

SHADES OF CITY LIFE.

BRIEF PARAGRAPHS OF ORDINARY HAPPENINGS.

The Brave Act of a Little Girl in Rescuing a Companion from Drowning—The Trials of the Base-Ball season and other Sparkling Little Every-day Incidents.

The daily papers noted the fact one day during the week that an anti-tobacco enthusiast had reported a number of ladies for smoking cigarettes while in attendance upon one of his private lectures on the evils of the popular weed.

In speaking of anti-tobaccoists it reminds us of the time, a few years ago, when the Anti-Tobacco Association was in full force in this city.

We of the sterner sex are naturally apt to think that bravery and fortitude alone belongs to the harder type of humanity—man. Not so; we are frequently and very forcibly reminded of woman's stout-heartedness, the incident at Drury Cove a short time ago demonstrating with particular clearness that even in young girls we find bravery and firmness worthy of the bravest.

Each baseball season seems to have attendant upon it those irritating little stories about unfair treatment, "roastings" from umpires and hard usage at the hands, yea and the vocal organs too, of the crowd.

Perhaps the prize kickers in the journalistic line in this part of the country are the papers of Fredericton. In their columns you can find any word you wish in the vernacular of a professional mule; and many idioms, quite novel as well as original along the same lines also appear in them.

Halifax is more English and as a consequence the papers of the garrison city are decidedly conservative in the matter of sporting criticism, even more so than St. John journals, although in hockey times some very warm lines have been set up, but when it comes down to whole-hearted hospitality and welcome, it takes the American towns to extend it.

lary exemplified. The St. John club players cannot speak too highly of the manner in which they were treated by their victorious hosts, while at Eastport the Quoddy's spared neither money, time nor trouble to make the visit of the boys from North End a memorable one.

Such expressions of good fellowship and cordiality, overshadowing sporting wrangles and differences, cannot but promote that seemingly unknown quantity and quality among our field sports and their followers.

Have you noticed the linen hats of various hues being worn by the sporting fraternity? They just struck the city about two weeks ago and are said to be the last hot weather craze in the States and Upper Canada.

I'll venture there has been more self-inflicted kicking done this week than for some time past. In the first place a second issue of jubilee stamps has reached our city including all the popular denominations such as "halves," "eights" "tens," etc and those ever-alert stamp speculators are out of pocket considerable by the government's "mean" trick.

Again those baseball enthusiasts who placed their good money on the St. Johns against the Roses—they lost too.

Anent Sunday funerals over, which there is, and has been, considerable discussion in the past, I note the absence of them, practically, in Toronto. The law there prohibits Sunday funerals except when deaths are caused by contagious diseases in which cases more speedy burials are necessary.

Toronto's first step against dead-burying on Sunday was taken by the clergymen of the city who found the custom growing to such universal proportions that their day of labor was growing even more and more laborious. Preaching in the morning, conducting perhaps more than one funeral in the afternoon, sermon again in the evening, besides after-meetings, Sunday school attendance etc.

Now that the bicycle has taken such a prominent place in the lives of many world inhabitants an observant person can almost delineate the character of riders by the manner in which the silent steed is managed. Bicycle sitting posture, styles, handles, and color all seem to serve as indices whereby the characteristic traits of the wheelman or woman can be singled out.

People need not go to the Klondyke for a real cold bath, Bay Shore is much nearer and cheaper.

The person who originated the idea of rainy days for Torryburn picnics has died a natural death.

A party of Americans went up river on the steam yacht "Dream" on Tuesday flying nothing but the Stars and Stripes. Its well proprietor McCormick of the Victoria, or one of our Grand Lake men-of-war did not come across the pleasuring

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THOUGHT HE WAS A HERO. Dilemma of the man who held a Burst Bathtub Together.

One of the most ridiculous situations which at the time bring the coldest sweat out of a man's brow, and ever after remain with him as a constant source of mirth, occurred to a Shelton merchant a few days ago. He thought he would take a bath, and as his flat is minus one of the chief requisites for the job—a bathtub—he extemporized one out of a small washtub and enjoyed a cooling ablution.

He had just concluded and stepped from the tub for the towel, when suddenly the top hoop of the tub burst with a sharp report, and the man saw to his horror that the whole contents of the tub would soon be flooding the floor. At the same moment he thought of the store beneath and the amount of damage the water would do as it ran down through the ceiling.

Like the boy who saved Holland, he manfully remained in his most uncomfortable position, until relief in the shape of his wife appeared. Then to cap the climax, when he asked her to get a rope or any old thing to tie about the tub, she, after a long fit of uncontrollable laughter, asked him why he didn't carry the tub and contents out to the sink room and pour out the water.

An Exposure of Hideous Practices. The Newspaper Nedelja describes the discovery of hideous practices among the beggars of South Russia who mutilate children for the object of rendering their appearance such as will excite pity and thus draw money from the charitable.

The paper tells of a girl eight years old who was stolen from her parents by beggars. The child was gagged and taken to a cellar, where her captors discussed the methods to be employed in mutilating her. Finally her face was smeared with pitch, which was then set on fire, the flames searing her face and blinding her.

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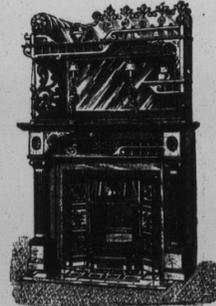
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