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The Stroller is pleased to note that the churches are keeping up their march. Many of us, and we live in the first half of the century, either, can remember when we used to go to church when forenoon and afternoon services were held with a half hour intermission and at each service a sermon of upwards of an hour's length would be delivered in which the young and rising generation who squirmed in his seat, his hands touching the floor by several inches, would be informed in a deep voice that "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

At three o'clock in the afternoon some rising generation would get up and be permitted to study the Catechism for the remainder of the day. The Stroller can well remember having lain in the grass under a walnut tree every Sunday for a whole summer trying to commit to the memory the catechism to the question: "What is God calling?"

The Stroller points with pride to that time before he had passed his boyhood period of youth he had the 107 questions of Brown's Catechism at his tongue's tip and could begin in the middle of the night both ways without missing a hair or missing an answer.

Conditions have changed. Today the modern churches are making selections of music, in some cases operatic selections being announced from the pulpit for the following Sunday. In our present age the choir master instead of the minister is the one upon whom rests the task of interesting and pleasing the congregation.

We continue to make ecclesiastical arrangements in the next 20 years, commensurate with that of the past. The Saturday evening and morning papers will contain something like the following: "The good, solid enjoyment drop at St. Mark's Grace church for the exercises."

Professor Von Fiddleinski, the renowned virtuoso, will render a soulful violin solo, and two if engaged.

Dr. Dewit Tenthly has deposited \$300 cash bond with the church which guarantees that his exercises will not exceed five and a quarter minutes, for which his headrest may be obtained by paying to one of the liveried ushers.

During the taking of the collection Professor Limberissimo will enquire if a light were stretched over the altar to the organ loft. The professor performed for 42 consecutive Sundays in the Brooklyn church and comes well recommended.

Strollers will please remove their hands from the door to the left of the door for the smoking gallery."

Stroller reader, you may sneer at me if you so desire, but it is my intention to come to a rapid backward for 20 years and compare church customs then and now. Today and you will say the Stroller has peeped but a distance into the future.

The sentiment contained in a rather pointed suggestion once made by a new minister by an old minister in Arkansas has evidently spread over the continent. The new minister had come to relieve the old minister the latter imparted the following advice:

"You can preach forgiveness all day long and it will be all right, but you won't know what you mean; if you want any presents such as potatoes, a load of wood or, a pig, don't mention hell, for people are sure to take it as personal."

The story is told by an attorney of Dawson mercantile firm who is on the said firm.

The other day a big stranger who had come from Hogan's alley, entered the store and said: "I want to see de head guy 'bout de sherrbang 800 cords of wood I got layin' up by der Stewart."

The person first addressed passed on to another member of the store and he in turn passed on to another and so on, but no one wanted to take upon himself the responsibility to speak for the company. Arrangements were completed the coming season. At last the head came back to the first man mentioned and said:

"I don't see no 'bout dis joint 'bout ter do business?"

Then a look of intelligence flashed across his face and he continued: "I see how it is. De beef is kep' here an' de brains in Chicago, and when de latter is needed it is flashed out by de Marconi process."

There is a small girl in Dawson who has not forgotten about outside ready prices. She is just starting in arithmetic and the other evening her father was drilling her in oral exercise when he asked the question: "If you bought fifteen cents worth of candy from Mr. — and gave him a dollar, how much change would you get back?"

"Humph!" said the little girl, "I wouldn't get any back. He charges a dollar for fifteen cents worth of candy."

Since the Stroller's announcement that his private trepanning sanatorium is open for business his special surgeon has been kept busy and has enough dates booked to keep him busy for sometime to come.

Telegraph Albert kindly gave up his date Saturday to a man from the creeks who wished to be operated on before he started out to take in the town that night. For Albert's kindness he will be charged only half rate.

Probably never in Terpsichorean history has such a thorough and successful system of wallflowering been carried out as was experienced by the Stroller and witnessed by everybody else at the A. B. hall last night. It was, as Zion would have said, "dis'er way."

Instead of taking the advice of she who does not hesitate to talk to him in confidence, to go away back and sit down, the Stroller butted into the first set danced and before getting off the floor had his card filled from top to bottom, twenty-four dances, not including a number of extras.

Then began the systematic wallflowering previously mentioned. Down as far as No. 8 on the next program when a lady saw the next dance was the Stroller's she would take refuge in the dressing-room, the threshold of which he dared not cross. From number 8 to 12 the ladies excused themselves with all sorts of lame devices. One was dizzy; another had ringing in the ears and that tired feeling; Tom Chisholm had stepped on the foot of another and she feared she was crippled for life; the next one danced with another fellow and after the set came over to where the Stroller had taken a homestead by the wall and said "I'm so sorry," City Attorney Donaghy shanghaied another of the Stroller's partners just as the latter reached her.

From No. 12 on to the end of the glad some occasion the ladies took to going home just before the arrival of the number for which they were down for a "mill" with the Stroller, and the way they came to him and excused themselves made it look as though he was holding a state reception. They invariably went to the dressing room and put on their coats before coming to excuse themselves in order that there might be no room left for insisting. One had been up late the night before; another had to get up early this morning; another had left the children at home and she feared they would kick the covers off and get croup.

And thus it was down to number 18 when the Stroller took a tumble to himself. He anticipated what he had gone against and realizing that he was to be turned down all along the line, he hunted up all his remaining partners and begged to be excused; he was so sorry and would see that it was all right at the next dance; he hoped the lady would not have to sit out the dance and begged her to not be offended, but really feared there might be a case of croup in progress under his own roof.

None of the ladies said they were sorry they had not demanded that a forfeit be put up, but on the contrary they did not look it when they said they were sorry that the "go" was off.

The next dance the Stroller attends he will issue challenges, and as there are few women who will take a dare, he hopes thereby to secure a few partners.

Sometime ago a Dawson merchant who owned some mining property had some litigation on his hands, and as he was busy he put the matter in the hands of a broker to look after, instructing him to secure all necessary legal advice to protect his, the merchant's, interests. That matter being settled, the broker experienced difficulty in collecting a fee or commission from the merchant with the result that he went to the same lawyer he had counseled in the mar-

chant's behalf for advice about suing the very same merchant.

The lawyer, being accustomed to charge everything to the merchant, in a fit of absentmindedness, charged the broker's bill to him and in a few days called on the man at his store to collect \$50.

"What is this for?" asked the merchant.

Absentmindedly the disciple of Blackstone replied: "For advising B — to sue you."

Then the merchant reared up on his hind legs, but what he said would not look well in a family journal.

The lawyer is now looking elsewhere for his fee.

Three men who left for the lower country a few days ago celebrated their departure with a number of friends until by the time they were ready to leave they were most gloriously jagged.

A number of their intimates were watching their departure. Their one horse sled was loaded with provisions and all things being in readiness, the three men climbed on top of the load and with a whoop and hurrah they started. They turned down the bluff onto the river in front of the Ladue store, but when the turn onto the river was made, the horse and sled remained on the trail while the three men and their outfits went straight out halfway to the centre of the Yukon. As soon as the men could gather themselves up the leader dove an arm into the snow where a bottle of whiskey had landed, pulled it out and said:

"I shay, pards, lesh take a drink on zish!"

Fifteen minutes later they had reloaded their sled and were journeying toward the north pole.

On a claim on lower Hunker five Frenchmen and four Irishmen are employed. For sometime there has been more or less friction between the clans, about the only thing they could agree upon being their love for Scotch whisky.

On St. Patrick's day an extra bottle found its way to the claim in question and by the time it, with others, had been consumed a dispute arose as to the nationality of St. Patrick, each faction claiming kinship with the illustrious deceased.

From words the belligerents came to blows, and by the time the proprietor, who was away at the time, returned, his labor contingent looked as though it had been in a landslide. By the pleading eloquence of David aided by the wisdom of Solomon and the persuasive muscle of Sampson, he managed to restore peace.

The boss has since put an extra plank in the middle of the table to widen it out beyond reaching distance and now at meal time five Frenchmen from one side and four Irishmen from the other side glare at each other across bacon, beans and granulated spuds.

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Six weeks of a deprivation from the pleasures of dancing made every-one, young and old, keen for the calico ball given by the Arctic Brotherhood at their hall yesterday evening. The crowd was late in arriving; in fact, that seems to be an ultra fashionable characteristic of Dawson society folk. If the grand march were announced at 7 o'clock sharp it would still be nearly 10 before it would be begun. Probably 100 couples, if not more, were in attendance, and they danced as though their lives depended on keeping it up, a sort of continuance performance. The program contained 24 dances with four extras and everyone of them, excepting the few quadrilles, were encored. Then, too, while a portion of the crowd was being entertained at supper "extra extras" were reeled off in countless numbers. They could not get enough and when the last bar of the medley was played and the musicians put away their instruments tired out, it was considerably after 5 o'clock and still the dancers clamored for more. In the matter of gowns worn there was no attempt at elaborateness, the ball having been extensively advertised as a calico affair. Many of the ladies appeared in neat and attractive gingham while others hid their street costumes beneath a pert, little calico slip. Nearly all the gentlemen were in evening dress, but instead of wearing the conventional white lawn tie appeared in flaming neckwear of the most brilliant hues, many of them being gorgeous both as to size and design. A clever April fool joke was perpetrated by the floor committee shortly after midnight. A quadrille was called, it being announced as an "extra extra." Considerable time was spent in getting as many people on the floor as possible and when all was ready the orchestra played four bars of a break and then was silent. Everyone turned toward the music to see what was wrong and beheld a huge canvas leaning against the drop curtain showing a grinning clown with the words "April fool" above the picture. The sell was complete, but it required a few seconds for some to see the point and then all took their seats amid the jeers of those who had not been on the floor at all.

The dance was one of the most pleasant of the series given this winter by the A. B.'s and will be followed by several more before the arrival of the warm weather when night is turned into day.

School Teacher Missing.

Whatcom, March 15. — Professor George, teacher of drawing in the public schools of this city and Fairhaven, is missing, and his going is surrounded with deep mystery. His accounts seem to be perfectly straight, and his best friends can offer no excuse for his absence. Last Saturday night he closed the second

Out for Converts.

Salt Lake, Utah, March 15. — A novel departure in Mormon proselytizing has been begun. A special train bearing the Mormon tabernacle choir of Utah singers, 525 strong, will arrive at San Francisco tonight, and services will be held at the Metropolitan Tabernacle tomorrow. Dr. Jas. E. Talmadge, of Salt Lake, will expound the tenets of the Mormon faith at the meetings.

The party will visit Leland Stanford University, the Pacific Grove, Del Monte, San Jose, Sacramento and other places, giving free concerts and otherwise advertising the Mormon and Utah people. The crusade will return to Salt Lake in about ten days.

After Sixteen Years.

Syracuse, N. Y., March 15. — Lieut. Frank H. Clark, U.S.M.C., left today to join the cruiser San Francisco, after having just seen his father for the first time in sixteen years. Alanson Clark was just about to complete twelve years' service in the navy when his son enlisted four years ago. The latter was twice wounded during the Spanish war and was once a prisoner.

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Two teams heavily laden, each with nearly three tons of mining machinery and personal effects, belonging to Frank Phiscator, arrived yesterday afternoon about three weeks out of Whitehorse. Two of the three teams, one being a fourhorse and the other a two-horse outfit, are magnificent animals, heavy draft horses weighing over 1300 pounds each, they arriving in excellent condition and giving but little signs of the long, hard pull they had made. A portion of the outfit brought in consists of a steam shovel which Mr. Phiscator will put in operation this summer on 2 Eldorado. It is his intention to work his claim from the top this year and with that object in view he has equipped himself with the latest improved labor-saving machinery. The steam shovel will lift almost a cubic yard of gravel at a scoop and deposit it directly in the boxes, being dumped automatically by the engineer in charge. The machinery will be hauled to the claim at once and set up ready to be put in operation as soon as the water is running and the frost is out of the surface gravel. Should Mr. Phiscator's scheme prove the success he anticipates it will be, other Eldorado claim owners will install similar plants on their ground.

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