

days, developed an attack of delirium tremens, and came very near shooting several of his neighbors.—*Medical Record*.

**A HAPPY THOUGHT SAVED HIS LIFE.**—A man hopelessly lost in the bush in South Australia, after wandering about for four days came upon the telegraph line between Adelaide and Port Darwin. He hadn't strength to go further, but he managed to climb a pole and cut the wire. Then he made himself as comfortable as possible, and waited. The plan worked well. The telegraph repairers were sent along the line, and they came to the wanderer in time to save his life.—*London Globe*.

"EVERY human soul has the germs of some flowers within, and they would open if they could only find sunshine and pure air in which to expand. I always told you that not having enough sunshine was what ailed the world. Make people happy, and there will not be half the quarreling, or a tenth part of the present amount of wickedness."—*Lydia Maria Child*.

**THE PRISONER SECONDED THE MOTION.**—I heard a pretty good story about a certain ignorant justice who does business up in Fulton County. This justice was elected over an able but very unpopular lawyer, and his first case was that of a prisoner charged with violating the fishery law. The complaint and warrant were defective, and this the defendant's attorney took exception to in a masterly argument, winding up by moving the prisoner's discharge.

"Is the motion seconded?" asked the justice.

"It is," replied the prisoner.

"Gentlemen," continued the judge, "it is regularly moved and seconded that the prisoner be discharged. All those in favor of the motion say aye."

"Aye," came from the prisoner and his counsel.

"Opposed, no."

Silence followed, and after a short pause the scales holder said:

"The motion is carried, and the prisoner is discharged," whereupon, to the surprise and amusement of all, court was

declared adjourned.—*Amsterdam Democrat*.

**"MOTHER GOOSE."**—"Mother Goose" was a real character, and not an imaginary personage, as has been supposed. Her maiden name was Elizabeth Foster, and she was born in 1665. She married Isaac Goose in 1693, and a few years after became a member of Old South Church, Boston, and died in 1757, aged 92 years. The first edition of her songs which were originally sung to her grandchildren, was published in Boston in 1716 by her son-in-law, Thomas Fleet. The house in which a great part of her life was spent was a low, one-story building, with dormer windows and a red tiled roof, looking something like an old English country cottage.—*Exchange*.

## Musical and Dramatic.

THAT popular organization, the Hatton Male Quartette, have been working hard and will probably be heard quite often during the remainder of the winter. Their singing at the Commercial Travellers dinner was superb, which led, no doubt, to their being engaged for the Board of Trade Banquet on February 2.

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THE Winnipeg Operatic Society have definitely decided on the "Pirates of Penzance" as their next opera. If cast with due respect to each part a repetition of their former success is assured.

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THE Andrews Opera Co. appear to have pleased our Duluth friends, and we sincerely hope they will come here with their entire company. We are so often disappointed in this matter that we have almost come to regard the absence of an orchestra and good solo singers as a proper thing. Give us your best,—we'll appreciate it.

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A most delightful innovation, so far as Winnipeg is concerned, is the introduction