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Sarah Jane Bates says that her husband goes out days and rides a velocipede, and then keeps up the propelling motion with his feet all night. She wants to know what she shall do.

THE NARROW GAUGE.—The township council of Luther has refused to submit to the people the by-law asked for by the narrow gauge men of Toronto. This is another severe blow to the Toronto, Grey and Bruce scheme.

A St. Catharines paper says a married couple in that town are in the habit of selling their children as fast as they are old enough to leave their mother, and that six have been disposed of in this way. Quit an extensive biz.

THE QUESTION SETTLED.—Those eminent men, Dr. James Clark, Physician to Queen Victoria, and Dr. Hughes Bennett, say that consumption can be cured. Dr. Wistar knew this when he discovered his now widely known Balsam of Wild Cherry, and experience has proved the correctness of his opinion.

A WANT SUPPLIED.—The public have long felt the want of something that could be depended upon for the cure of rheumatism, sprains, bruises, neuralgia, bowel complaints, &c., and we are happy to say that that want is now supplied in the shape of the "Canadian Pain Destroyer." It is truly a most wonderful medicine, and one that effects an immediate and permanent cure in all cases for which it is recommended. Sold by all medicine dealers.

The Hamilton Times records the death of Mr. E. Ritchie, postmaster of that city, last Friday afternoon. Mr. Ritchie was one of the pioneer settlers in Hamilton, was for many years one of the Directors of the Gore Bank, and also for a long time one of the Wardens of Christ Church, with which he remained in communion till his decease. He was a Conservative in politics, but never took an active part in the political contests of the country subsequent to his appointment to the post office.

The editor of the Maple Leaf lately witnessed a somewhat rare and delicate operation, performed by Dr. Walmaley, of Elmira. It consisted in tapping a hydrocele, which had been collecting for upwards of a year, on the person of an elderly man named James Taylor, a resident of Elmira. The operation was carefully and most successfully performed, the patient having been placed entirely under the influence of chloroform. The quantity of water abstracted measured about twelve fluid ounces.

PETERS' MUSICAL MONTHLY for March is at hand, and contains some 24 pages of choice new music, giving selections from the most popular writers, and variety enough to suit the most fastidious. We notice, first, a ballad, entitled "Left all alone," then follows a sacred song entitled "The Lord will provide," "Coraline," by W. S. Hays, comes next, and this is followed by a sprightly comic song, "The Young Widow," and among other things she says, "She doesn't want a man, who stops out all night, Or one that drinks her—ly, and comes home quiet."

There are also three instrumental pieces; and in addition, Mr. Peters gives fifteen pages of family reading, and all for the moderate sum of 30 cents, or \$3 per year, or \$3 worth of new music, appearing in each number. Issued by J. L. Peters, Music Publisher, P. O. Box 5429, New York. Sample copies, 30 cents.

CURE YOUR HORSES.—It is to the interest of all who own horses to keep them in a healthy and sound condition; experience has proved that Darley's Saddle Powders and Arabian Heave Remedy is the most efficacious; it has been used by thousands who will cheerfully confirm this statement. For Heaves, Coughs, Colds, and all diseases which affect the wind of horses it has no equal, nor is it equalled as a condition medicine; it purifies the blood, corrects and improves the appetite, and softens the skin; in fact, so great is the improvement in the condition and appearance of the animal as to have led many to doubt if it could be the same horse. Remember the name, and see that the signature of Hurd & Co. is on each package. Northrop & Lyman, Newcastle, Ont., proprietors for Canada. Sold by all medicine dealers.

THE HAIR.—Pead what Elder D. T. Taylor, of Rouses Point, N. Y., says on the hair. "The human hair, bleached by age, frost, or disease, can be fully restored to its natural color without dyeing it. My case illustrates this statement truthfully. My hair for seventeen years has been gradually growing white and falling out; but, lo! in a short time I have back my old Auburn locks. My hair is now as young as when young; this has been accomplished by the use of Hall's Vegetable Sicilian Hair Renewer. It does its work rapidly, is cooling, healing, and, in my case effectually, without harm to brain, body, or general health; this cannot be said of any other preparation sold. I do not know the wonderful ingredients, but do know experimentally, and by observation in a score of cases, that it is a most marvelously transforming compound. Heads of sixty-five are changed by it to the color of youth." The proprietors, R. P. Hall & Co., Nashua, N. H., will sell to clergymen at wholesale prices.

LOCAL ITEMS. On Monday, the 8th inst., a ewe belonging to Donald McCallum, Esq., of Esqueing, was safely delivered of five lively lambs, each lamb weighing eight lbs. The prolific mother with her forty pounds of life are doing well. Beat this who can?

GARLAND'S HAT AND CAP STORE.—Mr. F. Garland has to-day opened the store in Day's Block, lately occupied by Mr. Petrie, druggist, and shows a very fine assortment of hats, caps, &c. We wish him a largely increased business in his new and commodious premises.

The Rev. Mr. Steele lectured in the Melville Church, Fergus, on Monday night. The discourse was a purely scientific one, and could be listened to with interest and edification by members of any denomination. He treated on the subject very ably, and showed his reasons for believing that the "Mosaic and Geological Records of Creation" are in the most perfect harmony and union.

The Elora Times says that a few of the friends of Mr. Alex. McIntyre, of Cliffton, called at his residence on the evening of Wednesday, the 3rd inst., and presented him with a beautiful copy of the Scriptures, accompanied with an address, as a token of the high esteem in which he was held as Superintendent of the Union Sabbath School. Mr. McIntyre is leaving Cliffton, and intends going into business at Lucknow.

The concert given in the Drill Shed, Fergus, on the 5th inst., for the benefit of St. Andrew's Church was a complete success in every respect. All the singers acquitted themselves creditably. Miss Gibson, of Elora, presided at the piano. The Brass Band filled up the interval. The proceeds amount to about \$90, and are to be appropriated towards the liquidation of the debt on St. Andrew's Church.

WHITNEY'S MUSICAL GUEST.—The March number of this excellent monthly musical magazine, with its abundance of musical intelligence, items, and choice new music, appears promptly upon our table. The present number contains 10 pages of reading matter headed with a splendid story entitled, "A Voice that Charmed," followed by various interesting items and a brief sketch of the adventures of the popular song writer, Frank Howard, also 10 pages of new music. The catalogue price of this number is 50c, and the price of the magazine is only \$1 a year. It is a marvel of cheapness. Order it through any bookseller.

The friends of the Rev. James Hill, Hespeler, being desirous to express in some tangible manner their appreciation of him as a gentleman and Christian Minister, carried their desires into effect on the 3rd inst., when his large circle of friends represented by about 50 persons, took possession of the parsonage at eight o'clock, p.m. After much friendly interchange of thought and a sumptuous repast, which was prepared by the thoughtful visitors, Mr. Brewster, teacher on behalf of the friends in general, presented Mr. Hill with a very complimentary address accompanied by a purse containing \$65. So says a correspondent of the Berlin Telegraph.

IMPORTANT TO MAGISTRATES.—No court of Quarter Sessions opened at Guelph on Tuesday last, to the surprise of some who were not aware of the operation of the new act and the time when it came into force. The law reform act passed at the last session of the Ontario Legislature, and which provided for the holding of Sessions of the Peace only twice a year. In accordance, therefore, with the amended law, the Sessions of the Peace will be held immediately after the Spring Sessions in April, for the purpose of auditing accounts, appointing constables, &c. Magistrates are required to make one uniform quarterly returns of convictions as heretofore, to the clerk of the Peace.

TEMPERANCE.—The Rev. Mr. Lomas, of Drayton, and Robert Reid, Esq., of Glenora, lectured the past evening ago, on the above subject, at the 3rd inst., in the Melville Church, 3rd line of Maryborough. They denounced the habit of drinking intoxicating liquors of any kind, in the most strenuous terms. They showed from the beginning that strong drink was condemned by God. Noah was the first who planted a vineyard, and from that time it produced because drunk, but the effect which followed proved it was not approved of God. Lot's daughters acquired the knowledge of making intoxicating liquor in one of the cities of the plain, and the use they made of it brought everlasting disgrace on their memory. We might also quote the fact that strong drink brought swift destruction upon those cities.

SCHOOL EXAMINATION.—A most successful and entertaining examination of school No. 4, Guelph Township, was held on Friday, 5th inst., in the presence of the Superintendent, Mr. Kilgour, Messrs. McLeary and Scott, and a large number of the parents and others from the section. The exercises of the day comprehended a long programme varying from the last Book to the intricacies of Algebra and Geometry. In all the branches the children exhibited a thorough acquaintance with their work, and the examination was rendered most more interesting by the clear tone of voice in which the answers were given. About one o'clock the edibles were served, and were indeed rather tempting on such a cold day. The children also accompanied the teacher on the melodeon in singing some cheerful airs. At the conclusion prizes were distributed to all the children, and amongst others a handsome volume of Byron's Select Works, a present from Mr. T. J. Day, bookseller, Guelph, to the best scholar. This was awarded to James Connell. Mr. Kilgour gave a short address in which he complimented the teacher, Mr. Hamilton, as he highly deserved, for the excellent training which his scholars have received at his hands.

THE QUEBEC TRAGEDY.—The inquest on the body of the late Ensign Whitaker, who was shot by the young lad Chaloner, was held on Friday, when several witnesses were examined in reference to the shooting. Nothing new was elicited beyond what we have already given in connection with this melancholy affair.

The Western States. The Stratford Beacon publishes a letter from Mr. Shillinglaw, late president of Hibbert township, a man of good sense and sound judgment, who recently left that place for a tour west, with a view to purchase land in Missouri. As many persons in this vicinity have lately gone to these far-off regions, and are more than ready to go, we give Mr. S.'s letter, as the information contained in it will be very useful to intending emigrants to the far distant west. It is dated from St. Joseph, Mo. Sir,—I must say that much of the State of Michigan is decidedly inferior to most parts of Canada. Large portions of it are wet and swampy, while other districts are drifting sand. As the traveler approaches Chicago, the country is little better than a morass. The prairie is a complete dead level, only a few feet above the lake. Chicago is a wonderful place for business, and the station house of the Michigan Central Railway is truly magnificent, and the arrangements for passengers are complete. Leaving Chicago by the 3 o'clock train, I did not see as much of Illinois as I would wish, as the train for Quincy passed through the best part of the State after nightfall, but what I did see of the most part looked beautiful. The inhabitants, however, do not seem to understand farming, as what ploughing I witnessed could have been done quite as well if they had spread some corn on the fields and sent the pigs to root among it. There were some fine farms, but the whole of the whole buildings are inferior. You may travel hundreds of miles without seeing a barn or outhouse like we have in Canada. The land is certainly rich, or it could not stand such usage as it gets here. But some of the farmers are not very business, and the station house, straw, so they are beginning to use manure. Land in Missouri is rising in value rapidly. Land that was bought on the St. Jo. and Hannibal Railway has nearly trebled in value the last two years. A Canadian when entering the State from Quincy, is certainly disappointed. The land is low and flat, and covered with wood for some distance from the Mississippi, but as the traveler proceeds towards St. Jo., the land improves both in quality and appearance. The soil is of a rich, dark color, and when worked into mud at the wagon wheels, it becomes a sticky, pitchy appearance. The weather is cold and windy, but there is no snow. The Missouri river is jammed with ice. I have often read of sand storms in the Great Sahara, but I never witnessed a sand storm until this morning. Having to remain over until the morning, I went up to the top of one of the bluffs near the edge of the river, where looking over the city, the houses were completely hidden from my sight by a cloud of sand, which was driven from the burrs on the river. The city of St. Jo. lies in a valley between two hills, which are parallel with the river. There are some very good buildings in the city, but there are also many tumble-down affairs, which must give place to better ones before long. Some very fine stores are going up this summer. Prices here for hogs are very high. They are selling at \$7, and 10 cents a pound live weight. There is a great business done here in cattle. Emigration is setting in very fast. On the train that I came in from Quincy, there were nearly a dozen Canadians, the County of Perth being represented by at least half a dozen. Amongst them were Scott German, of St. Marys, and Mr. Foster, of the same place, along with two others, one being from St. Marys, and the other from Nissouri. They are going to Kansas, and are expecting to be away for a month. The number of Canadians coming into Missouri is truly wonderful. The prices of land will form the subject of another letter.

BY TELEGRAPH. Despatches to the Evening Mercury. MADRID, March 12th.—The Constituent Cortes has rejected bill providing for the abolition of the capitation tax and the military conscription. LONDON, March 12th.—In the House of Commons last evening, Mr. Kelly moved for a committee on mail contracts to the United States. The Marquis of Hartington, Postmaster General, said that the contract was completed by the late Government, and to break it would be a breach of faith. He added that the present service was satisfactory. Mr. Lowe deprecated, and Mr. Hunt supported the contract. The House divided and the motion was adopted by the following vote: for a committee, 115; against, 86.

American Despatches. Savannah, 13th.—The ship Nectar, from Liverpool, reports that on the 23rd ultimo, she found an American brigantine at sea, water logged and completely wrecked. Two men, one white and the other black, and both dead were washed to the main top. No traces of the crew were found. New York, 13th.—The Times special says: Among the nominations for prominent and foreign missions that have virtually been decided upon are the following: Major Gen. Daniel Sickles, Minister to Mexico; Horace Rublee, of Wisconsin, Minister to Switzerland; General Palmer, of New York, Minister to Sweden and Norway. Information has been received that Hamilton Fish accepts the office of Secretary of State. Among the important subjects on which action will be taken by the Senate before its final adjournment is the treaty in reference to the Alabama claims, which is now on the table of that body. President Grant has already indicated his views on this question, and the treaty will, of course, be summarily rejected. Mr. Reverdy Johnson's recall is but a mere question of time, and the new minister to England will be authorized to present the views of the present administration to the British Government in reference to the basis of which the claims may be to the United States satisfactorily settled.

Street Games of the Boys of New York. By CHARLES DAWSON STANLEY. When March winds whistle round corners and drive wheels of sharp dust into the faces of blinking passers-by, then every ragged urchin of the streets who can command a scrap of paper and a yard of string, rushes madly along the highways and byways, "flying his kite." The game is in now, and he would lose caste with his associates if he did not make a show of some kind at it, however feeble. When marbles are in season,—and that seems to be all the year round, except in very wet or very cold weather,—the sidewalk in many parts of the city are obstructed by groups of ragged boys, all deeply intent upon the artistic performance of some bare-footed champion of the chalked ring. Peg-top does not appear to be very popular among them, partly on account of the large amount of capital required for the first investment, and partly because the game is one involving injury to bare feet. Boys and girls who have a taste for pin-will-sometimes contrive what they call pin-will,—bits of stick crossed, tipped with little squares of paper, and then attached to another stick with a large pin, so that they whirl round when carried swiftly against a breeze. These the skilled young artists dispose of to less gifted boys for so many pins apiece. Then when they have accumulated a large stock of pins, they sell them to the petty shopkeepers of the byways, whose "show windows" display such necessities and luxuries of life as tall candles, spoils of thread, sticks of clove candy, and bars of yellow soap. From such small beginnings great things have often resulted. It is within the knowledge of the present writer, that more than one successful proprietor of a sidewalk table for the sale of tumble-and-quick mannikins, and other ingenious devices for diverting the mind of the idler, of the period, can trace his fortune to the simple but fascinating pinwheel, and the financial operations connected with its manufacture and sale. Far before all these diversions, though, are the reckless gambols resulting from base ball, now recognized as the great national game. Since this game has laid hold of the popular mind,—and surely Young America may be said to have laid on the brain now,—the street boy seems to have devoted all his energies to throwing everything he can command at everybody he can reach. If a boy has been sent forth by his parents to buy a few apples at the corner grocery, he conveys the fruit to its destination in a series of pitches and catches diagonally executed with the aid of other boys of his kind. In his eyes, everything possible as a base ball; and it too often goes to the passers to and fro, who suffer from the practice of throwing things at random in the streets. Everywhere on the sidewalks, everywhere in the alleys and courts, the boys may be seen engaged in some game called "tip-cat," which is the nearest approach that he, with his limited resources, can make to the great national game. Entirely reckless with regard to the eyes and other features, an aggrieved public, he tips feathery from the ground the odious, conical chunk of wood from which the pastime derives its name, and then strikes it wildly away from him in any direction whatever. Boys carrying parcels, boys carrying bottles, boys to whom small puppy-dogs have been instructed for aspersion in some adjacent cess-pool,—all, all, without exception, keep turning up and catching their burdens, as they go, until the thing has become a flagrant nuisance to the public, and a plague.—Atlantic Monthly for March.

The Noble Animal. A scene at a Cincinnati horse auction. Auctioneer on the block shouts, "Bring forth the horse!" Enter two attendants leading, or more properly supporting, a dilapidated equine specimen, too weak and emaciated to possibly walk in without assistance. He has a head like a bass viol, his back tone is too sharp for even chickens to roost on, and not hairs enough in his tail to make a fiddle bow. There are bunches big as water melons on his knees, and gutters on his side to carry off the rain water. Auctioneer—"Ah! gentlemen, here we have a fine specimen of that noble animal the horse. I sometimes think that he is in a way related to man. (By-stander—"This horse is a devilish poor relation.") Talk of the sagacity of the dog! that of the horse far surpasses it. Look at him, gentlemen, see how he pleads for sympathy. (By-stander—"Pleads for sympathy, more like.") What shall I hear of the noble animal? (Rude boy, near the bell tolling in a day or two.) A direct descendant from Bucephalus; he was sired by Lexington, Kentucky, and damned by (By-stander, everybody that has owned him) his maternal ancestor. Come a gentleman, make a bid. If you want a family horse of a gentle and affectionate disposition, not disposed to run away. (By-stander, or walk away either.) This is your animal. Any gentleman leaving a deposit of five dollars for security against fast driving, is welcome to take and try him. (By-stander, "For soap grease.") He is warranted not to pull while hitched in the stable, (Hostler, "Or when hitched to the wagon.") And can go single or double. (By-stander, He would go better with a horse on each side of him to hold him up.) Gentlemen, do I hear an offer? If you don't want him now, you can easily dispose of him for a cavalry horse in the war. He may be considered the no plus ultra of a horse. By-stander, "Yes, the knock-out plus ultra." "What am I offered?" A voice, "seventy-five cents." Auctioneer, "Sold!" and then all the people raise up their voices and cry "sold!"

It is not an uncommon complaint against a newspaper that it "hasn't life enough." But a brother editor reports this odd objection made to his paper by a gossip-loving old lady: "I like your paper very much, I have only one objection to it—'it hasn't death's enough.'"

A few days since the Directors of the Minto Agricultural Society had a meeting at Allan's Hotel, and bought from Mr. Moore 25 acres of land behind the above hotel (for \$250) for a Show Ground. Private subscription made amounts to \$117, and the Council gives \$80.