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HAIL.

We have not yet made a full settlement of claims, but have got enough settled to know that the full ten cents will be needed. We will make an assessment on every member of the company giving names, postoffice, and amount due each loser, and hope that all will be ready at that time to respond promptly.

THEY WERE ALL PATRIOTS.

Seventeen Members of One Family Serve Their Country In Its Need.

A revolutionary tradition of Rhode Island, long currently believed-but only on tradition, has just been verified by the collection of a number of scattered bits of evidence. It would be difficult to find another instance of an equal amount of patriotism in a single family.

Caleb Arnold and his excellent wife, Patience, were, at the time of the revolution, the parents of eleven grown children, eight sons and three daughters. Caleb and his eight boys—Esek, William, Nehemiah, Edward, Oliver, Ephraim, Jabez and Othniel—all entered a patriotic army. His three sons-in-law became soldiers also.

His wife and her three daughters, Patience, Anna and Achsa, together with a daughter-in-law, Isceah, remained at home and managed the farm in the men's absence, finding time and strength to perform, in addition to these labors, the duty of nursing the sick and wounded among the soldiers of the state.

It is related, says the Youth's Companion, of the two sons, Jabez and Othniel, that as they were marching with Gen. Greene's brigade to Bunker Hill Othniel was seized with the presentiment of death which so many young soldiers have experienced.

"Jabez," he said, turning to his brother, "if I am killed in this battle will you marry my sweetheart, Rachel Phettyplace?"

Jabez did not hesitate to give the required promise, and Othniel, though he survived the glorious disaster of the day, received a wound which eventually proved mortal; but either because Jabez felt that his word had been too hastily given, or because Rachel had not been consulted as to her views upon the question, he did not then marry her, but shortly after was wedded instead to the Widow Cole.

Being within a few years left a widower, he came courting to Rachel, who was still unwedded, married her, and so kept his word.

Counting sons-in-law with sons and daughters-in-law with daughters, we find that in this one large family of little Rhode Island there were seventeen persons and perhaps more who served their country in her need. It is a fine record for their descendants to remember.

Where Is the Buzz?

It has been found that horseflies, bees, bumblebees and other insects of that ilk can be held by the legs and made to produce the humming or buzzing noises so characteristic of the two-winged insect family, even though their wings be entirely removed and that a partial (say the clipping of a half or two-thirds of each wing) removal of the organs of flight only serves to increase the shrillness of the noise.

A well informed statistician says that more Jewish synagogues have been set up in the United States during the past ten years than in all the previous years of American history.

IN ST. PETERSBURG.

Sights Along the Principal Street of the Russian Capital.

By day or by night, in winter or summer, it is a pure delight to stand on the Anitchkoff bridge and survey the scene on either hand, writes Isabel Hapgood in Scribner. If we gaze to the north toward what is one of the oldest parts settled on the rivulet-riddled, so-called "mainland," in this northern Venice, we see the long, plain facade of the Katherine institute for the education of the daughters of officers, originally built by Peter the Great for his daughter Anna as the "Italian palace," but used only for the palace servants until it was built over and converted to its present purpose. Beyond we catch a glimpse of the yellow wings of Count Scheremelleff's ancient house and its great iron railing, behind which, in a spacious court-yard, after the Moscow fashion so rare in thrifty Petersburg, the main building lies invisible to us. If we look to the south, we find the long ochre mass of the Anitchkoff palace, facing on the Nevsky, upon the right shore; on the left, beyond the palace of Sergei Alexandrovitch, the branch of the Alexander Neusky Monastrey, in old Russian style, with highly colored saints and heads of seraphim on the outer walls, and a perspective of light, stuccoed buildings—dwellings, markets, churches—until the eye halts with pleasure on the distant blue dome of the Troitzky cathedral, studded with golden stars. Indeed, it is difficult to discover a vista in St. Petersburg which does not charm us with a glimpse of one or more of those cross-crowned domes, floating bubble-like, in the pale azure of the sky. Though they are far from being as beautiful in form or coloring as those of Moscow, they satisfy us at the moment.

If it is on a winter night that we may take up our stand here, we may catch a glimpse of the numerous "skating gardens," laid out upon the ice cleared on the snowy surface of the canal. The ice-hills will be black with forms flitting swiftly down the shining roads on sledges or skates, illuminated by the electric light; a band will be braying blithely regardless of the piercing cold, and the skaters will dance on in their fancy dress ball or prize races, or otherwise, clad so thinly as to amaze the shivering foreigner as he hugs his furs.

They Live Very Well.

The Maine fishermen spread a table on board their vessels that would surprise the average person. Barrels of cabbage, turnip, sweet corn, fish, meats, canned goods, etc., are included in the outfit. In fact all the articles necessary for a first-class hotel are found in the pantry. Though they handle immense quantities of fish, neither on board nor at their homes does it often appear.

A Mitigating Circumstance.

Pastor—Is it a fact that you throw your boots at your wife, and that she pounds you with the broom-stick?

Husband—Yes; but sometimes we change about, and I pound her with the broom-handle, and she bounces the boots on me.—Texas Siftings.

California Shad.

Up to 1880 the shad was unknown in California waters. Young shad were sent there that year and planted in the Sacramento river. Shad is now so plentiful in California that it sells in San Francisco by wholesale at 2 cents a pound.

Nice and Good.

Aunty—Do you think this cake is nice?

Little Niece, from Boston—Yes; I easily recognize the fact that the proportions of the ingredients are exact to a nicety. That is why it is good.—Good News.

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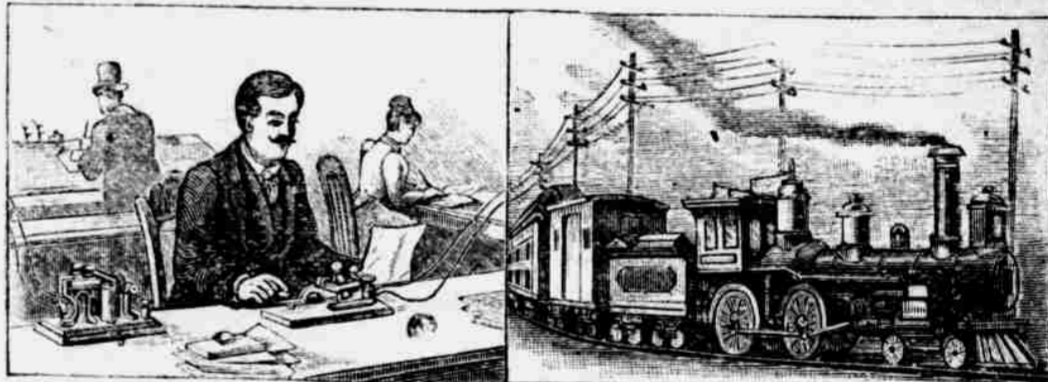
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