

YOUTHS DEPARTMENT.

A REGULAR BOY. He was not at all particular to keep his appearance neat.

A CLEVER DOG. There is a butcher boy in Seattle who travels around on horseback a great deal that attracts considerable attention.

THE SHAMROCK. We hear more about the shamrock than we know about it. James O'G. Duffy in American Notes and Queries says that in Ireland only one shamrock is known.

A USEFUL LESSON. A little Spanish boy named with the drudgery of learning ran away from school.

IMPRISED IN A CLOCK FACE. One of the glories of the ancient church of St. Martins was its fine clock.

The only thing which troubled Hans was the fear lest his inquisitive little son Kasper, who was always in some mischief or other, should, in one of his boyish pranks, injure the mechanism of this wonderful timepiece.

Poor Kasper! It was too late now to wish that he had left the clock alone. He tried to scream for help; but with his neck in that cramped position the cry that he gave was scarcely louder than the chirp of a sparrow.

"What can that thing in the clock-face be?" said a tourist below, pointing his finger at the boy's head.

watchmaker, had got half way up the stairs leading to the tower, more than a score of excited men were scrambling at his heels.

Confiscation in Ireland. During the reign of Queen Elizabeth no less than three attempts were made to supplant Irish Catholics in their possession of the land of Ulster by the importation of English or Scotch Protestant settlers.

The first of the attempts in question was inaugurated, when, on Oct. 5, 1572, a royal grant was made to one Chatterton and his heirs, of three districts, in the county of Ards, known as the Orior, the Fews and the Gallowglass country.

In November, 1572, one Sir Thomas Smith, with his wife, received a similar grant, in nearly the same terms, but limited to the parishes of the districts known as the Great and Little Ards and Coneybeg.

It was not until the reign of James I. that any successful attempt was made to confiscate the land of Ulster. The methods then adopted were, to a great extent, similar to those which had been for a time successfully adopted in certain portions of Munster.

The carrying out of King James' plantation was the work of three several commissioners, appointed in 1608, in 1609 and in 1610. These commissioners mapped out the country in detail, allotted it in fixed proportions amongst the new settlers, for whom they made way with fire, sword, and galloes where necessary.

Public sentiment here and throughout the State shows an overwhelming sentiment in favor of the ratification of the new charter of the Louisiana State Lottery Company.

DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS AND CANALS. Mr. L. D. Dixon, a prominent official of the above department, Ottawa, writes:—I am very glad to give you to-day the testimony that Messrs. Lachapelle completely cured my catarrh, from which I suffered for nearly three years.

IRISH INTELLECT.

Irish Influence on Thoughts. Ireland's Influence on Thoughts. A Change Coming over Her Literature—Altered Social Condition.

The intellect of Ireland is not asserting itself in English literature just now to anything like the extent which it did in the days of Burke, and Sheridan and Goldsmith.

Things has changed. Still greater change is undoubtedly to be looked for. Ireland will one day be, to a great extent, a country of peasant proprietors.

I do not know whether there are now any great Irish advocates at the Irish bar. England may be regarded as the best of Ireland's friends.

When we say Irish, we really mean Celtic and these men are not Celtic. There is no great Irish author in this sense at present hour.

In the Schools of Journalism.—Professor: I again call your attention to the too common use of trite expressions. Mr. Quills, can you find a fit substitute for the well-worn phrase "he died a natural death"?

have some Irishmen almost everywhere over the world now going in for an entirely new trade and the idea of becoming millionaires.

Items of Interest from the Provinces of the Green Isle. The harvest prospects in Carlow county are not so bad as in many other sections in Ireland.

The death is announced of Chas. Casey, Polterton Castle. Deceased was an old resident of Carlow, and a gentleman of considerable literary attainments.

The Abolition Board of Guardians has decided to convene a conference of delegates from the unions that have expressed their intention of joining in the proposed scheme for the establishment of a district industrial training school for the education of work-house children.

The shameful abuse of the forces of the State in the case of the seizure of the property of the people of the Blackett Islands was under discussion in the House of Commons on the 14th inst.

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the building will be 42 feet from base to ridge, and the tower, when completed will be about 90 feet in altitude.

A young lad named Michael Sullivan, Fish street, while engaged in fishing in the river at Morrison's Island, Cork on the 15th, accidentally fell into the water, and was in a very precarious situation.

The directors of the Dublin Artisans' Dwelling Company report that the dwellings now erected number 1,802 and afford accommodation for 9,500 persons.

The Rev. Canon M'Carthy, C.C., has been appointed Deputy Lieutenant for Co. Louth vice John Thawke, deceased.

A meeting of the master bakers was held in the Tholoe recently, for the purpose of considering the claims of the operative bakers to an increase of wages, and the abolition of night work.

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EDUCATIONAL.

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