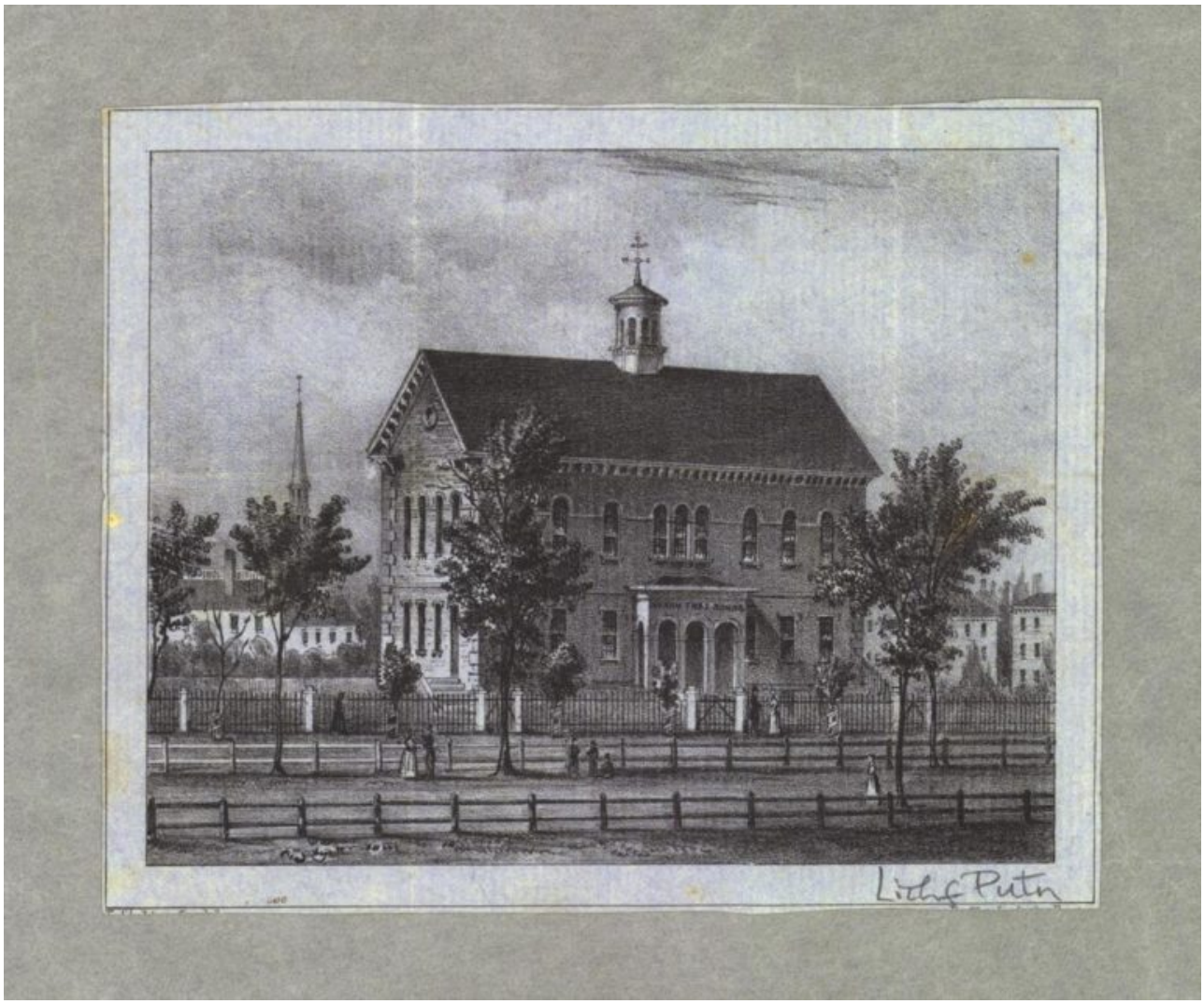
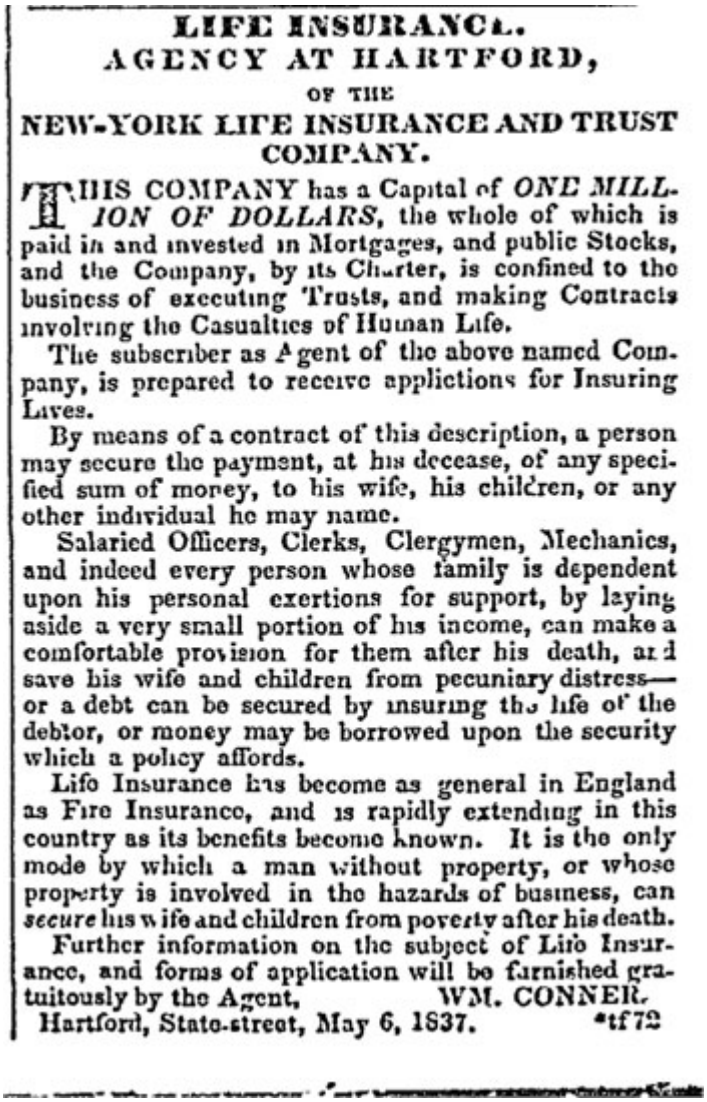
Blogging, with Pickles: Adventures (and misadventures) in the quest to capture the flavor of everyday school life



I knew what I was doing was risky, and I knew that sooner or later I would make a mistake of one kind or another.

“Doomed … to eat the bread of

[dependency”?: Insuring the middle-class against hard times]



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AGENCY AT HARTFORD,
OF THE
NEW-YORK LIFE INSURANCE AND TRUST COMPANY.

THIS COMPANY has a Capital of *ONE MILLION OF DOLLARS*, the whole of which is paid in and invested in Mortgages, and public Stocks, and the Company, by its Charter, is confined to the business of executing Trusts, and making Contracts involving the Casualties of Human Life.

The subscriber as Agent of the above named Company, is prepared to receive applictions for Insuring Lives.

By means of a contract of this description, a person may secure the payment, at his decease, of any specified sum of money, to his wife, his children, or any other individual he may name.

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Life Insurance has become as general in England as Fire Insurance, and is rapidly extending in this country as its benefits become known. It is the only mode by which a man without property, or whose property is involved in the hazards of business, can *secure* his wife and children from poverty after his death.

Further information on the subject of Life Insurance, and forms of application will be furnished gratuitously by the Agent, WM. CONNER.

Hartford, State-street, May 6, 1837. *tf72

It is only when middle-class hopes and fears meet the realities of a modern economy that a fuller picture of this class’s experience can emerge.

[Dishonest Clerks and the Culture of Capitalism]



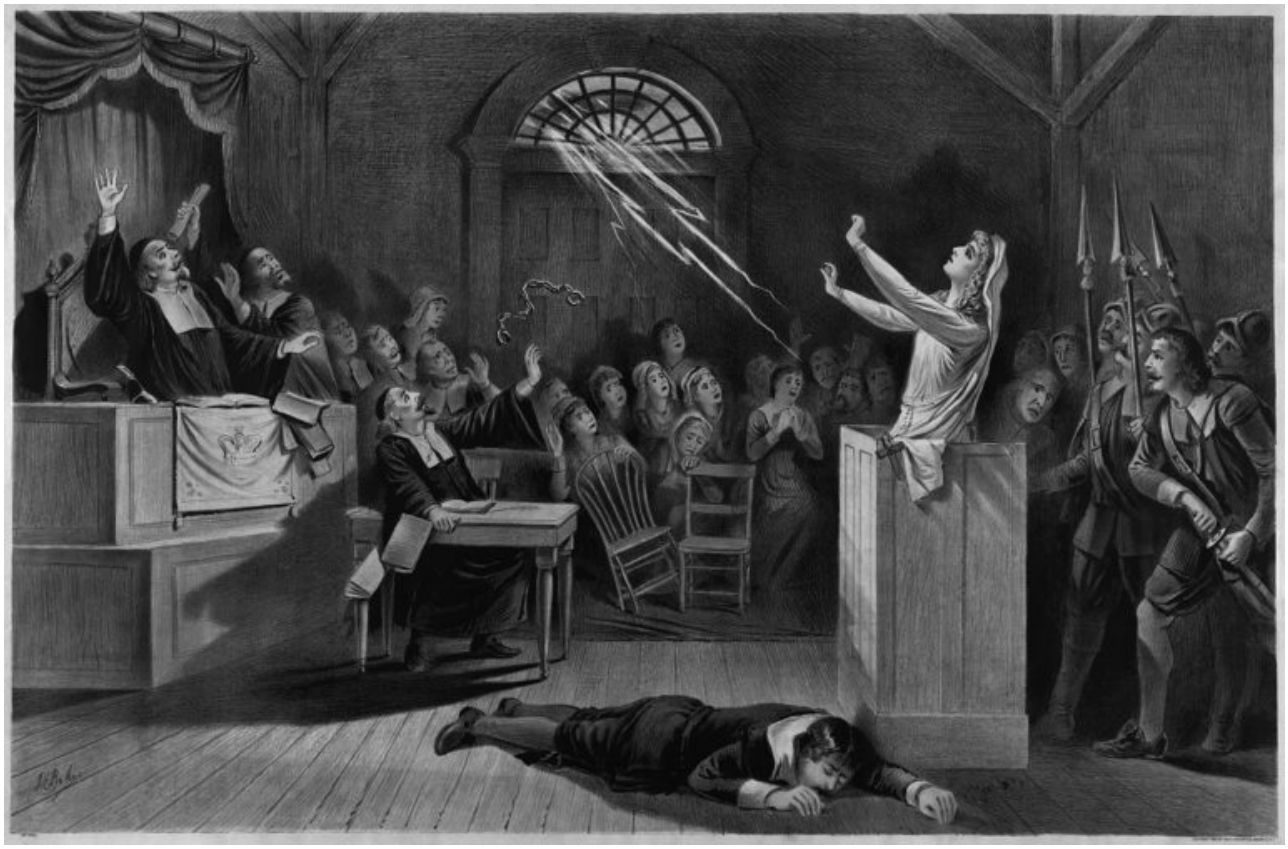
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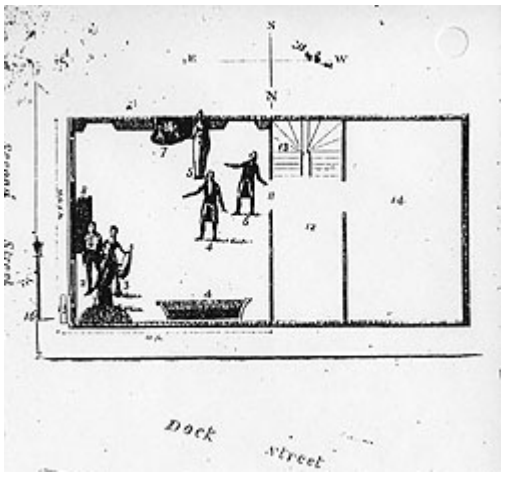
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Salem Repossessed



“[T]he full hall at the Virginia Theatre snickered every time God, the Devil, or magic was mentioned. For a New York theater-going audience the notion that such ideas could carry intellectual and emotional weight seemed ludicrous.”

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Mary Clark Carr, it turns out, is even more interesting than Ann Carson. Anyone with a gun and a few friends can kidnap a governor, but how many women in the early republic had the talent, initiative, and opportunity to earn their living by writing?

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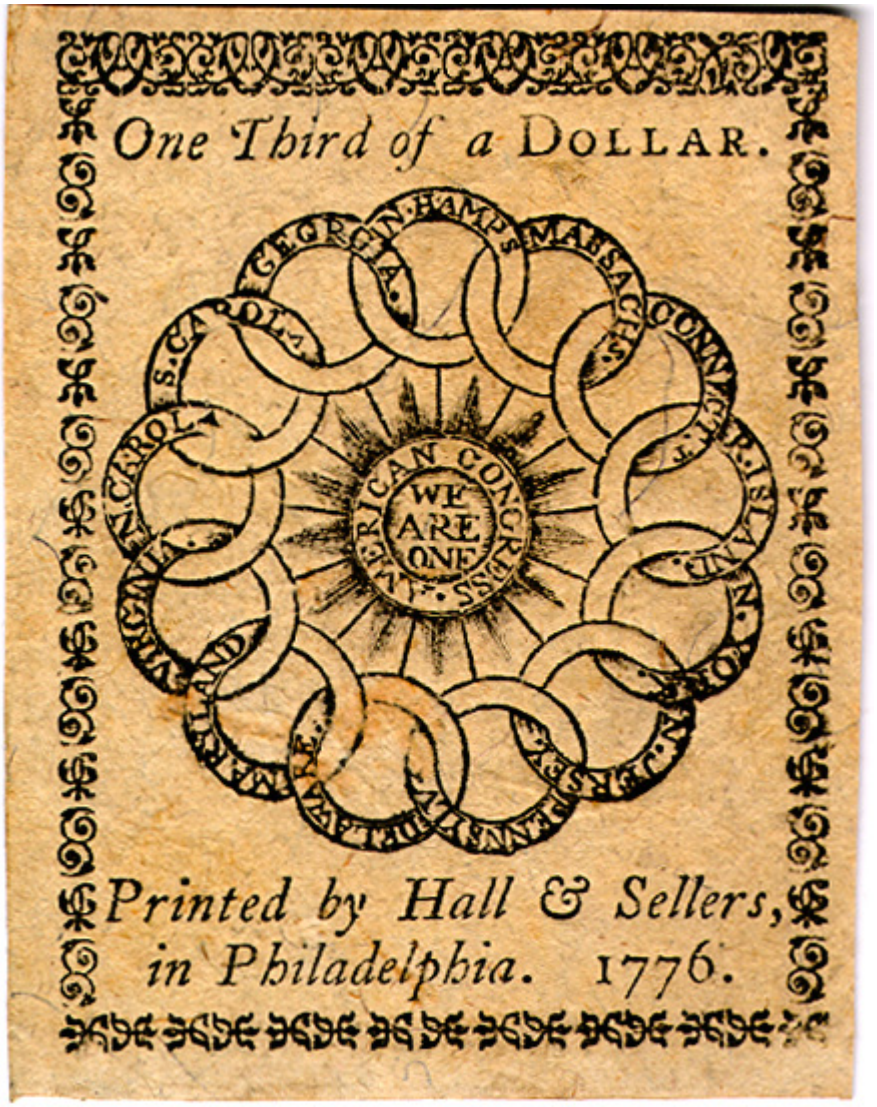
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