

The Loves of Alonzo Fitz Clarence and Rosannah Ethelton.

It was well along in the forenoon of a bitter winter's day. The town of Eastport, in the State of Maine, lay buried under a deep snow that was newly fallen. The customary bustle in the streets was wanting. One could look long distances down them and see nothing but a dead-white emptiness, with silence to match. Of course I do not mean that you could see the silence—no, you could only hear it. The sidewalks were merely long, deep ditches with step-snow walls on either side. Here and there you might hear the faint, far scrape of a wooden shovel, and if you were quick enough you might catch a glimpse of a distant black figure stooping and disappearing in one of those ditches, and reappearing in another moment with a motion which you would not have expected to see. But you would not know what the hearing was for, for that black figure would not linger, but would soon drop that shovel and seek for the house, thrashing itself with its arms to warm them. Yes, it was too venomously cold for snow shovellers or anybody else to stay out long.

Oh, thank you! You have to go now, have you not?

"Yes." "No sorry." "Yes, Ethelton!" "What?" "You—you're there yet, ain't you?" "Yes; but please hurry. What did you want to say?" "Well, I—well, nothing in particular. It's very lonesome here. It's asking a great deal of me, and would you mind talking with me a little while?—that is, if it will not trouble you too much?" "I don't know—but I'll think about it. I'll try." "Oh, thank you! Miss Ethelton!" "Ah, me, she's gone, and here are the black clouds and the whirling snow and the raging winds come again! But she said good-by! She didn't say good morning, she said good-by! The clock was right, after all. What a lightning-winged two hours it was!" He sat down, and gazed dreamily into his fire for a while, then heaved a sigh, and said: "How wonderful it is! Two little hours ago I was a free man, and now my heart is in San Francisco!"

Four weeks later, Mr. Sidney Algernon Burley was entertaining a gay luncheon company, in a sumptuous drawing-room on Telegraph Hill, with some capital imitations of the voices and gestures of certain popular actors and San Francisco literary people, and Bonanza grandees. He was elegantly upholstered, and was a handsome fellow, bearing a striking resemblance to the actor who had just been introduced to the company.

One forenoon the Reverend ascended the stairs and knocked at Alonzo's door. There stood a young man, looking eagerly around, closed the door softly, then ran to the telephone. The exquisitely soft, remote strains of the "Sweet By and By" came floating through the instrument. The singer was flitting as usual, the five notes that follow the first two in the chorus, when the Reverend interrupted her with this word in a voice which was heard in the eye of the world.

song when she is said; I shall find her." So he took his carpet sack and a portable telephone, and shook the snow of his native city from his arctic, and went forth into the world. He wandered far and wide and in many states. Time and again, strangers were astounded to see a wasted, pale and worn man laboriously climbing a telegraph pole in a wintry and lonely place, perch upon a wire, and with his ear at a little box, then come singing down, and wander wearily away. Some have taken him for a madman, and others, thinking him mad and his person was grievously lacerated. But he bore it all patiently.

which checked him suddenly. She said, coldly, "I am here, as I promised. I believe your assurance, yielded to your importunities, and said the day. I named the 1st of April—eight in the morning. Now go!" "Oh, my dearest, if the gratitude of a lifetime—" "Not a word, spare me all sight of you, all communication with you, until the hour. No—no supplications; I will have it so. What is this going on? You are seated in a chair, for the long siege of troubles she had undergone had wasted her strength. Presently she said "What a narrow escape! If the hourpointed had been an hour earlier—Oh horror, what an escape I have made? And to think I had come to imagine I was loving this beguiling, this truthless, this treacherous woman! No, I shall report his villainy!"

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Election for Judge of Probate. By order of Governor Hubbard, an election for Judge of Probate for the District of Norwalk, will take place on Monday, March 11th, in the Towns of Norwalk, New Canaan and Wilton. In Norwalk the polls will be open from 6 o'clock, a. m., until 5 o'clock, p. m., as provided by law.

A Caucus of the Republicans of Norwalk, to appoint delegates to the Convention, will be held at Norwalk, next Monday, March 4th.

The candidates for the vacant position of Judge of Probate are quite numerous. We here name the following gentlemen mentioned by their friends: Asa B. Woodward, the present Clerk of the Court, J. Belden Hurlburt, Gen. Taylor, W. T. Crawford, W. Perry, H. H. Barlow, E. W. Stuart, W. E. Raymond and W. L. Waring of New Canaan, and Charles Cannon of Wilton.

Rev. Joseph Anderson, of Waterbury, occupied the pulpit of the First Congregational church on Sunday last, preaching morning and evening, to large audiences. It seemed like old times to see his familiar face in that pulpit and to hear his musical voice.

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The children's party at the Athenaeum, Friday evening, was the event of the season. Mr. H. H. Turner was on board the steamer Old Colony when her recent accident occurred.

Mr. Hon. C. Miller was last week re-elected by the Legislature as School Fund Commissioner.

Twenty shares of the N. Y., N. H. & H. R. Railroad stock sold in New York, last week, for 159 1/2 per share.

The last of the Home Societies is to be given this evening at Music Hall. A fine entertainment is anticipated.

Mr. Chas. A. Quilstar is soon to leave for Wisconsin, hoping the change will benefit his failing health. His wife will accompany him.

E. L. Goodwin, city clerk of New Britain, committed suicide Wednesday night. He was under arrest for misappropriation of city funds.

Rev. Mr. Anderson, wife and two children, are expected in Norwalk again on Wednesday. It is hoped they will attend the Supper that evening.

The Rev. Mr. Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Betts leave to-day for Colorado. May the journey prove safe, pleasant, and health-renewing.

Andy Gibson, trial for burglary at Major Dwyer's case off to the Supreme Court, last week. He plead guilty, and was sentenced to State prison for one year.

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An old subscriber to New York State evinces his appreciation of the old GAZETTE by paying his subscription for two years and one-half in advance. "May his trieb increase."

To-day, at noon, at the residence of the bride's parents, East Avenue, Miss Elizabeth C. Pratt was married to Mr. Warren Heriot, of Yonkers, N. Y. Joy was with them.

Threats come from St. Petersburg that if the Sultan does not on sign the conditions of peace, hostilities will be renewed, and in that case the Turkish empire will disappear.

Professor Peck of the Homer, N. Y. Academy has been fined \$250 for severely whipping a pupil. The jury at one time stood six in favor of making the amount \$1,000.

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CITY NEWS. DURING THE raging storm of Friday last, the tide rose very high covering the salt meadows, lumber yards, and many of the cellars. Cellars in some sections of the city were inundated, doing considerable damage. A part of the roof of the ice house on the Hill Road grounds, was blown off.

City residents who have recently visited the exhibition, brought on their return, in very fine specimens of plants, flowers, leaves, grasses and oranges, lemons, and their fruit in their perfection.

W. H. Hayward's exhibition of the Telephone at the supper of the ladies of the Congregational church, was a great attraction and success for which the committee are under many obligations.

The conflict of opinion about Hell still exists, and many argumentative battles are had over it. All manner of views are expressed none altering the words or meaning of the passages in the Bible referred to. Rev. Mr. Dunning gave his views on Sunday evening, in an address from which it will be seen that he believes in Hell, and that "Hell might go to his own place" which he referred to the many symbols of Heaven and Hell. The meaning of their figures were that the soul going into Eternity goes to his own place, a place which fits his moral condition.

Rev. Mr. Bradford, of New Jersey, occupied the pulpit of the Baptist Tabernacle on Sunday, exchanging with Rev. Mr. Taylor. His discourses, morning and evening, were listened to by good congregations. It is not safe for young men to fool with pocket handkerchiefs unbeknown to their owners. They sometimes have come thrown at them.

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Fairfield County Items.

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SCHOOLS. The Trustees of the Norwalk Schools have the honor to announce that the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Wednesday, the 27th inst. at 7 o'clock P.M. in the Town Hall.

YOUNG LADIES & CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE. Will re-open on WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 12th, 1877. Throughness in each Department is the aim of the Institute. Young ladies to receive pupils by the Principal.

HILLSIDE SCHOOL. The Twenty-Sixth Year of Dr. FITZGERALD'S PUPILS was held at the Norwalk School on Friday, the 23rd inst. The exercises were held in the Town Hall.

MR. C. F. DANIELS. Wishes to inform the public of Norwalk and its vicinity that he has received a license to sell and dispense VOCAL OR INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC.

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THE Public. THE subscriber having purchased the Stock of the Norwalk and Westport Congregational Church, and having taken possession of the same, he hereby gives notice to the public that he will have ready a full and fresh assortment of...

Wanted. A NY part of the Capital Stock of the Norwalk & Westport Congregational Church, for sale by JAMES W. HYATT.

Administrator's Sale. WILL be sold at Auction. A FARM OF ABOUT 120 ACRES. Situated in the town of Danbury, Conn. belonging to the estate of the late STEPHEN FERRIS; also, all the Farm and other appurtenances...

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