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ABOUT NICHTMARES.

A Man Who Found That a Rather Too Solid One Was After Him.

"Have you ever had a nightmare in which some fearful danger threatened you and you can't move or get out of the way?" asked Hermann Solomon of a crowd of peripatetic story-tellers at the Richelieu Hotel, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. "Of course you have, and so have I. Several years ago I had several of these nocturnal visitors every night for a week, and grew weary of them, for, in spite of my determination not to let them bully me out of my equanimity, I would nearly expire each night, and awake with the cold prespiration breaking out all over me.

"Toward the last of that interesting week I stopped with a country landlord in Northern Arkansas, and resolved as I went to sleep that, come what would, I would positively refuse to give in in the least to my imagination.

"Some time past midnight the usual scare came. This time it was a tall and angular woman in white, with a long butcher knife. Mentally I was congratulating myself that at last I was learning to overcome the foolish fears of nightmares, and won-dering how it would pass off. I saw the demoniac grin, as she flourished the knife in front of my face, almost without a tremor, and when she laughed a wild, unearthly laugh, I gave a start and found it all real and that I was actually awake that I was actually awake.
"Scared? That word can't express

it. I dropped down on the other side of the bed as she made a slash at me, and as the ran around the bed, crawled under, reached the door and went down the steps about three at a time shead of her. By the time we gained 'the big road' I think I had gained seyeral feet, as she had more clothing to interfere with progress than I had just then. I had imagined that a man really scared can't move. Well, I will give any odds desired on the proposition that I moved down that road, and I don't think I would need any corroborative testimony to convince any one who saw me that I was

"About a mile down the road I ran into the arms of her husband and sons, who were out looking for her. She was a little 'outen her head' at times, they said, and she had evidently entered the open door at my landlord's and reached my room without any one knowing it. As her relatives any one knowing it. As her relatives took her home I sadly retraced my steps and found the whole family aroused. The explanation was satisfactory, and the adventure cured me of nightmare."

Straw Shelter.

It is not every farmer that can have a covered barn-yard, but nearly every one can have a good, cheap substitute. If the farmer has his grain in or stacked near the barn all that is necessary for him to do is at threshing time to set in a few forks or posts and place long poles on top of these, with other poles or rails crosswise on them, then let the straw stack extend over and cover all. This makes an excellent place to shelter cattle when turned out in the winter to exercise or to wheel the manure from the stables when the ground is not fit to haul directly to the field. When there is plenty of room excellent pig pens can be made by partitioning part of it off. The body of the straw stack should always be built to protect the north and west sides.—National Stockmap and Farmer. .

Escaped in a Cloud of Mud.

One of the most perilous occupations, next to the manufacture of dynamite, is diving for pearls. The successful diver must be courageous successful diver must be courageous of mind. A diver engaged in the pearl fisheries of the Gulf of California tells the story of one of his experiences. He had filled a bag with oysters and was about to ascend, when looking up, he saw a big shark watching him. To rise to the surface would be fatal. The man moved quickly to the opposite side of a rock, stirred up a great cloud of mud, rose in the darkness, and reached the side of the boat just in time to escape the jaws of the big man-eater. Had the diver hesitated an instant to conceal his movements an instant to conceal his movements in the only manner possible his life would have paid the penalty,

Crows That Divide The Spoils. As a rule, female birds do most of the work which the little feathered creatures find necessary to their wel-fare; but Sir John Lubbock, the nat-uralist, tells of a New Zealand crow with which the case is different. The male which the case is different. The male bird has a strong bill adapted to cutting and digging into decayed trees, but he is deficient in that horny-pointed tongue which would permit him to pierce the grub and draw it out. The hea bird has, however, an elongated and straight bill, "and when the cock has dug down to the burrow, the hen inserts her long bill and draws out the grub, which they divide between

What Delayed the Party.

"Wasn't it awful that Sue and her husband missed the train after their

wedding?"

"Just perfectly dreadful! They didn't get away from town till the next morning, did they?"

"No, they didn't! Do you know how it happened?"

"No; how was it?"

"Well, there were only five hours after the conclusion of the ceremony until the train started, and Sue did her best but she declared that she'd die sooner than leave before she got die sooner than leave before she got her gloves on.

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A Strange Experience

In the course of his long fight against slavery General Hawley and his old friend, John Hooker, had one experience which is probably unique among New England citizens. Hawley bought and Hooker owned a doctor of divinity. A scholarly colored man, James Pennington, who had received at Heidelberg the degree of D. D., was settled over the Talcott street church in Hartford, Conn. It came out that he ran away from slavery when a boy. He was "owned" at the South, and when the fugitive slave law was passed there the fugitive slave law was passed there was danger of his capture and servitude. So Lawyer Joe Hawley went to his owners, for Mr. Hooker, bought this doctor of divinity and brought Mr. Hooker back the bill of sale. Mr. Hooker tried for a day the feeling of owning a minister and then put on record in the town clerk's office a deed giving the Rev. Dr. James Pennington the ownership of himself.

An Instructive Fable.

A swarm of flies had been feeding all summer on the blood of a thrifty cow. The feed was good early in the season The feed was good early in the season, and the cow gave a large amount of milk and gained in fiesh at the same time. But when the grass dried up and the weather was cold the flies were driven off. Then the leader of the swarm, named Benjamin, sat on a rock and made a speech, in which he said:
"Now let us see if the cow will do as
well without us as she did while we were sucking her blood."—Manchester Union.

Names of Philadelphia Streets.

Philadelphia is noted for its odd street names. The various trees and plants have long ago been exhausted, and the have long ago been exhausted, and the vocabularies of the board of surveyors are not of sufficient volume to keep pace with the number of new streets being placed on the city plans. In its dilemma the board has given some streets a name and a half, such as Forty-two and a Half street. And now it purposes to make the fractions still smaller. A plan of the lines and grades of Fiftyplan of the lines and gredes of Fifty-four and Three-quarters street from Westminster avenue to Haverford street is being made.

Recognized Old Friends.

Voltaire was one day reading a trag-edy of his own which contained many verses borrowed from other authors. Whenever one of these bits came from his lips, Piron, the poet, made a bow, with great seriousness. "Why are you doing that?" Voltaire exclaimed at length, with extreme irritation." Keep on monsieur," said Piron; "don't mind me. It is merely my habit to salute my acquaintances."

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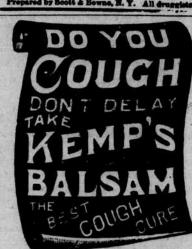
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