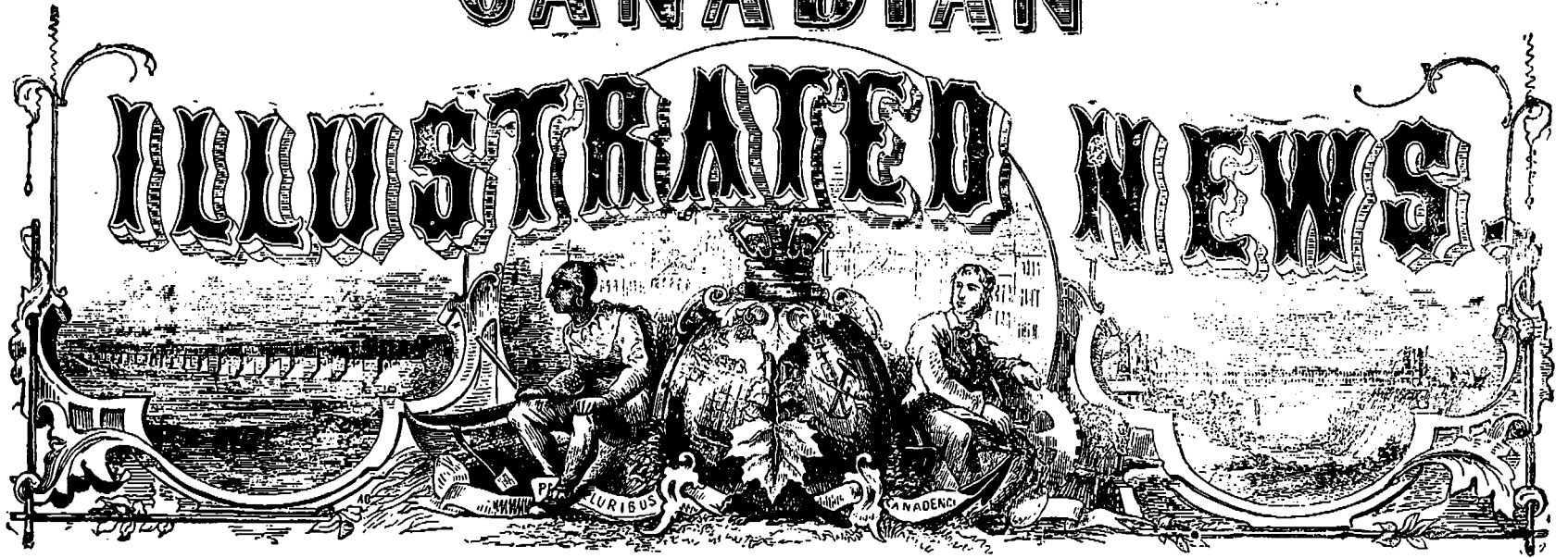


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AUTUMN.

We recently published in the *Illustrated News* engravings of "Spring" and "Summer," copied from pictures exhibited by celebrated painters in London. To-day we give the third picture of the series, entitled Autumn. This, however, is from an original drawing by Mr. G. A. Binkert, an artist of high abilities, connected with the *Illustrated News*.

Spring has at all times been the favorite theme with pastoral writers—the bud of promise, the tender leaflet, the balmy joyous breath, full of hope—all seem to attract our warmest eulogies. But then

"There comes a time when laughing Spring
And joyous Summer cease to be."

And it is the Autumn time that ensues which we consider the true season of joy. If the Spring was full of hope and promise, the Autumn is full of fulfillment. If the Spring was odorous with the balmy breath of flowers, the Autumn is rich with golden grain and clattering wealth of vine. Oh! let us be thankful for the coming of the hopes in the Autumn of the year; and even if the silent fall of the leaf touch our hearts with sadness, let us not forget that the same gower which sends the pale and withered foliage shivering to the ground, fills our store-houses to anticipation of the coming sterile reign of Winter: "In a to

"Bless the cloison-giver,
Who doeth all things well."

Mr. Rogers, speaking of a blind wood-sawyer, says: "While none ever saw him saw, thousands have seen him saw."

DRUNKENNESS is a pair of spectacles, to see the devil and all his works



AUTUMN.

How PRINCE GORTSCHAKOFF DEFEATED THE FIRST ATTACK ON THE MALAKOFF.—A curious court martial is now sitting at Lyons on a private of the 100th regiment of the line. Cuz, the prisoner, represented himself at the headquarters of his regiment a short time since, and stated that during the siege of Sebastopol he was taken prisoner by the Cossacks while fighting in the Tchernomorsk had been detained in Russia ever since. However, the defendant's book recorded an eye-witness story of his escape in face of the enemy, a very rare thing in the hands of the French army, and so Mr. Cuz was put on his trial, and to his surprise it came out that he deserted on the 15th of June, 1855, was taken before Prince Gortschakoff, and confessed the strength and condition of the French army, and what seems almost incredible, a very private, grave deposit of the intended attack on the Malakoff, which was obtained for the next day but one—so that the Russian General was enabled to make such preparations that as may be remembered Marshal Plevinsk was defeated and the attack failed. The main evidence against the witness is derived from a Russian law on occasion being found by one of the staff of General Gortschakoff, which was a copy of the order of the day of the 15th of June, 1855.

The trial is watched with great interest by the French press, and, if the fact be proved, we shall probably have an incident of the day's occurrence of the 15th of June, 1855.

The death of Mrs. Franklin Pierce has taken place at Andover, Massachusetts. She had long been in delicate health.

When colds make all tongues are silent.

They are dumb whom nothing will content.