

## Fun and Fancy.

A foot note—the shoemaker's bill.  
An Unpalatable Dish—Cold shoulder.  
How to shine in society—Get polished up.  
Landlords' agents in Ireland are "men of mark."

A lawyer's brief is sometimes very extended.  
It don't take a very fast horse to catch epizootic.  
Maple sugar, like good ale, is drawn from the wood.

Of interest to mothers—A switch in time saves nine.

The tower of Babel is the first continued story on record.

It is better to love a short girl than never to have loved a tall.

"Swans sing before they die." They have to, if they sing at all.

If Noah was a constant Jew, what induced him to let Ham into the ark.

There is romance in figures. A young man met a girl, ler, married her, and took her on a wedding 2c.

Paradoxical as it may seem, Ben Jonson was called "rare Ben Jonson," because his work was well done.

"What were the worst result of the civil war?" cried an orator. "Widows!" shouted Jones, who had married one.

Some bar-keepers now-a-days can make a "sing" that would have knocked the life out of Goliath a good deal quicker than David did.

Patriotism is a glorious thing in its way, but we observe there are always the most candidates for the office that has the best pay.

A debating club is wrestling with, "Can a community exist without women?" We think it might exist for a while, but then it wouldn't know what was going on.

"Tom? where can I get a good two-foot rule?" "I can give you one on the spot, John." "Well, let's have it." "Don't wear tight shoes! That rule applies to both feet."

It occasionally happens that a man tells the truth when his real object is to tell a lie. An Italian, unfamiliar with the English language, used to sell fish on the streets, using the usual call—"Fresh fish, all alive!" After a while he retired from the fish business and took to selling eggs, using, however, the words—"Fresh eggs, all alive," densely unconscious that he is not telling the lie he thinks he is.

## Post Office Hints.

MAILING LETTERS.—Art. 1. Never buy any stamps. Hand your letter to the post master and tell him to put a stamp on it. If you are out of change tell him you will hand it to him the next time you are in. It won't be necessary, however, to do so, as three cents are worth nothing.

Art. 2. When you hand in your letter, do not forget to tell your postmaster to be sure and have it go, if you do not give this warning he may keep it in the post office.

Art. 3. Always remember to call the postmaster and hand your letter to him and not put them in the letter box. If you do the postmaster will not have so much to do and you will thereby encourage laziness. Remember that the postmaster will consider it quite unkind to have your letters stamped by anyone but himself. He would also be pleased also to put wrappers on papers and back them occasionally or often. Especially when he is busy distributing the mail.

Art. 4. When you put in a letter, it is well to ask how long before you will get an answer to it. Of course the postmaster ought to know or he is not fit to be a postmaster.

## GETTING THE MAIL.

Art. 1. If you have a box do not call out the number of it, or your name, but stand there and rap. This will oblige the postmaster to take a look at you.

Art. 2. When he hands you out your mail, don't fail to ask him if that is all. (Postmasters are in the habit of holding back part of one's mail, which, of course, they will not do after this question is asked.)

Art. 3. If any expected letter or paper doesn't come, ask him what he supposes the reason is, and tell him that it's mighty curious. A post master ought to know what is wrong in such cases, after being in the business a few months. It is well to tell him where it is from, what it is about, etc. This kind of a story is calculated to interest a postmaster and make him good natured. You might hint to the postmaster that your letter must be in the office somewhere. This kind of insinuation always makes him feel so jubilant.

Art. 4. If the man of the house does not get a letter, it would be well to send the rest of the family, one at a time. There is no telling which will be the lucky one. Each one should be instructed to ask the postmaster if he is sure there is nothing. This will tend to create an angelic disposition in the most cross grained postmaster.

## Russian Proverbs.

When sovereignty is divided, it is very soon destroyed.

When the patriarch is starved, he steals like any other man.

The trainer remains sound while the horse dies.

His right arm is often a man's enemy.

Misfortune engenders misfortune, and you escape the wolf only to be devoured by the bear.

Beware of a tamed wolf, and a reconciled enemy.

The robber does not always steal, but it is well to be on the lookout for him.

The rich man in battle shields his face, but the poor man takes care of his clothes.

The old man repents of that of which the young man boasts.

If you give a shirt to a beggar, he will complain that the linen is too coarse.

Measure ten times and cut once.

The smallest needles are the sharpest prickers.

Mrs. Arthur Paul Davis, who, with her husband, was condemned to death in Toronto some years ago, but whose sentences were commuted to imprisonment for life, has been pardoned and set at liberty.

## REVERSE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

A Great Victory Achieved by the Boers—Urgent Appeal for More Troops.

London, Eng., Dec. 20.—A Cape Town dispatch says:—The Boers have gained a great victory, and captured Heidelberg. This places the colonists in a very perilous situation, and it is understood that they will be necessary to forward troops from England without delay. On the whole, the Cape news is most alarming. Private telegrams from Cape Town confirm the official dispatches and state that the colonial authorities are panic-stricken, and that Paul Kruger has been proclaimed Governor of Heidelberg. This news is all the more surprising, inasmuch as that only ten days ago the Orange district was reported entirely clear of rebels, and the Pondomias entirely routed. At that time the President of the Free State informed the South African colonial authorities that the neck of the Basuto rebellion was broken, and that the war could not last six months longer. Since that date it appears that a majority of the Basutos, in whose loyalty the Government had previously confided, have joined the rebels. If further news does not prove that the present intelligence has exaggerated the situation, and should the sending of troops from England be really necessary, the Home Government will be placed in a most embarrassing position. For the hour, the disaster in South Africa takes the place, as a topic in the Clubs, of the muddled state of affairs in Ireland.

Cape Town, Dec. 20.—The latest advice from Mafeking report that the patrolling column has been compelled to retire before three thousand Basutos. The colonial loss is trifling. Temblo has been unsuccessfully attacked in Engobo Georges.

London, Dec. 20.—A telegram to the Colonial Office from Pietermaritzburg reports that five thousand Boers have taken possession of Heidelberg and established a republic, with Paul Kruger, President, and Joubert, Commandant. No violence was committed. Communication with Pretoria is cut off, and all available troops are being sent up.

POLOY OF THE THREE F'S.

Fair Rent, Fixity of Tenure, Free Sale.—The Landlords' Association of the Glasgow and Boycott, etc.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Capt. Boycott, wrote to Gladstone for £8,000 as reparation due to him from the State.

A sensation was created yesterday by the news that the Irish Privy Council had proclaimed against land meetings in Queen's County, Leinster.

DUBLIN, Dec. 20.—A significant movement in regard to the agitation is the attitude suddenly adopted by a number of Irish landlords, Liberal and Conservative, favouring a fair rent, fixity of tenure and free sale. This movement is favoured by many prominent English members of Parliament, also by the London Times.

[Fixity of tenure was denounced everywhere a year ago, as utterly inadmissible.]

The Times condemns the Government policy as limp, and says Gladstone's treatment of Boycott is devoid of all natural sympathy.

The public are to be asked to subscribe for Capt. Boycott's loss.

Parnell will not insist on his right to attend the opening of Parliament, hoping thereby to secure a fortnight's postponement of trials.

The Government will send troops to aid the magistrates when the police are disaffected.

Jones will throw all his farm into pasture and leave Ireland.

Chief Justice Ma is likely to preside at the League's trials.

Downing, a J. P. at Ballina, has had to make his escape to Dublin, because he issued several writs of ejectment.

Irish refugees are fleeing to London. Many of them are penniless.

During the holidays an Irish demonstration is feared in London.

There are now five hundred branches of the League.

Troops prevented a League meeting at Cullinhill on Saturday.

Chamberlain leads the opposition to coercion.

CHARACTER OF THE AGITATION.—A people refusing to pay rent is a difficulty which, perhaps, no Government has ever before had to grapple. It would present itself only in a country where the land owners were aliens and absentees. Political movements in Ireland have been put down with ease. They were sentimental and aggressive; but this is pecuniary and passive. The Fenian organizations swarmed with informers, among every ten Fenians there was a Government spy; but in this agrarian agitation the people are evidently bound more closely together, and made more faithful to each other by an object which touches the pockets of them all.—[Bystander.]

An excellent and well-tried recipe for keeping boys and girls out of mischief in the long winter evenings is to give them something suitable and interesting to do. Set them to making scrap-books. If there are two or three children, let each one take a subject and see what and how much he can collect upon that for his book. For example, we have what we call an animal scrap-book, in which is pasted every fact, incident and anecdote we can find relating to animals.

The Roman Catholic bazaar at Kingston for the relief of the poor, realised \$900.

Frank Lows, who assaulted the editor of the Port Hope Guide, has been fined \$20 and costs, in all \$27 50.

A sneak thief stole \$100 from the house of James Marshall, Euphemis, a few nights ago.

The medical men in attendance on young Halday, of London, who swallowed the goose quill, have succeeded in extracting the obstruction from his throat, where it has lain for nearly two weeks, and now he is pronounced out of danger.

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