

## AUTUMN IN CANADA.

Let to the rustle of Autumn leaves falling,  
Inshrouding the earth in a mantle of gold,  
Back to my brain sweet visions recalling,  
Scenes of my childhood, memories of old;  
The grand old forest, bereft of its splendor,  
The maple disrobed of its leaves by the wind;  
The oak, the emblem of England's defenders—  
These sights bear me back on the wings of  
the mind.

Let to the song of the last bird departing  
For balmy regions in some distant clime,  
The soft mournful notes to heaven imparting  
Thanks for the joy of the past summer time;  
They feel the cool breath of the autumn breeze  
blowing.

They see the sun tint the clouds in the west,  
They hear the brook unceasingly flowing,  
And gratitude makes in each little breast.

ALF DEAN.

## Miscellaneous

'Bob' Hart, a well known variety actor,  
is dead.

Yarmouth, N. S., has a moose that sings  
like a canary.

The favorite dish with impudacious swells  
is woodcock on trust.

It's all very well talking about marrying  
for love, but consider the example set by  
clergymen. They always marry for money.

The wolf is much cultivated in Minnesota,  
the State paying a bounty of \$3 for each  
wolf's head presented within twenty days  
after killing.

That clock which it is alleged was the  
property of an esteemed ancestor, does not  
trouble us half as much as the watch which  
our uncle persists in keeping for us.

A tramp claims to have been robbed in  
the Memphis Jail of \$197.65, a diamond pin  
and his mother's picture. He says he is  
only an amateur tramp taking the road for  
his health.

Kentucky is a fish cultivating state. The  
state hatching house was opened to the pub-  
lic last week, when two million eggs of the  
salmon trout were put in the troughs.

A sheep in the possession of Mr. E. H.  
Slayton, of South Woodstock, Vt., has a  
perfect miniature mouth inside of its ear-  
teeth, tongue and all complete—which opens  
and shuts as the sheep eats.

'The Lord loveth a cheerful giver,' but  
there's no use chucking a copper cent into a  
contribution box loud enough to make the  
folks on the back seat think the communion  
service has tumbled off the altar.

The following startling announcement was  
given out by the parish clerk in a small  
church in Somersetshire, England:—"I guess  
notice nex Sunday there won't be no Sun-  
day, 'cause Rector's goin' to t'other parish  
fishin'."

'Do you reside in this city?' asked a  
masked man of a masked lady at a masque-  
rade party the other evening. He felt sick  
when she said to him in a low voice: "Don't  
be a fool, John; I know you by that wart on  
your thumb." It was his wife.

Mr. George Murray, of the C. S. R., and  
Mr. John Hillis engaged in a match for the  
winged-shot championship of the county, on  
the Lindop Flats, on Saturday. They tied  
with six birds each out of ten, and the re-  
feree decided that Murray should continue to  
hold the medal.

Ingenious Western swindlers happen into  
saloons, make bets on future events and give  
the stakes to the landlords to hold; then,  
a few days later happen back, and agreeing  
to draw the bet, obtain good money from  
the saloon-keeper, their base counterfeits  
having meanwhile been mixed up with his  
cash.

A young lady called at one of our music  
stores the other day and asked for something  
new in piano music. The clerk asked her if

inaugurated a new method of killing calves.  
A short time ago she was presented with a  
calf by a charitable lady, and resolved to  
turn it into veal, so on Tuesday she went to  
work, assisted by her daughter, who held the  
head of the poor brute over the saw-horse  
by the ears, while the mother cut its head off  
with the buck-saw. It was a most atrocious  
way to kill a calf.

Persons looking out for a chance to turn  
an honest penny may find a useful hint in  
the statement that the late lamented Hoyle,  
author of 'Hoyle's Games,' used to get a  
guinea a lesson for teaching games of cards.  
He spent his days and nights at the card  
table, which so agreed with him, that he  
lived to be ninety-seven years old. Whist  
was known in England as far back as 1621,  
but was originally called 'whisk.' To re-  
turn to the idea of taking lessons in card-  
playing, what a wide field for instruction in  
this venerable game there would be, right  
here in Toronto.

An English magazine says that the mani-  
kin jockey of this country, who is petted like  
a prima donna and is paid more than a prime  
minister, used to be presented with watches,  
rings and cigars, but that it has become the  
custom to give only money. One jockey  
who won a Derby race received money and  
jewelry to the amount of \$20,000. The  
regular fee for winners is five guineas, which  
sum, for lack of success, is reduced to three  
guineas. Yet one jockey two years ago re-  
ceived about \$48,000 for the season in fees  
and presents. He was eighteen years old.

A Norwich boy named his black-and-tan  
pup 'Noah,' and when his Sunday-school  
teacher, looking for scriptural pearls among  
swine, asked him why he bestowed such an  
odd name, he grinned a sickly grin, and said  
with marked emphasis:—"Cos I never see  
Ararat he couldn't Mount. Now you know,  
don't you? Don't yer wish yer hadn't asked?  
Hoof dahl!"—*Norwich Bulletin.*

They travel much faster on the rail  
England than they do in this country. The  
fastest train run by the Northwestern Rail-  
way does the distance from Euston to Rug-  
by in one hour and fifty minutes—but this  
speed is equalled by the Southeastern mail  
which runs to Dover, 76½ miles, in 102  
minutes. Both these are far exceeded by  
the Great Northern Scotch express, which  
only takes 129 minutes to run 105½ miles to  
Gantham from London; and by the Great  
Western 'Flying Dutchman' which reaches  
Swindon, 77 miles, in 87 minutes. These  
trains run at 50 and 58 miles an hour re-  
spectively, and the last named remains, as  
for many years past, the fastest train in the  
world.

The Union Stock-Yard at Chicago connects  
with ten different railways. It lies half an  
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tains 845 acres of land, has a capacity for  
21,000 head of cattle, 75,000 hogs, and 22-  
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is covered with pens, it will accommodate  
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of under-drainage, 17 miles of streets and  
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troughs, 15 miles of feed-troughs, 28,000  
gates, 1,500 open pens, 800 covered sheds  
for hogs and sheep, 22,000,000 feet of lumber  
were used on these structures and 500,000  
pounds of nails.

## THE COSSACK AND HIS HORSE.

A German Almanac for 1879, which is early in  
the field, contains a notable story of Cossack in-  
geniunity. During the late war a Cossack rode up  
to the door of a little inn at Brail, dismounted,  
drank a succession of glasses of brandy, and then  
made a show of remounting his horse. The  
landlord reminded him that he had not paid  
for his drink. The Cossack with a heavy sigh  
drew out huge dirty purse and began fumbling  
for a coin, when his horse gave a sudden snort,  
and fell to the ground. The Cossack was in  
despair, he did everything he could to raise the  
beast upon its legs, but all was in vain. "He is  
dead! he is dead," cried out a chorus a number  
of bystanders, who had been attracted to the  
spot by the accident. The poor Cossack would  
not believe it. The crowd knowing that a Cos-  
sack's horse is his own property, and that the  
loss of the animal would be a terrible blow to  
his owner, began to make a collection in order  
to mitigate his sufferings as far as possible.  
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