

Mr. Dobell and Sir Rich-
bright are wealthy men also.
that Mr. Dobell is already
and getting richer fast.
believed that Mr. Bostock,
the new members of British
is the wealthiest member
of common. He is a
slutman yet under 35, and
living in the west four years.
He is inherited and he claims
to be of illustrious ancestors.
He is not hoarding his
he has established in Brit-
a weekly paper in mag-
something like Mr. La-
Truth. Among newspapers
is a tradition that he pays
a prodigious salary, and
super has a solicitor retained
of two or three thousand
year, merely to give legal
the population of British Co-
not large, and Mr. Bostock's
not yet become a necessity
homes, so that it is supposed
ained at the cost of the pro-
a few hundred dollars a
all this is nothing to say
is cultivating a constituency
from the United States bor-
North Pole, and containing
fields of the Kootenay, of
to and the Yukon, which are
and miles apart. Mr. Bos-
made himself solid with the
over this vast territory,
that it cost him from \$50,000
to make himself a member
and Cariboo. This money
corruptly spent, as the Do-
w regards corruption, but
ously invested in the vari-
as the part of the scheme
tion. Mr. Bostock does not
money ignorantly. He
me. He is an honor gradu-
thematics of Cambridge uni-

ther is cold. Ottawa is not
the reputation for sudden
We are accustomed to see
iters in the maritime prov-
the spring dawns on us
But in this climate it is
supposed that the winter
dead stop and summer ar-
a rush. Yet here it is
with the temperature 18 de-
the freezing point.
S. D. S.

PAINE'S.

me and Reputation
mply Much.

ery Compound Estab-
s Safety, Health
and Strength.

ow Any Dealer to Per-
de You to Take
omething Else

"Glorious talismanic
speaks a wealth of hope and
the thousands of disease-
men and women!
Marvellous healer that
all other medicines fail!
Thou bright leader of
dent that brings a world
new life after the doctors
leave the case to be incur-
the time to use Paine's Cel-
ery, you would be well,
heartily,
kidneys, liver, stomach—
great organs with the ma-
ple are out of order in the
and call for aid and re-
that their work may be
me.
ve any of these organs out
our whole nervous system
and your life is in peril.
ery Compound gives per-
to the heart and other im-
ans; it makes pure blood,
digestion, sweet sleep,
ou in a condition of vigor
that enables you to bat-
the heat of summer and all
that may arise.

"Paine's" is the kind
Refuse the something just
some dealers would offer
for Paine's Celery Com-
see that you are supplied

LIQUOR LICENSES.

Those Who Will Sell the
in the Parishes This Year.

or license commissioners
day and awarded licenses
as follows:
—William Ryan.
Brewer's license, James
er license, Pleasant sleep,
Mary Morris, Fred Dun-
r. The applications of
s, Lee and McKinnon were

Sterling Barker, Treas-
er, Thos. Ryan (lawyer's
boy and Newcombe.
No license was issued
ence of the act passed last

olved to grant beer licenses
etabable and reputable ap-
payment of the fee of one

bought you said that man
gician? Joak-Nonsense.
only told me he wrote me.
I told you he was a com-
d. He manipulates south-
—Philadelphia Record.

erstand that Mr. Hood's
er has been chartered by
ion government for six
be ready for service on
May. The vessel is sev-
et keel, twenty-four feet
and a half high, one hun-
two feet in length over all.
very strongly and sub-
uilt of the best active ma-
burne Budget.

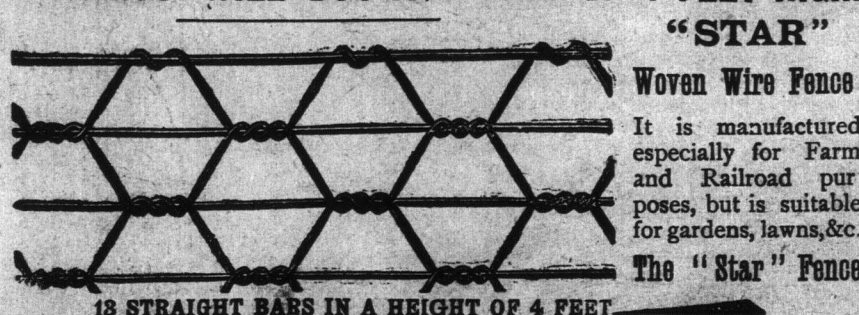
ASTORIA.

At St. John's
St. John's

VERY LOW PRICES

Bring the crowd to Fraser's Great Sale of Spring Clothing.
Men's Suits in Grey Twill at Men's Suits in Blue and
Black Serge.....\$2.75.
Men's Suits in English Worsted \$7.50, former price \$10.00.
The Spring Overcoats at this sale going for \$7.50, you
should not miss if you want one. Mail orders attended to
with despatch. FRASER, FRASER & CO., CHEAPSIDE.
40 and 42 King Street..... St. John, N. B.

60 CENTS WILL BUY 16½ FEET OF 4 FEET HIGH.



18 STRAIGHT BARS IN A HEIGHT OF 4 FEET.

Is the Farmer's Best Friend!

MANUFACTURED BY THE
WIRE FENCE MANUFACTURING CO.,
ST. JOHN N. B.

A. J. MACRUM, Manager. E. B. KETCHUM, Secretary

OTTAWA.

Ottawa, April 25.—Col. Kilson, the
new commandant of the military col-
lege at Kingston, has set about to
make the school more popular in the
sense that it will be brought within
the reach of the people of limited
means. The annual fees have been
reduced from two hundred dollars to
one hundred dollars and the course of
instruction from four years to three.
The total cost of the four years' course has averaged fourteen hundred
dollars, and the three years' course
is estimated to cost not more
than seven hundred and fifty. More
attention, under the new system, will
be devoted to mathematics and civil
engineering and the time thus devoted
to these subjects will be saved from
military subjects and free hand draw-
ing. The latter will no longer be a
compulsory study. It is proposed to
hold out additional inducements to the
students by reserving certain Cana-
dian appointments of a military
character for graduates, while the
number of such appointments is not to ex-
ceed half the number of the graduat-
ing class. Those who do not use in
the first honor rank are not to be
eligible for appointment. The time
for applying for examination is pos-
tponed from May 15 to August 1st.

TELEGRAPHIC.

QUEBEC.

Montreal, April 22.—The Canadian
Pacific shops will be unusually busy
this summer, as all powerful
new locomotives are to be built, as
follows: 92 consolidated engines for
the mountain section; 3 compound 10-
wheel engines for the Pacific division;
4 compound, 10-wheel for the other
divisions; 10-wheel passenger en-
gines for the western division; 8 10-
wheel passenger engines for the eastern
division. At Perth there will be
built 100 refrigerator, 10 furniture and
60 dump cars.
The North Star silver and lead mine
at East Kootenay, owned by Sir Wm.
Van Horne, Dan Mann and others,
have agreed to deliver to the Mon-
tana smelters 5,000 tons of ore for
May, June and July. The ore is all
ready on the river bank, and it is
said the deal will net the owners of
the mine nearly a quarter of a million
dollars.

The first steamer arrived in port
today.

Montreal, April 24.—Word was re-
ceived today that four New York
state senators, with two high officials,
will come to Canada and escort Lord
Aberdeen to New York to take part
in the Grant memorial.

Montreal, April 25.—The barbed wire
department of the Dominion Wire
Co. closed up last evening, and the
other branches will close as soon as
the stock of raw wire is worked off,
throwing ten thousand men out of
employment. The sugar refiners,
who have been losing money for
two years on account of German
competition, are seriously considering
the question of closing down, and if
they do this they leave six hundred
heads of families without means of
earning a living. With regard to the
wire industry, it may be said that the
agent of the Consolidated Steel Co.
of Pittsburgh is already in Montreal
and will of course get the trade, as
Hon. Mr. McPherson's tariff shuts up
the twelve barbed wire factories in the
dominion.

Montreal, April 25.—A sensation has
been created in political circles here
owing to the reported adverse deci-
sion of Mr. Merry del Val, the papal
delegate to Canada, on the govern-
ment's settlement of the Manitoba
school question. It is stated tonight
on good authority that J. J. Laro-
que, minister of public works, on this
account is strongly in favor of an
immediate dissolution of parliament
and an appeal to the people to endorse
the agreement entered into with the
Manitoba authorities. The minister
argues that with a hostile decision of
the pope's representative it is only
natural to suppose the Quebec pro-
vince would not support the govern-
ment as strongly as in the case of
day, while on the other hand, Mr.
Tarte believes that the French Cana-
dian premier would obtain an over-
whelming majority from the English
speaking provinces and thus give the
school question its quietus.

Montreal, April 25.—W. C. McDon-
ald, the largest manufacturer of plug
tobacco in Canada, employing 700
hands, has closed down his factory in
this city. The reason for the shut-
down is uncertainty over the clause
in the new tariff bill relating to in-
creased duty on tobacco.
The Dominion Wire company, whose

factories are at Lachine, closed down
their barbed wire works on Satur-
day in consequence of the placing of
barbed wire on the free list. They
employ about three hundred hands.

ONTARIO.

Toronto, April 25.—Mr. Merry del
Val will visit Toronto and will be ten-
dered a reception, Sir Frank Smith
presenting an address to the papal
delegate. His excellency also speaks
of visiting Halifax and St. John.

MANITOBA.

Winnipeg, Man., April 25.—The Red
river at Winnipeg continues to rise,
and a very little more will bring the
water into the electric power houses
and put the city in darkness. The
high water mark of 1893, which was
one of the record years, has been passed
and two feet more will equal the
1893 mark, in which year the Red
river rose higher than any year of
which there is an official record. How-
ever, the precautions taken will pre-
vent any serious loss, though there
will be a great deal of inconvenience.
Reports have been received at Ed-
monton, from Lesser Slave, that on
account of the scarcity of rabbits and
moose this season, the Indians are in
a starving condition, and are eating
their horses.

Discussing the tariff changes, edi-
torially, the Winnipeg Free Press
says: "That there will be disappoint-
ment among liberal voters, who were
led to expect substantial reductions
all along the line, may be without
saying. The extreme tariff reformers
themselves were encouraged by the
declaration of the liberal platform and
by the promises of the liberal leaders
in the last and former campaigns, to
believe that with the advent of a
liberal administration we should see
the end of the national policy. To-
day with the new tariff promulgated,
the national policy is as much in evi-
dence as at any time these past eight-
teen years. There are changes in
policy, but the principle of protection
is as much recognized as ever it was.
This must not be taken to signify that
the liberal leader has been guilty of
deception. It means rather that
when they came face to face with the
great issue of the tariff, they realized
more sharply than they had ever
done that there was an enormous dif-
ference between irresponsible opposi-
tion and responsible ministerial per-
formance."

The flood situation at Morris and
settlements along the Red river be-
tween there and Winnipeg is now re-
ported to be very serious. The Red
river has risen to a higher point than
in thirty years, and the whole town
of Morris is under water. The water
is up to the tops of the docks in the
schools, and to the tops of store coun-
ters. The people are living in barns
and in the upper stories of their
houses, and can only move about in
row-boats. The Manitoba govern-
ment has sent a steamer from Win-
nipeg to relieve any distress that might
exist, but people were all found well
supplied with provisions, though, of
course, suffering many discomforts.
The high water mark of a couple of
days longer, and then Winnipeg will
get it. However, Winnipeg's location
is high, and beyond flooding the
electric power houses and putting the
city in darkness, it can do little harm.

The tearing down of the old Bentley
houses, as it is called, in Carleton,
removes an old landmark from that side
of the harbor. It was originally built
by Gabriel G. Ludlow, who owned
considerable property on that side of
the harbor. During the term of office
of Lieut. Gov. Thomas Carleton, that
official went to England and during a
portion of his absence, from 1833 to
1838, the government of the province
was administered by Hon. Gabriel G.
Ludlow. The latter was also the first
mayor of St. John, and held that office
for some years. He died in 1868 and
was buried in the graveyard sur-
rounding the Presbyterian church in
Carleton, where his tombstone may
still be seen. After his death the
property passed into the hands of the
Bentley family and formed a por-
tion of that estate until a few days
ago, when it was sold to B. P.
Kenney, who intends to remodel the
place.

Spring is full of terrors to all whose
constitution is not able to resist the
sudden changes of temperature and
other insubstantialities of the season. To
put the system in condition to over-
come these evils nothing is so effec-
tive as Ayer's Sarsaparilla. Take it
now.

"What the blithering blazes do you mean
by saying that a note hung dying upon the
tattered air?" asked the obtuse person. "I
mean—I guess I mean," said the poet,
"that it was being properly executed."—
Chicago Journal.

THE MINISTER OF MILITIA.

Hon. Dr. Borden Talks to the Sun's
Boston Correspondent on the
New Tariff.

Looking Into the Massachusetts Militia Sys-
tem—He Has Learned Something
as to Enforcing Discipline.

Boston, April 26.—Hon. Dr. Borden
Canadian minister of militia and de-
fence, who is still in the city, says
that the new Canadian tariff is not by
any means a retaliation against this
country. The new tariff, he says, as
he understands it, is only an expres-
sion of the disposition of the Canadian
government to make concessions to
those countries which are willing to
make concessions to Canada. He add-
ed that it was not the fault of the
government that the tariff discriminated
against this country.

"If the tariff law of this country,"
continued the doctor, "is such that we
cannot afford to reduce our rates in
any direction, it is the affair of the
United States, not ours. Even if we
desired a reciprocal arrangement with
the United States, it could hardly be
expected that in the face of a dis-
criminative tariff which bears hard
on us, we should make heavy reduc-
tions in our own rates—throw away
our weapons, as it were. I do not
understand that the new Canadian
tariff is directed at England alone. As
it happens, England at present ad-
mits our products free, as she does
the product of other countries, and
the new Dominion tariff therefore op-
erates in favor of England first of
all. But I understand it to be mere-
ly a coincidence, and that the tariff
would be effective in favor of any
country that favors us."

Dr. Borden during his stay here has
been looking into the Massachusetts
militia system, and during a recent
legislative military investigation, he
followed the testimony with consider-
able interest. The investigation
showed that the Massachusetts sys-
tem was very defective in many par-
ticulars, as several of the regiments
had been torn asunder by bickering
and dissensions among the officers.
The doctor, however, thinks he has
learned something by way of enforce-
ing discipline. Dr. Borden hopes to
be in Ottawa in a week or so.

SUSSEX NEWS.

Sussex, April 26.—Rev. Mr. Simonds,
who has so kindly conducted the ser-
vices in Trinity church for the past
few months, made a touching fare-
well address, in the church last even-
ing and gave some wholesome advice
to the congregation. Mr. Simonds
leaves in the beginning of May to
take up his residence in Montreal,
and will be followed by the best
wishes of many warm friends in Sus-
sex.

Rev. Father Savage announced to
his people yesterday that he realized
that the time had come when he
and social in Oddfellows hall a few
evenings since, and warmly thanked
all for this very handsome support
and manifestation of good will to-
wards him.

The newly and other machinery for
the bakery to be situated shortly in
Sussex arrived here today.

The Sussex fire brigade held a meet-
ing this evening to consider the pro-
prietor of going to St. John and join
with the firemen of St. John in cele-
brating the Queen's jubilee.

A. H. Robinson, superintendent of
the Elgin and Petrolodale railway,
and Mrs. Robinson, spent Sunday in
Sussex. They were the guests of Mr.
Robinson, editor of the Sussex Record,
and Mrs. Robinson. They returned to
their home in Havelock this morn-
ing.

LeBaron Clain and one of his sons
were taken to Hampton jail on Satur-
day for a violation of the South act
in Cardwell. Each is registered for
sixty days.

Thomas Sears, a Sussex young man
who has spent several years in Bos-
ton, is visiting his parents in Sussex.
His mother is lying dangerously ill
at her home, and little hopes are felt
for her recovery. Tom's old friends
are glad to see him looking well.

Squire Fowler, Justice of the peace
of Hammond, and father of Geo. W.
Fowler, M. P. F., was in Sussex today.
His mother is one of the oldest ju-
stices for the county of Kings and looks
as though he might be able to dis-
charge the duties of his office for many
years to come.

Mrs. Sears, widow of the late James
Sears, died at her home on Shepody
road, in the parish of Hammond, yester-
day, in the 72nd year of his age.
The deceased lady had many friends
in St. John.

Politicians of both parties read Mr.
Scott's Ottawa letters very
earnestly and they are anxiously
awaited here each day.
Rev. Mr. White, a Nova Scotia evan-
gelist, preached in the F. C. Bas-
tard church yesterday afternoon. Mr.
Nobles, the pastor, being absent.

CHATEAU NEWS.

Chatham, N. B., April 24.—The ice
started to run this morning about ten
o'clock. The steamboat Nelson, be-
longing to the Mtrnight Steam Naviga-
tion Co., was put on the route be-
tween Chatham and Newcastle at 5
p. m.

The jubilee committee met last eve-
ning to talk over matters and appoint
committees to look after the affairs
connected with the celebration. There
is some talk of purchasing some land
to be used as a public park in com-
memoration of the jubilee.

RESTIGOUCHE CO.

Campbellton, April 24.—The pupils
of the convent gave a most interesting
entertainment in the Oddfellows hall
on Monday night to a very large au-
dience. The proceeds amounting to
\$100, were in aid of the Hotel
Dieu.

In my report of the Easter election
in Christ church, an error occurred. I
should have said Wm. Renick and

MANCHESTER, ROBERTSON & ALLISON,

St. John, N. B.

Dry Goods, Clothing, Carpets and Furniture.



BOYS' READY-TO-WEAR CLOTHING.

The Boy is the Father of the Man—but
with a badly fitting suit of clothes he can't rise
to the importance of the position.

Our Boys' Ready Made Clothing is the
best fitting in Canada. We make a special
and particular point to have none but the best
cut clothing—every garment fits perfectly—
and that is why we do such a large trade in it.

We have been filling orders from all parts of the country for
years, and know exactly what to send you—there is no difficulty about
the fit—the styles are right—the quality is right and the prices are more
than right—for good value has always been recognized by us as the
great trade bringer.

Boys' 2 piece suits in Fancy Tweeds and Navy Serges from
\$2.50 to \$6.00

Boys' 3 piece suits Single or Double Breasted, Fancy Tweeds,
and Navy Serges from \$3.65 to \$7.50.

Youths' suits in Fancy Tweeds, Navy Serges and fine qualities
of Black from \$6.00 to \$13.50.

Boys' and Youths' Spring Overcoats \$4.25 to \$12.00.

Manchester, Robertson & Allison.

John Dawson as delegates to the
synod, and substitutes, Charles Mur-
ray and J. D. Sowerby.

The councillor elect and the de-
fected councillors, with the mayor,
enjoyed an oyster supper at Sharp's
on Wednesday night.

The willing workers of St. Andrew's
Presbyterian church gave an excel-
lent concert in the Oddfellows hall on
Thursday night. The proceeds, over
\$80, go towards the organ fund. It is
quite probable the concert will be re-
peated at Dalhousie, in a week or so.

MARINE MATTERS.

Sch. Wandrain has been repaired at Bos-
ton, and is ready to sail.

Sch. Arthur M. Gibson was ready to sail
from Portland on the 21st for Halifax.
Sir City of Wakefield, from Philadelphia,
arrived at Grandview Island Saturday
to load for the U. K.

Ship Coringa, Capt. Davidson, at Monte-
real, has been ordered to Barbados.
Capt. Cook, of the brig, at New
York, writes the vessel's forecast is gone at
the cap, with all gear and sails attached,
malnourished, and carried away
and stanchions strained. The vessel will
be repaired at New York.

Sch. Ella Clifton, from Calais for Boston,
with lumber, but into Millbridge on the 21st,
and had the last of the cargo on board
and the vessel will proceed in a few days.

Sch. Ravenhough, at New Orleans from
Mexico, reports the vessel is in a bad
condition, and is working at full
blast.

Some potato buyers have been
around lately offering 40 cents per
bushel. Although most farmers have
large quantities on hand, they do not
seem to be disposed to sell at that
price.

CARLETON CO.

News in and Around Benton—Easter
Services.

Benton, April 20.—A public Easter
service was held on Sunday evening
in the Methodist church, and the
services of the "Sarah Hart" Mission
Band. The Baptist Missionary so-
ciety held their annual service Mon-
day evening, which also proved a de-
lightful service, with the exception of
both churches were tasteful and ap-
propriate, and the special music highly
appreciated. Both services were
largely attended and the offerings
generous.

A few days ago a house in Spring-
field, owned by Ansel Franklin and
occupied by George Anderson, caught
fire and burned to the ground. Most
of the furniture was saved.
A. H. Sawyer, who is retiring from
business here, has during the past
two weeks been selling out his stock
of dry goods and groceries. The Saw-
yer mill, which has changed into
other hands, will not saw any lumber
this summer. James Marchie & Sons
have purchased the amount of logs
on hand, will saw them at the lower
mill. A number of men in consequence
are moving their families from here.

Murchie's mill, which has been idle
since the winter, with the exception
of some shingle sawing, has again
opened up and is working at full
blast.
Some potato buyers have been
around lately offering 40 cents per
bushel. Although most farmers have
large quantities on hand, they do not
seem to be disposed to sell at that
price.

QUEENS CO.

Mill Brook, April 14.—A quiet wed-
ding took place at the residence of
Edwin Hughes on the 13th inst., when
his daughter Annie was married to
James T. Thompson of Highfield by
Rev. C. A. S. Warford, rector of
Johnston, in the presence of about
thirty guests. Allen Thompson, brother
of the groom, officiated as groom-
man and Miss Delilah Hughes, sister
of the bride, acted as bridesmaid. The
bride was tastefully dressed in navy blue,
trimmed with cream silk.

The wedding presents were nume-
rous and costly; among them were:
Chambray set by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas
Thompson; a handsome snowball quilt
and mat by Miss Maude Thompson; a
china cruet stand by Rev. Mr. and
Mrs. Wanford; a silver butter knife
and sugar shell by Mr. and Mrs. David
Hughes; butter dish, preserve dishes
and china cups and saucers by John
Wanford and family; a handsome man-
drel drapery and tidy by Miss C. B.
Farris of St. John; a dozen tea plates
by Leslie Boyd of Goshen; a silver
sugar shell and spoon by the Misses
Hughes; a fruit dish by Jamie Cogar;
a lamp by Andrew Kinrade of Sal-
mondale; a tea pot and water pitcher
by Mr. and Mrs. David Kinrade; a
nicely carved fruit dish by Andrew
Boyd of Annapolis; a set of smoking
irons by Mrs. Edwin Hughes; a hand-
some pie stand and a dozen water
glasses by Mrs. Thomas Hamilton
and her son Harry; a handsome glass
set by Joyce and Archie Cresslock; a
handsome table spread by Miss Mabel
Curren; a beautiful stained glass set
by Flora Thompson; a lemonade set
by Delilah Hughes; a wash tub and
board by David Hamilton of High-
field; a very beautiful water pitcher by
Annie Hurd of Highfield, and a very
handsome lemonade set by Mr. and
Mrs. David Pearson, and a lot of other
articles too numerous to mention.

After the guests had partaken from
the bountiful tables, the evening was
spent in games and various amuse-
ments. Your correspondent joins with
a host of friends in wishing Mr. and
Mrs. Thompson a happy journey
through life.

THE BRITISH IN EGYPT.

(New York Evening Post.)
A remarkable object lesson in good govern-
ment is given in Lord Cromer's report on the
administration of Egypt for 1896. With ad-
mirable lucidity he deals with a great va-
riety of topics, the most interesting being
those directly related to the condition of
the fellah. This shows a continued ma-
terial, intellectual, and moral improvement,
by scientific methods of irrigation his land
has been more productive, and roads are be-
ing built and a system of light railways in-
troduced, by which he can transport his
grain, sugar and cotton easily and quickly
to a market. Instead of the 20,000 men
recently called out annually for a hundred
days of unpaid forced labor, but 25,000 are
needed to watch the river banks during the
high water. The sanitary measures applied
to the cities are being extended to towns and
villages. Successful efforts have been made
through government loans to small cul-
tivators, to reduce the rate of interest charged
them by the usurious village money lender.
The standard of the schools and colleges is
continually being raised, and by the strict
and impartial administration of justice not
only is serious crime diminishing, but it is
becoming rare, becoming rare, becoming rare.
More striking still is the financial
exhibit. In the first four years of the Eng-
lish occupation, 1882-1885, the annual deficit
was nearly three and a half million dollars.
In 1896 the surplus, after paying four and a
quarter millions of debt, which at that rate
will be wiped out in forty-four years, was
a million and a half. The interest charge
upon the debt, which the expenses of con-
version and earlier debts had increased by
seventeen million dollars, was less than dis-
bursed by two millions in fourteen years. In
closing, Lord Cromer says that in the work
of reform and good government he has had
the hearty co-operation of the superior of-
ficials, whether European or Egyptian.

CHILDREN AND BLESSINGS.

Ceremony of Grace Before Meals Puzzles
Many Children.

To a child of tender years the ceremony of
grace before meals is always a puzzling one,
and many are the stories told to illustrate the
fact, as the celebrated Pictorial Review says. When
a certain young married woman was a wee
maiden she was taken to visit a rural rela-
tive. "There," she said, "the first time she heard a
"blessing" asked. When the family and the
visitors were seated about the table the
head of the household drew his chair back,
and, looking down at his knees, commenced
a rather long grace. The little girl stared at
him in astonishment. Then her curiosity
overcame her diffidence, and, clutching her
mother's arm she cried:
"Mamma, what's uncle reading on his
pantafoes?"

A small boy of a dozen or more years ago,
who is now an upper classman in Adelbert
college, is the hero of another "blessing"
story. He was familiar with the operation,
but not with the orders. Nevertheless, he
took it to be an important adjunct to the
business of eating, and something which it
wouldn't be well to omit. One day when
dinner was announced the little boy and his
still younger sister hastened to the table.
Climbing into their chairs, the little girl at
once reached forward and grabbed a potato.
The boy was horrified.
"You must wait until I say grace," he
sternly said. "Put that right back."
The little girl demurred, but the boy seized
the offending tuber and hastily restored it
to the plate. Then, devoutly remarking
"Sh-h-h," he leaned over his plate and said:
"and now, oh Lord—
I asked my mother for fifty cents.
To see the elephant jump the fence,
Her jump was a good one, and she was
reached the sky.
And didn't get back till the
Fourth of July! Amen!"
Then he decorously paused a second or
two before looking up.
"Now," he said, "you can take your
tater!"

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