

A FAIRY LAMPLIGHTER.

A Beautiful Little Story of the Last Hours of Keats.

Affection often inspires ingenuity. In a recent life of Joseph Severn, the narrative of the artist's care of the poet Keats in his last illness includes a new and graceful incident. Severn, worn out with watching and tireless service, would sometimes drop asleep and allow the candle to go out, thus leaving the sick man in darkness, which he dreaded. Realizing that this was liable to occur, Severn hit upon a happy device to keep the light still burning. One evening he fastened a thread from the bottom of the candle, already lighted, to the wick at the top of another unlighted one set ready near by. Not being sure that the experiment would succeed he had not mentioned it, and when, later on, he fell napping as the first candle was burning low the thread was too considerate to awake him, but lay patiently awaiting the extinction of the flickering flame. Suddenly, just as he expected gloom and blackness, the connecting thread—too fine and distant for him to see—caught fire, and a tiny spark began to run along it. Then he waked the sleeping nurse with an exclamation of joyful surprise. "Severn! Severn!" he cried. "Here's a little fairy lamplighter actually lit up the other candle!"

But it was only the good fairy of many sick rooms, loving forethought, that had lighted the candle.

By Rail to Jerusalem.

The first locomotive from Jaffa has arrived at Jerusalem. In this event we have new and ample text for the preachers. The associations of the Holy City and its contact with the railway system is something incongruous to contemplate. It will be sufficient to excite the wrath of Mr. Ruskin, it must appear to him to be a greater sacrilege than that of the British tourist shooting on Mount Sinai.

Letters received from Jerusalem by the Palestine Exploration Fund, dated the 22nd ultimo, announce that the locomotive had reached the city on the previous day. Trains are not yet running, but the rails have been laid down all along the line, and our Paris correspondent says that the line, which is being made by a French company, will be opened on the 20th of this month. The terminus is unfinished; it will be on the west of the road to Bethlehem, not far from the south end of the Montefiore Almshouses. The Wadi Rababah, perhaps better known as the Valley of Hinnom, will separate the railway station from the town; and it will thus be about half-a-mile from the Jaffa Gate. Luckily, the Temple site, with Gethsemane and the Mount of Olives, is on the opposite side of the town, and will not be much disturbed by the noise of the railway. It may be mentioned that the Wadi Rababah means "The Valley of the Lute;" the Arabs will now have to call it—if Arabic words can be found for the sentence—"The Wadi of the Railway Whistle."—The London Daily News.

Accept and Receive.

It is not easy to indicate all the shades of meaning that cling around "accept" and "receive." If a young lady receives attentions from a young man, she is understood to accept them. On the other hand, if she receives a gift from him, she may decline to accept it—though it is not likely. Editors often receive poems they do not accept. Dramatic writers are occasionally betrayed into saying that an actor received a reception—which is somewhat confusing. A fine instance of discrimination between the two verbs is found in the concluding line of Tennyson's "Ode on the death of the Duke of Wellington,"

God accept him, Christ receive him.

Quicksand.

The reason a person sinks in quicksand is because the latter is composed chiefly of small particles of mica mixed largely with water. The mica is so smooth that the fragments slip upon each other with the greatest facility, so that any heavy body which displaces them will sink and continue to sink until a solid bottom is reached. When particles of sand are ragged and angular any weight pressing on them will crowd them together until they are compacted into a solid mass. A sand composed of mica or soapstone, when mixed with sufficient water, seems incapable of consolidation.

Old Age Respected by Law.

There is now in operation in Denmark a law giving every Danish subject, man and woman, the right to a pension at sixty years of age. Exception is made of persons who have been convicted of crime, who have fraudulently made over their property to relatives or others; who have brought themselves to distress by extravagance or evil-living; who have during the preceding ten years received relief from the Poor Law; or who have been convicted of mendacity. Applications are to be addressed to the parish, who will make all inquiries, and fix the amount of the relief to be granted.

Sharing a House with Bees.

In a farmhouse between Marcellus and Skaneateles there is a curiosity. Between the plastering and the siding of the house, at one joint, there is a vacant space, which for the past three seasons has been utilized for living purposes by a colony of bees. The colony has grown to such an extent that on a warm summer day it is sometimes unsafe to drive horses in the yard near them. The family living in the house expect to make repairs in the fall, and they estimate that they will harvest 200 pounds of honey from their novel hive.

Suits the Women.

An Austrian custom which relates to married men would, no doubt, be received as a boon by women in all lands. The law there is that no married man can procure a passport for a journey beyond the frontier in any direction without first having the consent of his wife. The railroad companies there, however, hold out great inducements to married men to take their wives with them when traveling; ladies accompanied by their husbands being charged only half fare.

Natural History Notes.

The bees go to distances of from two to four miles in search of honey in good weather and fly at the rate of seven miles an hour.

The passion flower derives its name from an idea that all the instruments of Christ's passion are represented—viz. the five wounds, the column or pillar of scourging, besides the three halls, the crown of thorns, etc. Most of the passion flowers are natives of the hottest parts of America.

Wingham.

The Scottish concert, on hallow'e'en eve, was a grand success. Rev. Mr. Brownlee, of Gorrie, preached in St. Paul's church, here, on Sunday last, Rev. Mr. Hughes being absent at Ingersol.

The new St. Pauls Church is now decorated with an Al slate roof.

The occupants of the Hamilton Bank here took possession of their new building on Nov. 1st.

The Guy Bros. visit Wingham this (Thursday) evening. No doubt they will have a bumper house.

Mr. H. H. Watson, of this place, has purchased the stock of dry goods and groceries from Mr. Gallagher, in Lower Town and will run the business hereafter.

Mr. Sam'l Lockeridge has moved to the lower end of the town.

Mr. Will Carr, who has been living in the Prairie Province for some sixteen months, has returned home.

A meeting of the Y. P. S. O. E. was held in the Congregational church here, on Wednesday last. A large number of delegates were present from other towns where that Society has branches, and everyone appeared to be profited by the union meeting. A tea was prepared by the members of the Society here, and was much appreciated.

Very little mischief was done, the boys seeming to have forgotten something on hallow'e'en.

C Line Items.

Milk drawing around this district comes to an end on Monday. The milk-drawer, Mr. Oliver Haden, in giving a rough estimate, has travelled over 2,000 miles during the season. Stick to it, Oliver, and you'll soon get round the world.

The Ringler boys, Abe and Sol, together with some others, start for the lumber woods in Michigan early next week, where they think they can make more money than in Canada.

Our local threshers, Messrs. James Ball and Bryce Young, have each had a steady run at their business this season. Both are reliable, competent men, and do good work for the farmers generally. It will take each of them a month yet to thresh out their contracts.

Mt. Jas. McEwan, of Turnberry, son of Mr. John McEwan, has been engaged at S. S. No. 1, Turnberry, at a salary of \$340. We wish the young man success in his new undertaking, it being his first attempt at school teaching.

Mr. Ball, our present teacher, is giving up at Christmas. We understand he is going to take up the study of dentistry.

Orange Hill.

Quite a number from here intend taking in the concert in Gorrie on Nov. 5.

Mr. John Padfield has ceased making his daily trips with his milk wagon along our line. His smiling countenance will be greatly missed.

Mr. Ferguson's new house is nearing completion and adds much to the appearance of his farm.

Miss Alice Mand Howard, of Hamilton, who was visiting her aunt at this place, returned home on Tuesday of last week after staying about nine weeks. She was accompanied by a number of the young ladies to the depot on taking her leave.

Mr. Geo. Gregg has most of his apples packed in this neighborhood. Mr. Adam Young has somewhere about 150 barrels altogether, most of which is winter fruit, which will yield him a neat profit.

Estray Cattle.

CAME onto the premises of the undersigned on lot 20, con. 2, Howick, on or about the 15th Sept., 1892, one steer and one heifer rising three years old. The owner is requested to prove property, pay expenses and take them away. JOHN McDERMOTT. Howick, Oct. 25th, 1892.

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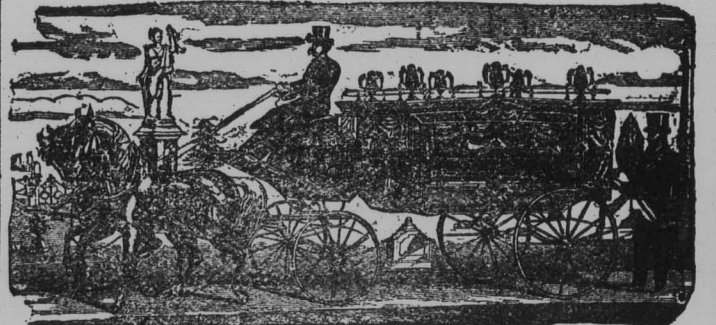
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