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Hair Dyes,		
Perfumery,		
Atkinson's Lubins		
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Lily White Tooth Paste and Powder,		Sarsaperilla,
		Cod Liver Oil,
		Hair Oils,
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Poetry.

The Painted Cup.

The fairy king, in wrath one day,
His mystic chalice flung away,
For though with nectar half filled up,
He scorned to touch the painted cup.

Yet, if by brooks I pause to drink,
His beaker stands upon the brink,
And in the crystal far below,
I see its evanescent glow.

It lures me through the marshy ground
Its scarlet splendor all around,
And I could wish the cruel fay,
Would take his sinful cup away.

For even now, with wine deep-dyed,
I see it by the river side,
Betraying by its tempting gleam,
All such as wander by the stream.

No fay comes seeking through the sedge,
Perhaps the king has signed the pledge,
For, reddened with its brilliant stains,
Untasted still, the cup remains.

—From the Aldine.

THE MAN WITH THE IRON UMBRELLA.

BY WM. M. F. ROUND.

Let me see, it was in the summer of 1865 that I first saw him. We were in Paris, Rob and I, assisting at some experiments in the use of the aniline colors. The laboratory where the experiments were made was just outside of Paris, and we had apartments in the Place de Sevres, so that to reach the suburb there was a long walk daily. Rob would spend the nights at the laboratory—as our work required constant care—and every morning at daybreak, whatever the weather was, I would walk out to relieve him. There was a stretch of city through the old Rue de Temple and then the houses came to be farther and farther apart, until the last quarter of an hour of my tramp was almost like walking in the country. There were fields, with here and there a closely-trimmed tree, and at wide distances apart houses surrounded by small gardens. One morning I noticed just before me the most singular little man that I had ever seen, and besides his appearance there was something striking and unusual in his behavior. He was a very small man—not much over five feet in height; wore a gray coat that came nearly to his heels; had on his head one of those padded cushions such as the market women wear, and over his head he carried a singular-looking structure of iron frame-work and wire netting. It was something like an umbrella, but more, perhaps, like the dome shaped wire cases with which country housewives are wont to protect their cakes and pies from flies.

This strange-looking man walked invariably in the middle of the street; with an uncertain, shambling gait; and if there came a gust of wind—if only the slightest breeze—he would cower down to the pavement and almost hide himself under his metallic umbrella. He walked with great rapidity while in the city, but when once in the fields strolling more leisurely, closed his umbrella, and in every way seemed more at ease. Whenever he passed a house that was near the road he would raise his umbrella, cross over to the opposite side, and quicken his footsteps almost into a run.

You may well understand that this singular being roused my curiosity, and as after having once seen him I saw him on every still day, he was ever often the subject of speculation between Rob and me. Several times I made an effort to speak to him, to draw him into conversation, hoping that he might tell me his story. He was always polite, but would merely return my salutation and in such a manner that it would have been rude of me to press him to further conversation. For three months I had seen him quite as often as three times in the week, but I knew no more about him than at first. As the chilly days of autumn came on and the winds became so fierce I saw him much less frequently, I could not think strange of this, for I myself found it hard to meet the piercing winds, and had concluded to take lodgings as near the laboratory as I could find them, and had already begun to examine with considerable interest the yellow placards that told of apartments in the suburbs. At last I found one just on the edge of the city, the very last house in the Rue Duvence. It was a queer old rococo house, with a knocker in the middle of the door which it took all one's strength to lift, and which when it fell sent an echoing knock through the whole street. The house was owned by the widow of a notary who helped out her scanty income by renting two apartments on the second floor.

"Then, madame," I said, "you have only one other tenant beside myself?"

"Only one, monsieur; and a nice, quiet gentleman he is, but a little peculiar."

"Well, I dare say his peculiarities will not interfere with my comfort. Is he quiet?"

"As quiet as the dead, monsieur."

"And does not practice on the cornet or the violin?"

"On neither. Monsieur Corbeau is not a musician. He is very quiet, very retired, and has no other companions than his birds," said my landlady as we closed the bargain for the apartment that was to be my home for the winter.

The second day after my occupancy of the rooms I had returned home late in the evening, was very tired and had seated myself before a meagre French fire to enjoy a pipe and a book for an hour before bed-time, when there came a rather timid knock at my door, and on opening it, judge of my surprise that the well-known figure of "the man with the iron umbrella" stood before me. I stammered out a salutation and asked him to enter.

"A thousand thanks, monsieur—but I have an errand, and my errand is to crave monsieur's assistance."

"Anything I can do shall be done willingly," I replied.

"And monsieur will not consider it too trivial if I should ask him to come and help me recapture one of my birds that has escaped from its cage."

I followed Monsieur Corbeau at once to his sitting-room, which was like an aviary, for bird-cages were hung on every side and in every window. A little brown-headed canary was fluttering about the room, and without a word we gave our whole attention to recapturing it, and with such success that it was speedily returned to its cage. I turned to go at once, but Monsieur Corbeau said, after thanking me warmly:

"Monsieur is fond of birds?"

"Very," I answered; "and of pets of all kinds."

"Then monsieur shall come and see mine very often, if he likes. I feed them at daylight every day, and it is a sight to see them. They're so fond of me; they'll all come at my call, with the exception of the one which has just been troubling us, and he is a stranger just bought, and whose acquaintance I have not yet made."

Very often after that I went to see Monsieur Corbeau feed his birds; and the way in which he had tamed them was something quite wonderful. He would open the doors of all the cages, call them out one by one, set a little dish of seeds for each, and so well had they come to like their master's system, that they never left their own dishes for the others. When they had finished their meal they would fly about the room for a while, chirping cheerfully, alighting sometimes on Monsieur Corbeau's shoulder, sometimes in his gray hair, and were always ready to fly to his finger if he raised it for a perch.

"They are my only friends," he would say sadly, "and I believe they love me. They are great company; I sit here all day and talk to them and listen to them, and they are always cheerful. I go out very little, for——"

Just at this point and just as I would say to myself—"Now I shall have the mystery of my friend's life," monsieur would be silent, or abruptly change the conversation. The iron umbrella and the padded cap were still as enigmatical as they were singular.

In the spring of 1866, having completed our experiments, Rob and I returned home to America. The mystery of Monsieur Corbeau was as much a mystery as the first day I saw him. I thought of him and his birds very often, but he never rose up before my mind with such absolute vividness as last year, when after the great storm that swept over France, doing such damage to fields, forests, and steeples, I picked up a copy of a New York paper, in which I read the following paragraph:

"One of the disasters of the late great storm in France is the death of a most eccentric personage who has lived a quiet and secluded life in one of the environs of Paris, and has been known to his neighbors as 'the man with the iron umbrella.' Among his other fancies this man was an enthusiastic bird fancier, and on the morning of the storm, just stepped outside his door to remove a bird-cage that had blown from his window, when a chimney-pot from the top of the house was hurled down by the wind with such force as to kill him instantly. The most singular part of this story is that his father and his grandfather had both been killed by falling chimney-pots, and this man had been tormented through life by a belief that he should die in the same way. His fears were thus singularly realized, notwithstanding that through years he had protected himself whenever he ventured out by a padded cap, a padded coat that reached to his heels, and had carried over his head a curious structure of wire, which had gained for him the sobriquet we have mentioned above."

If you are tormented by a mystery just leave it alone long enough and you'll find its solution in the newspapers.—*Hearth and Home.*

The Siamese Twins.

DEATH OF CHANG AND ENG, THE CELEBRATED TWIN WONDERS.

RICHMOND, Va., Jan. 19, 1874.

A despatch from Greensboro, N. C, gives the startling announcement of the sudden death of the celebrated Siamese Twins on Saturday morning last, the 17th instant, which occurred at their residence at Mount Airy, Surrey County N. C.

There are no details of this sad event further than the fact that Chang was partially paralysed last fall, since which time he has been fretful, very much debilitated and strongly addicted to drinking liquor as a means of alleviating his suffering. He had been quite feeble for several days—indeed so much so as to confine both the brothers to bed, but the illness was not so great as to cause any anticipation of the catastrophe that was to follow. On Friday night they retired to bed as usual, but during the night Chang became worse, and, to the utter dismay of all his friends, expired suddenly about four o'clock on Saturday morning.

As soon as it was discovered that his spirit had left its earthly tenement and that death had claimed him for its own, Eng became so terribly shocked that he raved wildly for a while, at times exhibiting signs of great mental aberration. This attack was followed by what seemed to be a deadly stupor, and all now watched eagerly the fate of the surviving twin, so long and inseparably united to his now dead brother. In two hours, it is supposed from the death of Chang, Eng breathed his last, and in death, as in life, the souls, as well as the bodies, of the celebrated twins were once more reunited. The wives and families of the twins are in the deepest grief, the children, many of whom are deaf mutes, expressing their sorrow and bereavement in the most pitiful manner.

SKETCH OF THE SIAMESE TWINS.

The Siamese twins, Eng and Chang, latterly residing in North Carolina, were born in a small village on the coast of Siam, in the year 1811. Their parents got their living by fishing, and until 1829, when Eng and Chang were brought to the United States, they made their living by selling shellfish. Their mother bore seventeen children. At one time she gave birth to three and never less than two. But none of these children were deformed. The twins were united at the anterior of the chest by a prolongation of a kind of fleshy band the size of the hand. This band of flesh is about two inches broad and four inches thick. The whole mass is tough and capable of being considerably extended. One could whisper in the ear of one of them without the other hearing; while volatile salts applied to the nostrils of one had no effect on the other; and while pinching the arm of one excited no sensation in the other, still if you but stick a pin in the exact vertical centre of this connecting link both would flinch from the hurt. The twins were seldom observed to converse with each other. They played a good game of draughts, made pretty much the same moves, and at the same time, and frequently played against each other.

After attracting a vast amount of attention among scientists and physiologists in the old world, they married two sisters, and settled down near Salisbury, N. C., on a well-stocked plantation. In addition they had at one period ample funds invested through their agent in New York. During the war they continued to reside on their plantation and lived in the same quiet and harmony as ever, until some few years afterwards. Of course, no one ever thought of drafting them, and their negroes prospered, except when out of temper from any cause, it was apt to work itself off in striking the first one that came to hand, from which the best escape was to keep out of the way. The brothers probably never would have had any difficulty, but that their wives, though sisters, turned away their hearts, and children were the cause of this estrangement. Up to the period that each had five children all prospered well enough, but one of them had a sixth, and this awoke envy and jealousy to such a degree that the twin sisters, not being bound together like the twin brothers, would no longer live under the same roof. The brothers were, it seems, about fifty-four years of age, but, one, we believe, the smaller and feebler of the two, looked, it is said, ten years older than the other. They could turn either back to back or face to face, but that is as far as the remarkable band that united them permitted. It is almost certain that should either die the other could not survive even more than a few minutes, as there is an artery as large as the formal artery that connects them. A few years since they corresponded with some of the leading surgical operators in London, as to the possibility of the umbilicus being cut, so that in case of the death of one, the life of the other might be saved. At the request of the London surgeons they visited that city, and many experiments were tried to determine the safety of such an operation. Among other things a ligature was tied firmly for a few minutes around the connection between them, so as to prevent the circulation of blood through the artery. But it seemed as if each would expire if this were persisted in. The smaller of the two fainted away and lost all consciousness, and there were symptoms that the same effect would follow to the other, but the process could not be continued long enough without endangering the life of him who was the first to faint. Since the breakink out of the rebellion the twins both dressed in the Confederate gray, and were both members of the same church, having united with a small Baptist church in their neighbourhood, of which they were considered very worthy members, though born Siamese.

Seaforth.

SEAFORTH A TOWN.—Our village Council, like David of old, have been "numbering the people," though it is to be hoped that the same evil results may not follow. The object our "assembled wisdom" have in view is to make Seaforth a town, and as we have over 2000 inhabitants it is likely that laudable object may be attained.

McKillop.

A SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—On the 23rd ult., while a son of Mr. Peter Fisher was returning from school he attempted to jump upon a sleigh, but the owner of the sleigh applied the whip to the horses which threw the boy, who had just grasped one of the stakes, against a pile of wood where he was knocked senseless. Dr. Campbell of Seaforth was sent for and found two deep gashes on the head, one above the right eyebrow and another on the side of the head above the right ear. The wounds were sewed up and good hopes are entertained that the boy's life may be spared.

Stephen.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The newly elected Council all present duly sworn today (19th January, 1874).

Mr. H. Doyle elected by Council for Auditor.

The Reeve appointed W. McDougal Auditor

No other officials appointed till next meeting. After next meeting of Council meetings to be first Monday in each month.

Clerk to draft a by-law abandoning former award regarding boundary line road between McGillivray and Stephen.

Collector to settle up with Treasurer by first February

The following orders were granted:—Treasurer, interest on debentures $300.00
Mrs. McEachen, charity..... 5.00
M. Neyils, repairing scraper 3.20
M. Walsh, repairing scraper..... 75
G. Birns, drawing gravel..... 1.75
Exeter Benevolent Society..... 5.00
J. White, order book, &c..... 5.25
Moorhouse, order books, &c 2.18
J. Trevithick, constablo..... 1.00
T. McKenzie, R. O..... 3.00
M. Morrison, R. O..... 3.00

Next meeting to be first Saturday of next month.

C. PROUTY, Clerk.

Clinton.

THE NOMINATION came off at Varna on Monday, and parties were about equally divided. A good deal of feeling was manifested when Mr. Sinclair got up to speak having been nominated for that purpose, and he was finally hissed down. Mr. Benson was also nominated for the same purpose and as a matter of retaliation was hissed down also. Such conduct should be put down by the strong arm of public opinion. No matter of what shade a man's politics may be he should be allowed a reasonable hearing and if any are present who do not like to hear him they can leave the ground.

MR. BLAKE'S advent in Clinton was an entire success. His pleasant manner of speaking and his close logical method of dealing with everything he handled carried the conviction of truth with it to every one present, if one could judge by the marked attention with which he was listened to.

ACCIDENT.—On Tuesday, the 20th, a brakesman by the name of Benj. Pugh whilst coupling the cars or while raising and blocking up the draw-bar so that he could couple, was caught between the dead-woods and severely squeezed directly through the abdomen. Inflammation of the bowels followed, but he is now considered out of danger.

Dungannon

THE HON. E. B. WOOD addressed a large and intelligent meeting of the electors of North Huron on Tuesday, 20th inst., in Black's Hall. The hall was filled to suffocation. Messrs. Farrow and Leckie were present. Mr. Armstrong, Reeve of Ashfield, filled the chair. Mr. Wood gave a most eloquent address, exposing the crimes and misdemeanours of John A. to perfection. At the close of his speech he gave a piece of poetry of his own composition on the Pacific Scandal. He resumed, his seat amidst loud applause. Mr. Farrow tried to say something to help his party but his statements were not of much account, he having to take the *Mail* to prove his assertions. Turning from that he attacked Mr. Leckie, saying he was a third-class man. Mr. Leckie followed him in an able speech, completely cutting the ground from under him. He treated with contempt the idea of attacking his opponent's personal character. The meeting was very orderly with the exception of one or two drunken men. At the close three cheers were given for the Government.

CONCERT. — On Wednesday Mr. Ward gave one of his popular and entertaining Juvenile concerts. The concert was admitted by all to have been the best ever given in this part of the country, Mr. Ward's comic songs being highly appreciated.—COM.

Goderich Township.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The Council met to-day (19th January, 1874,) pursuant to Statute, the Clerk in the chair.

The following gentlemen handed in their qualifications and declarations of office, viz.: David Patton, Esq., Reeve, Henry Ford, Esq., Deputy Reeve, and Messrs. G. Elliott, John Cox, and Geo. McKee, Councillors.

The Reeve having assumed the chair, the minutes of the December meeting were read, passed and signed.

The following officers were appointed, namely, Robt. Russell, Assessor for the current year; Messrs. Francis Whittingham and Adam Cantelon, Auditors; Jos. Proctor, Tavern Inspector.

The salaries of the Township officers were fixed as follows, namely, the Clerk $130; Assessor $60; Collector of taxes $70; Treasurer $65; Auditors each $6; Tavern Inspector $2 for each tavern inspected.

The following accounts were ordered to be paid, namely, Wm. J. Johnston, for gravel $15.50; Trustees of School Sec. No. 6, for use of house for holding election $4; Geo. Pratt, for repairing bridge $2.50; John Pierson, for digging ditch $1.25; Hicks, for repairing culvert $8; John T. Anderson, for repairing bridge $8; James Whittingham, for lumber, gravel and gravelling on Maitland con. 8; John Rudd, for repairing road on 16th con. $2.25; T. J. Moorhouse, for stationery, &c. $11. The Clerk was requested to procure 3 copies of the Statutes 34 Victoria, for the use of the three Councillors. Fifty-one dollars were ordered to be paid to Thomas Stiver, that J. McMillan be an Auditor for the present year. The Reeve appointed Jas. Campbell the other Auditor.

Moved by A. Monteith, seconded by J. Britton, that Walter Cunningham be Assessor at a salary of $70.—Carried.

Moved by A. Monteith, sec. by J. Warwick, that Thos. Nullans be Collector, at a salary of $80.—Carried.

Moved by F. Stiver, sec. by J. Britton, that Henry Allen be Tavern Inspector at a salary of $25, and that he give security for the faithful performance of his duty in the sum of $25.—Carried.

A by-law was then read and passed confirming the above appointment of officers.

Moved by A. Monteith, sec. by Jas. Warwick, that Geo. Pope be paid $10 for extra attendence on Jas. McSherry for 1873, and that he be paid $16 for keeping the said J. McSherry from the 1st Jan. 1874 to this date, and at the rate of $1 per week from this date, during his illness, under the direction of the Reeve.—Carried.

A petition was read from J. D. Staples praying for $30 for extra services in keeping the late Sarah Jones. Petition not granted.

Moved by J. Britton, sec. by F. Stiver, that the following accounts be paid, viz: Dr. Appleton $11 for medicine and attendance on J. McSherry, and J. Stepf $3 37 for repairing scrapers, &c.—Carried.

Moved by J. Warwick, sec. by J. Britton, that H. Snell, A. Monteith and F. Stiver, are hereby authorized to let the building of the bridge (known as Bingham's bridge) either by tender or otherwise.—Carried.

Moved by J. Warwick, sec. by J. Britton, that $30 be granted for filling gravel on SR, 5 6, Con. 11 12, and that $30 be granted for the same purpose on SR, 5 6, Con. 9 10, the gravel to be filled under the supervision of J. Warwick.—Carried.

Moved by F. Stiver, sec. by A. Monteith, that widow Horsley be granted 50cts. per week from the first of Jan. 1874, and John Buckle be granted 75cts. per week also from the 1st of Jan. 1874, to be placed in the hands of J. Britton.—Carried.

The Council then adjourned to meet again at Londesborough on the 23rd Feb. next, at 10 o'clock a. m.

JAMES BRAITHWAITE, T'p Clerk.

Colborne.

COUNCIL MEETING.—The Municipal Council of Colborne met in the Town Hall on Wednesday Jan. 21st, 1874. The following gentlemen subscribed their declaration of office and qualification. William Young as Reeve, Alex. Malloy as Deputy Reeve; John Buchanan, H. J. Nott and David Fisher as Councillors. The Council then organised, the Reeve in the Chair. The minutes of last meeting, also those of special meeting read and signed by the Reeve.

Moved by H. J. Nott, seconded by David Fisher, that James Clark be appointed Auditor on behalf of the Council. Carried. The Reeve appointed Andrew Heade as the other Auditor. The following accounts were ordered to be paid, viz: account for Registration $2.92; account of T. W. Weatherald P. L. S. $10; account of Thos. Dodd for gravel $19; account of H. J. Nott given as relief $5.

A petition was presented signed by a number of the ratepayers of the township praying that Mrs. Lemmonds be given a weekly allowance as she and her family are in destitution.

Moved by H. J. Nott, seconded by D. Fisher, that Mrs. Lemmonds receive $2 per week (or provisions to the said amount) until next meeting of Council. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Mrs. Murray receive $1.50 per week until next meeting of Council, as she is on the indigent list.—Carried.

Moved by H. J. Nott, seconded by D. Fisher, that the taxes collected as school rates on lots being W½ lot 1, lots 2 & 3 Con. 5 and lot 1 on the 4 Con. be refunded by the Treasurer of S. S. No. 1 to the Treasurer of S. S. No. 2, amounting to $22.37 more or less, also the school rates on lots 5 & 6, Con. 1 be refunded by the Treasurer of S. S. No. 6 to the Treasurer of S. S. No. 2.

By-law be passed authorizing the taking of the W½ of lots 5 & 6 Con., from S. S. No. 2 to be placed in S. S. No. 1. Carried.

Moved by H. J. Nott, seconded by Dr. Fisher, that an order be given by the Clerk on the Treasurer of S. S. No. 1 in favour of the Treasurer of S. S. No. 2 for the taxes above mentioned, also an order on the Treasurer of S. S. No. 6 in favour of Treasurer of S. S. No. 2 for the school rate taxes collected on lots 5 & 6, Con. 1. Carried.

Moved and seconded that each Returning Officer be paid $2 for holding municipal elections, and the owners of houses used as polling places be paid $1 each. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Mr. Omara be allowed the privilege of taking off the wood from side road between lots 4 & 5 between the 10 & 11 Con. That the Clerk notify Mr. Sallows to take off his fence along the road allowance, and if he does not remove it that Mr. Omara will not be prevented from taking it as far as to clear the road. And the council will not hold itself responsible for Mr. Omara cutting timber on the lots adjoining said side road. He (Mr. Omara) to clear the road wide enough for cattle to pass through before the first of May, and that he give satisfactory security to the Reeve for the due completion of the work. Carried.

Moved and seconded that the Collector's time for the collection of taxes be extended to the next meeting of Council. Carried.

The Council then adjourned to meet again on the 14th February at the hour of one o'clock.

JOHN A. McDONAGH. T'p Clerk.

Stanley.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.—At the annual meeting of the Stanley Branch Agricultural Society, the following were elected officers and directors for the ensuing year: President, Charles Tough; Vice-President, Edmund Westlake; Secretary and Treasurer, James Armstrong. Directors—D. H. Ritchie, Alex. Sparks, Henry McCann, William Townsend, Dr. Woods, Ralph Stevenson, Geo. Castle, Geo. Bates, and Henry Bacom. Auditors—John Keys and John Eason. The Society received during the past year $125. 25 for membership fees, and paid out $146. 50 in priz