

Sparkles.

WHY is a clever man like a pin? Because his head generally prevents his going too far. "WHO is the man you bowed to?" "My preserver." "Save your life?" "No, he makes my jams."

Mrs. JONES: Don't trouble to see me to the door, Mrs. Smith. Mrs. Smith: No trouble; quite a pleasure, I assure you.

"ISN'T the baby a wee little thing for seven months?" "Oh, no so very. He's small naturally. They feed him on condensed milk."

"YES," she said, "the waves in a storm remind me of our hired girls at home," "Hired girls, madam?" "Yes, they are such awful breakers."

"I SUFFER dreadfully from ennui, doctor," said Mr. Bohre. "Do you still retain your old habit of talking to yourself, sir?" queried the physician, innocently.

A NEW HAVENER who lives between two families named Brown, thinks of having his name changed to Griddle Cake, as he is Browned on both sides.

LIGHTNING never strikes twice in the same place. Neither does a mule. The reason for this is because the place is never there after the first strike.

A CHICAGO man who had grown rich selling hams, built a country seat, but had some difficulty in finding a name to suit. A friend suggested that he call it the All-ham-bra.

DR. TALMAGE says women should be permitted to whistle if they want to. Dr. Talmage is old enough to have discovered that women do not need permission to do what they want to.

A BOOKKEEPER who climbed the Vendôme Column in Paris: recently declines to try it again until an elevator is put in. He says it was the hardest column to foot up he ever came across.

A LITTLE girl in a Welsh school, being asked by the inspector to name the chief domestic produce of England in Elizabeth's reign, answered, "Potatoes, tobacco, and Thirty-nine other Articles."

AT Coney Island.—He: Do you see that cloud in the horizon? She: I don't know which one you mean. He: I mean that one that looks like a dog. She: Oh, yes, I see it. It's a regular sky terrier.

GOOD Old Soul: So you seed Jay Gould while you was away. The papers say he's agein' fast. Mr. Smarty: He looks ten years older than he did in 1878. Good Old Soul: Dearie me! You don't say so.

FIRST parson (cheerily): Yes, I'm off for the moun'tains; my hay-fever date is next week. When does your attack begin? Second parson (sadly): I sha'n't have the hay-fever this year—congregation is too poor.

"Is there going to be any music at the church festival to-night?" asked Snooks of the pastor. "I do not know," responded that dignitary, who had been many times snubbed by the leader—"I do not know; but the choir will sing."

"YES, boys," said old Bellows, proudly beating his breast, "I've been a soldier in my time, and, if I do say it myself, like the war-horse of Scripture, I could ever scent the battle from afar." "I s'pose," ventured young Paperwate, "that on very many occasions that saved your life."

MAIDEN aunt (visiting family for the summer); Gussie, you shouldn't cry so when it thunders. The thunder can't hurt you. Don't you see it doesn't scare me any; Six-year-old (sobbing): It won't—scare me either, auntie, when—when I've heard it th—thunder as many summers as you have?

A SCHOOL inspector, finding a class hesitating over answering the question, "With what weapon did Sampson slay the Philistines?" and wishing to prompt them, significantly tapped his own cheek, and asked: "What is this?" The whole class instantly answered: "The jawbone of an ass."

MAGISTRATE: Are you guilty or not guilty, Uncle Rastus? Uncle Rastus: I specs I won't declar' myself, yo' honah. Yo' see, Sah, if I should say I was guilty, an' de gemmen ob de jury fin' me not guilty, den dey could sen up fo' pleurisy, or some sech crime in law. So I prefers to remain quiet, but non-committal.

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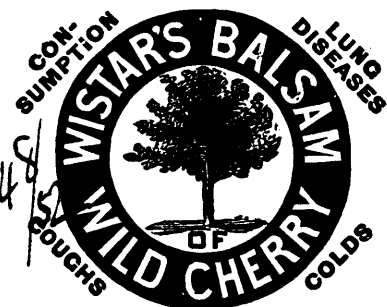
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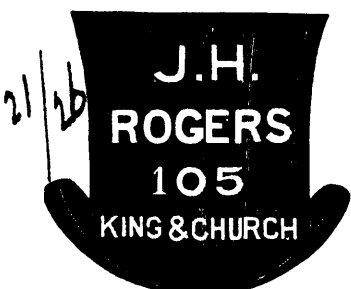
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St. Lawrence Canals.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for the St. Lawrence Canals," will be received at this office until the arrival of the eastern and western mails on TUESDAY, the 25th day of SEPTEMBER NEXT, for the construction of two locks and the deepening and enlargement of the upper entrance of the Galops Canal. And for the deepening and enlargement of the summit level of the Cornwall Canal. The construction of a new lock at each of the three interior lock stations on the Cornwall Canal between the Town of Cornwall and Maple Grove; the deepening and widening of the channel way of the canal; construction of bridges, &c.

A map of each of the localities, together with plans and specifications of the respective works, can be seen on and after TUESDAY, the 11th day of SEPTEMBER NEXT, at this office, for all the works, and for the respective works at the following mentioned places:—

For the works at Galops, at the Lock-keeper's House, Galops. For deepening the summit level of the Cornwall Canal, at Dickenson's Landing; and for the new locks, &c., at lock-stations Nos. 18, 19 and 20, at the Town of Cornwall. Printed forms of tender can be obtained for the respective works at the places mentioned.

In the case of firms there must be attached the actual signatures of the full name, the nature of the occupation and residence of each member of the same; and, further, a bank deposit receipt for the sum of \$8,000 must accompany the tender for the Galops Canal Works, and a bank deposit receipt for the sum of \$2,000 for each section of the works on the summit level of the Cornwall Canal; and for each of the lock sections on the Cornwall Canal a bank deposit receipt for the sum of \$4,000.

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By order, A. P. BRADLEY, Secretary.

Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, 8th August, 1888.

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The works will be let in two sections, one of which will embrace the formation of the canal through the island; the construction of locks, etc. The other, the deepening and widening of the channel-way at both ends of the canal; construction of piers, etc.

A map of the locality, together with plans and specifications of the works, can be seen at this office on and after TUESDAY, the 9th day of October next, where printed forms of tender can also be obtained. A like class of information, relative to the works, can be seen at the office of the Local Officer in the Town of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Intending contractors are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms and accompanied by a letter stating that the person or persons tendering have carefully examined the locality and the nature of the material found in the trial pits.

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