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adian Don in summer." Any poet that could not get sufficient inspiration in that beautiful spot to fill ten volumes of 1000 pages each can't write poetry.

As I was wandering along a street in the north half easterly part of the city, my eye caught this legend on a door: "So and so, Practical Express." What in the name of all that is mysterious, I said to myself, is a practical express? and what manner of man can a practical express be? Or is it the man's trade or profession, and if a practical express, why not a theoretical express? I haven't solved this mystery yet. I don't know that the question is of any great public interest, still people have no right to puzzle law-abiding citizens in this manner.

I saw it stated somewhere that Dr. Wild admit- having learnt, at some period or other of his life, to play the violin. This may be true or it may be mere fiddle-de-dee. A base fabrication of some malevolent person to injure the worthy divine in the estimation of his many friends. If, however, it be true, and the Dr. can play, let him by all means give us a lecture, chanting the words and accompanying himself on his stradivarius; it would take immensely. The subject might be "Nero, Rome's greatest fiddler," and if Dr. Wild can't tell us something about that benevolent and amiable emperor, I should like to know who can.

WHAT does the Toronto *Tribune* mean by saying that "Sir John Macdonald has been appointed a Grand Cross of the Bath?" The Premier is no "cross," either by birth or appointment. He is a thoroughbred, with a pedigree and record which the editor of the *Globe* has had enlarged and hung up in his sanctum. Sir John is an out-and-out, high-bred, XXX, stamped and warranted, Statesman, Patriot, Constitutional Lawyer and Man of Canada. To talk of him as a "cross," is the most unkindest out of all—a regular cross-cut, so to speak.

WHEN the correspondent of an Orillia paper wonders how it is that no news is sent in from Coldwater, has he really given himself time for reflection? The idea of anything in the shape of cold water going into an Orillia editor! [P. S.—Should any Orillia editor desire to respond to this little familiarity, let him distinctly understand that bloodshed will not be sanctioned on our side. In fact, so averse are we to seeing gore that we hereby propose, in the event of a meeting, to choose pistols and have a Toronto policeman act as our substitute, provided our adversary will choose guns and get the man to stand up in his place who, while on a lone hunt recently, killed all those deer and gave them to the settlers, and then came home and told the editor all about it and had him write it up in the paper.]

I DOUBT very much if a handsomer group of men than that on the picture of Representative Canadian journalists lately issued, could have been gathered together in one body if the country had been scoured near and far. Of course there was not room for all the handsome newspaper men of Canada, but one or two more might have been crowded in. What Mr. Peter X, of Berlin, did to be left in the cold, I can't conceive. However, looking at the gentlemen whose beaming countenances appear in the picture alluded to, I must allow they make a noble array of beauty.

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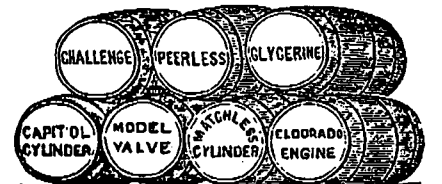
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