

THE THREE KINGS.

Three kings came riding from far away,
Melech and Gaspar and Baltazar;
Three wise men out of the East were they,
And they travelled by night and they slept by day,
For their guide was a beautiful, wonderful star.

THE GRINSTONE.

Time—Evening—Scene—Bachelor Quarters—
Dramatic Persons—The joint occupants.
"The times have changed," remarked one of them,
"The old adage must now be rendered,
'Tis the rolling stone that gathers the moss."

"Wonder if there was no Lambentation in Boston."
" 'T don't matter; 'Sheep trip to Shermans now be in order."
"Look here, fellows," said one of the group,
"who had not yet exerted himself. "What's the Eves of all these Rambling remarks, any how."

THE FALLS OF MONTMORENCI.

This magnificent work of nature illustrated on another page is thus described in "The Bastonnads," a romance which first appeared in our columns a few years ago, and has since been published in book form by Bellast Brothers, at Toronto. We quote:
"The habitation of Batoche was fully a mile from any other dwelling. Indeed, at that period the country in the immediate vicinity of the Falls of Montmorenci was very sparsely settled. The nearest village, in the direction of Quebec, was Beauport, and even there the inhabitants were comparatively few. The hut of the hermit was also removed from the high road, standing about midway between it and the St. Lawrence, on the right side of the Falls as one went toward the river, and just in a line with the spot where they plunge their full tide of waters into the rocky basin below. From his solitary little window Batoche could see the Falls at all times, and under all circumstances—in day time, and in night time; glistening like diamonds in the sunlight, flashing like silver in the moonbeams, and breaking through the shadow of the deepest darkness with the consultations of their foam. Their music, too, was ever in his ears, forming a part of his being. It ran like a web through his work and his thoughts during the day; it lulled him to sleep at night with the best ember on the hearth, and it always awoke him at the first peep of dawn. The seasons for him were marked by the variation of these sounds—the thunderous roar when the spring freshets of the autumn rain-falls came, the gentle purling when the summer droughts parched the stream to a narrow thread, and the plaintive moan, as of electric wires, when the ice-bound cascade was touched upon by certain winter winds.

the freezing process is completed, however, another singular phenomenon is produced. At the foot of the Falls, where the water seeths and mounts, both in the form of vapor and liquid globules, an emittance is gradually formed rising constantly in tapering shape, until it reaches a considerable altitude, sometimes one-fourth or one-third the height of the Fall itself. This is known as the Cone. The French people call it more poetically Le Pain de Sucre, or sugar-loaf. On a bright day in January, when the white light of the sun plays caressingly on this pyramid of Crystal, illuminating its veins of emerald and sending a refracted ray into its encaustic air-holes, the prismatic effect is enchanting. Thousands of persons visit Montmorenci every winter for no other object than that of enjoying this sight. It is needless to add that the youthful generation visit the Cone for the more prosaic purpose of tobogganing or sledding from its summit away down to the middle of the St. Lawrence."

HEARTH AND HOME.

DEPENDENCY.—The race of mankind would perish did they cease to aid each other. From the time that the mother binds the child's head till the moment some assistant wipes the death-damp from the brow of the dying, we cannot exist without mutual help. All, therefore, that need aid have a right to ask of their fellow-mortals. No one, who holds the power of granting it, can refuse it without guilt.
Wise SAYINGS.—The moment a man is satisfied with himself, every body else is dissatisfied with him. There are many shining qualities in the mind of man, but none so useful as discretion. It does not flatter ourselves, the flattery of others will not hurt us. The man who minds his own business has a good steady employment. Never apologize for a long letter; you only add to its length. Retiring early at night will surely shorten a man's days. He speaks in his drink what he thought in his druth. True men make more opportunities than they find. An angry man opens his mouth and shuts his eyes.
BEGINNING IN LIFE.—When two young people start out in life together with nothing but a determination to succeed, avoiding the invasion of each other's idiosyncrasies, not carrying the candle near the gunpowder, sympathetic with each other's employment, willing to live on small means until they get large facilities, paying as they go, taking life here as a discipline, with four eyes watching its pitfalls, and four hands fighting its battles—whatever others may say or do, that is a royal marriage. It is set down in the heavenly archives, and the orange blossoms shall wither on neither side of the grave.

THE TRUE WIFE.—The true wife is often unfashionable in loving her husband, and him only—in not caring to attract idle admiration or the homage of the more serious a lover. When she married it was for love pure and simple, and she did not look to her husband as to her parent, of release from control and her charter for unlimited freedom. She has no very decided opinions on politics, women's rights, or the doctrine of fate and free-will. She slips insensibly, and by the natural training of love, into the groove of thought where her husband finds himself, and holds his position to be the best of all because it is his. She is more content with his home than she would be with her own; indeed she finds hers in his, and would not care to be a personage on her own account. She desires for herself, for honour and supreme personal happiness, only his love, only his health and prosperity; and so long as he is safe her star is without a cloud to veil its brightness.

A HASTY TEMPER.—The guardian of children too often confound extreme sensitiveness with a hasty temper, which is the prevailing fault of sensitive children. Little by little self-control can be taught, and infiltrations of such ideas and motives and sentiments made in the child's mind, as will enable him to outgrow and overcome his infirmity. Time cures a great many things; children outgrow infirmities and faults, and if right principles of action and feeling are instilled gently, constantly, wisely, the results will ultimately appear. It is more cruelty to make the weak points of a child a source of teasing and ridicule, as is often done in schools and families. If he is born with a defective sight or hearing, how careful we are to try to make up to him what nature has denied! A defect in one's mental and moral organization should certainly be as tenderly and judiciously treated as a bodily deformity. A quick temper, an irritable, or timorous or teasing disposition, requires far more tact and judicious management than any mere physical infirmity. When grown to maturity, our sensitive children become the poets, musicians, artists, writers, leaders of their time.

GLEANER.

TALKATIVENESS is a ground of divorce in China.
NEARLY one-half of the new Russian loan has been taken up.
THE Dome of St. Peter's, Rome, is again reported to be giving way.
MRS. SWISSHELM favors a suit for school girls almost like a boy's, with six handy pockets.
THE Shah of Persia, in his visit to Europe next year, will travel incognito as Prince Karlar.

ORNAMENTS and weapons of gold and copper have been found in the newly-discovered tomb on the Acropolis of Mycenae.
"FLORA TEMPLE," the renowned trotter, died near Philadelphia last week. She was born in 1845 in Oneida county, New York.
THE Emperor intends sending a special Embassy to Madrid on the occasion of the Royal marriage, with an autograph letter and splendid wedding gifts.
A new industry is said to be extending in Paris. It consists in the manufacture of a cloth, much lighter and warmer than wool, from the feathers of domestic and other birds. The material is water-proof, and takes dye readily.
TEMPLE BARS is at length to be removed; the roadway towards the end of Fleet-street is to be widened so as to give room for four carriages, after allowing sufficient space in the middle of the road for a "refuge" for pedestrians, and some kind of monument to mark the extent of the City jurisdiction.

ROUND THE DOMINION.

LACHINE Canal strike ended.
DOMINION Parliament meets on the 7th of February.
GREEN Christmas at Winnipeg for the first time on record.
ABUNDANCE of snow and good sleighing are being enjoyed throughout Nova Scotia. The depth of snow varies from six to fifteen inches in different localities.
THE test case of a Montreal commercial traveller who was compelled to pay a license of \$50 per annum at Charlottetown, P.E.I. has been decided against the city.
THE excitement over the Cariboo quartz discoveries continues at Victoria, B.C., and a great impetus has been given to business of all kinds. News of fresh discoveries are constantly coming in.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

The theatres are all complaining of bad business.
ALICE KINGSBURY, actress, will soon publish a book on theatrical experience.
GOSNOLD, the composer, is said to be a religious man, and much respected for his goodness of heart.
MADAME MARIE ROSE has bought the wardrobe and stage-jewellery belonging to Trilby. Her next level will be sold by auction.
FANNY DEVEREAUX says the failure of some of her theatrical ventures, owing to their attempting to play in the stage-coach at the top of the ladder.
A YOUNG girl, calling herself Zazel, resolves to seek a week from the Land of Oz for the starting point of her flight, the air from a window over the roof, landing in a well-strewn field below.
SUSANNA ADELUNG, THESINA GIBSON, piece of Boston, will soon appear in Rome as Gipsy in a new play. In one of the scenes she will be costumed in yellow, that being the mourning colour among the Egyptians.
MADAME VON STAMWITZ, the new tragic-dienne, seems to rival in gorgeous costumes. As Mercedes, the voluptuous Roman queen, coming from the bath she wears white, embroidered with silver. In a love scene in the second act she appears as the Princess of Venice in a costume of white cashmere covered with red roses. In the next act she wears a robe of white heavily embroidered with red and gold, and a crimson cloak embellished with broad golden bands. In the next act as the Bachelorette wild and half mad, the striking feature of her costume is a tiger's skin. As Mary Fisher in Lady Jane Grey, her robes are all royal and of the richest quality. Her jewels, veils, hoes and ornaments are all real.

LITERARY.

WHITTLE is a careful composer, and avoids a total failure.
MRS. BECHER STOWE is writing a new story, Our Fables at Paganus.
MRS. ELIZABETH F. ELIOTT was not a genius, but she made \$100,000 through her writings.
A NOVELIST of eleven years of age, Florence Mabel Harpt, will make her first appearance in literature in a story, "Nuttie Crookshanks."
MR. F. LOCKER and Mr. Austin Dolson are engaged in preparing a collection of the poems of the late Mortimer Collins.
MRS. LOUISE CHANDLER MOULTON'S collected poems will immediately be published, under the title of Seaside Flights.
FARLEIGH uses the type-writer. He used to be a printer, and hence found no trouble in learning to manipulate the writing machine.
RICHARD GORDEN'S daughters are collecting and arranging the correspondence of their late father, preparatory to publishing it.
MISS LOUISE ALCOCK has large dark-blue eyes, brown clustering hair, a firm but smiling mouth, a noble head, and a tall and stately presence.
MR. J. HAMILTON FRYE is engaged in preparing a work on the social and political condition of France, from the Restoration to the present day.
MR. EDMUND YATES, the novelist, rises at eight, and after a light breakfast dines at a short-hand secretary for ten or three hours, when he goes out for a gallop. He comes back to lunch, rides or drives again, and returns to shut himself up with the secretary till dinner time.

PERSONAL.

MR. ROSAIRE THIBAUDEAU, of this city, is nominated to the Rigaud Senatorship.
THE Hon. George Ross, M. L. C., is said to continue in such bad health as to be unable to go to Quebec and take his seat.
MR. HOLMES, ex-M. P., who has been left a fortune of \$1,000,000 by the death of his brother, left Ottawa lately for Melbourne, Australia, with his agent, to look after it.