

**A Story without a Moral.**

He was an undertaker and his name was PETER GREEN,  
 He'd coffins, yes, and caskets make, the prettiest ever seen,  
 Bright rosewood ones for wealthy men, and cheerful ones of deal,  
 He'd make for jovial paupers with the most excessive zeal.  
 Now PETER loved a pauper girl, her name was ALICE GALE,  
 Her home was in a workhouse, for her birth place was a gaol;  
 And tender thoughts oft crossed his mind, when sitting by her side  
 Of happy days in store for him with ALICE as his bride.  
 When working hours were over as'de his tools he'd throw,  
 And straightway to the workhouse and to ALICE he would go,  
 And tell her cheering stories of his undertaking craft,  
 With other little anecdotes, at which she often laughed.  
 Next door to PETER'S domicile—a surgeon he did dwell,  
 A proud, a tall and stately man, his name was SIMON BELL.  
 Good friends were they, that worthy pair, but envious people said  
 That PETER gave him ten per cent. for every patient dead.  
 But that is neither here or there, and be it from me far  
 To propagate those rumors which so very envious are,  
 'Tis better to extract the beam which nestles in your eye,  
 Than wrestle with the moles which in your brother's optics lie.  
 Now SIMON was the surgeon to the workhouse and the gaol,  
 And day by day admired the charms of pretty ALICE GALE,  
 His height, his pride and stateliness, his skill in healing art,  
 And haughty condescension won the pauper maiden's heart.  
 He told her loving stories of mortality and death,  
 And all the surest ways to stop a fractious patient's breath,  
 He spoke of epidemics and of fevers and disease,  
 Of opium and arsenic and the scarcity of fees.  
 Now wooing thus, of course you know, that surgeon SIMON BELL  
 Neglected all his patients and the killing trade as well,  
 And PETER GREEN was starving. Also, the faithless maid  
 Who played such deep destruction with poor PETER'S heart and trade.  
 Well, PETER took a bible and he made a solemn vow,  
 And clenched it too with nasty words, unpublishable now,  
 "Revenge," he roared: "Revenge, revenge!" with pitiable squeal,  
 "I'll make that maid cold mutton, and I'll make that chap cold veal."  
 But that is neither here or there—for words don't fracture bones,  
 And people in glass domiciles should shun the use of stones;  
 Satan too, accusing sin, is almost daily seen,  
 Precisely what might be observed of wretched PETER GREEN.  
 He took his tools from off his shelf, his hammer and his plane  
 His saw with other implements, and worked with might and main;  
 He made two lovely coffins—yes, the truth I won't conceal,  
 A rosewood for the mutton, and a pine one for the veal.  
 And so one chilly evening on a hostile mission bent,  
 All armed with lethal weapons, he to the workhouse went,  
 Expecting, hoping, trusting there the guilty pair to find,  
 And to issue to the faithless twain a fragment of his mind.  
 Now ALICE had been sickly just a day or two before  
 The afternoon that PETER GREEN those vows of vengeance swore;  
 "Twas simply Typho-swampy," so her lover SIMON said,  
 And so he leech'd, he physicked her, he blistered and he bled.  
 "Ha! rascal, now I have thee!" the indignant PETER bawled,  
 As up unto the bedside he the haughty SIMON hauled,  
 "Thy craven blood I yearn for," the outrageous PETER quoth,  
 "Oh, dread the awful vengeance of an undertaker's wrath!"  
 His eyes all of a sudden they fell on ALICE GALE,  
 Lying stiff and cold and dead, and oh, so ghastly pale;  
 His hair stood up on end, and fit attacked his trembling knees,  
 And SIMON left the building to enjoy the pleasant breeze.

Then PETER took a pistol from his right hand waist-coat pocket,  
 And then his next maneuver was to load and also cock it;  
 He said, "Farewell, sweet ALICE," and fired into his ear—  
 So drop on PETER'S lifeless clay a sympathetic tear.  
 They buried them together, near the workhouse and the gaol.  
 The deal one held poor PETER GREEN, the rosewood ALICE GALE,  
 And youths and pauper maidens as they out together stray,  
 Bedew their graves with tears in quite a sympathetic way.  
 But that is neither here nor there—but look before you leap,  
 And waters that the stillest run are naturally deep;  
 Roses all possess a thorn, is not an empty boast,  
 And beauty unadorned of course is decorated most.  
 N. A. B.

**Mr. Crosskill and the Halifax Herald.**

The action for libel which Mr. CROSSKILL, late Deputy Provincial Secretary of Nova Scotia, is bringing against the Halifax Morning Herald, shows the natural "cussedness" of some people. The defence raised by the Herald is an instance of fertility of resource which would do credit to a book-agent or a lightning-rod peddler. The Herald company resist proof of publication. (Grip has heard of people who were blind in one eye and couldn't see out of the other; and if the Company's defence amounts to anything, Mr. CROSSKILL is evidently one of those. It is all an optical delusion, diseased imagination, a case of mistaken identity, snakes in the boots. What Mr. CROSSKILL read as an article reflecting upon himself, was in reality an essay upon material humanity; a lucid disquisition, proving that man is nothing but a bucket of water and a pinch of phosphorus. How some people do get mixed up. To mistake a scientific article for a libellous charge beats the 13, 15, 14 puzzle all to pieces. We don't know whether Mr. CROSSKILL wears spectacles, but if he doesn't he should.

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**NOTICE**

TO

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**S**EALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned (Secretary of Railways and Canals) and endorsed "Tender for Bridges, Welland Canal," will be received at this office until the arrival of the Western mails on TUESDAY THE 15th DAY OF JUNE next, for the construction of swing and stationary bridges at various places on the line of the Welland Canal. Those for highways are to be a combination of iron and wood, and those for railway purposes are to be of iron.  
 Plans, specifications and general conditions can be seen at this office on and after MONDAY THE 31st DAY OF MAY next, where Forms of Tender can also be obtained.  
 Parties tendering are expected to have a practical knowledge of works of this class, and are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms, and—in the case of firms—except there are attached the actual signatures, the nature of the occupation, and the residence of each member of the same; and further an accepted bank cheque for a sum equal to \$250 for each bridge for which an offer is made, must accompany each Tender, which sum shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the work at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted.

The cheque thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

For the due fulfillment of the contract the party or parties whose tender it is proposed to accept will be notified that their tender is accepted subject to a deposit of *five per cent.* of the bulk sum of the contract—of which the sum sent in with the tender will be considered a part—to be deposited to the credit of the Receiver General within *eight days* after the date of the notice.

Ninety per cent. only of the progress estimates will be paid until the completion of the work.  
 This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By Order, F. BRAUN, Secretary.

DEPT. OF RAILWAYS & CANALS, }  
 Ottawa, 29th March, 1880. }

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**CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.**

**TENDERS FOR FENCING.**

**T**HE undersigned will receive Tenders for wire fencing to be erected, where required, on the line of Railway in Manitoba. Parties tendering will furnish specifications, drawings and samples of the fence, or different kinds of fence they propose to erect, and also of the Farm Gates and fastenings proposed to be employed. The prices must be for the work erected and in every respect completed.

Tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Fencing" will be received up to Noon on Tuesday, the 1st of June next.

By Order, F. BRAUN, Secretary.

Dept. of Railways and Canals, }  
 Ottawa, 26th April, 1880. }



**LACHINE CANAL.**

**NOTICE**

TO

**Machinist-Contractors.**

**S**EALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned (Secretary of Railways and Canals) and endorsed "Tender for Lock Gates, Lachine 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 Lachine 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 expected to provide the special tools necessary for, and to have a practical knowledge of works of this class, and are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms, and—in the case of firms—except there are attached the actual signatures, the nature of the occupation and residence of each member of the same; and further, an accepted bank cheque for a sum equal to \$250, for the gates of each lock, must accompany each tender, which sum shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the work at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted.

The cheque thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

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