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Miscellaneous.

CAUTION. EACH PLUG OF THE "MYRTLE NAVY TOBACCO" IS STAMPED T. & B. IN GILT LETTERS. None other is Genine. Hamilton, Sept. 29 1877.

NOTICE. THE PUBLIC are hereby cautioned that S. L. Nicholson and R. W. Haspenny, late of the village of Kempvville, are not authorized to act as my agents in any capacity.—F. B. ATTWOOD General Insurance Agent. 1344 tf

Poetry.

Warden, Keep a Place for Me.

AN INCIDENT OF PRISON LIFE IN THE PENITENTIARY.

Discharged again! Yes; I am free,
But Warden, keep a place for me;
For freedom means that I must go
Out in the wind and rain and snow,
To fight with hunger, shame and cold—
A woman, gray and worn and old,
To clothe myself in rags again,
And seek some wretched, narrow den,
And after that what must be done?
Steal! Beg! Hard lines for any one;
To work is easier. I would try,
But there's no work for such as I.
A fine thing truly to be free—
But Warden, keep a place for me;

For I'll come back. It's seven years
Since first I entered here in tears:
"Drunk and disorderly" I came,
And felt the burden and the shame,
The prison taint, the outlaw's dread,
Then I looked behind his hopeless trail
The gates clang to with dreadful sound
And the dark prison walls close round.

But when I went away I said:
"If I can earn my daily bread,
I'll work my fingers off before
I'll wear a convicts dress once more."
'Twas easy said—I meant it too,
Work! Is there work enough to do
For those who spend their weary lives
Like toiling bees in busy hives,
And starve at last? When willing hands
That never broke the law's commands
Are idle by the thousands, how
Can jail-birds keep a virtuous vow?

No work, but all the same I found
The time for meals would come around;
No work, but time enough to think,
And that's the easy road to drink.
Who cared, who cares, that I was then
"Drunk and disorderly" again?
Who cares that ever with the best
I was a woman like the rest;
Who cares that one day in my life
I was a happy, joyous wife?
None care, and I care less than they,
And curse the man and curse the day.

How did I know that he would be
A drunken scoundrel, dragging me
Down in the mire? Alas the life
He led me! Oh, the bitter strife
'Twas love and hate! He went away
And left me with my little May—
My little child! My little pearl!
My pretty brown-eyed, baby girl!
Bah—that was only childhood's grace!
She grew up with her father's face,
Her father's selfish, wicked heart;
Grew up to take an evil part;
Grew up to soil her mother's name
And cover it with double shame.

But I've a little baby dress—
The one soft vein of tenderness
That's run through all these hateful years—
I've wet it many a time with tears,
And many a time at dead of night
I've clasped it to my bosom tight.
What for? Because it means for me
A simple, sinless memory,
Because it means there was a time
When I, now gray with want and crime,
Old jail-bird as I am to-day,
Knew how to love and dared to pray.

What did I do? How could I know
That things would go against me so?
How could I help it? Did I plan
The fate that bound me to that man—
The hard, blind fate that dragged me down
Among the wretches of the town?
That snatched away all hope, all chance,
And twisted every circumstance
Against me, till at last I stood
Stripped of my very womanhood?
I could not dare to stop and think—
Was it my fault I took to drink?
No, I'm not fit for liberty;
It ain't a wholesome thing for me;
The jail takes care of me too well.
Better to be locked up in a cell,
Where all is clean and sleep is sweet,
Than roam the misery-haunted street;
Better the work they give us here
Than what awaits me when I'm clear;
Better the silence we must keep
Than drunken cries and curses deep;
Better the dull days free from pain
Than shattered nerves and throbbing brain;
Better the quiet, sober life
Than yonder city's desperate strife;
Better the prisoner's homely fare,
Better the prison's watchful care,
Better for me than liberty—
So Warden, keep a place for me.

An Incident.

From the Clinton New Era.

The particulars of the following incident are somewhat old, but never having appeared in print, will be of interest to our readers, many of whom are cognizant of the matter. When Sir John A. Macdonald visited this place some years since, of course a demonstration was got up in his behalf. Among those taking part therein was Mr. Hunter, an employee at Stapleton, and a veteran of the Crimea. This person is the worthy possessor of a couple of medals, which he wore on the occasion. Sir John, noticing the same, complimented him on their possession and said "he was too good a man to be left here; come down to Ottawa and I'll give you a good situation," or words to that effect. Mr. Hunter naturally felt pleased at the notice taken of him, and the prospect of a government situation, but, alas for human hopes, for they were all blighted to him. Three letters were written on his behalf to Ottawa, by gentlemen in this town, but no attention whatever was paid to them, as matters, no doubt, of far greater importance occupied the attention of the ministry. Mr. Hunter still retains his position at Stapleton, and says that "If ever he comes across Sir John, he'll bring it back to his memory." It is almost needless to say friend H. is a thorough Conservative.

Twelve Recipes for Long Life.

By a careful perusal of the eleven different health journals during the past thirty days, we have succeeded in compiling the following rules, which, if rigidly observed, will result in long life and perfect health, and we have the solemn assurance of eleven eminent medical authorities for it: I. Rise with the sun. II. Never rise before seven o'clock. III. Drink a glass of cold water before breakfast. IV. Never drink until you are through eating. V. Eat nothing but Graham bread and vegetables. VI. Eat plenty of good roast beef and mutton, well done. VII. Bathe every day. VIII. Never bathe oftener than twice a week. IX. Always sleep in a cold room. X. Never sleep in a room with temperature lower than 45 degrees. XI. Drink nothing but water. XII. Drink nothing but milk.

—S. Essery of Usborne lately sold two three year old colts out of Scotch Miracle for $300. John Rowcliffe also sold a two year old colt out of Colchman for $150.

—Messrs. Coughlin Bros. of Stephen, from the first of September to the first of December, have shipped the enormous number of 7,000 sheep and 400 hogs direct to the old country.

Communications.

Law Student Replied.

MR. EDITOR.—I am very much grieved when I reflect upon the fact that we have within our midst that being who cannot conceive what good English means, and that he appears in no less a personage that as the editor of the *Star*. I can assure him that nothing can afford me a greater degree of pleasure than the privilege of informing him that my stating that he was insane when he spoke of eighteen law clerks carrying enough guns to defend Kars, was not an admission of going on some shooting expedition up a river as he stated in his sheet a short time ago. The voice of justice demands that this poor editor be analyzed at once by the Medical Society of Ontario. I fear that if this investigation does not take place, this remarkable mass of humanity, who, amidst the faint glimmerings of a departing intellect, has made himself absolutely ridiculous, will continue on in his mad career till the pauses of our County can become nothing less than a laughing stock for those newspaper proprietors who have escaped the misfortune of possessing that man who could conjure up a conundrum local similar to that which appeared under the heading of "Crazy," a short time ago in the *Star*. The least a generous public can do is to excuse or rather pity that poor Editor, who since writing my last letter was discovered about eleven p. m. sitting on a fence a few miles from town with the remnants of a raw carrot in one hand and an Indian war club in the other, in the act of shouting poetry to the stars.

He is also reported to have, upon one occasion, imagined himself fighting a duel in one of Shakespeare's tragedies, and being at the time seated at dinner with a large piper opposite to him and glancing at the mirror he perceived what he supposed to be his opponent, and upon the instant he snatched up a turkey in one hand and holding it as a shield he grasped the carving knife in the other and with a terrific plunge he jumped head foremost through the glass greatly to the astonishment of the guests, until they discovered he was the editor of the *Star*. As a last request, I ask a kind public to pardon the poor editor. Alas, poor Yorick, he is fading fast. I thank you for your valuable space,

LAW STUDENT.

GODERICH TOWNSHIP.

SOIREE.—On the evening of December 24th, a soiree will be held in the Tipperary Methodist church, in aid of the parsonage found. Tickets, 25 cts.

A LONG FAST.—A cow belonging to Mr. John Elliott, Bayfield con., was lost about three weeks ago and was only found on Tuesday of last week in the barn when it had been deprived of food all that time. The animal is all right.

SLIGHT FIRE.—A few days ago a slight fire occurred in the house of Mr. H. Elford, of Holmesville, caused by one of the children throwing down a lighted match supposing it to be out. Some curtains caught fire, communicating to a bed close by, but fortunately the quilt was made of wool and burned very slowly. Mrs. Elford noticed the fire, and quickly extinguished it.

COUNCIL.—Council met at Holmesville, on the 3rd inst., pursuant to adjournment, members all present; the minutes of last meeting were read and passed. The winding up of the township business for the current year was at once gone into. Moved, seconded and carried, that the following accounts be paid, viz:—A. Kennedy, use of room for Council $19.50; T. J. Moorhouse, stationery, $11.72; Jas. Fair, lumber, $14.97; S. Rathwell, gravel, $17.98; W. Connols, gravel, $18; T. Elliott, gravel, $13.04; J. Peacock, turnpiking near 1st con., $21.05; S. Johnston, repairing bridge, 1st con., $15.50; H. Dunlop, two new culverts and digging ditch, $20.50; D McBryan, ditch, $2; C. Simmons, repairing culvert on Bayfield con., $1; C. McGregor, one new culvert and repairing three others, $11; J. Jewett, lumber for culverts, $5.74; J. Izzard, repairing bridge on 13th con., $2; G. Steep, digging ditch and new culvert, lots 40 and 41, 11th con., $7; F. Cole, repairing two culverts, 9th con., $3; Searle & Davis, tape lines used by Council for measuring jobs, $3; F. Jones, stone hammers, $2.50; J. Holland, repairing culvert, 11th and 12th cons., $3; J. Beacon, dog tax refunded—dog dead, $1; H. Cook, repairing culvert, 7th con., $1.50; S. Plummer, gravel, $6.28; R. Thompson, turnpiking on side line, $5.25; J. Leitch, turnpiking, underdraining and other work, $4.50; W. Colclough, turnpiking on side line near lots 30 and 31, 11th con., $5; T. Jenkins, gravel, $9.28; J. Calbeck, gravel, $17.60; J. Alexander, gravel, $10.80; G. Hill, gravel, $12.16; Peter Towers, digging drain on Bayfield con., near Clinton, part pay on same, $55; J. R. Holmes, damage to buggy through alleged defect in Huron Road, $2.50; J. Calbeck, gravel, $9.40. The following sums were granted to indigents: W. Collins, $20; R. Bray, $10; A. McKee, $10. The Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillors were paid same as last year, say $35, $32.50 and $30; Treasurer's salary, $65; bank discount per same, $9.49; do. for services connected with foregoing, $6. The Clerk's account for one year, postage and other minor matters, $27.69; Clerk's salary, $130. The petition of Alex. Taylor and others relating to plank sidewalk was laid over for future consideration. All accounts presented were paid. Mr. Bay's account for surveying, which had been laid over at a previous sitting for one item to be enquired into, was ordered by the Reeve to be brought forward by the Clerk at next meeting. The Council, after attending to a number of other matters, (not strictly financial,) adjourned.—JAS. PATTON, Clerk.

LOCAL JOTTINGS.

—A public weighing scale has been set up in Exeter North by the citizens.

—A 15 lb. turnip has been grown by Mr. R. Morrison of Usborne.

—C. R. Cooper, of Brussels, has published a neat map of that village.

—Mr. G. K. McLeod has sold his farm, near Exeter, to Mr. W. Hodgson, for the handsome sum of $8,000.

—The insolvent stock of John Allan, Brussels, was sold to Mr. McCoutch, of Lucan, for 55 cents on the dollar.

—Mr. Kepple Disney has sold his farm of 100 acres, on the first line of Morris, to Mr. A. B. Jackson of Gorrie, for $4,500.

—A goodly number of new buildings have been erected in St. Helens during the past summer. The villagers are prepared to assist in the extension of the T. G. & Bruce Railway.

—Mr. R. Jones, of Usborne, who was recently robbed of $200 expected to receive $600 the next day. It was fortunate the thief did not postpone his visit until the next night.

—Mr. Alex. Smith, Treasurer of Usborne, intends leaving this country in the spring for Kansas. While visiting that State recently he traded his farm at Winchelsea, containing 150 acres, valued at $10,000, for 640 acres of prairie land, and received boot to the extent of $4,000.

One Curiosity Shop.

BY HIBERNIOUS.

Moss grows on the North side of trees because that is the coolest, and hence more moist.

You may wrap a bundle of ice in a blanket, put it on a pavement in one of the clearest and hottest days, where the sun can blaze on it incessantly, and instead of it melting rapidly, it will freeze hard to the blanket; whereas, if you place it in the shade, it will melt. This is explained by the fact that the heat of the sun causes rapid evaporation of the moisture in the blanket, which being a poor conductor of heat, does not conduct the heat to the ice. In the shade the evaporation is less rapid, and less heat is abstracted from the inner folds of the covering.

Thermometers are constructed upon the principal that heat expands and cold contracts metals. The proportion of a degree varies with different thermometers. In the centigrade a degree is one hundredth part of the interval between the freezing and boiling of water. In the Reaumer it is the one-eightieth of the interval, and in Fahrenheit it is the one hundred and eightieth part of the interval. In the Fahrenheit, which is used in this country, the mark zero the result of an error. When Fahrenheit fixed the point it was upon the coldest day ever known in the locality where he lived, and he supposed it could not by any colder, and so he marked the point indicated by the mercury, zero. The other symptoms mark the freezing point of water as zero.

Hercules consulted the oracle of Apollo, and was told that he must be subservient for twelve years to the will Eurysthous, in compliance with the commands of Jupiter, and that, after he had achieved the most celebrated labors, he should be reckoned among the gods. Eurysthous commanded him to perform the most difficult tasks, which are generally known as the twelve labors of Hercules. The first was to kill the Nemean lion, which ravaged the country near Mycenæ; the second was to destroy the Lernean hydra; the third was to bring, alive and unhurt, to Eurysthous a stag famous for its fleetness, its golden horns, and brazen feet; the fourth was to bring, alive, the wild boar which ravaged the country near Erymanthus; the fifth was to clean the Augean stables, where 3,000 oxen had been confined for many years; the sixth was to kill the carnivorous birds which ravaged the country near Lake Stymphalus; the seventh was to bring, alive, a wild bull that ravaged the island of Crete; the eighth was to obtain the mares of Diemedes, which fed on human flesh; the ninth was to obtain the girdle of the queen of the Amazons; the tenth was to kill the monster Gorgon, King of Gades; the eleventh was to obtain apples from the garden of the Hesperides, and the twelfth was to bring upon earth the three headed dog Cerberus.

The idea of submarine telegraph originated with Professor Morse, who first tested it in New York harbor in 1842. The first suggestion of an Atlantic telegraph is said to have been made by him in 1843. Professor Charles Wheatstone, in 1840, drew plans of a projected submarine telegraph between Dover and Calais. In 1850, J. W. Brett made a trial of his plan in France and failed; but new arrangements were soon made for a line across the English Channel, which was successful, and the line was opened Nov. 13, 1851. A plan to unite Europe and America by electric telegraph was attempted to be carried out by a company in 1857-8, and was promoted chiefly by Cyrus W. Field. With the concurrence of the English and American Governments, 2,500 miles of wire were manufactured and tested in March, 1857. The laying it commenced Aug. 5 of that year at Valentia, Ireland, but after a few miles had been payed out the cable snapped. This was soon repaired, but on the 11th of August, after 300 miles of cable had been played out, it broke again, and the vessels returned to England. In 1858 a second attempt to lay the cable failed through a violent storm in June, but the third attempt was successful. On the 5th of August the junction between the two countries was completed by the laying of 2,000 miles of wire from Ireland to Newfoundland, and the first two messages between the Queen of Great Britain and the President of the United States were sent on that day. On the 4th of September the power of transmitting messages was ceased, owing to faulty insulation. In 1865 another attempt to lay a cable was made, but after 1,200 miles had been laid the cable parted in water two and a half miles deep. Four attempts were made to grapple it, all of which failed, and the ship returned to England. Another attempt was made July 13, 1866, and the cable was successfully laid July 27. The ship then returned to the spot where the cable of 1865 parted, and on the 24 of September, 1866, it was found, spliced, and continued to the American side.

The Fastest Locomotive Builder in the World.

A SINGULAR COMPETITION—WON BY A CANADIAN.

Lately in Jackson, Michigan, at the engine works of the Michigan Central Railway, a competition took place between two gangs of workmen, as to which could soonest put a locomotive together and send her out of the shop in running order. Heretofore the usual time for doing this work, with a gang of five or six men, in the "Baldwin Locomotive works," of Philadelphia, has been from nine days to two weeks. When, therefore, the fact was published that the same feat had been accomplished at Jackson by Robert Stewart, with 14 men, in 25 hours, and by Walter Edington, with his gang, in 16½ hours, the engine builders of the country were loud in their expressions of disbelief. This piqued the Jackson men, and they determined to transcend all previous efforts. Accordingly on Nov. 16th, the parts of two new locomotives, which had never been placed together, were collected, while on two trucks were the boilers. As the clock struck seven, two gangs of fourteen each, one commanded by Robert Stewart, and the other by Walter Edington, sprang to their work. The boilers were raised by jacks on the massive frames, the driving-wheels secured in their places, the cylinders, valves, link motions, connecting rods, levers, smoke-stack, jacket bolts, etc., numbering altogether thousands of pieces. The fires already lighted convert into steam the water run in shortly after the start. Edington's gang beats the other about a minute in the finishing touches. The engineer, standing in his place, blows the whistle, turns on the steam, the driving-wheels revolve, and the first engine moves down the yard. A few seconds later the other, with a shrill clarion whistle, follows in completed companion. The spectators, 200 in number, who watched every detail of the work with breathless interest, burst into a cheer, to which the grimy workmen, drenched [illegible] hearty echo. Two hours and fifty-five minutes is the record from fifty watches, and the Jackson shops and workmen are covered with a blaze of glory. The two engines were attached to an excursion train, filled with employees, and the exultant crew went to Detroit. Each engine made the trip of seventy-six miles without heating a journal, and they both ran as smoothly as if they had been months in commission. Walter J. Edington, the winner of the competition, was born in Newfoundland County, Ontario, twelve miles north of Cobourg, and served his apprenticeship in Cobourg Foundry under James Davidson, Esq., son of Mr. Davidson, once Manager of the Bank of Montreal, and now of the Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh, and brother of Thomas Davidson, Esq., of this city. If we are not mistaken, Mr. Stewart is a Canadian also, and a native of Montreal.

A Sleeping Car Romance.

Burlington Hawkeye.

It was in the Cedar Rapids sleeper. Outside it was dark as the inside of an ink-bottle. In the sleeping-car people slept.

Or tried it.

Some of them slept like Christian men and women, peacefully, and sweetly, and quietly.

Others slept like demons, malignantly, hideously, fiendishly, as though it was their mission to keep everybody else awake.

Of these, the man in the lower number three was the "boss." When it came to a square snore with variations, you wanted to count "lower three" in. With a full hand and a pocket full of rocks.

We never heard anything snore like him. It was the most systematic snoring that was ever done, even on one of those tournaments of snoring, a sleeping car. He didn't begin as soon as the lamps were turned down and everybody was in bed. Oh, no. There was more cold-blooded diabolism in his system than that. He waited until everyb