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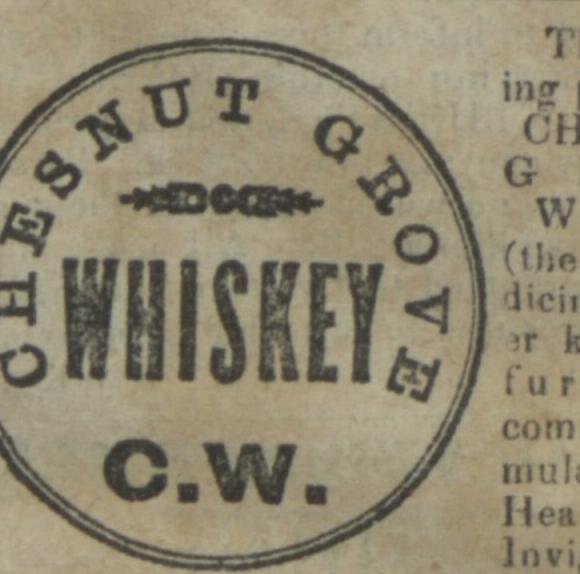
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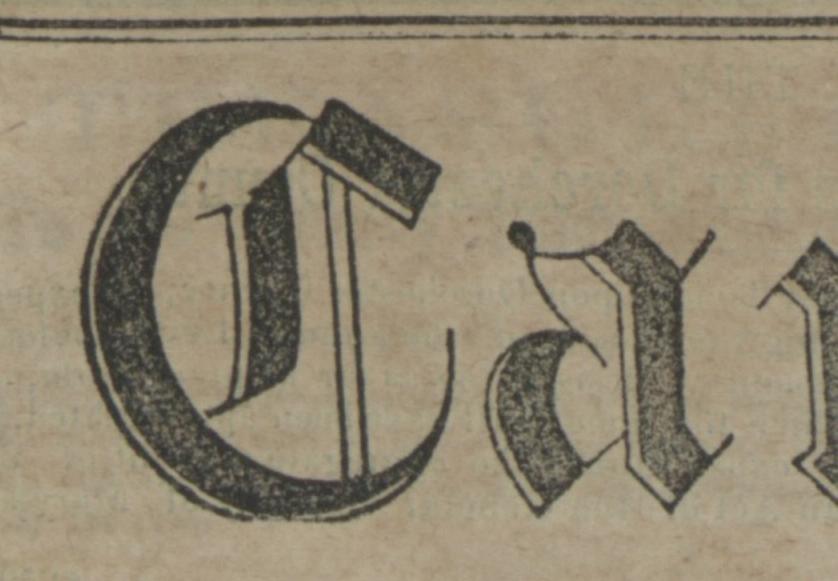
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[An aged woman, in a poor-house, being asked if she had a husband living, replied: "Yes; he's with me on my journey." On being asked where she was going, she said, dreamily:-"Down-to Raspberry Meadow."]

Old and feeble, weak and weary, Trembling with the weight of years, All a lone she tottered slowly Down all through the Vale of Tears.

Friends and husband all had left her-Even Reason's glimmering light Shown but faintly from its socket-That must soon go out in night. She was feeble, weak, and wandering,

But she now was growing young; Close her heart, forgetting injuries To her youthful memories clung. She was living o'er her spring time, When her hopes and loves were true-

When-her heart was in its meadows, And her feet bathed in its dew. Hand-in-hand they walked together Barefoot, through the waving grass; He, a noble, blooming laddie-She, a blushing, loving lass.

Times are changed. Now her pleasure Lies in dreamings-imaginings; And her heart's own tuneful childhood, Still as happy, sweetly sings. Courage! weary, hopeful spirit,

There are springs for thee above; Hand-in-hand, with friends and husband Thou shalt tread the fields of love.

THE SERPENT'S DEN.

BY WESLEY BRADSHAW.

In the year 1792, a man by name of Job Slocum, together w his family, consisting of his wife a two sons, settled in the northwest portion of Virginia. His rough o in was built upon the banks of beautiful and romantie stream, th after meandering in the valleys, through the dense forest, at len

emptied its waters into the Ohio. One day, in the spring of 17 Job's two sons, Jesse and Thon in company with several of the ne boring settlers, had made up a h ing party, intending to be gone s days. They took up their line march into a dense piece of wo to the northward, and after mal their exit from this, commenced ascent of a steep and rocky acc ty. They had reached about way up, when, all at once, the most of them startled back, with prise and horror, as the well kn sound of the rattlesnake fell i their ears. Immediately tollow the alarm, they beheld number these venomous reptiles direct their path, some of them of size, and all having their heads ed and thrown back in a threate manner. But the early pion were not men easily frightene by such a foe; and our heroes procuring good, stout, hickory gels, pressed on to the encounte

As they approached, the ser -which, while the party were ting their staves, had become pa -again roused up, and assume defensive, darting out their to and sounding their rattles fiere defiance. The battle now com ed in real earnest—the snakes ing with great anger at the mer they, in turn, avoiding the dan, being bitten, and showering and desperate blows upon the re The latter, after a prolonged savage contest, finally fled, or retreated, down into a crev some rocks near the brow of th The attacking party advance great caution to this opening, e ing to see the enemy again st to renew the fight. Hearing tle, however, the boldest of the

into the fissure; but nothing be seen of the serpents. On counting the number th been killed, the hunters foun there were between fifty and some of them being nearly five in length, and, in the largest the body, were as thick as a leg below the calf.

going down upon their knees,

None of the party having r any injury, they all proceed their way to the place wher intended to hunt. After prothe excursion for some three days, the company returned spirits. Jesse and Thomas m ed the incident of encounter rattle-snakes to their fathe after questioning them as to ural peculiarities of the spot cd: "Well, lads, we will g there to-morrow, and I'll you we'll have a fine time of Accordingly, early the nex