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## FROM THE DEAD LETTER DEICE JAMES SPENSER NGL De the A. R. Mellure Compa

The distor had told young James to hust up a quiet place and anit six wooks' rest, and was the locality selected. the putting man found himself the only et in the village.

While he proceeded to rest the vilproceeded to stae him up. At all the difference between a pobuyer and a lightning rod man and away, announced that he stated. Young Ridgely belonged mather class mentioned, said Josiah, metame the son of a banker and there-Ba perfect gentleman.

announcement was followed by he of Miss Buth Williams, who was and pastinged. Miss Roth had seen her treast arth birthday. She was the the hereof a poor but proud widow. widow did dressmaking and milmay and was assisted by her daugh-Feer but preud people must do sthing to earn their bread and but-

I was Miss Buth's opinion that the weing and good locking stranger was make to feel at home in Oreseville while to be "discovered." Her mothyou are twenty-five years

was the reply.

"The ought to get married." That T

he your cap for the stranger." "I'm going to."

and did. She had been setting her the various and divers men since on the other I think y while back it was not her fault. It had aligning happened that they died or got serviced to some one else, or had to The young man who had come to rest her herves took long morning walks. Williams found out about it from ankeeper's daughter and took a me stroll. She took it in just the interiors and just at the time to be

of from an old lame horse by ng Ridgely. He dashed forward he a hero and beat the old horse back. mail Miss Ruth duly expressed her millinde and almost fainted away. It wais an auspiciops beginning.

Creativille that Ruth Williams had said the caller would have to be identiodil the attancer. They went

She had arranged it so. The mether had mone to take home a dress, with orders to "bang out" as long as possible. It was an ideal evening for a proposal, and Ruth divided the subject. into twenty-four parts and worked every one of them for all it was worth. It was in vain, however. The nearest of the young man could be got to approach the dangerous subject was an admission that when he got married he should have hollyhocks in his front yard. When he finally left, he said he might write, and as the words were accompanied by a sigh Buth felt that she was still justified in hoping on. A week passed, and no letter came.

it was. A letter had arrived, but had been suppressed by Betty Sweet, who was, of course, determined to prevent a marriage. In another week it was public gessip that Betty had tampered with the mails. She denied it, of course. Some one thought it his duty to write to Washington about it, and it finally came about that an inspector arrived in Cressville and proceeded to dnanect:

Ruth Williams had lodged no formal complaint. All she had said or would 887 W23;

"Mr. Ridgely was to write me. He must have written. What has become of the letter?"

The inspector was forced to spend several days in listening and questioning. He might have doubled the days had not the dead letter office solved the mystery. It returned to Miss Ruth Williams of Creesville a letter that had been misdirected to Miss Buth Willams of Copesville. She opened it in the presence of the inspector and fifty of the interested villagers. It was from young Bidgely, and it read:

My Dear Miss Ruth-One of my sleeve links has been missing since my return. Did I lose it on the plazza the last evening of my stay in your restful little town? With kind remembrances to all-

"This is not exactly a proposal," said the inspector as the letter was read. "N-no," replied the blushing Buth. "But it may lead to one, and, while congratulate you on the one hand, on the other I think you all owe an

#### His Deg Identified Him.

Bank clerks naturally and necessarily require satisfactory identification of persons who ask to have checks cashed. The same rule is followed in the postoffice by clerks who cash money orders, but what the nature of the identification shall be and by whom are matters which rest to some extent in the discretion of the clerk. The Boston Herald tells a story in which a dog bore witness to his master's identity. A Boston business man called at the postal order department to get an or-

der cashed, but the clerk in attendance In three days more it was the talk of had only recently been appointed. He ed defore dayment could de made "Why, I have had, hundreds of orders cashed here," he replied, with a show of impatience. "Isn't there some one here who knows me?"



AUBURN.

Miss Ida M. Carroll and Mathew Kinsella were quietly married as St. Mary's church last week by Rev.Father Mulheron. The attendants were Miss Alice Kinselis and Dennis Kinsella. They will reside on Logan street.

James A. Hennessey will give the 'Mascot' at the Burtis Opera House Feb. 18th and 19th, for the benefit of the George Junior Republic. Mr. Hennessey's company comprises all of Auburn's Then a second week followed. At the leading singers and some from New and of that time Buth understood how York. Major Thesuns M. Osborne Is especially interested in the success of the opera as he is vice president of the George Junior Republic.

> Rev. J. W. E. Kelly visited in Horseheads last week,

Editor Charles F. Rattigan of the Auburn Bulletin, spent a few days last week in Albany,

poverty ball was held in Arcade hall last Friday evening for the benefit of St Aloysius church. There was a good attendance.

day at the three masses. He said the asylum was under unusual expense this | ed friends in Bath last week

winter on account of the high price of Over 100 people attended the L. C. B. coal and provisions. He asked the A. card and dancing party last Friday Catholics of the city, to be generous to evening and a splendid time was enjoythe sisters when they call on them.

The funeral of Miss Kate Sullivan Timothy Hanrahan and Willard Conley. took place from St. Mary's church last Friday morning. There was a large attendance including the school children | neighbors and friends. and Young Ladies sodality, Rev. Father Mulheron was celebrant of the solemn high mass, Rev. Father O'Connor, deacon died at Chicago, last week. and Rev. Father McGraw, sub-deacon. Miss Sullivan died at the city hospital, from an operation for appendicitis after electric light company for the past ten | oured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. or tweive years. She is survived by her F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, C widowed mother and three sisters, who

friends. OANANDAIGUA.

The new officers of the Holy Name by the firm. ociety are William Widman, president; West & Truax, Wholesale Druggists C.E.Stewart, vicepres. John H.Kennedy | Toledo, O. secretary; and M: W. Tuohey. marshal. The members voted to give a surprise Druggists, Toledo, O. party Friday evening at the home of The Reading circle will join the procession. Mr Doyle is an enthusiastic Testimonials free. member of both organizations.

The Star Circle through the committee consisting of Misses Wyville, Farrell and O'Connor drafted resolutions of sympathy with their member George Hogan, who has recently lost his beloved mother.

The coming nuptial of Henry Hanoven nd Sara Casby has been announced and will take place in the near future. The stone for the basement of the new

church keeps coming. ed the sad news of the death of a sister



funeral of ex-Alderman Michael Ledttendance. Rev. J. J. Hickey made an appeal for Margaret O'Connell of Corning, visited the Aubarn Orphan Asylum last Sun- at B. McMinamin's the past week. Miss Louise Courtney and Miss Welch visit-

ed by all. The prizes were won by Mrs. A surprise party was given Mrs. T. Hanrahan Monday evening by her

Mrs. Ulymes Grant Johnson, daughter of the late John Beaty, of this village,

## How's This? '

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ALL THE DIFFERENCE.

Irate Papa Reads One of His Truthful Letters and Relents.

It was a serious moment in the family. Helen Jennings was in tears and tried to speak, but her father stopped her with a sad gesture. Mrs. Mr. John Cuddihy has recently receiv- Jennings wiped her glasses and pre- a brother or has come from a rumpared to read a letter that she had



Pit Brow Workers in Lancashire Col Heries Wear Trousers.

Pit brow girls are among the most remarkable women workers in England. They work as hard as men and dress almost like men. Very few pit brow girls are found in Britain outside Lancashire, and 5,000 of them find employment at the coal mines. Their work lies or the pit brow-at the surface and not below. Once women were emploved in the coal seams, but in 1842 in the face of great opposition +7:50, \*8.40. \*0.45. \*10:15. from colliery owners an act was passed prohibiting women and children from being employed below the surface in coal mines.

The duties of the pit brow lasses consist in dealing with the coal as it comes up the shaft to the pit head. When the cage reaches the top, the girls haul out the wagons, e. M. which contain several hundredweight of coal each, and run them on rails to a tipping machine, which shoots the coal down below to the screen or riddling machine. This is an iron slide several yards long, with holes through which the coal drops at various stages into trucks waiting beneath. It is jerked about | 6 by steam power, and the coal moves downward while the girls stationed alongside pick out the rubbish. It is dusty work.

The girls start work at 6 o'clock in the morning and finish at 3 or 4 o'clock in the afternoon. As may be judged, their work is arduous, and for its performance they receive 50 cents or less a day. Men who do the same work get \$1. Taken altogether, the pit brow lasses are a strong, healthy lot, ranging in age from eighteen to twenty-five.

Their dress is distinctive and peculiar. The working costume consists of trousers, clogs and a coat which has at one time been worn by mage stall. When going to and



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ridium and walking together. She exindited him to the neighbors and held and moor but proud head higher than ever before. At the end of the second week they were supposed to be enriged. If anybody had denied the rumor, it would have been asserted that woong Ridgely had sat with her on the front plazza two successive evenings still after 9 o'clock.

"Ruth, have you got him?" asked the mother as the rumors reached her ears. "He hasn't proposed yet, but"-

"I see. Ruth, don't let him get MAY ."

Ruth didn't mean to; but, alas, young Sinen will stray. Uncle Jason Davis Twas postmaster at Cressville, but as he was in bed with rheumatism and his with had to nurse him his niece, Miss Bow Sweet, came over from Akron to Les out in postal affairs. She was a first twenty and fairly good looking. The didn't set her cap for the stranger, but in his calls at the postoffice he besame acqualated with her and at track asked her to go boat riding on the mill porid. She went, and the widin the aside the hat she was trim-Ruth that chit of a girl must be

" shall crush her," replied the

But Betty Sweet refused to be times and young Ridgely refused to nis entire attention to either. In this latitude sooner or later. man having a milld flirtation to asthe recovery of his nerves, and d pleasantly.

the eventing Develous to his de-

"I'm the only one on duty just now. The others are out to luncheon," said the clerk.

"Will you take the inscription on my dog's collar as sufficient identification?" was asked.

"Yes; that will be acceptable."

The man whistled for his terrier and, taking him in his arms, "boosted" him up to the window. The clerk read the name and address on the collar and paid the order.

#### Comfortiag.

A clergyman who had recently been installed as the new pastor of an Episcopal church boasted of his broad mindedness and orthodoxy. His ambition was to become a popular clergyman. With this end in view he embraced every opportunity to announce the fact that his advice and good offices were at the service of any one, therefore, no matter of what creed, color or religion.

One-day he was urgently requested to attend a house of sickness. On inquiry he discovered that the sick person was a Presbyterian. Regardless of this, however, he wended his way, entered the house as a good Samaritan and administered what spiritual relief he could to the patient. On leaving County President W. H. Sullivan of the house he encountered the wife of the invalid and remarked:

"I am very glad to have been of any comfort to your husband, my good woman, but tell me what made you send for me instead of your own minister?"

"Well, sir, you see," she replied, "It's typhus my poor husband has got, and I that Rev. Father Griffin and William J didn't think it just right for our own N Gervais, Bath's popular druggist, minister to run the risk."

Jack's Bride.

A bluejacket who was recently married gives the following description of his bride and her apparel:

"My wife is just as handsome a craft to make it the banner year of the organ as ever left millinery drydock, is clip- ization. per built and with a figurehead not often seen on small craft. Her length of keel is 5 feet 8 inches and displaces twenty-seven cubic feet of air, of light draft, which adds to her speed in the ballroom, full in the waist, spars trim. "At the time we were spliced she was newly rigged fore and aft with standing riggings of lace and flowers, mainsail part silk, with forestaysail of valenciennes. Her frame was of the best steel covered with silk, with whalebone stanchions.

"This rigging is intended for fair weather cruising. She has also a set of storm sails for rough weather and is rigging out a small set of canvas for light squalls, which are liable to occur

"I am told in running down the street before the wind she answers the helm beautifully and can turn in her own

Ithaca Saturday by the death of her mother, Mrs. Tressey.

Cornelius Jeremiah Gillespie, first born of Frank J. Gillespie and wife, nee Ella Breen, was baptized last Sunday.

The handsome testimonial volume prepared by the citizens of Canandaigua as an expression of gratitude to Mrs. F. F. Thompson for her many benefactions to the town and people has at length been prepared by Tiffany of New York, at a cost of \$125. It contains 8,000 signatures and is bound in black seal The hand illumined lettering of the ad-dress is particularly artistic and accounts for the great expense The happy thought of this public expression of appreciation was conceived in the brain of one of our fellow parishioners, W. J Donovan. The first name in the book

is that of J. R. McLaughlin, while the last is that of one of the little girls of our parish school, Katherine McAniff.

### BATH.

An occasion long to be remembered by the members of Division No. 8, A. O. H. of Bath, and visiting brothers, was the installation of the newly elected officers of the division, held on Friday evening last, in their spacious rooms, in the Hallock building. The occasion was graced by the presence of the Rev. Father John F. Farrell, Catholic Chaplain of the New York State Soldiers'and Sailors' Home, and by the Rev. Father James Griffin, pastor of St. Mary's church in this village. The coremonies attending the occasion were in charge of Hornellsville, assisted by County Vice President J.J. Manning of Corning. The officers installed follow: Pres., James L. Grogan:vice pres., George Sams: treas. Richard R. Flynn; rec. sec., Christopher E Turrell: fin. sec , John S. Hogue; ser geant at arms, Martin Tigue; sentinel. John E. McNally. The pleasure of the members was enhanced by the fact were made members of the division on this occasion. The installation was followed by a banquet in the A. O. H. rooms which was served by the ladies of the L C.B.A. Division 3 starts off on the new year under favorable anspices and it is the expectation of the members

Dr.John E.Hasson has been appointed axmining physician for the local branch of the L.C.B A.and also for the Prudent ial Insurance Company of this village. The angel of death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Bowes, on Sunday afternoon last at 4 o'clock, and

took away their beloved and beautiful child, Mary Virginia, 8 months of age, whose death was caused by acute bronchitis. The sorrow of the bereaved parents over the loss of their little one was one shared by their friends and neighbors and genuine sympathy was expressed on every side. The funeral was held Tuesday morning and the remains were blessed by Rev. Father Griffin, at St. Mary's church. A large number of friends and relatives were in attendance. Many beautiful floral pieces were sent to the house.

James Cuffney, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Cuffney, had an operalength if a handsomer craft passes tion for appendicitis, Monday morning.

sweet and good and straightforward, should have a letter like this!

Mrs. Jennings read in a trembling roice:

"Angel of my existance"-

"What !" exclaimed Mr. Jennings. What sensible man would dream of addressing a young girl in that idiotic manner? But go on, my dear." "Existence spelled with an 'a,

too," said Mrs. Jennings. "Really, the idiot can't even spell!" exclaimed the justly indignant father. "But let us hear the

next." "It is impossible for me to describe the joy with which your pres-

ence has filled me." "What does he try to describe it for, then, the ignoramus? But don't let me interrupt you," groaned Mr. Jennings.

"I think of you constantly, and I bitterly condemn your father, the LeRoy and Clayton, obstinate, unfeeling, purse proud old party, who will, no doubt, withhold 4-Erettos-4 his consent to our union."

"Old party!' Obstinate, unfeel-Elizabeth Murray ing, purse proud! And I have been the kindest of fathers. When I see this young man, I will-the man that could pen those words-but go on, my dear."

"Theodore, there is some mistake. I did not see this overleaf till now," murmured Mrs. Jennings softly.

"Eh? Let me see. Hem!" "Yours, with all the love of my

heart, Theodore." "Why, bless my soul, it's one of my own letters!'

"Yes, papa," said Helen, drying her tears and taking advantage of the pause that at last gave her an opportunity to speak. "I found it in one of the trunks just now, and I was going to explain, only you would not let me say a word."-Tit-

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Mrs. W. H. Johnston was called to just found in Helen's pocket. To from work, the girls wear petti- R. R. Station for Syncuse, Udca, think that their Helen, who had but coats, which they roll up round the Albany, Boston, New York, Bullalo, Nlagars recently celebrated her seventeenth waist while engaged on the pit falls. Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, 184. birthday; their Helen, who was so brow. At most pits nowadays the trousers are hidden in front by a short apron, but this is a comparatively recent departure in the way of dress. The headgear is also worthy of note. The hair is closely covered with a handkerchief, on the top of which is a soft bonnet.

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