

## Watchin' the Sparklin'.

FRED EMMERSON BLOOMS—OLD ACT.

Say Joe, we winter see the fun  
Jewelry's sparklin' less! And  
till down the day it would be all alone,  
For peckin' through the winter!  
You say don't you what we be  
I'll tell ye all that is to see,  
They're ready to go! We say we,  
Made it your frind!

That teacher is the day I lost  
That could ever turn me out loose  
He's made him so say he was  
To sparklin' out to me!  
Thought peckin' just the golden route,  
He told us other day in school  
To watch him close, set a stand  
An' stand up here close by me.

Now he's got up in his bed  
That somehow gather gather he still  
Keeps him up, an' blazin' red  
With neez over to her.  
He wants to do the thing up brown,  
Well, he's the last to look in town,  
Showin' his pictur' upside down,  
An' don't know it neither!

He's got his arm around her chair,  
And wonders if she'll leave it there  
But she looks like she didn't care!  
I'll let her goin' to kiss er  
Be a gittin' closer to her face  
An' pickin' out the softest place,  
An' soft as meadow off the spars.  
Jeas no act to miss er

If she'd git mad, an' has her ear  
Would knock his plan clean out o' wear,  
At set him back another year.  
But she hasn't gone to do it  
She thinks the teacher's just the top,  
An' shwon't let no chances drop.  
If ever he gets in to pop,  
She's goin' to pull him through it?

I gone, an' it ain't the worst!  
Waitin' for her to kiss him fast?  
He's goin' to do it now or bust,  
He's makin' preparation,  
Now watch him steppin' on her toes—  
That's just a 2,000 feet down, I suppose  
Well, that, he's kissed her on her nose,  
So much fer education!

## Advertised "Aids to Deafness."

By George Franklin, in Our Deaf and Dumb.

Aurists have syringed, painted, oiled, physicked, inflated, and perforated me. Aurists have furnished me with diaphragms, trumpets, whispering tubes and noise machines. Quacks have sent me their works, exhibited their devices, and endeavored to bleed me. So, by this time, I ought to be an authority on my subject.

The general result of my experience has been to bias me in favor of the regular aurists; the quack devices, whilst doubtless not utterly devoid of merit, are not to be compared in efficacy and cheapness with the powerful remedies and appliances known to "the profession." Aurists naturally keep themselves abreast of the latest scientific discoveries, and, clearly, it would not be to their interest to ignore or overlook anything of possible value. Further, as experts they are more likely to recognize a good thing, and to make the most of it, than are the untrained amateurs to whom the advertised devices are commonly due.

A very persistent advertiser is Dr. J. H. Nicholson. I wrote for his pamphlet once, but the price of his "Ear Drums" was too high to be ventured. Of course he would not allow a free trial. Since nothing, therefore, came of his first pamphlet, he sent another, and yet another; and for all I know (or care) he is bombarding my ancient residence with them to this day. At last, at a surgical instrument shop, I obtained an appliance, at a twentieth of Dr. Nicholson's price, which was asserted to be quite as good. This was a rubber disc attached to a wire, which I wore for a time to no purpose. That the drum suit *some cases* is not contested; but why pay two guineas for the value of two shillings?

Then there is the Rev. Mr. Silverton, another energetic advertiser. I saw him on one of his visits to Liverpool. He was a plausible, bustling man; and he had with him all manner of shining and expensive serpent tubes and trumpets, such as one may see at any nautical depot. His, of course, are alleged to be better. However he had nothing to suit me. I had tried like appliances before. At a respectable establishment one can readily obtain them on trial, each returned if useless; but his is not the practice of our advertising friends. Perchance it would not be profitable.

On my first visit to London, I went to see the Aurophones Co., which advertised very attractively. I was admitted by a boy in buttons, who ushered me into a comfortably furnished room, where I was left to compose my mind. After a decent interval, there suddenly appeared a man who questioned and examined me with celerity and confidence, and then made the alarming statement that my hearing was in a state of imminent collapse,

and would be lost for ever if I did not immediately do something, i.e., buy aurophones. He produced a pair of temporary little tubes of dental coral and alged gold plate, and put them in my ears. They made no difference, though he tried to persuade me they did. He assured me that even if they did not restore my hearing, they would prevent its entire loss. The price was \$6.; the value, apparently, less than sixpence. I said I would think of it. The man understood. He took the things from me and let me go. I need hardly say that his gruesome diagnosis has not, so far, been justified.

Some years passed, during which no advertisements appealed to me. However, in a number of *The Review of Sciences*, one appeared descriptive of the "Wilson Common Sense Ear Drums," said to be quite different from any others, and ever so much better. An advertisement in the *Sciences* was surely worth looking into. I wrote for particulars, and, in view of former disappointments, asked the agent if he could allow me a free trial, assuring him truthfully that, if his appliance should help me, I would not only pay for it, but also give it a good free advertisement. The agent sent me the pamphlet, and under the circumstances, promised me a free trial. If I thought the drums might help me.

The pamphlet contained some descriptive and enigmatic matter, but consisted chiefly of testimonials—all, alas! from the United States. Finding the drums had helped many cases like my own, I told the agent that, judging from the testimonial, I should be unfortunate indeed if the drums failed to help me. He very kindly sent me a pair on trial. They were minute rimless thimbles of pure soft rubber, with holes for ventilation, and with a stout cross piece for strength and to serve as a handle. The outfit price \$1, included a pair of bodkins for inserting the drums, and a pair of forceps for taking them out. I put in one of the drums; it seemed to fit, and was so comfortable that, after a while, one forgot its presence; but it did not *all improve my hearing*. It was said, however, that in some cases it required some days for adjustment to the ear; so I wore it for a week, but *without the slightest benefit*. I therefore returned the pair with thanks and regrets.

A friend of mine has tested the H. A. Wiles' appliances but her report is *unfavorable*.

The general moral is that if regular practitioners cannot help you, quacks are still less likely to do so. It is notorious that quacks print only favorable testimonials; the others are directly buried, which is ungrateful, for quacks live chiefly on their failures.

## Simple When You Know How.

Here's another nice little problem which has been putting convolutions in the gray matter of the court house puzzle club, says the *Marquette Mining Journal*: This will be of interest to the California News man. A farmer had a broken chain like:

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He took it to a blacksmith to have it welded. The blacksmith told him he would charge him five cents for each link he had to cut and ten cents for each weld. When he had looked at the chain he said the job would be worth 60 cents. The farmer, who was a graduate of the agricultural college, said he thought the job could be done on the blacksmith's terms for 45 cents. The blacksmith said there were five pieces of chain, consequently there must be four cuts and four welds. Then the farmer told him to take the lost section of the chain, and by three cuts separate its three links. It was easy. Then the chain looked like this:

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Next the farmer had the blacksmith take the four sections of chain and connect them with the three loose links, which had been cut. Thus done, even the blacksmith could see that all that was remaining was to weld them. Then the chain looked like this:

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The blacksmith got only 15 cents where he had figured 60, but he counted that the knowledge gained was worth the 15 cents he had lost. It took the puzzle club a great deal longer to find out how to join the chain than it did the blacksmith, but the way was found at last. And like the blacksmith the puzzlers thought it strange they hadn't been able to see such a simple thing at first glance.

## Offenbaches.

OH TIDE! I have seen a tall ship go by  
by against the tide, as it drawn by some  
invisible tow line, with a bound & strong  
arms pallid! Her sails hung unfilled,  
her streamers. As sleeping, she had  
neither side w/ a nor stern-wheel, still  
she moved on stately, in serene triumph,  
as if with her own life. But I knew that  
on the other side of the ship, hidden  
beneath the great hull that swam so  
majestically, there was a little, toiling  
steam tug, with a heart of fire and arms  
of iron, that was hugging it close and  
dragging it bravely on; and I knew that  
if the little steam tug unwound her  
arms and left the tall ship, it would  
wallow and roll about, and drift hither  
and thither, and go off with rebuking tide,  
no man knows whither. And so I have  
known more than one genius, high-  
decked, full-freighted, wide sailed, gay  
pennoned, thick, but for the bare, toiling  
arms and brave, warm, beating heart of  
the faithful little wife that nestled close  
to him, so that no wind or wave could  
part them, would soon have gone down  
stream and been heard of no more.  
*Oliver Wendell Holmes.*

## Queer Place for a Tooth.

Mr. Clarence Moses, of Canfield, N. Y., has been troubled with one of her ears for years. A day or so ago it bothered her more than usual and she prodded her ear with a hairpin to investigate. She struck a hard substance, but failed to bring it out. Dr. Towsley was called in, and after probing with the hairpin for a while brought out a child's tooth. It is supposed Mrs. Moses when about five years old lost the tooth from her mouth and got it into her ear, where it has been between fifteen and twenty years. It is a peculiar case, and perhaps no one has ever heard of pulling teeth out of the ear. Mrs. Moses is very much pleased as her hearing has improved since the tooth was extracted. —*Dear Mute Register.*

## Our English Language.

Every one knows the great difficulty that those from other countries experience in learning our language, owing to the various meanings of many words. An intelligent foreigner is said to have expressed himself somewhat strongly on this point in the following language:—When I discovered that I was quick I was fast, if I stood still I was fast, if I spent too freely I was fast, and that not local waste fast. I was discouraged; but when I came across the sentence:—"The first one won one dollar prize" I was tempted to give up English and learn some other language.

HUMILITY is the first lesson we learn from reflection, and self distrust the first proof we give of having attained a knowledge of ourselves. *Zeno, rustic.*

Watts—"Oh, come, now; you can't make me believe it is fifteen minutes' walk from your front door to the gate." Figgs—"Well, I know it takes Laura and her young man that long when he starts home."

## Grand Trunk Railway.

EXTRA LEAVE BELLEVILLE STATION:  
WED. 8 A.M., 12 M., 2 P.M., 11:30 P.M.  
EAST 12:45 A.M., 10:30 A.M., 12:15 P.M.,  
1:15 P.M.  
MACKENZIE AND PETAWABOO BRANCH—6 A.M.  
11:30 A.M., 3:30 P.M., 5:30 P.M.

## Uneducated Deaf Children.

I WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE EVERY PERSON who receives this paper send me the names and post office addresses of the parents of deaf children not attending school, who are known to them, so that I may forward them particular concerning this Institution and inform them where and by what means their children can be instructed and furnished with an education.

R. MATTHISON,  
Superintendent.

## TORONTO DEAF-MUTE ASSOCIATION.

GENERAL SERVICES are held as follows:

every Sunday:

West End 1, M.C.A., Corner Queen Street and

Dovercourt Road, at 11 A.M.

General Central, up stairs at Broadway Hall,

Spadina Ave., 10 or 12 steps south of College

Street, at 1 P.M. to Leedes' Mews, Nassau,

Broad and others.

Last but meeting, 1st, Parliament and Oak

Streets, Service at 11 A.M. every Sunday.

Music Class—Every Wednesday evening at a school, corner Spadina Ave. and College Street,

and for Queen Street and Dovercourt Road.

Lectures, etc., may be arranged if desirable.

Address, 273 Clinton Street.

Miss J. Fraser, Missionary to the Deaf in

Toronto.

## GENERAL INFORMATION.

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### Classes:

SCHOOL HOURS: Instruction in English from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Drawing from 1 P.M. to 2 P.M. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

DRAMA: Fancy Work Class on Mondays after noon of each week from 2 P.M. to 3 P.M. Extra steps from 3 P.M. to 4 P.M. for pupils and from 7 P.M. for junior boys.

### Articulation Classes:

Instruction in articulation, and from 1 P.M. to 2 P.M.

### Religious Exercises:

SATURDAY MORNING CLASS for primary pupils at 9 A.M., senior pupils at 11 A.M., General Religious Class immediately after, which the Clergy Class will assemble.

EVANGELICAL SCHOOL: The pupils are to be taught in the Chapel at 9 A.M. to 11 A.M. The teacher in charge for the week, will open with prayer, and afterwards dismiss them, so that 11 A.M. may reach their respective schools not later than 12 o'clock. In the afternoon, the teacher will dismiss the pupils again, assemble and after prayer will be dismissed in a quiet and orderly manner.

EVANGELICAL CLASSES: CLASSES FOR BOYS: Rev. George Barker, Right Rev. Monsignor Latrelle, Rev. G. Rev. T. J. Thompson, M. A., Presbyterian; Rev. Chas. E. McElroy, Methodist; Rev. A. H. Cowett, Baptist; Rev. M. W. Macdonald, Presbyterian; Rev. Father Connelly, Rev. R. Cade, D. D., Rev. J. J. Rice, Rev. N. Hall.

DRAMA CLASS: Sunday afternoon at 3 P.M. Mrs. Annie Mathison, Teacher.

LET CLERGY MEN OF ALL DENOMINATIONS ARE cordially invited to visit us at any time.

### Industrial Departments:

PRINTING OFFICE, SHOES AND CLOTHING: Hours from 7 A.M. to 8:30 A.M., and from 12:30 P.M. for pupils who attend school, for those who do not from 7 A.M. to 12:30 P.M., and from 12:30 to 5 P.M. in each working day except Saturday, when the office will be closed at noon.

TAKE-HOME CLASS: Hours are from 7 A.M. to 12 o'clock, noon, and from 1:30 to 5 P.M. for those who do not attend school, and from 3 A.M. to 5 P.M. for those who do. No sewing on Saturday afternoons.

THE PRINTING OFFICE, SHOES AND CLOTHING: Room to be left each day when work is done in a clean and tidy condition.

CLASSES are not to be excused from the various Classes or Industrial Departments except on account of sickness, without permission of the Superintendent.

TEACHERS, OFFICERS AND OTHERS are not to allow matters foreign to the work in hand to interfere with the performance of their several duties.

### Visitors:

Letons who are interested, desirous of visiting the institution, will be made welcome on any school day. No visitors are allowed on Saturdays, Sundays or Holidays except to the regular choirs exercises at 2 P.M. on Sunday afternoons. The best time for visitors on ordinary school days is as soon after 12:30 P.M. as possible, as the classes are dismissed at 3 P.M.

### Admission of Children:

When pupils are admitted and parents come with them to the institution, they are kindly advised not to linger and prolong leave-taking with their children. It only makes discomfort for all concerned, particularly for the parent. The child will be tenderly cared for, and if left in our charge without delay will be quite happy with the others in a few hours.

### Visitation:

It is not beneficial to the pupils for friends to visit them frequently. If parents must come, however, they will be made welcome to the class room and allowed every opportunity of seeing the general work of the school. We cannot furnish lodgings or meals, or entertain guests at the institution. Good accommodation may be had in the city at the Quinte Hotel, Hamilton House, Queen's, the American and Dominion Hotels at moderate rates.

### Clothing and Management:

Parents will be good enough to give all directions concerning clothing and management of their children to the Superintendent. No correspondence will be allowed between parents and employees under any circumstances without special permission upon each occasion.

### Sickness and Correspondence:

In case of the seriousness of pupils' illness, or telegrams will be sent daily to parents or guardians. IN THE ABSENCE OF PARENTS PUPILS MAY BE QUITE UNDRESSED AND WELL.

All pupils who are capable of doing so, will be required to write home every three weeks. Letters will be written by the teachers for the little ones who cannot write, stating as nearly as possible, their wishes.

No medical preparations that have been used at home, or prescribed by family physician will be allowed to be taken by pupils except with the consent and direction of the Physician of the institution.

PARENTAL FRIENDS OF DEAF CHILDREN ARE warned against Quack Doctors who advertise medicines and appliances for the cure of deafness. In 99 cases out of 100 they are frauds and only want money for which they give no return. Consult well known medical practitioners in cases of deafness and be guided by their counsel and advice.

R. MATTHISON,  
Superintendent.