ON SEEING A BLOSSOM IN LOCTOBER

that old apple tree, gazing in wonder on that | in the surf, two being drowned. The sursolitary blossom, the only one to be seen in the surrounding large orchard.

That old free stood close by the farm buildings. The pigeon or dove cot was at the bodies were found on the shore, The captain west end corner of the buildings, and as we and second mate, Baptiste, and stoward, were gazed upon that solitary blossom the pigeons, under a bright October sun, were disporting themselves in air; now alighting in the orchard, then in the farm yard. That old dove cot still stands, tenantless! A silent re-

minder yf a half a century ago.

During the past October, 1884, just 50 years since that little blossom attracted our the crew of seven, is Thomas Huct, of Dolear. youthful eye, we paid a visit to the old home; the home of our youth. How changed was all around! Not one of kith, kindred or of name to be found there. Not one of the many playmates of our youth. They are all gone! The greater number of them have been gathered to their fathers. Others of them have found other homes. We felt as a stranger, a desolate stranger at the home and amid the very scenes of our youth.

"There is a land. A spot of earth supremely blest! That land our country and that snot our home?" Secred and dear memoriss will ever cluster and gather around the home of our youth. That home may have been humble, but it is ever dear to the wanderer. It may have been an English cottage, an obscure corner in some Highland glen, a lowly cabin in Erin's green isle, or some bright New England farm house! The words "Home, sweet home" strike a chord and find a response, perhaps a silent one, in the hardest heart. These words have called forth tears of true tribute from every wanderar or exile as he dwells or has dwelt upon the scenes and the home of his youth.

We stood beneath the same clear, blue sky, unchanged! Such as gladdened our young We trod the very same ground as of old; but nevertheless a change, a great change had been wrought! This was the old home in which grandsire, grandame, father and mother lived, labored and died! This was the home where sisters and brothers were born and grew up "side by side," but now "their graves, or their homes, are severed far and wide." The living remnant have been driven from their old home by hard oppression, by wrong and outrage with which earth is filled.

We sought the old garden, but nothing remained to mark where a garden had been. Even the old hawthorn which stood at the foot of the garden, with seats beneath the shade where, fifty years ago, we studied our lessons or pondered over some favorite author, has succumbed to age or fallen beneath the leveller's axe.

We sought the old scat by the road side at the corner of the old stone wall. Nothing remains to mark the spot except the two supporting stones. This old seat was the summer evening resort of old and young. "For talk-ing age and whispering lovers made." Many a tale of the old time, Scotch or Canadian, was told and retold on that old seat. It was the family out door seat.

Old men now living, who were brought up in the country, will recall on reading this, just such another seat close by the homes of their early youth and, perchance, they may repeople those dear old seats with faces from the dead! with forms which are over present in their memories!

Wander where we may, voices from the lead will ever ring in our ears, rejoicing the heart or, may be, filling it with deep sorrow in dwelling upon the wrongs and the ravages of time!

This is where the old orchard stood, partly enclosed by a stone wall; over 500 trees were standing there 50 years ago. Not a score of them now remains! They were of the choicest kinds from old France, some of them were planted in the days of Champlain by the carly Jesuit Fathers and added to by LaSalle and his successors. This old orchard was long known as the oldest in Canada. A feeling of deepest sadness crept over us as we paced, in solemn silence, the old orchard We could mark the spot where this and that old tree stood, bearing tempting but not torbidden fruit.
"This was the home of our youth," we

said, but what a change! Changed in all save the same clear blue sky above, and the same almost hallowed earth beneath, on which we stood! It still bears the family name, but not one of the family is there! "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn." Shall the wicked prevail? we asked, then the words of the Psulmist, the sweet singer of Israel, came forcibly to mind:-"I have seen the wicked in great power and spreading himself like a "green bay tree, yet he passed away, and, "lo, he was not: Yea, I sought him but he " could not be found."

Such, we said, might happen in God's pro-

vidence in this very case.

This simple sketch of a visit to an old home may meet the eye of many a grey-haired wanderer whose early home is, perhaps, thousands of miles away, and may awaken in him "Ties that stretch beyond the deep, "and love that scorns the lapse of time."

What home is there that has not its tale of sorrow, by which families have been wronged, ruined and scattered to the four winds of heaven? But in all such cases let us say:

God Reigneth. The wrong-doer is to be pitied! Mark him well as he walks the public path. Go, mark his down-cust eyes, his haggard face and his

forced unearthly smile! --- "He ever bears about

"A silent court of justice in his breast,

" Himse'f the judge and jury, and himself, "The prisoner at the bar, ever condemned. This old home is not only dear to the

writer as being his birth-place, but it will ever he held sacred by Canadians as being the home of the most noted character in Canadian history: This was the Canadian home of Robert de la Salle! UNCLE JOHN.

Christmas Day, Montreal, 25th Dec., 1884.

Can consumption be cured? Yes. One man only, discovered the laws of gravitation: One man only, discovered the virtue of vaccination. And one man after years of study and reflection, has discovered the cure for consumption. Dr. Pierce's "Golden Medical Discovery," is its specific. Send two letter stamps and get Dr. Pierce's pamphlet treatise on consumption. Address, World's Dispen-sary Medical Association, Buffalo, N.Y.

vivor managed to crawl to the door of the lighthouse and gave the alarm. Searchers were immediately sent out and four of the bodies were found on the shore. The captain found near the wreck. Another body, that of a sailor named Noblong, a native of Brittany, was found three miles distant. Those missing are Arcule and Geraline, seamen, and an apprentice named Donishue. The vessel was completely broken up. The name of the first mate, who was the only one saved out of St. Malo.

JOHN KELLY IMPROVING. NEW YORK, Dec. 29.-For several days the political and social atmosphere of New York has been pervaded by ugly rumors affecting the mental condition of John Kelly. Careful inquiry, however, shows they are baseless. Kelly has been very sick but his ailment has been purely physical. He has been confined to his room at times for several weeks, but during the past fortnight he has been out riding and is rapidly mending.

THE SPANISH TREATY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Secretary Frelinghuysen has written a lengthy letter to Chairman Miller, of the committee on foreign relations, regarding the political considerations important to the country relating to the treaty between the United States and Spain as to Cuba and Porto Rico. The sec-retary says some have thought there is a disposition in the United States looking to the the inquest to-day physicians testified that a annexation of Cuba. Such action would be simple remedy taken at the proper time would unwise and our institutions would be endangered thereby. The treaty removes causes of complaint as to the treatment of our citizens and their property in Cuba and Porto Rico, which have heretofore led to serious discussions between the two governments, and by bringing the islands into close commercial connection with the United States confers upon us and upon them all the benefit which would result from annexation, were that posreciprocity with the Spanish colonies.

The New Orleans Picayune urges congress to ratify the Nicaraguan treaty, and advocates a policy of territorial aggrandisement to the

> Loss and Gain. CHAPTER I.

· "I was taken sick a year ago With bilious fever.

southward.

" My doctor pronounced me cured, but I got sick again, with terrible pains in my back and sides, and I got so bad I Could not move!

I shrunk ! From 228 lbs. to 120! I had been doctoring for my liver, but it did me no good. I did not expect to live more than three months. I began to use Hop Bitters. Directly my appetite returned, my pains left me, my en-tire system seemed renewed as if by magic, and after using several bottles, I am not only as sound as a sovereign, but weigh more than I did before. To Hop Bitters I

owe my life." R. FITZPATRICK. Dublin, June 6, '81. CHAPTER II.

Malden, Mass., Feb. 1, 1880. Gentlemensuffered with attacks of sick headache." Neuralgia, female trouble, for years in the nost terrible and excruciating manner. No medicine or doctor could give me relief

or cure, until I used Hop Bitters.
"The first bottle
Nearly cured me;"

The second made me as well and strong as

when a child. "And I have been so to this day." My husband was an invalid for twenty cars with a serious

"Kidney, liver and urinary complaint, "Pronounced by Boston's best physi cians—

"Incurable!" Seven bottles of your Bitters cured him and

know of the "Lives of eight persons" In my neighborhood that have been saved

by your bitters, ; And many more are using them with great benefit.

Do miracles?" -Mrs. E. D. Slack. How to GET SICK .- Expose yourself day and night; eat too much without exercise; work too hard without rest; doctor all the time; take all the vile nostrums advertised, and then you will want to know how to get well, which is answered in three words-Take Hop Bitters !

AN None genuine without a bunch of green Hops on the white label. Shun all the vile, poisonous stuff with "Hop" or "Hops" in their name

THE SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY,

LONDON, Dec. 23 .- The annual returns to the Board of Trade from Scotland and the North of England show that the extent of the shipbuilding industry on the Clyde, the Tyue, and the Wear has been fifty per cent. less during the present your than during the year 1883. The builders, however, believe that the prospects for the future are now brighter than at any previous time for several months. The dulness in the marine carrying trade has had, they say, one effect that operates to the beneat of the builders. The scantiness of ocean freights has led to keen competition and to a cutting down of rates to such a point that it no longer pays to run any but modern built ships, which their trips in the shortest possible time. The market for such ships is not overstocked. owing to the limited production during the past year, and the demand for them is now

WHEELING, Dec. 23.—A second borrible outrage and robbery by hooded highwaymen in the past three days has roused the people of Wheeling to a terrible pitch. On Sunday six masked men entered the home of Mrs. Workenour in the suburbs, and after horribly beating the family stale \$5.000 in gold. List eyes were ever upon the stretch, peering up night four men, evidently of the same gang, broke into the house of Elijah Marling, a bachelor miser in this converse. Proceedings of the same gang was niled with levers which he seemed to be operating continuously, his eyes were ever upon the stretch, peering up and down the wide, many tracked line, and broke into the house of Elijah Marling, a his weary fingers were ever and anon spetch. bachelor miser in this county. Finding only \$181 on his person they horribly tortured im to force him to reveal the hiding place of his gold. He was tied to the bedpost, strip-ped and a red hot poker applied to his back and thighs in twenty places. Hot oil was also poured down his back. His suffering was terrible. In their anger the burglars struck the victim a heavy blow on the head and left him hanging by the fastenings in an insensible condition, where he was found nearly frozen. His condition is critical. Marling is 68 years of age. All efforts to locate or capture the gang seem useless. The county constabulary are powerless, and dwellers in isolated houses are in constant dread. The deeds of the West Virginia "Red Men" are being outdone in the metropolis.

A FAITH CURE FAILURE.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 23.—Emma Kitsemiller died here on Saturday. Both she and her family were believers in faith cures and were members of a band known as "heavenly recruits." Emma refused all medicine, say-ing Jesus would heal her. Her husband after reading a portion of the Scripture laid his hands upon her and anointed her. When he awoke in the morning she was dead. At

A LYNCHING EXPEDITION.

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 27.—Saturday last, Charles Smith and Henry Davies, colored, were arrested on a charge of robbing a store in Johnson County and assaulting the clerk who slept there. Smith confessed that he and Davies and twenty other men were sible. The secretary refers at great length to the objections made to the Spanish convention, and discusses the benefits to be derived from The prisoners were taken to Clayton and committed for trial. Mouday night a hnndred disguised horsemen rode to the lock-up, and pistols were presented at the heads of the guards, who fied. The priseners begged pitcously for their lives. Davis protested that Smith had sworn falsely against him and that he was not guilty, but not a word was said by the masked men. Smith and Davis were placed on horseback, each with a man behind him. The procession then formed with the negroes in the centre, and they rode toward the Neuse river. When the bridge was reached where the water is 20 feed deep a halt was ordered and all dismounted. Handcuffs and chains were still on Smith and Davis, and quickly their legs were tied and chains were wrapped around their bodies. At a sign from their commander, four of the maskers seized Smith and four seized Davis. The victims made the woods ring with horrid_yells, but the lynchers showed no mercy. The masked men held the prisoners suspended for a moment forty feet above the water, and then dropped them. There were two deathly crics, a sudden splush, and all was over.

> BURNED IN AN ELEVATOR. Dallas, Tex., Dec. 26. - The grain elevator of Rainwater & Stearns was burned today. Rainwater arose from a sick bed and rushed frantically to the scene of the fire and offered a reward of \$2,000 for the rescue of two men supposed to be isolated in the upper story. The firemen hesitated until a hat was thrown from the window accompanied by a cry of horror and despair from the two unfor tunate men imprisoned in the burning structure. The firemen ascended the ladders, but were driven back by the flames. The charred remains of the two men were found in the ruins. Loss \$6,000.

> > A YOUNG MAN'S HISTORY.

I first saw him in a social party. He took but a glass of wine, and that at the urgent solicitation of a young lady to whom he had been introduced.

I next saw him when he supposed he was unseen, taking a glass to satisfy a slight desire. He mocked at the thought of danger. I next saw him late in the evening in the street, unable to walk home. I assisted him thither and we parted.

I next saw him reeling out of alow groggery. A confused stare was on his countenance and words of blasphemy were on his tongue, and shame was gone.

I saw him once more. He was cold and motionless, and was carried by his friends to his last resting place. In the small proces sion that followed every head was cast down. His father's gray hairs were going into the grave in sorrow; his mother wept that she had given birth to such a child.

This is a sad story. Alas! that it should be true. When a boy our friend was as happy as any of us. More than once, when students together, did he sneer at my teetotalism when at me and scoffed at the pledge. He laughed at me and scoffed at the bare, suggestion of danger. Poor Fred! his father had the glass on the table and there the appetite was formed. Young man, beware of the first glass. Fathers, banish the glass from your tables if you would not bury your sons drunkards.

EGAN'S IMPERIAL TRUSS.



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whose work box stood but a little way from us. Here, for a very long day, he was caged year in and year out, and his work and wages were about equally hard. His situa tion was most difficult and responsible. His little shop was filled with levers which ed from the levers to attend to his telegraph wires, and make entries upon his record book. At Waterford, a thriving town on the line running from London to Oxford, I saw a signal box, where the operator for long days worked 45 levers and in 33 minutes had to conduct 10 shunting operations, besides

death by the weary hands of an overworked operator. MADRID, Dec. 26 .- Details of an earthquake on Wednesday night shows that it was more disastrous than at first anticipa-ted, one shock lasted fifty seconds and was felt throughout Spain. In Andalusia a number of towns suffered severely. At Granada houses rocked violently and the earth trembled beneath the feet of the innabitants as they fled to the fields. Some were wounded by falling bricks and cornices. At Malaga many houses were wrecked and a number of nmates buried in the ruins. Many persons were killed and a large number wounded. Those who escaped camped in the open squares. The weather was cold and the refugees had to build bonfires to keep themselves warm. Fainter shocks occurred at intervals during the night, which increased the alarm of the people. Already a number of bodies have been recovered. The government has sent provisions, clothing, &c., for the sufferers. In Madrid the damage was

making his records and attending to his

telegraph wires The strain upon his mind

was immense, and cases such as his have

aroused attention from a traveling public

liable to be shunted or signalled to a sudden

MRS. MACKEY'S PROSPECTIVE SON-

Granada.

slight, but the shock frightened the inhabi-

tants. Places of amusement were quickly

emptied. Shocks were felt at Gibraltar, and

were severe in the southern provinces. They

caused great alarm among the people at

IN-LAW. (From the Paris Gaulois.) Miss Mackey's betrothed, Prince Ferdinand Colonna, Prince of Galatro, belongs to the Neapolitan branch of the illustrious Colonna family, the Colonna Stigliano. Don Ferdinand is 27 years old, a very elegant gentleman, distinguished in appearance and very much liked by the whole Italian aristocracy. He is the son of chief of the Neapolitan branch. The other branches of the family are Colonna-Paliano, Colonna-Sciarra, Barberini-Colonna, all of Rome, and Colonna-Romano of Palermo. The Colonnas have been, with the Orsinis, the two most powerful families of Rome during the Middle Ages, as they are among the most ancient. They assert that one of their ancestors brought from Jerusalem the pillar to which Jesus Christ was bound when He was scourged. The Colonnas have at the present time nearly 150 castles and villas, either in the Roman states or in the kingdom of Naples. It was in their Cenci assassinated her father to escape his infamous attacks. The date of Miss Mackey's marriage to the Prince has not vet been fixed.

Those among us who are suffering with Bronchitis or weakness of the throat or lungs, should not delay, but take Robinson's Phosphorized Emulsion regularly, according to the advice of their Physician, or the directions on the bot-Always ask for Robinson's Phosphorized Emulsion, and be sure 6-145mwf. you get it.

The Laporte, Ind., savings bank has sus-

The London Christmas theatrical season is verv dull.

The steamship Cornwall has sunk the ship Larnty by collision in New York har-

All the silk hats in the New York stock exchange were smashed in the brokers' annual jollification. Admiral Courbet is sick, and there are

many deaths among the men of the French fleet at Formosa. An eronaut named McNeal has been

drowned at Montgomery, Ala., by his balloon falling in the river.

Judge Blodgett has decided that the Chicago board of trade can refuse its quotations to the telegraph companies.

A Chicago cattle company is being sued for damages sustained by its cattle introducing Texas faver among other herds.

The crofters on the Kilmuir estate have forcibly pravented the sheriff from serving a number of write and ejected him from the estate.

To the public morgue in Paris there are brought on an average between ninety and a hundred bodies daily. They are strapgers mostly, though 75 per cent of them are after-ward recognized. A good proportion of the number are suicides.

Sixteen lovely harem ladies belonging to the Sultan have, by his permission, sent their photographs as a contribution to the beauty exhibition of Paris. It appears that the com petitors need not at all put in appearance in the flesh, but that, under certain circum stances, ladies at any distance and of all na-tions will be allowed to compete per photo graph.

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Grand totals..... \$9,213,700. \$1,717,822 Showing a total export value of \$10,931,522. compared with \$11,460,505 during the same month in 1883, or a falling off of \$528,983. The decrease is entirely in goods the produce of Canada, the falling off in the value of timber shipments accounted for \$396,957, and in products of the fisheries for \$329,441, other branches except manufacturers showing increases.

MONTREAL PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

The grain business showed a little improve ment. We quote :—Canada red winter wheat 84 to 86c; white winter, 82 to 84c; Canada spring, 82 to 84c; and corn, 56 to 60c. Pork—The condition of the market has not varied. We quote:—Canada short cut, \$15.75 to 16; mess pork, western, \$14.75 to 15 per brl. Ashes—The market for pots continues depressed and dull. We quote :-\$3.40 to 3.45 per 100 lbs. The offerings of poultry have been light. We quote:—Turkeys, 11 to 12c; ducks, 10 to 12c; geess and chickens, 7 to Sc per lb. Eggs slow. We quote:—20 to 22c per dozen. There is nothing in the butter market which calls for fresh comment. We quote:-Creamery, good to choice, 21 to 23c; Townships, choice, 20 to 21c; Townships, fair to good, 17 to 19c; Morrisburg, 15 to 19dc; Brockville, 15 to 19c; Western, Don Andre Colonna, who died twelve years 13 to 17c per 1b. Cheese—This market was ago, and nephew of Prince Marc-Antonio, light and unchanged. We quote:-Fine to finest fall makes, 111 to 12c; fair to good grades, 9 to 11c; and medium, 7 to Sc per lb.

MONTREAL WHOLESALE TRADE.

As the year approaches its close business

puts on a holiday aspect. During the past week the movement of merchandise has been moderate, but no less than was to be expected, and for the next two or three weeks we shall have inactive markets to report. Dry goods have been quiet and without change. Travellers will all be out with spring samples shortly after January first. The cotton goods market betrays a disposition to stiffen, and an effort will likely be made to mark up the price after the new year to conform to the higher ruling of raw material. It is generally understood that the stock of cottons in both wholesale and retail hands is light. A brisk retail trade has been done during the week. In iron and hardware trade has been very quiet, but accompanied with severe depression in metals, a sharp decline in values having taken place. The depreciation in values this year has re sulted in heavy losses to the trade, which cannot be recovered. Ingot tin is demoralized and has sold down to 18c six months for Lamb & Flag, but we quote it at 191c, and Straits at 181c. London is cabled at £74 15s. Ingot copper has dropped to 14to. Tinplates are weaker, round lots of cokes having sold at \$3.90. We quote:—Charcoals \$4.50, and cokes \$3.90 to \$4. Canada plates were unchanged. Pig iron is dull and inactive. Warrants are cabled 5d higher than a week ago at 42s 3d. The distribution of groceries has been in accord with the season. The feature of the trade is the decline in sugar, round lots of granulated have been placed at 6c We quoto 6 to 6 to 6 to 50 per gallon. Molasses inactive and nominal. The tea market is firm and quiet, with considerable confidence shown by holders. Valencia raisins are scarce and firm at 9c, which has diverted demand more to sultanas, which can be bought at 6c to 7c. Other fruits and nuts have been quiet and unchanged. Spices and rice are steady but slow of sale. A fair jobbing trade has been done in wines and spirits at former prices. The local traffic in lumber has been conducted on the same basis as formerly. Leather has ruled quiet, with the feeling in sole still easy. Hides and skins are steady, and furs easy, especially mink. Oils are quiet, with petroleum fairly active and steady. In wool there has been no change, but the enquiry from manufacturers promises well. Chemicals have an easier expression excepting bleach which is firm. A quiet but steady trade has been done in drugs. Quinine is firm at the advance under light stocks, Howard's being quoted at \$1.35 and German in bulk at \$1:20. lodide potas is firm at \$4.50. There has been a fair trade in coal at unchanged values.

Late advices from the States are as fol-

lows :- As the close of the year approaches, cheaper in their original cost, are more costly in use, owing to their larger expense in maintenance, repair, sallors wages, and coal, so more stated to hold the worst end at 120; Canada 19and 199; Eric 14; Illinois contrained to coast yeasels, and are salling them at a loss to the proposed the proposed to the proposed the proposed to the pr less. The receipts at primary points for the 1765, 1767, 1769, 1771, 1773, 1775, week ending to day will probably be 38 per

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BER—NOTES FROM THE CANANDA GAZ

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OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—The value of goods en bered for consumption during the month of goods exported from Canada during the month ending November 31st was as follows:

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McGOVERN-At Richmond, P.Q., on the McGOVERN—At Richmond, P.Q., on the 12th inst, at the residence of her son in law, Joseph Bedard, merchant, Ann Logan, aged 73 years relief of the late Peter McGovern of Danville, formerly of Montreal.

"CROKER—At St. Gabriel Village, on the 23rd December, Thomas Croker, aged 56 years, a native of the County Waterford, Ireland.

FERGUSON.—On the morning of the 24th inst., Agnes Shannon, widow of the late Robert Ferguson, of Quebec, saged 82 years, native of County Cavan, Ireland.

TOBIN.—In this city, on the 24th inst., Sarah Ronan, widow of the late James Tobin, aged 78 years.

McBRIDE—en December 22nd, at the family residence, 5th concession, Pittsburg, Margaret, widow of the late John McBride, in her 86th

GRIMSHAW—At Kingston, on Dec. 22nd, Maria Wilson, wife of William Grimshaw, of Wolfe Island, aged 42 years. O'BRIEN-At Kingston, Dec. 22nd, Dennis O'Brien, aged 74.

KINGSMILL-At 48 Theodore St., Ottawa, on the 25th inst., George Roden Dudley Kingsmill, Journalist.

BAIRD.—In this city, on the 24th instant, James Baird, son of the late John Baird, and brother of John Baird, of the Water Works Department, agad 29 years

MURPHY—On Christmas morning, at her father's residence at Batiscan Mills, aged 20 years, Annie, youngest daughter of Mr. Nicholas Murphy, and niece to Mr. Owen Murphy, of

CURTIS—In Kingston, on Dec. 26th, Mrs. Lucy Curtis, relict of the late Michael Curtis aged 67 years. BUTLER.—In this city, on the 28th inst Catherine Devaney, aged 35 years, beloved wife of Thomas Butler.

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