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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, HARRISONBURG, VA. ²²Office
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Prompt attention to all legal business. Jan 30

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²²Office, Parlow Building, three doors above 3m
post-office, up-stairs. July 13

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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW, HARRISONBURG, VA. will practice
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Oct 24

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I HAVE now on hand a fine stock and large assort-
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WATCHES,
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ding Presents; Rings; Silver and Plated ware, etc.

Repairing of all kinds attended to promptly, and
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W. H. RYENOUR,
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The Harrisonburg Iron Foundry.
P. BRADLEY,
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Iron Flows, Mill-side Flows,
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saws, Horse-power and Thrasher Re-
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Boxes, Circular Saw-Mills, Corn and Flour Crushers,
Threshing Machines, and all kinds of MILL, CREAM-
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ALSO,
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ALSO--
THE PATENT SAFETY FUSE.

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LY--THEREFORE CAN OFFER CITY PRICES.
CORRESPONDENCE WITH MERCHANTS SO-
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GROCERIES,
consisting of Sugars, Coffee, Tea and Rice, together
with everything usually kept in a First class Grocery
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Also, a VARIETY OF CANNED GOODS, such as
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HARRISONBURG, VA.
MANUFACTURER OF AND DEALER IN
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taining to the Business.

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DEALER IN ENGLISH AND AMERICAN
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A LARGE STOCK OF COOK STOVES ALWAYS
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Saddle and Harness-Maker,
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and Saddlery Trimmings, ever brought to this mar-
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the Valley. SADDLES from \$4.00 up; BUGGY HAR-
NESSES from \$8.00 to \$20.00, and all other goods in
proportion.

²²Call and examine for yourself, and compare my
prices with those of others. I will WHOLESALE to
the country, and retail to the city. I will also
sell prices which will leave them a fair profit. I keep
on hand everything in their line, with a full stock of

Saddlery Hardware and Trimmings,
at lowest prices. ²²Liverymen and the public will
find in my stock Lap Robes, Blankets, Whips, etc., of
all qualities at bottom prices.

²²Thankful to all for past patronage, I respectfully
ask a continuance, being determined to keep a sup-
ply to meet any and every demand, both of home and
foreign manufacture, and invite all to call where they
can have their choice.

²²Remember the old stand, nearly opposite the
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P. TATUM & CO.,
Offer the finest and handsomest assortment of
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And a large variety of other articles, selected with
special reference to the Holiday Season. These
Goods will be sold at special bargains for Gifts. Call
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Feb 13

A CAR LOAD OF LAKE HERRING JUST RE-
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J. H. SHACKLETT.

THE ANSWER.

PUBLISHED BY REQUEST.

[The following poem was written in the
prison dead-house at Camp Chase, by Col.
W. S. H. A fellow-prisoner was engaged to
a beautiful lady; she proved faithless, and
her letter came, breaking the truth; soon
after he died, and this was Col. H.'s
reply.]

Your letter came, but came too late,
For Heaven had claimed its own;
And, sudden changed from prison bars
Unto the Great White Throne!

And yet I think he would have stayed,
For one more day of pain,
Could he have read those tardy words
Which you have sent to vain.

Why did you wait, fair lady,
Through so many a weary hour?
Had you not lovers with you?
In that silent, lonely tower?

Did others love before your charms,
And twice bright garlands there?
And yet I ween in all that throng
His spirit had no peer.

I wish that you were by me now,
As I draw the sheet aside,
To see how pure the life he wore
While he here he died.

Yet the sorrow that you gave him
Still had left its weary trace,
And a meek and sadly sad smile
Dwelt upon his pallid face.

"Rec' love," he said, "could change for me
The winter's cold to spring;
Ah, trust that thoughtless maiden's love,
Thou art a bitter thing!"

For when those valleys fair, in May,
Once more with blossoms wave,
The northern valleys shall show
Above his humble grave.

Your dose of scanty words had been
But one more pang to bear,
Thou, to the last, he kissed with love
This treasure of your soft hair.

I did not put it where he said,
For, when the angels come,
I would not have them find the sign
Of falsehood in the tomb.

I've read the letter, and I know
The wiles that you have wrought
To win that noble heart to love,
And gained it--lovely thought!

What lavish wealth men sometimes give
For a trifle, light and small!
What many forms are often held
In "volley's" flimsy trail!

You shall not pity him, for now
He's past your hope and fear;
Although I wish that you could stand
With me beside his bier.

Still, I forgive you; Heaven knows
For mercy you'll have need,
Since God His awful judgment sends
On each unworthy deed.

To-night, the cold winds whistle by,
As I my vigils keep
Within the prison dead-house, where
Few mourners come to weep.

A rude plank coffin holds him now,
And yank planks hold him now,
And I would rather see him thus
Than clasped in your embrace.

To-night your rooms are very gay,
With wit and wine, and song;
And you are smiling, just as if
You never did a wrong.

You had so far, that some would think
It pained these words of pain;
Your skin, so white--would you could see
Were half so free of stain!

I'd rather be that dear, friend,
Than you in all your glories,
For you are held in grievous bondage,
While he's forever free.

Whom serve we in this life, we serve
In that which is to come;
He chose his way; you yours; let God
Pronounce the fitting doom.

NO. THIRTY-THREE.

AN ENGINEER'S STORY.

It was a sad scene. Around Tom's
bed at the hospital was his wife and
Tom's old father. Tom had a house of
his own, but as the incident had hap-
pened at our end of the line, some 70
miles from Perrington, he had been
taken at once to the hospital. I know
Tom quite well, for, as I was in the pay
department, when I traveled occasionally
on his section of the road, it was
mostly on Tom's engine. Tom was a
matter of fact man, temperate, well
educated for his station in life, and not
given to whims.

It was a touch and go with Tom,
but at last, thanks to good nursing, he
seemed to be coming slowly round.
Though he might be crippled, still
there were hopes that he would not
lose his place. If, at the worst, he was
not able to run his engine, he might
find a berth in the company's repair
shops, for he was a good all-around
mechanic. Tom was able to sit up
when I last saw him. For the first time
he seemed chatty. His mind
would, however, revert to the accident
in which some eight people had been
killed outright, and some 25 wounded.

A careful investigation had followed
the accident, and as it was clearly pro-
ven that it was no fault of Tom's I
didn't see why he should mope so and
seem to have trouble on his conscience.

"Banker," said Tom to me, "it's in my
mind, and it will take years before that
accident will be cleaned off my brain.
If--if I had only followed my inclina-
tions I should never have run 33. 8
killed and 25 wounded! I never have
thought of that before that makes 33!"

"Nonsense, Tom," I said. "What has
33 to do with it?" "No, it ain't non-
sense. I felt she was growing vicious.
She was but 18 months old, and had
been running rather ugly, when six
months ago she got to be as cruel as a
tiger. She showed it to me. I ought
to have known it."

"Come, old man," I replied gently,
interrupting him. "It's the stimulants
that you have been taking, by the Doc-
tor's orders, and your nerves are un-
strung. Doctor has left you, and stop
talking."

"I ain't a bit nervous, but am as cool
as a cucumber, and my head is as clear
as a bell. I ain't a bit shaky. Now,
just you listen. Thirty-three was
built in the company's shop, and I had
a hand in her construction. Just the
day before we put steam in her there
came an old fellow into the shop who
claimed that we were inflicting on an
injector or feeder, or something of his
invention. It wasn't any of our busi-
ness in the shop, so, though we were

civil, he didn't get much redress. He
was cursing us for thieves, and all that
kind of thing, for stealing his patent,
and hearing the chinning, ordered the
old man out. It was Bub Harrington
that busted the old man out, under
the boss' orders, of course. Just as
the old fellow got to the door, and Bub
was bouncing him, he turned around
and wished that every one of us around
that engine might meet our death. We
thought him crazy. Well, 33 was put
on the road, and Bill Given he ran her.
She commenced right off killing stock.
It was a cow or a horse that was smash-
ed every week. It was alleged
Bill was to blame, and he was discharg-
ed. Then Bill took to drinking, and
went to the bad. Bub Harrington
then got sick of shop work and took
his place of engineer. Just then he
married Sue Morris. I was at the
wedding, being that Sue is a second
cousin of my Jennie. Now, Bub had
gone through the war, and wasn't
skerry. This spring--it was in May--
I met Bub at Hopping Junction. Denny
Keef was his helper, and thirty-
three had a hot journal, or something
was out of kilter, and Denny Keef was
a cooling and oiling of her. I was run-
ning ninety-eight, and was on the rid-
ing waiting for the through freight to
pass. Says Bub to me, 'Tom, I ain't
going to run 33 no more.' 'Why?'
says I.

"'Cause she's showing temper,'
says he. 'How?' says I, laughingly; and I
remember I borrowed some cavendish
from him.

"Tom," says he, 'engines is like hu-
mans. For the last week 33 has been
showing spite.'

"Mebbe she wants overhauling?"
said I.

"Nary bit," says Bub. "She is just
out of the shop. She makes steam
kind of reckless, and wants watching.
I have to keep my eyes on the steam-
gauge all the time. Sometimes, out
of pure cussedness, she won't burn her
coals, and all of a sudden you would
think she wanted to melt out her grate
bars. She is always getting something
jammed or sprung, and heating on her
bearings, no matter how you keep 'em
oiled. The is beginning to throw sparks
and burn up things. Three days ago
she set fire to an awning in a shop a
full mile from her."

"Cool your head, Bub," says I, 'at
the next water tank.' Just then the
freight train passed along, and I started
my old engine, and we went lum-
bering along. How it happened I
don't know, but the face of the old man
in the shop who had cursed us appear-
ed before me. That very night 33 kill-
ed poor Bub Harrington!"

"Nonsense, man!" I exclaimed.

"No; it is no nonsense. As Bub was
crossing Sam's bridge over Soldier's
Creek, he put his head out of the cab
window. Some of the hands had been
working on that bridge, and had left a
bit of scaffolding, a piece of four by six
square stick, hanging over a truss.

He tumbled out of the cab a dead man,
and the tender cut him in two. The very
next week 33 was shoved on me. I
told Jenny I didn't want her, and Jenny
laughed at me. I was mighty care-
ful of her. First thing she did, that
was Monday, two weeks ago, was to
play hob with a wedding party. There
were three carriages in file, and they
were crossing the bridge at Stapleton,
most 30 feet above the tracks. I stop-
ped the exhaust to kill her snorting,
and was sliding down grade, making
no noise worth mentioning, when the
horses in the first carriage got fright-
ened and turned around, and the last
I seen of 'em they was galloping down
the hill."

"Stop, Tom, how do you know they
were people going to a wedding?" I
inquired, skeptically.

"Didn't I read about it next day in
the Stapleton paper? I was kind of
thankful that it was not worse. The
man only had his collar bone broken
and a couple of ribs smashed, and the
marriage had to be postponed. Next
night she killed her first man. You
know Mother Hollis?"

"Yes, a half-witted lad."

"So they said he was, but he was a
human being all the same. Never was
known to be done such a thing before
--and, poor fellow, he will never do it
again. It was piteous dark, and raining,
storming, and thundering. I was
keeping a sharp look out as we came
to Cross Hollow about 9 o'clock. How
that boy was killed the Lord only
knows. He was either asleep or dazed.
We never saw him--neither I nor
Keef, the fireman, until he stood right
up on the track before us. He might
have got off but for his fish-pole. The
was driven clean through him. I got
down-hearted then. I felt that some-
thing dreadful was in store for me.

One thing about 33 that was strange
was that, from being a tidy engine, all
of a sudden she got to be dirty, always
splashing herself with oil, and accumu-
lating cinders. A week passed along
without anything a happening, only
she kept burning more coal than she
should, so that I was grumbled at for
waste. Then came Friday two weeks
ago. Right off on starting she showed
her spite on a little girl that had crept
almost on the track. So help me heav-
en, I think the cursed beast of an en-
gine tolled children on the track. We
just grazed that baby. Everything
went contrary that morning. Denny
Keef, who was a merry fellow, would
keep a-cracking jokes, but I couldn't
laugh. First,

