

A WINNER AT LAST!

After Three Years' Battling for a Bride.

Part of That Time One-Legged, One-Eyed Evan Cochran Spent in Prison.

DUBLIN, Ga., Dec. 18.—Evan Cochran, the one-legged, one-eyed hero of a romance covering a period of three years, announces that negotiations are completed whereby he and his young wife, with whom he has never spent a day, are to be reunited on Christmas Day. Cochran is a worthy young man, whose physical misfortunes are due to disease.

One day in March, 1891, Cochran drove up to the school house at Severett's Grove and asked the teacher to excuse 14-year-old Mary Conley. The teacher complied and Mary climbed into Cochran's buggy and went with him to Eatonville, where she married him.

Mary's father is a wealthy farmer. He was away from home this particular March day, but Mary's mother heard of the elopement, and arrived at Eatonville just after the knot had been tied. She took hold of one of Mary's arms, while Cochran clung to the other. A tug of war ensued, in which Cochran and his crutch were victorious. He carried his bride to the home of a friend.

Meanwhile Samuel Conley, the girl's father, returned and got out a writ of habeas corpus. The sheriff got the girl during the night, but next day the justice awarded her to Cochran. Disgusted with the law, Farmer Conley picked his daughter up, carried her from the court-room, Cochran and his crutch thumping along behind, put her in his buggy, and, with a shotgun in one hand and the reins in the other, drove home.

Conley locked his daughter in a room and hired a man to guard her. Later he had Cochran indicted for abduction. After long court proceedings, during which the girl was kept a close prisoner, Cochran was sent to the penitentiary for four years. Friends carried the case to the Supreme Court and Cochran was released. He then went to court and was deputized to serve his wife with a legal paper. He called at the Conley house and got the farmer as far as the gate and the daughter as far as the door. He threw the paper over the father's head to the daughter. This so enraged the father that he struck Cochran with the butt of a whip, injuring him so he was laid up for a week.

When Cochran recovered he stole to the farmer's house one day when he thought Conley was away. But Conley wasn't, and met Cochran back of the house with a shotgun. The one-legged man shot first, wounding Conley in the head.

At the last term of the Morgan County Court Cochran was tried on a charge of assault with intent to murder, and was acquitted after a sensational trial. Since then Cochran has established communication with his bride of March, 1891, and, she being as faithful as he, mutual friends have interceded with the stern papa, and Cochran's Christmas gift is to be his pretty young country girl, Mary.

Killed by a Curtain Pole.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Frederick Shaw, the stage hand who was struck by the pole of a falling drop-curtain during a change of scene in "Amazons" at the Metropolitan Opera House Thursday night, died at the New York Hospital yesterday morning.

Bound to Kill Him.

BRIGHTON, La., Dec. 18.—Mr. and Mrs. Dave Adler, living six miles southeast of this place, had a row Saturday morning drawing a rail of water. Mrs. Adler pushed her husband into the well, which was open and 40 feet deep, but contained little water. She kicked him in the face as he went down, and then threw rocks at him, and finally procured a shotgun and fired his head and shoulders full of shot. Thinking he was dead, she fled to her mother's home. A neighbor hailed Adler out of the well and found him to be fatally injured. Nothing has been done with the woman yet.

Gritty Girl vs. Panther.

VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 18.—Miss Cox, the telegraph agent at Cape Beale Light-house, on the west coast of British Columbia, had an exciting adventure in that wild portion of the country recently. She was out for a walk, accompanied by a couple of dogs. The latter roused a large panther from its lair. The panther seeing Miss Cox, started for her, evidently determined on an attack. She stood still and began screaming for assistance. Her cries brought one of the dogs to her side and alarmed her younger brother, who went to her assistance with a rifle. The panther came so close, snarling and whining all the time, that she was afraid to move lest it should spring on her. At last she caught hold of the dog and threw it squarely on top of the big cat. A fierce fight began between the two. At this juncture Miss Cox's brother arrived with a gun, and seeing it, the young lady soon put an end to the duel and the life of the savage panther with a well-directed shot.

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WESTERN ONTARIO.

ESSEX.

One morning last week some parties cut the throat of a 2-year-old colt belonging to Gustave Strabel, Leamington, who cannot imagine who the perpetrator could be or his object in doing such a cowardly deed.

W. E. Storey, of Windsor, has been engaged as classical master of the Kemptville High School at a salary of \$650.
G. H. Graydon, formerly of Windsor, and a member of No. 1 Company of the Essex Fusiliers, has purchased the drug stock of R. Ross, Edmonton, N. W. T.
F. Lee, of Tilbury Center, expects to start his pork packing establishment by Jan. 1.

The new bell was blessed by Bishop O'Connor at L'Assomption College, Sandwich, on Sunday. Bishop O'Connor was assisted by Rev. Dean Vagueur and Rev. Fr. Cushing. The bishop delivered a powerful sermon. The sponsors were Senator Casgrain, Dr. Raymond Casgrain, Dr. Keane, Dr. Langille, Windsor; Dr. Goulet, Dr. LaFerte, Detroit; Dr. Pate and Mayor Girardot, Sandwich. The Knights of St. John were present.

CREW.

An Owen Sound paper says: In the family to which these well-known citizens, Police Magistrate Geo. Spencer, and Town Treasurer A. J. Spencer, belong, there has not been a death since 1843, a period of over 45 years. The family consists of seven brothers and two sisters, of whom the youngest is now 45 years of age.

OXFORD.

Mrs. Rogers, of Wellington street, Woodstock, who was stricken with paralysis a few days ago, died Monday morning. Principal Vetheroot at Woodstock on Saturday was the recipient of a set of handsome bound books and a neat address at the hands of his model students. In the address the principal is thanked for the earnest efforts he has made in behalf of the "modelites" coupled with the wish that he may be enabled to continue in the work for many years.

PERTH.

A port of entry is being established at Mitchell, also a bonded warehouse at St. Marys.
Stratford has now a new and beautiful Masonic lodge room, said to be equal to any in Western Ontario. The work of enlarging, remodeling and refitting has been going on for months, and is now about completed.

WATERLOO.

There was a small blaze at the Berlin brush works on Saturday from a can of benzine catching on fire, but no serious harm was done.

Jacob Showmaker, of Berlin, hopes to live in three centuries. He was born in 1759, and there are good prospects that he will see 1000.

The pall-bearers' carriage at a Berlin funeral was upset, but no one was badly hurt.

WELLINGTON.

Rev. Dr. Gifford, of Perth, formerly of Acton, has been invited to the pastorate of the Methodist Church, Wingham, to succeed Rev. S. Sellery, B.D., chairman of the district. The reverend gentleman has accepted, subject to appointment of stationing committee.

Wm. Aitchison, aged 90, one of the oldest and most respected residents of Guelph, died on Friday. He was a native of Berwickshire, Scotland, came to Canada in 1832 and lived near Guelph ever since. He was a staunch Reformer.

St. Andrew's Church at Perth has been renovated and greatly improved during the past summer. About \$1,000 was thus expended. It now presents a very neat and comfortable appearance.
The new bell being placed in position in St. George's Church, Guelph, has the inscription: "The memory of the just is blessed." Erected in St. George's Church by a bequest of the late George E. Hott, who entered into rest May 7, A.D. 1883. "For a Zenith, vi., 34.

Seven Wives Living.

MARTINSVILLE, Ind., Dec. 18.—Lake B. Morrison of Indianapolis, who has been seven times married, and all of whose wives are living, sued Lander Comer, a brother-in-law by his last wife, for \$5,000 for alienating his wife's affections. On the witness stand he swore he could not remember the maiden names of all his several wives. The jury, after but ten minutes deliberation, decided against Morrison.

Peculiar Deaths.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Elizabeth and Susan Raynor were found Saturday in their farm house, midway between Chester and Sugar Loaf, sitting upright in their chairs before a blazing fire, stone dead. The Raynor family consisted of a brother, William, and four sisters—Elizabeth, Susan, Martha and Frances. They lived on their farm of some 400 acres. They did not mingle much with neighbors and were generally considered peculiar.

They kept many sheep and cattle, did their own work, and were said to be rather close, denying themselves many of the comforts of life. It was the impression among their neighbors that, while thus frugal and parsimonious, they were abundantly able to live on the fat of the land, some estimating their wealth at \$100,000. The two sisters died suddenly of grip and pneumonia.

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