

The Child-Musician.
BY AUSTIN DOBSON.

He had played for his lordship's love,
He had played for her ladyship's whim,
Till the poor little head was heavy,
And the poor little brain would swim.

And the face grew peaked and eerie,
And the large eyes strange and bright,
And they said—too late—"He is crazy!"
He shall rest for at least tonight!"

But at dawn, when the birds were waking,
As they watched in the silent room,
With a sound of a strained cord breaking,
A something snapped in the gloom.

'Twas a string of his violinello,
And they heard him stir in his bed—
"Kind God!" was the last that he said.

DEPOPULATED HAMLETS.

JAMES REDPATH RIDES OVER AN EARLY ESTATE.

We mounted horses—Father John and I—and began our ride across the hill country in a southerly direction. We rode five miles. It drizzled or rained all the time. Bleak, stormy, heath-grown hills; soggy, cold, sooty-looking valleys, up hill and down, across two little streams, one spanned by a wooden bridge, the other of which we swam; here and there the ruins of former villages and of little cabins once the homes of families driven in exile—the landscape was not a changed one, nor did the memories they called up throw a higher halo over them. Nature had been miserably, and men had been miserably. We visited two villages—Ardara and Shalhean. Ardara is three miles and a half from Aughagower. It is a cluster of light hovels on the hillsides. The townlands, and of course the village, is the property of Lord Sligo. The rent was £28 in 1861. Lord Sligo has not spent one shilling since then in improving the land. Its present rent is £95. This townland is one of the bleakest and the most sterile and boggy districts in the county Mayo. When these tenants paid £28 they could live without charity, although so wretchedly that no American would endure such a life. Now every one of them is dependent on charity. That is to say, they are nearly all in rags, and all so poor that they would go hungry every day unless they had help from foreign bounty. Lord Sligo has refused to reduce their rent. Yet as late as 1869 he raised the rent to £95!

Leaving the village we rode over a rough mountain road, and crossed two streams, for about a mile, and then reached the hamlet of Shalhean. This is the property of Colonel Logan. He owns the whole townland. There are thirty-nine houses on it, scattered on either side of the baron. Sure, you know what baron means? It is a wretched mountain pass—not made by surveyors, but by constant travel. It is filled with cobbles and stones and full of gullies. The villagers were anxious that we should visit every cabin. I entered one and wanted to stop. But I was induced to visit six of them, and then I refused to see any more. The appalling wretchedness, the filthy cabins, the laggard mothers, the blue-legged and ragged children, the gaunt and careworn men, the gray-headed, wrinkled women, who look more like the witches of "Macbeth" than the young and the grandmothers of comely girls in Mayo—I grew sick and faint at these sad sights everywhere, and I mounted my horse and left them behind me as fast as I could gallop. Outside the cabins showed how desperate was the poverty of these people. The thatch was old and mouldy and weathered—straw and overgrown with grass. The walls were striped with a greenish ooze. Some of the cabins had no chimneys and no windows. Light entered only by the open door, and the smoke went out of a hole in the roof. The rental of this village in 1846 was £45; now it is £177 17s. 5d! The government valuation is £77.

The Earl of Luan leases the townland of Ballygahan, Mayo county, to a tenant named Bourke, who took for his own use the good land—at least seven-tenths of it in extent, and a much greater proportion in value—and then rented the outskirt—rocky barren hillsides or wet and worthless bogs—to the six poor cottagers of this little hamlet. Bourke was an attorney, and secured a long lease, but he holds his sub-tenants at his mercy. Bourke compels them to pay for their fraction of the estate within a trifle of the entire rental of the townland. They each pay, until the day six months exactly double the government valuation. What is the result of this rack-renting? Five of these families are living on Indian meal supplied by the relief committee. Neither Luan nor Bourke has contributed a single shilling to the charities that are saving their tenants from starvation.—*James Redpath in the N. Y. Tribune.*

AFGHANISTAN.

Cabul, April 28.—Native messenger reports that in an engagement at Hyababad on the 25th, between Gen. Ross and the mixed tribes, the enemy was defeated with a loss of 1,200. British loss unknown.

Lahore, April 28.—A message has reached Jellalabad from Cabul stating that a tribal combination has been formed in Khond, Communications between Gen. Ross and Cabul are cut off.

London, April 29.—The Viceroy of India telegraphs as follows: "The messenger who arrived at Cabul on 28th reports that the people of Wundak and Logan attacked Gen. Ross Sunday and that after a severe engagement the enemy was completely dispersed, leaving 1,200 dead. Our loss was not mentioned. The district is much disturbed. Passage of letters is difficult. There is some excitement still in Khondistan."

A Lousing Joke.

A prominent physician of Pittsburgh said jokingly to a lady patient who was complaining of her continued ill health, and of his inability to cure her, "Try Hop Bitters!" The lady took it in earnest, and used the Bitters, from which she obtained permanent health. She now laughs at the doctor for his joke, but it is not so well pleased with it, as it cost him a good patient.

The New York Sun estimates the recent strikes of the piano trade cost the workmen \$100,000 in wages and the manufacturers \$50,000 loss.

LANDLORD BIGOTRY IN IRELAND.

A story comes to us from a district in the South which forcibly reminds us of the time when cave or hillside formed the only temple in which the solemn rites of the Church could be performed in this Catholic land. In a district remote from chapel or schoolhouse a parish priest has sought for a site on which to build a school for the children of the district, in which religious and secular training could be properly carried on. The soil is vested in Protestant hands, and, although there are no Protestant children in the place to attend such a school, the reply was a refusal, unless the management of the school were vested in the National Board and taken out of the hands of the parish priest, or any priest in the locality. The effect is not asked for gratis; any reasonable rent that might be asked, it was intimated, would be paid. The application was renewed again and again, but without effect. A house on the property became vacant, and the kitchen of this was offered, for an hour or two, in the week, for the purpose of imparting religious instruction, by the caretaker, if consent could be got from the owner of the property; but this was equally vain to hope for. The only resource open to the parish priest is to collect the children on the road, in the open air, each Sunday afternoon, and in this barbaric way strive to impart to them that religious instruction so essential to their welfare. The elements are not always propitious, it need hardly be said, and the hardships to which priest and flock are subjected are typical of the spirit which informs them. It is a long time since we heard a story of such unfeeling bigotry, and we hope it may be long before we hear of a repetition of it.—*Dublin Freeman.*

BUSINESS ITEMS.

REAGAN'S stock of boots and shoes for spring and summer wear has arrived. The quality of the goods surpasses anything of the kind ever imported into London before, while the prices are as low as any other house in the country.

WINLOW Bros. boot and shoe store has been removed from 121 to 113 Dundas street, opposite B. A. Mitchell's drug store.

J. TURNER, dealer in fruit, fish and game of all kinds in season, Dundas street, near Strong's Hotel. Goods delivered promptly at the lowest rates.

A MORTIMER, importer and wholesale dealer in foreign and domestic fruits, smoked fish, game, oysters, etc., City Hall buildings, Richmond street, London, Ont.

If you have a cold, get a bottle of Harkness' Bronchial Syrup. If you want pure drugs, chemicals, perfumery, dye stuffs, patent medicines, and every thing kept in a first class drug store, go to Harkness, corner of Dundas and Wellington streets.

Those having a horse and desirous of a good business should notice the U. S. Mop Wringing Company's advertisement in another column.

FETTERICK'S PREMIUM STAINED GLASS FOR CHURCHES.—Costs less than inferior Works. Received Prizes at London, Glasgow, 1871, and Centennial, Philadelphia, 1876. Sent everywhere. Address—Box 226, Stapleton, Richmond County, N. Y.

NEW BOOT AND SHOE STORE IN ST. THOMAS. FOCKE Bros. have opened out a new boot and shoe store in St. Thomas. They intend to carry as large a stock as any store in Ontario. This will enable all to get what they want, as every known style and variety will be kept on hand in large quantities, a new feature for St. Thomas. Prices will be very low to suit the present competition. Give them a call.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—J. McKENZIE has removed to A. J. Webster's old stand. This is the Sewing Machine repair part and attachment emporium of the city. Better facilities for repairing and cheaper rates than ever. Raymond's celebrated machines on hand.

It will pay you to buy Boots and Shoes at Focke Bros. They keep a full line of ladies' and gentlemen's fine goods. No trouble to show goods. Written orders promptly attended to.

COMMERCIAL.

London Markets, May 3, 1886.

GRAIN.	
Wheat, Winter	100 lbs. \$1.10 to 1.20
Spring	100 lbs. 1.10 to 1.20
Barley	100 lbs. 1.00 to 1.10
Oats	100 lbs. 1.00 to 1.10
Rye	100 lbs. 1.00 to 1.10
Beans	100 lbs. 1.00 to 1.10
FLOUR AND FEED.	
Patent Flour	100 lbs. 3.25 to 3.50
Mixed Flour	100 lbs. 3.00 to 3.25
Spring	100 lbs. 3.00 to 3.25
Buckwheat Flour	100 lbs. 2.25 to 2.50
Cracked Wheat	100 lbs. 2.25 to 2.50
Cracked Corn	100 lbs. 2.25 to 2.50
Feed, 100 lbs.	1.00 to 1.10
Shorts, 100 lbs.	1.00 to 1.10
Feed, 100 lbs.	1.00 to 1.10
PRODUCE.	
Lard, 100 lbs.	0.08 to 0.12
Eggs, Store Lots, doz.	0.10 to 0.12
Farmers' "	0.10 to 0.12
Butter, 100 lbs.	0.10 to 0.12
Rolls, 100 lbs.	0.10 to 0.12
Pork, 100 lbs.	0.10 to 0.12
MISCELLANEOUS.	
Mutton, 100 lbs.	0.08 to 0.12
Lamb, 100 lbs.	0.08 to 0.12
Beef, 100 lbs.	0.08 to 0.12
Veal, 100 lbs.	0.08 to 0.12
Furkeys, each	0.10 to 0.12
Dried Apples, 100 lbs.	0.10 to 0.12
Onions, 100 lbs.	0.10 to 0.12
Hay, 100 lbs.	0.10 to 0.12
Straw, 100 lbs.	0.10 to 0.12
Live Hogs, 100 lbs.	0.10 to 0.12
Dressed, 100 lbs.	0.10 to 0.12
Chickens, 100 lbs.	0.10 to 0.12
Ducks, 100 lbs.	0.10 to 0.12
Carrots, 100 lbs.	0.10 to 0.12
Apples, 100 lbs.	0.10 to 0.12
Potatoes, 100 lbs.	0.10 to 0.12
Coal, all sizes	0.10 to 0.12
Wood, 100 lbs.	0.10 to 0.12
SKINS AND HIDES.	
Lambskins, each	1.00 to 2.00
Calfskins, green, 100 lbs.	0.08 to 0.12
" dry "	0.08 to 0.12
Hides, green, 100 lbs.	0.08 to 0.12
" dry "	0.08 to 0.12

London Stock Market.

Reported by John Wright, Stock Broker, 10, Richmond st.

BAYERS, SELLERS.	
Huron & Erie	127 1/2
Ontario	127 1/2
Dominion	127 1/2
Agricultural	127 1/2
Canadian	127 1/2
London Loan	127 1/2
English Loan	127 1/2
Royal Standard	127 1/2
Financial	127 1/2

FOR SALE.

A FIRST-CLASS GENERAL STORE—New and commodious, also a large store-room and dwelling-house, with a good barn and stable, and one acre lot. As a business stand it cannot be surpassed, being in the midst of a large thriving farming population. The store is well stocked, and the goods sold of a good quality. The Post Office is attached to the store. As the present owner intends leaving the place, he is prepared to sell the whole property on very liberal terms for cash. Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to or holding accounts against the store, will be promptly settled with by applying to THOS. MOHAN, Maidstone P. O., Ont. S. 2w

TENDERS.

Competitive designs for the Provincial PARLIAMENTARY BUILDING, to be erected in the Queen's Park, in the city of Toronto, will be received by the undersigned at the office of the Department of Public Works for Ontario, in the said city, up to noon of the first day of August next.

Information and particulars as to the extent and character of the said designs, what they are to comprise, and also as to the proposed site, the extent and character of the work, and the nature of the facilities for obtaining building material, etc., may be obtained at or upon application to the office of the Department of Public Works, in the said city, on or after the 1st day of June next.

For the design most approved..... \$2,000
For that approved of as second best..... 1,000
For that approved of as third best..... 500

The designs for which said premiums will be awarded shall be selected and approved of by the undersigned, and the same with acceptance shall be the property of the Province.

C. F. FRASER,
Commissioner of Public Works,
Department of Public Works, Ontario,
Toronto, 20th April, 1886. S. 2w

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

ENGLISH MAILS.

The first packet for the United Kingdom, under the usual Summer Arrangement, will be despatched from Quebec on Saturday, the 5th of May.

The latest hour to receive Mail Matter at the Post Office is on Friday, at 1 p.m.

L. LAWLESS,
Postmaster.

London, P. O., Ont., April 27, 1886.

HOP BITTERS.

(A Medicine, not a Drink.)

Hops, Buchu, Mandrake, Dandelion, and the Purest and Best Medicinal Qualities.

THEY CURE

All diseases of the Stomach, Bowels, Blood, Liver, Kidneys, and Urinary Organs, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, and especially Female Complaints.

\$1,000 IN GOLD

Will be paid for a cure of the worst case of any of the above diseases, or for anything impeding or injuring the system.

For the full particulars, for Hop Bitters and try them before you sleep. Take no other.

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PETHICK & McDONALD.

HAVE JUST OPENED OUT.

3 Cases of Scotch Tweeds.

3 Cases of English Suitings.

1 Case of English Pantings.

1 Case of Irish Serges.

1 Case of Scotch Serges.

Great care has been exercised in our

TAILORING DEPARTMENT, in selecting

Linings and Buttons to match the numerous

Shades of TWEEDS and CLOTHS.

PETHICK & McDONALD,

First Door South of City Hall,

RICHMOND STREET.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.

TENDERS FOR TANKS AND PUMPING

MACHINERY.

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to noon SATURDAY the 15th

MAY, for the construction of a tank and

place at the several watering stations along

the line of the Canadian Pacific Railway under

construction. The tank to be constructed with

Pumps and Pumping Power of either wind

or steam, as may be found most suitable to

the locality.

Drawings can be seen and specifications

and other particulars obtained at the office

of the Engineer in Chief Ottawa, on and

after the 15th April, 1886.

By Order,

F. BRAUN, Secretary.

Dept. of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, 1st April, 1886. S. 2w

WELLAND CANAL.

NOTICE TO MACHINIST

CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned (Secretary of Railways and

Canals) and endorsed "Tenders for Lock

Gates, Welland Canal," will be received at

this office until the arrival of the Eastern

and Western Mails on THURSDAY the 3rd day

of JUNE, next, for the construction of gates,

and the necessary machinery connected with

them, for the new locks on the Welland Canal.

Plans, Specifications and General Conditions

can be seen at this office on and after

THURSDAY the 20th day of MAY next, where

forms of Tender can also be obtained.

Parties tendering are requested to send in

their tenders in duplicate, and to have a practical

knowledge of works of this class, and to

be prepared to bear in mind that tenders will

not be considered unless made strictly in accordance

with the printed forms, and in accordance

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