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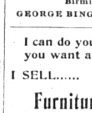

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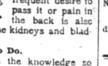

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Pontiac, Oxford & Northern Railway TABLE

Trains run on Central Standard Time.

GOING NORTH			STATIONS	GOING SOUTH.		
Exp. Nos. 1	Class Nos. 3	Mix. Nos. 5		Mix. Nos. 2	Pass. Nos. 4	Pass. Nos. 6
A.M.	P.M.	A.M.	Detroit	P.M.	A.M.	P.M.
4 05	1 00	6 30	G. R. & M.	9 30	11 30	
1 42	7 4		Mich. Cen.	9 10		
8 36	5 15	8 15	PONTIAC	8 05	10 41	4 00
8 18	5 00	8 2	Emo	7 48	10 22	3 42
9 30	5 39	8 5	Cole	7 32	10 13	3 26
10 10				7 25	10 10	3 00
10 50	6 06	8 55	Oxford	7 25	10 10	3 00
11 4	6 10	9 05	Shoup	6 56	9 53	2 32
11 25	6 30	9 32	Leonard	6 36	9 32	2 30
11 58	6 50	9 32	Dryden	6 30	9 22	12 55
12 30	6 46	9 44	Imlay City	6 05	9 00	12 30
12 58	7 03	9 76	Lum	5 49	9 07	11 55
1 13	7 09	10 00	Hickory Mills	5 39	8 70	11 40
1 56	7 24	10 16	Deer Branch	5 14	8 44	11 20
2 50	7 36	10 29	Clifford	4 56	8 15	10 29
3 25	7 54	10 56	Kingston	4 36	8 15	10 29
3 40	8 04	10 59	Wilmot	4 24	8 06	9 30
4 14	8 12	11 07	Deford	4 14	7 56	9 15
5 15	8 28	11 25	Cass City	4 03	7 42	8 55
5 45	8 41	11 4	Gagetown	3 40	7 25	7 30
6 05	8 52	11 55	Owendale	3 26	7 20	7 30
6 15	8 56	12 10	Linkville	3 20	7 05	7 25
6 35	9 10	12 15	Pigeon	3 00	7 00	7 00
6 40	9 15	12 18	Bergs	3 0	6 50	6 40
7 00	9 25	12 35	Caseville	2 4	6 45	6 15
p.m.	p.m.	p.m.	Ar.	Lv.	p.m.	a.m.

GOING NORTH. Mixed Train No. 5. GOING SOUTH. Mixed Train No. 2.

Stations	a.m.	Stations	p.m.
Pontiac	8 30	Pontiac	5 00
Emo	8 41	Lake	4 50
Cole	8 51	Cole	4 40
Oxford	9 00	Oxford	4 30

All trains daily except Sunday.

Trains No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 and 8 daily except Sunday.

Trains No. 5 will run Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Train No. 6, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Flag Stations, where trains stop only at signals.

CONNECTIONS—Pontiac with Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee Ry., and Michigan Central Line Division of Grand Trunk Ry. Oxford with Flint & Pere Marquette Ry. Pigeon with Saginaw, Tuscola and Huron Ry.

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Cars leave Birmingham for Detroit at 6:00 a. m., 7:00 a. m. and every half hour thereafter until 7:00 p. m., and hourly until 11:00 p. m.

Cars leave Birmingham for Pontiac at 6:30 a. m., every half hour thereafter until 8:00 p. m., hourly until 12 o'clock midnight.

First car leaves Detroit for Birmingham at 6:00 a. m., 7:00 a. m. and every half hour thereafter until 7:00 p. m. and hourly until 11:00 p. m. Last car waits for time-keepers.

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Telephone girls never invite you to call again.

Never judge pictures and horses by their frames.

A wise man always bets on the top dog and the bottom facts.

Love may be blind, but small brothers see everything in sight.

As soon as the sick housemaker is able to work he is on the mend.

It takes a nervous woman to demonstrate what nerve force really is.

From the cat's point of view a saucer of cream is the lap of luxury.

Though the ostrich may not be a gambler he has tips on many races.

Laugh, and the world laughs with you; growl, and the world laughs at you.

If we could see ourselves as others see us mirrors would be a drug on the market.

If brevity is the soul of wit some of our modern jokesmiths must be soulless.

Few women know how to grow old gracefully—and even they do not want to.

Some women are so modest that they won't even own up to the size of their faults.

Some men make a specialty of being honest only because it pays better than dishonesty.

Some men get all the colors because they are able to choose between beauty and ugliness.

If there is such a thing as poetry of motion the expression must be in the sprinkling can.

If the world is a stage to fashion the part is the most necessarily be a slave to the almighty dollar.

There is a similarity in the making of salads and jokes. They are more likely to suit our own taste than the tastes of others.

You can lead a horse to water but you can not make him drink, and you may drive a man to drink but you cannot make him take water.

It is [illegible] that pantaloonless trousers [illegible] the correct thing this fall. Tailor [illegible] readily realize that men who pay cash [illegible] clothes have no use for pockets.—Chicago News.

Nothing ever interferes with the growth of wild oats.

The school teacher seldom loves children as a rule, but with a ruler.

If you want to insult a woman, refer to her perfectly lovely little Fido as "it."

The crank is a man who talks photography when you want to talk old clothes.

If more people told the truth, it would make the stories of the few liars more credible.

The opportunity of a lifetime seldom has a label on it.

Good things may be cheap but cheap things are seldom good.

GOD'S APPOINTMENTS.

"This thing on which thy heart was set,
This thing that cannot be,
This weary, disappointing day, that dawns,
My friend, for thee—
Be comforted, God knoweth best, the
God whose name
Is love,
Whose tender care is evermore our passing
Lives above.
He sends thee disappointment? Well, then,
Take it from his hand.
Shall God's disappointment seem less good than
What thyself had planned?

God bids thee tarry now and then, forbear
The weak complaint:
God's leisure brings the weary rest, and cordial given
The faint;
God bids thee labor, and the place is thick with
Thorn and briar;
But he will share the hardest task, until he calls
Thee higher.
So take each disappointment, friend; 'tis at thy
Lord's command!
Shall God's appointment seem less good than
"What thyself had planned?"

The Living Dead.

BY GIDEON HICKS.

(Copyright, 1902, by Daily Story Pub. Co.)

George Bartman was traveling west for the rest and recreation he needed after some years of absorption in a successful business in an eastern city.

He had stopped over for a few days in a Colorado town and was standing on the platform of the railway station awaiting the arrival of the train which was to carry him on his journey farther west. The train was twenty minutes late, and he was whiling away the time watching the scenes about him.

There was some commotion in front of a saloon near the station. A man and a woman seemed to be struggling, while an interested crowd of loungers laughed and jeered.

Moved by curiosity the traveler walked towards the saloon, and as he drew near he heard the woman pleading:

"You've drunk enough, Jim. Please come home."

At the sound of her voice Bartman stopped suddenly, and then on impulse hurried forward. Making his way through the crowd he saw a brutish-looking man—red-eyed and blotted—and a slatternly woman holding to his arm and trying to draw him away from the saloon. The woman, it could be seen, had once been beautiful, but she was now a pitiful wreck.

"Is she his wife?" asked a bystander.

"I s'pose so," answered another. "She come here with Jim Shofter 'bout five years ago. He 'peared to have lots o' money, and they lived a high-flyin' life. Jim got to gamblin' and drinkin', and goin' all the gaits at a hell-roarin' rate 'til he went down into the gutter and she went with him. I s'pose she's one o' them fool women that'll stick to a man and go to the devil with him, no matter how much he abuses her."

"Does he beat her?"

"Treats her like a dog, and she hangs to him like a dog in spite of his cussedness, as if her salvation depended on him."

Shofter shook himself free from the woman and made his way unsteadily into the saloon. The woman followed him and others of the crowd went in.

Bartman also entered the saloon. Shofter was standing at the counter as the bartender prepared to serve him a drink of some vile, cheap stuff for the nickel he had placed on the bar. The woman took hold of him again and said,

"Jim, you shan't drink any more. Come away."

Shofter turned fiercely and muttering an oath, struck her in the face.

To the astonishment of all Bartman stepped quickly forward and with a well-directed blow felled the drunkard to the floor. Then with his hand at his hip, facing the people who had crowded into the saloon, he showed himself ready to meet any attack that might be made to resent his action.

The fallen man rose with difficulty to his feet and slunk away into a corner of the room.

No one else moved except the woman, who rushed up to Bartman, gazed a moment intently in his face, and then, covering her own face with her hands, cowered down by the counter.

Seeing that no interference was attempted or contemplated, Bartman went to the woman and, taking her by the arm, raised her up and led her out of the house. As the loungers began to follow he checked them with an imperious wave of the hand.

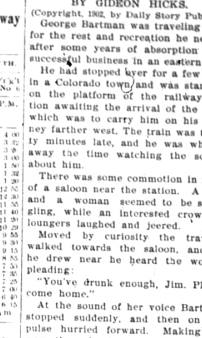
The woman, with head bent down, walked beside Bartman until they came close to the station, where she sank down upon a curbstone.

"You can never forgive me," she sobbed, not raising her head.

"I can say this much," said Bartman, "which may give you some satisfaction, if you have any good remaining in you: Your children and mine do not know of your conduct and of your fate. They believe their mother is dead, and that she died a true mother and an honorable woman. And you are dead to me and to them."

Without further word he slipped a bank note in the hand of the weeping woman and hurried into the station, where he boarded the train which had just rolled in.

Five minutes later as the train slowly moved out of the station Bartman looked out of the car window and saw the woman still sitting and weeping where he had left her. He also saw the man whom he had knocked down in the saloon approach the woman, take the bank note from



Gazed a moment intently into his face, her unresisting hand, and stagger back towards the saloon.

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OLD CASTLE GARDEN DOORS.

As Relics They Would Now Be Worth Their Weight in Gold.

"I made the mistake of my life when old Castle Garden was abandoned, that I didn't corral the old oaken doors leading into the rotunda," said Bernard Biglin as he paced along the Battery sea wall past the Aquarium.

"I know one man who'd give their weight in gold for them just as an heirloom to hand down to his grandchildren and their successors. His name? I don't think I'll tell you that, but he is, to-day, a man high up in public life and one of the financial powers of the country.

"In his youth he came to this country and entered through the old oak doors of Castle Garden. Hundreds of those who passed through those doors to the land of their adoption, where they have since found prosperity and happiness, would give much to possess them as mementos. I could name hundreds who have attained high positions in public life who first stepped foot on American soil through this portal. One man whom I saw land, and whose baggage I hauled, afterward served in the state legislature with me.

"Merely as an exhibit the old doors would be a money winner. Thousands of people would bring their children and grandchildren to see the old doors. And yet these historic relics were consigned to the rubbish heap when the old Garden was abandoned."—New York Times.

HUSBAND IN NAME ONLY.

Curious Contract Between Couple Recently Made in Berlin.

Here is a curious advertisement which recently appeared in a Berlin paper: "A distinguished lady desires to marry a genuine count; will pay well for the title."

A few days after it appeared a genuine count called on the "distinguished lady," who was a divorced actress, and told her that, if they could agree as to terms, he would be most happy to marry her. He admitted that his income was only $200 a year, and that, therefore, he was constantly in need of money.

In a few minutes the two came to an agreement, and a contract was signed. The count will receive $500 on the day of the wedding, and as soon as he receives it he will leave his wife and never again approach her. Moreover, he pledges himself to give his wife, within two months after their marriage ample cause for procuring a divorce from him, and she in turn promises to pay him $5,000 on the day when the divorce is granted.

This singular contract was drawn by a lawyer, whose office is in the Friedrichstrasse, and is said to be perfectly valid.

A Retributive Sting.

A man who was engaged in writing anecdotes and such things for publication read his latest effort to his wife.

"Don't you think that's pretty good?" he asked.

"It is good, but it's not new. I have heard it before," she answered.

"Yes, I know you have; but you heard it from me. It has never been in print."

"I have heard it more than once, and have told it several times myself," she insisted.

"Oh, well, I am going to send it along," he snarled. "I don't care if you have told it. That doesn't of absolute necessity spoil it, although it does, I must confess, militate against it a good deal."

And that was the reason why he had to subsist on cold victuals for a week thereafter.

The Value of a Struggle.

It is a curious fact in the history of nations that only those which have had to struggle the hardest for an existence have been highly successful. As a rule the same thing is true of men. One would think that it would be a great relief to have the bread-and-butter problem solved by one's ancestors so that he might devote all of his energies and time to the development of the mental and spiritual faculties, but this is contrary to the verdict of history and the daily experience of the world. The strugglers, those born to a heritage of poverty and toil, and not those reared in the lap of fortune, have, with a few exceptions, been the leaders of civilization, the giants of the race.—Success.