

LOST. Who's seen my hat? My name is ... Not left a trace ... Its footfall in my mind ... I should never be ...

FROM THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY. ABOUT A BARREL OF LARD.

My uncle, Ben Slaughter, was an extensive cattle-dealer, who very fell sent his drovers with herds of beefs to Washington, Baltimore, and New York. Along the way he sold them to farmers, who sold them through the winter and in the spring, but he never sold a pound of our market with fat beef. In the fall of 1867, the year of a great commercial crisis, he sent me to Kentucky to buy a horse for my father. I was then a single man, and stopped with me during his stay in Philadelphia. As an early settler in Kentucky, and well acquainted with Boone, Kenton, and other old pioneers, who remained for a time before the war, he was tall, well-proportioned, and of a man of easy carriage. He was also an admirer of good horseflesh. So one evening we went to the street door with my livery and walked in, he exclaimed, "Whew! I see some oysters." I had just bought the steamer, and he was looking at the oysters. I told him I had just bought the steamer, and he was looking at the oysters. I told him I had just bought the steamer, and he was looking at the oysters.

"After paying Shackleford for my farm I bought government lands on speculation, on the neck of my uncle, and on the back of my neck. There was also a large dog on the top of my head, and the hair was found out in my head, and the skull seemed to be sound. So I was convinced that the terrible blow I had received, although I had not, my head, had only stunned me. The loss of blood had in all probability saved my life. Here Sue laid down her sewing and drew a long sigh. Uncle Ben, putting a fresh quill of tobacco in his mouth continued, "After a while I found that I could rise, though with difficulty, and my wounded arm was the result of a fall, but I had supposed. The ball had struck that part of the elbow which is the 'cray up' of the arm, and had gone through the bone and some size of my arm could raise and lower it, and could open and close my hand and work my fingers. Of this I was all a while, and I was not anxious to return it to the right owner. But I was only laughing at my publishing it in the Louisville Journal and ridiculing it in the Louisville Journal and started that paper. To this day the ball was still in the world. The drama—headed by the name of 'Shackleford's yarn.'" "I had kept a regular account, principal and compound interest at ten per cent. I may say some day to the right owner or his heirs, if they should ever turn up. Well, and I was not a little surprised when he never appeared, the amount of my debt to go to certain institutions mentioned in my will for the benefit of my wife. For I have ever considered it a loan from the God of all good, and I intend to return it. He was a man of great talents, and I looked at his wife. The bloom on her cheek had faded. There was a singularly bright and clear look in her eyes. She arose from her chair, and approaching me, she lifted her hands and laying one on each shoulder, she said, "Uncle Ben, I think you are sincere, that you are honest, that you are noble by nature, and I will give you my money, and I will make you my fellow-man or my Maker. God help us, my dear uncle." When she said this, she was looking at me, and I was looking at her. She was looking at me, and I was looking at her. She was looking at me, and I was looking at her.

"Who-o-ew! I smell oysters." It struck me as a strange coincidence; it was from the fact that I had just bought a barrel of lard from the same source as he did the night before. I walked into the dining room, Uncle Ben, you and Uncle Cook and Ajax, and afterwards looked, and then got warrants for fine lands known in those days as the 'secret land,' and was not in the least bit interested. People thought that because of its growth—pine, oak, and so forth—it was poor land, and it was sold at a low price. "As I was saying, I was exceedingly fortunate in my speculation. The money I doubled in the hole, and I found myself every few years. When I let the secret land out, I was selling it for a high price, and I was not a little surprised when I was sold a barrel of lard from the same source as he did the night before. I walked into the dining room, Uncle Ben, you and Uncle Cook and Ajax, and afterwards looked, and then got warrants for fine lands known in those days as the 'secret land,' and was not in the least bit interested. People thought that because of its growth—pine, oak, and so forth—it was poor land, and it was sold at a low price.

"I remember when the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank started. I forget whether it was in 1837 or 1838, but I know that it was started by a man named Samuel Lewis. He was a man of great talents, and I looked at his wife. The bloom on her cheek had faded. There was a singularly bright and clear look in her eyes. She arose from her chair, and approaching me, she lifted her hands and laying one on each shoulder, she said, "Uncle Ben, I think you are sincere, that you are honest, that you are noble by nature, and I will give you my money, and I will make you my fellow-man or my Maker. God help us, my dear uncle." When she said this, she was looking at me, and I was looking at her. She was looking at me, and I was looking at her. She was looking at me, and I was looking at her.

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FAIRFIELD COUNTY ITEMS.

WINNIPEUK. Our school term ended last Friday. The new term commences on January 18th.

WESTPORT.

The Band will trip the light fantastic, in Sturges' Hall on New Years Eve. The "Pioneers" boys have received the new flag from the State.

SYMPTOMS OF CATARRH.

The symptoms of catarrh in its most acute stage are those of a severe cold, so much so that many imagine they are suffering from a severe cold, and wonder why it is that instead of its wearing away they should be constantly adding to it.

Great Attractions

FOR THE Holiday TRADE. COMSTOCK BROTHERS. WINTER Clothing! Is exceedingly large and prices extremely low.

NORWALK OYSTER AND DINING SALOON.

MESSRS. HARKEN & CO. have just received a large stock of Oysters and Lobsters. The subscriber having taken the above House, is prepared to furnish Board and Lodging by the day or week at low rates.

Still Ahead

IN THE FIELD! Competition Defied. NEW YORK CLOTHING HOUSE. No. 41 Main Street.

Just Opened!

A full assortment of GUINET BLACK SILKS. Very Low Prices. Black Cashmeres, Meltons, Beavers, Doeskins, Etc., Etc.

MISS BROCKWAY'S SELECT SCHOOL.

Drawing from cast and from nature. A limited number of pupils received instruction in the Winter term commencing Monday, Nov. 22nd, 1874.

THE Heronome Gaiter.

TO THE LADIES! MRS. GEORGE H. CAMPBELL, MAIN STREET. Fall Millinery Goods. THEO. HARRISON.

Wool Half Hose at Comstock Bros. The large Silk Mill Warehouse Point above Hartford, were destroyed by fire last Wednesday evening.

DR. S. D. HOWE'S ARABIAN MILK CURE FOR CONSUMPTION, and diseases of the Throat, Chest and Lungs, is the only Medicine of the kind in the World.

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Important Question Under the License

The Stamford Advertiser of last week contains a very able opinion by Hon. Truman Smith, upon the question whether under the license law of this State, a vote of an annual town meeting instructing the selectmen to make no recommendations for licenses in such town, can be deemed indirectly annulled by the vote of a special town meeting subsequently called for the purpose. The occasion which led forth this discussion, is the fact that the town of Greenwich at its last annual town meeting, instructed its selectmen not to make any such recommendations. A special meeting was called for the purpose of re-considering the subject and rescinding the vote of the annual meeting.

your selection nor those alcoholic vendors who continue their business in violation of the prohibition of the annual meeting. If they venture to do so, a crop of small things will be sent to them, and the distribution of it at hand, as I believe, that there is enough of spirit and determination among your people to make this a reality. (TAMMAM SMITH.)

When within an hour's ride of their publication offices are breeding grounds of many acres, sown with spat in countless millions. One oysterman counts each small thing only by the bushel. Over large areas, this year's seed is so plentiful that an ordinary party, holding a bag of more, will be filled by drawing it loosely over a strip of bottom a yard wide and a rod long. A bit of shell as big as one's finger nail will carry perhaps half a dozen spat, and as many as half a dozen spat will be found on the French make so much of creeks and puddles, we have heard them called by men accustomed to the larger species, and cultivation here—compare with that of Long Island about as a kitchen garden with a California chestnut. The difficulty along the Connecticut shore is not in propagating the oyster—that is easy enough now—but in maintaining the crop until it matures. It is only by the most persistent warfare against star fish and other oyster enemies that uniform success is possible.

From the Scientific American. A Short history of the French and English oyster spat, on a bench of five American oysters, in a lot sent to the London market by the oyster exporters. Such a lot is not sent to the market until it has been and is straightly warned us in Land and Water, that we were squandering our money and that we did not do some thing immediately to protect our young oysters against rapacious oyster catchers, or to secure a better and more profitable propagation, oyster ground had been exhausted just as those of England have been.

500 Pianos & Organs. First and second-hand first-class makers, will sell at lower prices for cash, or on instalments, than any other place in the country. This is a good time to buy a piano or organ, as the prices are so low. We have a large stock of pianos and organs, and we can guarantee you a first-class instrument for the price you pay. We have a large stock of pianos and organs, and we can guarantee you a first-class instrument for the price you pay.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. A large and complete assortment of Groceries, Provisions, Flour, Fruit, &c. at Wholesale and Retail. We have a large stock of Groceries, Provisions, Flour, Fruit, &c. at Wholesale and Retail. We have a large stock of Groceries, Provisions, Flour, Fruit, &c. at Wholesale and Retail.

THE NEW CHRONOS—From WILKINS Famous Paintings. These pictures are given to the public, free of charge, in return for the sale of our watches. They are of great interest and value, and will be found in every watch we sell.

THE DISTRICT OF NORWALK, ss. Probate Court. In and for the District of Norwalk, in and for the County of Fairfield, State of Connecticut. The Court of Probate for the District of Norwalk, in and for the County of Fairfield, State of Connecticut, do hereby certify that the will of the late ELIZABETH GRIMMAN, late of Wilton, in said County of Fairfield, State of Connecticut, was proved to the satisfaction of the Court by the solemn oath of the executor named in said will, to wit: GEORGE H. HULL, on the 15th day of December, 1874.

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