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ST. JOHN, N. B., FEBRUARY 9, 1878.

The price, of single copies of the Torch, will be Two CENTS each, from this date.

OUR Local Legislators meet, for despatch of business, at Fredericton on the 26th instant.

MR. JENNINGS, of Anodyne Liniment fame, is in town.

THE Dominion Parliament commenced its Session on the seventh—re-electing Mr. Anglin to the Speakership—and thus the Party of Purity "elevates the standard."

THE CHILDREN'S CARNIVAL, at the Skating Rink, yesterday afternoon, was quite a success. We are sorry that our early hour of going to press prevents us giving an extended notice of it.

GEORGE STEWART, JR., will deliver the next lecture of the Institute course. Subject—"Emerson the Thinker."

The composer, in setting up the above item, evidently supposed this lecture to be an autobiography of a gentleman who keeps a tin-smith's shop on Union street, as he had it set up, "EMERSON THE THINKER."

DEXTER SMITH'S for February comes to us deeply laden with good things. On the first page is an admirable portrait of Mary Anderson, the celebrated actress. It also contains "The Maguinns Guards," "Thou't Like Unto a Flower," and three other choice pieces of vocal and instrumental music. These, with its various departments of original and selected paragrahic items of every description, make it, as the editor says, a most welcome visitor in every home. Price only \$1.75 a year.

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We intend offering a number of first-class Prizes, to be drawn for by subscribers according to the English Art Union rules.

- 1st Prize.—An Oil Painting called "Moonrise on the Coast"—value \$30.
2nd do. — "The Passing of Shower"—value \$20.
3rd do. — "The Evening Song"—value \$10.
4th do.—A Water Color—value \$5.
5th do.—A handsomely bound edition of "Liddle Yawcob Strauss, and other Poems," by Chas. F. Adams.
6th do.—"Evenings in the Library," by Geo. Stewart, jr.
7th do.—Mrs. May Agnes Fleming's last book, "Silent and True."

The oil paintings are being painted by our talented townsman John C. Miles, Esq., whose well earned reputation as an artist is sufficient guarantee that the pictures will be valuable works of art.

When finished they will be placed in the windows of Mr. A. C. Smith's drug store, on exhibition.

The drawing will take place on the 1st of June.

Remember that for One Dollar you will receive a copy of the Torch for one year, and have a chance for one of the prizes.

Canvassers wanted, to whom good commissions will be given, to obtain subscriptions in this city and the Provinces. Parties wishing to canvass will please apply personally to the editor at the office of E. T. C. Knowles, Barrister, A.C., in Y. M. C. A. Building, or by letter addressed to "Editor of Torch," St. John, N. B. Specimen copies sent free to any address. Agents wanted in every town.

SPECIAL INDUCEMENT TO CANVASSERS.—A cash prize of \$10 (beside the commission) will be given to the person obtaining the largest list of subscribers between now and the first of June.

Pending the arrival of the novelties in fancy dress goods which come with the spring-time as naturally as the birds, one of the most seasonably stocked stores in the city is that of Mr. W. W. Jordan, now located on Union street.

At first Mr. Jordan's many customers naturally missed the pleasant and well lighted building in which he formerly welcomed them, as well as the innumerable small niceties constantly on hand, but now despite the disadvantages attendant upon crowding a large quantity of goods in a small and uncomfortable space, his supply of heavy goods, such as blankets, cloths, comforters and children's clothing, diminish in a manner which shows the wisdom of having studied the actual needs of our people for the present winter. The low figure at which all the goods are marked, no doubt adds a great impetus to the sale.

Oysters are sold at twelve and one half cents apiece at Austin, Nev. Shouldn't think many Austinites would bivalves at that price.—*Norristown Herald.*

If a young lady should ask us to "stand oysters" at that price, we should answer her oysterly that though not naturally selfish, we could not think of "shelling out" so much for the succulent shellfish.

Did you ever try a draught of checker-berry wine?

The creditor's favorite color—dun.
Dexter Smith's.

The baby's favorite color—yell-oh!

Shaving a pig is what a fellow might call a hard scrape.—*Town's Falls Reporter.*
Yes, pig-culinary hard.

The first case of eaves-dropping—Eve's fall while listening to what the Serpent was saying to Adam.

For some unaccountable reason canaries in England are mostly bred by shoemakers.—*Boston Com. Bulletin.* Not at all strange. It shows they have the most *sole* for music.

A medical journal says "bald-headed people do not die of consumption." How about those who wear wigs?—*Boston Post.* That's all bald-erlash. Consumption is hair editory.

A little boy will never willingly relinquish any of his cakes except his spank aches.—*Phil. Bulletin.*

Wrong: you can also have his stomach aches.

Is bass drum music sold by the pound?
Dexter Smith: Yes; and tenor drum music by the roll.—*Journal (Kingswood), W. Va.*
Gratifying an ounce ment, *Dexter Smith's:* How would you sell conun-drum music?

A man must be pretty sick when he gets out of bed in the middle of the night and throws up the window.—*Saturday Night.*

He'd be very apt to if he had a pane in the stomach.

Whether Beecher believes or not in a future piece of punis't. ent, in which brimstone and sulphur are the principal ingredients, one thing is certain, that his pews didn't sul-for as much as they did last year.

A pet monkey in Atlanta was trained to watch a baby, and rook a cradle when it cried.—*Norristown Herald.*

We've seen a weepin' willow, but to see a real live cradle crying, we'd "go on a keg" for six months, or be willing to part with our mother-in-law.

August is the month for beer.—*Phila. Ledger.* Is that so? Thought it was ice-breexy!—*N. Y. Graphic.* No, child. Our Dutch contributor says it is Sup-dem-beer, *Norristown Herald.*

You are beery funny, but to your Dutch we say Jew-lie!

The Cincinnati papers are exercised in trying to decide whether the picture of the "Prodigal Son" is a historical painting. We should think they must know it is purely autobiographical.—*N. Y. Graphic.*

A naughty biography is right.

Which is the healthier, Oolong or Hyson? asks a correspondent. That's a question which we don't care to teacup at the present time.—*Ec.*

A little too steep perhaps.

Ada Cavendish is going to travel as a star in America if she can get a manager to bac'er.—*Dexter Smith.*

Don't chew think it would be a good idea to let your artist make a "fine cut" of her for your paper?