

Fun and Fancy.

Policeman—"You have been standing here for an hour. Move on. Absent-minded chess-player—"Beg pardon, sir, it's your move."

It is some satisfaction to argue with the man who holds a grab mortgage on your homestead. He is always ready to accept your premises.

Minister—"I am thinking of getting a new chime for the church. What would you recommend?" Parishioner (who lives next door to the sacred edifice)—"A pair of dumb bells."

Unprofitable paper mills.—The dispute of pugilists in the sporting journals.

There is a man in Troy, N. Y., named "Gaskell." It is seldom you find a name like this.

"You are charged with playing a flute by an open window at midnight, to the annoyance of your neighbor," said the magistrate. "Guilty or not guilty?" "Guilty." "Five dollars fine." "But, your Honor, protested the neighbor who had preferred the charge, "considering the circumstances, the fine seems insufficient. He played over and over again. We are very wide awake, the Most and L." "Oh! Fifty dollars fine."

It is estimated that 30 per cent more deaths are caused by rum in this country than by country than by hydrophobia. And yet they are muzzling dogs and drowning them by the hundreds in New York, while rum is permitted to go about seeking whom it may devour. When a man dies from delirium tremens every is not raised to muzzle the whisky barrels or dump them into the East River to prevent other persons from falling victims.

"Mr. Trialbalance," said Old Hyson to the bookkeeper, "you were away two days last week." "I was, Mr. Hyson: I was summoned suddenly to attend the funeral of my grandfather."

"Yes," said the old merchant—"quite right, quite right. Accept my condolences. Did you bury the old lady?" "Yes, sir." "Ah, yes; buried her. I thought I saw your breath that you had embraced her." (Loud and long-continued sobs.)

It is reported from London that the Conservatives are jubilant. This is not unnatural. The Conservatives always smile first and reflect later. As a general thing, Gladstone manages to work in the last smile.

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Mr. Curran is very severe in his denunciations of the Grit-Orangemen. This is not surprising. There is no one to hit back.

The Laundry Revolution Again.

The Canada Presbyterian has some further remarks about the Riel question which we quote in full. In speaking of "moves," it might, however, have added that the government commenced that work by deciding Riel's fate by the political effect it would have:—

"There is something painfully humiliating in the remark that we often hear and read about the late parliamentary fight on the Riel question. It is said that Mr. Blake made a bad 'move,' that the seventeen 'bolters,' as they are called, made a bad 'move,' that the Rouges made a good 'move,' for they will gain votes in Quebec, and that the Liberals who voted with the government also made a good 'move,' for they will be able to hold their seats in Ontario. The shameful fact which underlies all this talk about good and bad 'moves' is that politics in Canada is a game at which our representatives are playing. The corpse of the unfortunate Riel is a political chess board on which our members make 'moves.' It never occurs to the people—and they belong to both parties—who speak and write in this way that Edward Blake may have such a thing as a conscience. It never seems to dawn on their minds that the sixteen 'bolters' may have thought they were doing right. It is out of the question to suppose for a moment that the government and those who voted with them may have had some regard to their duty when they acted as they did. All the parties in the controversy were simply making 'moves.' Well, if the political life of this country has become so degraded that two hundred of our picked men play a game over the corpse of a halfbreed, it might have been as well to allow the halfbreeds to take possession of the Northwest, and it might be as well to allow some other nation to take possession of the remaining portion of the Dominion. A country that plays a game over a corpse cannot last anyway. We would fain hope that no considerable number of those who took part in the controversy were so lost to decency as to think they were playing a game. Many of them, we are certain, never thought anything of the kind. The worst feature of the case is that so many on both sides in politics, not in parliament, considered the matter a mere game. If these people are properly represented, then it was a game. Their representatives may be better than themselves. We hope they are."

Top's Love (2) For Mr. Mackenzie.

For five years they heaped the most slanderous abuse upon this same Alexander Mackenzie at the end of that time drove him from power by one of the most barefaced frauds that ever was perpetrated on an credulous people. Four years ago Sir John A. Macdonald set Alf Boulton down down in a room in Ottawa and authorized him to gerry-mander the East York to that his veteran leader could not have a chance of election; and when Mr. Mackenzie, broken in health, made a personal appeal to the Premier not to carve and cut up the constituency in the way proposed, he heartily mocked him in the most cowardly manner and refused to allow the constituency to remain as it was. Several times during his convalescence in '82 Mr. Trow

stated that the most cruel thing he ever saw in his life was the manner in which John A. Macdonald gloated over the expected triumph of Boulton over Alexander Mackenzie. Several times during that session Sir John sneered at the ex premier and told him his usefulness was gone. During the election Mr. Mackenzie lay for weeks dangerously ill in a farm house in Markham, and every effort was made during his illness by the magnanimous Tory chieftain and his henchman, Boulton, to hound him out of a constituency that they had already shamefully gerrymandered! And now these venal scoundrels of a corrupt leader have the cheek to compliment the man they could neither besmirch nor crush. Mr. Mackenzie is not the man Canada has taken him to be if he does not despise their compliments more than their abuse.—[Montreal Post.]

Senator Beck on Burns.

I happened to sit at the table with Senator Beck, of Kentucky, and it occurred to me to ask him in what town in Scotland he was born. Beck has been in the Senate eight years; he came in at the same time with Voorhees, of Indiana, and there are only three or four Democratic Senators of his seniority, such as Maxey, of Texas, and Salisbury, of Delaware.

"I came from old Dumfries," said Mr. Beck.

"Why, that is the town in which Robert Burns died."

"Yes," said Mr. Beck, "and I often saw before I left there Jean Armour, his wife. She did not die till 1834. Burns himself died before the close of the last century. I went to school with Burns' grand children. Jean Armour was rather gypsy-looking woman, with a black, sharp eye, dark skin, and she had fine arms, and when she was old woman would roll up her sleeves, and you could see the muscle left in her arms."

"How queer it is," said I "that you should be before a United States Senator near the close of the nineteenth century, and have seen Robert Burns' wife—that Burns who would like to have extolled both the French and the American revolutions, and did make a feeble strain that way, till the British Government sent him down on him, as an excise man!"

"Ah," said Mr. Beck, "Burns got his power from his manly indignation. He hated to be patronized, to be considered as something inferior, who might be encouraged and introduced to somebody. The reason that he takes his rank in the world is that he first drew the character of the natural man. Walter Scott never made a poor man mainly. All his poor people are willing serfs or common folk. He never drew but one character among the poor which had any self-assertion—and that not much—and that was Jennie Deans. Shakespeare's poor people are all louts. The literature of Great Britain had never measured a man for his natural worth and equal claims till Burns set him up from the contents of his own mind and spirit."

THE OONTO SINKS.

The Steamer Goes Down in Fourteen Feet of Water.

The ill-fated steamer Oonto, after contending with wind, wave and ice for four months and drifting nearly 20 miles from the place where she first struck on that stormy night in December last, has gone to the bottom of Saginaw Bay, going down about where she was hauled up in the storm of last week near North Island.

Mr. Merriman, of Port Huron, representing the wrecking company which has contracted with the insurance companies to remove the steamer, arrived in Saginaw City yesterday from Bayport. He states that she lies in 14 feet of water with the water two feet above the main deck, and that four men succeeded in boarding her on Saturday, and report her as in good condition. Later Mr. Merriman endeavored to reach her, but could not on account of the ice. The tug Peter Smith was to have left Bay City yesterday morning for the Oonto, but when ready to do so her commander was informed that she steamer had gone down, and he consequently did not leave port. As soon as the ice disappears sufficiently to permit of work being done a wrecking outfit will be sent from Huron and she will be raised."

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