

Poetry.

A THREE-POUND TROUT.

The pool was broad, and cool, and deep,
And on its surface shifting,
Were specks of foam, and twigs, and leaves,
Around an eddy drifting.

The alders on the further side
Hung low upon the water;
And just above o'er rocks and logs
It foamed, then rushed with laughter.

With slender rod and silken line,
And hackle gray for leader,
I crept along with gentle tread,
So watchful and so eager.

I took my stand. Back went the rod;
I held it firm and steady,
And then I cast. The hackle gray
Skipped lightly o'er the eddy.

A sudden rush, a splash, a turn—
The water foaming, boiling,
Click! click! the line went spinning out.
'Now steady! for he's toiling.'

Up toward the rock he rushes wild.
He turns again. 'Be ready!'—
He slackens his speed, and, pulling hard,
He circles round the eddy.

And now a stubborn course he takes.
No matter how I coax him
He will not move; but there he stays.
In vain I try to coax him.

Now quick as thought he leaps in air,
And scattering spray around him
He shakes himself with all his might,
In vain; the line has bound him.

He darts to right, he darts to left,
He sets the reel a spinning;
But still the silken cord holds on—
The fisherman is winning.

An hour has past; his force is spent,
In vain has he contended,
That landing net! Be careful now!
'There! lift him out!' 'Tis ended.

Three pounds two ounces and a half
He weighed. We dressed and cooked him;
But none who ate knew such delight
As I, the one who hooked him.

Miscellaneous

Made of awl work—shoes.

A sick opera—Ill Trovatore.

Wonder if Talmage ever thought that his \$12,000 a year will seem rather high when Edison perfects his substitute for gas.

"Look out for paint!" shouted a boy in the gallery of a Chicago theatre, when the hero of the play kissed the heroine.

The Perth Courier publishes a list of its delinquent subscribers. It would be a caution to every newspaper were to do the same.

Louis E. Drake, of Covington, is the owner of a three-year-old heifer which gives milk and has never yet been with calf.

Daniel McGonigle, of Jeffersonville, Ind., aged seventy-eight, challenges any man in the county to wrestle with him.

A little girl of twelve went to see 'Humpty Dumpty' at Oil City, and was so frightened at one of the tricks that she went into spasms and died.

The Andrews brothers have refused \$20,000 for the duty Nautilus in which they crossed the sea, believing that they can make more money by exhibiting it.

Miss Anderson the great female pedestrian, the only woman that ever walked 1,000 in 1,000 hours, is on her way from England to New York.

A woman can't put on any side-saddle when she goes in a swimming. She is either to kick out like a man or get drowned.

A fatal disease of some description has made its appearance amongst the poultry, and numerous chickens and turkeys are dying throughout the west.

A noted politician was so fond of being "dead-headed" everywhere that when some of his friends were debating how to get him to attend church, one of them said, "charge an admission fee, and he'll be after a free pass before breakfast."

About a week ago a man named Butler, who resides at the Carp, was poisoned whilst skinning an ox which had died from eating fox poison. The poison got into a cut in the hand and entered his system. He suffered severely for several days, and finally expired on Tuesday last.

"Papa," said a little Albert street boy yesterday, "fishes get crazy sometimes, don't they?" "Crazy!" exclaimed the astonished parent; "what do you mean, child?" "Nothing," replied the embryonic paragon; "only when caught in a net ain't they in-a-se?" Papa said his little boy was getting to fast.

The editor of the Tilsonburg Liberal declares that after his experience of 17th September, he will take no more stock in anybody's forecasting of the result of an election. "When," he says, "we have got money to bet we stake it on a horse race, a game of poker, or something more reliable than an election."

Pusey Anthony Peor, a negro, has obtained a verdict of \$925 against the managers of the Arch Street Theatre, Philadelphia. He and his wife had bought tickets for orchestra seats, but were refused admission. They insisted on going in, and were rudely pushed aside by the doctend-ers. Mrs. Peor was ill for several weeks in consequence of the rough usage, which also caused Mr. Peor to lose a watch in the crowd.

Mrs. Morrissey celebrated the election of Thomas Murphy to the seat in the senate left vacant by her husband. The Sun says she placed her husband's portrait in Murphy's room at the hotel, adorned the portrait with flags and set Morrissey's favorite arm chair near, and compelled Murphy to sit in it. Mrs. Morrissey had worked hard for the success of her candidate.

Mr. Bowman, barrister, of Hamilton, has lately imported from the State of Arkansas a most peculiar and extraordinary pig. The animal is extremely quiet and bidable, and will follow Mr. B. round the streets and even up stairs, down stairs, and into the lady's kitchen. There are no bristles or hair on the animal, nor does it grunt or wallow in the mud.

One John Brinton, living somewhere in Iowa, had a fancy some years ago that Jerusalem would be a good point for the establishment of a whisky saloon. His wife called him a fool and refused to go with him. He divided his little property with her and went alone. He has been successful, and she has now joined him. Foreign visitors are numerous, especially Americans and Englishmen, and John's saloon is appreciated.

A monkey belonging to Albert Kostote, a German living at Pelion's Corners, in Essex County, took a great fancy to his master's wife, who was a good-looking woman, and whenever Kostote paid her any special attention, showed great signs of anger. Last week Kostote was caressing his wife, when the monkey flew at him with terrible fury, tearing pieces of flesh out of his hands and arms, and nearly killing him. Mrs. Kostote and the other members of the family, with great difficulty, succeeded in beating the furious animal off and Kostote then went for a neighbor, who put a bullet through his brain.

The acting governor-general Sir Patrick McDougall, has just done a very singular thing. He stopped a dance, held in his residence last week, because during the progress of a waltz four or five couples entangled themselves in the dance. The dance as executed in the Dominion is not always strictly high-toned, and the governor-general requested his aid-de-camp to ask the couples to change the dance. The parties dancing represented the best society in Quebec, and their indignation was so great that they all left the house at once.

Dr. Sample went to Dayton, Ohio, while a temperance revival was in progress there, and soon became the foremost speaker. He was eloquent, looked like a philanthropist, sang melodiously, related thrilling incidents in the past career of drunkenness and made himself exceedingly popular with the women, who petted, fed, and clothed him. One day he lapsed into the old evil, and, while drunk, exultingly showed love tokens from several of the women who had figured most conspicuously in the temperance work. A husband of one of the women had him arrested on a charge of stealing her watch, but it was proved that he had lent it to her. Now



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