

Mr. Monroe's Son-in-Law.

"And so you want to marry my daughter," said farmer Monroe, taking a pipe from his mouth, and looking sharply at the young man standing before him.

"Yes, sir, I spoke to Casteva last evening," and she referred me to you."

"Casteva is a good girl," he said, stroking his chin with a thoughtful air, "and she deserves a good husband. What can you do?"

"The young man looked still more confused at this abrupt inquiry."

"If you refer to my ability to support a wife, I can assure you—"

"I know you have money enough, but what guarantee can you give me, in case it should all be lost, as my fortune has been, that you could provide for her a comfortable home? You have hands; what can you do with them?"

These were questions for which Roscoe was wholly unprepared; he knew not how to reply.

Spitzbergen Floe-ice.

I am glad to say that a floe-ice is not a native of our country, being the frozen Spitzbergen sea breaking up in spring storms, and then carried down by the north wind along the east side of Greenland, and afterwards rounding Cape Farewell. It flows rapidly of slowly, according to the strength of winds and current, along our inhabited west coast side, being either a benefit to us or an annoyance, which of these qualities depends upon the following circumstances: If the ice masses keep at a respectable distance they are hailed as friends by the Greenlanders, as they bring along with them sea animals of different kinds in large abundance, especially seals and walrus, but sometimes even bears, and they also protect the bold seal-hunter on his dangerous chase, by forming an impenetrable barrier against the heavy surf of the ocean.

So much for the ice masses—our friends! Now we call them, when too intruding in private localities; when, for instance, they enter the inlets and channels and fill up our boat and ship passages, so much as to prevent even the small kayaks from getting through with messages to the land, and when they call in the ice-bergs, which are so interesting in the otherwise beautiful summer of 185—our enemy for a long while was barricading all ports between Julianahab and Godthaab. But I have not yet done with our description. This heavy sea is continually coming in violent gusts, and as well as being constantly subject to the influence of the surf, are incessantly changing into all manner of shapes and sizes, which is very interesting to the eye. For instance, there may be a floating castle, really picturesque, but, contrary to custom, you may detect a streamlet of lead pouring down from a tower or windmill of the castle. This part, we call a "mule," and it will make the sea smooth as a rouse floor, and our oarsmen in such cases are sure to remark, "Ils kittingis anginat!" (What a nice place for dancing!) Then, again, are colossal sphinxes and pyramids, slender towers of all sizes, chairs and canoes of antique, as well as modern shape, arches with or without old men leaning back in them, swags gracefully diving on the surface, colossal witches, blue grottoes, and so forth. If, now, we were only stars, that this heaven was continually kept quiet, as is often the case, it would afford immense enjoyment to investigate its various contents, but as the objects generally are in a state of great agitation—a witch, for instance, every one is afraid to approach her, and she will let the house a short time after the grave load had left her face, and her last words to him before they parted were, "I'll wait for you, Roscoe."

Roscoe Hayes suddenly disappeared from the scene, and we were left to the care of our associates, and none knew where he had gone. Weeks and months passed, and still nothing was seen or heard of him, till his absence had ceased to be commented on.

One pleasant, sunny morning, late in autumn, as Mr. Monroe was sitting the luscious fruit from a heavy laden apple tree near the house, a neat cart drove up, from which Roscoe Hayes alighted with a quick, elastic spring, and quickly made his way to where the farmer was at work.

"Good morning, Mr. Monroe; would you like to buy some apple and cider barrels? If so, I think I have some here that will just suit you."

"Who are the blessed?"

Blessed is the man who minds his own business.

The Peterkins at the Centennial.

They proposed to take the tour of the grounds in one of the railroad cars. In this way they could get an idea of the whole. They joined a crowd of people rushing to the cars, and were obliged to huddle in a vain attempt to get in. Mrs. Peterkin was near being left behind, it was so hard for her to decide which seat to take; and the hurry was so great, the rest of the family, thinking she was going first, all got out again, and were obliged to huddle in the minute the train was starting.

The little boys were anxious to get out at the first stopping place, but Mr. and Mrs. Peterkin preferred to make the whole tour and see everything first. In and out they went among the various buildings. Mrs. Peterkin said she would ask nothing better than to spend the day in this way. Agamemnon had a map, and tried to point out the several buildings as they came to them, but it was difficult to tell the numbers attached to them in the map. Meanwhile Solomon John studied the different colors of the flags. After some time Elizabeth Eliza said:

"I did not know they had so many of these 'Pavilions'."

"I think they must have one for each State," said Mr. Peterkin.

"It is astonishing how much they are alike," said Mrs. Peterkin.

"With so many buildings," said Mr. Peterkin, "I could not expect to have them all different."

"Still," said Agamemnon, "I should not think they would have so many of these statues of horses with wings."

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Yesterday morning a woman living on Napoleon street was seen on the walk in front of the gate leaving the snow right and left, and she had only got fairly settled to work when a boy loomed up and remarked: "I'll clear off the walk for ten cents."

"I guess I'm able to do it," she replied. "But see how it looks," he continued. "Here you are, a perfect lady in look and address, highly educated, and yet you grovel in the dust, as it were, to save the pitiful sum of ten cents."

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