

Fun and Fancy.

Mercenary marriages which result in divorce may be compared like adjectives as follows:—Positive, money; comparative, matrimony; superlative, alimony.

It is said in carving a piece of mutton it is better not to cut it saddle-wise, but rather birdwise, because in the latter case you are able to get a bit in your mouth.

It is mighty hard for some people to get out of a room after their visit is ready over. One would think they had been built in parlor or study, and wanted to be launched.

Lecture upon the rhinoceros: Professor—'I must beg you to give me your undivided attention. It is absolutely impossible that you can form a true idea of this hideous animal unless you keep your eyes fixed on me.'

The Scotch definition of metaphysics is, after all, not a bad one. 'Two men are talking together. He that is listening listens to what the other is speaking; and he that is speaking speaks to what he means himself—that's metaphysics.'

'Six pounds bid, gentlemen,' cried the auctioneer at an art sale; 'only six pounds for this fine landscape, with its flowers, trees, water, atmosphere—and such an atmosphere! Why the atmosphere alone is worth the money.'

The conspicuous youth who wears his watch-chain outside his coat wears his brains outside his head. The best treatment in such cases is to bore a hole in the young man's head and pour in about a quart of beef-tea and kumiss. This would kill him, and he would immediately assume his normal condition.

A POPULAR NAME.—The name of Maria is so popular in Ottawa that when a cat climbs a back fence in a well populated neighborhood, and plaintively vocalizes, 'Mar-iar,' twenty windows are thrown up, and twenty female heads are thrust out, wildly answering, 'Is that you, Charley?'

Words of Wisdom. He who looks not before, finds himself behind. Credit is like a looking-glass, easily broken. A joyful evening may follow a sorrowful morning.

Hope is the only good which is common to all men. Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy. It is better to be a righter of wrongs than a writer about wrongs.

A little wrong done to another is a great wrong done to ourselves. People who do mean acts throw poison into their own wells. The art of life is to know how to enjoy a little, and to endure much.

Everything we add to our knowledge adds to our means of usefulness. Grief ennobles. He who has not suffered can never have thought or felt. Every kindly word and feeling, every good deed and thought, every noble action and impulse, is like the ark-sent dove, and returns from the troubled waters of life bearing a green olive branch to the soul.

Our lives are like some complicated machine, working on one side of a wall, and delivering the finished fabric on the other. We cannot cross the barrier and see the end. The work is in our hands—the completion is not. Blessed are the ears that gladly receive the pulses of the Divine whisper. Blessed indeed are those ears that listen not after the voice that is sounding without, but for the truth teaching.—Thomas A. Kempis.

A man cannot afford to do a mean thing under any circumstances; a man cannot afford to do less than his best at all times, and under all circumstances. However unjustly you are treated, you cannot, for your own sake, afford to use anything but your better self, nor render anything but your better services. You cannot afford to lie to a liar; you cannot afford to do other than uprightly with any man, no matter what exigencies may exist between him and you. No man can afford to be any but a true man living in his higher nature, and acting with the highest consideration.

Shall eggs be sold by number or by the pound, is the momentous question that is said to be agitating several Parisian scientists. It has been learned that the average weight of twenty eggs laid by fowls of different breeds is two and one eighth pounds. The breeds that lay the largest eggs averaging seven to a pound, are Black Spanish, Houdans, La Fleches and Creve Coeurs. Eggs of medium size and weight, averaging eight or nine to the pound, are laid by Leghorns, Cochins, Brahmas, Polands, Dorkins, Games and Sultans. Hamburgs lay about ten eggs to the pound. Thus there is a difference of three eggs in one pound weight. Hence it is claimed that in justice to the consumer eggs should be sold by weight.

Mr. E. P. Weston, the well-known pedestrian, has consented to write a series of articles for the Church of England Temperance Chronicle in which he proposes to show that a total abstainer is capable of doing twice as much (and with less exertion) as a man who indulges in the use of alcoholic stimulants. In the first paper published last week, he says:—'I have now permanently retired from I am in any way shattered physically or mentally, but simply because I have been made to realize that an exercise which I have struggled to elevate has been seized by a clique of unprincipled gamblers in America, and degraded to such an extent that no man can associate himself with it now and retain his self-respect.'—Temperance Record.

Club Rates For 1882. We have made arrangements to club THE SIGNAL with the leading city weeklies at the following rates: SIGNAL AND GLOBE, \$2.25; SIGNAL AND ADVERTISER, 2.50; SIGNAL AND MAIL, 2.25; SIGNAL AND RURAL CANADIAN, 2.25; SIGNAL AND CANADIAN FARMER, 2.25; SIGNAL AND CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, 3.00.

Benmiller.

ENGAGED.—Mr. John R. Steep, of Clinton has been engaged as teacher of Benmiller School at a salary of \$450. Mr. Steep is a live, energetic teacher, and no doubt, will give the Colborne people good satisfaction.

DOES GROWING SORGHUM CANE PAY.—The Clinton Record has the following:—As sorghum cane is now being sown extensively, perhaps the result of my experience in its growth and manufacture may be of some interest to some of those who have not grown it this year. I sowed 1/2 of an acre of land which took eight days a labor for tilling, cutting, &c.; it took one day with my team in taking it to be manufactured. It cost me 30c. per gallon for getting it manufactured; the whole expense being \$12.50 at a low calculation, for which I received five gallons of syrup which cost me, on an average, \$2.50 per gallon. The crop was a good average one.—A DISGUSTED SORGHUM GROWER.

Exeter.

HAVE TO QUIT.—We are informed upon good authority, that several of the mills in this section have been compelled to suspend grinding on account of them not being able to secure cars to ship the flour.

DARING BURGLARY.—One of the most daring burglaries that has taken place in this vicinity for a long time was perpetrated at the Exeter station on Tuesday night last. It appears an entrance was effected by forcing the lock off the waiting-room door, but there being nothing in that department to remunerate the burglar for his trouble, he proceeded to the ticket office. In this room he was a little more successful. A hole was bored in the top of the safe, which, after having been charged with the necessary combustibles, was blown into several pieces, and money amounting to eighty-three dollars taken therefrom. The freight shed adjoining the ticket office was also entered and a bundle of bedding taken. A number of other articles were also scattered around. The robbery must have taken place at a very late hour, as Mr. Knight informs us that he did not leave the premises until after ten o'clock.—Times.

Slyth.

A lodge of A. O. U. W. was started this week with a membership of eleven. J. R. Armstrong, of Brussels, was in town this week, he is speculating in potatoes.

Alf. Belfray has returned from Manitoba having disposed of his horses very satisfactorily. John McMillan and T. J. Senior have gone into partnership in the fruit and grocery business.

DECLINED.—Miss Hyslop has declined the offer made her as teacher of the intermediate department of our school. Miss Mary L. Holmes of Clinton has been engaged for the position.

Mr. C. Hamilton has sold his 50 acres, S. 1/2 of N. 1/2, lot 37, con. 3, East Wawanosh, to Alex. Dey, of Manchester, for \$2,000. This is considered a fair price as the buildings were poor.

John McMullen has sold lot 16 and 17 McConnell's street, to John Pulman, for the sum of \$200.

Lucanow.

Mr. J. H. Cameron, brother of D. E. Cameron, Esq., has accepted a position in the Merchants' National Bank, Chicago, Ill., at a salary of \$1000 per year.

VILLAGE LOTS.—At the sale of lots at the village of Kinloch, on Tuesday last a large number were disposed of, the prices paid ranging from twenty to fifty dollars per lot. Over fifty lots were sold, fifteen of which were purchased by Lucknowites.

RE-ENGAGED.—All the present teachers of the Lucknow Public School have been re-engaged for the coming year. The salary of the head master, Mr. Priest, was reduced from \$700 to \$650, while the other four teachers received a slight advance over last year's salary.

THROWING STONES.—Several of our village youths while passing the residence of Mr. Wm. Hardy, on Ross street, on Sunday night last, threw stones at the house, doing considerable damage to the doors and windows. The matter was placed in the hands of Constable McCorvie, but was settled out of court, the defendants paying \$4.20, damages.

MAGISTRATE'S COURT.—A batch of delinquents appeared before the Reeve since our last issue. Robt. Elder, for being drunk and disorderly, paid a dollar and costs; Thos. Adly, for acting in a disorderly manner and the too free use of a revolver was fined a similar amount; and Michael Bolan went down into his pocket for a dollar and costs, for abusive language.

DEATH OF A PIONEER.—It is our painful duty to chronicle this week the death of Robert Somerville, Esq., which took place at the residence of his son, Mr. Jas. Somerville, in this village, on Friday last 26th October. Deceased was born in Clackmannanshire, Scotland, on the 24th of January, 1800, and was consequently 81 years and 9 months old at the time of his death. When a young man he removed to the town of Dunfermline, Fife-shire, where he carried on an extensive business as a builder until the year 1841, at which time he came to Canada and settled in the village of Dundas, Ontario, where he lived until about one year ago, when failing health induced him to come and live with his son in this village. His remains were taken to Dundas on Monday last for interment.

Mr. William Perkins, of Elmville, has sold his farm to Mr. Liddcott, of Clinton. Mr. Perkins will move to Exeter in the spring and live retired.

Joderich Remains.

OBITUARY.—It is with feelings of the deepest regret that we are called upon to chronicle the death of Mrs. Rebecca Cantelon, wife of Mr. Samuel Cantelon, of the 7th concession, which occurred on Thursday of last week, at the age of 77 years, after a very short illness. Deceased was born in the county of Tipperary, Ireland, and was married to her beloved husband in 1824. They emigrated to this country in 1831, and settled down in the township of Toronto, and after residing there two years, removed to their present homestead in Goderich township. She was an affectionate wife, a dutiful mother, and by her kind and affable manner she won the esteem of all who knew her. She was a very industrious woman, and lived an upright christian life. 'Diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.' She had eight sons and two daughters, nearly all of whom survived her. The funeral took place on Friday last, when a large number of sorrowing friends and relatives followed her remains to their last resting place in the Clinton Cemetery.—[Record.]

A Literary Curiosity.

Every student of nouns, pronouns, and verbs knows the necessity of transposing language for the sake of obtaining its grammatical construction. The following shows twenty-six different readings of one of Gray's well-known poetical lines, yet the sense is not affected.

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The necessary pumping apparatus for the Kingston cotton factory has arrived. Water will be drawn from out in the lake some 100 feet, and taken to a reservoir in the tower, and thence distributed over the mill.

The cost of President Garfield's sickness and funeral has been footed up. The estimated cost of the sickness of 85 days duration is \$100,000, or \$1,250 a day. Over \$50,000 of this will go to the doctors. Of this amount Dr. Agnew and Hamilton \$12,000 each, Dr. Reyer \$3,000, and Mrs. Dr. Elson \$1,000. Drs. Woodward and Barnes will get nothing, unless Congress chooses to recognize their services as being not strictly in the line of their duty as army officers. The State of Ohio pays all expenses of transportation of body, escort, etc., after passing State line, estimated at \$24,000. The expenses at Cleveland were \$235,650, and the total outlay will be over \$347,650, of which the United States will pay \$100,000, leaving \$247,650 for Ohio, Cleveland and private individuals.

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