

Sparkles.

A NEW story is called "The Editor's Purse." We have seen it. There is nothing in it.

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS was no painter, but all the same he was the first land seer of America.

SUFFERING humanity read Carbolic Smoke Ball advertisement, cures Diseases of the Nose, Throat and Lungs. See page 642.

THE decline of natural gas production in the midst of a Presidential campaign is another evidence of nature's independence of man.

IF an untruth is only a day old it is called a lie; if it is a year old it is called a falsehood; but if it is a century old it is called a legend.

"IF women are really angels," writes an old bachelor, "why don't they fly over the fence instead of making such a fearfully awkward job of climbing?"

"YES," said Quiggles, "I have a good deal on my hands just now." "So I perceive," replied Fogg. "Why don't you try a little soap and water?"

WIFE (proudly): I made this pound-cake myself, John. What do you think of it? Husband (critically): Well, my dear, I think it will run fully sixteen ounces to the pound.

"MERCY, Bridget! What's the matter with these cakes?" "I dun know, mum." "They taste of soap." "Yis, mum, I couldn't find the soapstone griddle, an' so I soaped the iron one."

DE WIGGS: Old fellow, I am truly sorry for you. You seem to have married a Tartar. DE BIGGS: It is true. But then, she's beautiful and wealthy. DE WIGGS: Ah! a sort of cream of tartars.

CHOOSING the lesser evil. Office boy (to editor): There's a female book agent outside, sir, an' a red-eyed man what wants to whip the editor. Editor: Well, show in the man what wants to whip the editor.

"AND did he say all that, Pat?" "Yis, yer riverance, all them names he called me, and sis I, 'I would'nt demane meself to lose me temper with such a blaggard,' so I just knocked him over wid the stick, and came away."

"THE sun is all very well," said an Irishman, "but the moon is worth two of it; for the moon affords us light in the nighttime, when we want it, whereas the sun's with us in the daytime, when we have no occasion for it."

"I UNDERSTAND that Colonel Blear is very wealthy." "Well, he's worth about \$100,000." "How did he make it?" "He made it out of coal oil." "Indeed!" "Yes, his wife lit the fire with kerosene, and he got all her money."

"NOW," said the choir director, "sing the third stanza very softly. It is necessary to do so to bring out the spirit of the composition." "Hymn No. 96," broke in the clergyman, "omitting the third verse." And the singers enjoyed it more than the director.

THERE have been many definitions of Agnosticism. How will this one do? The Agnostic is a man who doesn't know whether if there is anything he could know, he would know it; or if he should know it, he doesn't know that he could know that he knows it.

LIEUTENANT BOXER: I'm ordered to Morocco, Miss Elson. We're likely to have trouble there, you know. Miss Elson: You must be careful not to get captured. Lieutenants BOXER: I'll try not to. Miss Elson: I would. Just think how ridiculous you'd look bound in Morocco.

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8/9 SAULT STE. MARIE CANAL.

Notice to Contractors.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tenders for the Sault Ste. Marie Canal," will be received at this office until the arrival of the eastern and western mails on TUESDAY, the 23rd day of October next, for the formation and construction of a Canal on the Canadian side of the river, through the Island of St. Mary.

The works will be let in two sections, one of which will embrace the formation of the canal through the island; the construction of locks, etc. The other, the deepening and widening of the channel-way at both ends of the canal; construction of piers, etc.

A map of the locality, together with plans and specifications of the works, can be seen at this office on and after TUESDAY, the 9th day of October next, where printed forms of tender can also be obtained. A like class of information, relative to the works, can be seen at the office of the Local Officer in the Town of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

Intending contractors are requested to bear in mind that tenders will not be considered unless made strictly in accordance with the printed forms and accompanied by a letter stating that the person or persons tendering have carefully examined the locality and the nature of the material found in the trial pits.

In the case of firms, there must be attached the actual signatures of the full name, the nature of the occupation and residence of each member of the same; and further, a bank deposit receipt for the sum of \$20,000 must accompany the tender for the canal and locks; and a bank deposit receipt for the sum of \$7,500 must accompany the tender for the deepening and widening of the channel-way at both ends, piers, etc.

The respective deposit receipts—checks will not be accepted—must be endorsed over to the Minister of Railways and Canals, and will be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the works, at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted.

The deposit receipt thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tenders.

By order, A. P. BRADLEY, Secretary. Department of Railways and Canals, Ottawa, 8th August, 1888.

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