THE LITTLE CASK. Translated from the French of Guy de Mare passant by the New Orleans Times-Democrat. Maitre Chicot, the innkeeper of Espre-ville, pulled up his tilbury before the gate of Mere Magloire's farm. He was a great kulking fellow of about 40, red-faced and stout, who had a tolerably mean reputation. He fastened his reins to a fence-post, and entered the yard. He possessed some real estate adjoining the old woman's land, which he had long coveted. Twenty dif-ferent times he had tried to buy it from here Magloire's the had tried to buy it from here the Magloire determines the had tried to buy it from here the Magloire determines the had tried to buy it from here the Magloire determines the had tried to buy it from here the Magloire determines the had tried to buy it from here the Magloire determines the magloire determines the had tried to buy it from here the Magloire determines the find to buy it from here the Magloire determines the find to buy it from here the Magloire determines the find to buy it from here the Magloire determines the had tried to buy it from here the Magloire determines the find to buy it from here the Magloire determines the find the find to see if the grass is ready for the south to do. Every time he looked at her he wanted to strangle here the Magloire determines the find to buy it from here the Magloire determines the find to buy it from here the Magloire determines the find to buy it from here the Magloire determines the find to buy it from here the Magloire determines the find to buy it from here the Magloire determines the find to buy it from here the Magloire determines the find to buy it from here the Magloire determines the find to buy it from here the Magloire determines the find to buy it from here the Magloire determines the find to buy it from ferent times he had tried to buy it from

her; but Mere Magloire obstinately refused. "I was born here; and I'm going to die

here, too," was what she always said. He found her peeling potatoes in front of her door. With her 72 years of age, she was dry, wrinkled, stooped, but indefa-tigable as a young girl. Chicot patted her on the back in a friendly way, and then sat down beside her on a stool. Well, old mother, how is the health-

always hearty, eh ?"

"Spectral ways hearty, en?" "Spectral you, Maitre Chicot?" "Eh! eh!-just a little twinge once in a while; otherwise I'm all right enough." "Allons—so much the better."

"Allons—so much the better." And she said nothing more. Chicot watched her working. Her crooked fingers, knobby and hard as the legs of a crab, caught up the gray potatoes from the big basket; and she turned them round and round quickly, taking off long bands of peelings under the edge of an old knife which she held in the other hand. And as soon as each potato was all yellow, she threw it into a bucket of water. Three impudent chickens would come one after the other to nick up the peeling even from te no richer fare than a crust of buttered bread and a little soup. Chicot, much disappointed, coaxed her in vain. Neither would she drink. She refused to take any coffee. He asked : the other to pick up the peeling even from the folds of her skirt, and then would run away as fast as their legs could carry them, with their booty in their beaks. Chicot seemed to be worried, hestated

Chicot seemed to be worried, hesitated and anxions,—with something that clung to the tip of his tongue and would not venture to leave it. At last he made a decided effort. "Say ! Mere Magloire." "What ean I do for you ?" "Well, that farm of yours ;—you still don't want to sell it." "If that's what you want—no ! Never come for that here. What I say I say

And he roared with all the force of his lungs through the inn: "Rosaline, bring me the fine, the super-fine, the fil-en-dix." The servant appeared with a long-necked bottle ornamented with a paper wine leaf parted thereon

come for that here. What I say, I say-no use talking about it any more." pasted thereon. He filled two tiny glasses. "Try that, eld mother, and see if it isn "You see, I've thought of an arrange-ment that would be just the thing for both

just famous !" And the good woman began to sip it very slowly, very fastidiously, making the pleasure endure as long as possible. When she got to the bottom, she turned the glass ust far 'What's that ?"

"See here !--you'll sell it to me, and then you'll keep it just as you do now * * Don't you see what I mean. Listen, and The old woman stopped peeling the po-tatoes, and fixed on the innkeeper's face two keen eyes, still very bright under their crumpled cyclids. He proceeded:

wanted to refuse, but it was too late, and she sipped it all up, very slowly, as she had done the first time. Then he tried to get her to swallow a third, but she resisted. He persisted: "Why, that's milk, I tell you !--that's cream. I take ten and twelve glasses with-out faciling any the more that so down He proceeded: "I want to explain the thing to you. Every month I'll give you one hundred and fifty francs. You hear me!--every month I'll come here in my tilbury and pay you down thirty ecus of one hundred sous. And still there won't be any change for you to make-no change in the world You'll just stay in your house; you won't have to bother about me; you'll not owe me anything. All you'll have to do will be to take my money. Now, how does that mit any ? just like sugar; never hurts the stomach, never goes to the head; why, it just evap-orates off of the tongue. Nothing so fine for the health !"

that suit you ?" Then he looked into her face joyously, with the most good natured and self-satisyielded; but she only swallowed half a glassful. Then Chicot, in a burst of generosity, The old woman gazed at him with sus-picion, -smelling a snare. She asked: "That is all very well for me; but how about you? that won't give you the farm?" He went on again to explain: "Don't you bother your head about that. You'll stay here just as long as the good God allows you to live. You'll al-ways remain here at home, in your own house. Only, you'll sign a little paper at the notary's so that it'll come to me after you. You've got no children-nobody be-longing to you, except those nephews that you don't care anything about. Now, how does that please you? You'll keep your property during your whole life; and I'll pay you down one hundred and fify frances every month. It's all clear profit fied air imaginable. The old woman gazed at him with susproperty during your whole life; and by you down one hundred and fifty is every month. It's all clear profit bu aud no loss." I not say ro. Only I want to reason is very month. It's all clear profit bu aud no loss." "And I want to tell you one thing, you know; when it's all gone, there's plenty more for you. Don't be backward in tell-ing me. I don't care about the cost of it. The sooner it's finished, the better pleased I'll be." francs every month. It's all clear profit for you and no loss." The old woman remained dumb-sur-prised, uneasy, but nevertheless visibly tempted. Finally she said: "I'll not say ro. Only I want to reason with myself about the affair. You come back and we'll talk it over again-some time next week. Then I'll tell you just Till be." And he got into his tilbury. Four days later he returned. The old woman was sitting at the door, busy cut-ting up bread for her soup. He sat down beside her, bid her good-day, bent his face down very close to hers while talking for the purpose of smelling her breath. And he smelled a strong smell of alcohol. Then his face brightened. "Say, mother, I'm sure you'll offer me a little glass,—ch?" And they took two or three drinks to-gether. what I think about it." And Maitre Chicot went off as happy as a king who had just conquered an empire. Mere Magliore remained thoughtful. She did not sleep the next night. For four whole days she was in a fever of hesitation. She felt sure there was something unlucky for herself in such an arrange-ment-something to her disadvantage, but gether. the thought of the thirty ccus a month-of that fine ready cash that would be poured But very soon there was a rumo through the coantry that old Mere through the coantry that old More Mag-loire was drinking, and getting hepelessly drunk, all by herself. Sometimes she was picked up from the floor of her kitchen, or she had to be carried in from the yard, or was found lying intoxicated in the middle of some country road, and had to be brought home, senseless as any corpse. Chicot nover went to see her any more ; and whenever anybody would speak to the old woman, he would exclaim : "Isn't it awful to see a person of her age form such a habit ? And, you see, when one's as old as that, there's no hope for one. Some day or other it'll be the end of her !" It was the end of her in fact. She died line her apron, that would come to her like a windfall, without her making the least effort to get it-tortured her with desire. Then she went to the notary and told him all abopt the situation. He advised her to accept Chicot's proposition, but told her to ask fifty ecus instead of thirty, as her farm was worth, at the least calculation, sixty thousand frames. "At that rate even," said the notary— "supposing you live fifteen years more— he would still only have paid you forty-five sand francs.' The old woman actually trembled with end of her I" It was the end of her in fact. She died the winter after, just about Christmas time, having lain down very drunk in the excitement at the prospect of fifty ecus every month; but she was still very sus-picious—fearful of a thousand things unforeseen, of a thousand possible schemes to defraud her; and she remained for a whole snow. And Maitre Chicot found himself in posdefraud her; and she remained for a whole evening asking questions, unable to decide what to do. Fiually she told the notary to prepare the deed, and returned home as excited as if she had drunk four whole And Mattre Check found match in pos-session of the farm. Ho declared — "If that old fool hadn't got to drinking she'd have lived ten years longer anyhow." pots of cider. When Chicot came to ask for his answer, It should be Generally Known she made him first coax her for a long time, declaring that she would not do it, but really tortured by the fear that he might refuse to give the price. Finally, as he persisted very eagerly in his demand, she announced her terms. Chicot jumped with disappointment, and refused. Then, in order to convince him, she be gan to argue about the probable duration of her life. "Tve got only five or six years more to her divert the set on the line and purifying the _____that the multitude of diseases of a sc she made him first coax her for a long time, declaring that she would not do it,

who is robbed.

So he began to scheme. So he came to her at last one day rub-bing his hands together, just as he had done the first time he proposed the CHOLERA INFANTUN

And, after a few minutes' chat, he said 'Say, Mere Magloire, why don't you * Say, More Magloire, why don't you ever come to dinner at my house when you pass through Epreville? Folks are ges-siping about us; they say we are no friends, and that's worrying me. I don't want you to pay anything at my house, you know;— I don't care about the cost of a dinner. So just come as often as you feel like it— come and make yourself feel at home. It'll be quite a favor to me." ALL SUMMER COMPLAINT

He asked : "Well, I'm sure you'll take a little glass

of fine liquor, anyhow ?" "Ah, that ! yes. I'll not say no to that.' And he roared with all the force of his

up to pour the very last drop down her throat, and said ; "That is fine !"

She had no sooner said it than Chicot poured out another glassful for her. She wanted to refuse, but it was too late, and

out feeling any the worse. That goes down

And as she liked it very much, she

TORONTO RAILWAY TIME TABLE

are and Arrival of Trains be quite a favor to me." Mere Magloire did not wait to be asked and at Union Station. Mere Magloire did not wait to be asked twice, and two days after, on her way to market in her old cart, driven by her groom, Celestin, she quietly ordered her horse to be unhitched and taken to Maitre Chicot's stables, and went into the house, and demanded the promised dinner. The innkeeper, radiant with delight, served her with chicken, pudding, chatter-lings, mutton with caper-sauce. But she ate scarcely anything—temperate as she had been from her childhood—accustomed te no richer fare than a crust of buttered

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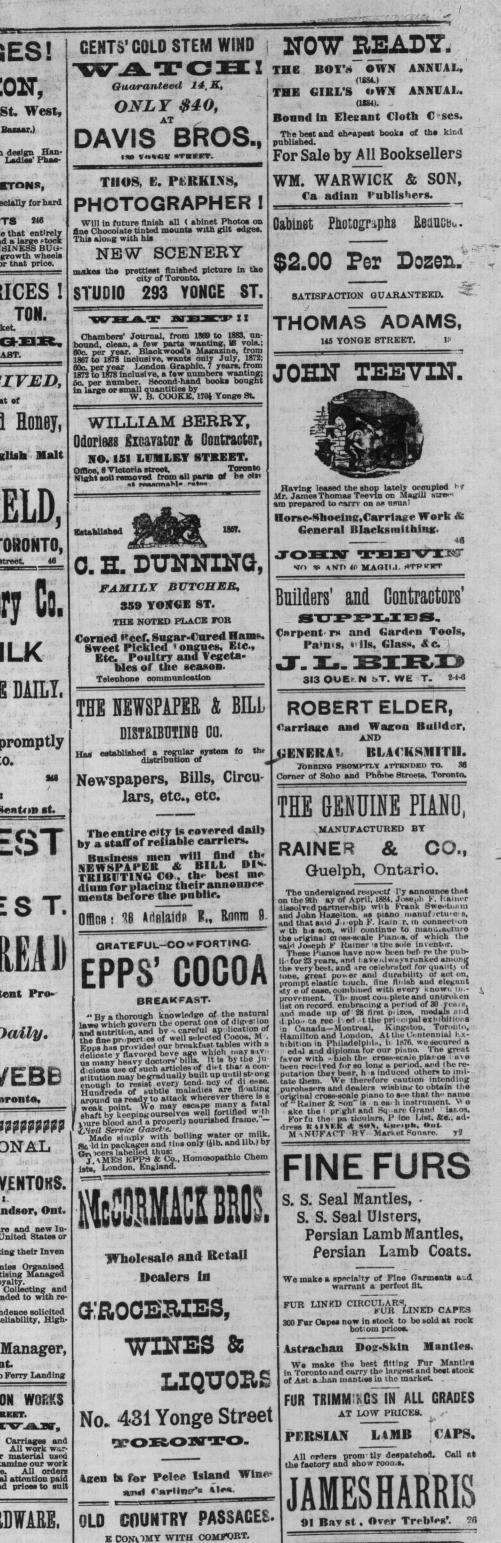
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Sound, research and the second second second second second direct. and Owen Sound direct. 8 a.m.-Mixed from West Teronto. 4.40 p.m.-Express for Orangeville, Owen Sound and Teoswater.

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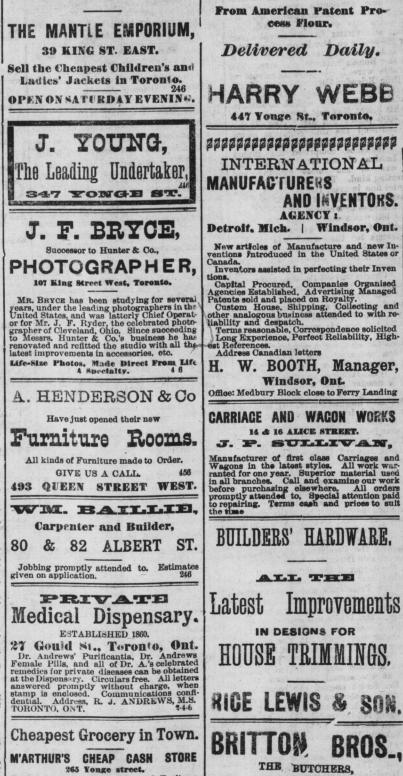
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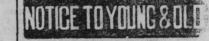
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