

Fun and Fancy.

When a man attains the age of 90 years, he may be termed Xcilingly old. The Hartford Post says that a heathen is a person who won't accept your own particular religious belief. An editor always finds rest—in the dictionary, if nowhere else, and it's about the only place that he can find it. The baker's business should be profitable; a good part of his stock is rising while he sleeps. An old bachelor suggests that births be published under the head of new music. Some men give according to their means, and others according to their meanness. "Don't shiver for last year's snow," is a saying of Archbishop Whately's, is peculiarly applicable to those who make themselves miserable over troubles that are past. A young city fellow bought a farm last winter. He had a fine orchard of about two hundred apple trees, and a few weeks ago he tapped every one of them for cider. There was a fight imminent between two boys. One of them darkly hinted that he was bigger than the other. The smaller, who was the son of a deacon, defiantly retorted: "I don't care if you are as big as a church debt; you can't scare me. A middle-aged old woman was sneering at a young mother's awkwardness with her infant, and said: "I declare a woman never ought to have a baby unless she knows how to hold it." "Not a tongue, either," was the quiet rejoinder. A Scottish clergyman thought his people were making rather an unreasonable objection to his using manuscript in delivering a sermon. They urged, "What gars ye tak' up your bit papers to the pulpit?" He replied that it was best, for really he could not remember his sermon and must have his paper. "Weel, weel, minister, then dinna expect that we can remember them." Son to his fond father, who had asked him where he is in his class now: "Oh, pa, I've got a much better place than I had last quarter." "Indeed? Well, where are you?" "I'm fourteenth." "Fourteenth, you little laybones. You were eighth last term. Dou you call that a better place?" "Yes, sir; it's nearer the stove. A married gentleman, every time he met the father of his wife, complained to him of the temper and disposition of his daughter. At last, upon one occasion, the old gentleman, becoming weary of the grumbling of his son-in-law, exclaimed: "You are right; she is an impetuous jade, and if I hear any more complaints of her I will disinheritor her." The husband made no more complaints. Says the Springfield Republican:—Parson Cantable is one of the most absent-minded men we know. At a funeral, the other day, after going through with the usual exercises for such cases made and provided, and while the bereaved circle were sighing and weeping, and the mourners were completely overcome by his harrowing eloquence, he sank gracefully into his chair with the announcement:—"The usual collection will now be taken." Even the head of the head mourners fairly snickered. There was an amusing typographical error in a Washington paper the other day:—A few nights ago Alfred Foreman, coloured, was shot on his neighbor's premises, from the effects of which he died in forty-eight hours. Though Alfred belonged to a "coloured benevolent society," it was by his enemies always supposed he was not averse to helping himself in a small way, on the occasion presented itself. However, this had nothing to do with the published resolutions of his brotherhood, which read that in the hour of death he was cheered with the hope of immortal life in that land "where chickens, sorrow, pain and death are folk and fessed no more." It is said by his friends that "chickens" is a misprint for "sickness." There must have been a wicked compositor somewhere in the printing office.

Rules for Skaters.

Never get out of anybody's road. If anyone is in your road don't go around him—go straight through him. Don't burden yourself with any extra wraps; skidding is pleasant occasionally. When you find yourself falling, bring some one else down with you, and be sure to keep on top. If a green skater asks your assistance, don't give it; people might take you for a greeny. If your straps and buckles get out of order, swear at them; bottled anger is bad for the soul. If you happen to own skates, don't lend them to a little brother, or little sister, or anyone else. If a pretty girl comes along and capsizes at your feet, pick her up tenderly and offer her your arm. Don't learn to skate by the old fashioned method; try spread eagles at once. If you get uncomfortably warm, hand your skates or seal saque to the first one who comes along. They'll keep it with pleasure. If your sister takes a tumble, make out you don't see her; it's terribly stupid work to play the agreeable to an old poke like her. If you fall, don't be in a hurry getting up; you can take a rest, and if a dozen trip and double over you it will only make sport for the crowd. Skaters would do well to remember that love on skates always runs smooth. A fellow that owns a good pair of skates, a commanding ulster and a jaunty cap, can have the pick and choice of girls. Always carry temperance tracts about you; then if you want to leave your girl for a few minutes to get a hot lemonade, tell her you saw a fellow in the distance you want to give a tract to; she'll believe you. If you give her a peppermint lozenge when you come back, she'll believe you more yet. "THERY ALL DO IT."—To beautify the teeth and give fragrance to the breath use "Teaberry" the new toilet gem. Get 5 cent sample. 1762

THE WORLD OVER.

The Week's News in a Nutshell. Interesting Condensations by Wire and Mail. Ashmead-Bartlett is 29, and the Baroness Burdet-Conte, his wife, 67. The Grand Trunk lost \$30,000 by the smash up at Prescott Junction, which occurred on last Friday evening. Alphonse Lefebvre, charged with stealing \$12,000 from the steamer Beutham nearly two years ago, was liberated from gaol last week. He had been held twenty months on suspicion. Washington, Feb. 17.—Owing to the advantage taken of the rule relative to the duty upon "alcohol shells" shipped from Canada, the Treasury has ordered that all preparations of which distilled spirits is the component of chief value shall pay the same duty as spirits. Mr. S. Dickson, postmaster, has purchased the farm on the Northern Gravel Road in McKillop, near Leadbury, adjoining that of Mr. F. McCulla. The farm contains 75 acres, and was bought for \$3,500. It is a good farm and well situated, but it is without buildings. Windsor, Feb. 15.—An old lady named Murton was burned to death Tuesday afternoon in her abode in Messrs. Curry's lumber yard, by a spark from the stove igniting her clothing. She had laid down on account of illness. The doors were locked, and before they were forced open it was too late to get her out. The Land League leaders are endeavoring to allay the panic which has been caused among the disaffected in Ireland by the introduction of the Coercion Act, by representing that measure as harmless, and by pointing out that under the provisions, freedom of speech and the right of peaceable assembly will not be interfered with. A cheap stained pine coffin, labelled "For sale, warranted as good as new," was found on the sidewalk near the Kingston Wharf office on Saturday morning. A couple of grim playthings were left at the doors of second-hand brokers' shops last night. They are said to have come from the old medical college. The foot race between Jas. Quirk, of Brantford, and Charles Biggar, of Ferris, for \$500 a side, came off at Woodstock on Tuesday. It was timed for 2 p. m. but it was an hour before the men were stripped and ready. The race was a very pretty one, and resulted in an easy victory for Quirk by about ten feet in the last time of 9 1/2 seconds. The Executive Committee of the Diocese of Ontario, which has been in session in Kingston, decided on recommending that as over \$15,000 of the funds of the Diocese had been unaccounted for by the late clerical secretary, he be presented to the Bishop for trial. It was considered that in the interest of the church it was impossible that such grave irregularities could be overlooked. Buffalo, Feb. 16.—Pierce's Palace Hotel was completely destroyed. The hotel was opened April 29th, 1878, and cost, including furniture, \$500,000, half of which was expended on the building. The loss is estimated at \$500,000. The insurance aggregates \$280,400, distributed among a large number of companies in amounts ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 each. The loss of the guests will be heavy, many of them saving but a portion of their effects. A number of them are insured. On the 1st of January, of a total of 183,942 non-commissioned officers and men in the British army, 127,793 were English, 14,450 Scotch, 38,375 Irish, 1,869 were born in India or the colonies, 2,361 were foreigners, and 4,084 are returned as "not reported." As regards religious denominations, it appears that of the total of 183,942 non-commissioned officers and men 115,266 were members of the Church of England, 14,024 Presbyterians, 7,309 other Protestants, 42,371 Roman Catholics, 152 Mahomedans, Hindus, Jews, &c., while the religious of 4,830 are not reported; possibly these latter were Agnostics. One important fact is, 7,859 British soldiers could neither read nor write. A terrible scandal is reported from Theford, affecting the character of a prominent clergyman, who has absconded. Late last fall this clergyman is said to have violated a girl of tender years in a ravine north of the village. He was detected by a young man, a resident of the village, whose word has always been looked upon as reliable. The minister begged of him to keep the matter a secret, and promised him money if he would do so. He replied that he would, but that the minister must leave the place at once. This the minister agreed to, and removed to Arkona. The young man kept the secret as long as he could, but finally it leaked out, and a friend of the minister having warned him, the rev. gentleman deemed it prudent to leave for Chicago. Meantime the scandal has spread all over the place, and is now the all absorbing topic. The young man still sticks to his story, but refuses to reveal the name of the girl. The minister in question was a talented man, and had a large congregation. The affair has caused the members great annoyance, and it is hoped that the facts may not be as stated. A Novel Petition for Divorce. Ladies can wax wondrously grandiloquent when in the mind. A Kentucky victim of man's inconstancy thus sets forth her plaint in a petition for divorce:—"Dark clouds of disaster began to lower over the sky of wedded felicity, and the minacious lightning of disunion began to dart its lurid flames across gloomy clouds of atramental blackness, obscuring every star of hope and happiness, whose replendent glory illuminated the dawn of the first few brief years of her wedded life, when she gave her hand and an undivided heart to the defendant, who, in the sultry month of July, 1879, after having been warmly and snugly wintered within the fond embraces of her loving arms, and closely nestled to a heart that beat alone for the defendant, showed his base, black ingratitude by abandoning her without cause whatever, except the insatiable thirst for novelty, which is the predominant character of defendant's nature.

Words of Wisdom.

Hope is the dream of those who are awake. Three things to cherish—virtue, goodness and wisdom. Three things to love—courage, gentleness and affection. Three things to govern—your temper, tongue and conduct. Three things to contend for—honour, country and friends. Three things to hate—cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude. Three things to teach—truth, industry and contentment. Three things to admire—intellect, dignity and gratefulness. Three things to like—cordiality, goodness and cheerfulness. Three things to delight in—beauty, frankness and freedom. Three things to avoid—idleness, loquacity and flippant jesting. Three things to wish for—health, friends and a contented spirit. Faith steps in to our aid when our boasted reason and knowledge fail. One should never think of death. Think of life—that is real piety. Love is a disease that kills nobody, but one whose time has come. There is more merit in subduing a passion than in an injury. Three things to cultivate—good books, good friends and good humor. A little knowledge of the world is a very dangerous thing, especially in literature. Mankind all suffer alike, but some know how to conceal their troubles better than others. He who loves to read, and knows how to reflect, has laid by a perpetual feast for old age. The divinity of charity consists in relieving a man's needs before they are forced upon us. Glories, like glow-worms, afar off shine bright. But look too near, they have neither heat nor light. A novel but not inaccurate definition of Justice—The natural daughter of vengeance legitimized by law. It is always better to keep out of a quarrel than to make it up ever so amicably after you have got into it. The moon, like some men, is the brightest when it is full; but, like them again, it soon begins to lose its lustre. The following are the facts in connection with the refusal of the ratepayers of the township of Lowe, in the Gatinou district, to pay the county tax.—The township is settled principally by the Irish, who came to this country to escape the oppression of their native land. They failed to see any benefits arising from the payment of money annually to the county, hence the present trouble. There are about 380 ratepayers in the township, of which number some 200 on Stag Creek section refuse to pay. Legal proceedings were then taken by the county, and finally a few weeks ago, when Bailiff Flatters, acting as deputy to Sheriff Coules, went to make the seizure he was given a very limited time to get out of the township, after being forced to tumb heartily from the writs he wanted to serve. The Federal Government was applied to for a posse of the Dominion Police to aid in carrying out the law, but this was refused. At the Circuit Court, Aylmer, on Friday last, Judge McDeugal was applied to for the necessary assistance to execute the writs. The application was granted, and the Wakefield Infantry Company has been deputed for the service. The seizure will be attempted the beginning of next week, when some trouble is anticipated, as the Stag Creek residents are said to be prepared for a further opposition to the minions of the law. The unfortunate dissensions that have ever afflicted poor Ireland, and are as conspicuous to-day as they were in O'Connell's time, irresistibly suggest the following funny lines in which they are hit off in one of Chas. Lever's humorous ballads:—"Och, Dublin city, there is no doubtin', Bastes ivry city upon the say. 'Tis there ye'd hear O'Connell spoutin' An' Lady Morgan makin' tay. For 'tis the capital av the finest nation, Wid chavmin' piistry an' fruited soil, Foughtin' loik divils for conciliation, An' batin' each other for the love of God. 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