

## The Poet's Corner.

**A Lay for St. Patrick's Day.**  
(The last poem of the London World.)  
I saw in a dream the sad angel of Erin:  
Her green robe hung loosely, so withered her form.  
For her country she sighed, as though almost  
despairing  
Of shelter and rest from the pitiless storm.  
Though the day-star of hope, rising fair 'o'er  
the ocean,  
Shone bright on the mist of her eye's sad devotion.  
Yet scarcely her lips, in their trembling emotion,  
Could whisper the anthem of Erin-go-bragh.  
"Sad is my fate," said the heart broken stranger:  
"The wild deer and fox shall be monarchs alone;  
For, racked by the tortures of famine and death,  
To new homes and new countries my children  
have fled.  
Never again, when the hill-tops are hoary  
And the winter winds wail, shall they list to  
the story,  
When their forefathers loved, of their country-  
men's glory.  
Nor join in the chorus of Erin-go-bragh.  
Britannia, my sister, though sad and forsaken,  
In hope I yet linger about thy rough shore:  
Alas, has my angel power to awaken  
Som' ploy to love, and some aid to restore?  
O happy land, only thou canst replace me  
In a haven of peace! If thine arm shall embrace me,  
Never again will my children disgrace me,  
Nor die at a distance, but live in my heart.  
Now is the cabin door open and shattered,  
Father and mother are weeping within:  
Gone are their kindred, their friends are all  
scattered,  
Their children with famine are wasted and thin.  
Ah, my sad heart, as I look on this sorrow,  
Hopeless to-day and despairing to-morrow,  
How can I dare any comfort to borrow  
From dreams which the future may blast  
and destroy?  
Yet all the thoughts of its anguish suppressing,  
One only fond wish my sad heart can desire—  
That my son's bitter curses may change to a  
blessing.  
As faction shall languish and discord expire!  
Now wild with distress is my life of the ocean:  
Then gladness shall swell my fond breast  
with emotion.  
And my children shall sing with new love and  
devotion.  
Erin mavourneen, Erin-go-bragh!"

## Fun and Fancy.

The day wore on. Well, what did it wear?—[Ex. Wore the close of the day, of course.—Syracuse S. Times.]  
When Tommy puts a piece of Johnny cake in his pocket for lunch he calls it an Indian reservation.  
A Detroit lady called at a drug store the other day and said: "I want a tooth-brush—a real nice one. I want it for a spare bed-room."  
"Say, boy, say!" exclaimed a hot-looking man with a valise, "what is the quickest way to get to the cars?" "Run!" yelled the boy; and the hot-looking man was so pleased with the information that if he could have got near enough to the boy he would have given him something.  
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On the right hand side not everywhere.  
Unless you want the postmaster.  
To make things hot and "cuss and swaire."  
SOMEBODY SHUT UP.—The baby didn't feel pretty good anyhow, poor little thing; the car was cold and the road was rough, and everybody was cross and glum, and the baby had only one way in which to express its emotions, so it cried. And how did it cry? Twenty-eight miles of it and no sign of a let up, and the tired mother just smothering it with baby talk and rocking the little thing in her arms. Presently a testy looking old man, an old bachelor if there ever was one, turned in his seat and snarled: "Can't you shut that child up?" The light that gleamed from her eyes was dangerous, as she hugged the baby a little closer and fired back at him: "I can shut you up a good deal quicker." The howl of approbation went up all over the car, and he shut up.

## Separate Schools.

Mr. Bell recently asked a question in respect to Separate schools that we think deserves a reply. He moved for a return showing the qualifications of the teachers employed there. Mr. Crooks objected to the question, but Mr. Crooks to be unable to see good grounds for the objection. The Separate School system, for good or ill, is a settled element in our educational fabric, and no one proposes to disturb it. But it is certainly legitimate for any one to desire that it should be efficient. We have come to the conclusion that a certain standard of qualifications is requisite and necessary for Public School teachers, why not also for separate school teachers? The public money goes to the support of separate schools, why should not the public have a guarantee of the fitness of those who teach? We are of the opinion that the efficiency of the separate schools would be greatly improved, if the teachers were required to take out certificates at the same examinations as their fellows of the public schools. That would guarantee their literary fitness and their suitability otherwise could very well be left as it is, to those it more immediately concerns. There would be nothing in this to prevent Christian Brothers or other orders from teaching as now, all that would be required is that as they receive aid from the public chest, the public would have a guarantee of their literary fitness for their work. We are satisfied that a change of this kind would be welcomed by the great majority of Separate School supporters, many of whom are painfully conscious of the inferiority in many instances, of their own schools as compared with Public Schools.

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## THE WORLD OVER.

## The Week's News in a Nutshell

Interesting Condensations by Wire and Mail.

Twenty Land League demonstrations have been fixed for Sunday in order to show the strength of the Land League. The remains of poor General Colley were conveyed to the British camp at Prospect Hill on Wednesday, and buried with full military honors.

Honolulu is just now scourged by a smallpox epidemic, brought on chiefly by the wretched sanitary condition of the city.

The Imperial Government has offered a reward of £100 for the discovery of the murderer of Lieutenant Roper, who was shot in Brampton Barracks some time ago, it is supposed by a Fenian.

De Lesseps says that the Panama Canal will be finished by 1886. The estimates of the cost to be lifted have been reduced by 2,000,000 cubic metres. He now estimates the cost at 512,000,000 francs.

William Steward, a coloured man of Ekfrid, whose purchases of white metal and zinc lately excited some suspicion, has been arrested charged with counterfeiting. Some spurious coins were found in his possession.

It is said that the distance between Chicago and Liverpool via New York, and this is urged as an argument for making Quebec a winter port. The St. Lawrence from Quebec to the ocean is never frozen, and the ice floes formed prevent fogs on the river, so it is claimed by advocates of the scheme.

The person found dead near Acton, March 3rd, proved to be Miss Catharine Keith, aged 18, whose parents live about three miles from Acton. It appears Miss Keith started about a week ago to walk home, a distance of about six miles from Mr. Finlay McCallum's, Scotch Block, where she had been working, and, when within about half a mile from home, it is supposed she sank down exhausted and was frozen to death.

A farmer of Chatham township, named Frederick Bennett, started to chop wood in his bush, March 3rd, and not returning at the usual hour, search was made by the neighbors, who found him near the tree which he had partly chopped, in a kneeling posture, unconscious, with a large gash in the top of his head, and a portion of his brain protruding. The axe was found beside him. How the accident occurred is not known.

A year ago John McCarthy, a Belleville cab-driver, was urged to join the Working-men's Temperance Association by Mr. N. B. Falkner, a prominent lawyer, who promised if he did so and kept the obligation for a year, to make him a present of a house and lot. McCarthy yielded to this persuasion and joined the association, and has never since violated the obligation. Mr. Falkner asked him yesterday to take a walk, and brought him to a lonely wooded spot, which was duly made over to him.

The Rev. William F. Clark, in a letter to the Listowel Banner, repudiates the title of "Rev." and disclaims any further right of its being prefixed to his name. He says the time has now arrived to raise the question, "By what rule of propriety or law of right the term 'Rev.' is applied to the ministers of the Gospel?" Mr. W. F. Clark will find but few followers hereabouts in this new agitation, although there are not a few in this section who think the prefix unnecessary in his particular case.—[Ex.]

John Chinaman is not bringing his steamships to San Francisco for a pleasure excursion. He means business. The telegraph reports that a second steamer with the dragon flag has put in an appearance at San Francisco, and is now offering to carry flour from there to Hong Kong for \$5 a ton. The Pacific Mail Steamship Company is understood to meet this bid by an offer of \$2.50, and it is now in order for John to say how much lower he will go if he intends to keep the business. Merchants and shippers thus have already the benefit of "Chinese cheap labor" on the high seas, at the same time that a great corporation has to compete with an element which promises to be a much more effective regulator of the Pacific freight market than anything else that could possibly be devised. "The question now is, how long will it be before the dragon flag is seen on the Atlantic, also as a competitor for the carrying trade there?"

Chatham school board has passed a resolution abolishing corporal punishment in the schools under its jurisdiction, and a local paper advises the board to rescind the motion, on the ground that they have heavily handicapped the whole staff of teachers in the due performance of their duties. The question is one in which much may be said on both sides. There is this, however, to be said in favor of the abolition of punishment in schools, that in many of them the teachers, under present conditions, are too young themselves to have such a great power given them, especially as not the majority by any means study the disposition of each child, and the best means of enforcing obedience in each individual case. Still, for all this, we are inclined to leave the custom as it is, preferring to risk the law's restraints on teachers to allowing our schools to become little Bedlams.

A writer in a French paper gossips pleasantly about the famous persons and gens d'esprit who have been deformed or malformed. "The list of such persons would be a long one indeed. At the head of them would stand Moses and Demosthenes, and the list would close with David, the French painter, and Camille Desmoulins." As to gibbous persons, the writer cites the case of Saint Pavin, who depicted himself as follows: "In the midst of my back there rises a heap of bones and flesh pointed like a steeple." "To be mentioned here, also, is the mysterious contest of Talleyrand (laine from his childhood) with Reniel, member of the Directory, whose eyes squinted horribly. It is said that after having thrown his inkstand at the head of the old Archbishop of Autun, Reniel apostrophized him in this manner: "Vile emigre, your mind is no more rightly formed than your foot." But Talleyrand took his revenge by replying that his adversary could not see straight.

## The Delusions of Courtship.

"I would not have her know it for anything," says a young man speaking of something pertaining to himself, and referring to a young lady to whom he is paying attention. He fears it would change her opinion of him, and interfere with the prospect of his obtaining her hand. Such observations are of every day occurrence. Who has not heard young men make them? Yet they show an unsound condition of things—an attempt to win a heart and hand by false pretences. To obtain goods in the same way would constitute a criminal offence. Unfortunately, courtship, as conducted, is too often a period of probation in which each party guards most assiduously against being found out by the other, instead of being, as it should, the occasion of that thorough mutual acquaintance which should always precede a marriage. Every young man should deal honestly with himself. He should say to himself, "If there is anything I do not wish the girl I ask to marry me should know, then it must be something wrong. Now I will correct this wrong, or I will tell her of it; for I will not be so unkindly as to deceive her into marrying me. By dealing honestly with myself in the first place, he comes to a correct understanding of the nature of the fact which he has concealed; then if he deals honestly with the girl he tells her of it. People who love each other will marry in spite of the disclosures of many faults; but it is better that these faults should be understood before marriage than that first discovered afterward. We are sorry to say that concealments and deceptions during courtship are not confined to the sterner sex. They are practiced, perhaps, to quite as great an extent by young ladies. Many a false hearted and treacherous girl has a thousand smiles during courtship to every one that illumines her face after marriage. Whichever side may be in the fault, the practical results of the delusions of courtship are the same; they lead to a miserable life. If I had known it before hand I would never have married you," is the declaration which has proved the knell to the happiness of many an unmarried pair. It would have been much better, in every such case, that the cause of offence, whatever it may be, should have been known before; then the marriage might never have taken place. At all events this ground of reproach would have been removed. Be sure that your courtship leaves no delusions to be dispelled after marriage.

AN ODD FANCIER.—A monkey, the property of Mr. W. J. Way, of Toronto, created a great deal of amusement for the young folks at Bradford Postoffice show. He had for a companion a bantam chicken, to which he seemed greatly attached, scarcely allowing it to leave his arms for a moment, carrying it about all day, and at night sleeping with it in his bosom. He seemed to be very fond of eggs, which he ate greedily, and only by these could he be tempted to leave his charge. Jacob's love of warmth had tempted him to sleep too close to the fire and, probably in his dreams of a warmer clime, his tail had wandered into it, and got badly burnt. This seemed at times to pain him greatly, and he would take it up in his paws and examine it. The chick, mistaking it for some tempting morsel intended for its use, would give it a peck, when the look of reproach with which Jacob would regard the chick appeared almost human.

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