THE POET'S CORNER

The Ould Plaid Shawl. month of May, When the birds were singing cheerily, there

came across my way, As if from out the sky above an angel chanced A little Irish colleen in an ould plaid shawl.

I courteously saluted her-"God save you miss," says I;

God save you, kindly sir," passed me by, Off went my heart along with her in her thrall.

I've heard of highway robbers that pistols and with knives

Made trembling travellers yield them up

their money or their lives, But think of me that handed out my heart and head and all

To a simple little colleen in an ould plaid

Oh, some men sigh for riches, and some men And some on history's pages hope to win

My sims are not ambitious, and my

You might wrap them all together in an ould I'll seek her all throught Galway, and I'll seek

her all through Clare, I'll search for tale or tidings of my For peace of mind I'll never

That little Irish colleen

FRANK A. FAHY.

BEATING A BUNCO.

An Amusing Incident Said to Have Trans pired in Lincoln Park, Chicago.

It s a curious feature in, human nature that while a man will peril his life to assist a stranger who is being forcibly robbed, he will turn about and delight in seeing that same man taken in and done for by a "skin" game or a bunco man. On the next bench to us in Lin coln park, Chicago, one day, sat a long. lean, lank stranger who had hayseed and onion tops scattered all over him to prove his hailing place, and gave himsel away in every move he made. Pretty soon a slick young man approached and extended his hand and exclaimed: "Well, well, but how are you Stev

"How ar' ye?" replied the man, as looked up in a puzzled way. "What! Don't you know me?"

"Why, your face looks kinder familiar, but I can't place ye."
"Can't place me! I am William
Scott, nephew of Judge of probate in Grassville! I saw you hundreds or times in the two years I lived with my

"Oh, yes. I thought I had seen vo before. And you knew m , right off?" "The minute I set eyes on you.

"How's everybody down there?" "All tolerable. You live here? "Yes. I look after about fifty house and stores her . for a capitalist."

"Gosh! you must get big wages." "Oh, a hundred a week. "You do! By gum! but you are smarter than fox traps! Mebbe you kin

help me to a job? I think so Indeed, I was going to make you an offer. We were on to him from the start as a

bunco man, but had no thought of inter fering. Hayseed should take the papers and keep posted.
"How would you like to come here and assist me at a salary of \$22 per

month?" queried bunco after a bit. "Je whitaker! but you don't mean

"Give up yer hand on it! Say, I'll in one department of learning whom I have met, whose mental processes have at the rate of 4,800 feet per second. them wages. Say, will ye bind the bargain right now ?"

"I will. That is, I"——
"No flunking out now! I've got a
hundred dollar bill here, and I'll give ye fifty to bind the bargain. Yes, by gosh ! I'll give ve sixty !"

"I was going to say that I ought to see considered an authority in the branch to my employer first, but 1 know it will be all right. I will take your \$60, but only life.

"Yes. Meet me there one hour from now to sign a contract and begin work. "I'll be right thar, and I'll work tike a hoss. Gin me \$40 out of this bill."

He handed out a bill, and the young

man scarcely glanced at it, so great wa his hurry to yet away. I think he mistrusted us, although we pretended not to see or hear anything. When he was out of sight "Hayseed" came over to us with a grin on his face, and queried : "How did it act, boys?"

"My - young . man - from-the-turnip

fields.

"But you-you"——
"I'm from Cincinnati. I do a little business with the three cards and the shells when home. Thought I'd see what they were made of in Chicago." But you gave him a hundred dollar.

bill. "Exactly—one of the counterfeits of 1874. I had fifteen of them once. I'm just \$40 ahead. I'm going uow. If he should return before you leave tell him that Stevens has gone to meet him at Mr Palmer's big stone tavern. Two hundred dollars a month! Wake snakes but hain't I jist struck a golconda with a big G !"-New York Sun.

The Backward Boy.

J. B. ANGELL, PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVER-SITY OF MICHIGAN.

How shall we teach backward chilletting his light shine through smoky dren? This is a question which sorely glass.

The man who is willing to do wrong not now considering the case of what we in order to gain riches can never enjoy call feeble-minded children. We are speaking of those who have unusual difficulty in learning, of those who have to be disagreeable to as bad at destroying ficulty in learning, of those who have to be good, or look like a corpse in pickle, The curs ought to go. I had a small flook of the curs of

These three classes obviously differ from each other. The first class is not likely, under any treatment, to furnish seminent scholars; the second and the

third may do so in due time under judi

In some cases the backwardness is owing to the mental constitution of the children, in others it is caused by bad teaching. I knew a lawyer who talked of seeking in the courts damages of a wretched teacher for the injury he had wretched teacher for the injury he had inflicted on the lawyer's son by unwise methods of instruction. Though the boy was bright he had been taught in-such a manner that he had no mental

Some teachers, in giving instruction to classes, take no special pains to help the dull and backward pupils. They hold that their function is to teach those who are teachable under the ordinary methods, and that the rest are not worth

spending time on.

It must be confessed that a teacher who has a large class may, with reason, be perplexed to decide how much the bright scholars are to be delayed, or to be deprived of the instructor's inspiring help, for the sake of the backward pupils. But surely he is not justified in But surely he is not justified in

refusing to give some special attention to the most needy section of the class. Many a devoted instructor has found a rich reward for giving them special help outside of the regular hours of

If children are very backward, doubtless it is best for them to have the spe cial service of a private teacher for some time. Although they thus lose the in spiring aid of companionship, which affords so much joy and stimulus in a school, yet they escape the depressing and mortifying influence of seeing their dullness exhibited at every recitation to that most merciless audience, a company of school children who are outstripping t 1em, and 11 liculing their stupidity. But what shall the private teacher do

He must begin at the beginning, at the zero point of the pupil's knowledge, and with patience proceed only so rapidly as the slow mind can master each sten and he must lend intesest to his tardy march by all the resources at his com

Often, if the child lacks interest in the studies first taken up, it will be found on trial that he can be readily interested in some other study. Then begin with his study, and link it, if possible, in some way with the less interesting pursuit. A boy who abominates grammar may have passion for some branch of natura Be sure that he has a chance to firatify this passion. An apt teacher may sometimes save a boy by discovering a talent which none of his elementary studies has tested.

I once knew a boy in college who

evinced no interest in any of his regular work. He was deemed hopelessly lazy. He was generally busy making caricatures of his fellow students and the pro

On day a caricature of a certain pro fossor, which had much amused the students, fell into the hands of the professor himself. He summoned the young with some trepidation, supposing he was to be reprimanded. But the wise teachr said to him:—"You seem to have a tilent for drawing. No one of the Fa cuity has been able to find out what you were made for. All had despaired of making of you. But evidently you are intended for on an artist. You ought

to go abroad and study art."
And then, having himself lived many years in Rome, he gave his astonished and gratified hearer suggestions concerning the best method of pursuing art studies, and tendered him letters to distinguished artists at Rome. This indolent student followed the advice given him, and became a painter of distinction.

The timely council of his teacher was the making of the man. We should not be too easily discourage ed at finding the mental operations of a child slow. I know a man of advanced years, one of the most eminent scholars in one department of learning whom I always gone on with a slowness which is surprising, but with an accuracy and sureness equally surprising. He some-times has difficulty in following a speaker, because his mind cannot keep pace with the speaker's utterances. But his attainments are so ample that he is justly

for a day or two, as I happen to be a little short just now. You know where the Palmer house is, of course!"

"That all fired big stone tayern?"

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"That all fired big stone tayern?" has ripened late. Sometimes very rapid physical developement seems to absorb all vital force in a boy so that his mental development lgas. One need not be unduly disturbed by such a phenomenon. After a little the intellectual growth will be resumed. The observant teacher or parent will wait with patience for this | ter, first issued April 24th, 1704.

But do what we may, we shall, of course, find a certain number of children who can never become eminent scholars. or even passably complete a college course. We must then honestly recognize the fact, and inquire what they can best do in life. Not unfrequently they have executive talent which fits

them for some worthy career.
We must with patience strive to impart to them, by however slow a process, such an amount to any kind of training as will enably them to fill, without discredit, the place allotted to them in life.—The Youth's Companion.

Figs and Thistles.

Every man is ruled by what he loves. The gates of heaven are always open. A man generally walks the way he looks.

Love's messages are always written in red ink, No man is right in his religion who

is not right in his giving. The weakest man is the one who is slave to his own desires.

FOUL PLAY SUSPECTED.

WAS WHEELSMAN MILES ROBERTSON MURDERED?

Wounds and Bloodstains.

a manner that he had no mental PORT DALHOUSIE, July 16.-Early this morning the dead body of a man was found lying on the bottom of the dry dock here, who was subsequently idenified as Miles Robertson of Chicago, employed as wheelsman on the steamer S. L. Tilley of St Catharines. The Tilley went on the dry drinking, and did not go on board till nearly midnight, during which time deceased had an altercation with one of the other men,

one or two blows being exchanged. Dr. Considine, the coroner, empanelled a jury to enquire into the particulars and this open verdict was rendered: "The deceased, Miles Robertson, was found dead on the bottom of the dock near the propeller Tilley with cause of his death, being supposed to have fallen or been thrown from off said pro-

There is a feeling among the people here that deceased met his death by foul means, as the distance from the deck of the Tilley broken, with a deep cut on the back of the head and a small portion of the brain oozing out of one ear, and there were blood stains on the side of the steamer from the main.

Was He Murdered? BROCKVILLE, July 16.—The body of the man who was found on the lake shore near distribution found, Clinton has received Three Mile Bay a few days ago has not yet the sum of \$658,67. fated crew of the schooner Breck, which with warm iron over a thin paper. went down near Horseshoe Island about two months ago, but the clothes do not support this conjecture.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

Kingston Overflowing With Masons-Fore cast of the Election of Officers. KINGSTON, July 16.-Five hundred delegates were present at the opening of the annual convocation of the Grand Lodge of Canada this morning in the City Hall. Grand Master Walkem presided, and read a lengthy attention of the Grand Lodge all day. The discussion on the third degree question was adjourned, and will come up as the first

members of Grand Lodge, laid with appropriate ceremonies the corner stone of the Nickle Wing of the General Hospital. The election of grand officers takes place

to-morrow. J. Ross Robertson of Toronto and regrets. will be elected unanimously Grand Master and Hon. J. M. Gibson or Ed. Mitchell for the East Huron entrance examination 31 candidates wrote at Brussels and price Master, C. C. Robinson of Aurora is in the field for Grand Registrar. The war dens will likely be A. McGinnis of Belleville and George Davis of London. For District Deputy Grand Master of Toronto district the candidates are George J. Bennett and Fred Inwood. Hamilton district will elect C. W. Mulligan.

people were evidently unprepared for the influx of visitors. Mayor Drennan stayed up all night and personally accompanied late arrivals to private houses and managed to get sleeping accommodation for delegates.

Ten Things Worth Knowing. 1. That the height of the atmosphere is almost forty miles.

2. That sound travels through water 3. That the freedom of the press was first granted in England in 1688

4. That there are more magazines and newspapers published in the United States than in all the rest of the world combined.

5. That the cost of railroads in the United States has been \$9,000,000,000. 6. That over one million persons are employed by the railroads of the United States

7. That an average cost of constructin a mile of railroad in the United States at present is \$30,000.

8. That the first printing by steam was done in London in 1817. 9. That the first newspaper established in America was the Boston News Let-

10. That the first public performance

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A turkey-hen wandered off with flock of a dozen young. In the early autumn a neighbor found them and brought them home. Thinking they would again go away, I confined them in the barn three days, killed the old hen, then placed them in my poultry-yard, from which they escaped one by one, but never went tar from the premises. The result was I never had to go after them a single time. I think the killing of the old hen was what saved the flock for me.

Four of a flock of sixteen turkeys were of a white strain, the rest dark. Dogs killed three of the light-colored birds and but a single one of the dark ones. I will hereafter keep only dark birds. The dogs cannot follow them so well as the others. Near our towns dogs are nearly as bad at destroying poultry as sheep.

have slow and tardy mental development.

These three classes obviously differ the steeple.

The foundation stones of a church are of a good deal more consequence than the steeple.

These three classes obviously differ the steeple. But the very mild winter was in their favor.

Minard's Liniment is used by Physicians,

Superstition seldem brings glad tid ings, only evil ones; omens being of psin and sorrow rather than of pleasure and joy. The banshee and the deathwatch, ravens croaking and magpies flying above your head, the curse that clings to Friday, and the ill-luck that at Port Dalhousie—There Had Been attends on all undertakings begun on Drinking and a Quarrel—Suspicious that day—but no corresponding good other day-spilt salt and "coffine" blown into your lap from the fire, funerals inopportunely, with other matters still of deeper import and graver bearing, all help to make us miserable slaves to the tyrant Superstition when once we have allowed his power to be consolidated dock here yesterday, and last night some of the men, among them the deceased, were which is not pure reason and call prehensive judgment.

The following is an extract from the will of the late Rev D. B. Cameron, of Action :- 'Considering the extravagance displayed by the community in general and as a protest against it, I direct that my body, when dead, shall be decently wrapped in bleached cotton, neatly prehow done we cannot say, but such was the coffin made of pine, with no ornamenta-tion, not as much as my name, and carried to the grave in a sleigh, if in winter, or a spring wagon, and laid in the grave without a shell ! and that no monume or stone of any kind be put up to mark to the bottom of the dock is nearly 30 feet, and the body when found was lying full length, with the feet together and no bones broken, with a deep cut on the back of the respects I confirm my said will.

> To whiten yellow piano keys, rub then with sand paper, and finish with a piece

From the West Huron License

Take black court plaster, moisten been identified. A fracture of the left temple leads to the conjecture that the man enough to make it stick, and mend the was murdered and thrown into the lake. At small cracks and holes in your silk um first it was thought that it was one of the ill-brella by pressing it on the wrong side One of the best things to cleanse the scalp thoroughly is to dissolve a tea-

> and apply it, rubbing it in well. Rinse thoroughly in clear water. Spruce pillows which have lost their fragrance may be renewed, it is said, by subjecting them for a short time to

spoonful of borax in a quart of water

A photograph can now be taken quick er than a mule can kick, but it still takes address, reviewing his official acts for the past year. Routine business occupied the

Harmless mirth is the best cordial against the consumption of the spirits : order of business in the morning.

Grand Master Walkem, assisted by Deputy
Grand Master J. Ross Robertson and the
reason.

wherefore, jesting is not unlawful if it trespasseth not in quantity, quality, or reason.

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