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" Carpet " " " "	35
" Tweed " nailed bottoms	30
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LOCAL SUMMARY.

ATHENS AND NEIGHBORING LOCALITIES BRIEFLY WRITTEN UP.

Events as Seen by Our Knight of the Pencil.—Local Announcements Boiled Right Down

Mr. R. H. Gamble, general agent for the Confederation Life, was in Athens on Friday.

Beaver tobacco is the standard gentleman's chew of Canada.

Peach trees are in blossom in western Ontario. It is said to be 53 years since they blossomed so early.

Beaver tobacco is absolutely clean and is the only gentleman's chew.

Prescott has a new steam fire engine. Winchester is also going in for fire protection.

Gentlemen of refined taste chew Beaver tobacco, exclusively. For sale by all dealers.

In Guelph all grocery stores close at 6.15 p.m. every evening during May, June, July and August.

On Thursday last Mr. D. Merkley, residing near Westport, was kicked in the face by a horse and was instantly killed.

Why is it dangerous to walk about in the country in the spring time? Because the grass is putting forth blades, every flower has its pistil, the trees are shooting and the bulrush is out.

Last Sunday morning, says the Ogdensburg Advance, Jerry Driscoll went into the horse barn of Wm. Driscoll at Lisbon and, entering the stall of one of the horses found a large Plymouth Rock hen lying dead in the manger. In lifting it out he felt a hard lump in the hen and through curiosity they cut her open. A perfectly formed egg was found that measured 11¼ inches the long way, 8½ inches around, and weighed 9¼ ounces, or equal to the weight of five ordinary eggs.

Pembroke is generally ahead in most matters, and we have to add one more to her score of victories. Mr. and Mrs. Nazaire Romaine have just added to their family a pair of lively twins. Less than fifteen months previous to their advent Mrs. Romaine presented her husband with a pair of twins. Thus it will be seen that four children—three girls and a boy—have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Romaine within the past fifteen months. Nor is this all. Although they can certainly not be called more than middle age, they have had eighteen children; four are dead, fourteen are living. Mr. Romaine is pilot on the ferry steamer Union.—Observer.

Six residents of Ogdensburg, N. Y., were arrested on April 21 by two Dominion policemen for illegal fishing in Canadian waters in the St Lawrence, a few miles below Prescott. The prisoners had dynamite in their possession and for several days past had been creating wholesale destruction among the fish by this deadly explosive. They were fined each $20 and costs. They were let down easy. Had they been convicted under the Ontario law, they would have suffered imprisonment and been fined at least $100. Of all the various schemes resorted to for taking fish, dynamiting is the most brutal, and imprisonment should in all cases follow conviction for this offence.

The Superiority

Of Hood's Sarsaparilla is due to the tremendous amount of brain work and constant care used in its preparation. Try one bottle and you will be convinced of its superiority. It purifies the blood which, the source of health, cures dyspepsia, overcomes sick headaches and biliousness. It is just the medicine for you.

HOOD' PILLS are the best family cathartic and liver medicine. Harmless, reliable, sure.

A Peculiar Case.

A somewhat peculiar case was tried at the Waterloo assizes recently. It was an action brought by a girl named Dresh, aged sixteen, now employed in Berlin by the W. G. & R. company, but formerly a servant in the employ of a Mr. Edgar, widower and hotelkeeper, in Walkerton. Miss Dresh was the only female employed in the house. She deposed that defendant did not provide proper fuel with which to light the fire; that when he lit the fire he was in the habit of using coal oil to assist, and that plaintiff followed his example with defendant's knowledge, and on one occasion met with a serious mishap, whereby her hands and arms were terribly burned. After hearing the evidence the jury awarded the girl $600 damages.

Evangelist Horner.

The Ottawa Journal says: "Evangelist Horner and his meetings on Concession street will likely be discussed at the meeting of the Methodist District here in May. Mr. Horner by opening services where he has and without permission of the district, it is claimed, has broken one of the rules of the church which provides that no clergyman shall, except with permission hold services in a district over which another clergyman is in charge. Concession street, where Mr. Horner has started services, is in the West End church district and no permission has been given. Rev. Geo. McRitchie, the chairman of the district, will bring the matter up at the next meeting, from which it will be referred to conference for decision. He has, it is understood, purchased the hall in which he is now preaching."

Good Roads.

We have received from the department of agriculture, Toronto, a few copies of a special bulletin on "Common Country Roads" which we would be pleased to hand to postmasters or others interested in making good roads. We believe there is no subject on which the average pathmaster and farmer is more ignorant than on the proper construction of country roads; for the road beds in this part of Ontario are a disgrace to our boasted civilization, and our opinion is, after years of careful study, that more than one half of the statute labor is practically thrown away from ignorance on the part of those in authority, as to the proper manner to build or repair our common roads. It looks like the worst kind of folly to purchase a costly carriage and be able to have it last only three or four years in consequence of its being driven over the boulders and other obstructions placed on the roads, in place of broken stone properly spread on a suitable road bed.

Archdeacon Daykin, of Mattawa, makes a fair offer to his congregation. He says that if they will lengthen the stipend he would promise to shorten his sermons.

Mr. J. R. Wight, of the Ottawa hotel, Newboro, shipped over 5,000 muskrat skins last week. The Standard says that it is the largest shipment ever sent from Newboro.

The interest in fashion is at present great and widespreading. Indeed it may be said to keep pace all the time with the spread of education and civilization. It captivates the attention of the jaunty factory hand as well as the woman whose name is a household word. The instincts of women cause them to love bright and beautiful things while the desire for personal adornment is inherent in the sex. Of the fashion books now before the public, American women of every rank give their preference to "Toilettes" the May number of which has just arrived. "Toilettes" can be obtained from all Newsdealers, or direct from Toilettes Publishing Co., 126 West 23rd St., New York. Single copies 15 cents: Yearly subscriptions $1.50.

Much Gospel In This.

Miss Caroline Davis, writing to the press, says: "Let a woman fall from virtue and nine-tenths of her sisters will turn and tear her to pieces and the next minute smile on the man that ruined her. The cruelty of women to woman is perfectly wolfish. While a man can be stained with the deepest dye of a blackguard, his fellowmen will take him by the hand and usher him into the highest circle of society and pamper and pet him as if he had done something honorable."

Cowardly Stabbing Affair.

On Saturday, at John Ryan's camp Little Madawaska, a quarrel took place between Thomas Pole and Iece. Mr. Ryan pacified the men. On Sunday Pole was walking along the bank of the Madawaska, where he was followed by Iece, who treacherously attacked Pole from behind, plunging a knife into his back, following it up with another stab. While Pole was in the act of defending himself he was again stabbed between the shoulder and breast. He bled profusely from the wounds, and was conveyed to Eganville in a very weak state.

Pretty Sharp Practice.

The Lyn correspondent of the Brockville Recorder says that the late Rev. J. V. McDowell held a 20 year endowment policy for $1,000 in the Ætna Life Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn. The tenth premium became due during his last illness. At the same time his wife was ill and his friends were unaware of the state of affairs concerning his policy until two days after the premium was due, when they received notice from the Montreal office of the company suspending the policy. His friends immediately remitted the amount with a full explanation as to the cause of delay. The company returned the money and refused to reinstate the policy. Finally, rather than stand a suit, Mr. McDowell accepted a paid up policy for about half the amount, which is all the widow and and five children can collect from this company.

Licenses Granted.

The license commissioners for the county of Leeds, after carefully considering the applications for licenses, have granted the following:

GANANOQUE.

Taverns — N. McCarthy, Andrew Gamble, W. Lloyd, W. Beach, B. Shields, W. J. Church.

Shop—J. McParland, W. Hale.

ATHENS.

Taverns—F. Pierce, Mrs. A. Armstrong.

NEWBORO.

Taverns—J. R. Wight, John Hart.

NORTH CROSBY.

Taverns — W. Garrett, Richard Hogan and James Mulvahill, all of Westport.

SOUTH CROSBY.

Taverns—P. Fahey, of Elgin, and Thomas Kenney, of Jones' Falls.

BASTARD AND BURGESS.

Taverns — William Murphy and Thos Hart, of Portland, and A. Vanalstine, of Delta.

REAR LEEDS AND LANSDOWNE.

Taverns—W. Copeland and James Berney, of Lyndhurst; Solomon Metcalf and Joseph Gainford, of Seeley's Bay.

REAR YONGE AND ESCOTT.

Taverns—Robert Foster and Mrs. A. Armstrong, the latter a a six months' term, both of Charleston Lake.

FRONT YONGE AND ESCOTT.

Taverns—Theodore Lear, of Rockport, and six months beer and wine to Joseph Seneeal, of Grenadier Island.

FRONT LEEDS AND LANSDOWNE.

Taverns—Charles Stewart, Alexander See, Tremont Park, six months, beer and wine.

Dopartmental Examinations.

Primary, junior leaving and pass matriculation examinations begin Tuesday, July 3rd, at 8.40 a.m.

Senior leaving and honor matriculation examinations begin Thursday, July 12th, at 9 a. m.

An examination in reading, bookkeeping and drawing will be held on the 27th of June, at 9 a. m. at the centres for the high shool entrance examinations.

Any candidate for a senior leaving, junior leaving, or primary certificate, shall on or before the 24th of May, send his application, together with the fee of five dollars, to the inspector within whose district he intends to write; or before the 22nd of May, to the head master of the school at which the examinations is to be held. The applicant must state the class of certificate for which he intends to write, his age, the option selected and the places at which he intends to write.

The primary and junior leaving examinations will be held in the high schools, and at such other places as may be appointed by the Honorable, the Minister of Education.

Applicants for senior leaving will be examined at the several high schools if the Boards make provision for the expenses of the examination.

Only persons holding at least Primary Certificates shall be admitted to a county model school, and applications for admission, stating age last birthday and choice of school, if any, shall be received by the Inspector not later than the 25th of August, but no person shall be admitted who will not be 18 years of age, on or before the close of the term.

High school entrance and public school leaving examinations for 1894, begin at 9 a.m. June 28th, at the high schools and at such other places as may be appointed by the department.

COUNTY NEWS.

TOLEDO.

SATURDAY, April 28.—Quite an interesting horse race occurred here on Friday night last.

Mr. Mackay is building an addition to his store.

Mr. Dunham has left for his cheese factory, situated some where near Smith's Falls. It is known as "Glen Elm."

We are glad to see Mr. Blanchard, the head teacher of our public school, once more able to teach school.

Mr. Wm. Stratton, who has been clerk for Mr. Derbyshire for some time past, has been engaged by our new merchant, Mr. Mackay, as clerk, for one year.

The body of the late Mrs. Parker, of Frankville, was laid to rest here in the Methodist cemetery on Monday last.

ALGUIRE'S CORNERS.

WEDNESDAY, April 25.—Miss Lizzie Moles, the respected and highly esteemed school teacher of Forfar, paid a visit to her father recently acccompanied by Mr. W. McCue.

Parties around here are complaining that one of their neighbors keeps some vicious dogs, and if he does not keep them from doing any more harm they will take law proceedings against him.

Mr. Vandusen, late of the Tin Cap, has left the Culbert place and has rented the farm of Mr. Geo. Lathan.

We are sorry to hear that Mr. Woof, sr., is seriously ill, no hopes being entertained of his recovery. It makes it more sad as Mrs. Woof is away visiting friends in Belleville, but she is expected home in a few days

Miss Maggie Rowsom expects to leave for Montreal in a day or two and on her return will visit some friends in Brockville. We wish this young lady a safe journey.

Miss Minnie Scott, of the Redan, is visiting Mrs James Covey.

Mrs. Wm. Hewit, of Kitley, paid a visit to her mother, Mrs. Wm. Rowsom, last week.

TEMPERANCE LAKE.

THURSDAY, April 26.—At eventide the ploughman homeward plods his weary way.

Nurtured by gentle showers and pleasant weather, vegetation now casts her vernal aspect o'er the landscape.

While our hearts reach forth in unfeigned sympathy for the many others who are suffering under affliction and bereavement in adjoining localities, we are pleased to chronicle the probable recovery of Mr. B. Towriss, whose case has been feared to be beyond all human aid. As Benson has ever been known as a cheerful, industrious young man, and an active member in religious circles, it is earnestly hoped by his large circle of friends that at the command of the Master he may resume his militant work before entering the rest prepared for the just.

Not now, my child, a little more rough tossing,
A little longer on the billows' foam;
A few more journeyings in the desert darkness,
And then the sunshine of thy Father's home.

Not now; for I have wanderers in the distance;
And thou must call them in with patient love,
Not now; for I have sheep upon the mountains,
And thou must follow them where e'er they rove.

Not now; for I have loved ones sad and weary;
Wilt thou not cheer them with a kindly smile?
Sick ones, who need thee in their lonely sorrow;
Wilt thou not tend them yet a little while?

A little while and then the glorious crowning,
The golden harp strings and the victor's palm;
A little while, and then, with others gathered,
Swell eternity's long thanksgiving psalm.

FRANKVILLE.

FRIDAY, April 27.—Farmers are nearly through with their seeding.

Mr. Blanchette of Ottawa, brother of Rev. Louis Blanchette, is visiting friends here.

Miss Scyrthia Soper, who has been attending Demill's Ladies' College, Oshawa, has returned home,

Mrs. Bailey, of Gouverneur, N.Y., is visiting friends here.

A new fence is being put around the Methodist church property, and when completed it will make quite an appearance.

A social was given in the rectory on Wednesday evening last, in aid of church funds.

Mr. Frank Johnson has begun the erection of his new house.

Mr. Mack Leehy, who has been attending Queen's, taking his B. A., has returned home for the holidays

Mr. and Mrs. G. Cavanagh have taken their departure for Batavia, N. Y., when they intend making it their future home.

Another of the oldest residents of the place has passed away to her long home in the person of Mrs. Robert Parker, widow of the late Robt. Parker, sr., who departed this life on Saturday, April 21st, at the age of 62 years. The funeral services were conducted on Monday by the Rev. Mr. Porter, M.A., B. D., and was largely attended. The The remains were conveyed to the family burying ground at Toledo.

Deceased leaves three sons and five daughters and a large circle of friends to mourn her loss.

LAKE STREET.

SATURDAY, April 28.—Spring's work is nearly all finished in this locality; the water being low enabled the low lands to be worked to good advantage.

Miss Maggie Knapp spent a few days at her home last week. She is staying with her aunt, Mrs. Rhoda Knapp, of Newboro.

Milk is all going to No. 2 this season. Wonder what is the matter with the Plum Hollow load.

Mr. Fred Knapp, of Newboro, was the guest of W. T. last week.

According to Hoyle, three of a kind beat two pair; if so, the ranch would stand a good chance in a game of draw.

Chad. Knapp has a new buggy, of Delta make, which is up to the times.

The assessor has done up the street and is now looking up another snap.

Our P. I. members are now in the lurch—cash all gone and credit not given. They are weighing the matter to see which is the best policy: to be patrons of home industries or patrons of the industries of Toronto.

Sucker fishing is a thing of the past, and now the inspector is pulling his seines and reports good catches.

Mr. Ed. Bolan was fined $5 for catching a few suckers illegally, while the president of the White House can fill his barrell unmolested; but he is a Taylorite, which no doubt makes it all right.

Another wedding is rumored between two of our young people.

It is said that R. C. Horner, who is now in Ottawa, is likely to sever his connection with Methodism.

THE LIONS' FAST DAY.

Captive Animals Receive No Meat on Sundays, Only Milk.

Trained animals do not like Sunday. One would naturally suppose that on that day, when they do not have to go through their paces in the big ring in the arena, and show off to an audience what they can do, but lie comfortably in their cages and sleep, that they would enjoy themselves very much better than on any other, but such is not the case.

Sunday is medicine day. Any one who knows anything about a lion will acknowledge at once that to get one of these animals to take a nostrum is simply out of the question. The sense of smell with the lion is in a very high state of development, and, no matter how subtle the physician may be, medicines are hard to get down a lion's throat, if not actually impossible. Professor Darling, who is perhaps one of the best informed men at present on the question of lions, was found stroking one of his brute's manes through the bars of the cage the other day, when he turned and said:

"Did you ever see a lion drink?"

Now the popular idea is that a lion eats, but does not drink. No one ever heard of any one else ever telling about a lion drinking. No one ever associated drinking with the lion, yet the lions do drink, and Sunday is drinking day. It is the one day of seven that they take off and devote to drinking, but at the same time it is the one day of seven that they devote to fasting.

Said Professor Darling: "From Saturday afternoon until Monday night my lions never get one bite of food. This may appear on the surface very cruel; it may look as though they were half starved, and to many who imagine that we overfeed our animals it may look like a horrible prevarication, but it is a fact nevertheless. Each lion during the week is fed once a day. This feed is given them directly after they have finished their work, never before, and it consists of a chunk of meat weighing twenty pounds.

"After I have ended my performance for Saturday night my lions wait until Monday night after the performance before they taste meat, and all they get is milk. You know the lion belongs to the cat tribe. You have often seen a pretty little pussy sitting over a saucer of cream and lapping it as daintily as can be imagined and seeming to enjoy it. Well, a lion is simply a great big cat. They all come from the same source, and they all have instincts alike, and, as a matter of protection to the health of my animals, I give them on Sunday only milk. This acts as a tonic, and tones up their systems. That is why I have been able to keep these five that I have for so many years and work them hard (because it is hard work for these animals) and still have them looking so well.

"Would you like to see the lions drink?" he said, turning to me, and, never having had that opportunity, I naturally said "Yes."

The big, brawny keeper was called, and an order given for some milk. The lions when they are about to be fed jump over each other, rush around, and make a great fuss to get their various pieces of beefsteak, but when the milk came in they seemed to look at each other with an expression of "Well, here it comes again!" and there was no particular hurry as to who would first begin to lap the milk.

About a quart and a half of rich milk was set down to each of the five brutes, and slowly, seemingly reluctantly, they got up and began to drink it. There was a great deal of difference between the little red tongue of the pussy cat, which daintily laps up milk from a saucer, and the great rough tongue of the king of beasts that went at their medicine. They seem to go at it more as a matter of duty than as a matter of taste; yet in a very few moments after the dish was put in front of them it was empty. Still, there was no clamoring for any more, but they turned over, looking drowsily at their keepers, as if to say: "Well, we did it because we wanted to; not because you wanted us to do it."

"That," said Professor Darling, "is all the medicine my animals ever get. At times I have attempted to put a small amount of sulphur in the milk, but the animals do not take it. Too much meat would completely upset the system of a lion just as it would a man.

"I know very well that lions running in the jungles do not get milk to drink, yet, on the other hand, you must remember that a lion running in the jungles has more room for exercise than a lion behind the bars."

THE ROYAL WEDDING.

Marriage of Grand Duke Ernest Louis to Duke Alfred's Daughter.

COBURG, April 20.—An immense throng of visitors and members of the imperial and royal families assembled here to attend the marriage ceremony of Grand Duke Ernest Louis, of Hesse, to his cousin, the Princess Victoria Melita, of Saxe-Coburg. The ceremony took place in the palace chapel, and began with the wedding procession, in which Emperor William of Germany escorted the Duchess of Saxe-Coburg, mother of the bride. Ex-Empress Frederick walked alone, and side by side walked the Prince of Wales and the Czarwitch of Russia. Queen Victoria was escorted by her son, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg (Edinburgh), father of the bride. In gorgeous apparel and magnificent jewels it was an incomparable gathering. Queen Victoria wore a crown of diamonds and remained seated throughout the ceremony. Rev. Dr. Mueller addressed the bridal couple and read the responses. He was assisted by the court chaplain.

After the benediction the bride and bridegroom turned to the Queen and kissed her affectionately.

BRAZIL IS PEACEFUL.

The Insurgents Refuse Peixoto's Offer of Amnesty.

NEW YORK, April 28.—The Herald's Rio Janeiro cable says: The government has notified the diplomatic corps that the republic is at peace. The action of Congress on the question of the state of siege is awaited with anxiety.

A seizure of the personal effects of Admiral da Gama was made recently by the government police. Among the papers found were documents which the loyal papers print, showing complicity of the British and Portuguese officials with Da Gama to restore the monarchy and expressing full sympathy with the rebel cause. The government organ, O Tiempo, openly charges Great Britain and Portugal with aiding the revolt.

MONTEVIDEO, April 23.—The Brazilian insurgents, who surrendered to the Uruguayan authorities, have completed their period of quarantine and have landed here. All are in a pitiable condition. They blame Gen. Salgado for the failure of the insurrection. All say they will decline President Peixoto's offer of amnesty.

Colors From Coal-tar.

Writing about that marvellous color producer, coal tar, a writer in Longman's Magazine reminds us that it is only thirty-six years ago that Perkin "gathered up the fragments" in coal-tar and produced the beautiful mauve dye. Now, from the greasy material which was considered useless is produced madder, which makes coal-tar worth £100 a ton. This coloring matter alone now employs an industry of two millions sterling per annum. One tone of good cannel-coal, when distilled in gas retorts, leaves twelve gallons of coal-tar, from which are produced a pound of benzine, a pound of toulene, a pound and a half of phenol, six pounds of napthalene, a small quantity of xylene and half a pound of anthracene for dyeing purposes. According to Roscoe, there are sixteen distinct yellow colors, twelve orange, thirty red, fifteen blue, seven green and nine violet, besides a number of browns and an infinite number of blendings of all shades.—New York World.

Action.

Siamese instruments of torture are made in England, and bear the trade mark of a prominent Birmingham firm.

A French surgeon removed a bullet from the eye of a child without destroying the sight of the optic.

The Roman architects used to put empty jugs in the walls of theatres to make them more resonant.

BEHRING SEA AWARD

British, Canadian and American Representatives Hold a Conference.

DISCUSS THE REGULATIONS

An Amicable Understanding Between the Diplomats as to the Situation and the Conditions of the Award Arrived At—The Sixty-Mile Zone.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Minister, Sir George Baden-Powell, representing the Canadian Government, and W. Edward Goschen, first secretary of the British Embassy, accompanied by Mr. Gresham, Secretary of State, called at the Treasury Department by appointment with Secretary Carlisle, for the purpose of discussing rules and regulations to carry out the findings of the Paris tribunal affecting Behring Sea interests.

Secretary Carlisle received the party in his private room of the Treasury building. Behind closed doors the conference was conducted for two hours, during which time Commander Evens, of the navy, who was in command of the United States fleet in Behring Sea in 1892, was called into the conference and participated in it.

At the conclusion of the conference Secretary Carlisle stated that a general interchange of opinion as to the scope of the instructions to be given the United States agent on the seal islands, and to the naval officers in the Behring Sea fleet took place and a better understanding of the situation and conditions was reached. The limit of catches allowed the North American Commercial Company has not yet been fixed by the United States. It is understood that they will be within the next few days. It is understood that another question discussed was from what point in the Pribyloff islands, the sixty-mile zone established by the Paris tribunal, should be measured, as the islands are a number of miles apart and oblong in shape, ranging in length from 10 to 20 miles.

NEWFOUNDLAND CRISIS.

The Governor Under Imperial Instructions Further Prorogues the House.

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., April 23.—Governor O'Brien has further prorogued the Legislature to May 23, acting under instructions from the British Cabinet advising him to be guided by his ministers, promising to protect him in the matter of revenue and urging him to force trials to an issue. The Whitewayites were terribly disappointed. They counted on dissolution. It is certain now there is no prospect but to face their trials.

Montreal Tea Men Protest.

MONTREAL, April 23.—A meeting of about 20 of the leading tea and coffee merchants of Montreal was held in the Board of Trade to discuss the amended tea duties as brought down in the House of Commons. The general concensus of opinion was that the duties as explained by Mr. Foster on the 6th instant were entirely satisfactory, and on motion of Mr. W. D. Stroud, of W. D. Stroud & Co., seconded by W. Kearney, of Kearney Bros., it was resolved that the wholesale tea importers and wholesale grocery houses of the city of Montreal that the amendments to the tariff as reported by the newspapers do not meet with their approval, but decide to voice their warm approval of the tariff as expressed by the Finance Minister in Parliament on the 5th inst., and that all teas and coffees not imported direct from the country of growth on a through bill of lading should be subject to 10 per cent. duty, thereby increasing direct importation from the country of growth and production.

Toronto Men Have a Narrow Escape.

BUFFALO, April 23.—George B. Boyd and A. Wilkie, of Toronto, Ont., had a narrow escape from death here on Saturday evening. They came in on the evening train and took a carriage at the depot for the Iroquois hotel. The rig had just turned to start when it was run into by a trolley car and both gentlemen were thrown out, but luckily escaped serious injury. They arrived at the hotel somewhat bruised and shaken, but later in the night were not feeling much the worse for what might have been a very serious accident.

Attempt to Burn Niagara Roller Rink.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., April 20.—Another dastardly attempt was made to burn Buckley's roller rink on Park street. The building is a large frame structure and occupied by M. H. Buckley & Co. as furniture warerooms. The blaze was noticed by Night Clerk O'Neil of the G. T.R. refreshment room while on his way home, who gave the alarm. The fire was started in the basement, and was extinguished before any damage was done to the building or contents. This is the third time this building has had the torch applied to it during the last three years.

A Painter's Narrow Escape.

LONDON, Ont., April 21.—A railway crossing accident with a remarkable termination occurred at the asylum crossing of the Grand Trunk at Pottersburg. John Robinson, a painter in the employ of R. Lewis & Co., was coming to work and had to come over the crossing on his way. He is very deaf, and just as he stepped on the track he was struck by a freight train and carried about a quarter of a mile before the train could stop on the down grade just east of the city limits. Strange to say the man escaped almost scatheless.

Another Yankee Poacher Captured.

PORT COLBORNE, April 23.—The Government fishery inspector's tug Dolphin, Capt. Peterson, made another raid on the Buffalo firms' fishermen operating in Canadian waters off this port, and captured the Dunkirk tug Grace, Capt. Helwig, bringing her into this port together with her nets and fish found in them. The tug Grace has been tied up here by the fishery inspector, D. Kerr, of Hamilton, and put her in charge of the customs officials. Capt. Helwig says he was not aware that he was in Canadian waters.

A Suspicious Death in Montreal.

MONTREAL, April 23—Coroner McMahon, of this city, has ordered an investigation into the death of Mrs. Clift, who died under what is regarded as mysterious circumstances. Mrs Clift had been ailing for a long time, but the doctors refused to give a certificate of death.

One Month for Shooting His Wife.

BRANTFORD, Ont., April 21.—At the Brant spring assizes John Turner (colored) was charged with shooting his wife. The prisoner pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one month in jail.

In Another Class.

Mr. Delawanna—I want to sell my farm in Jersey.

Real Estate Agent—What is the price?

Mr. Delawanna—I'd like to get $15,000.

Real Estate Agent—That's pretty high for a farm. You'd better call it a "country seat," and ask twenty.—Life.

Not Trichinosis.

Mean Man—Say, run for a doctor! A neighbor of mine had some of your sausage last night, and he is very sick.

Butcher—Mein cracious! It cannot be he has trichinosis?

Mean Man—No-o; I think it's more like hydrophobia.—New York Weekly.

The Wrong Entrance.

St. Peter—Young man, you cannot enter here.

Arriving Shade—But I am a reporter; here is my badge.

St. Peter—That is a fire badge. It admits within the fire lines only. Go to the other place.

A Comfort.

"So, Hattie has refused you? Well, I wouldn't care. She's a thoughtless thing, and doesn't know her own mind."

"That's so? Oh, well, if she doesn't know her mind perhaps I ought not mind her no."

Corrected.

The Chicago Girl—Yes, all the gentlemen I danced with last night were awfully swell.

Her Boston Aunt—Awfully swollen, my dear. You should be more careful of your grammar.

Forethought.

Aunt Betsy.—Land er the livin', Ezry, what you got ther pick-axe for?

Uncle Ezra, (preparing for his first trip to New York)—Why, don't yer know thet Henry wrote how at this time er year everybuddy had ter pick their way acrost ther streets? Didn't s'dose I was gein' ter hire a pick when I got ter Yawk, did Ye?"—Harper's Bazar.

Cold Weather.

A number of us were sitting close beside the depot register, trying to be as comfortable as possible, and to make our conversation heard above the wild, weird howl of the December wind.

"A very disagreeable day," said an Eastern Virginia man, "but I think I've seen it coldah in the moun"——

"Colder," sneered a Maine lumberman; "if we had this weather up our way we'd sleep outdoors."

"Pretty cold winters, have you?"

"Cold? Wy, men, last winter I was standin' at the door of our shanty, when a fine buck came along, chased by a big an' pow'ful houn'. Agin the law to chase with dogs? Yes, but a good dog outruns the law"——

"But what of the deer and dog?"

"Gimme time. Well, sir, that buck had been skirtin' the lower side of the hill, an' came to the crossing near my shanty. As I opened the door he made a sligh an' a pow'ful leap, the houn' springin' into the air at the same time. At this moment, when both were in the air, the cold wave coming over the hill struck 'em"——

"And threw them over?"

"What? No, gentlemen, that buck and hound were jest friz right there in midair. They never kim down from that leap. I chopped the dog down and thawed him out, but he wan't no good for huntin' after that"——

"But the buck?" said the Virginian, wiping tears from his eyes.

"The buck! He stuck thar, friz in the air till the sun kim out next day an' dropped him."

Effect of a Misstep.

The man coming down the office stairs tripped, lost his balance, and fell forward. Then he described several geometrical figures in the air, shot through the swinging doors, and alighted on the pavement, near the gutter in a sitting position.

An actor happened to be passing—a light comedian was he—and going up to the victim of the misstep, remarked with feeling: "I say, old man, will you teach me that trick? If I could make an entrance on the stage that way, it would bring down the house."

The other heard only the last words, and turned a sadly surprised face toward the actor, "D—didn't the house come down, after all?" he asked, in amazement.

Speckled Beauty.

Lady Caller (to enfant terrible, who is playing in the parlor)—You don't know who I am.

Enfant Terrible—Yes, I do. Mamma calls you Miss Trout.

Lady Caller—Miss Trout?

Enfant Terrible—Yes, Trout's all covered with freckles, ain't they?—Judge.

The Coquette's Love.

Aged Lover—You treat me as if I were a dog.

Coquette—Oh, no, I don't. I like dogs. I pat them on the head, take them out walking, and I even let them kiss me. I don't treat you that way, do I?"

Infantine Philosophy.

Tottie (Aged 5)—I wonder why babies is always born in de night time?

Lottie (aged 7, a little wiser)—Don't you know? It's cos' they wants to make sure of findin' their mothers at home.—Harlem Life.

Ethnological.

If a colored waiter carrying a roast turkey should drop it, what effect would it have on the nations of the earth?

It would be the downfall of Turkey, the overthrow of Greece, the breaking up of China and the humiliation of Africa.

Not a Somnambulist.

Nupop—I can't sleep with the baby crying.

Mrs. Nupop—Then why don't you get up and walk with it a while?

Nupop—Do you think I'm a sleep walker.

Disputed.

Clara—Mr. Fiddleback has just been trying to persuade me that I am a perfect Easter belle.

Maude—Don't you believe it?

Clara—No. I told him I had no ring.—Truth.

Tommy's Idea of Heaven.

Tommy—Say, paw?

Mr. Figg—Well, what is it this time?

Tommy—I bet when Jim Corbett gits to be an angel he'll fly a whole lot higher and furder than anybody else there, don't you, paw?

Almost Persuaded.

Medium—Madam, the spirit of your late husband is rapping. Don't you hear him?

Wife (listening)—If I could only hear the hiccough now, I'd believe it was really he!

Handed Down.

Drummer—Wasn't you an editor once?

Buyer—What makes you think so?

Drummer—I notice you have a habit of drawing a editorial inference from the order you give me.—Texas Siftings.

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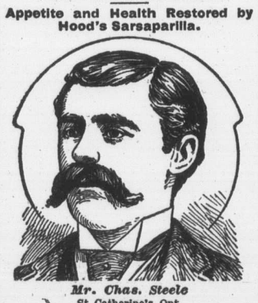

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