The Pastor's Wooing

y considered the pastora trifle too young the staid congregation he'd settled amon the deacon acknowledged he never h natural reading of Holy Word— the voice of the soul with the tone of th

And the verdict so just
Was taken in trust
By the good deacon's daughter, the beautifu
Nell.

This handsome young pastor was modest, do Always treading the path which he pointed them out,
But the best of his sermons, by common acco
Was an able discourse on "The Love of

But the best of the series on "The Love of the Was an able discourse on "The Love of the Lord";

And he treated his subject remarkably well,
But his thoughts often ran
On the love of a man—
On the love of a clergyman young for Nell.

His sermons grow tender and so did his heart:
Shooting arrows of truth, yet receiving the
dart
from the soft eyes of Nell, with their aim
double folds.
Thus love made him timid while faith made
him bold,
And the secret remained that he never dared

the secret remained that he never dare He could preach well and pray
If his heart would but stay
In the pulpit and not in the pew there
Nell.

His preaching became such a labor of love, With its constant communion below and above While he sat in the pulpit, ere service begun, With his head on his hand, as is commonly done:

If he peeped through his fingers, why, no one could tell,

Though he knew it was human
To gaze on fair woman,
He deemed it not wicked to gaze upon Nell.

For the youth of his flock he was fervent in morning in church, certain gossips de Buto clare,
By a slip of the tongue, by an error of speech
While the pastor undoubtedly meant to b

The good Lord to keep all the young men from

— well.

That eternal shade,
He certainly prayed:

"The good Lord would keep all the young me from Nell!" To consult him on matters of Church and As we term a church fair and no truth violate
Nell had called at the study. The door stood

Nell had caned as the state;

ajar;
ajar;
The pastor was kneeling, as often they are,
And she could not retreat without breaking
the spell.

With her eyes on the floor,
Waiting there at the door,
Like a vision of peace, stood the beautiful Nell. He was pleading for all, but, as one might in

Grew more eloquent when he was praying for Why he singled her out she could not under stand, Till she heard himask Heavenfor her heart and

her hand.

No petition e'er suited a maiden so well.

It is piety rare

When Cupid's at prayer,

For he told to his God what he should have told Nell.

As angels appeared to the sainted of yore, She knelt by his side on the carpeted floor, Put her soft hand in his as a silent amen. He soon found the vision was mortal and then He, blushing, caressed her; nor could she

rebel;
For was she not there
In answer to prayer?
Thus God joined together the pastor and Nell

It was heaven to him gazing into her eyes; It was heaven to him with the blue of the

It was heaven to him with the blue of the skies.

In the thought of an angel becoming his bride He forgot all the angels but her at his side, And love's sweet forgetfulness over them fell, Till she said, "I declare We forget the church fair!"

"I'm now holding the fair!" he replied, holding Neil,

SHE JILTED HIM.

And He Wants \$10,000 Damages for His Loss.

John Innis, a carpenter, of Woodstock, is suing in the High Court of Justice Elizabeth Hill, wife of Dr. A. H. S. Hill, of Norwich, for \$10,000 damages for breach of promise of marriage. The marriage contract was made on June 28th, 1887, when the parties vowed that each loved the other and promised to be all in all to each other. The plaintiff alleges that the plighted vows were oft renewed, but that notwithstanding this the defendant broke the sacred promise and married another man. A motion was and married another man. this the defendant broke the sacred promise and married another man. A motion was made to strike out part of the statement of claim as embarrassing. As an exhibit to one of the affidavits used on behalf of the plaintiff was a cabinet photograph of the fair defendant, displaying upon the third finger of her left hand a brilliant engagement ring, which the plaintiff says was given to her by him. Judgment on the motion was reserved.

The Sign Was Fa se.

Owner of Fishpond (to man who is trespessing)—Don't you see that sign, "No Fishing Here"?

Angler (with an injured air)—Yes, and I dispute it. Why, there's good fishing here. Look at this basket.

Extensive Patchwork.

Old Grimes—Doctor, that bill's extrava-gant, and I'll not pay it! You did not

Doctor—But I patched you up.
Old Grimes—Well, yes—so much so that
I can't tell which is me and which is the

Sensational News.

Smiley-Did you hear of the great movement in real estate yesterday?
Riley—No; what was it?
Smiley—The earth made a complete revo-

lution upon its axis.

Chicago has nearly twice as many miles of streets (on paper) as any other city in the world, and almost four times as many as New York. The total mileage is 2,048.

Bridges and crops are suffering from the rise of Oconee River, Georgia. Plans are completed for the Oddfellows Hall at Chicago, to be the highest building on earth. It will be thirty-two stories, 556 feet high, and is to have a foundation seventy-five feet deep.

Washington died shortly after 11 p.m. or Saturday, December 14, 1799, the last year of the century, the last month of the year, the last day of the week, and within the

ast hour of the day. John Penn, who has just been elected to the British Parliament, is a descendant of the great William Penn.

TORONTO UNCLEANNESS.

Moral Rottenness of the Blooded Youth of

Discussing the rented boathouses on the bay front the Empire of to-day says: The class of people who rent these houses are, as a rule, well paid clerks. According to their means they furnish their abodes. The majority content themselves with an imitation of camp life. A boat house is cheaper, handier and safer when wanted only for immoral purposes than a room up town. Although many of the women who visit these places are street-walkers, the large majority people hear stories about are shop girls who go to the island and there they fall into the clutches of the human hounds who are looking for some innocent girl to entrap. Discussing the rented boathouses on the are looking for some innocent girl to entrap.
These hardworking girls are badgered into an acquaintance with their male "friends" who finally prevail on them to set out for the who maily prevail on them to set out for the city in their rowboats instead of by the ferry boat. But the confiding girl whose youth and innocence has induced her to accept the invitation of the fellow who looks with lecherous eyes on her does not land where she desires. The boat draws up in front of the boat house where her courtier hangs forth, and she is induced by specious reasons to enter his net. The innocent girl has reason to regret this ill-advised step in most cases. She seldom leaves the place without having taken a drink of liquor ng taken a drink of liquor, and that, and all advances of the without naving taken a drink of induor, and if she refuses that, and all advances of the individual who has been so successful in getting her inside his boathouse, she leaves the place with a scarlet face and has to run a gauntlet of curious eyes. A couple of brothers, now bearing a very

uneviable reputation in connection with the seduction a couple of weeks ago of a young girl named Sadie Lavelle, who died a few days ago on Teraulay street, have the identical boathouse hired by the man who first brought boathouses, into disrepute. These brothers, one of whom ruined Miss Lavelle in his boathouse, are cordially detested by their lake front neighbors, one of whom yesterday said: "Those boys should be shot on sight. They have seduced more girls than any other two went is the should be shot on sight. They have seduced more girls than any other two men in the city. Boathouse owners would uphold you in showing up such people, as they would be pleased to get rid of them."

It is hard to get hold of incidents which show the prevalence of the immorality which is admitted. There is a sort of free-masonry among the culpuits which it is continuous.

masonry among the culprits which it is next to impossible to break through. But several very damaging stories have leaked out. The wife of a well-known citizen made a visit to the lake front a few nights ago, and while in a boathouse with her paramour she had a \$50 diamond ring stolen.

A pitiable story is told about the ruin of

a young lady teacher by one of the boathouse libertines. She was in the city during the N. E. A. convention, ond was induced to go for a row by her seducer, who landed at his own boathouse. She was a bewitch-ing little beauty, and her betrayer was heard to boast of his dastardly act after she had left the city.

Mailed His Letter.

A freshman in a college in the city, says the "Youth's Companion," was anxious to mail a letter. Having been told to drop it into the red box at the corner, he hurried out of the building and ran down the street.

out of the building and ran down the street. He saw a red box, but could find no opening in which to put his letter. He searched for any possible direction on the box, and noticed in large letters "Ring twice."

He rang twice and waited to see what would happen, expecting a door to fly open into which he could drop the letter. Suddenly an open buggy dashed up, and a man in blue uniform jumped out.

"Where is it?" he demanded.

"Here it is, thank you," said the freshman. "Please mail it at once."

The fire-captain looked at the letter and

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The fire-captain looked at the letter and structure of the captain figure.

then at the retreating student's figure. Then he dropped the letter into the box across the street, reported the false alarm, and went back to the station.

Fanny-That hideous old Mr. Jones had the impudence to propose to me.

Miss Jennie—You gave him the mitten?

Miss Fanny—No, I did not. Just to punish him I accepted his offer. He is worth

How to Shop.

Fair Shopper (in great store)—There this novel will do. Don't wrap it up.

Clerk—Don't wrap it up?
"No, indeed. I'll sit down here and read it to kill time while waiting for my

S. J. Dixon wants permission to cross the St. Lawrence River to St. Helen's Island on a wire, wheeling a man in a wheel-barrow.

A terrific gale in North Wales has cause further great damage to the crops. Prayers were said in the churches yesterday for fine weather.

A clever instrument-maker has invented pair of scissors for surgical operations in he ear canal. The scissors will cut onesixth to one-fourth of an inch at right angles to the canal and yet not obstruct the view of the operator.

She—You pretend not to care for me now; but yesterday, at the theatre matinee, you said I was one woman among 1,000. He—Well, I was mistaken. The manager tells me to-day that there were only a little over 900.

A weighing machine has been invented which weighs cars at the rate of six per minute, the cars being moved along the track. A device automatically records the weights on a piece of tape similar to that

The catacombs of Rome contain the remains of about 6,060,000 human beings, and those of Paris about 3,000,000. The latter were formerly stone quarries.

The church of Notre Dame in Montreal is lighted by 400 incandescent electric lamps the power being generated on the premises Edward McCaffrey, one of the men convicted in 1883 of complicity in the Invincible conspiracies which culminated in the Phoenix Park murders, and who was sentenced to ten years' penal servitude, has been released.

A French mechanic of 53 committed the great William Penn.

How is it that the same weather which makes your collar shrink from public gaze glass of liquor mades me ill now. As I canbring your battered cuffs down over the output of the collar shrink from public gaze glass of liquor mades me ill now. As I canbring your battered cuffs down over the output of the collar shrink from public gaze glass of liquor mades me ill now. As I canbring your hands?

NEWS OF THE WEEK,

A revival of piracy in the Eastern Med-iterranean is reported.

The only surviving officer of the battle of Waterloo, General Whichcote, died yester-

The wind blew a hurricane at Boulogne France, yesterday, and thirty house unroofed. The anthracite coal agents in New York have decided not to make any change in the

present rates. It is said that Geo. McBroom, of London, will be appointed manager of the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition.

Mrs. Thomas McKee of St. Thomas,

found dead kneeling beside her bed. cause ascribed is heart disease. News from Omemee, Ont., at a late hour ast night, stated that a big fire was raging,

and the whole town was in danger. James Foster, of Romney, in sliding down from a hay mow struck a fork handle which penetrated his body. He died in a few hours.

A severe frost occurred in Manitoba Wednesday night. Reports of the damage done to the wheat crop are of a conflicting character.

Sir Henry Tyler, Mr. Seargeant and other G. T. R. officials visited Penetanguishene yesterday on a tour of inspection. They went to Orillia in the evening. Joseph Drohan, a young son of Mr. Thos. Drohan, was kicked by a horse last night.

His lower jaw was broken in two places, the upper jaw fractured and several teeth knocked out. In the band competion at Owen Sound yesterday Brantford secured first prize and Durham second. Prof. King of Bay City made a successful balloon ascension and

parachute drop. Mr. Robert Birmingham, organizer of the Conservative party for Ontario, was yesterday presented at Ottawa by the members of the Dominion and Local Houses with an address, accompanied by \$2,200.

Graham, the man from Toronto, sent down in 1887 on a life sentence for throwing vitroil into the face of a cigar dealer, made an unsuccessful attempt to escape from the Kingston Penitentiary on Sunday night.

Capt. Andrews, of the dory Mermaid, ar rived at Antwerp yesterday on the steamer Elbruz from Baltimore. It is supposed he gave up his race with the Sea Serpent or gave up his race with the Sea Serpent or that some accident happened to his boat.

Reports received yesterday from Valparaiso say the renewed fight has resulted in a victory for the President's forces, and that the army of the Congressional party has been forced to an unconditional surrender.

At about 1 o'clock this morning Samuel McGuire, of 45 William street, Toronto, was struck by a train at the foot of Simcoe street, sustaining a compound fracture of the arm. He was removed in the ambulance to the hospital.

The inquest into the death of Madge Stapley, the young girl who died last week at a house of evil repute on the Russell road, Ottawa, was brought to a close last evening. The jury returned a verdict that death was

The Danish War Minister has followed the example of the German military authoritirs and decreed that henceforth wheat shull be used in the making of bread for the army instead of rye. Denma depends largely on Russia for its supply

At the Brandenburg manœuvres, while the cuirassiers were making a charge, some of the spectators failed to keep outside the lines and were run over. A woman with her child in her arms was knocked down and both were killed. A number of other spec-tators were somewhat injured.

Mr. John Ireland, who was shot at Woodbridge on Tuesday night, is in a much more dangerous condition than was at first antici-pated. His medical attendants have extracted 52 grains of shot from his thigh, while more are still embedded in the flesh, and it is feared blood poisoning will result.

A despatch from the city of Mexico says the financial condition of Guatemala is de-plorable. For the past three months neither the army nor the Federal employees have been paid. The Minister of Finance has just issued a circular letter stating he expects to be able to pay off this indebtedness by the receipts of the tax levied upon coffee expects. offee exports.

A despatch received at the Chilian Lega tion at Washington from Buenos Ayres states that the troops of the Chilian Gov-ernment have had another engagement with the insurgents' forces near Valparaiso and were completely victorious. The insurgents were hemmed in between two fires of the Balmacedan troops, and were unable to arry out an attempt to retreat to their ships, which were lying off the coast, and assisting them as far as lay in their power. It is reported in Buenos Ayres that the insurgent forces have surrendered.

London millers have abandoned the u of the grain tester.

A fine vein of mica has been found on farm in Loughboro township. Jules Elie-Lauany, the French painter who was born in 1828, is dead.

The discovery is reported of great coal oil fields in the region of the Caspian Sea. An American giving the name of Carle-ton Graves has been arrested in Germany as

a spy. A general strike of colored cotton pick ers is expected throughout the South

At the request of the Italian Governmen Germany has undertaken to protect Italian residents in Chili.

The wealthier monasteries in Russia are levoting funds to relieve the destitution devoting funds to relication among the lower classes. The Vatican has for the third time

fused to accept Russia's nominees for the vacant bishoprics in Russia. Mr. John L. Pierre, one of the best known of Ottawa lumber merchants, died

suddenly on Saturday morning.

At Latona, near Durham, James Young, aged 67, fell from a cart, striking on his head. He died in two minutes. Hon. John Dominis, Prince Consort of Hawaii, died on August 27. He wa in Schenectady, N. Y., in May, 1832. He was born

Dr. Holst, a Prussian magistrate, while scending Mount Terglou, in the Garnic

Alps, fell over a precipice and was killed. Officials of the C. P. R. and G. T. R. had a lunch together at Dorval, Que., on Friday. It was in honor of Sir Henry Tyler.

An extraordinary rainstorm and elec-trical disturbance visited Baltimore last night.

The Galewski Cotton Company, cotton cloth manufacturing business at Warsaw, Poland, has failed for 200,000

The annual convention of the National Electric Light Association will be held to-day in Montreal. About 300 delegates are expected to attend.

Troops to the number of 150,000 have been ordered to Warsaw. This will bring the number of the Russian forces on the Polish frontier up to 500,000.

Senor Don Pedrunencio Lazzano, the Chilian Minister at Washington, has left for Europe, virtually admitting the com-plete success of the Congressional party.

Fred. Macdonald, of London West, who has been in jail several weeks charged with having shot his brother John, intending to kill him, was discharged by Judge Elliot. Sophie Guengberg, the famous Russian Nihilist, who was sentenced in November to imprisonment for life, has committed suicide by cutting her throat with a pair of scissors.

There are indications that the great strike of London omnibus employees, which was settled some time ago, will be renewed owing to the alleged bad faith of the com-The Provisional Government of Chili has

been constituted, and it will send a circular letter to the powers calling upon them to recognize the present Administration of Chili

The Czar gave an audience to Arnold White, of Copenhagen, on the Baron Hirsch scheme on Friday. It is reported the interview was satisfactory. Mr. White expects another interview soon.

Charles Collander, a Torontonian, charged with committing a rape on his own daugh-ter, a girl under 14 years of age, was re-manded till to-morrow by the Police Magistrate on Saturday and bail refused.

At Eberswalde College, while the chemistry class were engaged in an experiment ander the guidance of the professor, an explosion of chemicals blinded four students and injured in a lesser degree a number of others.

The wife of Rev. Charles Spurgeon has issued a card of thanks for the public and private sympathy expressed for her sick hus-band. She adds that she is sorry to say that he is making little if any progress towards recovery.

A very severe thunderstorm passed over Paris on Thursday, which killed four persons in the environs of the city. Scientists assert that the Eiffel tower causes electrical disturbances, and that the climate has been very much worse since the tower was built.

It is reported that Chancellor von Caprivi and Count Kalnoky have had a long and earnest conference on the Dardanelles ques-tion, and that they will likely advise Eng-land not be be precipitate in her action. They hope that time will solve the diffi-Valentine Dolson, Hespeler, charged with

committing an indecent assault on Ettie Cooper of the same place, at a picnic held n Elora, was sentenced Saturday by Judge Chadwick. The sentence was eighteen months in the Central Prison and 25 lashes Chadwick. The prisoner pleaded guilty to the charge, The change in the Turkish Ministry is attributed to the Sultan's suspicion of a plot to take his life, suc a sudden extinguish palace during a stor plosion of fireworks, which occasion the sultan dismissad Sultan dismissed arrested several

officials. Ir. Harry Pearce Mr. Pearce, father baggage-master at the residence of Mr. Glenn, of Adelaide, in company with Mr. John Robinson, and while working on an elevated scaffold, some 14 feet from the ground, fell, and lighting on a pile of bricks, broke several of his ribs. He died on Friday. paggage-master at the

Friday. In a communication just made public Mr. Gladstone writes in favor of increased representation of labor in Parliament, but deprecates the formation of a labor party. His objection to such a party, in his own words, is on the ground that "if every class of the community exercised the right to form a party, we should have a queer Parliament"

ment."

Lizzie Taylor, a young woman from Biddulph, was committed for trial by Squire J. B. Smythe, on Saturday, on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of her female infant. One witness said she did not feed it properly, in fact, the child was starved; and another witness swore to the unnatural mother saying that she gave her child black strap and water and butter milk.

Dan Johnstone was arrested at Brantford Dani Johnstone was arrested at Brantford on Thursday on rather a serious charge, viz., that of attempting to commit rape upon a married woman who lives on the outskirts of London, and who was milking a cow in the yard at the time of the alleged offence. Johnstone remembers being at the place in question, but claims that he was drunk at the time, and does not recollect all that occurred. Detective Allan took the prioner back to London.

There was an exciting scene at the Brompton Oratory yesterday. As the superior, Dr. Bowden, was proceeding down the crowded church to hear confessions, a contractor named Myers, a former wor-shipper in the church, leaped from behind a pillar, brandishing a cane, and began to revile the minister. He soon added blows to words. The women in the vicinity were panic-stricken, and it was some time before the male attendants could reach the spot and rescue the superior. Myers was seized and police aid summoned, the result being that he was held to await the outcome of an inquiry into his sanity.

Modern Consistency—Sporting man—See here, I want my subscription stopped. I can't stand those violent editorials of yours on the sinfulness of racing. Editor—But, on the sinfulness of racing. Editor—But, my dear sir, you can't do without our paper. No other gives so complete a report of the

, while Garnic celebrated.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

and What the World Says About Them Through the Press.

Astor's daily income is \$23,000. Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher is 79.

Mr. Lowell left a \$47,000 estate. John G. Carlisle is in New England. Jay Gould hasn't read a newspaper since

Mrs. Mackay has a string of flawless liamonds two yards long. Princess Clementine, daughter of the King of the Belgians, is about to become a

Henry Irving's throat is again as clear as whistle and he is having a good time at Malvern.

Novelist Eggleston is soon to marry Miss Anna Goode, a daughter of Dr. E. S. Goode, of Madison, Ind.

James R. Garfield, of Mentor, O., son of the late President, is a candidate for State Senator this year. Senator this year. ...
Miss Elizabeth Bisland, is about to marry

Mr. Charles W. Wetmore, Secretary of the American Steel Barge Company. Wendell Phillips' memory is to be honored in Boston by a public hall bearing his name. It is well to honor such men.

Miss Jeans, who has won the Cobden Club prize for an essay on political economy, seems to be true blue and a blue-stocking,

James G. Blaine, jun., will contest his wife's appeal for divorce. It is said that counter charges of the gravest character will be presented.

The young Prince of Naples, heir to the throne of Italy, is said to be a model Prince, intellectually and morally. He is an only child, idolized by his parents, and a scholar

and a gentleman in every sense of the word. In England the woman doctor seems to be getting along very finely. Queen Victoria's daughter, Princess Christian, employs a woman as her physician when her nerves trouble her. Her attendant at such times is a well-known specialist, Dr. Julia Maitland.

The Queen of Italy is near sighted and wears spectacles sometimes, but her husband does not like to see them on her husband does not like to see them on her nose and he says now and then: "Margaret, if you don't take those things off I shall sing." The unhappy woman, who heardhim sing once, tears them off with cries of ap-

The news of Mme. Sardou's illness brings out the story of her romantic courtship. She met the famous dramatic author for the first time at breakfast one morning at her own home, where he had come to consult her father, M. Soulie, director of the Palace of Versailles. It was a case of love at first sight, and before Sardou left the house she had given him her heart.

A Curious Sentence.

The follwing curious sentence, "Sator arepo tenet opera rotas," is pretty bad Latin, but may be freely translated. "I cease from my work; the sower will wear away his wheels." It has these peculiarities: First—It spells backward and forward the

Second—The first letter of each word

Second—The first letter of each word spells the first word.
Third—The second letter of each word spells the second word, and so on with the third, fourth and fifth.
Fourth—The last letters, read backward, spell the first word; the next to the last, the second word and so on throughout.
Fifth—There are just as many letters in each word as there are words. each word as there are words.

Maternal Counsel.

At the summer hotel.

Mamma—Ethel, I am astonished that you are so friendly with the Bogles chil-

Ethel—But they are so sweet and nice. Why may I not play with them?

Mamma (freezingly)—Is it necessary for me to remind you of the fact that the Boggleses came here with only ten trunks? Try to bear in mind that you come of fifteen-trunk parentage.—Pittsburg Bulletin.

Getting Even.

"Ah! play a litile before you go, pro-"" I would like to, Miss Emma, but it's rather late, and I might disturb the neigh-

bors."
"Oh! don't bother about the neighbors, Besides, they poisoned our dog last week. In Safe-Keeping. New York Weekly: Doctor-Did you

have a heavy chill?
Fair Patient—It seemed so. Doctor—Did your teeth chatter?
Fair Patient—No; they were in my dressing room.

Not a Supposable Case. Dansville Breeze: "No, Gubbins, you will never be a brain worker." Why not? "Haven't got the tools."

But Not to Their Senses. Ottawa Free Press: Our Tory friends ave come to their census.

Hard on Canada. Moniteur du Commerce: Nations have the governments they deserve.

A valuable bird dog owned by a Grass Valley, California, man was recently shown when polly marched up in front of him and said: "You're a rascal." The terrified dog turned his tail and ran away, and is ruined for hunting, as he can not now be induced to "point" at any sort of bird.

Illuminated walking sticks are among the latest applications of electricity. A small incandescent lamp is concealed in the head of the cane and can be ignited by a

A man in St. Louis proposes to walk from that town to Chicago on a tight rope stretched twenty feet above the ground.

—Doctor—Did you shake the medicine before taking? Patient—Certainly. It was too late to give it the shake after taking.

Gold coin is shipped abroad in five-gallon iron-bound oaken kegs. Each keg holds ten bags and each bag contains \$5,000, so that the value of a keg is \$50,000. Gold from the other side usually comes in boxes.