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The improvements on the main line of the Baltimore and Ohio, west of, and between Martinsburg, W. Va., and North Mountain, were completed November 1st. They cover a distance of nearly four miles, starting three miles west of Martinsburg, and extending some distance west of Myers Hole, which is near the North Mountain station. At Myers Hole the line was changed, taking out some very objectionable curvature, and the roadbed raised nearly fifteen feet, eliminating two grades of 42 feet per miles which came together at Myers Hole, and substituting thereby an almost level track. This point on the road has always been a dangerous one, and many freight wrecks have occurred there. Apart from doing away with the dangerous feature of two sharp down grades coming together, as was the case in this instance, the saving in operation of the road by the change will be very large, as it enables the tons per train to be greatly increased and reduces the liability to accident to the minimum.

At Tablers the road bed has been lowered about thirteen feet, and the same at Tabbs, besides taking out objectionable curvature and reducing the rate of grades at these points from 42 feet per mile to ten feet per mile, thus increasing the cars that can be hauled per train. Though these improvements have cost quite a sum of money, the expenditure is fully justified by the great saving in operation.

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A NIGHT MASQUERADE

By Ada M. Trotter.

EVERY one agreed that the suggested mode of celebrating Hallow-e'en by a masquerade was just as nice as it could be, yet the announcement left many young faces not a little perturbed, even anxious.

For we at our college-out West boast a hard-working constituency; but our strong point is certainly not over-full purses.

Notwithstanding this limitation, we girls were bent on a judicious mixture of missionary work with our fun this year. Our college is established on the co-education basis, and the boys certainly did "cut up" last Hallow-e'en disgracefully, making it very unfortable for professors and students for a long time afterward. So this year, we see, we girls made up our minds to do something to entertain them and keep them from indulging their mischievous propensities. Of course we can't understand where the fun comes in of the stupid things boy students do on Hallow-e'en, but, we do want to stop it if we can, and that was the reason why we made up our minds to celebrate it with a masquerade this year.

The boys were in raptures at the idea, and set about hiring costumes for the great event. Some of the richer girls did the same, but as for us—well, we had no money, and at first sight it simply meant being shut out from the whole thing.

Of course, as misery loves company, we all met disconsolate in Loeta's room. If any one could console us it would be Loeta, but to our surprise she did not attempt anything of the sort. She and Addie, the bright Kansas girl, looked as gay as robins, and "What are you going to be?" became a mutual interchange.

We sat round the room, Loeta smiling on us from her perch on the window ledge. The twins—big young women of "twenty-one"—cast hopeful glances in her direction. As they said, "It was worse for them than for the rest, for they were two, not one, but had only one purse between them; the contents of said purse when raked fore and aft producing only one dollar."

How could two masquerade dresses be bought for one dollar?

Kitty Pringle, however, was worse off still, for she laughingly produced five cents as her all for immediate current coin.

"One can hardly go far astray on five cents," was her somewhat trueful remark.

Kitty, like the rest of us, was working her way through college, so when this is considered it will be readily understood that the time to spare for getting up a ball costume, and the ends was scant enough. "I can tell you, we girls who work our way through college want education."

But to go back to Loeta's room. Addie, our inspiration, was one the least put out at the empty purse displayed before her.

"Of course we shall all go to the ball, and of course we shall get up dresses somehow," said she cheerily.

"WE SHALL GO TO THE BALL."

"You," to the twins, Maggie and Bessie, "are the only ones with money to spend. I consider a dollar riches. Then the rest of us manage by borrowing one thing and another. We've all got something we can lend one another. Leota here must be a nun. That won't cost anything, just a long cloak, a white front and a veil. That's easy enough. But now for the rest of us."

Her quick eye, traveling around the room, lighted upon Leota's curtains, drawn over her bookshelf, a dark, rich red.

"Just the thing for draping," she exclaimed, "and how well the color suits Kitty!"

In a moment the curtains were in service, and Kitty's dark head rose from a mass of graceful folds.

"What are you going to be, Addie?" chorus.

"Oh, I'll go as Ceres. I've done it before. All I want for that is a white gown, some grasses and a sickle. I shall do well enough—if I can borrow a sickle. The thing is, what are the rest of us to do?"

Her eyes were on the twins, who in turn wore an agonized expression. One dollar and two big girls to dress on it! No wonder they groaned.

The college bell clanged. Was it the remembrance of the Greek class awaiting the students that gave Addie the brilliant idea?

"Greek ladies!" she cried. "Let's go and ask the Professor how they dressed."

They caught the Professor on the wing. Of course he was busy; that goes without saying; but equally, of course, he was not beyond recall, mentally speaking. In answer to the inquiries he walked to his bookshelf and took down several books from his classical library, in some of these were figures exquisitely draped.

"Greek ladies it shall be," cried Addie, as she rushed off to her seat. "Girls, you can have lovely costumes out of your dollar."

The week went by, and we busy girls were more busy than ever. How we arranged our dresses and got our sewing done seems something of a miracle, now it is all over and we look back upon it. Never mind—we were all ready on Hallow-e'en, and met in Loeta's room for a general overhauling by our artiste, Addie.

Loeta, the nun, passed first under the critical eye. Next came Joan of Arc, in a vest spangled with bits of tin; quite a fine appearance she made, too, on nothing but ingenuity. Addie herself, as Ceres, was perfectly lovely, and could not be mistaken for any one else, as "Ceres" was carefully sewn on her belt in grasses. Loeta's curtains turned out pretty Kitty into a charming "Portia," and here were the twins transformed into graceful Greek ladies.

"Dear me! what may be done with one dollar, when you possess a frugal mind!" cried Addie, in triumph, turning the Greek maids about. "Let me see—eighteen yards of cream cheesecloth at five cents per yard, ninety cents; two masks at five cents apiece, ten cents; sum total, one dollar. No one would believe it who did not have a realizing sense that 'necessity is the mother of invention'."

In point of fact, the Greek dresses were considered the most beautiful costumes of the evening. The twins had good figures as well as brains, and had skillfully copied the classic designs. The long folds hung to a nicety, the scarfs were gracefully thrown over the shoulders, and they had brought all their miscellaneous stores of brooches and studs into requisition to fasten the folds over the arms and on the shoulder. For belts they had borrowed some gilt curtain links from a kindly neighbor, which made a very "joyful effect," and the "tout ensemble" was universally voted perfect.

Ceres had borrowed a sickle from the sage kind neighbor, so that the party leaving Loeta's room for the gymnasium hall of the college felt themselves to be very well caparisoned indeed.

It is not necessary to follow them farther, into the company of Hamlets and others of fame in history and Shakespeare. It is enough if their little difficulties, and they way they get over them, may suggest to other girls that fun can be had without spending a large sum of money on a toilet. For this is what we used to call, as children, a real, true story, and they are all real, hard-working girls, but as fond of fun as any girls I ever knew.

As for the boys, not a bit of mischief was done on Hallow-e'en by any of the college boys; so you see the Masquerade ball was a success in more ways than one.

HIS WORD AND HIS BOND.

That Was All That the Merchant Needed.

"There, I've done it at last," said a merchant, as he made an entry on his books and closed the cover of his ledger with an expression of genuine satisfaction, says the New York Ledger. "I have trod for a dozen years to get that man for a customer, and this is the first time he has ever paid me a dollar or given me an order." "He doesn't look very prosperous, but you can't always tell," said his friend. "Is he a landholder?" "Doesn't own an acre," was the response. "Manufacturer?" "Works on a salary." "Money lad by?" "Don't think so; probably not above a few hundred dollars at the outside." "Rich relatives—prospects—investments?" Nothing of the sort. All his folks are in moderate circumstances, and there isn't even a suspicion of a rich uncle or a teapot or stocking hidden by any old auntie in some out-of-the-way chimney corner. No, the secret of my interest in that man's trade is that his word is as good as his bond, and whatever he agrees to pay or whatever he buys you may know that he is to be depended upon. And his family are of the same sort. He has two sisters, one widowed and the other a maiden lady, and everybody is very anxious to sell to them because they are such good pay." Merchants have a very good chance to learn the peculiarities of human nature, especially as regards money matters. They find, and that very often, that those with the largest bank account and the broadest fields often have the smallest souls and the narrowest sense of honor.

A City Set on a Hill.

The town of Ithaca overlooks a great extent of country, as well as the western end of Cayuga lake, which is about forty miles long. In approaching the city one of the railroads makes many turns, and this fact has given rise to an amusing story. A stranger, coming to Ithaca by rail, caught sight of the lake front and a veil. That's easy enough. But now for the rest of us."

"Ithaca," the other responded. In a few moments the city disappeared from view and after a while appeared again, but, as it seemed to the stranger, in a different direction, the railroad having made a curve. "What city is that?" he asked again. "That is Ithaca." Once more the place disappeared and in due time came into view again, apparently somewhere else. "What city is that?" he asked again. "That is Ithaca." The stranger gave a whistle and looked imploringly around the horizon. "Where, for goodness sake," said he, "ain't Ithaca?"—Youth's Companion.

His Star of Destiny.

Upon gazing at the stars from his palace window, Napoleon exclaimed: "Look there, up there!" "I see nothing but the pale, twinkling stars," replied his companion quietly. "What!" said the emperor, excitedly, "is it possible that you do not see my star—the fiery red one almost as large as the moon? It is before you now, and oh, how brilliant!" Growing more intense at the sight, he fairly shrieked: "It has never abandoned me for a single moment; it commands me to go forward; I see it on all occasions; it is my sign of good fortune and where it leads, I follow."

Trouble with scorchers.

The Chicago policemen have been having some trouble in arresting early morning scorchers, particularly in the parks. They recently resorted to the use of barricades on one of the principal roads of Lincoln park to stop the would-be record breakers. The scheme was entirely successful, as the wheelmen ran into it before knowing of its existence, and while ridiculing the officers for attempting to capture them.

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