

## CITY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

—It is said the C. P. B. conductors will ask for increased wages.

—The coopers in the employ of the St. Lawrence Sugar Refinery are striking for increased pay.

—There were 24 interments in the Protestant and 58 in the Catholic cemeteries during the past week.

—The Rev. Abbe Frederic Caron, who died on the 28th of April last at St. John, Port Joly, was a member of the Society of One Mass.

—The go-as-you-please match between Irvine and Gallagher will take place on Friday and Saturday next at the Crystal Rink as at first arranged.

—Mr. William Knowles, the well known Point St. Charles merchant tailor, has obtained the contract for supplying summer clothing to the St. Gabriel village police.

—A man named Derr, who is believed to be at present in Montreal, is wanted at present in Pittsburg, Pa., where a rich relation is said to have lately died, leaving him a considerable fortune.

—Flavien Laparriere, residing at No. 7 Moreau street, Hochelaga, fell off a shed some twenty feet to the ground yesterday afternoon, sustaining severe injuries. He was taken to the Notre Dame Hospital.

—At the Church of the Messiah yesterday afternoon, Miss Adelaide Wilson, youngest daughter of Mr. F. L. Wilson, of this city, was united in marriage to Mr. Fred. Bartlett, of Boston. There was a large and fashionable audience present to witness the ceremony.

—Major L. A. Hignett-Letour, of this city, has received a communication from Tokio, Japan, in which it is stated that the Emperor of that Kingdom would most likely visit Canada and Montreal during the summer.

—Chief Patton has appointed Fireman James Gilbert, of No. 2 Fire Station, St. Gabriel street, to a position on the Salvage Corps. Mr. Gilbert has been connected for some time with the reel of No. 2 Station. Mr. Cloran has been appointed to take Mr. Gilbert's position on the reel.

—The arbitration between the Government of the Province of Quebec and Duncan Macdonald, rejecting the claims made by Mr. Macdonald for the construction of the Western part of the Q. M. O. & O. Railway, opens before Messrs. Shand, Odell and Fleming at Ottawa to-day. Mr. Church, Q. C., represents Mr. Macdonald, Mr. Maitland the Province of Quebec.

—The Reverend John F. Kelly, brother of a well known resident of this city, was ordained priest at Leavenworth, Kansas, on Thursday last. He is an accomplished scholar, and has drawn his learning from a Canadian *Alma Mater*, being well known as having carried off numerous prizes in Canadian colleges. He is a polished rhetorician.

## YOUNG DOMINION LACROSSE CLUB.

The Young Dominion Lacrosse Club of Point St. Charles held a meeting for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. The following gentlemen were elected:—H. Lomas, President; T. Miller, Vice-President; A. Dixon, Secretary; G. Brown, Treasurer; Committee, J. Blackie, A. Hesse, J. Brown, G. Page, A. Duncan, T. Donohue, E. Thompson and F. Pratt.

## CATHOLIC PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION.

The adjourned meeting of the above Association was held last evening in St. Patrick's Hall. There was a large attendance, and Mr. G. Murphy occupied the chair. The Com. G. Murphy appointed to draft a constitution presented their report, which, after considerable discussion, was adopted without amendments. It was at first proposed to call the society by the name of St. Patrick's Mutual Benefit Society, but the meeting resolved to adopt the name of the Catholic Provident Association. The object of the Association is praiseworthy, and will, no doubt, be largely encouraged. The families of members after death will be adequately provided for, and at an expense which will be much less than that incurred in any insurance company. It was decided that the Constitution Committee should act as a directorate for the present, and that the names of Messrs. W. P. Nolan, B. Connaughton and J. B. Lane, be added thereto. It is the intention of the Association, after awhile, to add a sick benefit and accident department.

## THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. PATRICK'S CHOIR CONCERT PRESENTED TO THE REV. FATHER DOWD.

On Friday evening the members of the St. Patrick's Choir assembled in the long room of the St. Patrick's House for the purpose of presenting the Rev. Father Dowd with the proceeds of their successful concert, which was given in the Nordheimer's Hall for the benefit of the St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum. An impressive musical entertainment was given in honor of the occasion. There were present quite a number of the clergy, who enjoyed the singing very well, and complimented the choir on the progress which it had made. The proceeds, which amounted to \$202, were presented by Prof. Fowler and Mr. W. J. O'Hara conveyed in some well chosen remarks the esteem and respect in which the choir held their Reverend Pastor, and the pleasure it gave them to be able to contribute, in their humble way, to the support and welfare of an institution which the Rev. Father cherished so dearly. Rev. Father Dowd expressed his warmest appreciation of their efforts, and congratulated the members on the success of the concert, which yielded such a handsome sum. The Rev. Father then handed Prof. Fowler the following acknowledgment of the donation:—

"I beg to acknowledge, with many thanks, the handsome amount of \$202, realized by the concert of the St. Patrick's Choir for the benefit of the orphans of St. Patrick's Asylum. The charitable object is no less creditable to the St. Patrick's Choir than the very marked success that rewarded their musical effort."

"P. Dowd, Priest."

## BIGAMY.

A NEW GLASGOW MAN IN JAIL FOR MARRYING TWO WIVES.

John A. Hamilton, of New Glasgow, in the County of Terrebonne, left his native place some ten years ago, and went to live in Chicago. In July last he married a young lady of that city named Kate Dora Griffiths. Their period of domestic bliss must have been very short, for two months afterwards saw him back in New Glasgow apparently as single as when he had left it. He began shortly after his arrival to pay assiduous court to Miss Jane Black, a very wealthy young lady of that village. Things progressed as smoothly as could be desired, for in November Hamilton was joined to Miss Black in the bonds of matrimony. Hamilton and his second wife

seemed to agree much better than the former did with the first. This state of things continued until last week, when the stern hand of the law stepped in and stopped his felicity again. It happened in this wise. On his return from Chicago, Hamilton had given himself out as being still a bachelor. The story was accepted by his fellow-villagers until a visitor from that city, who had known Hamilton there, brought intelligence that there was another wife waiting for him across the line. The news of the discovery was not communicated to Hamilton, but the Chief of the Montreal Police was informed, who at once entered into correspondence with the Chicago police. The result was the obtaining of information sufficient to warrant Hamilton's arrest, which was accomplished this morning by Deputy High Constable Contant. Wife No. 1 arrived in Montreal on Saturday last, and is determined to prosecute. However, at present the police have put both her and wife No. 2 aside, and are bringing the charges themselves, retaining the two injured ladies as witnesses. Wife No. 1 is a very pretty woman of twenty-two, a little above the medium height, and very independent in appearance. Her attractions are much superior to those of Miss Black, who seems to feel her position very keenly. Hamilton himself is as fine and tall a specimen of manhood as can be found anywhere. This morning when brought before the Police Magistrate he pleaded not guilty, and was remanded.

## FOUR CONVICTS ESCAPE FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PENITENTIARY.

WALKING AWAY IN THE TERTH OF THE JAIL GUARDS.

Yesterday afternoon the village of St. Vincent de Paul was startled with the report that a large gang of convicts had escaped from custody. Investigation, however, brought the number down to four, all desperate criminals. The story of the escape is as follows:—Yesterday afternoon a gang of convicts were sent to the brickyard near the depot to make brick. All went well until the 4 o'clock train appeared on the track. As soon as the signal whistle was heard, by preconcerted agreement, four of the convicts threw down their tools and started in a rapid run across the ploughed fields in the direction of St. Martin Junction. For a moment the guards showed confusion, but they speedily recovered and sent a volley of bullets after the fleeing convicts, however, without success. A large number of guards and citizens followed in pursuit, but the convicts had a good start and kept it. After putting about four hundred yards between themselves and the guards, they stopped running and fell into a rapid walk. As soon as the guards came close to them they commenced running again and were off like the wind. The guards one after another gave out and were compelled to give up the pursuit. Meanwhile the convicts passed St. Martin Junction and gained the bush, which at this place extends for upwards of seven miles. Once in this they can defy capture, at least for a while.

On the news of the occurrence being brought to the jail men were despatched after the convicts on horseback, but up to a late hour last night only one had been captured. It is suspected that the convicts have friends outside, who were waiting to receive them on their escape.

Yesterday afternoon four convicts were sent to St. Vincent de Paul from the Montreal Jail. It seems that the older convicts had information of these new arrivals, and four of their number were kind enough to depart to make room for them.

## ALL ABOARD FOR QUEBEC.

A TRAIN OF DEAD BEATS MADE TO FORK OUT TREMBLES BOGS—THE Q. M. O. & O. RAILWAY DOING A RISKING BUSINESS ON SUNDAY.

To see the Sunday afternoon trains leave the Hochelaga Depot for Quebec one would imagine that the Q. M. O. & O. Railway carried more passengers for the ancient Capital on that particular train than on all the other trains of the week put together. The cars are crowded to suffocation, but they are crowded with dead beats, not M.P.P.s or other Provincial officials, but people who steal a ride from Hochelaga to the Mile End. Their object is all the more facilitated as there is no collecting of tickets between the two points. It has finally struck the officials that this kind of thing had been carried on long enough, and that a ride from Hochelaga to Mile End was worth *treize sous*. As usual yesterday business seemed to be brisk with the Q. M. O. & O. Railway, and even looked as if more cars would have to be added. The cry of "all aboard for Quebec" fetched many more than the train could comfortably hold. What never happened before, the train stopped short when about half way and in the middle of the woods. Innumerable heads went out of every window to see what was up. Conjectures were many, for that took seemed to be a bear, and no obstacles in the way. But there was just as much consternation on the train when it became evident for what purpose it was stopped, as if there was a regular smash up. Protesters were of no avail with the officials, it was "a quarter down or get out." *Trente sous c'est trop cher* was the general chorus; but the officials kept on collecting the fare, and when they got through found that they made a haul as good as it was unexpected. The train afterwards proceeded leisurely on its way to the Mile End. This will, undoubtedly, prove a severe blow to the Sunday traffic of the Q. M. O. & O. Railway.

## THE GREYHOUND OF THE ATLANTIC.

The Union line flag-ship, the steamship "Alaska," on her last voyage from Liverpool to New York, outstrips anything previously accomplished by any steamer afloat. Her log from Queenstown to Sandy Hook shows an average speed of 40.4 nautical miles per day for the entire voyage, or an average of 16.7 knots per hour for the trip, and on one day 17.3 knots per hour were averaged for the twenty-four hours—a feat never accomplished by any other steamer. She sailed for Queenstown at 4.45 a. m. on April 9th.

April 10th, lat. 50 02, long. 19 30, distance run 415 miles; April 11th, lat. 48 00, long. 28 36, distance run 378 miles; April 12th, lat. 45 34, long. 37 36, distance run, 396 miles; April 13th, lat. 43 15, long. 46 42, distance run 415 miles; April 14th, lat. 41 55, long. 55 51, distance run 409 miles; April 15th, lat. 41 00, long. 64 30, distance run 397 miles; April 16th, lat. 40 29, long. 73 52, distance run 419 miles; arrived at Sandy Hook 12 39 p. m. April 16th.

We were on board shortly after her arrival on Sunday, and her passengers were loud in their praises of the gallant ship that had sailed from an Irish harbour on Sunday and landed them in New York the following Sunday.

## BAR OF MONTREAL.

The annual meeting of the members of the bar of Montreal was held in the advocates' room in the Court House, yesterday afternoon.

termen: Mr. Robertson, Q. C., Bionnier, presided, and there was a good attendance. The Secretary read the report, which showed that during the past year 38 new members had been admitted to practice; 25 were allowed to compare to study, and 14 were refused this privilege. Two complaints had been made against members of the bar, one of these had been withdrawn and action in the other was pending. Two petitions for the remittance of arrears had been refused. There had been nine general meetings three of these were for the consideration of the bills pending legislation, and which affected judicial procedure, and were for the object of the more satisfactory administration of justice. The remaining six had been called to express their sympathy with the friends of the six *confreres* who had been removed by death. There had been ten meetings of Council; \$3,000 had been donated to the purchase of 300 volumes for the library, which was now composed of 10,167 volumes.

The financial statement of the Society was very satisfactory, there being a balance of \$4,835.49 to their credit.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, the following gentlemen being elected officers-bearers for the ensuing year:—Batonnier, Mr. W. W. Robertson (re-elected); Treasurer, Mr. G. A. Geothrin (re-elected); Secretary, Mr. G. A. Geothrin; Counsellors, Hon. R. Laflamme, Q. C., J. M. Lorange, Q. C., F. L. Beique, A. Lacoste, Q. C., E. Bédune, Q. C., E. Carter, Q. C., A. H. Lunn, M. M. Tait, Q. C.

The announcement of the ballot was received with acclamation.

A vote of thanks having been passed to Mr. Robertson for his conduct in the chair, the proceedings terminated.

## BRICK LABORERS' TROUBLES.

During the past few weeks we have had to chronicle the departure of several hundred brick laborers for the Western States. It would appear that no warm reception awaited them at their destination, for the brick laborers of that section of the country are on a strike, which the Canadians are warned not to mix themselves up with.

The following manifesto, issued by the Brick Laborers' Union and published all over the country, will convey an idea of what the Canadians have to face:

ATTENTION, BRICK LABORERS! Keep away from the yards in the south and west sides of Chicago until the men have a settlement with the bosses!

All brick-yard laborers are hereby instructed to keep away from the yards in the south and west sides of Chicago until such time as an agreement is come to about wages. The men ask the same wages they had when they quit last fall, but the bosses want them to work 25 cents a day less, although the cost of living is much higher for everything now than then. Is this reasonable or just? No, it is wrong, and our demand will be sustained by all right-minded and honorable men.

Mr. Pullman claims that bricks can be brought from Ohio and sold here cheaper than they can be made at our prices. That may be the case with him, because he has a lot of high-salaried bosses to provide for, and wants to do this at the expense of the laborers.

We have figures to prove that each machine used in the yard clears \$30 a day, at our prices, for the owner, and allows bricks to be sold at \$3 a thousand.

We therefore want all brick laborers to keep away until the present difficulty is settled, and the bosses offer to pay just wages. That is all we ask, and we are sure to succeed.

Many men are brought here under contract from Canada, only to be deceived. The treatment they receive is bad, and they should take care what they are about.

By order of the Committee,  
BRICK LABORERS' UNION.  
Chicago, April 24, 1882.

## THE CHANGES IN THE POLICE FORCE.

The fifty men selected by Chief Paradis to serve in the police force commenced duty at five o'clock last evening. The three new officers, Detectives Lapointe, Robinson and Nageole also commenced duty yesterday. The Sergeants and Acting-Sergeants at the different stations have been changed about and placed in different districts, being now detailed as follows:—

No. 1 Station (Central) Sergeant Dreffuss in charge; Acting Sergeants, Richard and St. Pierre.

No. 2 Station, Gain street, Sergeant Lafon; Acting Sergeants Berard and Hilton.

No. 3 Station, Beaudry street, Sergeant Bonchard in charge; Acting Sergeants, Angers and Egan.

No. 4 Station, Ontario street, Sergeant Gauthier; Acting Sergeants, Reeves and Hughes.

No. 5 Station, St. George street, Sergeant Loyer; Acting Sergeants, Miller and Charbonneau.

No. 6 Station, Chabouille Square, Sergeant Burke; Acting Sergeants Kehoe and Liggett.

No. 7 Station, Young street, Sergeant Hynes; Acting Sergeant, Dibeen and Croes.

No. 8 Station, Canning street, Sergeant Niquett; Acting Sergeants, DeKonick and Parker.

No. 9 Station, Seigneurs street, Sergeant Glynn; Acting Sergeants, Cambridge and Thorlen.

No. 10 Station, St. Catherine street, Sergeant Carson; Acting Sergeants, Dupuis and Clarke.

No. 11 Station, Dufréne street, Acting Sergeant Beaudry; Acting Sergeants, Desjardins and Bagnéat.

## COUNTRY MERCHANTS IN TROUBLE.

ANOTHER PHASE OF THE SKELETON ROBBERY.

It seems that Soprani, his family, and young Verity are not the only parties who are likely to come to grief in connection with the lately-discovered frauds of which the Messrs. Skelton were the victims. Soprani has been, according to Detective Fahey, a long time engaged in the receiving of stolen goods, and during his career as a "fence" has sold large quantities all over the country to merchants. It is now proposed to subpoena these merchants as witnesses against Soprani, and if they prove obstinate, to have them indicted for receiving stolen goods, as it was a moral impossibility for any business man to know that the goods were stolen, so low did the pedlar put the prices. Men have been sent all over the country in different directions to find out the places where Soprani sold the goods, and seize them wherever found. The Messrs. Skelton Brothers have put a seizure on all the property belonging to Soprani, taking the ground that it was acquired with the proceeds of the goods stolen from them. Meanwhile Hodgson & Sumner, with whom Soprani had legitimate dealings, have also seized, and the lawyers of the two firms are fighting over the spoils.

SAMBO SMILES.—It made our coloured gentleman smile when the doctor told him that getting vaccinated was simply taking matter from one calf to put into another.

## TELEGRAMS.

## CABLE DESPATCHES.

THE LEIGH SMITH ARCTIC EXPEDITION.

HAGUE, May 1.—The "William Bare" will leave Amsterdam in May in search of the Leigh Smith Arctic expedition.

## ALPINE SNOW STORMS.

GENEVA, May 1.—Tremendous snow storms have occurred in the Alps. The Simpton route is impassable and the mail service is suspended. There was a shock of earthquake in Canton Valais on Friday.

## THE LIBERATION OF THE AMERICAN SUSPECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION.

LONDON, May 2.—The *Times* says: "It will be formally decided to-day whether the suspects will be liberated. The correspondence between the Government of Great Britain and the United States relative to the suspects will show that there has been no weak acknowledgment of the pretensions inconsistent with international law and common sense. Great Britain has firmly maintained the position that American Irishmen in Ireland must submit, like other Irishmen to the laws deemed necessary by Parliament. It is in deference to the comity of nations and not to any claim of right that prisoners of American nationality were offered their liberty if they left the country. If some foolishly and insolently refused to give such a pledge they must take their chances of remaining in jail as long as the Executive deems necessary. It is, however, no longer doubtful that the Cabinet is considering whether the prisoners may not be liberated, except those arrested on suspicion of being personally concerned in outrages."

In the House of Commons Mr. Chamberlain, President of the Board of Trade, announced that the Government had concluded to stop work on the channel tunnel until further action was taken by Parliament.

## CANADIAN NEWS.

## FROM OTTAWA.

OTTAWA, May 2.—W. J. A. Lumsden, of Hamilton, has been appointed to the *Danvers* place in Mr. Isaac Watson, who retires at the close of the present session. The salaries have been increased to \$1,100 per year, with a yearly increase of \$100 until it reaches \$1,500.

The House will go into Committee of Supply this afternoon. It is said the Opposition have yet another amendment to move.

## FROM QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, April 27.—Great progress is being made all along the line of the Quebec Central Railway. At the new village of Weldon Station there are in course of erection five stores, two blacksmith shops, one saddler's store, one steam sawmill and one cheese factory; sixteen dwelling houses will be erected in a short time. The new village is located on the railroad, near St. Francis River, which flows through the middle of the township. A large extent of untouched forest and fine farm lands are opened up at this point. Several lumber firms are aiding in developing this hitherto neglected section of country, and much fire-class sawn lumber and timber well before long come to market from this place, which is only a few hours' distance from the port of Quebec.

Quebec, May 2.—Geo. Langlois, who was severely burned by the late explosion at Chaudière, is still in a very precarious condition, his hands and face, in particular, being very much burned. The doctors fear that cerebral congestion may set in. The young man Philippe Ouellet is also in a critical condition, and the doctors are unable to speak with certainty as to his prospects of recovery. The *Allan's* "Matawai" and "Nipigon" have come out of Russell's dock, where they have undergone extensive repairs.

## FROM ARTHUR, ONT.

ARTHUR, Ont., May 1.—Between one and two o'clock on Sunday morning a fire broke out in the residence of Andrew Murray, residing about a mile from Arthur village. The house and contents were totally destroyed. The fire is supposed to have originated from a lamp left burning in the kitchen. Mr. Murray, who was awakened by the heat and smoke, jumped out of bed, seized the two eldest children who slept in a separate bed in the same room, and there being no window he was obliged to make his way through the furnace of flames with which the kitchen was filled. He succeeded in placing the children in safety and then returned to the burning premises. His wife had remained behind to bring away the two youngest children, aged one and three years, but having lost them in the excitement and confusion, they perished in the flames. A few handfuls of charred bones only remained. Mrs. Murray would certainly have perished also were it not that the husband, although dreadfully injured, boldly rushed through the flood of flame and rescued her. The sufferers are attended by Drs. Allan and Henderson of Arthur. The two surviving children are not fatally burned, but it is feared the case of Mr. and Mrs. Murray is doubtful.

## FROM OTTAWA.

THE GENERAL ELECTIONS.—DR. ORTON'S COMMITTEE.

OTTAWA, April 27.—This afternoon's *Free Press* says:—"Prorogation is expected to take place about the 13th May. Dissolution will follow by a proclamation on the next Saturday. The elections will take place towards the end of June. We have excellent reasons for believing that the above programme will be carried out by the Government should nothing extraordinary occur in the meantime."

The Senate Committee this morning passed the Presbyterian Temporalities Fund bill by a vote of 16 to 9.

Dr. Orton's Committee on agricultural protection met this morning and examined Mr. Burpee, M. P. for Sudbury, and Mr. King, M. P. for Queen's, New Brunswick. Their testimony was, in effect, that the National Policy was a great hardship to the Maritime Provinces; that it taxed the farmers heavily on every thing they purchased and gave them nothing in return, besides shutting them out from the United States market, which they had always found profitable.

Several of the Chaudière saw mills have commenced running. Before the end of next week it is expected that all the mills will be in operation. The chances are that the out this season will be unusually large, there being a good demand.

Fall wheat has been slightly injured by the recent cold weather. There is considerable jubilation among the Unionists over the fact that the Temporalities fund bill passed unamended in the Senate Committee. The vote stood 16 to 9.

## UNITED STATES.

August Halmgrin, aged 45, was cut in two by a locomotive at Troy yesterday.

It is stated that the amount of scrip sent by Shipboard to Blair as a retainer was \$250,000.

Lawrence Cardy, fell from a 6th story to the 1st in an elevator, at Wall Mills' building, New York, yesterday, and soon died.

The steamer "Glamorgan" from Liverpool on her voyage to Boston, passed 109 large icebergs, on which were seen many Polar bears.

Louis Vogel, on the verge of delirium tremens, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a broken glass lamp at Hornellsville on Sunday night.

Luigi Caoriti, insane, jumped from the roof of a three story building yesterday in New York as a policeman was about to capture him. He was fatally injured.

Laskey's brush factory and the Washington street Baptist Church were burned to-day at Dover, N. H. Loss, \$27,000; numerous houses in the vicinity were damaged.

A strike began at the National Store Works, McKeesport, Pa., yesterday, against the employment of non-union helpers at puddling furnaces. The works are idle; 1,000 men are affected.

The syndicate who purchased Booth's Theatre, New York, for \$550,000, paying \$250,000 down, failed to meet the second payment of \$125,000 due yesterday. The present lessee of the theatre will continue to occupy it.

The New York Board of Emigration had in the treasury last night over all liabilities 20 cents. A proposition was made yesterday by a number of keepers of immigrant boarding houses to contribute a stipulated sum weekly toward maintaining the board.

The German brig "Ceres" was struck by lightning 120 miles from Galveston. The fire was not extinguished till she arrived there, and was sunk in 14 feet of water. The vessel's cargo of cotton is valued at \$55,000. The vessel is damaged to the extent of \$10,000.

A duel with pistols was fought yesterday at St. Bernard's Parish, near New Orleans, between Joseph Levesay and a son of Attorney-General Egan. Several shots were fired without effect. The affair grew out of certain charges against the Attorney-General printed in Levesay's paper.

In the suit of the Receiver of the First National Bank of Newark against the Directors, charging them with criminal negligence, and holding them responsible to the stockholders for losses by failure, the defendants yesterday filed an answer denying the charges and pleading statute limitations.

At the Christian Church in Louisville, on Sunday night, Gen. Abe Buford, the veteran turfman, who was converted some time ago, delivered an address in which he argued that church members could conscientiously visit horse races. He said the Church should strive to have the evils connected with sport remedied.

Senator Beck expresses the opinion that the evils over certification cheques by officers of the national banks are greater now than at the time of the Black Friday in New York. It is stated that on Dec. 31st, eleven prominent New York City banks at which stock brokers do business had an aggregate capital of \$13,200,000, with \$50,000,000 due to depositors, and \$100,000,000 outstanding in certified cheques. The amount of outstanding certified cheques reported by the New York national banks increased from \$29,000,000 in 1877 to \$137,000,000 in 1880, and \$130,000,000 in 1881. Comptroller Knox reports that losses caused by over certifying are very small, and bank officials claim the practice is justified by its immense convenience.

## WIT AND HUMOR.

Adversity borrows its sharpest sting from our impatience.

Never judge a man by his clothes. His tailor may have a suit against him.

"Another weather proof," said Biffers, as he pocketed a crown that he won on a wager upon atmospheric changes.

"I see this has a little dashed your spirits," is what the man said when he put too much water in his friend's goblet.

"What is love?" asks an exchange. Love, my friend, is thinking that you and the girl can be an eternal picnic to each other.

The latest aesthetic slang the ladies use when reproving their admiring gentlemen friends is: "You flatter too awfully perfectly much."

A cat when pursued by a ferocious dog may not be feeling quite as well as usual, but nevertheless, she presents a fur-straight appearance.

A Texas jurymen snored so loud in the jury box that he woke the judge from a sound nap, and was promptly fined for contempt of court.

Even the wisest is sometimes a fool. For example, the philosopher who wore his spectacles when asleep that he might recognize the friends he might see in his dreams.

## A MISSING BABY.

A woman was wheeling a baby-wagon carefully across the Campus Martius yesterday, when several men seemed to her to "look out" and a span of horses, driven wildly, came tearing across, as if about to demolish everybody. With the persistency of her sex, however, the woman looked the other way, and in a moment the baby-wagon was overturned and lay turned over in a heap, while the carriage kept on up Woodward avenue without even slackening speed. One man in a spring overcoat and sunflower gloves ran and turned the buggy up, and a number of ladies shrieked and begged him to get the "dear little thing out." Several gentlemen who had been leaning in a musty mood against the Detroit opera-house essayed to help him, but though they righted the buggy, no baby was seen.

"It's smothered in the mud!" shrieked one of the ladies.

"It must have clung to the horse and have been carried off," suggested another.

"How did it get away?" they all asked.

"No doubt the poor little thing is dead by this time," said another kindly matron. "Have you looked all through the things?"

At this moment it occurred to some of them that the mother would be the right person to appeal to, and they turned to her. She was standing coolly on the crossing, arms akimbo, watching the proceedings.

"The baby is all right," she said briskly. "I left her at home while I took the buggy to bring the washing. May you get all the pieces picked up? cos if you have I might as well be goin' on."

"To see the disgust impressed on the countenances of all interested was a study in human nature. Not one of the crowd was glad that baby was safe at home. They would much rather have picked it out of the mud. But each one recalled the fact that a man was hung once for not attending to his own business, and sneaked off."—*Detroit Post*.

## ROUND THE WORLD.

A Swiss experimenter is reported to have manufactured artificial mother of pearl which cannot be distinguished from the genuine.

Dr. Tanner played with a lion cub in a circus at Covington, Ky., to demonstrate his masterly control of the beast. He lost his hand.

Girard College is to have a complete machine shop, with a workshop, forge, and gas engine for each of the ninety pupils in practical mechanics.