

BRANIGAN'S CHRONICLES AND CURIOSITIES

Nothing extenuate, nor set down aught in malice.—Shak.

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For the Chronicles.

A number of Citizens are anxious to know what the Corporation have done with the land which was purchased some 10 or 14 years ago for the purposes of an Hospital, and that of a Pound. Is it the case that they have exchanged it for that abominable nuisance of a spot in the occupation of Jarvis Bellamy, or is it the case as it is generally thought and said, that there is not a member in the Corporation fit to make or frame a Pound By-law.—One thing is certain that the pound grounds are under culture, and that Jarvis Bellamy stuffs peoples cows, pigs, horses, &c., into his kitchen, and when it is full he puts them into his bedroom; and it is said that he was awoke one morning by a man in search of his pig, and previous thereto, the man peeped through the keyhole, and actually saw Bellamy snoozing most sonorously with his head resting on the Belly of the lost pig, which honest Jarvis had apparently for the night used as his pillow.—Now this man says and so do many others who have had to redeem their pledges, that they do not object to paying their fines, but they do complain of having to go to such a mud-hole in search of their *Strays*, especially when they consider that they have helped to pay for a decent Pound. Can you or some one else not prevail upon our Corporation to take proper action in this matter. And if they cannot be decent before the citizens, let them be as-decent-as-they-can. Why not sell out the City Pound, and lot at once; and make Bellamy's Bedrooms more suitable for a pound.

MAIN STREET.

To the Editor of the Chronicles.

Sir,—A short time since, Mr. Bellamy had me fined for having a pig running at large, and swore that my mother told him the pig belonged to me. Now, this was false, for you know she has been dead for seven years!

Yours, &c.,

JER. KANE

Ed. Note.—A fact.

For the Chronicles and Curiosities.

DEAR SIR,—As Kitty and I were walking leisurely along James Street the other day, and wondering what we could find of importance enough to inform you of, we were accosted by a very serious broken-hearted looking individual, whom Kitty introduced to me as a Mr. S—ville; and as he was going no where, and inviting himself, he consequently formed one of the party.—Now, thinks I, we'll have some fun, if we don't meet the 'old 'un'; and if he talks nice—but when he did, of all the shippy-sloppy, soft, sickening voices I heard a man possessed of, he had. He commenced finding fault with the ministers who were attending conference. One was too serious and long faced, another too gay, &c., until we were so sick of the creature, and to get rid of him we pretended business in a store opposite the Market, and rushing in we were met by one who had a face the counterpart of a shaved owl, with just a few feathers left under a beak, upon which was rested a pair of spectacles, giving, as you may imagine, a more unnatural look to the creature, whose name, I think, Kitty said was H—t. His topic of conversation was the execution of Mitchell, which so truly disgusted us, that when we thought S—ville had arrived at home, we bade Mr. Owl a smiling good-day, secretly declaring that the fates were against us, and we had better give it up for that day at any rate.

KITTY'S FRIEND, SALLY.

(For Branigan's Chronicles & Curiosities.)

DEAR SIR,—Perhaps you will be kind enough to give this a place in your valuable paper.

The young man belonging to the Hamilton Debating Club, who while spending the evening with the old lady who keeps the Seminary on James St., had the impudence to ask for a *Cup of strong Tea*, had better never accept an invitation of the kind again, if he is so fond of that delightful beverage, as we can assure him that, it never will be found within the walls of a Young Ladies Seminary.

Hamilton, June 15th, 1859.

Mr. Gasser, who wears a great profusion of diamond rings, was one day flourishing his fingers before Robert Brough, the dramatist, with the idea of impressing him. "I say, Gasser," said Brough, "I'd rather have your hands than your head. I know which could be turned to the best account." Gasser put on his gloves immediately.

To the Editor of the Chronicles.

The Late Market By-Law.

Sir,—I promised through your valuable journal to give my mind on the subject of By-Law, and I cannot do better than lay my groundwork in my first Letter; and so Forestalling comprehends, in its legal signification, the offences of ingrossing and regrating. *Ingrossing* is the purchase of the whole of any commodity for the sake of selling it again at a high price. *Regrating* signifies the scraping or dressing of cloth or other goods in order to sell the same again. So says the common Law. The late Municipal Act, 22 Vic. Cap. 99, Sec. 287; gives to Municipal Corporations power to prevent such offences within their respective Municipalities, and also to prevent and regulate the sale by retail in the public streets of any meat, vegetables, fruit or beverages; and shall also give power to the Municipalities to regulate all markets established, and to be established, and declares that the places hitherto established as Markets in each Municipality shall continue to be Markets, until otherwise directed by competent authority. And that all Market reservations or appropriations heretofore made in any Municipality, shall continue to be vested in the Corporation thereof. It also gives them power to prevent and regulate the purchase of such things by Hucksters or runners living within the Municipality, or within one mile from the outer limits thereof. The competent authority above referred to, is the Crown. Formerly the establishing of public marts or places of buying and selling, such as markets and fairs with tolls thereunto belonging, was one of the Royal Prerogative. Now that power is vested in the Municipalities, saving already established rights, as appear above. Now it is a well settled rule, that when a Corporation gets power to regulate, any By-Laws made by it, must in all things be subservient to, and in accordance with the common and statute law of the land; in no case may they exceed or add to the same. Where then, I ask, do the Corporation get power to put a licence on Hucksters? If they deem it necessary to prevent them from buying goods in the Market or city, which is the only power given, except to regulate, why do they not do so at once? Charging them with a licence will do neither; but on the contrary, it will have the effect of more firmly estab-