

sized envelope is hardly large enough on which to write our names and do them justice; but if "Corn Cob" wants our address, it is "Box 1518, Norwich, Conn.," with a U. S. added if he deems it necessary. Come, "Bobby," we're a-blinkin' at you.

We have our own private opinion of the men who will take the steamboat train for a visit to a city east of Boston, and upon reaching the "Hub" turn around, buying a ticket for New York, after reaching which city they secure a passage on the Fall River line and proceed to their eastern destination, making the round trip in three days. Bock beer, strawberries and green peas have struck in here, and we're inclined to the belief it must have been the peas that started them.

In view of the fact that we are looking forward to receiving invitations to attend two weddings, which are to occur between this time and the middle of October, our cheerfulness is about ready to depart. Our partner in this column has been ill for some months, expects he is going to die, sometime, and says he won't be there; it therefore behooves us to look up a swallow-tail and stove-pipe, as we anticipate being "laid out" on these several occasions.

The Connecticut Legislature has adjourned and the publication of the laws enacted during the past session is now in order. An important law, and the one in which we are most deeply interested, is the dog law. It calls for \$2.15, a collar and a muzzle. Our pups have got to suicide, that's certain.

The death of William Faulkner, a Norwich printer of some forty years ago, is announced as having occurred at Oakland, California, during the month of March. The *Bulletin*, in giving a short sketch of his business career, says he was the publisher of the *Norwich Republican*, and later of the *Norwich News*. He was considered a whole-souled, estimable man, and the following is told of him: "One morning he heard that a printer in his employ had been beating his wife. He hastened to his office, impetuously vowing to immediately discharge the hard-hearted monster. Being questioned afterwards what he did about it, he answered, that having heard the printer's story all through, he came to the conclusion that the typo and not the wife was the worst victim, and so he retained him in his employ and raised his wages!" In '49 he

embarked for California, where, in company with Warren Leland, now proprietor of the mammoth hotel in San Francisco, he established the *Pacific News*, and inside of four months was able to sell out and divide \$80,000 with Leland. In Oakland he was highly esteemed by a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

It is said "The Printer" is now "under instructions." He, he! Ho, ho! Shoo, fly!

Late advices place Thomas L. Horan, of this city, at work in Dublin, Ireland.

When you feel like "barking up a tree," be careful not to get under the one on which "Stick and Rule" roosts. "The Printer" felt that way, went for our tree with a rush and a howl, made a mistake, and now thinks he must have been struck by lightning.

Every printer in town wore a smiling face after the arrival of the last number of the *Miscellany*. Even the Worak-to-che-nesh-he-kaw-haws, after perusing the Norwich items, could not restrain the smile. The "only printer in town" thinks somewhat of holding a prayer-meeting over in the Laurel hill railroad tunnel.

STICK AND RULE.

The Shorthand Systems.

CHICAGO, ILL., May 1, 1878.

To the Editor of the *Miscellany*:

SIR,—I have been much interested in the series of articles on Phonography which have appeared in late numbers of the *Miscellany*, and was quite surprised at a communication which came out in the February number, where the writer makes some remarkable statements on the subject. He says Graham's system is the best, and that a number of the characters used by Pitman, Munson and others, are fac-similes of Graham's. I think this last statement is entirely wrong, for Pitman's and Munson's systems are older, and have been published longer than Graham's, and that he copies from them instead. As to learning Graham's system, I have the testimony of quite a number who have attempted it, have failed to master it, and have taken up another system. One must have extraordinary abilities to learn it thoroughly, which the writer of the article most likely possesses.

Isaac and Ben Pitman's and Munson's are the best systems, they being used by the majority of shorthand writers. The Graham system, and others, use the groundwork of the old and