

At Williamsburg, N. Y., the Long Island City train struck a buggy in which were two men, at the street-crossing. Both men were thrown some distance. Their bodies were terribly mangled, their heads being smashed to a pulp.

At Louisville, Ky., the members of six different families have been poisoned by cake bought from a confectioner. One child, Geo. Gross, has died, and ten others suffered terribly, but hopes are entertained of their recovery. The poison was arsenic, but how it got in the cake is not known.

Snowslides have been frequent at Denver, Col., since the snow began to melt. There were several in the Black Canon near Currecant. The regular west-bound passenger train went as far as the first of these and was waiting for workmen to clear the track, when another slide came down, striking the engine, turning it over and instantly killing Engineer Arthur Bratt and injuring the fireman, Frank Martinez.

At Schenectady, N. Y., five cars and a locomotive of the Central Hudson freight train were thrown into the Erie Canal by a misplaced switch, one brakeman being injured. The cars were piled upon the locomotive, forming a shapeless mass, to which the coal from the engine furnace set fire. The loss exceeds \$40,000. A gang of boys feasted on the dried apples, and several are critically ill.

Yesterday Philip Ryan, a brakeman on the Canada Southern Railway, was crushed and instantly killed by a train starting from the station in Windsor. Ryan was swinging from a ladder at the rear end of the car when he was struck by a switch shifter and knocked off the ladder.

The boiler in the drill-house of Dobson, Chapin & Co., Bay City, Mich., exploded with frightful effect last week. The building was demolished and scattered over the neighborhood. Pieces of iron were thrown into and fell upon the roofs of houses smashing through. A woman had just taken a baby from a cradle when two bricks were thrown into it. Two persons were killed outright and seven injured, three fatally.

FIRES.—At Utica two fires started almost simultaneously in different parts of the city. Lowery Bros. cotton warehouse, with 1,500 bales of cotton destroyed. Loss, \$90,000. Watson block damaged \$2,000.—The town hall at Milton, Ga., was burned; a negro prisoner was roasted to death.—The Methodist Church at Saginaw City, Mich., has been burned.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Her Majesty Queen Victoria is at Darmstadt, and suffering from lumbago. Much anxiety prevails in London regarding her condition.

A fire in Page bank colliery, near Durham, caused damage of £30,000, throwing 700 hands out of employment.

The convention of the National League was held at Kilkenny. Resolutions were adopted re-affirming allegiance to Parnell, and a promise was made to subscribe to the fund for the payment of members of Parliament.

Belmont Castle, Perthshire, the seat of Earl Wharnccliffe, was burned to the ground on Monday. A number of valuable paintings and other works of art, many of which can never be replaced, were also destroyed.

At a meeting of the Howard Society the announcement was made that the society was co-operating with American prison societies to promote a central bureau for criminal statistics at Washington. A letter on the subject from President Arthur was read.

The Grand Trunk Railway half-yearly meeting has been held. The report of the Directors was unanimously adopted. The agreement with the Welland Railway Company for consolidation of that undertaking with the Grand Trunk was ratified by resolution. Some little criticism of the terms of the agreement was indulged in, but the resolution was practically unanimous.

In view of the prevalence of cholera in India, the French Ministry of Commerce is preparing a system of quarantine and inspection to be observed on vessels arriving from infected ports.

A sad tragedy was enacted at Monaco by a lady of great beauty who had been living at the Villa Clementina. She indulged heavily in gambling, and recently, after suffering heavy losses, she murdered her infant girl and afterwards cut her own throat.

There have been fresh massacres of Christians in Laos.

A revolt broke out in the prison at Garslen, Hungary, in which are confined a number of educated persons convicted of minor offences. The outbreak was suppressed by a military detachment

after much bloodshed. Thirty convicts were wounded, seven of them seriously.

A serious fire at Rangoon raged two days, and destroyed forty-one houses. Loss, £1,200,000.

The military attaché to the British Embassy at St. Petersburg has been ordered to the Caucasian and Caspian provinces to learn the strength of the Russian forces and ascertain whether Turcomans are being enrolled for the Russian service.

The steamer *Inchgarvie* has arrived at Suez from Bassein. There were two deaths from cholera on board. Cholera at Calcutta is increasing. There were 257 deaths there from it last week.

A tunnel in the Quebradilla mine at Zacatecas, Mex., has caved in, killing forty miners.

A despatch from the city of Mexico says the reports of disturbances in Northern Mexico are false. The entire country is tranquil.

The city of Jurin has been attacked by 1,000 of Caceres Monteneros. The Prefect of the city, with 200 men, opposed them and they retired. After their departure the Prefect seized two citizens, Vera and Jurado, whom he accused of intrigues with the rebels. Both were shot—Jurado he killed with his own hand. This action of the Prefect has caused great excitement in the interior, as both victims are well known, and believed to have been innocent of political designs.

An earthquake shock was felt in the eastern counties of England, on Wednesday. At Ipswich the walls of the houses were shaken, plates were rattled, and bells rung. People were thrown into such a state of consternation that business was suspended. The shock was still more severe at Colchester. The concussion lasted half a minute. The first symptom was a deep rumbling sound. This was speedily followed by a quaking and shaking of all the buildings. The tall chimney stacks of factories fell, and other lofty structures were destroyed. The spire of one of the largest churches in the city, 150 feet in height, fell with an awful crash. In one part of the city fire was caused by the shock. The damage is great. In private houses tables and chairs were overturned, glassware was shattered, pictures and other ornaments fell to the floor. Men, women, and children rushed shrieking into the streets. At Chelmsford the shock was so severe that people were filled with terror. At South End the earth trembled for miles around. The windows of many dwellings were broken, and chimneys were demolished. The duration of the shock at Ipswich was estimated at three seconds. The earthquake has caused a general feeling of alarm. The damage at Colchester is estimated at £10,000. A child was killed and a woman's skull was fractured; the woman is in a precarious condition. There were many narrow escapes. The old parish church at Langenhoe was demolished. The place looks as if it had been bombarded. An invalid at Wivandye died from terror. The damage there is £4,000. At Coggerhil a number of school girls rushed panic-stricken into the streets and many of them were crushed.

Tales and Sketches.

THE DRUNKARD'S GOOD ANGELS.

"Come, Ady and Jane, it is time you were in bed," said Mrs. Freeman to her two little girls, about nine o'clock one evening. Ady was nine years old, and Jane was a year and a half younger. The two children had been sitting at the work table with their mother, one of them studying her lesson, and the other engaged on a piece of fancy needlework.

"Papa has not come yet," said Ady.

"No, dear; but it's getting late, and it's time you were in bed. He may not be home for an hour."

Ady laid aside her work and left the table, and Jane closed her books and put them away in her school satchel.

"You can light the little lamp on the mantel-piece," said Mrs. Freeman after a few minutes, looking around as she spoke, when she saw that the children had both put on their bonnets, and were tying their warm capes close about their necks. She understood very well the meaning of this, and therefore did not ask a question, although the tears came to her eyes, and her voice trembled as she said "It's very cold out to-night, children."

"But we shall not feel it, mother," replied Ady. "We'll run along very quickly."

And the two little ones went out before the mother (whose feelings were choking her) could say a word more. As they closed the