

MEMBER GONE.

GEN. JAMES SHIELDS.

A telegram reaches Ottawa, dated June 2nd, news of the death of Gen. James Shields.

HUMOROUS.

A gentleman inquiring lately of a librarian at a public library where did Horace Walpole's Memoirs lie?

One asked his friend why he married so little a wife.

THE SAME THING.—"The Treaty of Berlin not being executed? Fiddlesticks! Don't see it 'hung up' in all directions?"

CURIOUS HISTORIC FACT.—When Fox, the great orator, was speaking there never was any applause from the pit of the house.

Brown says in case of an invasion the Ins of Court Volunteers should have the post of honor.

TAKING HER AT HER WORD.—"My dear boy," said a fond mother, "never put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day."

Head, in an article of singular humor, states that the phrase, "Republic of Letters," was hit upon to insinuate that taking the whole lot of authors together they had not got a sovereign among them.

Some one jeeringly observed to the Marquis Wellesley that in the arrangements of the Ministry his brother, the Duke, had thrown him overboard.

A French officer quarrelling with a Swiss, reproached him with his country's view of fighting on either side for money.

James Shields was born in 1793, at Alton, near the county of Tyrone, and died at the ripe age of oldest of three brothers.

Two scavengers were quarrelling as to their respective working abilities, when one, meaning to silence his mate, said—

"Well, Bill, you can sweep the middle of the street, but you can't do a better chance of getting a bit in our mouths."

A bit of mutton was on the table, and the gentleman opposite to it took the carving in hand.

"I cut it saddle-wise," quoth he. "You had better cut it hind-wise," replied his neighbor, and then he shall stand a better chance of getting a bit in our mouths."

"If you will go over to Newmarket," said a cautious Cambridge tutor to his pupil, "be wary of betting, in nine cases out of ten it brings a man to ruin."

He said the youth, "I must really differ from you. So far from ever being the worse for it, I have invariably been the better."

The famous Duval, often used to reply to questions that were put to him, "I do not know." An ignorant one day said to him, "But the Emperor pays you for not knowing."

On the 17th of April 1847, the flag of the United States was carried to the heights of the face of the mountain.

He was struck down by a scorpion ball which passed through his forehead.

When some of his relatives in their addresses to him, one of no further use to my ears! Lay me down and die as well die here as die.

He was able to your country duty." "I will do my duty," he said.

A man having fallen into a slough his friend called loudly to another for assistance.

The latter, who was busily engaged in cutting a bog, and wishing to procrastinate, inquired, "How deep is the gentleman in?"

"Up to his ankles," was the answer. "Then there is plenty of time," said the other, "for 'er to be in 'er head first."

A gentleman who was staying at a seaside hotel during the summer expressed his dissatisfaction to his landlady at the heavy charge in his bill.

"Well, you see," she said, "our season is so very short, we are obliged to make hay while the sun shines."

"But though I know all flesh is grass, I decidedly object to being made hay of."

An advocate, the father of a large family, fell into ill-health, and soon afterwards into want.

Plus IX., hearing of this, sent a messenger with a letter to the advocate, but he was at first refused admittance on the ground that the physician had enjoined the utmost quiet.

On the messenger explaining from whom he came he was admitted, and the letter being opened what was the surprise and delight of the family on "Fat the advocate."

Plus IX., in the pontiff's own handwriting.

Tantara, the celebrated landscape painter, was a man of ready wit, but he once met his match.

An amateur had ordered a landscape for his gallery in which there was to be a church.

Our painter did not know how to draw figures well, so he put a stick in the landscape.

The amateur was astonished at the truthfulness and coloring of the picture, but he missed the figures.

"You have forgotten to put in any figures," said he, laughingly, to any figures.

"Oh, well," replied the amateur, "I will wait, and take the picture when they come out."

ORIGIN OF SANDWICHES.—To the memory of Lord Sandwich belongs the name of that edible.

Being during his administration that (as was very usual with him) at a gambling house, he had, in the fascination of play, for more than twenty hours, forgotten to eat.

fatigue and hunger, when suddenly feeling disposed to break his fast, thought suitably to the table, he called to his servant to bring anything that would prove a slice of eat, which happened to be a slice of bread.

Placing them before him, he said, "I have forgotten to put in any figures," said he, laughingly, to any figures.

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CHAMBERY'S FIRST SCULPTURE.—Chambery, when a boy, used to take milk to Sheffield an ass.

good thick stick, with a hooked or knobbed end, with which they belabor their asses sometimes unmercifully.

On a certain day, when returning home, riding on his ass, Chambery was observed by a gentleman to be intently engaged in cutting a stick with his penknife, and, excited by curiosity, he asked the lad what he was doing.

With great simplicity of manner, but with courtesy, he replied, "I'm cutting old Fox's head."

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