

"A Little Nonsense Now and Then"

A pedestrian, travelling up in the north of Ireland, met a son of old Erin, of whom he enquired how it was the miles were so plaguey long. "Why, you see, your honor," replied the Patlander, "that our roads are not in very good condition, so, just now, we give people very good measure."

You have heard, perhaps, of the Englishman in the South Station, Boston, who read over a door "Inside Baggage," and chuckled with glee: "You Americans are so droll! Now we should say 'Refreshment Room'."—The Living Church.

Macwaldie—They're tellin' me the Hoose of Commons is just arranged like a big public hoose. The members can get drinks or anything they're wantin'. Donaldson—Wi' a diff'rence, Mac—wi' a diff'rence! Commons a bill is brought in first, and then measures are cairrit. But in a public hoose the measure is cairrit in first, an' then the waiter brings in the bill. D'ye see?

A certain professor, who was a remarkably fine, well-built man, was staying at a village some time ago.

He happened to pass two men carting flour, and overheard this conversation:

"Say, Bill, who's that?"
"That's the professor what's staying here," was Bill's reply; "they say as how he's very learned."
"What a spoilt man," rejoined the other. "I never in my life see'd such a back for a pack of flour."

An ex-M.P. who contested a Highland constituency tells the following anecdote:

"Once, after a long and fatiguing day's canvass, I tackled a dissenting minister, who was very keen upon the subject of getting the Bishops out of the House of Lords, and in pursuance of his favorite hobby, he asked me:

"Well, sir, what are you prepared to do about the Bishops?"

"I was irritated and fatigued by my day's work, and I testily muttered:

"Oh, hang the Bishops!"
"The minister bowed, and replied:
"Well, sir, you go rather beyond me there. I canna undertake to go altogether that length with you, but ye shall hae my vote."—London Notes.

An old Irishman, long desirous of official dignity, was finally appointed marshal in a parade on the King's birthday. Veteran's bandsmen and school children were lined along the streets of the town, patiently waiting the signal to start.

Suddenly Mike, on a prancing charger, dashed up the street. After inspecting the dignified procession, he gave his horse a quick clip. Then, standing up in his saddle, he yelled with a voice filled with pride and authority:

"Ready, now! Every one of yez kape shtep wid the horse!" — London Fun.

O'Flaherty—Misther O'Sullivan, will ye shtop and have a frindly discussion on the matter of home rule? O'Sullivan—It's sorry I am, but it's not convenient just now. O'Flaherty—And why not, honey? O'Sullivan—Why, to tell ye the truth, O'Flaherty, I haven't got me shtick handy.—Tit-Bits.

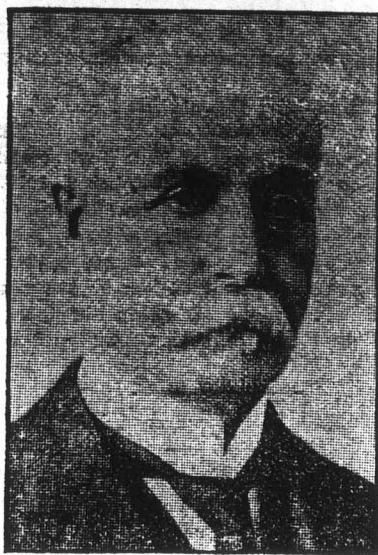
"Children," said the Sunday-school superintendent, "This picture illustrates to-day's lesson: Lot was warned to take his wife and daughters and flee out of Sodom. Here are Lot and his daughters, with his wife just behind them; and there is Sodom in the background. Now, has any girl or boy a question before we take up the study of the lesson? Well, Susie?"

"Pleathe, thir," lisped the latest graduate from the infant class, "where ith the flek?" — Harper's Monthly.

A certain English lord mayor who was often breezily unconventional in his speech was presiding at a dinner one evening, and as the second course was being served he suddenly jumped to his feet and exclaimed:

"D—m it, gentlemen, we neglected to say grace!" — Boston Transcript.

Scornful Spouse—It needn't make you so grumpy because you swallowed an ant and spilt jam on your trousers and sat on a bumblebee. Good heavens, a picnic's a picnic, you know!—Life.



MR. GEORGE BURN.

General manager of the Bank of Ottawa, who resigned from the presidency of the Canadian Bankers Association. Mr. Burn has been in ill health for some time.

THE MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

The Montreal Stock Exchange continues to make new records; the past week showed sales of over 155,000 shares of listed stock as compared with 122,000 for the corresponding week last year. In addition new records were made for many of the leading stocks. For the most part interest was concentrated in the paper and steel issues. Dominion Steel Corporation lead off with transactions of 41,500 shares. Steel Company of Canada with nearly 29,000 shares, and Nova Scotia Steel with 4,800 shares. Riordon, Laurentide and Spanish River were active in the paper issues, while Brompton in the unlisted provided plenty of fire-works. In practically every case gains were registered during the week running from one and two points up to seven in the case of Nova Scotia Steel, and six in the case of Riordon. When it is remembered that these gains followed previous gains, their real significance can be estimated.

The listing of Nova Scotia Steel on the New York Exchange, the belief that the Steel Company of Canada would shortly pay dividends, and the indications that a group of capitalists were buying up shares of Dominion Iron, all helped to make the steel issues strong. In the paper group the recent developments in connection with such companies as Laurentide, Wayagamack and Brompton, to say nothing of the dividend increase in Toronto Paper Co., focused attention of the paper group. The phenomenal earnings made by the paper companies are only commencing to be appreciated by the investing public and the indications are that the most of the better paper stock will see much higher prices.

Comparisons of the business transacted in the past two weeks follow:

	—Week Ending—	
	Nov. 4	Nov. 11
Shares	122,232	155,281
Mines	1,600
Rights	5,561	22,383
Bonds	502,600	368,250
Unlisted shares	1,191	2,585

PERSONAL.

Mr. C. E. Neill, general manager of the Royal Bank of Canada, has left for Havana, Cuba, on a business trip. He will be away about two weeks.

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Ted—Tom is trying to raise money. I guess he has to remargin his stocks.

Ned—Yes; he told me the war brides he invested in are calling for more alimony.—The Lamb.