

or among fragrant woodlands, one cannot help saying with King James of Scotland, when he met Johnny Armstrong,

"What want these folk that a king should have?"

AN INCIDENT.

While travelling between Erie and Dunkirk, early in the spring, a little circumstance occurred worth mentioning. It may tend to make some unquiet spirit feel content with the lot which Providence has ordered him. It was a cloudy, cold afternoon, while we were making but slow headway, that we overtook a weary-looking man, (followed by a little boy of some ten years old,) drawing a small waggon which contained some few articles of clothing and provision; and a little girl of some four or five years of age. It was a novel sight, and one calculated to make a discontented stage coach passenger believe that there were many worse situations in the world than his own.

The lady passengers were moved to pity for the little creatures, thus rudely commencing life, and by their solicitations, the driver stopped to question the travellers. On enquiry, we were told that they had travelled, as we saw them, from Monroe, in Michigan—a distance of some *three hundred miles*—and were proceeding to Montreal! No word of complaint was heard from either of the family, but there was a quiet look of melancholy seated upon the countenances of the poor children, which would have moved the sympathy of a Shylock. At the suggestion of one of the ladies, the two children were taken into the stage, for the purpose of carrying them on to the next town, where they would be overtaken by their father. The change afforded infinite pleasure to the children,—and while thus journeying, it would have been difficult to have found two happier little beings.

It was nearly dark when the children were separated from their parent; and after travelling at the rate of about three miles an hour for two or three hours, we reached the village where it was proposed to leave the children—not dreaming that their father would be along before midnight. But lo! he was at the tavern door as soon as the stage, having dragged his hand cart as fast as the stage travelled! Such an exhibition of hardihood and perseverance excited the compassion of the passengers, and he also, was taken up, and his travelling carriage lashed on to the back of the stage. It would be impossible to describe the gratitude which the honest fellow expressed, in his broken English, at this mark of kindness; nor the pleasure which the passengers felt at having, so cheaply, contributed to the temporary comfort of an interesting family, which had passed through so many hardships.

After reaching Buffalo, the family passed on their way to Montreal—the father drawing his little daughter as before—quite as happy, apparently, as those provided with greater comforts. Long ere this, he has no doubt reached his new home, where he must have succeeded in accumulating

all the necessary comforts of life, because it would be impossible to keep always at the bottom of the hill a man of so much paternal affection and perseverance.—*Rochester Democrat.*

LORD ROSSE'S GIGANTIC TELESCOPE.—A number of scientific gentlemen, from many parts of the kingdom, assembled at the Castle, Parsons-town, last week, to witness the casting of the speculum for the magnificent telescope now constructing by the Earl of Rosse, (a nobleman better known in the annals of science as Lord Oxmantown,) the dimensions of which are superior to anything of the kind on record. Among the gentlemen connected with science, and who came to inspect the casting, were Major General Sir J. Burgoyne, R. E., Dr. Robinson, of Armagh, Professors M'Cullagh and Lloyd. The weight of this wonderful speculum is three tons, its diameter six feet, and its thickness five feet. The proportion in which the metals were mixed is 126 of copper to 58 parts of tin. There were three furnaces in requisition, each of which contained a crucible, holding a ton of metal. The entire mass being cast in a few seconds, being allowed a little time to cool, was then conveyed by machinery into a heated oven, rendered completely air-tight, where his Lordship intends it shall remain for two months. Everything went on most successfully in the casting,—and when this majestic telescope is finished, many lovers of science from the continent will visit the town of Birr, for the purpose of inspecting such a vast scientific work.—*Ir. pa.*

CENTRIFUGAL RAILWAY.—This curious exhibition, now open at the Liver Theatre, has attracted the attention of a number of our townsmen, and is well deserving of a visit. It consists of two inclined planes, of about 100 feet in length each, and a vertical circle of forty feet diameter; round which a carriage revolves at the rate of 100 miles an hour. The starting point is at the back of the gallery, and the car, in moving down the first incline, acquires sufficient momentum to cause it to revolve round the vertical circle, incoming down which sufficient momentum is again acquired to propel the car up the second incline, which runs up to the back of the stage, the circle being near the bottom of the pit. First a 56lb. weight is placed in the car, then a 56lb. weight and a bucket of water. A man also travels along the line, and, finally, a female takes a seat in the car, and passes along the railway in perfect safety. It may be as well to remark that, from its being necessary that the car should always start from a point higher than that at which it rests on a level road, of course this kind of railway can be of little or no practical utility; and in fact, unless there is a continued decline in the road, even were all other matters applicable, there is little probability of this being more than a mere mechanical curiosity, illustrative of the principle of centrifugal force—but as such, it is worthy of a visit from the curious.—*Liv. paper.*