FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 11, 1884

THE READER QUESTION.

further Opinions from the Provin Press.
From the Bowmanville Sun (Ref.)

The authorizing of more than one series was a mistake which caused unmeasured we are pleased to know that Mr. Ross has set himself resolutely to work to correct the error and to bring order out of this perplexed and perplexing question. Doubtless there will be scrious difficulties in the way, but we have sufficient confidence in the ability, tact and firmness of the new minister to believe that without doing an injustice to anyone, he will successfully accomplish the task he has undertaken. He complish the task he has undertaken. He is the representative of the people, not the servant of book publishers, and he may be fully assured the public will stand by him in the good work he has undertaken—the accomplishment of which ill. accomplishment of which will strengthen the government by restoring confidence in the administration of the education department, which during the past two or three years has been somewhat weakened.

From the London Free Press (Con.). It is from these three series of books It is from these three series of books that the new and only one is to be compiled. But what will those publishers do who have put many thousands of dollars into the publication of these "authorized" school books? It is clear that they will shape for heavy damages against school books? It is clear that they will set up claims for heavy damages against the province, acting through the department of education. And they will be fairly entitled to secure them. But when the Messrs. Gage are able to point to the fact that they had already secured the patronage of nearly nine-tenths of the school boards, it will be seen that they are the real parties who have to be treated

is resolved to make matters worse by com-bining and consolidating the errors of both the gentlemen who have preceded him in the administration of school affairs. What the exigencies of the case demand is the possession of a properly prepared and effi-cient set of progressive school books, by means of which the pupils may be con-ducted step by step till the desired end is

From the Kingston Whig (Ref.)

It is admitted that a mistake was made in the authorization of two series of school readers, and as soon as possible the new minister of education sought to rectify it. He is one of the best inspectors in the province and may be depended upon to act justly in the interests of the schools and people.

Ripening and purifying wines and strong liquors is done by the Electric Liquor company of California by means of an electric current. By this process the liquor is freed from all its poisonous essential oils, and the work of from three to six years is done in a few hours. Light clarets are quires sixty.

An English we still the second of the schools and people.

From the St. Catharines Journal (Con.). Mr. Ross now proposes to authorize only one series, and in this course he is quite right. Of course the publishers who are ignored will demand compensation. But we think it would be far better, now that Mr. Ross has got his hand in, to cancel all existing agreements with the publishers and hereafter supply the schools with books at net cost of publication, the printing to be done under direct supervision of the department. Could not the educational department try the experiment of furnishlepartment try the experiment of furnishing free books as well as free schools? While nominally we have free schools the tax for books is a very heavy one on most of the people who are advantaged by our public school system. At least the experiment of supplying books direct from the We are satisfied that the schools could be partment at actual cost might be tried supplied with books at less than half the price now charged.

From the Guelph Mercury (Ref). We, for our part, believe that a great deal too much fuss has been made about school books, and that they have been hitherto changed too often, and with too little reason. To hear some people who call themselves educationists talk, one is led to wonder how the children of the past generation ever learned to read at all. The difficulty of reconciling and adjusting the claims of the different publishers, and of making such arrangements as will permit making such arrangements as will permit of the books being sold to the people at the lowest price, possibly will, in our opinion, be much greater than that of selecting a uniform series. But this difficulty, although great, is surely not insurmountable

Where the Grand Trunk Runs to. If the Grand Trunk makes its proposed arrangements with the West Shore it will have the shortest line between New York and Chicago by 50 miles. The system has over 2000 miles of road, and there is no large place in Canada that it does not touch. The eastern and western ends of the other day to tell him where the road

ran to.

"Well," he replied, "the system was born in Montreal. First it ran up to Quebee and the mouth of the St. Lawrence. Then it reached out for Portland on the ocean. Then it tied Montreal to Lake Chambalan where it has water connection to New plain where it has water connection to the property of the physiologist, and simulate death so closely that patients have been in danger of burial alive. plain, where it has water connection to New York and rail connections over the Vermont Central and Delaware and Hudson canal Central and Delaware and Hudson canal company's lines. Then it followed the north shore of the St. Lawrence to Ogdensburg, where it connects with the Rome, Watertown and Ogdensburg railroad. From Ogdensburg it pushed along the north shore of Lake Ontario, through Kingston and Toronto: then on through Kingston and Toronto; then on through Ontario to Detroit and Port Huron. Today it forms the shortest line between Chicago and Buffalo. The Grand Trunk drains the commerce from four lakes— Lakes Michigan, Huron, Erie and Ontario—and takes it to the Erie canal at Buffalo, or down the St. Lawrenco to its mouth on

A Man With a Romantic History.

Before the acquisition of Florida by the United States, writes a correspondent from Jacksonville, Fla., a young man named Sammil wandered down this south land from the state of Maine, and set up as a merchant at Cow's Ford (now Jacksonville) on the St. John's river, where in his traffic with the red man, the buccanneer and the cracker, he grew rich apace. Recognizing the fact that it was not good for man to be alone, young Sammil married a wife, who, unfertunately, was a negress. Sammil bought and improved a beautiful plantation on the St. John's river, four niles below Jacksonville, and there live

and accomplishments and wealth, and the standing influence of their father, they were tabooed. When at last the poor old man realized the enormity of the crime he had committed against his children and against society, he gradually withdrew from business and buried himself away at his beautiful country seat, where, in the society of his family and in lavish attentions to the members of it, he sought in some sort to atone for the irreparable wrong he had done them. Only a few days ago this man sank under the weight of four score years, and crossed over the river never to

New Zealand has two universities, both of which confer degrees, A dealer in patent collars and baby linen has been sending circulars to doctors in England, offering a commission of ten per cent. on all orders.

After indictments had been found against twenty liquor dealers in Lawrence, Kan., the offenders closed their doors under a promise that the suits should not be prosecuted. And now, it is said, not a drop of liquor can be bought in Lawrence.

A Minneapolis caller on New Year's day assaulted a hostess because she hinted that owing to his condition coffee was a more suitable beverage for him than wine. Both were members of fashionable society. Concerning the ten thousand persons who went to see William Fox hanged the Kansas City Times says: "Many women fainted. The men did not faint, for the prob-

ed. The men did not faint, for the probable reason that most of them were buoyed up with ten-cent whisky."

The authorities of Saint Giles, in Belgium, have supplied the police on night duty with cloth boots having India rubber soles. With these boots the police are so perfectly noiseless that they are at least placed on a footing of equal advantage with burglars.

H. T. Rasin arrived in Galveston on the From the Brantford Telegram (Con.)

Mr. Crooks may have greatly erred, as we believe he did. Mr. Hardy erred, while discharging the functions of the office of minster of education. Mr. Ross is resolved to make matters worse by combining and consolidating the errors of both.

Two days later he died.

Thomas Spinks turned out to be a peri patetic liquor saloon. He was fined \$50 and costs in Ellicott City, Md., for selling liquor from bottles that he carried in his pockets. His prices were guaged by the pocket from which the bottle was taken and the quantity of liquor left after the customer drank.

An English practitioner gave a lady a nixture of acetic acid to dissolve a pin she had swallowed, and said it would do the work in a week. But the medical authorities have sat down upon the case and find that such mixtures are non-operative. It was decided, moreover, that metallic bodies become quickly and considerably corroded by the action of the juices in the alimen-

Walt Whitman says that real American poetry, as well as any American literature in a high sense, is something yet to be. The aims and stress of our book-making, according to his estimate, are entirely adjusted—like our society life—to "certain time drawn surface imported ways and surface important s justed—like our society life—to "certain fine drawn, surface, imported ways and examples, having no deep root or hold in our soil." He hardly knows a volume that

As an illustration of the brevity and clearness with which a great question may be expressed, this remark from the Medical Times and Gazette is worth noting: "In London during last week 205 deaths oc-London during last week 205 deaths oc-curred from preventable diseases and 47-from more or less preventable accidents. That is to say, if our sanitary legislation had been more satisfactory, our sanitary administration more efficient, and indivi-duals more careful and attentive to their responsibilities, the death rate might have responsibilities, the death rate might have been under 15.0 instead of over 18.0."

Several of the directors of banks and joint stock companies in London are over 0. One well-known shipping firm has on its direction an octogenarian admiral who dates back to the days of Nelson, and whose name was mentioned in despatches for gallantry at the battle of Algiers. Sixty-seven years after Lord Exmouth's Sixty-seven years after Lord Exmouth's battle was won a survivor of eighty six is still in harness, not only on the board of one of the largest English steam companies, but also as a director of a colonial bank, thus showing the stuff old sea dogs are made of.

touch. The eastern and western ends of the Grand Trunk are managed by Joseph Hickson and S. R. Callaway, the latter having his headquarters in Chicago.

Eli Perkins asked a Grand Trunk official the other day to tell him where the constitution of the other day to tell him where the constitution of the suddenly awoke and is now vember, she suddenly awoke and is now recovering her wonted strength. During

Henry Villard, notwithstanding his dash and energy, retains a very peculiar superstition. When he leaves his house in the morning he is careful to avoid for the first five minutes all cross-eyed persons. If he meets a man with an obliquity of vision within that time, he goes back to the house under pretense of having forgotten some-thing. The greatest disaster of his life be-fell him on the day that he found a cock-eyed man standing on his steps of his boarding-house when he started to busi-ness

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Light weight is often hidden under a The tramp prefers summer scents to win-

New Jersey mosquitoes are seriously thinking of putting on ulsters. Epitaph for a spendthrift's tombstone

He played too much on the horn of

"This is my fancy," remarked Farmer Furrow, reaching for a bottle of whisky.
"Yes, I see it is your rye, dear," said his helpmeet, spiritedly.

Now, girls," said a Sunday-school teacher, "can you tell me what 'circular' means?" "Yeth'm!" lisped a little seven-year-old: "ith a fur-lined cloak!"

MARK TWAIN.

he Manages his Business Affairs-Shrewd and Successful.

A New York letter says : A man who merged from one of our restaurants of high prices and fashionable approval wherein more good meals would be served if all the guests new how to order and to eat, had the unmistakeable air of content and prosperity. He was not so tall as he looked, for he was not thick, and a grenadier sort of fur cap was liable to be counted in as part of the stature. He had brown in as part of the stature. He had brown hair, close cropped, and a full man's size of moustache. His age would have been estimated at 40. The fur on his evercoat was less stylish than comfortable; and yet it did not give him that negro-minstrel appearance which such trimmings usually impart. His face was grave to a hasty observer, but a quizzical expression could be seen by looking twice. Altogether, he was not different from what anybody might have anticipated in the person of Samuel L. Clemens, known to readers of American humor as Mark Twain. He had American humor as Mark Twain.

come to the metropolis from his Hartford home to go to the opera and to some of the theatres.

"And on business, too?" was suggested.

"No," he replied, "all my business is in Hartford,"

Mark Twein's area and to some of the languages?" asked the professor of a Newman man. "May be she is," was the reply, "but the language she uses is entirely too warm to have been dead very long." Mark Twain's use of his pen is professional, of course, but his making of books is quite mercantile. He is one of the very

ew authors who did not divide with pu

few authors who did not divide with publishers the profits derivable from their brains. Circumstances have favored his independence of ordinary methods of publication; and yet all that he has done other successful writers might do. Being the first of his peeu liar kind of fun-makers, and possessed of a naturally droll delivery, he made a small fortune early in his career as a lecturer; and then he married a largerone. Having thus become considerable of a capitalist he thus become considerable of a capitalist, he was saved from the necessity of turning his manuscript into daily bread. He could afford to devote three years to the traveling and writing for Innocents Abroad, and when the manuscript was ready he was not hurried by any stress of

ready he was not hurried by any stress of nances to turn it over to a publisher of the ordinary monopolis ic sort.

Mark Twain abounds on self-conceit uito as characteristically as he does in humor, and he never doubts the merit or reception of his matter. With unshakable faith in the success of that first book, he saw no reason for desiring the name of a well-known publishing firm on the title page. And, above all, he had no intention

of accepting the usual conditions, which are that the author shall assume all the risk of loss and take only about 10 per cent of the receipts. His book was there-fore printed in Hartford, under his own supervision, and sold through peddlers. The plan worked admirably, and he has followed it in nearly all of his subsequent ventures. The consequence is that, instead of getting 10 cents ont of every dollar of getting 10 cents ont of every dollar which people pay for his volumes, he receives nearly 50. He looks after the detail of manufacture and sale; he fights his own battles of copyright; he has a profitable side business in a scrap-book of his own invention; he is an example for all authors who discontentedly see publishers grow rich while to themselves come only fair livings at best. Above

publishes his books in London a day before they are issued at home, and so protects himself in both markets. Canada bothered him at first, but he has straightened out him at first, but he has straightened out the red tape up there, and is now the only author who controls his writings through-out the English-speaking world. The same device, substantially, is used by Dion Bouci cault to protect his plays. He has them acted smewhere in England, usually by amateurs before a handful of audience, prior to their production in America. Of prior to their production in America. Of course you can write a book that will sell to the extent of \$100,000 or so; and now that I have told you how to save all of the profits to yourself, you may as well set

Mamma (to little Bertha, who had fallen in the dirt): "You heedless child. Now what shall I do with you?" Bertha:

about it.

'Clean me, mamma.' "Why don't you come and kiss me Johnny?" said an ancient maiden aunt to her youthful nephew. "Because," said Johnny, hanging his head, "I'm afraid of powder

"Johnny, do you expect anything Christmas?" asked a Marathon lady of ar urchin on the street. "Yessum." "Do you, dear? And what is it?" "Ef I eat as much turkey as I did Thanksgiving I expect the stummick acke."

A three-year-old once questioned. Hearing all were made of dust, If the red men of the forest Weren't made of iron rust. A sick little child, on whom his mother

had just placed a poultice, was lying in bed. He followed with his eye the clouds that were playing hide-and-seek in the heavens. Suddenly the moon half disappeared behind a nebulous mass. "Look," said the child, "they have a poultice on the moon." Exchange.

Madame and baby had just returned rom a promenade. Monsieur asked for details. "Oh, my dear, good news," said his wife. "Baby can talk. Baby said his first word a little while ago." 'Indeed! Tell me about it." "Well, we were at the Jardin des Plantes, in front of the huge cage of monkeys, when baby cried out very distinctly, "Ah! Papa!" From the French.

Mother (to governess)- "Come, work he children out of the room; my doctor is Little daughter—"Oh, mamma, let us stay here. We want to—" Mother-"Well, what do you want?" Little daughter—"Why, you know papa always says the doctor leads you about by

the nose, and we want to see him do it."

—Foreign Fun. "Mother, may Bridget cut that cake now?" asked little Johnny last evening in the presence of some company who had just got seated.
"No, child; not now."

"Oh, yes, 'not now.' That's what you've' been sayin' fur a week, und you said you wuz a goin' to cut it as soon as you'd have

company."

In an hour or so after Johnny got a slice of the cake. —Merchant Traveler. Well-Known Retired Tobac

miles below Jacksonville, and there live for nearly half a century with the wife his choice. Sons and daughters were born, who grow up to manhood and womanhood, were sent north and educated, given every advantage in fact that wealth could produce that wealth could produce the following and the women beautiful and accomplished, but in the north they found the charmed circle of society closed against the many dear, it's sleep year," he grinned as he was and returned to their southern home many them and returned to their southern home many the same condition of thing; to learn, in fact, that, not with standard many the surface and beauty with standard many them and returned to their southern home many them and returned to their southern home many them and returned to their southern home many the surface and southern home many the surface and southern to the same condition of thing; to learn, in fact, that, not work and the permanent manner in which the same condition of thing; to learn, in fact, that, not work and the permanent manner in which the same condition of thing; to learn, in fact, that, not work and the permanent manner in which the same condition of thing; to learn, in fact, that, not work and the work and the work and time ago I was suffering from Kidney Complaint and Dyspopsia, sour stomach and lame back; in fact, I was completely prostrated and subtraction for first lass convenient house to all railroad time ago I was unffering intense and I ame back; in fact, I was completely prostrated and suffering intense pain. While in this state a friend recommended me to try about the city, corner York a

A Little Nonsense What hymn would a deaf mute wife think about when she caught her nusband kissing the servant girl? "Oh, for a thou-

"Why don't some women get bald-headed?" Yes, why? Maybe if one woman were married to another they would both be baldheaded before many years. A Texas man has invented a machine for

Bacon says; "Reading makes a full man." Here is another long-felt want filled by a valid excuse. You can now tell your wife you've "bin to the (hic)

"Did you have a box at the theatre? asked Poseyboy of Blobson, the other day. "No," was the mournful reply, "but I did when I got home. My wife gave it to

A Nashville man mortally wounded another by shooting him with a gun loaded with carpet tacks. The telegraph doesn't say that the shooter was a married man, but he doubtless was.

you take him. He will go around lamenting that he is dying for the want of exercise, and that he ought to have a health-lift and some dumb-bells and a pair of Indian clubs, but when his wife asks him to bring a scuttle of coal out of the cellar he has business down town that needs hi

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FRIDAY, the EIGHTH of FEBRUARY ext. will be the last day for introducing Pri vate Bills to the House.
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ROBT. RODDY, City Clerk, Toronto, Jan. 11, 1884. OTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN application will be made to the legislative assembly of the province of Ontario at the next session thereof for an act to authorize and empower the Toronto Street Railway company to call in all bonds or debentures of said company now outstanding, to issue new bonds or debentures of the said company to an amount to be determined upon, and to pledge, sell or hypothecate the same and apply the proceeds towards payment of the bond or debenture debt and other debts of the said company generally.

Toronto, 2nd January, 1884.

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