

THE DARKEST NIGHT.

"He then having received the sop went out straightway, and it was night." Earth's darkest night is not that one on which the lights are out and the stars refuse to shine.

How many interviews Judas had with the priests, we do not know. All along for two years or more, they had been watching their chance.

So, one night while a stiff argument was going on in the hall of the assembled high priests, there was a cat-like step approaching the door, and then a timid rap.

The accomplishing of a wicked scheme—the nervous excitement of the thing—will keep one up for awhile; but the spirit quails at last. That money there in Judas' hand is not doing him any good now.

But let us follow Judas. A great criminal, like a great sufferer, easily arrests our attention. Judas now goes back to his old place in that upper room. He is the conscious carrier of a great secret.

and it was night." Grave, solemn, holy night! Did thy sweet stars twinkle and twinkle and grow pale and dim? A man had sold his master! Judas had bargained away his

Lord for money. Night! It was a ways night to any man who turns his back in treachery on his best friend. Judas was to be with Jesus no more.

That was the end of the man who sold his Lord. Shall we curse and censure him? No, not now. Sometimes there come moments of spiritual delirium, when for the gratification of some sinful impulse, one is willing to give up everything else.

Somebody has been collecting queer advertisements from the papers; here are a few specimens: "Annual sale now on. Don't go elsewhere to be cheated—come in here."

"Wanted—A room by two gentlemen about 30 feet long and 20 feet broad."

"Wanted—A boy to be partly outside and partly behind the counter."

—Drunkenness does not produce faults; it discloses them. Fortune does not change manners; it uncovers them.

A MISNAMED TOWN.

Even Philadelphia Calls Bustleton a Sleepy Old Place. Nestling cozily at the junction of two colonial highways out in the Thirty-fifth ward, Bustleton enjoys the unique distinction of being a veritable Sleepy Hollow within the limits of this great city.

The town is most beautifully located at the junction of the old Welsh road, laid out and used almost 200 years ago, and the main road leading from Backs county to the city, known as the Bustleton turnpike, which was macadamized about 1807.

Bustleton itself, according to tradition, got its name from a woman, who in the early days lived on the site of the present railroad station. She was an active housewife, and when the question of naming the village came up some one suggested the name of the woman.

For over 70 years the only means of travel between Bustleton and this city were the old stage coaches. But in 1870 the Pennsylvania railroad built a branch out from Holmesburg, which resulted in driving off the stage coaches.

Two trips were made by the stage coach each way to Second and Arch streets, and the time consumed between the terminal points was one and a half hours.

Among the residents of the pretty little town are still many families whose ancestors for generations back lived and died in the same place.

"Wanted—A respectable girl, her passare to New York; willing to take care of children and a good sailor."

A system regulator is a medicine that strengthens and stimulates the liver, kidney, stomach and bowels.

—Mr. Simon, the new senator from Oregon, is the smallest man in congress—smaller than General Wheeler or Senator Wilson, who weighs only 96 pounds.

MEXICAN PEARL FISHING.

The Annual Yield of the Gulf of California Is About \$350,000. The agent of the English proprietors of the concession granted by the Mexican republic for a monopoly of pearl fishing in the gulf of California recently gave some interesting details of the present methods employed in their industry.

The whole coast of the gulf of California abounds in pearls, and the concessions control the entire territory. Until within the last few years native divers were employed, and the depth to which they could descend did not exceed 35 feet.

The diver does not confine himself to the pearl oyster alone, but if he sees a rare specimen of coral or a new species of shell he places it in his bag and sends it to the surface, where it becomes the property of the concession and one source of its large income.

Last year the value of the pearls harvested in Lower California was alone \$350,000. In addition 5,000 tons of shells were exported, which were valued at \$1,250,000 more.

San Francisco is not the market for Mexican pearls, though it ought to be. The harvest is exported straight to London and Paris and distributed from those great markets.

The dangers of pearl fishing have always been exaggerated, possibly to give a fictitious value to the beautiful gems. The loss of life in the fisheries in Lower California was undoubtedly larger before the introduction of the diving dress, but it is not an established fact that the deaths were always caused by the shark or octopus.

—The smallest tree in the world is the Greenland birch. Its height is less than three inches, yet it covers a radius of two to three feet.

Deadly Cancer Cured at Last!

Do Not Give Up in Despair—There is Hope!

For ages it has been thought that Cancer is incurable, and those so unfortunate as to have this dreadful affliction have considered themselves beyond hope of recovery.

It is now easy to see why the doctors have failed to cure Cancer. Their theories have been all wrong, and hence their treatment misdirected.

Several years ago my wife had an ulcer on her tongue, which, though annoying, was not regarded seriously at first. It refused to heal and began to grow, giving her much pain.

Valuable books on Cancer and Blood Diseases will be mailed free to any address by Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.

Baked Cured Ham.

Nothing is more delicate and delicious for luncheons and high teas than a cured ham baked. Take a ham weighing from seven to nine pounds and soak it overnight.

A sauce to serve with baked ham is made thus: Put into a saucepan over the fire a heaping teaspoonful of butter and an equal amount of flour.

Prickly Ash Bitters cures the kidneys, relieves the liver and purifies the bowels. A valuable system tonic. Sold by Evans Pharmacy.

—Sabbath School Teacher—"Why, Petey Murphy! Fighting again? Did you not last Sunday's lesson teach that when you are struck on one cheek to turn the other to the striker?"

WINE OF CARDUI. McElree's Wine of Cardui. FOR WOMAN'S PECULIAR WEAKNESSES. Irregularities and derangements. It has become the leading remedy for this class of troubles.

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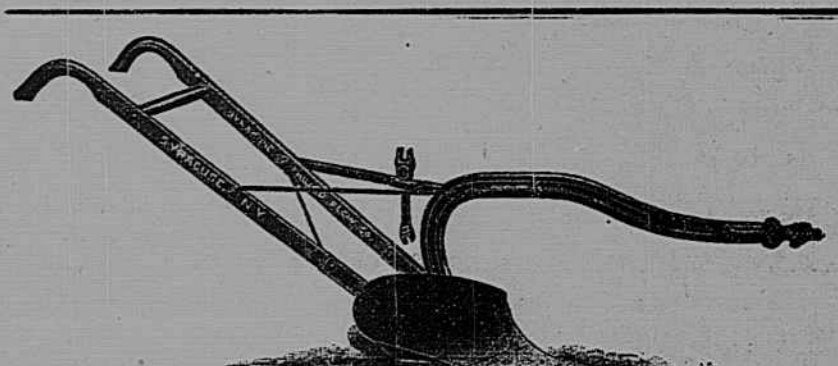
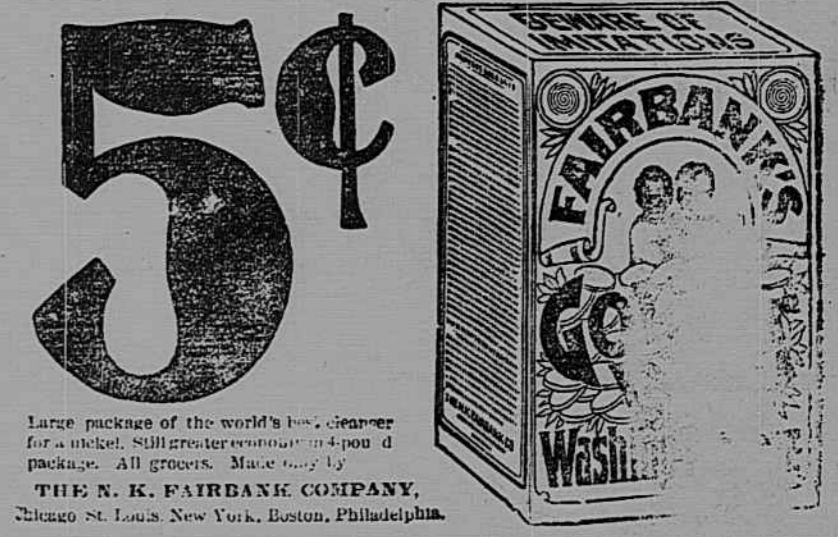
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SOMETHING NEW



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SYRACUSE HARROWS, And Syracuse Harrows, like Syracuse Plows, are thoroughly Up-to-Date. See us before buying.

BROCK BROS.

—There are plenty of people in the world who practically grumble because they can't find something to grumble about.

SEABOARD AIR LINE VESTIBULE LIMITED TRAINS DOUBLE DAILY SERVICE TO WILMINGTON, NEW ORLEANS AND NEW YORK, BOSTON, RICHMOND, WASHINGTON, NORFOLK, PORTSMOUTH.

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