In 1858 Mr. Thomas Sheehan, of Dunkirk, of the Erie Railroad shop at that place, patented a submarine grapple, which, though an ingenius invention, proved to be one for which there was little demand. This was his first invention, and the cost of its completion, together with one year's struggle to manufacture and introduce it, completely exhausted Mr. Sheeban's means and reduced him to the extremest poverty. He was, in fact, in pretty nearly the same condition as Palissy the Potter at the moment of his greatest distress. A wife and eight children, Sheehan's famlly, were reduced to the verge of destitution, and Mrs. Sheehan

became unconsciously bitter. Just at this crisis Mr. S. D. Crowell, Gene ral Freight Agent of the Erie Railroad at Dun . kirk, chanced to meet Mr. Sheehan in the streets of the town, and accosted him with:

hear they have used you up." "Yes," was the answer, "the grapples have done my business; I wish I had never seen

"Have you any now finished?"

"I have one almost done," said Thomas. for your family.

"I will;" said Thomas. finish the grapple with all due speed. But upon very strong it may be diluted with a little wawhat elender threads do the fortunes of men ter, as the spirits-not the arnica-will somehang! A tap, the only one our inventor had of times cause a temporary dizziness of the head, the size required, suddenly snapped asunder, which is unpleasant. - Anon. and as it was essential to the progress of the work, he must have a new one or he could not

In this strait he applied to his wife to lend For one family make a house twelve feet each him twen-five cents to buy the necessary steel way, by setting twelve posts in the ground, to forge the tap. But she, having no faith in three on a side; board it up eight feet high on the grapple, refused for two very good reasons the inside, so that the weight of the ice shall thrown away if she gave it to her husband; and, inside, six inches deep, and lay down twelve second, that she had not the money to give him inches of saw-dust; pack the ice in a pile nine even if so disposed. The refusal was sea- leet each way, filling the space of eighteen insoned with some very hot word-spice that made ches between the ice and the boards with sawit very unpalateable to Thomas. But he be- dust or tan bark, with the same thickness on thought him of a merchant who in brighter days top; make an old-fashioned board roof, leaving had seen the color of his money, and who perhaps would now give him credit for the small Have a small entrance on the north side of the modicum of steel he required for the tap.

To this merchant he hied, and somewhat rewords passed between them, and our friend, feeling his manliness would suffer too keenly by asking credit for his steel, came away without solid ice, and would last from one awinter to it. With no definite purpose he went home, pondering how he could surmount this now no trifling obstacle of the broken tap. He found his wife making lye for soft soap, but her acid ity in no way neutralized by the alkaline reaction. Despondent and discouraged, he sat down in no very enviable mood, when he chanced to spy a piece of iron lying near the tub at My Third is a verb much used. which his spouse was working. Meditating My Fourth is the name of a measure. how he could make that piece of iron hard My Fifth is the beginning of every end. chough for a tap, he was led to a rather rude My Fifth is the negitining of creating and cough for a tap, he was led to a rather rude My whole is the most valuable article in any end made him a richer man than he ever dream ed of being.

a Roman Catholic priest in Ireland, our friend had inherited quite a library of works on chemistry, some of them rare and valuable. He had read some of these books to very good purpose. "There is surely carbon in that lye," thought he, "If I only could get that

took some of the lye, and adding, without any evening she would say: particular reason for so doing, some saltpeter Sabbath evening, when life's ebbing tide was and common salt, made a paste with this sclution, and a bard grudged saucerful of the little remaining flour there was in the house. He then forged the tap, and, enveloping it in the paste, put the whole into a lated iron box and exposed it to heat for two hours in a black- Then loose thy lingering hold, smith's fire. To his joy and surprise when he I pine for the rest of heaven mother; took it out it was hard enough to cut cast steel. For I see the gates unfold, The grapple was finished, and torty dollars I am sighing to hail the morning bright flowed into the family treasury of Thomas Without eve, on even time; Sheehan. He went back to his old work, dis- For "the morning Star" is the lustrous light gusted with patents, and resolved never to have Of that ever radiant clime. any thing to do with patents again. But the remembrance of the tap, hardened in so unique a manner, stimulated him. Having a great deal of case-hardening to do, he thought one The river so turbid and drear, day he would repeat the experiment upon a I long for the wave that will carry me large scale, which he did with perfect success.

For twelve months he went on to experiment, purchasing the materials with his own money, and working in secret by night and at odd hours. At the end of twelve months he recon- "I want to go home to-night," husband, sidered his sentence of condemnation on pat- Though but a few months have fled, ents, and applied for one on his process, which When we plighted our vows, "till death us do was granted September 4, 1860, the claim being ici a combination of damaged flour, potash Were the solemn words we said. lye, or lye from hardwood ashes, niter, com- Then 'twas the wreathing of orange sprays, mon salt, and sulphate of zinc, for case-harden- Now tis the sadness and gloom, ing iron. In 1867 he patented an improvement For our bridal, my shrouding dearest on the above named process. In 1868 he took Go band in hand to the tomb. out another patent for an entirely new process, which consists in the use of raw limestone, charcoal, black exide of manganese, sal-soda, common salt, and pulverized resin, combit ed For sunshine and shadows have both been mine for converting iron into steel, which is 1 0W As life is both bright and dreary, widely used, and from which he has real ed I long for the hills immortal,

No less than twenty-three of the leading r. il I long for the waters sparkling, ways in America, now use this process, uncer license from the patentee, for hardening the "I want to go home to-night," brothers; links, guides, pins and nuts of locomotives, et- A long and a last adieu, feeting we are told, no less a saving than from The shadows are farther fleeing, five to six hundred dollars annually on each lo- I go, but am waiting for you. comotive, in obviating the lost motion conse- For white hands are beckoning upward, quent upon the wear of links, guides and pins. Arrayed in white robes are they, The inventor has already received for licenses Life's ebbing tide is exhausted, under Lis patent of 1868, \$29,650, and has just I am sighing to be away. sold the remainder of his patent in America for \$45,000.—Scientific American.

OVERTAXING THE BRAIN.

A correspondent of the London Society says I know a remarkable and fertile reviewer who tells me that, though over his midnight oil he Faith sees us again re-united, can lubricate articles with a certain sharpness Now the gates will be always ajar. and force, yet for quietly looking at a subject all round, and doing justice to all its belongings he wanted the quiet morning hours. Lancelo Andrews says he is no true scholar who goes out of his house before twelve o'clock. Similarly an editor once told me,that, though his town contributors sent him the brightest papers, he could always detect a peculiar mellowness and finish about the men who wrote in the country. I know an important crown official whose dists. This step was not taken by him hastily, hours were from ten to three. He had to sign but from intelligent conviction of what he behis name to papers; and as a great deal de- lieved to be the truth. For he had been prepended upon his signature. he was very cauti- indiced rather against, than in favor of this peo-

o'clock struck no beseeching powers of suitors the more he candidly read the sermons and or solicitors could induce him to do a stroke of writings of Wesley, the more cordially was he work. He would not contaminate the quality led to embrace the views of scriptural truth Cherokee Vermifuge. of his work by doing too much of it. He would therein set torth; and these he firmly held to not impair his rest by continuing work. And so the day of his death. He also took pains to N. Y., foreman in the blacksmith department he fulfilled the duties of office for exactly fifty acquaint himself with what were then considyears before he retired on full pay from the ser- ered to be the peculiar usages of this Society, vice of his country."

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No house should be without its bottle of arnica. It is indispensible in cases of cuts, burns, "Well, Thomas, how are the grapples? I and bruises, and in earache it is a sovereign "ache "-let three or four drops of tincture of the things spoken by Paul. arnica be poured in, and then the orifice filled "Throw 'em away," advised Mr. Crowell. with a little cotton to exclude the air, and in a "Finish that; I will pay you forty dollars pain the cure may not be so speedy, but it is not venture to open his mouth in prayer. And for it, and have it used for picking up coal at just as certain. If one application of the arnithe dock. The money will help you in your ca does not effect a cure it will be necessary to joyed the peace of God's salvation, proposed present emergency, and you can go back to repeat it, it may be, several times. It is a sure prayers, he did not think it was altogether right your place in the shop, and earn a good living preventative of gathering in the ear, which is the for her to attempt such a thing. However in usual cause of earache.

We have never yet known any harm or seri-Back to his humble home went the inventor, ous inconvenience to attend the use of arnica; with new hope in his breast, and set himself to though if the spirits with which it is made are

ICE-HOUSES.

-first, that she believed the money would be not press the boards outward; dig out the dirt roof. It the ice-house can be located on the luctant to prefer his request began beating about introduced slowly through the roof on a very north side of a hill, and a small stream of water the bush; and finally straying into politics, hot cold day, so as to make its way between the pieces of ice, the whole mass will freze solid; or a pile of snow could thus be made into

ENIGMA.

house.

Answer next week.

Obituary.

Died February 5th at the residence of her have steel and from that my tap, and so finish son, and youngest daughter of Matthew Lodge. For seven weeks her sufferings were severe, With little faith that he should succeed, he but death had lost its sting, and almost every evening she would say: "I wish I could go

> "Angels uncurtained that repose, And the next waking dawned in heaven."

"I want to go home to-night," mother

" I want to go home to-night," father, Then whisper me words of cheer, Come e'en to the brink of the river with me, For the angels are waiting for me, I hear the slow beating of silver wings, As mine shall be beating for thee.

part,

I want to go home to-night," sisters, My feet on the hills have grown weary, With perpetual sunshine aglow;

That ripple there crystalline flow.

The death angel passed o'er the threshold, Severing the unbroken family band: Home is sad, but our hopes bave grown brighter With gleams from the heavenly land, And though we are weeping and waiting, And sometimes the land looks afar,

Thomas Holdsworth, has suddenly put off with hands eternal in the heavens.

It is about thirty-eight years since he fully her last testimony. Her life settles any doubts identified himself with the people called Metho-

ous and chary how he gave it. After three ple. But as in thousands of other instances.

For he with two others travelled all the way from Digby to Bridgetown to attend a Methodist Lovefeast. The time and place in which he found peace and joy through believing on the We have recently seen several recipes publicated Lord Jesus Christ, were not so distinctly relished as beneficial in case of earache; but one membered, as is generally the case with those who has a severe attack of that malady will, we who "believe with the heart unto righteousness, think, soon find the inefficiency of them all. and with the mouth make confession unto salva-There is, however one remedy which the expe- tion." And yet there could be no doubt enrience of twenty years has taught us is unfail- tertained of the reality of that divine change, ing. We have seen it repeatedly tried in our by which he was made a partaker of the grace own family, and have frequently recommended of God. For he could rejoice in "the blessedit to others, always with the same satisfactory ness of those whose sins were forgiven, and whose iniquities are covered." His conversion was not so much like that of the jailor, who being alarmed by the earthquake, was directed to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and the cure. As soon as any soreness is felt n the same hour rejoiced in God, as that of Lydia ear-which feeling mostly precedes the regular whose heart the Lord opened, to attend unto

Being naturally diffident, and a man of few words, he found it a great cross to attend to short time the uneasiness is forgotten. If the the duty of domestic worship. At first he arnica is 1 ot resorted to until there is actual would read a portion of God's word, but did when his beloved partner, who had longer entalking the matter over between themselves it was agreed, that he would read the Scriptures, if she would pray. Thus "to God, most worthy to be praised, was their domestic altar raised." When his dear partner was confined to her bed, and unable to take her usual part in the family worship, -after a struggle with his natural timidity, he in weakness and much fear, took the whole duty on himself. As a help he sought the Prayer Book and began to read a suitable form of prayer, but he soon lost sight of the Book, and felt the sincere desires ot his heart, humbly and earnestly going forth trom the depths of his own soul to the Divine

> Although he was not a great talker, he soon became prominent as a worker in the Society. For many years the management of the temporal affairs of the old Methodist church in this town, devolved upon himself and, his active co-trustee, Capt. John Watson Wright. This the books and accounts in Mrs. Wright's possession clearly show.

Bro. Holdsworth was the first Leader of the Society here. Which office he held to the close of his Christian course. Although for a while he was unable personally to attend to the duties thereof. At that time the Methodist ministers came from a distance, and only preached in Digby once in several weeks. In the absence of the Minister, Bro. H., led the public prayer meetings-sometimes reading a sermon, and sometimes venturing to give a word of exhortation to the people himself. And when our Fathers in the ministry came on their long rounds from the Annapolis Valley, they were received with gladness to his hospitable home, as well as the house of Mrs. Wright and others. The names of Rev'ds S. Busby, W. Temple, A. McNutt, M. Pickles, R. Williams, G. Miller, W. Smithson and others, are associated with pleasant memories. It was my lot only to become acquainted with Bro. Holdsworth in the days of his physical feebleness. On our appointment to this Circuit last summer, we and him, and his now bereaved partner, away New Brunswick and the United States vis ting the children, who with their families are settled in those places. On their return the friends were pleased to see him, often as the weather would permit, take his place on the Sabbath morning in the sanctuary and at the into this iron in the proper proportion I should father, Maccan Mountain, aged 21 years; Ag- table of the Lord. At the time of his death he was staying at the house of his son A. B. Holdsworth, who within one month lost two lovely little daughters and his aged tather. Bro. H. had often dreaded the pains of dying, but he was called home so suddenly by a stroke of apoplexy, that he became unconscious, the most pleasant medicine to take. If you Cough you will find it unfailing; coughs are cured by it Jesus, Jan. 31st, aged 72 years. A large, reit; Catarrh disappears before it; and Bronchitis
cannot retain its hold. sembled at his funeral in the Wesleyan church, on Sabbath afternoon when we endeavoured to vegetable; no noxious minerals enter into its con improve the solemn occasion from 1st John 2,

17, "He that doeth the will of God abideth · JAMES ENGLAND.

MR. AND MRS. ISAAC HAVILAND.

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religion to the end of life. About fourteen or fifteen years ago they became members of the Wesleyan church, and they ever manifested a deep interest in the prosperity of Zion. Mr. H. held the office of magistrate for something like forty-five years, and also that of Coroner for a little less period. He ever sought to make peace and dispense justice regardless of the forms or favor of contending parties. As their sun declined they felt the sun declined the the necessity, of being made meet for heaven. They deeply lamented over past unfaithfulness but were enabled to cast themselves on the atoning sacrifice. The sting of death was removed and the desire to depart and be with Christ imparted. Sermons on the occasion of their death were preached by Rev. F. H. Parker. Bro. H's from Rev. 22 chapter, and last clause of 3rd verse,-and of sister H. from 1st

Died at Centreville, Cornwallis, on the 7th Feb. Miss Hannah Woodard, aged 80 years Brought to God under the faithful and success ful ministry of the late Rev. Wm. Burt, she continued for about fifty years to adorn her Christian profession by a consistent walk and conversation. Unflinching in her attachment to old fashioned Methodism, she sympathized not with any new fangled notions, or doubtful practices which she often witnessed around her. She his earthly tabernacle, and passed away from was at her death, I believe the oldest Methodist this mortal life to that house above, not made in Cornwallis. Absent from the circuit when she died, the writer was not favoured to hear respecting her final safety.

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