

THE WHIRL OF TRADE.

ABSALON IVORY DISCUSSES SOME THINGS HE SAW THIS WEEK.

A Peep into Leading Grocery, Drug, Book and Clothing Stores.

During the past week it has been very difficult for street pedestrians, male or female, to preserve an equivoque. The banana peel of the alleged humorist, curled up and went to sleep weeks ago, knowing that a greater than he was about to make his advent in this world of an asid sorrow. To-day the Saunterer would welcome with joy the innocent but unreliable banana peel on the yielding concrete or the dewy picnic ground, July, and the odorous grasses of August and September, are much less exasperating in their acquaintance, than the ice, which spreads itself all over the face of nature, and about to the confiding caucouche. "It is I, old man, be not afraid."

On King street, is slow to doff its festive attire, and looks just as inviting to-day as it did.

"The night before Christmas when all through the house was stirring, not even a mouse." Great as was the trade of this firm during the holidays their stock of choice groceries is unimpaired, and full. Here are displayed in tempting array the finest oranges and lemons that are produced in the tropics; raisins, currants, dates, figs and prunes of the very choicest quality; Kellier's marmalade and jams and jellies; preserved and fresh fruits from the sunny slopes of California; mince meat in glass jars; new process tomato catsup and calves-foot jelly; jars of Green & Black wells and Lazenby's pickles; Lea & Perrin's Worcester, Harvey's, Yorkshire, Nabb and John Bull sauces; Lazenby's moustard and tomato catsup; Huntley & Palmers' and Peck, Frean & Co's English biscuits; canned goods, in fish, fowl and fruit; English and American chocolate and cocoa; English and Canadian confectionery; prepared cereals, rich and German mustard; Coleman's mustard in five qualities; macaroni and vermicelli; nuts of all kinds; Chase & Sanborn's coffee; a large variety of teas from China, India and Japan, some of which are very choice, and everything in fact which is requisite for a first class breakfast, dinner or supper. "We have no demand for poor goods," said Mr. Robertson, as the Saunterer sauntered away, "and we never cumber our shelves with experimental purchases."

MR. R. D. McARTHUR,

the genial young King street bookseller to a question propounded by the Saunterer. "Last year we sold three thousand volumes of Routledge's, Warner's and Ward & Lock's six penny libraries; there are a good many old fellows here in St. John, who have a lingering fondness for such old books as the novels of Smollett, and Fielding, and Miss Burney and Walter Scott, and in those libraries these books are fairly priced, and sold at a low price. Our sales during the holidays were forty per cent. in excess of those of 1886, and that may be considered a fair index to the growing intelligence of the people." Mr. McArthur keeps a full stock of Brierley, Lovells and Moore's pocket libraries, bible and prayer books, the Standard authors, photo albums, fine stationery, musical instruments and blank books, and seems to be always busy.

MR. T. YOUNGCLAUSS

displays at his store in the Market building one of the finest stocks of gentlemen's glish and Scotch suitings ever shown in the province, which was personally selected by Mr. Youngclaus while recently abroad. These goods are made up to order at the establishment in the latest styles and at the lowest prices, or Mr. Youngclaus will supply the hurried customer with suits made up on the premises for such emergencies. The stock of furnishing goods kept by Mr. Youngclaus is large, fashionable and of late importation.

MR. R. D. McARTHUR

on Charlotte street, were an invalid or the messenger of an invalid, the Saunterer would be appalled. But such is not the case; Mr. McArthur's stock of French and English perfumes, toilet cases, fancy cut bottles, fine brushes and combs and a thousand and one other things which are especially fascinating to the senses, is very choice; the public have found out that such is the case, and thus the Saunterer accounts for the popularity of his establishment.

HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

The high four-posted beds of a century ago are again popular.

Beated vegetables should not be left in the cellar, and cellars should be white washed to be kept sweet and clean.

Put salt in the water to prevent black calices from fading when they are washed.

The best bathrooms have a natural wood floor, or are covered with oilcloth or something of that kind of material.

Half a teaspoonful of common salt dissolved in a little cold water and drunk will instantly relieve heartburn.

No matter whatever fancy soap may be on the washstand, a piece of old brown Windsor soap, a little should find a place on it also.

A good substitute for buttermilk is a thin batter made of flour and tepid water, and allowed to remain long enough to sour.

Many very fine cooks will not use baking powder, soda or cream of tartar in cake making, while others think it impossible to do without it.

When laid away for any length of time, linen should be washed, rough dried without bluing, and laid in loose folds without much weight on it.

Buttons in children's garments are apt to tear out, especially in waists and drawers' bands. If you will attach a strong cord immediately in front of the button-holes you will have no more trouble of this kind.

For a burn or scald, make a paste of common baking soda and water, apply at once and cover with a linen cloth. When the skin is broken, apply the white of an egg with a feather; this gives instant relief, as it keeps the air from the flesh.

Since so many women have to spend so much of their lives in the kitchen it should be made a place of comfort. Be sure and have a lounge or easy chair there.

For a good tooth powder mix together one ounce of powderedorris root, one dram of gum camphor, two drams of powdered myrrh, half an ounce of prepared chalk.

Women who do their own work regard their rough hands with great distress. To make and keep them soft wear old gloves at night, just rubbing in an ointment made by heating the white of an egg to a froth and stirring into it a cup of melted lard to which is added one teaspoonful of glycerine. Keep the mixture in a covered jar, excluding the light. Perfume may be added.

Great care should be taken in washing silk cases, and all vessels into which milk set, as milk "turns" very readily when put in an unclean dish. Wash first in cold water, second in a strong solution of soda and water, and then in clean tepid water. Wipe dry, and if possible set out of doors to sun and air.

The Crown Prince of Germany and Her Son.

It seems to be the general opinion that should the Crown Prince's malady prove fatal—which heaven forefend—the peace of Europe will not much longer be preserved, owing to the bellicose proclivities of the next heir to the throne of Germany. This is a fine manly young fellow, with a decided will of his own, although in his more youthful days he found upon one occasion that his good mother—our Princess Royal—possessed a more powerful one. The young Prince William, before he was of age, was deplorably enamoured of a very charming singer at the opera. They billed and cooed for some time in secret, but eventually the Crown Princess became aware of the liaison. Did she go into hysterics, or storm or rave? Did she go down on her knees and implore her firstborn not to make such a mesalliance? No. That same evening, just before dinner, she appeared in the ante-room, a page following her, bearing two enormous photograph-books, which, at her command, was placed upon a table. Prince William was seated in an armchair, gazing dreamily into the fire.

"My son," said his mother calmly, "look into those photograph-books, and make your choice of the princesses whose portraits are there, for a wife. If the choice is not made by this time tomorrow, you shall go to sea for three years."

Prince William concluded to choose; and the charming result is known to the world.

There is an effort being made to return to Paris for evening wear. When it is rich nothing is so handsome, but its vulgarization a year or two since by cheap qualities made it fall into disfavor. Now, however, it is seen occasionally at the Metropolitan Opera House and at big receptions. At the former place the other night a pretty, clear-skinned brunette was dressed in heavy ivory-colored satin made with a plain skirt hanging in full folds, full rich draperies opening in front, and a long pointed décolleté bodice. The only trimming was gold embroidery down the front of the bodice.

The Happy Hours at School.

When wrinkles furrow brow and cheek And hair begins to grey, Our ardor, with a sigh we speak About the days that were, And if those hours forever fled, No sorrow ever leave.

Their woes have all from memory gone: The lessons, they were given, The lessons found so hard to cope, The language we reviewed, No, that forgotten are; but all that gives The memory of joy survives The memory of pain.

The happiest hours our boyhood knew Were not the hours at school, For then we spent when the line we threw Into the playful pool, Or in the field when the line we threw Upon the base ball ground;

"The happy hours at school" ye powers Make haste, who know ye know? At every school are irksome hours, The hours at school! Oh, sigh no more That they have been so long ago, Or sigh for those that came at four O'clock P. M. each day.

The opening chapters of the Breton Mills will be found on the Second Page.

CURIOSITIES OF LIFE.

Mrs. Holloway Evans, of Marion county, S. C., has given birth to five children inside of one year.

A Petersburg, Va., patriarch, 75 years of age, is now living with his eighth wife, and is the happy father of thirty-six children.

Dr. H. A. Spencer, who died in Erie, Pa., Jan. 1, predicted a week before Christmas that his death would occur on New Year's day.

A man in Thomaston, Ga., is said to have caught 907 chimney swallows in one night by putting a board over the chimney where they came to roost.

Henry Dennison, hunting on the great Oregon, Renfrew county, Ont., found in an old shanty a man who had lost his way and had not eaten anything in twenty-five days.

A well recently opened by Dr. H. Lane, of Portland, Ore., surprised its proprietor by changing the temperature of the water so that it now has in it twenty-five feet of boiling hot water.

In the cemetery of Monrovia, O., is a tombstone of sixteen tons, cut in the form of a tree with birds and squirrels lodged in its branches by young fowls, doves, open books and a scroll of music at the base.

After the battle of Spotsylvania, W. R. Mullins, of Union Point, Ga., picked up a knife and fork on the battle field. He took them home with him after the war, and from that day to this has never eaten a meal without them.

A negro thief was found lying dead near Wilmington, N. C., by the body of a hog he had stolen and killed. It is evident that while trying to carry his hog away he had strangled himself as apparently died instantly near the spot.

The wife of John Bradford, of Wilmington, Del., let her bed while fast asleep, walked from the chamber into the hall and fell down stairs, breaking her nose and sustaining other severe injuries. She had been dreaming at the time of a similar accident which had occurred to an acquaintance, a lady, a year ago.

DAUGHTERS OF EVE.

M. Maurice Bernhardt's wife is said to be particularly pretty and a clever artist.

In Morocco women who talk scandal are punished by having cayenne pepper rubbed into their lips.

Mrs. Garfield, mother of President Garfield, is 87 years old, but retains her mental faculties and is comparatively strong in body.

A girl employed as waiter in a Homer (Mich.) hotel, was bitten by a mad dog ten years ago and now has her second attack of hydrophobia.

Mrs. Charles Dickson, who is visiting this country with her husband, is described as a motherly, sweet faced little English woman of the true British type.

Mrs. Mary Gallagher, of South Bethlehem, Pa., is 104 years old, and recently danced a jig to the music of a violin. She belongs to the famous family of the L. H. G. Gallaghers.

Robert Louis Stevenson's wife has left the Adirondacks for a short period. She is now in Philadelphia for the first time in her life. She says she is impressed by the cleanliness of that city.

A young woman of Bangor, Me., who had been forbidden by a jealous suitor to go to a dance with a rival, had the jealous suitor arrested and lodged in a cell, and she went to the dance with the other fellow.

A number of young ladies of Hartland, Neb., met in council recently and passed resolutions declining to attend balls with the young men, unless the latter consent to supply them with invitations to the opera occasionally.

Miss Sallie Kennedy is said to be one of the most successful real estate agents in Washington. She succeeded to the business on the death of her father, and she has recently sold a house for \$100,000, and she has returned to Europe, where her performance meets with hearty appreciation that it has been accorded here.

RELATING TO NOTES.

Notes dated Sunday are void.

Notes given by minors are void.

Notes obtained by fraud, or given by an intoxicated person, cannot be collected.

Notes falling due on Sunday, or on a legal holiday, must be paid the day previous.

A loan note is one signed by two or more persons, who each becomes liable for the whole amount.

An indorser has a right of action against all whose names were previously on a note indorsed by him.

Deposits of money in a bank, placed to the credit of depositors, are always subject to their check for full amount due.

The maker of a note that is lost or stolen is released from payment of the amount and consideration can be proven.

Three days' grace are allowed on all time notes, after the time for payment expires; if not then paid, the indorser, if any, should be legally notified, to be holden.

A negotiable note must be made payable either to bearer, or be properly indorsed by the person to whose order it is made. If the indorser wishes to avoid responsibility, he can indorse "without recourse."

Demand notes are payable on presentation without grace, and bear legal interest, after a demand has been made, if not so written. An indorser on a demand note is holden only for a limited time, variable in different states.

GASTRONOMICAL TID BITS.

The shooting season ended Jan. 1, in several states, which means "the box and clandestine game."

Ice cream in the form of alphabetical blocks, such as the children play with, is the latest.

Anglomaniacs are the only ones who deny American plum pudding is equal to the imported.

Game that requires to be served as a "salad" is usually the kind best to forego the pleasure of eating.

Frozen food of any kind, all intelligent diners agree, is an abomination. And this is particularly true of fish.

One of the Parisian restaurant keepers hangs out a placard reading: "Kakos de kakoshest Au Americain," and fancies he leads the procession.

FUNNY MEN'S SAYINGS

WHAT THE SAD-EYED SCRIBES OF THE HUMOROUS PRESS WRITE.

Paragraphs from a Great Number of Places and About a Great Number of Subjects.

A large number of Chicago girls met one evening last week for the purpose of forming a "ladies' anti-slang society." The meeting was called to order and Miss Sadie De Park elected President. Before taking her seat she said in a clear, calm, well-modulated voice:

"Really, girls, I'm too badly rattled by the honor conferred upon me to give you much of my grief. It's the first time I ever tumbled to anything of this sort, and I hardly know just how to catch on. However, I'll try to be sufficiently up to snuff not to let any flies light on me while doing the President-of-the-society duty. I'm with you in this move, and don't any of you forget it. All over our land slang words and phrases are multiplying like flies in sorghum time, and it is our duty to help knock this crying asilly as possible. Let our motto be 'Shoot the Slangist!'"

LABOR IS HIS OWN REWARD.

Zeko (breaking wood)—My mammy gits me a penny every day for choppin' this wood.

Abel (anriously)—Am dat so? An' wot do yo' buy wid dat cent?

Zeko—Oh, I dean buy nothin', 'cause mammy an' sayin' 'em far me to buy a new axe wen dis dean one gits played out.—Harper's Young People.

GLOOM IN A KENTUCKY TOWN.

In a Kentucky town, stranger (to native)—Your people seem to be depressed.

"Yes, we have suffered an awful calamity."

"No worse than that. Buck Spillers is dead."

"Your Mayor, I suppose?"

"Oh, no, he kept the Dew Drop saloon."

"Must have been a prominent man?"

"No, not particularly."

"Then why does his death cause such general sadness?"

"Why, you see, his wife has decided to keep the saloon closed until after the funeral."—[Arkansas Traveller.]

THE ENGAGEMENT IS BROKEN.

(Penhalow, of a very blue Boston family, visits the home of his Connecticut fiancée for the first time, sees a picture upside down.)

She—Most everybody is surprised at the way dear old papa's portrait is hung; but you see he made his money choppin' for Barum and mamma thought he'd be more comfortable in his natural position.—[Judge.]

STEELED TO HIS PATE.

"Does it not seem a dreadful thing to you when you reflect that it will not be many years, at the most, before you lie down in the silent tomb?" said the tract-

"Oh, no, no, no," said the jaded-looking man, "the silent tomb dreadful? No, no."

"You are prepared, then, I trust, for—"

"Prepared? I'm prepared for anything. I'm the proof-reader for a comic paper!"—[Chicago Tribune.]

First Footpad—Poor Jim's dead.

Second Footpad—So I heard—ah-rot through the heart by a gent he tried to rob.

"Yes, sir, it's an outrage, a bloody outrage. These 'ere portractions ought to be court-martialled."

"For not enforcing the law against carryin' concealed weapons."—Omaha World.

SCRAPS.

The man who works harder than his employer believes in the force of example.

One of "Violet's" letters boiled down: Oh, wot'd I tell you to your wants. Attend to your teeth and your collar. I trust you'll see me in my pants.

Please send me two hundred dollars!

Strange as it may appear, it is usually a cold day for a man when he is "fried."

Ella Wheeler Wilcox says: Where ten women are tempted, two only fall. Where ten men are tempted, two only stand. This is true, no doubt, but when it comes to standing treat man is ahead of woman every time.

In view of the fact that the price of coal is always high, it is a most extraordinary thing that the miners who dig it out of the bowels of the earth are always poor. What do they do with their money?

To hide your faults, the best garment wear: Through tattered clothes small vices do appear.

Don't be downcast young man if people call you fresh. The rake would like to be in your shoes.

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