

JANETTE'S CHOICE.

Oh, loosen the snood that you wear, Janette, Let me tangle a hand in your hair, my pet.

Mr. Miffet always called his wife "Ma Miffet," and she always called him "Pa Miffet."

The Miffets had three children, two girls and one boy, and their names were Matilda Mary, next Lydia Lucy, then Jeremiah Julius.

On Sunday, as soon as they came home from church, the Miffets all began to talk of Mrs. Snapper's camel's hair shawl, which she had just bought.

Ma Miffet said it was just such a shawl as she would like if Pa Miffet could afford to get her one.

Matilda Mary said that Mrs. Snapper's cook had told the milkman, and the milkman had told their chambermaid, and their chambermaid had told her, that the shawl cost five hundred dollars.

Lydia Lucy said that was more than a whole camel was worth, she thought. Jeremiah Julius said that it would be a good idea to buy a camel, and then they could get as many shawls as they wanted out of its hair.

Pa Miffet was much pleased with this idea, and said he knew a man who owned a whole menagerie, who might sell a camel cheap.

"Besides," said Pa Miffet, "I can take the camel in the country with us this summer, and use him to ride on instead of getting a horse. That would be a real saving these hard times."

on the lower step with his satchel and lunch basket, getting ready to hand them to him.

But at this moment the camel, who was a little frightened, and was getting impatient besides, started violently and upset the ladder.

"You see, Ma and Pa," said Lydia Lucy, who had studied natural history.

"The camel lives in the desert, and of course he won't go well here. You must take him where there is plenty of sand and no houses if you want to use him."

"But we don't know of any such place here," said Pa Miffet.

"We might take him to the sea shore; there is plenty of sand there," said Ma Miffet.

"But it would cost so much," objected Pa Miffet, after he had considered the expense awhile.

"I'm sure I shall never dare to ride on him," said Matilda Mary sorrowfully.

Just then Jeremiah Julius came in. "Here is a letter from the man whose horse we frightened yesterday," he said.

"And the old woman who was knocked down says you must settle her doctor's bill, pa," added Ma Miffet.

Proposals of Marriage.

It does not require a formal asking of the momentous question to constitute an offer of marriage.

The moment is fitting, the surroundings are auspicious, and the hearts of the pair beat in unison as their glances meet, when all at once they stand revealed to one another as lover and beloved.

Of course there is such a thing as a formal proposal of marriage, and there are men who make it with all the deliberation they would use if they were transacting any other important piece of business.

But, however people may become engaged, they are pretty sure after the truth has been plighted to get frequent assurances from one another of undying devotion, and so to have no doubt left in their minds about the fact.

Among those who on Sunday afternoon, visited the scene of the lightning's freaks at the tent church, Ridge avenue and Diamond street, were some colored brethren from North Penn village, fresh from their devotions in a neighboring chapel.

"Sister Jones, shore's yer liv, dars a G-o-d P- God present—burned on dat ar bench. Dat shows God's wisit yer."

"No, 'tisn't brudder; dat's G-o-d-R—God's rath."

"See dar. G-o-d-R—God's rath."

"What's that? Show it to me," said the reporter.

"Don't know 'bout dat. Pears to be you're wrong. Now, what do you huzerachers an' frand hunters make out of it?" asked the colored man and brother.

Removal.

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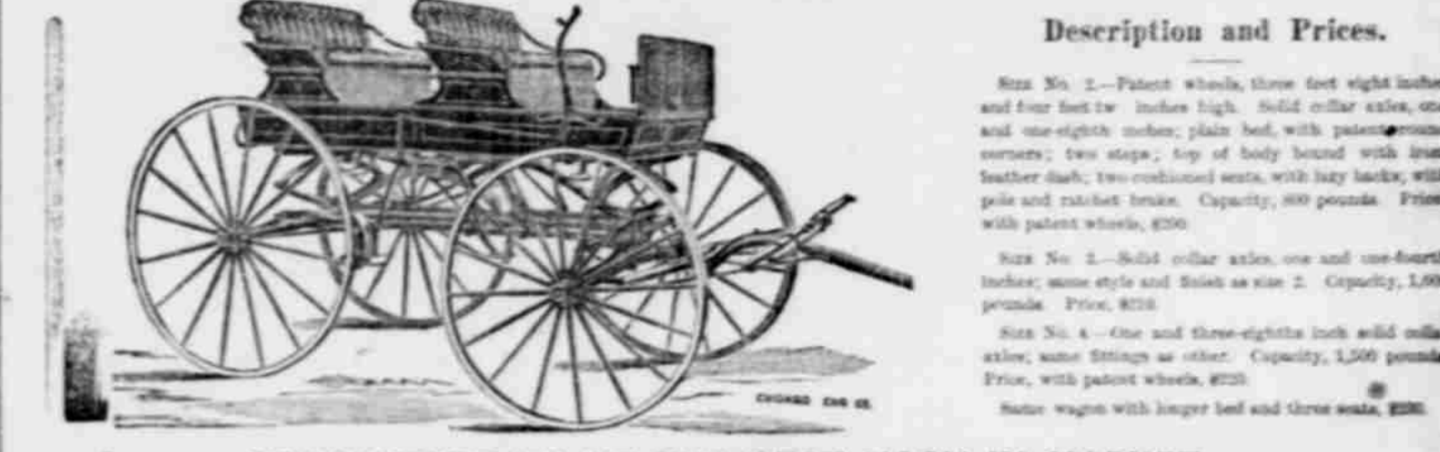
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