

We have been favoured, recently, with a series of Sketches, entitled "Reminiscences of a school boy," from a correspondent writing under the NOMME DE PLUME of Marcus. Had we sufficient space at our disposal, we would gladly insert a number of these Sketches, but as at present it is very limited, we can only afford room for one in the present number. Marcus after describing a few incidents in which Teddy McNulty, his School Teacher, acts a prominent part, says.—

Another day of importance, was one on which Andrew O'Brien brought some powder to the School; he said he was going to show us something that would make Teddy (the Teacher) start.

"I'll give two pennies to the bye who will toss this parcel into the stove, this afternoon, unknownst to Teddy," said O'Brien, holding up the powder,

Tom Smith was chosen from quite a number that had offered to do the deed, and was specially instructed to throw it in about two o'clock.

Well, as fortune would have it, that afternoon about half-past one the stove was filled with green wood. The fire burning rather poorly, Teddy shouts out. "Some of yees byes fix the fire or we'll fraze."

Tom rose up, went down and commenced operations, in the meantime putting the parcel containing the powder, among the sticks so that it would not explode before he returned to his seat.

The stove door being closed, Tom regained his seat, and the eyes of about twenty boys were directed toward the stove.

Nothing occuring out of the way for some time, the boys began to despair. Soon however, the fire was heard cracking and the flickering flame of expectation began to heighten in our breasts; and when we were occupied in anticipation, lo, a terrific noise was heard and the house was filled with smoke.

"Lord bless us," Teddy exclaimed; while all the urchins of the school were crying to "go home." In fact we were all afraid; 'twas

more than we had expected; the old stove was burst asunder and what little fire had been in it was scattered over the floor. We larger members made haste and put out the fire, and assisted Teddy to the best of our ability under the exciting circumstances.

The trustees were sent for and arrived shortly after the disaster. They asked Teddy if he could explain the cause.

"That I can't say" says Teddy, summing up his latent knowledge of physics, "unless it 'ud be the stame for the wood shure, was very wet.

We boys all tittered at the scientific explanation advanced by Teddy, but never gave an idea of the cause, and many a long day passed before the mystery of the stove explosion was made known. Ever after, as long as Teddy was Teacher, one of his strictest injunctions to his boys when making a fire was, "take care would ye put too much grane wood in the stove."

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All letters for the editorial department to be addressed "Flint and Van Norman, box 1472 Toronto."

AMERICAN COUSIN.—"Seed-Sowing" is accepted. We hope to have the privilege of adding your name to our list of regular contributors.

B. EWART.—We must beg to decline the effusion entitled "A Row Across the Lake."

F. H. W.—Your article entitled "The Benefits Derived from the Study of Classics, Mathematics and Natural Sciences" is accepted."

LILLIE VAILE.—"Oh! I have sighed to rest me" is accepted.

INNOSHANON.—"Repression of Intemperance" is accepted.

LORRAINE.—"Rich and Poor" is accepted.

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