

Sparkles.

WOULD it be disrespectful to sing Old Hundred on the birthday of a centenarian? "What is your idea of love, Mr. Sinnick?" "Three meals a day and well cooked."

JAMES PYLE'S Pearline is constantly growing in popular favour—and no wonder, for it is wonderfully effective and pleasant to use. It saves half the labour of washing, and does not hurt the clothes.

PAT, on being told the other day that there was a penny off the loaf, wanted to know if it was off the penny loaf.

"A MAN never loses anything by politeness." At all events there are some men who never do and never intend to.

IN Ireland there are "men of Cork," in Scotland there are "men of Ayr," but in London there are "lightermen."

A GREAT AWAKENING.—There is a great awakening of the sluggish organs of the human system whenever Burdock Blood Bitters are taken. It arouses the torpid liver to action, regulates the bowels and the kidneys, purifies the blood, and restores a healthy tone to the system generally.

ARE fat men likely to be better men than their leaner neighbours? It is certainly difficult for a fat man to stoop to anything low.

EMPLOYER: "Don't you see what's on the door?" Pat: "A bit av paper, sur." Employer: "It says, 'Please shut the door.'" Pat: "Faith, I didn't hear it, sur."

CRAMPS are immediately relieved by taking a teaspoonful of Perry Davis' Pain-Killer in a little milk and sugar; it takes about two minutes to relieve the worst cases.

YOUNG wife: "How do you like this dress, John? I designed it myself." Old husband: "I was wondering whether it were the result of accident or design."

GENTLEMAN: "If the world owes every man a living, as you say, why don't you collect yours?" Tramp: "I can't do it. The world has too many preferred creditors."

WHOOPIING-COUGH.—If your children are suffering with this distressing malady and nearly chugging themselves to death, send to your Druggist and buy a bottle of ALLEN'S LUNG BALSAM, and relief, we can confidently assure you, will be immediate and sure.

MAMMA: "Do you know the ten commandments, my dear?" Little Bess: "Yes, mamma." "Well, repeat them." "I can't mamma. I don't know them by heart. I only know them when I see them."

IN the Peshawur Cemetery, in India, is the following epitaph: "Sacred to the memory of the Rev. Blank, missionary, aged forty, murdered by his chowkidar. 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant.'"

"I MUST congratulate on your marriage, Mr. Pugsby. Your wife is a charming woman." "Indeed she is; loving, amiable and accomplished, and so easily pleased." "Oh, I knew that when I heard she was about to marry you."

BE WISE TO-DAY. 'Tis madness to neglect a cough or cold, however slight. Consumption may follow, and though Dr. Wistar's Balsam of Wild Cherry has frequently cured this much dreaded disease, it almost invariably cures the primary diseases of the throat, lungs and chest, where other remedies fail.

HOST, something of a musician, who is entertaining a Kentucky friend at dinner: "Would you like a sonata before dinner, colonel?" The colonel: "Well, I don't mind. I had two on my way here, but I guess I can stand another."

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Dr. J. W. SMITH, Wellington, O., says: "In impaired nervous supply I have used it to advantage."

OVERHEARD in a city office.—First employe: "Say, Harry, what was the name of that king that conquered the whole world and then cried for more: 'Second employe: 'I am not dead certain of his name. I don't think it was Bruce, but I know he was a Scotchman.'"

Watch This Space NEXT WEEK!

"UNCLE James," said a city young lady, who was spending a few days in the country, "is that chicken at the gate a Brahmin?" "No," replied Uncle James, "he's a Leg-horn." "Why, certainly, to be sure!" said the young lady. "How stupid of me! I can see the horns on his ankles."

HANCOCK AND SEYMOUR.

A STRIKING SIMILARITY BETWEEN THEM.

TWO MEN MADE GREAT BY ONE EVENT AND BOTH SUCCUMB TO A COMMON FATE.

General Hancock, the pride of the army; of splendid physique, martial bearing; the obedient soldier, whom war made famous,—

Gov. Seymour, the old time gentleman, the pacific statesman, the idol of a great party,—

Both men standard-bearers of the Democracy, the one as a soldier, the other as a statesman in a presidential contest—both dead; both d ad almost at the same hour!

There is a remarkable parallel and contrast between these two men. The war period made both famous. Both were patriots; both yielded to the same ambition; both succumbed to the same fate!

Hancock apparently well one day, the next, says the World, "is sinking step by step, like a person descending a pair of stairs."

Governor Seymour, says the associated press, has been gradually failing for eight years. Both men, though of entirely different temperament, yield to a common fate.

Hancock's case was discovered by an eminent physician at the very last moment to be beyond help, because, back of the malignant ulcer in his neck, was a disorder which made living impossible.

Governor Seymour's life for eight years has been feeble, as the associated press says, because of a serious attack of renal inflammation some time ago, and his death therefrom has only been a question of time!

Both Hancock and Seymour might have lived many years had they known and recognized the fact that they were each of them victims of a dangerous kidney disorder, and treated themselves successfully as they might have done by that great scientific specific, Warner's safe cure. Well might a well-known physician exclaim: "I sometimes think people would never die if their kidneys were always sound."

An eminent New York physician says: "Hancock's kidneys stopped excreting urea." No wonder he died, for 400 grains of this horrible blood poisoner should be passed out by the kidneys every day; if they fail, disease runs riot through the whole system and death is inevitable. Deaths from kidney disorders are of the commonest occurrence among all classes, but are more noticeable in these two cases, because of the prominence of the victims. Thousands of cases of needless deaths, aye, of actual suicide and homicide occur every year, because people and physicians fail to give proper attention to the only blood purifiers in the system.

These two cases, occurring so strikingly near each other, originating in a common source, and eventuating in a common fate, ought to arouse the people to the necessity of allowing no season to pass without taking a few bottles of the great specific alluded to, which is the only remedy known that has direct power and control over these great organs, not only preventing and curing the diseases to which they are subject, but also preventing and curing the many, many diseases which would never exist if these organs "were always sound."

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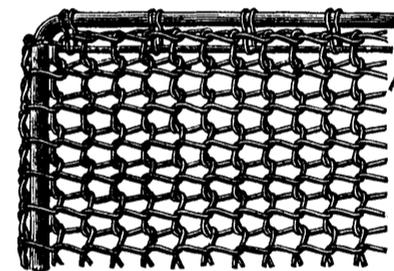
SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for the Welland Canal," will be received at this office, from mechanical, skilled, practical contractors, until the arrival of the Eastern and Western mails on TUESDAY the NINTH day of MARCH next, for raising the walls of the locks, weirs, etc., and increasing the height of the banks of that part of the Welland Canal between Port Dalhousie and Thorold. The works throughout will be let in sections. A map showing the different places, together with plans and descriptive specifications, can be seen at this office on and after Tuesday, the 23rd February instant, where printed forms of tender can be obtained. A like class of information relative to the works will be supplied at the Resident Engineer's Office, Thorold. Parties tendering are requested to examine the locality, and bear in mind that the season and circumstances under which the works have to be done render some of them of an exceptional nature.

Tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with printed forms and, in the case of firms, except there are attached the actual signatures, the nature of the occupation, and place of residence of each member of the same; and, further, a bank deposit receipt for the sum of Two Thousand Dollars or more—according to the extent of the work on the section—must accompany the respective tenders, which sum shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the works at the rates or prices stated in the offer submitted. The amount required in each case will be stated on the form of tender.

The deposit receipts thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted. This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

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