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Hrs. Gallup Knew She Was Going to Die Very Soon.

But Her Husband Read On and Didn't Manifest Interest in Her Contemplated Demise.

om Monday and Tuesday's Daily.

Mr. Gallup had finished his supper, down in the rocking chair to read the opy of the Chemung County Gazette he had brought home from the postoffice when Mrs. Gallup dropped down on the lounge with a sigh and began:

woman three or four minits of your more serious."

"continued Mrs. Gallup as the and her nose to twitch, "but it's my duty to tell you, so you kin prepare yourself: Samuel, you'll be a widower Tuesday night. Before sundown on Saturday night the funeral will be over. out somewhere every evenin and checkers. Do you hear me,

Mr. Gallup may or may not have heard her, but if he did he paid not he slightest attention.

"Yes; I've got my call to go," she resumed as she wiped her eyes on her "I've had rheumatiz, fever, consumption and heart disease, and many and many a time I've expected to go, but I have never felt like this before. My heart goes tunk, tunk, tunk, my lungs seem to be hitchin around, and now and then my breath shuts off m me the same as if I had got caught London Mail. in a hole in the fence. Mrs. Watkins was took this very way before she died, and so was Mr. Comfort. It may come tonight, or it may be delayed till tomorrer, but within a day or two I'll be an angel. You won't blame me fur dyin, will you, Samuel?"

Mr. Gallup turned his paper over, pulled in his feet and crossed his legs, but made no reply.

"Folks can't help dvin, Samuelthat is I can't. I hate to go before I've map grease all ready and was all ready to dye rags fur a new carpet, but when Gabriel's horn sounded she had/ to spread her wings. You'll miss the soft soap, Samuel, fur you're a great hand to wash up, and you'll miss the pickles, fur you love sour things, but will you miss me?"

Mr. Gallup held the paper in his left hands and reached down his right to scratch his heel through his spck, but he was dumb. Mrs. Gallup looked at him through her tears for a time and then choked down a sob and said:

'Well, if you don't miss me I can't help it. I've allus had hot water ready when you wanted to wash your feet, stickin salve fur sore fingers. I've mrsed you through colic and sot up had to tell me my bread was heavy or the biscuit tasted of saleratus. And when I'm laid away, Samuel, you'll remember that I wore the same bonnet and shawl fur 21 years and that I allus made a pair of shoes last three years. Haven't I done purty well all things considered?"

Mr. Gallup might have agreed with her, but if he did he didn't say so aloud. He crossed his legs the other way and scratched the other heel, and when Mrs. Gallup could restrain 'her tears she observed:

"I ain't leavin this" house the way some wives would, Samuel. When I am gone, you'll find your shirts and socks and everything in the usual place, and you won't have to sew on a button. I'll even scald out the teapot and scour out the disshpan if I have time. If angels can look down from heaven, then I want to look down and see that to ask you about angels, Samuel. Are they all old or young angels, or are they sorter mixed up? Will I be set have been saved much suffering and inback 30 or 40 years, or will I be an old convenience.

ing how to make a hammock out of a flour barrel, and he paid no heed to the question.

she continued after awhile. "I've never been purty since I was a baby and fell out of the winder, but if I've By a Customs Official After It Had Made got to be an angel I want my face made over as soon as I get up there. I'm not goin to be p'inted out fur my homeliness as I fly around. If I was, I know I'd make up faces at some of 'em. Will I be changed in the twinklin of an eye and made as purty as the rest of

Somethinng like a smile flitted over the face of Mr. Gallup, but it was reading.

you hadn't. What do you think?"

before Saturday night! Tonight is article to one on natural gas in Ohio, and he extended his legs again and prepared to digest it thoroughly. It might li be an angel, and you'll be free to have occurred to him that Mrs. Gallup was in the room and that she or someelse was talking to him,, but he answhen he finished the article and looked curled up on the lounge fast asleep, and in the corner of each eye still glistened a big tear. M. QUAD.

Tommy Atkins' New Boots.

The question of providing a new marching boot for the army is engaging the attention of the war office, and an important announcement may be made on this subject before long, says the

In forced marches in hot weather the head and feet suffer most, and of the two the cases of exhaustion arising from inappropirate covering for the feet are 10 times more numerous than those arising from inappropriate coverng for the head.

The boot or shoe which, while affording sufficient covering to the feet, is lightest, airiest and most elastic is necessarily the most suitable for long marches. The alparagata of the Spanmade the soft soap and put up the fall ish soldiers and peasantry, though by pickles, but I can't help myself. It no means a handsome or fashionable was so with Mrs. Watkins. She had the artilce, is believed to be by far and away the most serviceable in a hot, dry country.

The soles of the alparagatas are made of thick elastic cord resembling lamp wicks sewn tightly together, and while affording as much protection as leather, are as pliable as india rubber. The tops are made of canvas, and the whole is so light that a pair could be carried without inconvenience in a side pocket of the tunic.

Some time ago, while making a walking tour through Spain, the writer attached himself through the courtesy of the colonel to a Spanish infantry regiment at that time engaged in a series of forced marches. Though a and you've never found me without fairly seasoned pedestrian, he found it impossible to keep up the pace of the Spanish soldiers, and was about to rewith you through fever You've never linquish the enterprise when the colonel loaned him a pair of marching shoes, with the result that he was able without difficulty to accompany the troops for seven consecutive days at an average of 30 miles a day.

The German war office about the same period sent two emissaries from Berlin to try the boots. Every morning before daybreak they were out among the hills, one wearing alparagatas and the other ordinary army boots. Their report was so satisfactory that large quantities of alparagatas have been purchased by Germany.

Spanish military men declare that the difference between ordinary walking boots and alparagatas represents at least six miles a day.

The cost is about 1 shilling 6 pence a pair. Lord Wolseley, it is understood, is having a report prepared on the subject. In a hot country the utility of alparagatas is undoubted, and had the I've left everything in order. I want British war office possessed large sup-

woman angel?"

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By Mail-Lots of Packages Awaiting Claimants in the Dawson Customs Office.

In the customs office there is quite removed his coat and shoes and sat probably caused by the article he was an accumulation of packages, the bulk of which arrived by the more recent "And about the music, Samuel? I mails, but there are many which have can't play on no harp without lessons. been there for some time. These pack-I have never even seen a harp. When ages come by mail, and are sent through we was first married, I used to play on the customs office because they contain "Samuel, if you could spare a dyin the accordion fur you, but it was awful in many instances dutiable matter. poor playin, and you soon got sick of On the receipt of a package a printed time I should like to talk to you. I it. Is it goin to be expected that I postal card is mailed to the party whose know you don't like to be bothered kin fly right up to heaven and begin name appears thereon, notifying him when you are readin, and I wouldn't playin on a harp the very first thing? of its arrival and where he can get it. say a word if it was only a bile on my If it is, then I dunno as I want to die. In many instances, however, these posleg or one of my back aches, but it's I never could a-bear havin folks laugh tal cards never reach the person admore serious than that, Samuel-fur at me. And the singin, Samuel-the dresed, and the package likewise fails singin! My voice is cracked, and I in delivery. So if you have any reason Mr Gallup stretched his legs out to sing through my nose, and is that goin to suppose that a package has been sent their fullest extent and, made his toes to do up there? I s'pose I could walk you, it would be well to call at the cuscrack, but he never looked up from his around with a robe on and talk and toms office and inquire if your name is visit, but I can't sing nor play, and on the list. You will find an accomdon't want to give no sudden they needn't expect it. Samuel, shall modating official there who will give we talk about whether you'd better you the desired information; and if you tears began to stream down her cheeks take a second wife or not? Sometimes have a package there he will untie the I think you had, and sometimes I think cords and help you to ascertain what has been sent you, and if it is not of Mr. Gallup turned from the hammock intrinsic value you may take it away without more expense than if it came through the postoffice direct.

"If these things were all opened up and spread out where they could be " said one of the officials this morning, "you would be surprised at wered not. Ten minutes had gone by the variety of goods these packages contain. The contents of many of these up and around as if he had suddenly parcels are very valuable, as it is not missed something. Mrs. Gallup lay only the things that are sent as presents from home to friends and relatives here, that are represented, but much merchandise is shipped in this way. Jewelry for instance, is often sent in this way, which is fully as safe a

means of shipping as any other. "The regulations demanded that this class of matter shall be held for a month, but under the conditions prevailing here it would in many cases work a hardship if this rule were strictly adhered to, so we carry them on for a much longer time.

"Some of the things sent in this way are of a nature to startle one a bit when first seen. I have seen some very strange things uncovered, so strange in fact that I don't believe I should be surprised at anything any more.

"Once there was a man came into the office with a notification card which he presented and asked for his package. I delivered it, and asked him what it contained and he said he had no idea. It was sent by a friend of his in Sanhe could have sent him.

"Together we untied the strings, and removed the paper, disclosing a small least that could have happened to the wooden box with a sliding top, such as is used for the shipment of jewelry. since her departue from that point. The least that could have happened to the boat is her being tied up on a bar. It is hoped that such will prove the case. The top was provided with a thumb hold at one end, and as the lid worked manner that I could not see what was inside as the top slipped slowly back.

could see or not. I could feel, and drowned. that answered my purpose just as well, bolical contrivances shipped through He has a brother Ed Stone in Dawson the mails to work death and destruction to anyone unfortunate enough to handle them. I also thought of snakes and reptiles and all the deadly and venomous things which creep and crawl

have been completed for the delivery of parcel mail this winter which will be a great aid to commerce and a benefit to the public.

River News.

Chas. H. Hamilton arrived last night, 20 days out from St. Michael, with 32 passengers and 223 tons of freight. With the exception of a couple of heavy snow storms which were encountered at the mouth of the Dall-river and near Fort Yukon, the trip was pleasant and uneventful. They met the first ice of the season flowing from Sheep creek on October 5. The following steamers were passed on their way down: Weare and Leah near Pvinute on the 21st, D. E. Campbell at Blackburn the 22d Alice 60 miles below Fort Yukon, September 30. The Hamilton's passenger list included Mr. Neil, a United States railway mail clerk, Rev. John B. Rene, Rev. Fathers Cunningham Raine, Camille and Tewie, and 28 steerage passengers. Bishop Rowe made the trip with them from St. Michael to

The water front presents a very lively appearance this morning. From Boyle's charf to a point opposite the enginehouse near the barracks the river shore is lined with scows, rafts and small boats, several numbers deep.

the Mission four miles above Weare.

Messrs, Coleman & Caroll arrived tately with four scows heavily laden with general merchandise and perishable goods approximating 80% tons. They are veteran scow navigators, having made four previous trip, and say they have never been passed on the river. They passed over 40 scows, 20 of which were hung up on bars. Judgng from the fact that they have been in town for a week it would appear that a greater number than that are stranded, as only a few have arrived since that date.

Dobb & Shannon represent another firm which arrived in charge of a scow on the 5th with 25 tons of general merchandise, groceries, dry goods, etc.

Mrs. Simpson, the Bennett hotel-

keeper, arrived on the same date, the 5th, with a scow load of 20 tons. Scows are reported as selling at Ben-

nett from \$400 up, and at Whitehorse from \$700 to \$1000.

The supply of men for scow navigation by no means equals the demand and labor is therefore commanding good wages, \$5 to \$6 per day, including board. Men are being engaged at Skagway and draw salaries from the time of reaching Bennett.

Steamers City of Seattle and City of Topeka are at Skagway today. The former sails at 6 this evening for Seattle direct, while the latter goes by way of Sitka.

Steamer Monarch has run up against it again, this time on a bar opposite the telegraph office at Selkirk. Her report having experienced a very severe agent, L. W. Craden, is very much exercised over her misdaventures coming which one of their scows was completedown stream, as he had sold a large numer of tickets for nother run to lost, but the scow and contents are a

day night, but has not been reported

Mate Drowned.

J. S. Williams, manager of the pretty tight I had to hold it in such a steamer Clifford Sifton received a tele. horse, where she left convoying 16 gram this morning from the captain of scows for the railroad company. She the boat stating that W. Stone, the "It didn't matter though whether I mate, had fallen into the river and

because I was in a hurry. As the lid boat, engaged in carrying a line ashore. went back something cold and clammy In some manner as yet unexplained the reached up from the interior of the box boat swamped and the unfortunate man and fastened itself about one of my lost his life in spite of efforts made on fingers, filling my mind on the instant the part of the Sifton's crew to save with all the stories I had ever heard him. His body was recovered after or read about infernal machines, dia- drifting, some distance down stream.

The Sifton passed Five Pingers this morning. She will sail from Dawson tomorrow.

detting Foxy.

about decimating the population, and miners and prospectors, 's said a sour I did all this thinking without the aid dought yesterday after returning from of any brain stimulus other than the Moosehide. "A lot of wise gizays went of any brain stimulus other than the down there and covered the surrounding thing holding my finger, and I do not wear an electric belt. I just fired the terday when I went down there to do a matter that can be taken for granted.

its way into a country through the agency of the mail?

"In places, where the production of honey and the culture of the honey bee forms one of the industries, queen bees are very often received by mail from Italy.

"Ever since I got that horned toad I have expected to see a rattle snake poke his head out at me every time I open a package."

All along the south street between Second and Third avenues forms are seen constantly, slipping and fulling. Some have been seriously bruised. The condition of the sidewalk is due to frozen water which has splashed from the buckets of water carriers.

Storekeepers along the streak of ice complain loudly of the daugerous condition of the walk and suggest that were quietly made man and wife vesterday evening. The groom has been here for some time among the miners. The bride is but a late arrival.

The N. A. T. & T. Co.'s steamer Zealandian Blocks Hellsgate Changel and Delays Tarffic.

> Other Steamers Glide From Bar to Bar-Heavy Storm on Lebarge in Which Many Scows Are Wrecked.

The Klondike Corporation Co.'s steamer Nora, in charge of Capt. Cox, with Capt. Gardner as master, arrived at 9 o'clock last evening with a full cargo of freight and the following passenger list: Mrs. R. S. Heuteheva. Mrs. E. Scott, Leo Hartstead, Ole Hartstead, Sam P. Oien, R. B. Woodward, F. Walch, W. Screddri, P. G. Morew, F. Matna, Messrs, Broome, I. Patterson, Trite, H. Jay and Barringer. The Nora left Whitehorse on the 6th, running night and day, made the trip in two and a half days. Capt. Gardner reported the following steamers: Zealandian on a bar at Hellsgate, blocking the channel; the Gold Star on her way down and the Canadian on her way up are tied up waiting an opportunity to get by the Zealandian. The Bonanza King was also stranded at Hellsgate, but succeeded in getting off and passed Selkirk this morning on her way down. The Anglian, which for some time has been piloting scows from Whitehorse to Hootalingua, was to have left Whitehorse with freight for Dawson on the 7th. The Joseph Clossett is engaged in pulling scows off sand bars on Lake Lebarge and Thirtymile. The Pelly and Stewart rivers have begun spouting ice, which the captain says is coming down in large

The following is the position of the boats as reported by the government telegraph: Five Fingers, Columbian 11 p. m., Sybil 11:30 p. m., Bailey 4 a. m., Ora 4:30 a. m., all going up. Bonanza King at Selkirk coming down; Monarch still on a bar at Selkirk and the Eldorado on her way down passed Hootalingua at 10 a. m.

About a dozen of the many hundred cows that are on the way from Bennett and Whitehorse arrived last night and today. Two of Orr & Tukey's scows carrying about 40 tons of hay and grain, in charge of Tom McGuire, arrived last night and are unloading on the beach this morning. They started with three scows, but one dropped behind and landed on a bar 15 miles this side of Hellsgate.

Messrs. Hatch and Burkhard also arrived last night with two scows. They storm on Lake Lebarge, and during ly wrecked. Fortunately no lives were otal loss. Hilcher and Hemple are The Gold Star left Whitehorse Fri- also reported as having lost two large since her departue from that point. The cattle scows in the same storm. It

The steamer Joseph Closset arrived this afternoon 19 days out from Whitearrived here with 13 of the fleet, havthe boat stating that W. Stone, the mate, had fallen into the river and drowned.

It appears that Stone was in a small for late arrival this fall.

Nita's First.

"Nita's First," a farcical comedy by T. G. Warren was the attraction at the Standard last evening, and enjoyed the patronage of the usual large attendance of first nighters.

Irascible Fizzleton, as portrayed by Alf Layne, was a whole comedy in himself, and Frank Gardner as his son, the younger Fizzleton whose troubles with the baby, Nita's First, go a long way "The country is full of would be towards making the piece go, was a decided success.

> Miss Prim, a maiden lady, was presented by the character veteran, Julia

wear an electric belt. I just fired the thing whatever it might be, as far from me as I could get it, box and all, and got as far away from it as possible. Then the man who waved it came and investigated, and what do you suppose it was. A horned toad!

"Now, can you conceive of anything more peculiar than this reptile to find its way into a country through the agency of the mail?

"A Dangerous Passage.

All along the south side of Third street between Second and Third avenues the street between Second and Third avenues a good thing and suppose the street between Second and Third avenues the street of the street to do a little digging round, I found a whole that and got all the in there was in the part out of it to the enjoyment of the audience, and so the whole cast might be gone through with and no fault found with the work of anyone. The picce itself is funny, and would get a laugh out of any andience if the lines were merely read. There is little or no plot to it, and its chief attraction lies in the humor and wit with which it abounds. "Nita's First" is a good thing and