

A WOMAN'S BRAVERY.

A FEARFUL NIGHT WITH STRANGE COMPANIONS.

How the Notorious "Cropp" of King's County Received His Name—Found Under a Bed and His Ears Cropped by Two Indians.

There still stands beside the old post road the upper part of the parish of Cardwell, Kings county, the plain one-and-a-half story house where occurred 50 years ago the remarkable incident I am about to relate.

Susan was now a comely young woman of eighteen years, robust in health, cheerful in spirits and possessed not only of aimability of temper, but rich in "saving common sense," and, I may add, courage.

There was danger nearer than she thought, for while she had employed herself thus unsuspectingly, a black figure observing her, but unobserved, had stealthily crept into the house, passed up-stairs and there concealed himself.

As she opened her chamber door, the light shining into the room and under the edge of the bed at its farthest side, what was her surprise and horror to see extended upon the floor the huge black hand of a man!

Instantly all the native savagery of the Indian nature gleamed in eye and countenance, and quick as thought two knives flashed in the firelight as they sprang toward the door of the stairway.

At the moment the negro was listening at the head of the stairs, and had caught the fact that his plot was foiled, rescue at hand, and his own life in peril.

It was of brief duration. Two terrible demonic shrieks from the negro, and some exulting shouts from the Indians were the chief sounds heard by Susan, and then—silence.

Little was said. It is not in the stolid Indian nature to be garrulous at such a time, and Susan, the excitement of the struggle over, was too much overcome for speech.

The negro lived, and for some years, known as "Cropp," was a terror of the region roundabout. At length, for a capital crime, such as he had contemplated on this memorable night, he was convicted and hanged in front of the jail, at the old shiretown of King's county.

Of Susan, it may be related briefly, that a few years later she was married to the man of her choice, in an adjoining county, where she became the mother of a large family of sons and daughters, widely and favorably known throughout their native province.

The Congregational Union of England and Wales, representing 4,300 churches, will meet in London on Monday evening, 14th inst., commencing its sessions in Memorial hall, a splendid stone building which cost about half a million of dollars.

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The exodus of our young men has been a subject of much anxious investigation by our political economists, and has also led to unlimited newspaper controversy. We consider this "exodus" as far from an "unmixed evil," and that in many cases it has resulted in good.

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LODGE-ROOM ECHOES.

Knights of Pythias.

"Number 6," of Fredericton, instituted May 4, is thus excellently officered: J. D. Fowler, C. C.; Chas. H. Thomas, V. C.; Albert E. Wilson, prelate; A. D. McPherson, K. of R. & S.; John Harvey, jr., M. of F.; W. S. Hooper, M. of E.; Geo. A. Hughes, M. at A.; Samuel Mackay, I. G.; W. N. Berry, O. G.; Harry Beckwith, P. C.

The New England knights who go to the Supreme lodge session will leave Boston Saturday, June 9, about 8 o'clock p. m.—by special train if 150 tickets are sold; arrive at Cincinnati Monday morning, at 7 o'clock; stop in that city until Friday morning, reaching Boston Saturday afternoon.

The increasing interest in the Massachusetts Odd Fellows' home promises an early consummation of that humane enterprise. Subordinate branches of the order are contributing liberally in its behalf.

"Canton La Tour" held a special cantonment, Wednesday evening. A goodly number was present and much enthusiasm was evinced in the various drill movements.

The various lodge meetings, in this city and vicinity, are being well attended and initiations are taking place in one or other each week. Quite an excitement is being worked up among the order in anticipation of the expected visit of brethren from across the border.

Lieut.-Gen. John C. Underwood, of the Patriarchs Militant, has issued Special Bulletin No. 1, promulgating the acts of citizens and officials of Cincinnati, Ohio, and upon which, as a basis, general orders will hereafter issue, convening the Military council, and ordering inter-department competitive drill, etc.

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The Grand Division of New Brunswick held its semi-annual session with Granite Rock of Carleton, Tuesday and Wednesday, 200 delegates being in attendance. Grand Scribe Thomson reported that since the last annual meeting, and up to March 31, two divisions were organized—Princess Louise, in Albert county, and Balmer, in Moncton, Westmorland county.

Peerless District lodge will meet in triennial session on the 24th inst., in Finch lodge room, Germain street, commencing at 2 p. m.

Sirion lodge has elected officers with Harry Bartlett, C. T.; Thos. E. Irvine, secretary; C. Powers, S. J. T.

The regular monthly meeting of York County lodge, L. O. A., will be held at Magundy, Tuesday. Grand Master Armstrong, of St. John, with other grand officers and members of the fraternity from Fredericton will proceed to the place of meeting by boat on that day.

The Fredericton Royal Templars held an open council at their hall, last Monday evening. A musical and literary programme was provided and addresses were made by Dr. Barker, Hon. Wm. Lindsay, H. C. Creed and others.

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