THE FIRST TRILLIUM.

This Canadian flower of a dazzling white often changes to a deep crimson before it dies.

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The honry-headed winter bad sunk down to sleep, Had led us to a hades, where did haunt. The ghosts of winter's winds, now howling shrill, now

Around the skeletons in forests gaunt.

Among the woods close by a shivering chilly stream Chanting in the gloom its marmurs low; Mid all the welrd dank sadness is one happy gleam As the first night star trembling into glow.

Hore thro' pailled ferns, dead twigs, and leaves in brown

decay.

Shoots up on emerald stem a silver star,
A snowflake, wishful in this form to see a day.
In spring, and welcome summer from afar.

Its anowy load aione of all had been to meet And trustful to unfold to first warm ray And with hope-dapping comblence did wait to greet The full glad brightness chasing gloom away.

Expectancy is lost injury! It reines at last! The happy, sunny, life-renewing Spring! Draws sprouting buds from earth and trees, while glid-

the past.
The electristial stream and whole begin to sing

The faint pink blush which erstacy of hope had spread On the pure lily, not as most flowers, wan With too great joy, now deepens into fervid red And glows with tropic richness ere tis gone.

Sweet Trillinm! much hopeful comfort than dost show To all whose youth is hardship, grief or care, When sorrow's clouds disperse, and burdens lighter grow, None may with nobler grace life's smakine wear! "CGIE ST, ANTOINE."

THE COPPER LIGHTNING ROD.

We will give next week a view of the Office and Factory of the Ontario Copper Lightning Red Company at 173 and 175 James St., North, Hamilton, Out.

This constany was incorporated by Charter from the Government of Ontario, on the 27th April, 1876, with a capital stock of \$50,000, divided into five hundred shares of \$100 each

The purpose of the company is manufacturing and putting up Copper Lightning Conductors in this Dominion, and it is managed by gentlemen

of large experience in the business. It is manifestly very desirable that the important work of protecting life and property from destruction by lightning, should only be undertaken by thoroughly informed and reliable

persons. The incorporation of this company makes it an institution of the country, and places the business upon a permanent basis, and the people may now know to whom they are entrusting the critical work of defending their homes and property against the death-dealing lightning stroke, which each year becomes more hazardous as the country is improved, and the forest trees cut down. The trees not only shade the ground and petard evaporation, but every twig and branch makes a better path for the return of electricity to the earth than does the atmosphere, and thus the forests not only retard the dense accumula-tion of electricity in the cloud, but are mediums of its return to the earth. Thus, each year, the publicate of peaks time buildings from hightning subject of protecting buildings from lightning becomes more and more important. This company has already done a large business in this city, this season. The Conductor manufactured by them which consists of seven tubes of copper wrapped together, forming a continuous line, without interruption from highest point to lowest end, is very highly recommended by the most distinguished electricians of the country. Prof. Croft, of Toronto University, closes a detailed report on the Conductor, by saying t "I am therefore prepared to recommend very strongly your continuous tubular Copper Lightning Con-ductor for general use." Professor Richard, the well-known electrician and lecturer on natural science, closes a commendatory letter, by saying "I cannot doubt that its superior merits will soon secure for it that preeminence in use to which its scientific construction entitles it." Our distinguished fellow citizens, F. H. Badger, Superintendent of the Fire Ahrm Telegraph, and O. S. Wood, late manager of the Montreal Telegraph Company, both recommend this Conductor very highly. Among the protuinent buildings in this city, to which the company has applied its conductors, is St. Patrick's Church. this case, a most thorough test of the capacity of the Conductor, and the execution of the work was made by Mr. F. H. Badger, with the most satisfactory results.

Among electricians there is no more doubt of the possibility of defending against lightning injuring a house or its inmates, than of keeping the rain out of it, but only those who understand the business are competent to do either.

GREAT FIRE AT ST. JOHNS.

About nine o'clock on Sunday, 18th instant, most destructive conflagration visited St. Johns, Que. The wind was blowing a perfect hurricane at the time. An alarm of fire was given by some parties living in the vicinity of of Bousquet's lumber mill, situated within 100 yards of the Central Vermont Railway station in that town. Fifteen minutes after, and be fore the fire apparatus of St. Johns-which, by the way, is very meagre—arrived, the flames had spre d from the numerous piles of lumber to the planing mill owned by Bousquet, and the wind had fained the flames to such an extent that the inhabitants became horror-stricken. The whole town was threatened, and the people set to work to remove their household effects all over the place. At this stage the planing mills had became a crumbling mass of ruins, an immense pile of lumber had become reduced to

ashes, whilst sparks had been igniting houses at a considerable distance off, and the residence of Engineer Flanders, of the Central Vermont Railway, was one of the lirst to become a prey to the fiery element. So furious was the blaze that in ten minutes the whole house was incircled by fire, notwithstanding the exertions of a large number of people. Other houses had already caught fire from the burning embers that were falling. In thirty minutes from the first alarm the whole business portion of St. Johns was in flames, and the people were fleeing for their lives, being stifled in their progress with the smoke. The scene was really heartrending-mothers groping their way in the dense smoke calling their children, and bewailing their loss. The Post-office, Custom House, both hotels, several splendid stores, with their contents, and telegraph office on Richelieu street were burned In fact, the whole place is now in ruins, and the loss is estimated at about \$1,000,000.

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DEATH.

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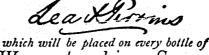
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