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AT TANGENTS.

The fox has gained a great reputation amongst mankind, for the very simple reason that he has an objection to part with his tail; and so it has passed into a by-word of consistency that a man sticks to an idea, aspiration, or endeavour as persistently as a fox does to his tail.

nearly as possible what they practise, and practising, as nearly as possible what they preach. We should always endeavour to make our lives "hang together" well; not to advocate temperance in some matters, and run hotly into intemperance in others; not to praise the beauties of industry, and laud the benefits of labor, and yet lead idle, shiftless, purposeless lives ourselves.

It would be well for every young man on starting in life to lay out a plan for his guidance, just as a skillful general lays out the plan of his campaign before he enters on it, the plan may be deviated from, circumstances may arise which necessitate a change, but the mere fact of having a plan will tend to keep us consistent and counteract to a great extent the disposition to fly off at tangents.

FOR THE HEARTHSTONE. BUMPTOWN PAPERS.

BY JAMES BUMPTON. PAPER II.—OUR RAILWAY.

I told you our Council would meet soon, and they have, and a pretty mess they have made of things, as the Bumptown Council generally does. Of course you have heard of the Northern Cauterisation Railway, that celebrated enterprise for constructing a railway from Newber to Anywhere, without any definite line or plan, except the plan of making every town or municipality near which it is proposed to run, pay for it by a subscription of five hundred dollars.

prevent the City from being robbed of half a million dollars was too preposterous, and the Council very properly laughed at it and said it was ridiculous. Then Consoler Stavain wanted to know who the stockholders were, and how much stock they had taken.

The worthy Addelman then proceeded to make a long speech—a thing he is very fond of doing—and pointed out all the advantages of the road, and all the Scallwags in the gallery applauded. He spoke in glowing terms of the great land grant made to the Company by the Government, and its immense value; but his statements with regard to this Company—for the Directors don't know any more about the location of the lands than that they are generally believed to be "somewhere"; and if the Directors don't know how can anybody else find out?

FOR THE HEARTHSTONE. SUPERFICIAL EDUCATION.

"No one thing can I do right; nothing do I thoroughly understand," was the language of a young lady friend, who from reverses of fortune found herself cast upon the busy world totally uninitiated for a working sphere. She had passed through a medium classed education—learned something of this branch and that—but no study was thoroughly understood.

LITERARY ITEMS.

THE CARIBBO COURIER is the title of a new monthly published at Newmarket, N. B., under the auspices of the Caribbo Club, and is a weekly publication to deal with all subjects affecting Provincial interests in a fair, just and independent spirit.

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SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE, Published by Scribner & Co., New York. A half dozen illustrated articles, and several short stories, several brilliant essays and sketches, two or three papers of special interest to scholars, and some excellent poems, make the April number of SCRIBNER'S not only popularly attractive, but really valuable.

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EPITOME OF LATEST NEWS.

UNITED STATES.—One of the boilers of the New Jersey Steel and Iron Works at Trenton, N. J., exploded on 22nd inst., killing one man and wounding five others. The explosion has been placed on the free list by Congress.—Bridging Young and other prominent members under indictment for the murder of General Garfield, have been transferred to the U. S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan. Sull Lake Girl.—The captured girl, Sull Lake Girl, was a ball and supper given in the city prison on Wednesday night by the friends of the prisoners who they had mist, wine and a general festivity, which was decorated by the presence of a Mormon next day.

FRANCE.—Parisian editors are getting bellicose; M. Royal, of the Pays, and M. Richard, of the Courrier, lately interviewed each other with swords, and the latter was seriously struck somewhat in the region of the fifth rib.—Lord Lyons, English Ambassador to France, and Senor Olazaga, the Spanish Ambassador, have had a long interview with Count de Romasat, Minister of Foreign Affairs, relative to the French commercial mission to the region of the fifth rib.—Lord Lyons, English Ambassador to France, and Senor Olazaga, the Spanish Ambassador, have had a long interview with Count de Romasat, Minister of Foreign Affairs, relative to the French commercial mission to the region of the fifth rib.

CANADA.—A large number of retail dry goods merchants of Toronto, have started at 7 o'clock on the first of April. John Hughes, tobacconist operator at Newmarket, Ont., fell from a bus on which he was going to the station on 20th inst., and severely injured himself. The loss and the severe winter has produced a coal famine in many of the large cities; in Montreal dealers yards are almost entirely empty and \$16 to \$18 per ton, is charged for a ton of coal. In Halifax the price is \$16 per ton, no train having been run to Pictou for some time on account of the heavy snow storms.

ENGLAND.—The first snow-storm in 14 months took place in London on 21st inst.—The Eastern Monday afternoon Review will take place on 23rd inst.—The Varsity boat race took place on 23rd inst., Cambridge winning by a length and a half; time variously given as 21:1 and 21:3. The day was unpropitious, and the crowd at the starting was small.

CUBA.—The Spaniards have captured the Cuban General Lino Pena with two companies of P. B. Blues, in the mountains near Trinidad.—Latest news from Cuba bring the following intelligence: The insurgents under command of President Cespedes, attacked the town of Sagua la Grande on 5th inst., and by a feat succeeded in drawing off the garrison. While the Spanish troops were pursuing Cespedes' body, a force of insurgents entered Sagua la Grande, and by a sudden attack captured the town. The movement of the insurgents was successful. A small ship, which was conveying ammunition to the insurgents, was sent near Guanamo, to prevent her capture by Spanish forces. A large sum of money has been forwarded by Cuban sympathisers in Porto Rico to the Cuban Junta in New York. The King of Spain has commanded the arrest of Count Montalvo y Herral, a Colonel of the 5th Havana Volunteers.

MEXICO.—Advice from Mazatlan state that the rebel point in Western Mexico in possession of the rebels is closely invested by the federals, and must fall soon.—Gen. Trevino, with an escort, arrived at the town of Cuernavaca on 27th inst., and was directed by the authorities at Monterey to levy \$50,000. An American citizen named Langstroff refused to pay, when his store was broken open and his goods entirely destroyed by fire on 22nd inst. Loss about \$50,000.—The North Andover Woollen Mills were burnt on 22nd inst. Loss \$112,000.—Over 150 cases of small-pox in New York last week.—Charles A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun, has been arrested on a charge of libel on Mr. T. Essel.—An American lawyer, named C. W. Bates, has been fined \$500 or 6 months imprisonment, for insulting a woman at a social gathering in the Falls Car Works at Jeffersonville, Ind., were destroyed by fire on 20th inst. The works were the most extensive and complete of the kind in the country. The building alone covered five acres of ground. A large amount of machinery of the finest quality and a large quantity of car material were in the building. The loss will reach to something over \$200,000 and insurance about \$200,000. 600 were employed in the shops at the time, nearly all of whom lost their tools. One man it is feared was burnt to death.—A large delegation of Erie Canal Commissioners arrived in Albany for the purpose, it is said, of having the clause prohibiting a director of the At-River and Great Western road becoming a director of the Erie Canal. The States' rights and protection clause has been resolved to appeal in the Madison suit.—Mrs. Shattuck, of New York, died in a dentist's while under the influence of laughing gas. The cause of death was reported as the pork packing in the West had been published. The total number packed was 4,868,448, against 3,695,251 last year; average weight of hogs 227 lbs.; yield of all kinds of lard per hog, 392 lbs.; increase in crop 30 bushels per acre and increase of lard 23 percent.—The work of constructing the mammoth building for the Prince of Wales Jubilee has been commenced. The Prince of Wales' General Gardiner, Minister of War, and Mr. William Inman (of the Inman line) will be among the city's invited guests. John McDonald, of Toronto, was crushed to death in Chicago, on 14th inst., by a tree falling on him. The cause of "The People's" on Key Hall, has been summarily ended. Recorder Hackett having declared the jury illegally constituted.

GERMANY.—A conflagration attended with disastrous results occurred at Düsseldorf on 20th inst. The town council hall, and the world-famed Academy of Art were burnt, and a large number of most valuable paintings in the latter building destroyed. General Governor Wilhelm was in the city on 22nd inst. There was no formal coronation on the day, but the Emperor received a large number of persons, who presented their congratulations. The day was decorated by a grand and brilliantly illuminated night.

RUSSIA.—A St. Petersburg correspondent informs us of the reception of Cautchay by his Imperial Master, and also by Prince Gortschakoff, Minister of War. He was received coolly by both, Prince Gortschakoff refused to meet him save in the presence of witnesses at least so it was rumored in St. Petersburg at the time. Gossip has it that he is now about to lay aside the cares of State and resume the journey to his estate in the Crimea. An Imperial decree re-opens the hospoast as a commercial and military harbour, with fortifications restored.

CHINA.—The steamer Susewanda was lost on the rocks near Poo Chow. All hands saved.—There is terrible suffering in the flooded districts near Tientsin. Many persons were dying daily.—The details of the revolt of the native troops in Cavite, Manila, show that the conspiracy was general for a rising throughout the island against the Spaniards. The captured matters before the time arranged, few Europeans would have escaped. Prisoners are filled with suspected persons, including many traitors. Every insurgent taken was a bayonet or shot.

ITALY.—The Prince and Princess of Wales are in Rome.—The Italian Chambers are discussing the budget.—It is rumored that Herr Von Arnim, who recently arrived in Rome from Berlin, is the bearer of a proposition for a treaty of alliance between Italy and Germany, whereby the possession of Lorraine and Alsace is guaranteed to Germany and Rome to Italy, and both parties are to utilize their arms in one way.

SPAIN.—The appointment of Admiral Burnham, as Spanish Minister to the United States, is officially published. Senor Roberts, when Admiral Palo relatives at Washington has been invested by King Alfonso with the Grand Cross of the Order of Charles the Third.

INDIA.—Gen. Brownlow in command of a detachment of the Looshai expedition telegraphs on the 13th instant: "fifteen chiefs have submitted and many others have been released, 30 villages destroyed, our task is accomplished."

AUSTRIA.—The Lower House of the Reichsrath made an appeal to the Crown to stringently apply the laws against the abatement of the pulp.—Herr Strauss has accepted an invitation to assist at the Jubilee to be held in Bremen in June.—The Japanese Government has assumed liabilities of deposited Princes to furnish for loans of ships or goods.—The proscription and deportation of native Christians continue.