

WHAT'S IN A SHADOW?

(Original.)

"A shadow," said the lecturer, "is something formed from the interposition of a body."

"Beg pardon, professor," interrupted the facetious student. "A shadow is nothing."

The class tittered, while the professor cast a provoked glance at the facetious student. Controlling himself, however, he paused a moment to consider how he should meet the interruption. Technically the student was right, but he was hypercritical. He had taken a like course several times before, and the professor desired to put a stop to his interruptions.

"You think that a shadow is nothing," he said, addressing the class, while looking at the facetious student. "I think I can demonstrate that a shadow may be something fraught even with life and death. Some years ago I was traveling in the far west, where things are not done as we do them here, and strolling through the central square of a small town I came upon a gallows. A crowd was collecting, and upon inquiry I learned that a murderer was to be hanged at noon. I did not remain to witness the hanging, but on going back to the hotel I asked the landlord something about the culprit and his crime. This is what he told me:

"Some months previous a house had been entered, an old man who lived there alone murdered, his tin box where he kept his valuables rifled and his money taken. There had evidently been a struggle, and spots of blood appeared here and there on the furniture. A careful examination of the marks on the box was made, resulting in the discovery by the blood stains on it that the index finger of the right hand of the murderer was missing. But that was all the leadway made in the case for some months. Everybody for miles around knew that a murderer was at large minus the index finger of his right hand, and everybody was on the watch for such a person.

"One night about 10 o'clock a woman was sitting before a window on a fire-place dozing. Behind her on a table was a bright light, before her a white wall. Opening her eyes, she saw on the wall the shadow of a man. He stood still for a moment; then, raising his right hand, in which he held a knife pointing downward, he began to advance without noise. One thing was noticeable—there was something wanting in the shadow of the thumb and forefinger. If you will make such a shadow, you will see that in that position it will show the forefinger a protuberance. The woman noticed there was no such protuberance. The handle of the knife took its place, but did not completely fill it. At any rate, there was a difference. No more remarkable instance of coolness than that of this woman threatened with instant death is on record.

"Sarah," she called in a perfectly controlled voice to a servant in the kitchen.

"The shadow retreated. Probably the man stepped into the hall. Sarah came in, and her mistress said to her:

"I have some bills to pay tomorrow morning and some purchases to make. There's not a cent of money in the house. I wish you to take a note to my brother and ask him to let me have \$50, which amount I will draw from the bank tomorrow and send it to his office. Stop; he will not give it without the order. I will write one. Hand me my writing case."

"The servant did as she was directed, and the woman wrote the note, reading it over aloud carefully to make sure that she had made herself plain and that the servant understood what she was to do. Then the latter left the house.

"For five minutes by the clock on the mantel the woman sat perfectly still. She could not be sure that her plan would succeed. She must take her chances on its succeeding without an effort to determine whether it had or not. After five minutes, not seeing the shadow reappear, she got up and went out the front door to the next house, where she sent a messenger to the police station with the following note:

"The three-fingered murderer came just now to my house to murder and rob me. I sent my servant with a note to my brother living on the Elton road for \$50. The murderer heard me tell her what to do. He will follow her and on her return will rob her."

"The police were out at once, followed the girl and saw her enter the house where she was to get the money. One of their number entered, dressed himself in the servant's clothes and started back as if to deliver the money. From behind a bush a man sprang up and called out, 'Your money or your life!' at the same time covering the supposed servant with a revolver. Instead of complying he sounded a sharp whistle. It was needless, however, for the police were in touch and in an instant had the robber handcuffed. His right hand was found to be minus the index finger. There was absolutely no other testimony to convict him of the murder committed some months before, but this bit of circumstantial evidence was sufficient. The shadow of the forefinger."

"Wrong again, professor," interrupted the facetious student. "It was the absence of shadow."

"You are incorrigible," said the professor, smiling. "What can't be cured must be endured."

The class, the facetious student and the teacher all laughed together, and the latter proceeded with his discourse. But the interrupter, never offended again, he had no desire to do so, and he knew the class would cry him down if he did.

HENRY B. SHOENBERGER.

An Animal Story For Little Folks

The Crane's Courtship

The Widow Owl was sitting on the stump of an old tree early one evening when who should come along but gallant Mr. Crane. He made his best bow and wished her the best of health. The widow said she was feeling well, thank you, and then they fell to talking about the weather and one thing and another.

After a while Mr. Crane sighed a deep sigh and the Widow Owl exclaimed: "Dear me, Mr. Crane, what is the matter that you should sigh that way? It really sounds as if you were in love."

"I am in love, Mrs. Owl deeply in love," replied the long legged bird.

"I thought so," said the widow. "And with whom are you in love?"

"With you, widow; with you," answered the crane tenderly.

"Oh, my!" exclaimed the widow.

"Yes, I am in love with you," continued the crane.

"I want you to be my wife. You are the fairest female in the land."

"And you," said the widow shyly, "you are the handsomest thing I know."

"Then will you be mine?" cried the crane.

"Alas, I can never be!" replied the widow.

"Why not, dear heart?" he asked.

"You live in the day and I live at night. Our paths must ever be separate."

"Too sad!" exclaimed the crane, brushing a tear from his eye.

"But I will be a sister to you," added the Widow Owl.

And then the crane shed a few more tears and went to sleep, while Mrs. Owl flew away to catch her nightly supply of mice. Chicago Tribune.

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The Four Track News, Prospectus for 1904.

This popular magazine of travel and education has in view for 1904 no radical changes from the policy of the year past, as the success attending volumes four and five, which have run through the year 1903, has been highly gratifying. Articles are in hand or have been engaged from those writers whose work has helped to put the magazine upon its enviable popular footing and this list of brilliant contributors will be augmented by many new writers, including several names that are familiar to all readers of good literature.

The editorial policy of the magazine may be outlined in the phrase: "There is nothing too good for the Four Track News" and it is the constant endeavor to purchase the best articles that can be had along the lines to which the Four Track News is devoted.

With the world for a field, the list of interesting and valuable subjects is inexhaustible.

In point of illustration the Four Track News has made a marked improvement during the last year, and it will be the endeavor of the publisher to make this feature even stronger during the year to come.

An innovation which has proven popular is the publishing on the cover each month of a different striking illustration, which in itself is a reminder of the many beautiful pictures to be found within.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Four Track News has been regarded as a marvel, when the subscription price is considered, it is the aim and will be the constant endeavor of those interested in its welfare to make the magazine during 1904 even a greater success than ever before, from a literary, artistic and educational standpoint.

In order to accomplish this end the magazine will from time to time be increased in size but under no circumstances will quality be sacrificed in the belief that quantity will be regarded as an equivalent.

Subscriptions for the Four Track News may be left with your nearest newsdealer or at New York Central Office, 20 State St.

Musical

Mr. Homer J. Hughes, assisted by Miss Magda Anderson, gave his first individual musical at the studio of Miss McCarthy, 673 Powers Building, Wednesday evening. A fine program was rendered.

Miss Elizabeth McCarthy, Miss Helen Marie Rumsey and Mrs. Jennie Chase Lee took part in an entertainment given at Caledonia, N. Y., Friday evening, Feb. 19th, for the benefit of St. Columba's church.

COOK OPERA HOUSE.

An unusual novelty is announced for next week at the Cook Opera House. This is the act known as "Weyburn's Minstrel Misses" consisting of seventeen young girls who black up in full view of the audience and give an old fashioned, folksy minstrel show. Musical Dale is well known as a bell player. Johnson, Davenport and Lorella present a comedy acrobatic act. Wright Huntington and company will present "A Stand Off." The Avon Comedy Four, the Faust Trio, Larkins and Patterson and the Kinestograph, showing all new pictures are announced. Matinee daily.

National Theatre.

Fun, clean and continuous, is a feature of the performance of "The Beauty Doctor," Kerr & Shelley's latest musical extravaganza, which Fred F. Wright brings to the National Theatre the first part of next week with matinees Monday and Wednesday, with the largest company he has yet sent on tour.

Blaney's best American melodrama "Across the Pacific" will be the attraction at the National Theatre the last part of next week with matinees Thursday and Saturday. There is enough action in this play to suit the desires of every kind of theatre goer.

BAKER THEATRE.

Those who have never visited New York will soon have an opportunity to spend an evening in the great metropolis and yet be in their own homes before midnight. This chance is offered to all who see the scenic production of "New York Day By Day" at the Baker Theatre, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 22, 23, 24, Bargain matinees daily.

E. Lawrence Lee's greatest effort "To Die at Dawn" is the attraction at the Baker Theatre, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25, 26, 27, bargain matinees daily.

The Spinster Aunt's Opinion.

Carrie—Do you think a woman is justified in marrying a man she doesn't know? Aunt Jane—She certainly wouldn't be justified in marrying a man she did know.—Boston Transcript.

Nothing in it. "I understand, professor, that Miss Squawker is coming to you to cultivate her voice. Is there anything in it?" "Not for her."—Houston Post.

Correspondence

PENN. YAN.

Died on January 26, 1904, John Grady, aged 90 years. The deceased was born in Queens County, Ireland, in 1814 and came to this country with his parents, Edward and Mary Grady, when he was six years of age and the rest of his life years ago he was married to Mary Hyland of Penn Yan, and of this union four children, two sons, Edward of Rochester, John of Jerusalem, and two daughters, Mary and Catherine of Penn Yan, survive him, besides a loving and devoted wife, also an aged mother, one brother, Thomas of Brantford, and one sister, Mrs. Michael Guider of Penn Yan, remain to mourn his loss. He was a generous kind hearted man, always ready to help a friend or stranger. Although he had been an invalid for 25 years, and for the past 15 years almost helpless, his word was as good as his bond and he believed in doing his duty to mankind and exemplified his belief by doing unto others as others should do unto you. He attracted others by his sympathetic and kindly nature. While the shadow of unparelleled sorrow will long prevail this stricken home circle the remembrance of the departed will ever be cherished by a large circle of relatives and friends. The funeral was held at St. Michael's church in Penn Yan on Friday, Jan. 29th, interment in St. Michael's Cemetery. Rev. Father Hendrick officiating. Another vacant place in the household. Another weary sufferer released. Another toiling pilgrim at rest.

The supper and sale of the Young Ladies' sodality of St. Michael's church, last week netted something over \$100.

DANSVILLE.

Last Sunday the Bishop's letter was read in both our churches. The following regulations for Lent were made: The week day masses each morning at 8:15 o'clock, Wednesday evening, the rosary, sermon and benediction at 7:30, Friday evening the Stations of the Cross at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. Father Dunn will conduct Lenten services at Groveland on every Thursday in Lent at 4 p. m.

Mrs. J. H. Smith, who has been seriously ill is improving.

Master Lawrence Driscoll is recovering from a severe attack of la grippe.

Mrs. George Kenny in company with Mrs. W. E. Gregory has gone to Pinehurst, N. C. to spend the remainder of the winter.

Miss Cecilia Rhoner of the Geneva Normal was at home last Sunday.

Mrs. K. Blum Sauerbier and Miss Elizabeth Blum entertained at cards last Wednesday evening.

The C. R. & B. A. held a card party last Thursday evening.

Mrs. James Kreins visiting in New York.

Next Sunday is the regular monthly communion day of the Rosary Altar and Scapular Society.

The F. A. Owen Publishing Co. gave a delightful "house warming" party to its employees last Saturday evening.

SENECA FALLS.

During Lent services will be held every Wednesday and Friday evening. Requiem mass was said on Monday for the late Rev. Father Mangum.

February 11th the Rev. Father McCall being 15 years dead, a requiem high mass was celebrated by Rev. M. U. Dwyer for the repose of his soul.

The marriage of Mrs. Alice Burns Mansel and John Murphy, was solemnized at St. Patrick's church, Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Father M. U. Dwyer.

Wallace Cushman died Sunday of pneumonia at his home in this village. He was ill but a short time and his sudden decease in the prime of life at the age of 28 years is a great shock to all of his many friends. He was the son of David Cushman of Skaneateles, formerly of this place. He leaves a wife and two small children. The funeral was held Tuesday morning from St. Patrick's church. Rev. Father M. U. Dwyer officiating.

The funeral Mrs. Thomas Long was held from St. Patrick's church Wednesday morning. Mass was said by Rev. Father M. U. Dwyer.

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She Was Too Enthusiastic.

"Teaching to me," said an enthusiastic young schoolmistress, "is a holy calling. To sow in the young mind the seeds of future knowledge and watch them as they grow and develop is a pleasure greater than I can tell. I never weary of my work. My thoughts are only of—"

"I am very sorry," interrupted the young man to whom she was talking, "that you are so devoted to your profession, Miss Clara. I had hoped that some day I might have asked you—in fact, I called tonight—but I hardly dare go on in the light of what you—"

"You may go on, Mr. Smith," said the young lady softly. "I am a little too enthusiastic at times perhaps."

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Five Minute Sermon

Jesus is Tempted by the Devil.

By His fast Christ sanctified our fasts, mortifications, and abstinences when we practise them in a true spirit of penance. His example renders easy for us those sufferings by which we conquer the rebellion of the flesh. By His fast He instituted and blessed that fast of forty days which the Church has always observed as an apostolic tradition.

Satan, taking occasion of Christ's hunger, tempted Him to change stones into bread. Christ answered that man lives not by bread alone, but by every word that proceedth from the mouth of God. This answer teaches us to put our confidence in God in all our necessities. He will provide for all our wants. How many anxieties and sins we would avoid if in our troubles we would put our confidence in God! Let us, then, live the life of the just; let us abandon ourselves without reserve to the mercy of our heavenly Father, and remember that a just man has never been forsaken by God.

From this Gospel we should learn to love and practise mortification and penance, and not to lose courage when strongly tempted. We should repeat the suggestions of the devil with the maxims and precepts of the Gospel, and look to God for the reward of having suffered and endured for His glory.

St. Mary's Hospital.

The following is a record for January:

Patients in hospital Jan 1 - - - 120

Births during Jan. - - - 94

Deaths during Jan. - - - 13

Discharged during Jan. - - - 78

Patients remaining in hospital February 1 - - - 127

Classification of patients:

No pay patients - - - 43

Private patients - - - 22

City, county and town patients - 24

Ward pay patients - - - 38

Ambulance report:

Total number of calls - - - 57

Total number of hurry calls - - 12

No. of cases transferred to St. Mary's hospital - - - 81

No. of cases transferred to other hospitals - - - 4

No. of cases transferred to homes or other stations - - - 8

No. of cases not taken nor cared for 2

Bishop Hendrick's Trip

There is a possibility that the war may interrupt the voyage of Rt. Rev. T. A. Hendrick to the Philippines, whether he is bound to take up his charge as bishop of Cebu. The steamer on which he is a passenger is the Korea, a magnificent liner of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. She carries meat and wagons for the Russian government, which makes it possible that it will be considered contraband of war. The Korea left San Francisco on February 2nd. She arrived at Honolulu February 8th, resuming her journey later the same day. Its next port will be Yokohama, unless it varies from the course intended.

UNION CLUB.

The ladies of the Union Club gave a leap year party to the members on Monday, February fifteenth.

Nazareth Hall Banquet.

Some forty young men, all graduates of Nazareth Hall, gathered at Teall's parlors on East Avenue last Monday evening to hold the second annual banquet of the alumni association. The banquet was a notable one by the addresses of Rev. Edward J. Hanna of St. Bernard's Seminary, and Rev. George V. Burns of the Cathedral. In the absence of President Charles F. Carroll of the association, Charles J. Cunningham introduced Walter A. Cahban as the toastmaster of the evening.

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THE PEOPLE of the State of New York, by the

Grace of God free and independent, to John Barry, Peter Barry and Patrick Barry whose residences are unknown, if living, and to their respective executors, administrators, widow heirs at law and next of kin, or other persons interested in their respective estates, if dead, and Michael Burke, whose residence is unknown, husband, heirs at law and next of kin of Bridget Burke, deceased, greeting.

Whereas Sister Maria Smith and John S. Keenan, the Executors named in certain instrument in writing, bearing date December 19, 1902, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of the said Bridget Burke, late of the County of Monroe, in said County of Monroe and State of New York, deceased, and relating to both real and personal estate, has lately made application to the Surrogate's Court of said County of Monroe, to have said instrument proved and recorded as a Will of personal and real estate, you and each of you are cited and required to appear before the Surrogate of the County of Monroe at his office in the City of Rochester, in said County of Monroe, New York, on the 7th day of March 1904, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, then and there to attend the probate of said Will and Testament. And if any of the aforesaid persons are under the age of twenty-one years, or insane or otherwise incompetent, they will please take notice that they are required to appear by their general guardian, if they have one, and if they have none that they appear and apply for the appointment of a special guardian or in the event of their neglect or failure to do so a special guardian will be appointed by the Surrogate to represent and act for them in the proceedings for the probate of said Will.