

## A COMPREHENSIVE CURSE FOR THE FREEMASONS.

A Leeds correspondent sends us the *Valparaiso Mail*, of Jan. 2, and calls our our attention to this paragraph in it :

"The Bishop of Rio Grande, says the *Opinion Nationale*, of Rosario, excommunicated and anathematized the Masons of that province, cursing them in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, of St. Peter, St. Paul, and St. Andrew, of all the Apostles and disciples of Jesus Christ, of the four Evangelists, of all the Martyrs from the beginning of the world to the end of time ; he cursed them all by the heavens and the earth, all the things therein, in their houses, when traveling on land and on water, in church, coming, going, eating, drinking, playing, when courting sleep, asleep and awake, walking, riding, sitting, working and resting. He cursed all the power of their bodies, interior and exterior, their hair, eyes, head, ears, jaws, nose, teeth, throat, shoulders, arms, legs, feet, all the joints, and finally wound up as follows :—Curse them, Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, with all the power of thy majesty, and may they be delivered up to eternal condemnation if they do not repent, and confess their faults. Amen. Amen."

That is as bad a curse as that of Ingoldsby—*vide* "The Jackdaw of Rheims"—and approaches that quoted by Sterne in "Tristram Shandy." This was the curse on the thievish Jackday—

"He cursed him at board, he cursed him in bed ;  
From the sole of his foot to the crown of his head,  
He cursed him in sleeping, that every night  
He should dream of the devil, and wake in a fright ;  
He cursed him in eating, he cursed him in drinking ;  
He cursed him in coughing, in sneezing, in winking ;  
He cursed him in sitting, in standing, in lying ;  
He cursed him in walking, in riding, in flying,  
He cursed him in livin', he cursed him in dyin' !"

—*London Freemason.*

A TINY ENGINE.—The smallest engine in the world is now in possession of John Penn, of Greenwich, England, the eminent maker of engines. It will stand on a three-penny piece ; it really covers less space, for its base-plate measures only three-eighths of an inch by three-tenths. So small are some of the parts that they require a powerful magnifying glass to see their form. The whole weight of the model is less than a threepenny piece. It works admirably, and, when working, its crank-shaft performs from twenty to thirty thousand revolutions in a minute.

A LATE number of the San Francisco *Bulletin* speaks of a Mr. David Stiles, who is 102 years old, and has been a Mason seventy-one years of that time. His Masonic history is alike interesting and honorable to him. He has been a Mason seventy-one years, and is no doubt the oldest Mason on this continent. He was made a Mason at Toronto, C. W., December 28, 1796, when William Jerves was Grand Master of Canada. The Lodge at Toronto was No. 16 of that jurisdiction. He has assisted in forming very many Lodges, and is now a member of Hazel Green Lodge, No. 43, of Illinois.

FREEMASONRY IN CHINA.—We have very interesting news of the progress of British Masonry in China. A new Lodge has been established at Chin-Kiang, a rising port on the great Yang-tze river, during last year, and has been very favorably mentioned as doing useful work amongst the community at that place ; and from what we hear there is still plenty of work before it. The Lodge is called Dori. Lodge, No. 1433, and was constituted on December 15, 1873, at the Lodge Room Chin-Kiang, and its officers were installed.

THE Dutch have elected Prince Henry as successor to Prince Frederick in the Grand Mastership. Prince Frederick has been a Mason for fifty-three years, and still remains Protector to the Dutch Grand Lodge.

## AT REST.

DIED at Kingsville, Ontario, on the 12th April, 1874, Brother Henry Wigle, aged 58 years.

ALSO on the 28th April, 1874, W. Bro. Peter C. McDonald, aged 56 years. Both were members of St. George's Lodge, No. 41, Kingsville.