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HIS KIND OF REVENGE.

AN UPPER CANADIAN BREAKS AN OLD PIANO.

In a Hotel Dive Because He Was Over-Charged for Dinner—No Charge Made Against Him but a Piano Tuner Has a Good Job Through It.

There was music in the air around a certain hotel on Mill street a few evenings ago, although it was not of that melodious character that is known to subdue the savage beast and it was not calculated to awake any extraordinary enthusiasm in the mind of a music critic.

The hotel dive, in question, for it certainly deserves that title, has been regarded with a species of mingled horror and disgust by respectable persons who live near it.

Nearly every evening sounds of inward strife could be heard proceeding from the interior of the place, and the grand climax would be reached when a police officer would be called in to restore peace and quietness.

In a good many cases however the fault lay with the proprietor or rather proprietress of the hotel, and a little incident that happened a few evenings ago lent additional strength to this phase of the question.

Two gentlemen, one of whom resided in this city, while the other hailed from Montreal, went into the place in a semi-intoxicated condition and asked for some liquid refreshment.

Then the fun commenced. The barmaid, thinking she was entertaining a rustic, asked the Upper Canadian if he would not give her a drink and was answered by a strong and duly embellished negative.

Unfortunately for the proprietress of the place the first thing his gaze fell upon was a piano in an adjoining room and his wrath was at once transferred from the barmaid who had cheated him.

He leisurely removed his outer coat and then made a running jump for the instrument landing directly upon the key-board.

His performance was capped by kicking in the front part of the piano and upsetting a large lamp.

Feeling that his wrath had been appeased and that he had done more than \$1 worth of damage, he put on his coat and wishing his hostess a pleasant good evening returned to the street.

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The court believed him, and imposed the fine of twenty dollars or thirty days upon

him, instead of upon his wife. When John feeling like a martyr looked towards his wife to settle the fine, she gave him no consolation whatever but turned to leave him to his fate.

"Don't you settle," asked John of his wife. "You can pay your own fine or stay in jail" replied his heartless spouse.

THE LADIES WERE PENNILESS.

The Flight in Which Two American Ladies Found Themselves in This City.

It is not often that tourists visiting St. John have such an experience as that which two American ladies had during a visit here a few days since.

The ladies in question had from a small town in the state of New York. One is the wife of, and the other the sister of a prominent Albany banker.

This was a great disappointment to both the ladies who were to accompany him, so rather than spoil their pleasure he proposed that they should visit the provinces and enjoy a delightful outing while he would remain at home and derive his pleasure from the fun of supplying the necessary cash.

At this the ladies were fairly distracted. Here they were in St. John almost penniless while a substantial cheque which could only be obtained by personal application awaited them in St. Andrews.

When St. Andrews was reached the American visitor hurried to the office of her husband's friend where she found the necessary funds.

She returned to this city on the next train with a lighter heart and heavier purse than when she left.

The remainder of her visit was most enjoyable one but she says she will never forget the hours that intervened from her arrival in this city penniless to her return with the cash.

A PRAISEWORTHY SCHEME.

Which it is Expected Will Soon Assume Definite Shape in America.

The members of the St. John branch of the Woman's Council will shortly be asked to co-operate in a scheme that promises to be of immense benefit to women in the future. It is the establishment of an institution in New York similar to one in Paris.

Progress will go more fully into details next week when it will be in a position to know just what the local branch of the Woman's Council think of the matter and how the idea has been received by the ladies here.

OF HISTORIC INTEREST.

SENATOR ALMON'S HOME FILLED WITH RELICS OF THE PAST.

His Recollection of Historical Events in N. S. is Almost Perfect—An Old Time Poem—The First Rector of Trinity, St. John, and His Wife and Writings.

HALIFAX, Aug. 6.—There is no richer storehouse of historical interest in Halifax than the hospitable residence of Hon. Senator Almon, on Jubilee road this city.

Whichever way you turn in that mansion you find something to instruct or delight, some relic or memento of the past. The best source of local historical lore, however, is the memory of Sen for Almon himself.

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MATHER BYLES.

August 6th, 1778.

The writer of the above was Mather Byles III, son of Mather Byles II, who was the first rector of Trinity, St. John, in which city he died in 1814.

At the same time the serious writings of Dr. Byles are said to be singularly free from everything suggestive of frivolous association.

that he was sending a copy of his works to the Boston library. The penmanship in Pope's letter is quite distinct, and bears the date

February 9, 1727

The double date very few will understand till the explanation is forthcoming. The change in the computation of time had been made, so that the year ended at two periods according as the new legal, or the old system was followed.

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THE METHODS USED BY PROFESSIONAL PICKPOCKETS.

Some of the St. John People who Were Victims—The Glass Ring Trick and How it is Worked Upon Unsuspecting Persons—A Detective's Experience.

Did you get touched? How much did you lose? and questions of that sort, were all that could be heard in offices or on the streets, all last week.

For instances it was known that a book-keeper had been robbed of three ten dollar bills that belonged to his employer, but very few knew that a well known Union Club man had fallen a victim to the strong armed gentry.

It is a fact nevertheless and this citizen is just forty dollars poorer although some valuable papers that were within his wallet were restored to him.

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In St. John last week the party of crooks that worked the station were three men and a woman. The way they landed their victims, found out where they kept their money and all about them, was novel to say the least.

The pants pockets are worked by crowding and wedging, while in extreme cases the pruning knife is sharpened up and used in cutting the pocket down from top to bottom.

One game worked by the crooks to success in Halifax was the "glass ring" trick or the dollar diamond ring and was made to bring as high as fifty dollars.

A little argument follows as to who is best entitled to it and an agreement is entered into to go halves on it.

To all appearances he is the proprietor of the jewellery store, as he is in his bare head and has a jeweller magnifying glass handy.

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have no money to buy your share, but if you give me twenty dollars you can have it," the ring is sold and the victim when he goes back to the jeweller to realize it, the ring learns that he has been fooled.

This game was worked in two or three instances in Halifax so successfully that an Italian peasant vendor paid up fifty dollars for one of these glass rings.

LET US FACE THE FACTS.

And Place the Cause of St. John's Defeat Where It Properly Belongs.

The St. John professional four returned from Halifax by the D. A. R. and Prince Rupert on Sunday and the crowds of people who were on the wharf to meet them did not manifest either approval or disapproval at their home coming.

But it is all over now and the lesson has been learned that it is useless to pit small men against big men in a boat race.

No doubt the crew did its level best and it is not their fault that they did not take a better place.

Some Facts About a Former St. John Boy Who Has Gone There.

The many friends of Mr. William Fielders will be interested to learn that he is now fighting the battles of old England in South Africa.

Mr. Fielders, who is a son of Mr. John Fielders of this city, took up his residence in the North West a number of years ago and at the commencement of the North West rebellion was engaged by the Canadian government as a scout and served until the close of the war.

Mr. Fielders spent a few days in St. John on his way to Africa, but did not inform his family of the cause of his journey, for fear it would cause them anxiety.

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