

"My Own Pet Bram."

THE MOST REMARKABLE INSTANCE OF NERVE ON RECORD.

The people of a little town in Warwick County have been hanging right over the brink of a fragrant church scandal, but are not aware of the fact nor will they be until this copy of the Argus reaches its readers over there.

Just before the close of the services last Sunday, a good brother walked forward to the pulpit, handed the minister an announcement, as he thought, and asked him to read it to the congregation before he dismissed them.

Just before time was called on the Doxology the minister said: "Brother Bramley has handed in the following note," and in a clear voice he read the note, which ran as follows:

"My own Pet Bram—Are you never coming to see me again? I am dying to see my darling once more, and gaze in to his beloved eyes. The old mammy that calls herself your wife will never find it out. How can you endure her? Come darling, to one who truly loves you. Your own and only "MARY."

The good brother had handed in the wrong announcement. At the close of the reading the minister looked horror-stricken. The congregation stared at Bramley with cold, hard stares, and his wife rose up in her seat and glanced at him like a tigress. He was equal to the occasion, however, and raising calmly and with a look of perfect resignation on his face, he said:

"Brothers and Sisters.—It may appear strange to you that I should ask our beloved pastor to read such a terrible thing as that from the pulpit, but the best way to fight the devil is to fight him body face to face. The writer of that vile note is unknown to me, but it is evidently some depraved child of sin who is endeavoring to besmirch my Christian reputation. I shall use every endeavor to ferret out the writer, and if discovered will fearlessly proclaim her name, and hold her up to the contempt of all good Christian people."

He sat down amid a murmur of approbation and sympathy, and his wife wanted to hug him right before the congregation. That evening he told the writer of the note what had occurred, and remarked with a grin that it was the closest call he ever had in his life. —Evensville Argus.

They Had Met at Last.

"There," she said, as she raised a window in a Pullman car the other day; "now I can breathe. The air in the car is stifling. Why don't they have better ventilation? If I couldn't sit near an open window I believe I should die."

Presently a slender female sitting directly back leaned over and asked her if she wouldn't just as lieve close that window now, as the draft was more than she could stand.

"No, madam, I shall not close this window. I could not live with it down. I was just thinking how delightful it was with it open, now you want it shut, but I shall not shut it; so there."

"Then you are a selfish thing, and I shall have to change my seat."

Just then a gentleman sitting close by reached over and said:—"Ladies, that window being raised makes no difference, and this car has double windows and not a breath of air can possibly get through the one that is still down."

Then the one that had raised the window turned to the other and with a crushed look on her face said:—"Madam, I beg your pardon, but I think two fools have met at last." —Buffalo Times.

Young George Stepheson.

"Now I'm a made man for life!" said a boy of sixteen, when he received an appointment to work at a pumping engine, with wages at twelve shillings a week. His had been a rough, hard-working life. His father was a fireman, who earned twelve shillings a week, out of which there was a wife and six children to keep; his home was a poor cottage, with a clay floor and unplastered walls. He had never been to school; but as soon as ever he was old enough to do anything he had to contribute to the general support. At first he earned twopence a day for looking after Widow Ainslie's cows, later on he received two shillings a week for minding horses; later on still, six shillings a week as assistant fireman to his father; and at the age of sixteen he was "made a man of for life," as he thought, by becoming a fireman, with wages at twelve shillings a week. That boy was a George Stepheson, who became one of the greatest men of his day, and who, as the "father of railways," will be held in grateful admiration, all the world over for his mighty labors in connection with the locomotive engine.

A Horse Nearly Forty Years Old. On Thursday there died at the place of Gen. John S. Barry, in Baltimore County, the bay horse "Sam," aged nearly 40 years. Sam was foaled on the farm of Mr. S. Davis, in Vermont, on May 5, 1844. In February, 1861, Dr. John Mann purchased Sam, and in the same month and year the latter disposed of the horse to Gen. Barry. The horse was then in his seventeenth year, and had a record of 2:50. Gen. Barry owned and used the horse up to within the latter part of last month, and during

that time the horse never suffered from a day's sickness. He was highly prized by his owner and the latter's family, all of whom had become endeared to the animal. Gen. Barry, several days ago, had a number of photographs taken of the animal to preserve as mementos.

Gastronomic Proverbs.

Fast well, feast well. A wise cook fondles his fire. Court the onion and flee the doctor. Let the doubting cook roast the fish. Diplomacy lieth under the dish-cover. The lean buyer maketh the fat seller. Discretion is the proper sauce for cheese. All straw is alike to the hungry donkey. A bad dinner is often redeemed by a good salad. Wise counsel cometh not from an empty stomach. Rare beef and well-cooked fish betray a wise cook. True economy in the household has heaven for its banker. Peace hideth itself under the lid of the well-managed pot. All should profit by the aid of the cook—except the apothecary. Neither the nibbler nor the glutton knoweth the value of the feast.—The Caterer.

Couldn't stand the Remedy.

A miserly, unkempt old man, who had been sick for some time, called on a doctor, and after telling his symptoms asked what he should do. "Well, sir, you must take a cold bath every morning."

"What, wash all over every day?" "Yes." "Will I die if I don't do it?" "You certainly will."

"Well, doctor, I ain't able to walk down town; will you go and get a preacher and an undertaker? I'll go home and get ready to see them. You may send your bill to my administrator and he will settle it after I'm gone. Good day."

A Positive Fact.

"Doctor, do you think smoking is hurtful?" "Why, of course. Look at the chimneys. They make a business of the thing; and yet it's those that smoke the least that do the best." —French Wit.

"Vheli, you may talk of Chicago all day, but Cincinnati has der place to do becusness in," remarked the first.

"Chicago has der biggest city." "Oh, I know dot, but der situation has caferytings. Last spring my creditors extended me for thirty days on account of der freshet, and last month I has extended fifteen days on account of the riots. Before April is oafar I am extended for some big fires, and by July, der Ohio river has so low I get special rates on all umbrellas, and has extended thirty days on white wests and linen dusters. All we lack now is a hurricane in November, to extend us two months on ulsters and Artie overshoes."

Special Notices.

SARDINES, just received at Beer & Goff's. [may 3] A SPLENDID sample of Seed Wheat at W. P. COLWILL'S. [may 1] dly & wly 3w ENGLISH JAMS and Marmalade, at Beer & Goff's [may 3] ENGLISH PAINT, ten tons English White Lead, received from London to-day, in Hubback's Genuine and Hubback's No. 1, at the City Hardware Store.—NORTON BROS. m 2 3 wly

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