

The village is now the head-quarters of ANCASTER GRANGE, which is in a flourishing condition. This organization is very popular in this locality; its membership embraces many of the leading people of the neighbourhood. This Grange gave an entertainment in the Town Hall, on the evening of the 21st inst., which was exceedingly pleasant and successful. There was a large turn out of ladies and gentlemen, and many guests were present from other granges, as well as a goodly number of the members' Hamilton friends.

The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion and an abundant supply of refreshments was spread out upon the tables. After the good things had been pleasantly disposed of, Wm. Olmstead, W. M., Wentworth Division Grange, was called to the chair. A choice programme had been prepared and the entertainment consisted of music, singing, reading and short addresses. The principal speakers were P. S. Van Wagner, Esq., W. M., Ancaster Grange; J. V. Spohn, Esq., Lecturer, Wentworth Division Grange; M. C. L. Kitchen, Esq., Secretary, and Wm. Patterson, W. M., of Copetown Grange. Mr. Van Wagner is a descendant of a U. E. Loyalist family, and is a gentleman of culture. He takes a deep interest in the grange movement. He made a capital little speech. Mr. Spohn also takes an active interest in the movement. He made one of the neat little speeches for which he is noted, and paid a nice compliment to the grange, which could enjoy the company of so large a number of ladies. Mr. Kitchen and Mr. Patterson made appropriate speeches, and were listened to with marked attention. Altogether, this part of the entertainment was very enjoyable, and would spare permit, we would be only too glad to give a fuller account of the addresses, especially that of Squire Van Wagner. At the conclusion of the programme, the floor was cleared and the young people enjoyed the merry dance for a few hours.

It was an exceedingly enjoyable evening and Ancaster Grange must be congratulated upon the success of its entertainment.

W. F. McMAHON.

### HEARTH AND HOME.

**YANKEE PHILOSOPHY.**—If you wish to be happy, keep busy. Idleness is harder work than ploughing, a good deal. There is more fun in perspiring an hour than there is in yawning a century. Few people, however, will believe this, yet it is as true as Genesis. Idleness is not easy, neither is wealth happiness. "Life's care are comforts, and he that has none must be wretched."

**THE WROTH WAY.**—Few young men respect girls who are ready to be wooed. Women are not meant to be wooers. The custom prevalent among a certain class of young ladies of asking, directly or indirectly, the attentions of young gentlemen is not admirable custom. "My son," said a lady to us, not long since, "is much prejudiced against a young girl, whom I admire, because she is constantly sending him notes, inviting him to be her escort here and there, and pleading to have him with her."

**KEEP IT IN FRAMES.**—Did you ever notice the frost on the windows? It is the condensed vapour of your once warm room; and if you warm the room the frost will disappear, and you can see out into the world again. Let your heart grow cold, and the frost of distrust and bitterness will gather around it, blinding the soul and shutting out the light; but kindle up the fires of love, and the windows of the soul will become as clear as crystal, transmitting the light of heaven, and giving you glimpses of paradise.

**WOMEN'S Spheres.**—Women, of course, are made for marriage; that is their natural, God-appointed lot. As wives they love and are loved, and learn to live for others, not for themselves. As mothers and heads of households, they acquire a natural and proper independence and importance, and if they are what they should be, are valued and prized in their own circle, whether rich or poor, high or low. They have a sphere, not by any chance or arbitrary regulation, but by a natural law, and in the path of duty they find peace and joy.

**HOUSEHOLD DISCIPLINE.**—The discipline of certain households consists for the most part in the enactment and enforcement of prohibitory laws. "Touch not, taste not, handle not," is inscribed upon almost everything which the child is likely to handle after. All the trees in the garden are full of forbidden fruit. He is told that he must not take anything without asking, and he is aware that asking will be in vain. Now, if you want to bring up your children so that they may become something, you must leave some things to their own discretion. The moral judgment needs to be disciplined as well as the moral sense.

**USELESS DAUGHTERS.**—The poorest girls in the world are those who have never been taught to work. There are thousands of them. Rich parents have petted them; they have been taught to despise labour and depend upon others for a living, and are perfectly helpless. The most forlorn woman belongs to this class. It is the duty of parents to protect their daughters from this deplorable condition. They do them a great wrong if they neglect it. Every daughter should be taught to earn her own living. The rich as well as the poor require this training. The wheel of fortune rolls swiftly round: the rich are likely to become poor, and the poor rich. Skill added to labour is no disadvantage to the rich and

is indispensable to the poor. Well-to-do parents must educate their daughters to work; no reform is more imperative than this.

**THE FIRESIDE.**—The fireside is a seminary of infinite importance. It is important because it is universal, and because the education it bestows, being woven with the woof of childhood, gives form and colour to the texture of life. There are few who can receive the honours of college, but all are graduates of the hearth. The learning of the university may fade from recollection, its classic lore may moulder in the halls of memory; but the simple lessons of home, enameled upon the heart of childhood, defy the rust of years, and outlive the more mature but less vivid pictures of after-days. So deep, so lasting, indeed, are the impressions of early life, that you often see a man in the imbecility of age holding fast in his recollection the events of childhood, while all the wide space between that and the present hour is a blasted and forgotten waste. You have, perchance, seen an old and half-obliterated portrait, and in attempting to have it cleaned and restored, you may have seen it fade away, while a brighter and more perfect picture painted beneath is revealed to view. This portrait, first drawn upon the canvas, is no inapt illustration of youth; and though it may be concealed by some after-design, still the original traits will shine through the outward picture, giving it tone while fresh, and surviving it in decay. Such is the fireside—the great institution furnished by Providence to educate men.

### BRELOQUES POUR DAMES.

GEORGIA has a bride who is only eleven.

CHICAGO has twelve female notaries public.

Beautiful Circassian girls can now be bought in Constantinople for \$200 each.

It has been discovered that the best way to prevent apples from rotting is to put them in a warm, dry cellar, and let a family of fifteen children have free access to them every day.

"Now, miss," said a photographer to a young lady whom he had seated in the chair of torture, "you just look at me as if I was your young man and you'd not me unexpected like, you know."

A LITTLE boy, with his mother, was on a visit to a friend; and, as they were about to start homeward, his mother asked him to kiss their entertainers. He kissed all but one little girl of his own age; and, when asked why he did not kiss her, he answered, "'Cause, mamma, I didn't have 'nough to go round."

**FEMININE INDEPENDENCE** flourishes in Great Britain. Miss Majoribanks, who is shortly to be married to the Earl of Aberdeen, made lately no less than three long speeches in reply to public deputations, presenting addresses of congratulation, and there was her husband present to reply for her if called upon.

**WOMEN**, the Paris dressmaker, was about to make for an American lady—a real golden blonde—a dress of yellow silk. She remonstrated, saying: "Who ever heard of a blonde wearing yellow?" "You might as well say," retorted Worth, "that a blonde couldn't sit in the sun-shine!" And the dress was made.

A LARGE number of women in Boston have formed themselves into a society called the "Women's Educational and Industrial Union." The object of the organization is to "increase fellowship among women, with the purpose of promoting the best practical methods for securing their educational, industrial, and social advancement."

Sam Slick says: "I have never heard of secondary formation without pleasure, that's a fact. The ladies, you know, are the secondary formations, for they were formed after man." Burns says much about the same thing, though without the thought of geology in his poetical heart:—

"She tried her 'prentice hand' on man,  
And then she made the ladies, oh!"

A GENTLEMAN, the other day, visiting a school, had a book put into his hand for the purpose of examining a class. The word "inheritance" occurring, the querist asked, "What is inheritance?" Answer: "Patrimony." "What is patrimony?" Answer: "Something left by a father." "What would you call it if left by a mother?" Answer: "Matrimony."

A STORY is told of a shrewish Scotchwoman who tried to wean her husband from the public-house by employing her brother to act the part of a ghost, and frighten John on his way home. "Who are you?" said the guidman, as the apparition rose before him from behind a bush. "I am Auld Nick," was the reply. "Come awa', man," said John, nothing daunted. "Gie's a shake o' your hand—I am married tae a sister o' yours."

### THE GLEANER.

NEARLY 18,000 francs have been subscribed for the purpose of raising a statue to the late M. Thiers.

The 23rd of January, King Alfonso's name-day, is fixed for his marriage with Princess Mercedes.

The Secretary of the Prince Imperial of France contradicts a rumour that the Prince is in indifferent health.

A St. Albans electrician has so improved the telephone that he thinks it can be utilized on the ocean cables.

PROFESSOR HAYDEN and his party have found a large quantity of fossil insects of varieties hitherto unknown to entomology.

THE Baroness Burdett-Coutts is presiding over experiments in the art of slaughtering cattle instantaneously by the use of dynamite.

ALEXANDER FORBES, the famous war correspondent, has now declared against the Russians—charging them with being corrupt in the extreme.

THE ex-King George of Hanover has addressed from Biarritz a letter to the Duke of Norfolk on behalf of the Ursuline Sisters of Hanover, who have taken refuge in England.

EIGHTEEN thousand men are now engaged in the express business. Express Companies cover 60,000 miles of railroad, and it is estimated that their messengers daily travel 300,000 miles.

NINE hundred and thirty-eight journals of a political character are published in France, and the amount of "caution" which they have had to deposit with the Government represents a total of 6,593,311 francs, very nearly £264,000.

PROFESSOR NORDENSKJOLD, who has already made two successful trips to the mouth of the Yenissei by sea, is to sail next July with a new Swedish expedition, and endeavour to force his way along the north coasts of Europe and Asia, and make his exit at Behring Straits.

### LAW AND LAWYERS.

TO MY FRIEND D. B.——Esq.

You ask'd me just a simple screed to write On "Law and Lawyers." The subject isn't quite So easy as you think. For there's much doubt Involv'd in law, and pleadings put to rout Sometimes compel on Justice's lips a pout. "Authorities on Law!" How much oppos'd! On principles, on rulings and on facts disclos'd! And how absurd to urge that Black is White—And White is Black, as black as sable night. Sound arguments in law need very clever Lawyers to unfold them. But I never Have yet upset or prov'd that Wrong is Right.

Apart from joking I, dear Sir, would mention A lawyer's fortune's born of much contention; Of jealousies; of crimes; of love and hate; Of stripes; of grievances which have much weight On bills of costs, which lawyers have to levy To swell their fees and make their pockets heavy.

There are some lawyers who don't practice law Most poor in quality—rotten at the core; Whose sequence is first by imagination; Who win perhaps a certain admiration; Who disregard facts work up a fury To rouse the feelings of some callous jury. Such men indeed may be pronounced a bore And ignorant of law as well of lore.

In all your pleadings let Right stand first—And if for Fame you naturally do thirst, Let Reason rule and Honour guide your cause. Sustained by Justice and by Heaven's laws, Such high flown sentiment may sound quite fine. But really, Sir, it isn't a sure sign That Right alone should form your logic's base Or simple Justice win a hard fought case. And, knowing this, adopt a better plan. Be just in pleading—that is, if you can. And if you can't be just, you're still left free To be as just as facts will let you be.

If Jones you prosecute for some offence Why "go for" Jones with all your common sense? If Smith retains you to defend his case The facts reversed you'll find your place. And rule of argument precisely changed: Your tactics then in legal form arranged Will prove poor Jones a martyr, and who knows no peace, And Santa a victim to said Jones' caprice.

This much depends you see on eloquence If by defence you're paid or prosecution—So you'll agree as oft these lines you glance That most of all depends on circumstance. And seeing this my best advice to you Is run your case yourself—you'll know best what to do.

PAUL FORBES.

### HUMOROUS.

WHEN you buy your winter shovel, be careful to select one that will match the colour of your wife's dress, or she may object to using it—in a legitimate way.

AN observing politician says that the difference between those going in and those going out of office is mainly this:—The former are sworn in, and the latter go out swearing.

THE foolish man leaves his coal out all night and it shrinks up about one-half. The wise man puts his in the bin and locks it there, even though he knows that for so doing somebody in the neighbourhood will call him a suspicious old scrimp—who is afraid the man in the moon will steal his fuel.

He'd been driving the dasher vigorously for an hour, and yet the butter wouldn't "come." He softly laid down the article, and was creeping quietly out of doors, when a watchful mother swooped down on him and harnessed him anew to his task, remarking very pointedly, that "One good churn deserves another."

### SCIENTIFIC.

ACCORDING to recent researches by various English and foreign chemists, ozone is generated largely by all plants possessing aromatic odours.

COKE is coming into use in Germany as a filling for bed-coverlets in place of feathers. It is described as not only being warmer and lighter, but decidedly cheaper.

A CERTAIN well is said to exist in Wise County, Texas, U.S. Although the well is one hundred and ten feet deep, and gives water abundantly at all times of the year, when a north wind has blown for twelve hours not a single drop of water can be drawn.

FOUR pounds of beef lose one pound by boiling, one pound five ounces by roasting, and one pound three ounces by baking; four pounds of mutton lose fourteen ounces by boiling, one pound six ounces by roasting, and one pound four ounces by baking.

A TREE called the butter-nut tree is found on the banks of the Niger, in Africa. From it excellent butter is obtained. The fruit somewhat resembles the Spanish olive. The kernel of the fruit is boiled, and the butter thus obtained is said to be whiter, firmer, and of a richer flavour than is fat from a cow, besides that it will keep a year without salt.

### MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

UNPUBLISHED masses by Palestrina, and an autograph manuscript of J. S. Bach's, have been discovered in a convent at Graz.

AT one of the London theatres a famous danseuse has made a stipulation, before signing the contract, that not less than 250 ladies of the ballet are to appear on the stage at the same time with her. Beyond giving a capital salary, the manager of the present day has to bow down to some very exacting demands from the danseuse and the prima donna.

MR. BARRY SULLIVAN, on his arrival in Dublin recently, was met at Westland-row station by a large crowd accompanying a brass band, and all business was suspended by their having occupied the entire front of the station. The popular ovation given to the actor was enthusiastic. He was taken in the Lord Mayor's carriage to his hotel, the Lord Mayor having received him on the platform.

THE success met with by Adelina Patti at the Theatre La Scala, Milan, has no parallel. The receipts of the first night, with the opera *La Traviata*, were 53,000fr.—a result never before obtained in any theatre or on any occasion in Italy. The Princess Marguerite entered the Royal box before the overture, and remained until the end, and sent to the Diva her own bouquet. Milan is in a state of fever about Patti, and special trains have been organized for the convenience of the suburban population, and already all the seats are engaged for the next representations.

### DOMESTIC.

**POTATOES A LA LYONNAISE.**—Slice an onion finely, and fry it in butter till it begins to take colour, add four or five cold potatoes cut in slices three-eighths of an inch thick, salt and pepper to taste, and keep shaking the saucepan till they are quite hot, and also begin to brown. Beef dripping, if properly clarified, may be used instead of butter.

**BEEFSTEAK.**—Always broil the beefsteak. Have it cut half an inch or more in thickness. If not tender, pound it; see that there are plenty of hot coals, and broil quickly upon a gridiron, turning often. My rule is to broil twelve minutes turning five or six times. Use beef-tongs to turn with, as fork will let out the juice. Take up on a hot platter, putting a little salt and butter on one side of the steak. Serve immediately.

**TO BOIL RICE AS IN INDIA.**—Into a saucepan of two quarts of water, when boiling, throw a tablespoonful of salt; then throw in one pint of rice, after it has been well washed in cold water; let it boil twenty minutes. Throw it out into a colander, and drain off the water. When this has been done, put the rice back into the can or saucepan, dried by the fire, and let it stand near the fire for some minutes, or until required to be dished up; thus the grains appear separate and not mashed together.

**BORDELAISE SAUCE.**—Mince finely two or three shallots, blanch them for a few minutes, press out the water from them, and put them into a saucepan with a cupful of white wine, let them boil twenty minutes, then add two cupfuls of Spanish sauce, a dust of pepper, and some parsley finely minced; let the sauce give a boil or two, and it is ready. Well-flavoured gravy, thickened with browned flour and butter, may be used instead of Spanish sauce.

**CURRY.**—In all the wide range of economic lore, which is becoming every day better understood, the foremost place must be given to curry, which, hailing from India, does not occupy the position it ought to do as a healthful, invigorating, and economic compound, the multitudinous uses of which ought now, more than ever, to be studied alike in the cottage and the palace. There is nothing that can so satisfactorily use up the odds and ends of a week's supply than this simple and far-going condiment, and our working people are now beginning to appreciate the improvement it gives to pea or potato soup, tinned meats, &c. Besides all this, it is one of the best antiscorbutics known, consequently scurvy is almost unheard of in India, and there is little doubt that, had curry been freely served out, that dreadful scourge would not have broken out among the men of the last Polar Expedition. And, as regards the price, it is cheaper than mustard, considering the very small quantity required to constitute a luxury, and make the second day's dinner the better of the two.

### LITERARY.

LONGFELLOW is said to have received \$3,000 for his "Keramos." That is about \$10 a line.

THE younger Gladstone also takes to literature and art. He has translated and written a preface for Thibaut's "Purity in Musical Art."

THE French Government has intimated its intention of prosecuting M. Victor Hugo for his latest book, *L'Histoire d'un Crime*.

THE well-known author of "Alice in Wonderland," &c., has a new work in the press, which treats of Enchid in a serio-comic way.

MR. J. HAMILTON FYFE is engaged in preparing a work on the social and political condition of France, from the Restoration to the present day.

DR. GEORGE MACDONALD, the author of "Alice Forbes" and many novels and poems, has been awarded a pension of £100 a year on the Civil List.

*The History of a Crime* is to be translated into Spanish, with a preface by Signor Castelar. The sale of the second edition of the work in Paris has already reached 125,000.

THE *Narrative of an Expelled Correspondent* will shortly be published. It is from the pen of Mr. F. Boyle, the author of "To the Cape for Diamonds," and other well-known works of travel.

MR. LOWE will contribute to the December number of the *Fortnightly Review* an answer to Mr. Gladstone's article on the County Franchise in the *Nineteenth Century*.

THE following critique, in the handwriting of a Mohammedan gentleman, the late owner of the volume, was found on the last page of a copy of "David Copperfield":—

AS important discovery has just been made by Dr. de Villiers. This gentleman is preparing for publication, by engraving and photography, a facsimile edition of the Bible of Gutenberg, in two folio volumes, and in the course of his researches he has discovered the signature of the illustrious prototypographic on the back of a letter of indulgence, dated 1454. An exact facsimile is being prepared, and it will shortly be issued with a pamphlet tracing its history, and giving many interesting particulars concerning the origin of printing.

I surmise that this book's author being the composer of many other novels, has got such a style without taste. Though its style is very regularly made, yet the mind of the reader is never willing to see even a page thoroughly. It seems to me that its author was not an intelligent. Those difficulties which I suffered during the course of the study of this idle book I can't express them. Sometimes the wretched author tries to write and deliver some oration, yet suddenly he falls in a pit of dullness. In short, this book is quite an unpleasant to the heart of the glowing heart. Let the reader see and confess my observation!—S. S. R.