

Anxious to Please.

My wife ELIZABETH said to me,
She had not a doubt I wished myself free
From the matrimonial halter,
My dear, I replied, supposing I do,
I think you'll allow it is equally true,
My condition such wishes can't alter.

Not many days after ELIZABETH ran
Away to the States with another man,
His name she informed me was FISHES;
She wrote me, she'd not been a dutiful wife,
But hoped I'd consider for once in her life,
She now had consulted my wishes.

Soliloquy of a Free-luncher.

Men are but oysters of a larger growth. Man
certainly is a shell-fish creature, and often he's
a green-horn. Occasionally we find a human
oyster who contains a pearl, like generosity, but
the majority are remarkably close. The best
men like the best oysters are usually found deep.
Another point is that a little seasoning makes a
man go down better with the community—he's
always thought more of if he has a good deal of
pepper, salt and vinegar about him. I myself
am an oyster, and so I'll now shut up.

The Isthmus Canal.

The morning sunbeams finding their way
through the yet scant foliage of the tall elms
surrounding the house, at length entered the
window of his chamber, causing the dried
apples in the two barrels stored there for spring
use to shine like so many golden nuggets from
the Antipodes, and "bringing out" the colors
of the rag carpet of the room like unto
those of Persia—or elsewhere.

"Shall the canal be built?" mused GUSTAVUS,
as one of the many chancieclers belonging to
the SLASHBUSH family sounded his first clarion
note in response to the *reviellie* in Uncle EPHRAIM's barn. "Shall the canal be built, and if
so, who shall build it? MOSSOU DELESSEPS is
a great man—a very great man—for a French-
man; but who is to supply the money?—the
funds?—the collateral?—to go on with it. We
could of course, but here again the jealous and
presuming Yankee steps in with his "MUNRO
doctrine," and says we shan't. Now, who is
MUNRO, that is to interfere with the commerce
of the world! Am I, because JIM MUNRO ob-
jected to European interference, to send my
ship all the way round the Horn to Valparaiso
for a cargo, when I can make a beeline through
the Isthmus? Am I, when I wish to bring a
cargo of willow pattern plates from Hong
Kong or square-nosed tea-pots from Japan, to
go about 20,000 miles out of my course because old
JIM MUNRO says I must! Guess not. Not if
I'd my way! If the Yanks won't agree, let's
have war! Let us and France say the canal
must be dug, and it shall be dug, even if we
have to destroy all the American cities from
Portland to Galveston. Confound MUNRO and
his—"EPHRAIM!" shouted ALMIRA from the
foot of the stairs, "Dad's a comin! You'd
better hurry up and feed them hosses." "Thun-
der," said EPHRAIM, as he hurriedly jumped
into his clothes, "Thunder! It's near six
o'clock!"

There He Spouts!

The St. Johns (Newfoundland) *Star* says:

"We stand upon the brink of a new revelation, upon
the shore of an unexplored sea, on the confines of a new
world; we are all suddenly converted from a condition of
listless apathy, almost sad enough to serve for stygian
depths, into one of hopeful, healthy and inspiring
activity. We have all assumed fresh life and new vigor,
and it is not at all unlikely that we shall all soon become
a very daring and fortunate set of adventurers."

Which, being translated, means that New-
foundland is about to build its first railway.
Fish is a splendid brain food, but the Editor of
the *Star* got tired of fish when he was very
young. He blows like a first-class whale for all
that.

The Pacific R. R. Wrangle Epitomized

"The rail! the rail! I'll no more assail;
It must be built," sings the *Globe* with the *Mail*.
"Awake! awake!" cries great ED. BLAKE,
"The country's finances are all at stake!"
"Lie down! lie down!" thunders great BROWN,
As o'er his countenance flashes a frown!
"I rise! I rise!" Sir JOHN then cries,
"To say my joy is mixed with surprise!"
"Forgive! forgive!" Sir CHARLES he cries,
"I forgive the *Globe* for all of its lies!"
"Those terms! those terms! CARNARVON terms!"
DE COSMAS and WHITE howl out by turns.
"Hoorah! hoorah!" shout the Tories all,
"The Grits have split and soon must fall!"
"The *Mail*! the *Mail*! has us on the nail,
But still we're Grit, and still we'll rail!"

**CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY.****TENDERS FOR FENCING.**

THE undersigned will receive Tenders for wire fencing
to be erected, where required, on the line of Rail-
way in Manitoba. Parties tendering will furnish spec-
ifications, drawings and samples of the fence, or different
kinds of fence they propose to erect, and also of the Farm
Gates and fastenings proposed to be employed. The
prices must be for the work erected and in every respect
completed.

Tenders addressed to the undersigned and endorsed
"Tender for Fencing" will be received up to Noon on
Tuesday, the 1st of June next.

By order,

F. BRAUN,
Secretary.

Dept. of Railways and Canals, }
Ottawa, 26th April, 1880. }

**WELLAND CANAL.****NOTICE**

TO

BRIDGE-BUILDERS.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned
(Secretary of Railways and Canals) and endorsed
"Tender for Bridges, Welland Canal," will be received
at this office until the arrival of the Western mails on
TUESDAY THE 15th DAY OF JUNE next, for the
construction of swing and stationary bridges at various
places on the line of the Welland Canal. Those for high-
ways are to be a combination of iron and wood, and those
for railway purposes are to be of iron.

Plans, specifications and general conditions can be seen
at this office on and after MONDAY, THE 31st DAY
OF MAY next, where Forms of Tender can also be
obtained.

Parties tendering are expected to have a practical
knowledge of works of this class, and are requested to
bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless
made strictly in accordance with the printed forms, and—
in the case of firms—except there are attached the actual
signatures, the nature of the occupation, and the residence
of each member of the same; and further an accepted
bank cheque for a sum equal to \$250 for each bridge for
which an offer is made, must accompany each Tender,
which sum shall be forfeited if the party tendering declines
entering into contract for the work at the rates and on the
terms stated in the offer submitted.

The cheque thus sent in will be returned to the respec-
tive parties whose tenders are not accepted.

For the due fulfillment of the contract the party or
parties whose tender it is proposed to accept will be notified
that their tender is accepted subject to a deposit of five per
cent. of the bulk sum of the contract—of which the sum
sent in with the tender will be considered a part—to be
deposited to the credit of the Receiver-General within
eight days after the date of the notice.

Ninety per cent. only of the progress estimates will be
paid until the completion of the work.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to
accept the lowest or any tender.

By Order,

F. BRAUN,
Secretary.

DEPT. OF RAILWAYS & CANALS, }
Ottawa, 29th March, 1880. }

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Nonsense.

Reformers should tender a dinner,
To their one honest member old SKINNER;
He gave a straight vote,
For it stuck in his throat
To oppose all his past like a sinner.

There are two reasons why we know,
That Mr. THOMAS WHITE spoke well
In answer to the speech of BLAKE:
First—his own paper tells us so;
Second—it didn't need to tell,
For better speech did no man make—
He really spifficated BLAKE.

M. E. MURCHALL.

He Frankly Admitted It.

PEDAGOGUE. (to small boy, who is somewhat
dull.)—"Have you no brains, JAMES?"

JAMES. (a doctor's youngest, with tears glisten-
ing in his eyes.)—"Please, no, sir; Poxto got
into Pa's study yesterday, and put his paws
right up on the table, and it all fell over, and
the bottle with the brains that Pa was going to
give me when I get to be a doctor, was all
smashed, and Pa had to throw my brains away
—boo! bah! oo!"

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TO

Machinist-Contractors.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned
(Secretary of Railways and Canals) and endorsed
"Tender for Lock Gates, Welland Canal," will be re-
ceived at this office until the arrival of the Eastern and
Western Mails on THURSDAY the 3rd day of JUNE
next, for the construction of gates, and the necessary
machinery connected with them, for the new locks on the
Welland Canal.

Plans, Specifications, and General Conditions can be
seen at this office on and after THURSDAY the 30th
day of MAY next, where forms of tender can also be
obtained.

Parties tendering are expected to provide the special
tools necessary for, and to have a practical knowledge of,
works of this class, and are requested to bear in mind
that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly
in accordance with the printed forms, and—in the case of
firms—except there are attached the actual signatures,
the nature of the occupation and residence of each mem-
ber of the same; and, further, an accepted bank cheque
for a sum equal to \$250, for the gates of each lock, must
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