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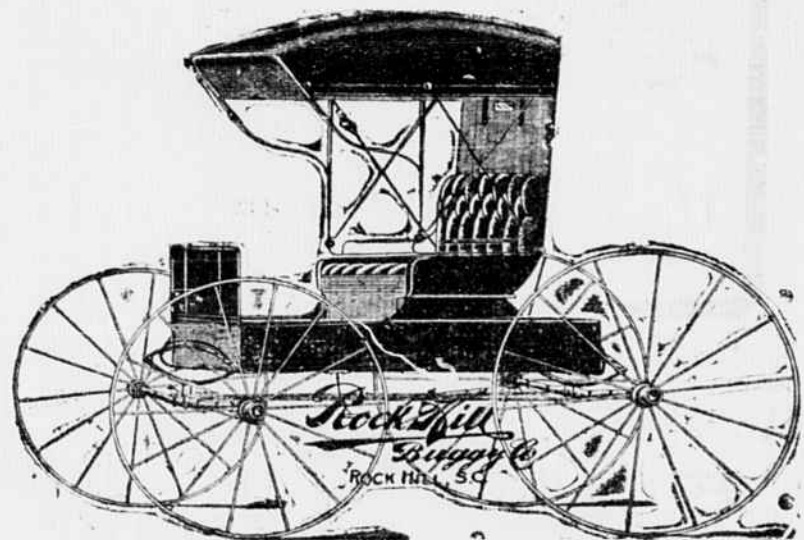
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A Black Alpaca Coat

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"Sandy," said Captain Pole, as he shifted his tiller so as to pass a barge towing down the bay, "you'd better ask Kate Haggerty to have you when we get to port."
"There's na hurry," replied Sandy McDougal, mate of the schooner Ajax, enjoying his pipe.
"Go ahead," retorted the skipper, pettishly, "you'll wake up some morning and see another chap living off Kate's money."
"She's na got it yet," expostulated Mr. McDougal.
"But she'll have it when her uncle dies, and he's old as the hills."
"Hoots! Only 70, and men are living longer than they did," said McDougal.
"It's little surprisid I'd be livin' to be 80," said Sandy.
"Well," remarked the skipper,

to Dennis Haggerty's will, who had all he possessed to Kate Haggerty. Now he had immediately sailed for Australia, and the skipper was practically the sole possessor of the secret. He knew Kate, and he knew her, so he did some thinking. Then he apprised Sandy McDougal, his mate, of the secret, and introduced him to Kate.
"He's too stingy to ever spend her money," soliloquized the skipper, and he'll make her a good husband."
Sandy courted cautiously. Kate, with a dowry of \$10,000, was very attractive, but his characteristic stinginess made him hesitate about incurring the expense of a wife until the dowry was possessed.
McDonald was looking the thing over when the skipper came aboard much excitedly. "Haggerty's sick," he whispered. "He's pneumonic, and he's an old man to get well, now's a fine time Sandy."
For a moment Sandy wavered, then he said: "He may get well; there's no hurry."
Captain Pole coupled Mr. McDougal's name with an adjective, and went gloomily below.
Captain Pole's watch was a massive machine to which he lay great store and when it became out of order there was only one watchmaker in the city who was permitted to repair it. After his abortive effort to excite Mr. McDougal to action, he glanced at his watch and found it stopped.
"I'll take it to Snoot," he said, and he left the schooner, sending at the same time the immovable McDougal, who was still working on the rigging.
The skipper had left his watch with Mr. Snoot and was about to depart when he remembered that Dennis Haggerty lived directly opposite the watchmaker. He glanced across the house and then he rubbed his eyes and stared.
It was not the evidence that Mr. Haggerty was having some repairs done to his front steps that caused him to stare, but attached to the bell pull was a streamer of orange.
He hastened back to the schooner.
"He's dead!" he gasped.
"Ye na mean it?" exclaimed McDougal.
"There's crape on the door; that's a landsman's flag at half-mast. Go your best rigging on and come there's not a minute to be lost."
Mr. McDougal was soon attired in his best black suit of clothes, and the two set out for Miss Haggerty's boarding-house.
Miss Haggerty was at home and would see Mr. McDougal in the parlor. Captain Pole chose to wait on the street the result of his mate's suit and walked up and down in front of the house. Presently McDougal came to the door and beckoned to the skipper.
"Well," said that gentleman, as he reached McDougal, "is it all right?"
"I have na asked her yet," replied

McDougal, nervously. "Are ye sure did na make a mistake in the house?"
"No!" roared the skipper, "it was Dennis Haggerty's house. Hurry up, man, or ye'll lose the chance."
In a brief hour's time McDougal came on.
"We'll be married in a week," he said. "The landlady is a witness of the engagement. I hope you're na wrong in the house."
Captain Pole was aroused early in the morning by Mr. McDougal, whose countenance showed great mental perturbation.
"Ye've ruined me," said he, shaking his list at the skipper.
"What's the matter?" exclaimed the Captain.
"It was na crape on the door," howled McDougal. "The man who was fixing the steps bung his black alpaca coat on the bell pull."
The skipper whistled.
"I'll na marry her," shrieked McDougal. "I'm sweended!"
"Then," retorted the skipper, with difficulty repressing a roar of laughter, "she'll sue you for breach of promise. The landlady is a witness

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STATE NEWS.

Governor Heyward pardoned last year 53 criminals and committed the sentence of 28 others—of these 81 criminals, 28 had been convicted of either murder or manslaughter.

Senator Williams bill looking to a tax on coca cola is exciting much interest. The bill does not outlaw coca cola but imposes a license. His proposition is to tax the dealer and to raise a revenue by a direct tax of from \$500 to \$1,000 on each place where coca cola is sold.

The Czar of Russia while walking through the corridors of the palace at Tsarskor-Selo, picked up a letter addressed to him lying on the floor. It contained the announcement that 12 men had sworn to kill him in revenge for the St. Petersburg massacre of January 22. The Czar has not left the palace since and a heavy guard of Cossack's surrounded the palace ground while detectives watch the palace.

Between 9 and 10:30 o'clock Monday night the O'Neal Street Methodist Episcopal Church, in the cotton mill village, in Newberry, was burned; the accidental fire, it is believed, having started from the furnace. The building which coast with its hands in r furnishings, \$4,000 and been paid for in full, is a total loss; while the insurance is only about \$2,000. The fire department responded promptly, but the frame structure was a mass of flames when the scene was reached, and its efforts were successfully directed to saving nearby property. The Rev. J. H. Graves is the pastor of the church.

Edgar P. Mitchell a young man 23 years old was arrested at Barnwell last week charged with forgery. The arrest was made upon charges preferred by the Southern Express Company. Mitchell confessed that he took a book from the express office containing 18 orders worth \$50 each when filled out and properly signed. One of these orders was cashed by an agent at Blackville which caused Mitchell's arrest.

HIS PRAYER.

Chaplain Hale no longer asks Senators to join with him in repeating the Lord's prayer at the morning's devotions. This arises from the fact that when he did make the request there was no response.

The circumstance was the basis of a report, printed in some newspaper, that none of the Senators knew the prayer. The report in turn because the source of no little anxiety to Dr. Hale.

"Can it be possible that such a deplorable condition of affairs exists?" he asked more than one Senator, and he was apparently much relieved by the assurance given him that the news paper report was without foundation. "I'd just like to see the test made," said Senator Tillman when he heard the story. "I fear they'd all be like we fellows they tell about down in South Carolina. They were in peril of losing their lives by drowning, when one of them insisted the other should pray, notwithstanding his companion remonstrated that he did not know how to pray."
"Just pray, anyhow," said the other whereupon the one said: "Lord, make us thankful for what we are about to receive," Maryland Journal.

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