twenty minutes for dinner" ringing through the cars, first entering that city...

directly, that I could have spoken to him had I chosen, I recognized him at once—it was the one-eyed conductor; and, seeing that I was worse scared than ever, being now quite confirmed in my belief that an accident was impending...

"No one else, however, either inside or outside of the car, seemed to partake of my alarm. The cars were gradually slackening their speed, but that was because we were approaching a station, and from no other cause that I could ascertain...

"Is there anything the matter with the engine, or with the track?" "Not as I know of," he answered, gruffly, and passed on...

"I was still terribly uneasy; I was certain that I had not been mistaken in either the man or the signal; the latter, especially, I remembered—a forward motion with both hands, as if directing the cars to back...

I was still dressing when the voice of a Quaker friend asking admittance. I opened the door, and she entered, with white, awe-struck face, and hands which trembled so, she could hardly grasp the newspaper to which she directed my attention...

"Friend," she said, "thy life has been saved by a divine interposition. The train in which thou wast yesterday a passenger, in less than two hours after thee left it, was thrown over an embankment at a place called 'The Gap,' and half of the passengers have been killed or wounded. Child!—child! surely as thou livest, that vision of my poor Robert was sent to save thee?"

"These are the facts. It is equally a fact that the man whom I saw give that signal had then been dead more than a year. Explain the matter who can—I have no explanation to offer.—Chimney Corner.

Murdered or Drowned. Some early risers in the locality of Cold Springs, Long Island, walking along the beach of the little bay on the morning of the 5th instant, found the body of a young and handsome woman lying on the shore...

But at the coroner's inquest this would be stated by medical witnesses to have been given but a few minutes before death, and so new ideas were started, and the woman had first been isolated, then struck on the head, and finally thrown in the bay by some person from some vessel...

But the strangest portion of all the testimony was that given by an old fisherman of the locality, who swore that on Wednesday night he saw four men with shovels and lanterns looking along the beach. He asked them what they were looking for, when they replied, "For the woman that had been drowned," when he told them that the coroner had taken possession of the body, at which they seemed alarmed, shut up their lanterns, and went away...

The following is a correct description of the body: Height, five feet two inches; blue eyes, dark brown hair, a mole on her forehead, and four of her molar teeth are gone. Two gold rings were on the fourth and fifth fingers of her left hand. It was Miss Jennie Hicks, a fashionable dress-maker of Troy, disappeared on Saturday, the 21 instant, and had not since been heard from.

The people of Bucharest, excited by a false report that the Jews had sacrificed a Christian child, recently made an attack upon them in the market place. The Government promptly interfered with a strong force of gendarmes and arrested the leader of the riot and restored order.

Yankton, Dakota, is excited about a reported discovery of diamonds. The "Dakotian," of that place, says "a rough diamond was found on the bank of Jim river, and sent to an Eastern Jeweller, who sends back word that it is a genuine diamond of the first water, and very valuable."

An official notice was received in San Francisco, Wednesday, by the Mexican consul that the Mexican Government had cancelled the claim of the Lower California Company to the grant in the vicinity of Magdalena bay.

A special from St. Paul says, in relation to the complaints from Isanti county about depredations by the Indians: "Governor Austin lately addressed the agent of the Chippewas regarding the matter. The agent replied that settlers, mostly from Isanti county, by fraudulent pre-emption papers, have seized upon the land in the reservation, the Indian title to which has never been relinquished or extinguished, and the petty annoyances have led the Indians to thieving and committing depredations with a view to their removal by the United States authorities."

During a dance at French village, Illinois Saturday night, the 9th inst., a quarrel occurred between Baptiste Goudon and three brothers, named Allen, resulting in a fight, in which Thomas Sabers and Jacob Haynes, friends of the Allens, participated. Goudon named Tym, received ten wounds, the blade entering his lungs.

A street car in New York was attacked by roughs at the corner of Grand and Allen streets, Wednesday night. The windows were smashed with stones, and several passengers were injured. Two arrests were made.

The St. Louis and St. Joseph railroad was sold at public auction Wednesday afternoon for \$128,000, under orders from the United States District Court. The liabilities of the road are a million and a half. Daniel R. Armstrong, of St. Louis was the purchaser.

The indications are that the recent vote in San Francisco, Cal., will make no material change in the result. The State Legislature will stand 57 Republicans to 22 Democrats. The Democrats have elected five State Senators instead of six, as erroneously telegraphed yesterday.

The steamer Junita, which went ashore on the Florida coast on the 24th ultimo, arrived at Philadelphia Wednesday morning, bringing nearly all the passengers and all the cargo she had on leaving Havana. She was got off by lightning her of a portion of her cargo, which was afterward replaced. Her damages are not serious, but she will go into dock.

A Louisville despatch reports that, on the 7th inst., Deputy U. S. Marshal Jackson and a party of soldiers made a raid on the "Klu Klux camp," in Russell county, Ky. A soldier, named Crusoe, was killed, and a sergeant, named Strader, was wounded. Two men, named Caffrey and Jones, were captured, the former being charged with the murder of Crusoe.

Trouble is reported in Boone county, Ark., arising from differences between the Judge and Sheriff, both Republican officers. The Judge deposed the Sheriff, substituting the Coroner in his place, ordered on the militia to protect his court, and kept them in service during the term. It is reported that the militia have committed depredations, and in one or two instances attempted murder. The Governor of the State has been appealed to.

General News.

Rosenweig, the abolitionist, was soundly thrashed by a fellow-prisoner in the Tombs on Monday. Rothfelder, the inventor of the steam-winding watch, committed suicide, Monday, in New York.

At Little Rock, Ark., on the 11th inst., two convicts attempted to escape from the penitentiary brick yard, and were shot dead by the guard.

The stone over Thomas Jefferson's grave is a ruin, relic hunters having clipped into it until the very shape of the obelisk has been destroyed. James Stephens, formerly Fenian, "Head Centre," is said to have been taken in partnership by a wealthy Bordeaux wine merchant, and is coming to America to sell wines.

Governor Hoffman sent a dispatch to Buckingham's counsel Monday stating that he would not commute the sentence of their client, who will therefore, be executed on Friday. A man named Henry Gamble aged 45 years, was shot and killed in Philadelphia, on the 11th inst., by a party of ruffians, with whom he was representing for their brutal treatment of a woman.

L. L. Wiler, an old citizen of Limestone county, Ala., was taken from his home on Sunday by five masked men. It is supposed he has been murdered. A number of citizens are in pursuit of his captors. General Crook is encamped at Prescott, Arizona, after an unsuccessful campaign against the Indians. He has three parties still in the field, however, and will organize two more for immediate active operations.

Two convicts in the State prison at San Quentin, Cal., engaged in making bricks, fought on Tuesday with knives, and one, named Tym, received ten wounds, the blade entering his lungs. The third trial of George Vanderpool on a charge of murdering his partner in the banking business, in Manister, Michigan, three years ago, closed Wednesday, at Hastings, Michigan, in acquittal.

A boiler in Curtis' hat factory, at Newburyport, Mass., exploded on the 11th inst., killing six men, named Charles Boyle, Michael Purcell, Reuben Mace, James L. Jackson, George Etheridge and Albert L. Page. Two others, named Charles Randall and Nathaniel Perkins, were seriously injured. The boiler-house was demolished, and a neighboring building, occupied as a brass foundry, was badly damaged. The explosion happened just before the time for commencing work in the factory, or the loss of life would probably have been greater.

A man was brought before an Illinois magistrate and fined \$50 for being drunk. He smiled blandly, and drawing out a dollar bill said, "All right, Mister Magistrate. I suppose you remember when I sold out my saloon in Perkin in \$550 on the slate against you. With this dollar that will exactly pay my fine. You must excuse me, 'squire, for this little spree of mine; but I didn't see any other way of collecting my bill against you than this."

A double murder was committed on Sunday night, the 10th inst., at the house of John Harper, owner of the race horse Long Harper, near Midway, Ky. Jake and Betsy Harper, brother and sister of John, had their throats cut, it is supposed for the purpose of robbery. Three negroes living on Harper's place were arrested the next day on suspicion, blood having been found on their clothes. Others employed on the place have disappeared, and a party of citizens are hunting for them.

The Coroner's jury in the case of the steamer R. E. Lee, which burst her boiler near Fayetteville, N. C., on the 17th of August, has rendered a verdict censuring the United States Inspector for "allowing the steamer to run some four years or more without testing the boilers," and for "granting a certificate for this boat without his being in the State at the time." The license of the engineer who was in charge of the boiler of the steamer Robert E. Lee, when it expired has been renewed by the Treasury Department.

The funeral of Alice Bowlsby, the victim of seduction and murder, whose remains were found in a trunk at the Hudson River railroad depot, took place from the residence of her mother in Paterson, N. J., on the 7th inst. All of Paterson turned out to bear tribute to the memory of one who was generally beloved by her associates. The throng was so dense that scarcely room could be obtained for the cortege to move. The ladies decked the coffin with numerous fragrant wreaths, and the bottom of the hearse was covered eight inches deep with floral offerings.

Relative to the question among horsemen whether Dexter's star has been beaten, the Washington Star has the following: The turfmen do not seem prepared to concede that the time performance (2:17) reported as trotted by the Goldsmith Maid at Milwaukee, was truly and honestly made. The Milwaukee track, it seems, is low for a quarter of a mile on the back stretch, that the horses are not in sight of the judges; Goldsmith Maid is notorious for "breaking;" the mare Lucy, the only competitor Goldsmith Maid had in the contest, has the same owner (H. N. Smith) as Goldsmith Maid, and it is intimated that the driver of Goldsmith Maid put the mare through in 2:17 on the run, and there being no other witness to the deception than Hickok, the driver of Lucy, of course there was no divulgement or chain of foul. If this suspicion be well founded, Dexter remains king of the trotters, but, buying, selling, trotting and running, that turfmen in suspicious trickery of the kind suggested, "know how it is themselves."

A colony of Scotch emigrants, direct from Scotland, have settled in Mecklenburg county, Virginia. Jefferson Davis figured prominently at the last ball of the season at White Sulphur Springs. Jeff. seems to be gaining the proclivities of youth.

The Marion, S. C., Star says: Reports from all sections of the county pronounce the coming, or rather present 'crop, decidedly 'short.' J. W. Walsh, formerly of New Orleans, and for many years a newspaper publisher in San Francisco, died in the almshouse at the latter city, on Saturday night.

No rain has fallen in Arkansas for six weeks, and the corn and cotton are suffering from the drought. The cotton worm has appeared in some localities. J. M. Dennis, in the Rural Carolinian, published at Bishopville, S. C., denounces N. P. Boyer & Co., of Parkersburg, Chester county, Penn., stock dealers and Editors of the American Stock Journal, as swindlers.

A few days ago Mr. Lewis Wainland, who resided near Trundle's Cross Roads, Sevier county, Tenn., was so badly gored by a bull that he died a few days after receiving his injuries. Mr. W. was tax-collector of that county. The New Orleans Picayune, in discussing the college system, argues that the true policy is to strengthen and build up the educational institutions which are already strong and established, and to encourage the few great centres of education and conservatism of learning, rather than try to erect a multitude of minor colleges of the third and fourth classes.

A Mobile, Ala., dispatch of the 8th, inst., says a large number of responsible cotton factors of this city say, in reference to the prospects of the cotton crop, that the accounts received from their friends in Alabama and Mississippi are of the most unfavorable character. There is a general complaint of damage to the growing crop from worms and rust. The crop is variously estimated at from one-half to two-thirds that of last year.

The Chocoma (S. C.), Democrat learns that enough stock has been subscribed to insure the building of the Yorkville railroad from Salisbury to Wadesboro'. This road, the Democrat adds, will commence at the point on the Wilmington, Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad where the road now being constructed from Cheraw intersects the latter. A place two and a half miles east of Wadesboro' has been selected for this intersection.

On the night of the 9th inst., another of these Klux outrages which have become so common of late, was perpetrated at Manchester, in Coffee county, Tennessee. A negro boy who had been committed to jail on the charge of an attempted rape, was taken out by a body of disguised men and hung to a tree till dead. The body was left hanging. The jail was entered through the doors, the jailer being compelled to give up the keys. It is said that there could not have been proof against the negro sufficient to have convicted him. This is the third outrage at Manchester by masked men. At one time previous two negroes were taken from the jail and hung, and, at another, a white man was liberated. All good citizens in that section deplore the unenviable reputation which Franklin county has gained by the occurrences mentioned.

Near Knoxville, Tenn., on Tuesday last, a prostitute named Martha Steel, discovered the body of a newly born infant, with a cord tied tightly around its neck. She hastened to the city and reported the facts to the authorities. Several officers were sent to the spot designated, but when they arrived the body was not to be found. Several children who had been left to watch it, state that "a good looking young woman with black hair," suddenly appeared and carried the corpse off. She, however, had not removed anything else, and where the child was lying were seen a man's shirt and drawers, a woman's night-gown, of coarse material, an envelope filled with letter paper written on, a package of Ayer's pills and a loose box of the same, a bottle of hair oil, an empty bottle and several bottles of liquors and bitters, a vial of indelible ink, a package of lead pencils, perfumes, soap matches, several boxes of caps, and miscellaneous articles, looking like the spoils of a drug store. The police took charge of the articles, and Mr. Ryan mounted a horse, which he borrowed from one of the spectators, and started in pursuit, accompanied by officer Cole on foot, in different directions. Three persons saw the body, Martha Steel, white, Nancy Alexander and Sprona Jones, colored, who all testified to having seen the string around the infant's neck and expressed their belief that it had murdered by an unnatural parent.