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TUESDAY.

**A**N application from Albert N. Kneeland to be received into the Community, in company with his mother and sister, was read last evening. The Community thought we were not prepared to receive them all at present. A very favorable opinion was formed of Mr. Kneeland when here, a month ago, as a young man of good character and purposes. He seems to be very much attracted to the Community. It was thought, that for the present he had better remain where he is and devote himself to the interests of the Community in his present sphere. He can work for the cause as well there as here, and can help his mother and sister into a truer knowledge of and fellowship with the Community. The truth has suffered in that region heretofore in consequence of the misconduct of other members of his family, and he has a good chance to stand there now and honor the truth, and remove the stigma of the past.

Another fire occurred last night. Mr. Olds had filled the racks of the oven in the bakery with wood, for the purpose of drying it. During the night Harriet Howard,

who lodges in the children's house, was awakened and alarmed by an unusual quantity of smoke, which was filling all the lower part of the house. She aroused up some of the men, and the source of the smoke was soon found in Mr. Olds' oven. The wood had taken fire and was rapidly turning into charcoal, the doors of the oven being closed so that the wood could not blaze. Water was brought and the fire was soon extinguished. The only damage done, apparently, was the thorough blackening of the oven by the smoke and heat. It was providential that the doors of the oven were closed, otherwise the wood would have blazed, and possibly have set the neighboring woodwork on fire. The affair is another hint toward carefulness on part of all those who have to do with fire.

It being desirable to have some new small slide lathes for the machine-shop, G. W. H. and J. F. S. visited Rome yesterday, to examine lathes there and ascertain what improvements have been made in them recently, preparatory to manufacturing the lathes ourselves.

The statement in yesterday's JOURNAL to the effect that Edwin Burnham is to qualify himself to take the post of foreman of the trap-shop, was premature. Such a proposal was made in a trap-shop meeting and reported to the general meeting; but no definite action was taken on it, and it probably will not be carried out.

The latest item of news from the January term of the court, is that a family of Thoroughfares are being tried

for *sleighing* some of our most respectable inhabitants.

“ Won't you *please* tell me who H. E. H., of No. 16 of your excellent JOURNAL, is ?” How should *we* know, when the communication came by the secret conveyance of the Community Post-office ? Did'nt we cudgel our brains over the same question ? “ H. E. H.”—we never heard of him ( or perhaps her) before. We feel an awe in attempting to solve the mystery. What if we too, should see a ghost !! Perhaps it is is a spirit communication. Ghosts are more likely to see ghosts than other people, we understand. What if, Mr. Inquirer, a whole troop of ghosts, with “ Q” at their head, should come charging down upon us, screaming their battle cry, “ *Procul, o, procul este, profani ?*” Think of their “ spears” ringing and clashing round our defenseless head!—Would'nt we have to make “ foot-notes” with a vengeance ? In view of such a possibility we must be silent, and fall back on the printer's rights, and only mentally *transpose* the first two letters of the mysterious signature. Perhaps this will furnish a clue. Who knows ? We are dumb.

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## THE TRADER'S FUNCTION.

### II.

If the producer and the consumer are related to each other as male and female, it is only necessary to ascertain what course of conduct, on the part of man toward woman, will insure the most permanent bliss in

the social relation, in order to understand what course of conduct, on the part of the salesman (as the representative of the producer), towards the consumer, will produce the most perfect happiness in the commercial relation.

Now in the social relation the best interests of man requires that he should be considerate and gentle towards woman; that he should seek her interest and happiness; that his approaches to her should be governed by the laws of attraction; that while it is proper for him to call attention to his claims, any thing like forcing or extra urging produces repulsion on her part, and damages his own suit; that respect and confidence are the only sure foundations of love and happiness.

So, in the commercial relation, the salesman, as the representative of the producer, should treat the consumer as a maiden to be won and married; should pursue such a course of conduct towards her as will gain her respect, confidence and love; he should ever seek her best interests as well as his own; in presenting his goods he should avoid all forcing tendencies; and his interviews should always terminate with mutual satisfaction.

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