#### LOSSES.

BY FRANCES BROWNE, THE BLIND POSTESS OF DONEGAL. Upon the white sea-sand There sat a pilgrim band, Telling the losses that their lives had known;

While evening waned away From breezy cliff and bay, And the strong tides went out with weary mosu.

One spake, with quivering lip, Of a fair freighted ship;
With all his household to the deep gone down; But one had wilder woe-

For a fair face, long ago Lost in the darker depths of a great town;

There were who mourned their youth With a most loving ruth, For its brave hopes and memories even green; And one upon the west Turn'd an eye that would not rest,

For far-off hills whereon its joys had been. Some talk'd of vanish'd gold.

Some of proud honors told.

Some spake of friends that were their trust no more And one of a green grave, Beside a foreign wave, That made him sit so lonely on the shore.

But when their tales were done, There spake among them one, A stranger, seeming from all sorrow free; Sad loses have ye met,

But mine is heavier yet: For a believing heart hath gone from me." "Alas " these pilgrims said, For the living and the dead-

For fortune's cruelty, for love's sure cross, For the wrecks of land and sea! But, however it came to thee, Thine, stranger, is life's last and heaviest loss." \_Boston Pilot.

### SCRAP BOOK.

"What can you say of the second law of thought?" Student-"It cannot both be and not be. For example, the door over there must either be shut or open." Tutor-" give another illustration. Student-" Well take the case of another door."

Bismarck is baldheaded, but you don't catch any German newspapers saying that Mrs. Bismarck is a high-tempered woman, or making any jokes about baldheads generally. The baldheaded man in that country is looked up to.

Cruz Lopez, a former pensive peanut vender of San Francisco, is now the wildest bandit on the Mexican border. He went to the bad because every policeman or millionaire that passed his stand stole a nut with an air of abstraction.

A countryman went to see his lady-love, and wishing to be conversational, observed, "The thermomorron is twenty degrees above zero this evening." "Yes," innocently replied the maiden, "such kinds of birds do fly higher some seasons of the year than

A youngster, while warming his hands over the kitchen fire, was remonstrated with by his father, who said: "Go 'way from the stove, the weather is not cold." The little fellow, looking up demurely at his stern parent, replied: "I ain't heatin' the

weather, I am warming my hands." "What will you have?" asked a waiter of one of the Indiana editors, at the dinner in Philadelphia, as he handed him the bill of fare. And the Hoosier with the high forehead leaned back in his chair, wiped his forhead thoughtfully with a napkin, and ejaculated sternly : Gimme all !"

"Say, pop," said John Henry's hopeful, the other day, "wasn't it the prince of whales that swallowed Jonah?" And John patted his head, and gave him anickel, and told him he might some day be an alderman; and then as he put on his slippers, and found a small chestnut-bur in each toe, he took that boy over his knee and wrestled with him.

THE REASON,-Two men were passing a stable which had a rooster on it for a weather vane, when one addressed the other thus: "What's the reason they didn't put a hen up there instead of a rooster?" The other replied: "That's easy enough see that it would be inconvenient to go for the

A gentleman, well known for his parsimonious habits, having billeted himself on his acquaintance in Edinburgh during some royal visit, was talking to a friend on his return of the great expense of living. "How much, now, do you suppose I spent in Edinburgh ?" "I do not know," replied his friend; 'I should suppose about a fortnight."

"What would be your notion of absentmindness?" asked Rufus Choate of a witness whom he was exasked Mulus Choate of a witness whom he was examining. "Well," said the witness with a strong Yankee accent, "I should say that a man who thought he'd left his watch to hum, and took it out'n 'is pocket to see if he'd got time to go hum and get it, was a lectle absent-minded."

"Cussed, if the darned thing ain't a-going !" was the surprised remark of a sight-seeing Granger from Maine, who carressed the teeth of a circular in a North End plaining mill; and now should you propound to him that first problem for young arithmeticians." How many fingers have you on your right hand?" He would bite that lonely thumb, and sadly reply, "Nary, stranger!"—Boston Globe.

A large, fine rooster was feeding on the track just below the Franklin street bridge, Pottstown, just as the up freight was coming, and failing to get off in time was struck by the cow catcher, and a perfect shower of feathers surrounded the engine, and as soon as the train passed he got up and started for home as if nothing had happened, much to the surprise of all who saw it.

Brown came home late the other night, and Mrs. B., reaching out of the bedroom window, said: "So you've been tipping the glass again, have you?" "Glass," said Brown, "(hie) is a funny word; take off the "g," and its you, my dear." "Yes," answered the wife, "and then take off the "l" and its you, you wretch," and she slammed down the window with a bounce.

A number of New York sportsmen have had several fox chases in New Jersey recently, and each time the fox escaped, and a number of hounds were lost. Another chase is announced, and to obviate similar mishaps, a fifty-six pound weight will be Education attached to the fox's hind leg, and the hounds will elsewhere. be tied on the hunters' horses to prevent them getting lost -Norristown Herald.

A remarkable instance of calculation was recorded at Aylmer, Canada, where a barber named Johnson, for a bot of fifty cents, ran under the cars of a railway train that was passing at a rapid rate of speed. He won the wager, though he lost the heel of one boot by a wheel that came unpleasantly close as he emerged. The man who lost the bet said he had expected to win and get a couple of dollars for attending the inquest,—American Paper.

Some time ago two London thieves put in practice a plan of robbing a jeweller which had been described in a story in a popular periodical—a piece of pure invention. The jeweller was furious (he lost forty thousand dollars, so it was excusable), and wrote to the editor of the magazine, asking him if it was his mission to instruct thieves in new ways of plundering the public. "My dear sir," replied the editor blandly, "If you had taken in my periodical (which I hope in future you will do), you would have been put upon your guard. This comes of neglecting the claims of literature."

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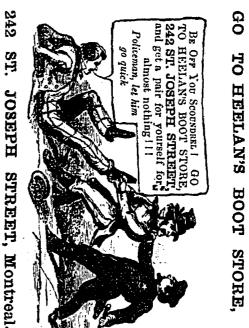
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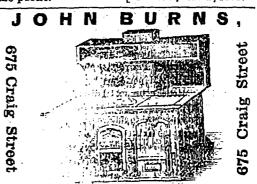


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