

Fun and Fancy.

"I find that with light meals my health improves," said the Esquimaux; and down went another candle.

Josh Billings disposes of Bob Ingersoll in the following manner:—"I wouldn't give 5 cents to hear Bob Ingersoll on 'The mistakes of Moses,' but would give \$500 to hear 'Moses on the mistakes of Bob Ingersoll.'"

The average life of a circus actor is forty years. The average life of a circus joke is 250 years. The latter is "worked almost to death" every year, too.

During the conference of clergymen not far from Boston the following dialogue was overheard between two new-comers:—"I say, Jim, what's the meaning of so many ministers being here together?"—"Why," answered Jim, solemnly, "they always meet once a year to exchange sermons with each other."

A high old teetotaler was found drinking at the breakfast at a wayside inn, where he thought he would not be known. "Oh, Donald, and we thought you were an abstainer!" exclaimed a deacon, who looked on unexpectedly. "And so I am," was the reply. "But ye ken, my friend, that I am a bigoted one."

"Do you see that spring over there?" said a settler in Arkansas to a stranger. "Well, that's an iron spring, that is, and it's so powerful that the farmers hooses about here that drink the water of it never have to be shod. The shoes just grow on their feet naturally."

John Philpot Curran, the witty and eloquent Irish barrister, who was for some years the Master of the Hall in Ireland, was dining with a judge, who from the severity of his sentences, was called "the Hanging Judge," and of whom it is said that he had never been seen to shed a tear but once, and that was when, at a performance of "The Beggar's Opera," he saw Macheath get a reprieve. "Pray, Mr. Curran," said the judge, "is that lung beef beside you?" "If so, I will try it," Curran's ready reply was: "If you try it, my Lord, it's sure to be hung."

The commercial traveler of a Philadelphia house while in Tennessee approached a stranger as the train was about to start and said: "Are you going on this train?" "I am." "Have you any baggage?" "No." "Well, my friend, you can do me a favor, and it won't cost you anything. You see, I've two rousing big trunks, and they always make me pay extra on one of them. You can get one checked on your ticket, and we'll scure them." "See?" "Yes I see; but I haven't any ticket." "But I thought you said you were going on this train." "So I am. I'm the conductor." "Oh!" He paid extra, as usual.

Percheron Horses.—The Breed that Sells Best.

It is a generally accepted fact that the breeding of what are termed fancy horses, cannot be successfully done by the ordinary breeder. With rare exceptions, breeding for speed is so uncertain, even when those engaged in the business are possessed of the very choicest animals adapted to that purpose, that it is only those that have a fortune, and are able to pursue the object as a matter of pleasure, that can successfully pursue the business for any great length of time. The mania that for years has possessed our people for breeding fast horses is rapidly leaving them, and they are beginning to realize that if they are to make any money in breeding horses of any kind, it must be in producing animals that will have a specific value in themselves, whether trained or untrained. It is not necessary to enlighten the people as to the class of horses that sell the most readily at the present time. Every one knows that good-formed, large-sized, vigorous, hardy draft horses are in active demand, and that the buyers are searching the country in every portion where these horses can be found in any considerable numbers, and paying large prices, \$200 to \$250, for animals that weigh from 1500 to 1600 pounds.

How to produce this class of horses is something that interests every farmer throughout the country. A few years since, when there were no pure bred, large sized stallions to be found here, it was a practical impossibility to do so with any degree of certainty from our ordinary sized mares, but latterly, the importation of heavier classes of stallions from foreign countries, and especially the admirable Percherons, that are being imported from LaPerche, France, has made the hitherto unattainable object easy of accomplishment. Nearly all classes of large horses have been tried, the English draft, the Clydesdales, the Belgians, the Boudonnais, a coarser specimen of the French horses, sometimes in this country improperly called Normans; but none have seemed to "nick" so well with our ordinary stock as the smooth-built, clean-lined, powerful-muscle, vigorous and active Percheron horses of France. Since 1872 Percheron horses of these stallions have been imported and sold to nearly every State in the Union, and wherever found they are held in the highest estimation. Quite a number of both imported and grade stallions have crossed the mountains and are doing the country valuable service. This is very flattering to our breeders, and we cannot too strongly urge the continuance of such a worthy enterprise, as every one these animals that are brought to our State will add greatly to its future wealth.—American Rural Home, Rochester, N. Y.

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Words of Wisdom.

Prayer is not conquering God's reluctance, but taking hold of God's willingness.

Christianity is the regeneration of our whole nature, not the destruction of one atom of it.

Death expects thee everywhere; be wise, therefore, and expect death every where.—Quarles.

To man of a delicate and sensitive mind, nothing is so truly revolting as the discovery of an offensive habit in the woman he respects.

The worst slander has in it some truth from which we may learn a lesson which may make us wiser when the first smart is passed.

"I had rather have a church with ten men in it right with God, than a church with five hundred in it at whom the world laughs in its sleeve.—[Whitefield.

There is no greater pride than in seeking to humiliate ourselves beyond measure, and sometimes there is no truer humility than to attempt great works for God.—St. Cyprian.

The best people need afflictions for trial of their virtue. How can we exercise the grace of contentment, if all things succeed well; or that of forgiveness, if we have no enemies?

Let us never forget that every station in life is necessary; that each deserves our respect; that not the station itself, but the worthy fulfillment of its duties, does honor to a man.

Though sometimes small evils, like invisible insects, inflict pain, and a single hair may stop a vast machine, yet the chief secret of comfort lies in not suffering trifles to vex one, and in prudently cultivating an undergrowth of small pleasures, since very few great ones, alas! are let on long leases.

Never teach false morality. How exquisitely absurd to tell girls that beauty is the value—dress of no use! Beauty is of value. A girl's whole prospects and happiness in life may often depend upon a new gown or a becoming bonnet; and, if she has five grains of common sense, she will find this out. The great thing is to teach her the just value of dress, and that, for real happiness, there must be something better under the bonnet than a pretty face. But never sacrifice the truth.

Let us advise you to avoid all boastings and exaggerations; backbitings, abuse, and evil speaking; slang phrases and oaths in conversation; depreciate no man's qualities, and accept hospitalities of the humblest kind in a hearty and appreciative manner; avoid giving offence, and if you do offend, have the manliness to apologize; infuse as much elegance as possible into your thoughts as well as into your actions; and, as you avoid vulgarities, you will increase the enjoyment of life and grow in the respect of others.

Sackville-street, Dublin, is a handsome street, being one of the widest in the kingdom. The monument to Daniel O'Connell, which has just been completed at a cost of over sixty thousand dollars, is to be erected in Sackville-street, and will doubtless face that of Nelson, which already stands there. There is a monument to the Duke of Wellington, but it is in Phoenix park. O'Connell's efforts to bring about the repeal of the union, endeared him to the hearts of the Irish people, and to those non-monumental marble is necessary to keep his memory green. He was the idol of his countrymen, and one of the greatest of modern speakers. He had no wide political intelligence, and on all subjects his mind was cramped by Catholic teachings; but he was full of imagination and humor, and possessed an intensity of passionate statement which won its greatest triumphs with the Irish masses, yet made a deep impression on the English House of Commons. He condemned every effort to redress political wrongs by physical force and broke his heart in trying to set his country free.

Fishermen from the North of Ireland, of Arran, report that a stock of earthquake was felt on Monday, and thousands of fish were thrown upon the beach.

Diphtheria is said to have killed 2,000 persons in Nova Scotia within the past year, and the Medical Society is consulting with the Government to take means to stop the ravages of the disease.

The mangled remains of Thomas Booth, a brakeman on the Air Line, were found yesterday morning near Allanburg. He was walking on the track the night previous and was under the influence of liquor.

Wm. Lipsey, an old resident of St. Thomas, formerly a tanner in that city, but who for some time has been running a saw mill at New Montreal, was found in the cellar with his throat cut from ear to ear, and was dead when found, and his razor by his side, about 10 o'clock, on the morning of the 3rd inst. His body was brought to St. Thomas on Sunday morning. Six hundred dollars was found on his person.

As the Grand Trunk train, No. 8, going west, on Wednesday of last week, was midway between Walton and Brampton the engine-driver noticed a woman lying on the track. He reversed the engine and whistled "down brakes," but too late, for as the train came up the cow-catcher struck the woman on the head. The train was stopped, and the woman, who was still alive, picked up, but before she could be taken into the train she died. A bottle half full of whiskey was found near the spot, and in the woman's pocket was a piece of paper with the name of Mrs. Bolton, No. 22 Birch-street. It is thought that her right name is Fargo, and that she is a resident of Toronto. Her body was taken to Brampton.

Now that winter has well commenced, we would advise our readers against using pills containing Calomel and other injurious substances, as there is great danger of catching cold after their use. An excellent substitute for pills is a Vegetable Preparation known as Dr. Carson's Stomach and Constipation Bitters, a family medicine that, from all accounts, will soon take the place of every other purgative and blood purifier. George Rhynas, is agent for the Bitters in Goderich.

A Free (?) Breakfast Table.

Conservative journals boast that Sir Leonard Tilley is going to remove the tax on tea and give the people a free breakfast table. But what about sugar? And what about cottons and woollens and coal? If the people are to have free tea and coffee, they want cheap coal to boil them, cheap sugar to sweeten them, and they must have clothes to wear in this cold climate, or they can take but poor comfort out of their cheap breakfast.—[Ex.

Sir John and the Catholic Vote.

If we understand the little row rightly Sir John engaged to give General M. Bult-Hewson fifteen thousand dollars in return for the Catholic vote, both assuming that the Catholic vote was a vendible article at the disposal of the General. Time proved that the Catholics were too independent to be parties to such a bargain, and they refused to ratify it. Sir John then refused to pay, and the General exposes the matter. Sir John agreed to buy what he had no right to buy, and the General agreed to sell what he had no right to sell. In the exposure neither deserves much sympathy.

A short while since a Montreal firm ordered some two thousand demijohns of vinegar from an establishment in Bremen. The demijohns, labelled "vinegar," were accordingly shipped from that port. Arrived at Montreal, where the startling discovery was made that the supposed vinegar was not vinegar at all, but spirits of wine. On the discovery being made Mr. William O'Hara, pro-Collector of the port of Montreal, ordered the goods to be seized and an investigation was commenced. The value of the seized liquid is some ten thousand dollars. A seizure is also reported of about \$25,000 worth of fine furs imported by a Montreal firm from Novgorod, in the heart of Russia, has also been made. It appears that they were entered on the free list as undressed furs, but on the assessors examining them they declared that they were partially dressed, and liable to a 15 per cent. duty. The representatives of the firm deny the assertion of the custom's officers.

When a Methodist Church at Racine, Wisconsin, recently asked for \$300 for a Presidential memorial window, a state paper very plainly but vulgarly said "The window will be an ornament, and all right if they want it, but one cannot help thinking of what a pile of memorial hash that three hundred dollars would buy to ornament the stomachs of the poor this winter, and buy memorial wood at five dollars a cord to wear a little blue and red and white striped and checkered memorial stockings before spring." There is a large grain of common sense in this saying, and the sadly overlooked Michigan fire sufferers will probably echo the sentiment.

Dr. Harris, of Middlebury, Vt., says: "I had been troubled with Bronchitis for two years, so affecting the organs 'of speech that I could not speak aloud for six weeks. I had with it a severe 'cough and cold night sweats. I took 'two bottles of Allen's Lung Balm and 'am entirely cured'."

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At a temperance meeting in Kingston the other evening, Mr. S. Shaw said that the man recently killed on the Grand Trunk Railway had been drinking in a hotel in Batterssea with a comrade. They left. One was killed on the railroad, the other he had just learned had fallen in the water and broken his back about the same time. What a temperance lesson!

The Rev. Dr. Thomas, the Chicago expelled Methodist, has formed a people's church, and is preaching to twice as many people as before, for twice as much salary. The only creed the new organization holds is the ten commandments and the teachings of Christ.

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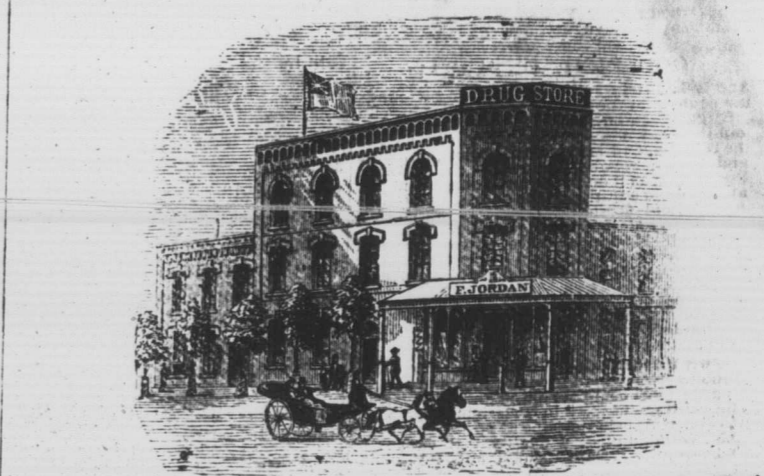
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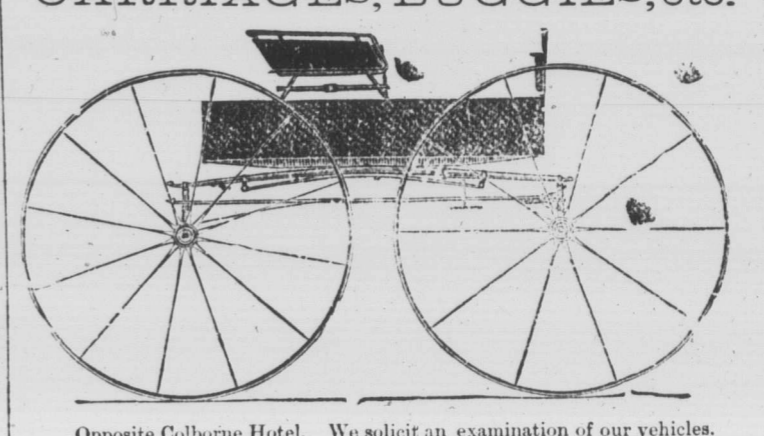
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