

Uranine is the most recently discovered of all the coal tar or aniline group of coloring substances. It is said to be the most highly fluorescent body known to science. A single grain will color nearly five hundred gallons of water. An interesting experiment consists in sprinkling a few atoms of Uranine upon water in a glass tumbler. Each atom sends down what appears to be a bright green rootlet; and the tumbler looks as if it was full of beautiful plants. The rootlets enlarge, spread and combine, until a mass of soft green-colored liquid is seen. By transmitted light, the color changes to a golden or amber hue; while green and gold will be realized, according to the position in which the glass is held. The editors of the *Scientific American* have sent specimens, free of charge, to all their readers. The subscription to the paper is \$3.20 a year, and it can be ordered through the *Miscellany* office. See notice elsewhere.

The *Standard* is the name of a new daily and weekly newspaper published in London, Ont., by Groat & Westlake. It is a well arranged, neatly printed sheet, and its contents—editorial and selections—give evidence of more than usual ability, care and judgment. The first issue appeared November 22nd, 1878. On December 7th the employés were regaled with an oyster supper by the senior member of the firm. It was one of those pleasant and informal affairs which tend to make life enjoyable, and took place at the residence of Mr. S. P. Groat. The following members of the staff were present:—Messrs. E. E. Sheppard, E. Plummer, J. Balkwell, Geo. Wrigley, T. A. McNamara, Gilbert McLean, H. A. Denby, B. J. Rae, Fred. Dundas, Wm. Fletcher, Walter Scott, Thos. Howell, William Owen and William Bayly; and also Messrs. L. O. Stripp, W. Westlake, senr., and Staples. After partaking of the bountiful supply of refreshments furnished by the host and hostess, conversation, interspersed with puns and jokes—to which the craft are addicted—were indulged in to a very full extent. Speeches were then made by nearly all present, in the course of which Mr. McNamara said that thirty-five years ago he had run off the first copy of the *Toronto Globe* on an old-fashioned hand press, and, since then, he had assisted in bringing into the world many other newspapers. The evening's entertainment was brought to a close a little before 12 o'clock, and all voted that it was the most enjoyable evening they had ever spent.

Affairs like this serve to make everything run smoothly and pleasantly in the office, and tend greatly to promote that perfect good feeling and harmony which is so essential to the success of any establishment where a large number of men are employed. We wish the *Standard* establishment abundant success.

ALLEGED REMEDY FOR CONSUMPTION.—A correspondent writes as follows about the flower of a well-known plant: "I have discovered a remedy for consumption. It has cured a number of cases after they had commenced bleeding at the lungs and the hectic flush was already on the cheek. After trying this remedy to my own satisfaction, I have thought philanthropy required that I should let it be known to the world. It is common mullen, steeped strongly and sweetened with coffee sugar, and drank freely. Young or old plants are good, dried in the shade and kept in clean bags. The medicine must be continued from three to six months, according to nature of the disease. It is very good for the blood vessels also. It strengthens and builds up the system instead of taking away the strength. It makes good blood and takes inflammation away from the lungs. It is the wish of the writer that every periodical in the United States, Canada and Europe should publish this receipt for the benefit of the human family. Lay this up and keep it in the house ready for use."

The Roar of Laughter is a jolly paper just out in Paris. *The Storm Blast* comes from Berlin. *The Forward*, of Vienna, is the esteemed contemporary of the *Progress*, of Philadelphia. *The Petroleum Can* is a German Socialist paper, and is good to kindle fires with. *The Iron Hammer* is a foreign sheet, which, we presume, favors strikes. *The Storm Blast*, of Germany, blows its own trumpet and *The Martyr of Capital* assists it.

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