

THE WEIRD RIDER.

The following strange story is from the Boston Galaxy of June, 1838: Business called me from New York to Boston in 1830. I sailed in the packet to Providence; and when I arrived there, I learned that every seat in the stage was engaged. I was thus obliged either to wait a few hours, or accept a seat with the driver, who civilly offered me that accommodation. Accordingly I took my seat by his side, and soon found him intelligent and communicative. When we had travelled about ten miles, the horses suddenly threw their ears on their necks, as flat as a hare's. Said the driver, "Have you a surtout with you?"

Boston than ever." I was satisfied it was the same man I had seen more than three years before. "Peter Rugg" said I; "and who is Peter Rugg?" "That," said the stranger, "is more than any one can tell exactly. He is a famous traveller, held in light esteem by all innholders, for he never stops to eat, drink or sleep. I wonder why the government does not employ him to carry the mail." "Ay," said a bystander, "that is a thought bright only on one side; how long would it take to send a letter to Boston? or Peter his, to my knowledge, been more than twenty years travelling to that place."

following particulars from Mrs. Croft, an aged lady in Middle Street, who has resided in Boston during the last twenty years. She said: "The last summer, a person, just at twilight, stopped at the door of the late Mrs. Rugg. Mrs. Croft, on coming to the door, perceived a stranger, with a child by his side, in an old weather-beaten carriage, with a black horse. The stranger asked for Mrs. Rugg and was informed that Mrs. Rugg had died more than twenty years ago. "The stranger replied, 'How can you deceive me so? do ask Mrs. Rugg to step to the door.' " "Sir, I assure you Mrs. Rugg has not lived here these nineteen years."

ply, his temper at times was altogether ungovernable; and then his language was terrible. In these fits of passion, if a door stood in his way, he would never do less than kick a panel through. He would sometimes throw his heels over his head and come down on his feet, uttering oaths in a circle; and thus in a rage he was the first to perform a somewhat learned to do for movement and money. Once Rugg was seen to bite a tenpenny nail in halves. In those days everybody, both men and boys, wore wig; and Peter at these moments of violent passion, would become so profane that his wig would rise from his head. Some said it was on account of his terrible language; others accounted for it in a more philosophical way, and said it was caused by the expansion of his scalp, as violent passion, we know, will lay the veins and expand the head. While these fits were on him Rugg had no respect for heaven or earth. Except this infirmity, all agreed that Rugg was a good sort of man. "It was late in autumn one morning, that Rugg, in his own chair, with a fine large black horse, took his daughter and proceeded to Concord. On his return a violent storm overtook him, and he stopped in Menotomy, now West Cambridge, at the door of a Mr. Cutter, a friend of his, who urged him to tarry the night. On Rugg's declining to stop, Mr. Cutter, very reluctantly, 'Why, Mr. Rugg,' said Cutter, 'the night is dark; your little daughter will perish; you are in an open chair and the tempest is increasing.' " "Let it increase," said Rugg, with a fearful oath; 'I will see home tonight, in spite of the tempest, or may I never see it!' " At these words he gave the whip to his high-spirited horse, and disappeared in a moment. But Peter Rugg did not reach home that night, or the next; nor, when he became a missing man, could he ever be traced. "For a long time after, on every dark and stormy night, the wife of Peter Rugg would fancy she heard the crack of a whip and the fleet tread of a horse, and the rattling of a carriage passing her door. The neighbors, too, heard the same noises; and they were convinced that Rugg was perfectly familiar to them. This occurred so repeatedly that at length the neighbors watched with lanterns and saw the real Peter Rugg, with his own horse and chair, after his long absence, and he was seen before his own door, his head turned toward his house, and making every effort to stop, but in vain. "The next day the friends of Mrs. Rugg exerted themselves to find her husband and child. They inquired at every public house and inn in town; but it did not appear that Rugg made any stay in Boston. No one, after Rugg had passed his own door, could give any account of him; though it was asserted by some that the clatter of Rugg's carriage over the pavement marked the houses on both sides of the streets. "Thus Rugg and his child, horse and chair, were soon forgotten, and probably many in the neighborhood never heard a word on the subject. "There was indeed a rumor that Rugg afterwards was seen in Connecticut, through the country with Hartford, passing through the hills in a carriage, and making further inquiry. But the more they inquired, the more they were baffled. If they heard of Rugg one day in Connecticut, the next they heard of him winding round the hills in a chair, with a small child, would be seen in Rhode Island, inquiring the way to Boston. "But that which chiefly gave a color to the story of Peter Rugg was the affair at Charlestown Bridge. The toll-gatherer asserted that sometimes on the darkest and most stormy nights, when no object could be discerned, about the time Rugg was missing, a horse and wheel-carriage, with a noise equal to a troop, would at midnight, in utter contempt of the rates of toll, pass over the bridge. This occurred so frequently, that the toll-gatherer resolved to attempt a discovery. Soon after, at the usual time, apparently the same horse and carriage approached the bridge from Charlestown. The toll-gatherer prepared, took his stand at the middle of the bridge as he dared, with a large three-legged stool in his hand. As the apparition passed he threw the stool at the horse, but heard nothing, except the noise of the stool skipping across the bridge. The toll-gatherer, on the next day asserted that the stool went directly through the body of the horse; and he persisted in that belief ever after. Whether Rugg ever passed the bridge again, the toll-gatherer would never tell. "And thus Peter Rugg and his child, horse, and carriage, remains a mystery to this day."

Truro, Sept. 18, to the wife of Hugh Sutherland, a daughter. Windsor, Sept. 19, to the wife of G. B. Dakin, a daughter. Windsor, Sept. 17, to the wife of Peter Jada, a daughter. New Glasgow, Sept. 15, to the wife of J. F. McLean, a daughter. Dalton, Sept. 17, to the wife of Andrew Hedges, a daughter. Cape Negro, Sept. 11, to the wife of William Smith, a daughter. Halifax, Sept. 19, to the wife of D. M. A. M. 10007, a daughter. Amherst, Sept. 17, to the wife of Robert Pugsley, a daughter. Kentville, Sept. 17, to the wife of John W. McLeod, a daughter. Yarmouth, Sept. 10, to the wife of J. D. Chambers, a daughter. Newcastle, Sept. 18, to the wife of Dr. W. I. Cates, a daughter. Lunenburg, Sept. 12, to the wife of George Thomas, a daughter. Woodville, N. S., Sept. 11, to the wife of Thomas Fryer, a son. Gloucester, Sept. 20, to the wife of David McClelland, N. B., Sept. 18, to the wife of Fred Ewell, a son. Cape Negro, Sept. 12, to the wife of James H. Lawrence, a son. Upper Grandville, Sept. 10, to the wife of William Crowe, a daughter. Upper Grandville, Sept. 18, to the wife of Albert J. Foster, a daughter. Fredericton, Sept. 24, to the wife of Percy Cunliffe Powsy, a daughter. New Carlisle, Sept. 18, to the wife of R. V. J. M. Sutherland, a daughter. Summerville, N. S., Sept. 11, to the wife of James B. Mober, a daughter. West Head, C. S., Sept. 16, to the wife of Thomas W. Renschan, a daughter. Galloway, N. B., Sept. 17, to the wife of Robert McLellan, two sons and a daughter.

MARRIED.

Halifax, Sept. 10, Douglas McLennan to Johanna Masey. Bridgewater, Sept. 20, A. F. Fuller to Ellen A. Duggan. Pleasant River, Sept. 10, George H. Wentzell to Mrs. Ida Hirtle. Truro, Sept. 19, by Rev. W. F. Parker, David Hay to Hattie M. Henkle. Hampton, Sept. 8, by Rev. E. Fraser, Colin Nodden to Agnes Hamneron. St. John, Sept. 18, by Rev. Dr. Macrae, F. Archibald to Jennie G. Douglas. Pictou, Sept. 11, by Rev. W. G. Lane, William Gould to Florence Gillespie. Pictou, Sept. 22, by Rev. Ronald E. Smith, Enoch Justison to Mary Sayer. Chatham, Sept. 10, by Rev. Neil McKay, James G. Chatham to Ida Blake. Gagetown, Sept. 10, by Rev. W. Purvis, William D. Myers to Hattie Martyn. Truro, Sept. 10, by Rev. T. Cumming, James S. Halifax to Mary Donald. Halifax, Sept. 17, by Rev. Thomas Stewart, John Forsyth to Mary Donald. Truro, Sept. 17, by Rev. Father Foley, Matthew Cameron to Mrs. A. L. Geggie, W. H. Bell to Marguerite Blanchard. Parrsboro, Sept. 12, by Rev. James Sharp, James Jeffers to Mary A. Smith. Halifax, Sept. 10, by Rev. Dr. Partridge, Robert C. Parrsboro, Sept. 7, by Rev. James Sharp, Albert E. Fulton to Millie Jeffers. Sackville, Sept. 19, by Rev. W. Harrison, Fred G. Kinsland to Mabel C. Ayer. Halifax, Sept. 13, by Rev. N. Lemoine, Charles Roberts to Maggie DeBay. Marystown, Sept. 19, by Rev. F. C. Hartley, James Burpee to Bertha L. Scott. Manchester, Sept. 10, by Rev. Mr. McNeil, James W. Fyfe to Louisa G. Bruce. St. John, Sept. 21, by Rev. O. Raymond, H. O. Couston to Etta McDermott. Jacksonville, Sept. 19, by Rev. W. G. Corey, Isaac N. Schuman to Clara Good. Halifax, Sept. 20, by Rev. Irving Perry, James E. Croucher to Minnie Mitchell. River John, by Rev. A. Lawson Gordon, Albert W. Mingo to Jazelle McComb. Newcastle, Sept. 17, by Rev. William Atkin, Richard Boyd to Elizabeth Craig. Fredericton, Sept. 20, by Rev. Mr. Steeves, Elbridge S. to Della Perkins. Windsor, Sept. 10, by Rev. J. L. Dawson, Alfred D. Faxon to Elizabeth McNeil. Woodstock, Sept. 19, by Rev. Thomas Todd, McLeod Mill to Nora Merrithew. Halifax, Sept. 21, by Rev. E. G. Murray, John P. Curran to Elizabeth McNeil. Parrsboro, Sept. 12, by Rev. James Sharp, Willard E. Roscoe to Carrie B. Sprout. Berwick, Sept. 13, by Rev. F. S. McGregor, Harry W. Davidson to Nina E. Reed. Parrsboro, Sept. 10, by Rev. James Sharp, Fred Gillan to Maggie M. Dalton. St. Martins, Sept. 5, by Rev. W. Weeks, H. G. Collins to Emma E. Bradshaw. Upper Sackville, Sept. 17, by Rev. A. D. Gunn, William Dickie to Elizabeth Cox. Middle Southamton, Sept. 12, by J. Gravinor, John F. Grant to Ada G. Brown. River John, Sept. 12, by Rev. G. Lawson Gordon, Angus McKay to Mianie Matro. Upper Sackville, Sept. 12, by Rev. T. D. Hart, George Gentry to Lillian M. Allen. Halifax, Sept. 19, by Rev. John McMillan, Oliver H. Sargeant to Sarah McKinnon. Bathurst, Sept. 18, by Rev. A. F. Thompson, James E. Arastrot to Ella M. Lamsey. St. Stephen, Sept. 4, by Rev. Edward Sprague, St. George F. Deacon to Lettie Black. Scotch Village, Sept. 18, by Rev. W. W. Chesley, Francis Dearman to Ellen Hart. Sussex, Sept. 19, by Rev. William Mages, Chesley D. Faxon to Elizabeth Richardson. Halifax, Sept. 17, by Rev. H. H. McPherson, Nelson Lively to Mrs. Bessie Embling. Shubenacadie, Sept. 18, by Rev. John Murray, Andrew Halliday to Mary E. Parker. Great Village, Sept. 19, by Rev. James McClean, Fowler Fletcher to Lottie J. Spencer. New Germany, Sept. 15, by Rev. E. D. P. Parry, George F. Stuart to George E. Fanny. Woodstock, Sept. 13, by Rev. James Whiteside, Byron D. McNeil to Nettie A. Gillie. Sky Glen, C. B., Sept. 18, by Rev. E. S. Bayne, Daniel H. McDonald to Jessie A. Gillie. St. John, Sept. 19, by Rev. J. A. Gordon, William D. Macaulay to Elizabeth French. Bale Verte, Sept. 18, by Rev. W. B. Thomas, Edwin A. Goodwin to Frances Goodwin. Fredericton, Sept. 20, by Rev. George B. Payson, George E. Clark to Hannah McManaman. New Carlisle, Sept. 3, by Rev. J. M. Sutherland, John Billingsley to Mrs. Mary Wellman. Liverpool, N. S., Sept. 18, by Rev. G. W. Ball, Ellison Whitmore to Isabella Wharton. Little River, N. S., Sept. 18, by Rev. Wm. M. Melvers Square, Sept. 12, by Rev. J. S. Coffin, J. Abner Phinney to Annie M. VanBaskirk. Scotch Village, Sept. 18, by Rev. W. W. Reed, William L. Whitmore to Isabella Wharton. St. Marys, Sept. 10, by Rev. William McDonald, Robert B. Adams to Sarah H. McFarlane. Judique, C. B., Sept. 9, by Rev. C. A. Chisholm, Roderick J. McLennan to Mary H. Wall. Lower Newcastle, Sept. 15, by Rev. Joseph McCoy, William Giguere to Madeline E. McMurtry. Grand Manan, Sept. 15, by Rev. W. S. Covert, Aiden M. Griffin to Amanda V. Inerenny. Campbellton, Sept. 12, by Rev. C. W. Sackie, Alexander McDavid to Maggie McNiel. Millford, N. S., Sept. 18, by Rev. A. B. Dickie, John A. Dalrymple to Maggie Woodworth. Salmon Falls, Sept. 3, by Rev. C. P. Hamilton, George H. Harding to Mirra T. Bennett. Strathmore, C. B., Sept. 12, by Rev. D. McDonald, Middle Musquodoboit, Sept. 19, by Rev. Edwin Smith, William C. Dickie to Fannie Layton. Gaway's River, Sept. 20, by Rev. A. B. Dickie, Arthur G. Anand to Sarah M. Woodworth. Advocate Harbor, Sept. 19, by Rev. W. W. Dea, Yarmouth, Sept. 10, by Rev. J. M. Withycombe, Prof. J. A. F. Ableson to Anna B. Balfour. West Pubnico, N. S., Sept. 17, by Rev. Father Sullivan, Joseph D'Entremont to Mary D'Entremont.

DIED.

Millboro, Sept. 23, R. S. Gross. Bedford, Sept. 20, Ratus Pates, 60. Walsford, Sept. 17, William Bell, 73. Kentville, Sept. 16, Annie Silver, 71. Jolicure, Sept. 14, Samuel Oakes, 82. Gore, N. S., Sept. 17, Oliver Bode, 80. Truro, Sept. 17, Frederick Wright, 76. Afterville, Sept. 17, Samuel Brown, 58. Halifax, Sept. 17, John K. Gilbert, 68. Sheffield, Sept. 14, Lawrence Parren, 52. St. John, Sept. 15, Charles A. Tarr, 74. St. John, Sept. 21, John E. Turnbull, 76. St. James, Sept. 13, Eliza A. Buntin, 47. Halifax, Sept. 22, Patrick J. Sullivan, 39. St. John, Sept. 23, George T. Grah, 44. St. John, Sept. 23, Charles A. Tarr, 74. Fairville, Sept. 18, Michael G. Byers, 74. Digby, Sept. 18, Mrs. Rebecca White, 80. Upper Economy, Sept. 12, John Hill, 71. Robbison, Sept. 11, Frederick McDonald, 82. Moncton, Sept. 19, Catherine Somers, 87. Halifax, Sept. 19, Roderick McDonald, 17. Upper Mills, Sept. 17, William Gahan, 47. Yarmouth, Sept. 15, Alexander Magee, 50. Lake George, Sept. 14, Charles Mosher, 70. Liverpool, N. S., Sept. 15, James Scouler, 81. New Mills, N. B., Sept. 15, Mrs. M. Bowen, 21. Millstream, Sept. 14, Caroline Raymond, 88. Fredericton, Sept. 17, James Toner, 80. Campbellton, Sept. 6, Mrs. Peter Adams, 79. Athol, N. S., Mary, wife of William Ross, 65. Lincoln, Sept. 16, Mrs. Samuel Hayward, 65. Renfrew, N. S., Sept. 12, James C. Davis, 72. Grand Pre, N. S., Sept. 13, John H. Farra, 40. Gasperwick Station, Sept. 22, Joseph B. Perkins, 84. Sunnyside, Sept. 18, Mrs. William McLean, 80. Halifax, Sept. 21, Mary, wife of Joseph Hickey, 28. Lowry Mines, N. S., Sept. 13, Eva M. White, 10. East New Annap, Sept. 10, Bessie A. White, 10. Chatham, Sept. 17, Celia, wife of Henry Hickey, 28. Northwick, Sept. 2, Walter, son of Joseph Johnston, Halifax, Sept. 20, Jessie, widow of the late James Keys. Halifax, Sept. 17, Susan, wife of Philip E. Bremner, 64. Bangor, Sept. 10, Mabel C. Whelpley, of Fredericton, 37. Canada Creek, Sept. 14, Walter, son of Henry Dickie, 5. St. John, Sept. 21, John, son of John and Ellen Coffin, 11. Hampton, Sept. 12, Albert N., son of Newton Smith, 25. Boston, Mass., Sept. 15, Daniel Symonds, of Halifax, N. S. Yarmouth, Sept. 17, Annie, wife of George W. Smith, 20. Millerton, Sept. 15, Ann, widow of the late Jared Betts, 77. Halifax, Sept. 19, Allan C., son of Rev. John B. Strong, 42. St. John, Sept. 22, Eliza, widow of the late Edward Carvell, 65. Gagetown, Sept. 17, Katie, widow of the late J. Watson, 92. Moncton, Sept. 17, William, son of the late A. O. Todd, 68. St. John, Sept. 21, Mary, widow of the late Reuben Higgins, 69. Halifax, Sept. 21, Melissa, daughter of I. A. R. and Janet Wier, 10. Glen Road, C. B., Sept. 10, Flora, widow of Donald McPherson, 64. Lower Grandville, Sept. 13, Celeste, wife of Captain Isaac Cooke, 46. Kingston, Sept. 12, Janet, widow of the late John Glendenning, 61 months. Yarmouth, Sept. 13, Percy L., son of Stephen R. Crosby, 8 months. Boston, Sept. 15, Mafae, daughter of John Sterling, of Fredericton, 15. Halifax, Sept. 17, John, son of Arthur and Deborah Bouillier, 17 weeks. Halifax, Sept. 15, Eliza F., daughter of Thomas and Johanna Keating, 5. Milton, N. S., Sept. 15, Eugene, daughter of the late Dr. Bloomburg, 24. Fredericton, Sept. 15, Francis, daughter of Lewis M. and Sophia Burns, 2. Fredericton, Sept. 15, Dora, daughter of Daniel and Catherine Campbellton, Sept. 12, Catherine, widow of the late John McAllister, 80. Yarmouth, Sept. 10, Henry, son of William and Jennie Walters, 11 months. Halifax, Sept. 17, R. J. Phin, son of William and Annie Wainwright, 10 weeks. Wolfville, Sept. 15, Arthur B., son of C. B. and C. E. K. Munro, 6 months. St. John, Sept. 22, Francis, widow of the late George Fairweather, 69. Sable River, Sept. 17, Sophia, widow of the late Alexander Buchanan, 92. Mallard, Sept. 18, of aliphthia, Helen, daughter of the late Isaac Mitchell, 13 months. Yarmouth, Sept. 17, Annie, wife of George W. Smith, of Barrington, 20. Amherst, Sept. 16, Edward, son of Lawrence and Annie Goggin, 6 months. Milford, Sept. 20, Clarence, son of James and Matilda King, 14 months. Halifax, Sept. 21, Nellie, daughter of James and Mary E. Rider, 2 months. Liverpool, N. S., Sept. 18, Randall, son of John E. and Susan Smith, 7 weeks. Kingston, Sept. 6, Edward, son of Rev. L. A. and Ada M. Cosman, 6 months. Lower Sackville, Sept. 20, Libbie Chipman, daughter of the late William Chipman. Halifax, Sept. 19, Frederick, son of W. W. and Sadie W. Lownds, 6 months. Matland, Sept. 13, Lucinda, daughter of Josiah and Katie Foley. Matland, Sept. 14, of diphtheria, Elsie May, daughter of Josiah and Katie Foley. Fredericton, Sept. 18, David Jullian, son of David and Mary Withrow, 9 months. Dartmouth, Sept. 21, Elsie, daughter of Leonard and Selma W. White, 10 months. Liverpool, Sept. 14, Clarence, son of Thomas and Augusta Clattonburg, 9 weeks. New Glasgow, Sept. 14, Frederick, son of James G. and Cassie A. Mason, 4 months. Wolfville, Sept. 18, Robert Wellington, son of F. H. and Christina Christie, 5 months. West Kacie, N. S., Sept. 14, of scarlet fever, Katie, daughter of Samuel and Acadia Nickerson, 6.

BORN.

Lunenburg, Sept. 13, to the wife of B. Russell, a son. Truro, Sept. 16, to the wife of James Duthie, a son. Windsor, Sept. 19, to the wife of C. M. Dawson, a son. Dartmouth, Sept. 19, to the wife of Dr. Reid, a daughter. Hantsport, Sept. 8, to the wife of Charles Grey, a son. Parrsboro, Sept. 14, to the wife of David Layton, a son. Parrsboro, Sept. 14, to the wife of Charles Morris, a son. Parrsboro, Sept. 10, to the wife of Isaac Morrison, a son. St. John, Sept. 21, to the wife of Charles Mages, a son. Point de Bute, Sept. 8, to the wife of T. W. Carter, a son. Lunenburg, Sept. 17, to the wife of W. McLaughlin, a son. Parrsboro, Sept. 12, to the wife of Robert Manning, a son. Truro, Sept. 14, to the wife of Duncan McDonald, a daughter. Lower LaHave, Sept. 14, to the wife of G. A. Leck, a daughter. Amherst, Sept. 13, to the wife of William Mason, Jr., a daughter. Wolfville, Sept. 17, to the wife of Walter Brown, a daughter. Halifax, Sept. 21, to the wife of W. E. McCardy, a daughter. Halifax, Sept. 21, to the wife of R. P. O'Ryan, a daughter. Liverpool, Sept. 18, to the wife of I. V. Dexter, a daughter.

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