

TRIFLES.

Hot, July 2nd.

DEAR TORCH.—Although we like to perseu you, we really have very little use for you. For the weather is, Hot! Hotter!! Hottest!!! And under such circumstances, *hander* man to sigh, for a Torch? Rather, cipher out some method of keeping cool.

'Tis so warm, that muslin ties are now considered the proper caper, and some of the styles of neck ties, are beauties. But the bipeds don't by any means monopolise the muslin-ties, for I have noticed recently, many quadrupeds, of the canine species afflicted in the same way. See?

Do you know the genial Martin? He of the *Uthas*, I mean. The other day, a friend asked Martin out to take a *scallow*, and he eagerly embraced the opportunity, without *robbing* any one of time, patience or otherwise. Can any fair minded men object?

Now Mr. Torch, here is a conundrum:

Hamlet, Act 1st, Scene 5th.

"*Hamlet*, (to Horatio).—Touching this vision here,
It is an honest ghost, that let me tell you!"

Now the query is, how could Hamlet and his friends have seen a *non est* ghost? Elucidate and please.

Yours, J.E.M.S.

The man who spent his evenings around a faro bank and invariably lost, finally came to the conclusion that he was too much "out" nights.—*Hackensack Republican*.

An angler's book should have fly-leaves.—*St. John Torch*. And when the fly leaves, he should book it.—*Hackensack Republican*.

What makes an ordinary man squirm is to get home and find no supper ready, owing to the fact that his wife has been out all day selling tickets for a church strawberry festival.—*Wild Oats*.

The first basket of green peaches that arrived here was marked C. O. D., colic on delivery.—*City Sat Night*.

There is a place in Michigan called Bad Axe (Helve name—*Turner's Falls Reporter*). Ax sent on first syllable.—*St. John Torch*. We had one on this, but we can't hatch out just now.—*Stamford Advocate*. If you handle such jokes well, it adze to your reputation.—*Hackensack Republican*.

On Wednesday afternoon a policeman found on the Mount Pleasant road, a man named Mellon suffering from an attack of delirium tremens. He advised the "bobby" to keep away or the devils would "get away with him." He was evidently not a "water Mellon."

We received a letter yesterday from friend Lanegan who says the weather is "red hot" in Boston. "Jeems" sighs for a "week of St. John fog."

A fashionable wedding at St. Paul's Church on Wednesday morning, attracted a large attendance of the youth and beauty of St. John. The bride, Miss Drury, looked "just lovely," and the groom, Mr. Porteous, went through the trying ordeal with heroic firmness. They left on Tuesday morning for their future home followed by the best wishes and "old slipper" of their numerous friends.

SAD ACCIDENT.—Mr. J. S. Bodlow, Superintendent of W. U. Telegraph Co., in Portland, Me., was drowned on Tuesday morning, while attempting the rescue of his child, who was bathing at Old Orchard Beach.

Mr. J. A. Belyea has retired from the Deputy Common Clerkship and Mr. Herbert E. Wardrop has been appointed as his successor.

In the "free for all" race at Moosepath, "Nellie Thorne" won first money, \$125, "Discount" second, with \$50, and "Gipsy Queen," \$25.

The trial of the Osbornes for the murder of Timothy McCarthy will take place during the session of the Circuit Court which opens at Moncton on the 18th inst.

Mr. Chas. H. Thayer is coming with one of E. Hison's phonographs.

Attorney-General Fraser and Hon. R. Young were in town on Tuesday evening.

The new Victoria School House was opened on Tuesday morning. John Harper, Esq., is the principal in charge.

The Cathedral Choir, gave a Concert at Moncton, on Monday evening. It was large y attended, and gave great satisfaction.

Hanlan is expected to arrive here this evening.

The Park Hotel and No. 2 Engine House were brilliantly illuminated on Monday evening.

If you have a mind to spend the principal portion of your vacation at the Bay of Fundy, why it's but o-bay-ing the Fundy mental principles of your preferences. Copyright registered, also a vow not to do it again this month.—*N. Y. News*.

Is it Fun dy's mean til make of us ye spalpeen?

Bengal is a well-laired country.—*Yonkers Gazette*.

A well laird in Scotland is not uncommon.

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