

The Ole Pine Box.
We didn't care in the long ago
For easy chairs 'at were made for show—
With velvet cushions in red and black
Afore he knowed it—like them in town—
Till his heels flew up and his head went
down!
But the seat we loved in the times of yore
Wuz the ole pine box by the grocery store!
That it set in the rain an' shine,
Four feet long by the measurin' line;
Under the chinny-berry tree,
Jes' as cozy as she could be!
Fast headquarters for information—
Best ole box in the whole creation;
Hacked and whittled an' wrote with rhyme,
An' so blamed sociable all the time.
That we plo'ed an' thar we planned,
Read the news in the paper, and
Talked o' pollyticks fur and wide,
Got mixed up as we argued;
An' the ole town fiddler sawed away
At "Ole Dan Tucker" an' "Nelly Gray!"
O, they's boxes still—but they ain't do more
Like the ole pine box at the grocery store!
It ain't thar now, as it wuz that day—
Burnt, I reckon, or throwed away;
An' one o' the folks at the ole box knowed
Is fur along on the dusty road;
An' some's crost over the river wide
An' found a home on the other side.
Have they all forgot? Don't they sigh no more
For the ole pine box by the grocery store?
—Frank L. Stanton, in *Atlanta Constitution*.

World's Fair Notes.
Day and night shifts of men are now worked on all the exhibition buildings.
The President of Ecuador has ordered that a complete display of women's work shall be prepared for the fair.
Paraguay has decided to participate in the Exposition. Barbados, French Guiana, Ceylon and Corea have also joined the list.
The District of Columbia has decided to ask Congress for an appropriation of \$50,000 to enable it to make a creditable exhibit at the Fair.
The upholsterers of Philadelphia have applied for 50,000 square feet of space in the Manufacturers Building for a collective exhibit from their several establishments.
The Department of Electricity is making an effort to secure a complete collection of historical electrical apparatus in order to show the progress of the science from early times.
British Guiana has appointed its Royal Agricultural and Commercial Society a World's Fair Commission to represent the colony, and has appropriated \$20,000 for an exhibit.
The Daughters of the American Revolution have been granted 3,000 square feet for an exhibit in the Woman's Building. The organization, of which Mrs. Harrison is president, has 1,000 members.
The American Street Railway Association has applied for 50,000 square feet in the Transportation Building, and has appointed a committee to help Chief Smith get a suitable exhibit, which will be collective.
Three women have been appointed in Dutch Guiana to collect a display for the women's department, and in Mexico and quite a number of other countries provisions for women's displays are being made.
Mexico has made a World's Fair appropriation of \$50,000. This is only preliminary, however, and it is fully expected that the whole of the \$750,000, which was asked for, and perhaps more will be voted.
Hassan Ben Ali, of Morocco, is seeking a concession to make a Morocco exhibit at the Exposition. He says he will spend \$250,000 in showing the people, manners, customs, amusements, etc., of his country, and in bringing to Chicago a tribe of Berbers.
The Catholic Church in Chicago wants to make an exhibition at the fair, and has applied for 75 x 75 feet of space. The exhibit, according to the request, is to consist of, first, kindergarten work; second, primary grades; third, grammar schools; fourth, colleges and academies; fifth, industrial schools, orphanages, and deaf and dumb institutions.

A Contented Child.
Fond mother—How do you like your new governess, Johnny?
Johnny—Oh, I like her so much.
"I'm so glad my little boy has a nice teacher at last."
"Oh, she's awful nice. She says she don't care whether I learn anything or not, so long as pop pays her salary."

A Warning to Employers.
Brantford Examiner: The truant officer has made up his mind to rigorously enforce the provisions of the Public School Act, even to the prosecution of employers who employ children under school age.
An Italian professor predicts that in a few centuries there will be no more blondes.

"German Syrup"

We have selected two or three lines from letters freshly received from parents who have given German Syrup to their children in the emergencies of Croup. You will credit these, because they come from good, substantial people, happy in finding what so many families lack—a medicine containing no evil drug, which mother can administer with confidence to the little ones in their most critical hours, safe and sure that it will carry them through.
Ed. L. WILKITS, of Mrs. JAS. W. KIRK, Asma, Neb., I give it to my children when they are troubled with Croup and never saw any preparation at like with my little daughter. It is simply invaluable remedy.
Fully one-half of our customers are mothers who use Boschee's German Syrup among their children. A medicine to be successful with the sudden and terrible foes of childhood, whooping cough, croup, diphtheria and the dangerous inflammations of delicate throats and lungs. @

SHORT ON POLITICS.

Why Farmer Hayseed Declined to Discuss the Issues.
It was on a Fourth Avenue car coming down from the Grand Central, says the *New York World*. A man about 60 years of age, who had just arrived by train, sat down beside a youngish man who had been talking politics.
"Beg pardon, but you are from the interior of the State?" queried the younger man after a bit.
"Yaas," was the curt reply.
"From Elmira?"
"No; near Auburn."
"Ah! well, I suppose the campaign is booming up your way?"
The old man looked sharply at him but made no reply.
"I suppose the campaign is booming up your way?" repeated the politician.
"I don't want nuthin' to say to you on politics," replied the old man as he drew himself away. "A feller on the train belabored five minutes before he called me a two milt. Corn is purty fair and taters is a big crop, and I ain't sayin' a word about politics."

Fact Upon Fact.

There are nearly 10,000 steamships in the world.
In London there is one doctor to every 880 people.
Nearly a quarter of all cases of insanity are hereditary.
"Thomas" occurs, on the average, thirty-nine times in every 1,000 names.
Gipsies originally came from India, not Egypt, as is usually supposed.
The average length of life is considerably longer in England than in France.
Tea is very cheap in China; in one province of the empire good tea is sold at 14d. a pound.
The entire coast-line of the globe is about 136,000 miles.
All the world over at least 35,000,000 people die every year.
Directors of the Bank of England receive salaries of £500.
Sandwich in Kent, Eng., was once a seaport, though it is now two miles from the shore.
London postmen are said to walk on the average 12 miles a day.
About 300 deaths from accidental poisoning occur in England every year.
More than 200,000,000 pounds of tea are consumed in England every year.
The largest known moth is the Giant Atlas, a native of China, the wings of which measure 9 inches across.
The first steamship to cross the Atlantic was the *Rising Sun*, in the year 1818.
Theatres are most common in the United States, where there are about 65 to every million inhabitants.

The Earl of Aberdeen's Jam Factory.

Toronto Telegram: At first sight Lord Aberdeen's project of establishing a jam factory in British Columbia looks like a theme for respectful jests. Think below the surface, and the scheme takes a nobler appearance. It is a departure from the line of activity usually adhered to by the nobility and gentry. Ambition might have led His Lordship to associate the name of Aberdeen with some glorious but empty act of statesmanship. He chose the better part. Canada is not suffering for any hand-made constitutions. Lords and earls cannot invent new systems of Government, or become benefactors by adjusting imported laws to our needs. Lord Aberdeen did what he could. He saw a great stretch of country adapted to fruit growing. He had the skill to see and the money to improve an opportunity. It was easy then to adorn the wilderness with a jam factory. Future generations will eat British Columbia canned fruit, and remember with gratitude the illustrious founder of the industry when the names of greater noblemen who merely tinkered with our laws are forgotten.

The Tomato.

No vegetable has undergone a greater development in the last generation than the tomato. Persons who still esteem themselves young will remember the time when the only tomatoes to be seen were the small round or oval ones called love apples and deemed inedible. They seem to have been appropriated for table use first in this country, for an old English traveler tells how he astonished his fellow-diners at a continental table d'hôte by eating the tomatoes placed on the table purely as garniture.

A New Word.

Philadelphia Record: There is a very good word in use in many parts of the United States which is not found in the dictionaries. It is the word "briggling," and is used in the sense of futile dalliance. The action of the presbyters in the Briggs bery case affords a fine example of "briggling."

Careful of Her Reputation.

New York Herald: Dying wife—I want you to promise me that you will marry again, John.
Husband—Do you really wish it?
Dying wife—Yes; I don't want people to say I was the means of souring you on my sex.

His Reputation Shattered.

Brooklyn Life: Maddox—I always thought Cumso had the reputation of being a smart man.
Gazzam—Well?
Maddox—I detected him buying an umbrella to-day.

Too Slow.

Tom—The old gentleman caught me kissing Alice last night.
Ned—I'm surprised. You ought to go slow about such things.
Tom—Why, I went altogether too slow about it. That's how I got caught."

E. Werner, the German novelist, translations of whose stories are so popular in this country, is Elizabeth Burtenbinder. She is a spinster and lives in Berlin.
The recent municipal census of Toronto makes the population of the city 188,914, as against 181,220 by the Dominion census last spring.

A HAMILTONIAN'S WOES.

He Embarks on the Matrimonial Sea Only to Get Shipwreck'd.

MARRIED TO ANOTHER MAN'S WIFE.
A Cleveland despatch says: A man appeared at the Police Prosecutor's office at the central station Thursday and asked for a warrant for his wife upon the charge of bigamy. His name is C. W. Smith, and his occupation that of a fancy painter and decorator. He came to this city about two weeks ago. He said that his life was a wandering one as he never remained very long in one place, and that he came here from Ash-tabula, where he had been working on a Hamilton, Ont., which place he left not long ago. About three weeks ago he went to Ash-tabula in search of employment, and was engaged shortly after his arrival. On Friday, Oct. 23, he met at the St. James Hotel, where he was staying, a young domestic employed there, by the name of Lydia Anna Russell. The young woman was comely, and Smith lost his heart to her at once. He wooed with such success that on the following Wednesday they were married. Mrs. Smith is nineteen years of age and the painter felt that his cup of joy was full. They immediately removed to Cleveland and engaged a suite of rooms near the corner of Bank and Lake streets, where the honeymoon was spent. The young wife appeared happy and joyous and for a few days all went well. But soon a cloud seemed to have fallen over the spirits of the young woman, and she was pressed by her husband to divulge the cause. For several days she would not speak, but finally on Wednesday last week she revealed to him the reason of her sadness. She was not his legal wife, she said, for she had another husband living, and, more than that, a little daughter, three years old, was with its grandmother in Chicago. She was married to a man named Frank E. Dowd, at Lorain, O., about four years ago, but he deserted her. Smith had grown deeply in love with the woman he supposed to be his legal wife, and her story was a severe blow to him. Had he been alone in the world, he said he should not have minded so much, but his relatives in Ontario are respectable people and he thought it his duty, for their sakes, to free himself from the disgrace attached to his name. When asked if he could produce proof of the woman's former marriage, Smith replied in the negative, but said she would swear to the fact that it was true. This did not satisfy the requirements of Police Court practice, and the warrant was refused. Smith was seen at his room last night and appeared to be broken down by the sad tide his affairs had taken. He said he should have committed suicide, such was his grief, but was deterred by the thought that it was the only unpardonable sin. His eyes filled with tears and his voice became husky as he recited the tale, and his woe is evidently no unreal thing to him. He does not know what he shall do next. He affirms that he has not the least particle of sympathy for the woman, while he weeps bitterly over her deception.

The Panoram a Scotch Invention.

Towards the end of the last century, about 1785, a young Edinburgh painter, named Robert Baker, was thrown into prison by his creditors. His cell was underground, receiving the daylight from a hole in the ceiling. For a long time he failed to notice the manner in which the light struck the walls, when one day, receiving a letter, he placed it to read it against the light side of the wall. The effect appeared to him so novel and extraordinary that he resolved as soon as he was free to repeat it on large-sized pictures, the light being made to fall from above. The year following he took out a patent for an entirely new contrivance called by him "La Nature a Coup d'Œil," and since called "panorama," for the purpose of displaying views of nature on a large scale. This, according to M. Germain Bapst, in a highly interesting monograph entitled "L'Histoire des Panoramas," just issued by the National Printing Press in France, settles the origin of the invention, although the honor was disputed by Prevost in France and Breyseg in Germany. M. Bapst, however, shows beyond doubt that Barker really discovered the principle of panoramic views. His first circular panorama, representing the British fleet at anchor off Portsmouth, was exhibited in Leicester square in 1792, the first on the continent appearing in Paris and Berlin in 1800. Next year will therefore be the centenary of panoramas.

A Hint Worth Taking.

Detroit News: Rev. S. P. Holcombe, of Detroit, made a telling point when he said in the convention of Christians at work in Washington yesterday that while it was a good idea to start paupers to work, yet it was not right to expect them to do 25 cents worth of work in return for a 15-cent meal and then brag about what splendid mission work is being done. The church workers must learn to render value for value. This is a fundamental principle in economics, and right good religious doctrine, too. In the last analysis there is no conflict in good religion and good economics. Science and religion are in perfect harmony here, but some of the church workers need to learn this truth.

The first Chair of Labor ever instituted in Europe was decreed by the Paris Municipal Council last July. Henry Reville has been named as Professor. He will lecture at the Hotel de Ville.

A Chemnitz mechanic has just constructed a horizontal steam engine, with valve gear and all appurtenances complete, within the shell of an ordinary Italian nut. It is the smallest engine in the world. The diameter of the fly wheel is 10 millimetres (0.4 inch); the boiler is 18 millimetres (0.7 inch) long and 6.5 millimetres (0.26 inch) high. The lilliputian engine is intended for spirit-heating, and it is stated to work very well.—After a man and woman have been married five years both claim to have been coaxed into it.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Horse distemper is prevalent in the neighborhood of Kingston.

A family of four persons was burned to death at Columbus, O., yesterday morning. Mrs. Cartwright, formerly Miss Master, of Ottawa, has been murdered in Chicago.

The protocol of a treaty of commerce between Italy and Germany has been signed. A proposition to admit lawyers to membership in the Knights of Labor has been rejected.

The steamship Ontario, from Montreal for Bristol, lost 120 head of cattle during heavy weather.

The business failures during the past week numbered for the United States 253 and for Canada 38.

F. Glover has been arrested, charged with setting fire to a barn belonging to Mr. Vandusen, Oakland township.

Asians are complaining against United States officials, and the formation of a Territorial Government is being advocated.

A compromise has been arranged in the suit growing out of the probate of the will of Mrs. Wood, the aunt of Mrs. Parnell.

The important firm of S. Wigle & Sons, with several branches in Western Ontario, has assigned for the benefit of its creditors.

The election of F. C. Forbes, M. P. for Queen's County, N. S., will be invalidated. Corrupt practices by agents have been admitted.

Ex-King Milan is to receive an additional 2,000,000 from Serbia as a part of the price for his compliance in living away from that country.

A conspiracy has been unearthed in Russia, the object of which was to secure responsible government. Many arrests have been made.

The trial of the election petition against the return of Mr. P. H. Spohn, M. P. for East Simcoe, was concluded at Barrie yesterday, the court unseating the respondent with costs.

The Ottawa *Free Press* says some of Sir Adolphe Caron's friends say that he is going to be sworn in as Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec, on the 23rd inst., Mr. Angers resigning the position to enter the Federal Ministry.

Charles A. Peaks, late Superintendent in Boston of the Boston & Albany Railroad grain elevator, who left town last August owing the company about \$5,000, has been arrested in Halifax, N. S. Peaks' defalcation was caused by gambling.

John Pope, the Peterboro' man who is charged under the Chariton Act with the seduction of Eunice Finley, has been committed for trial. The age of the girl, which was in doubt at the preliminary trial, has been established as being only 15 years.

A Calgary despatch says Richard Steele, laborer, came in from working on the Calgary & Edmonton Railway last night. Early this morning his body was found near the police station frozen stiff. Beside his body was a beer bottle half filled with whiskey.

Some student rioting has been taking place in Montreal, and the Recorder warned two of them who were brought before him that he intended treating their misconduct, if established, with the utmost severity, and remanded the case until Tuesday next that they might obtain the assistance of counsel.

The U. S. Superintendent of Immigration has been informed that four Canadian telegraph operators employed by the Northern Pacific Railway Company in North Dakota have been replaced by American operators. It was charged that the employment of the Canadians was in violation of the alien contract labor law.

The Anarchists who were arrested at Grief's hall, Chicago, last night were held in \$600 bail each to answer. Grief became the bondsman for most of them. He said to a reporter, as he left the Police Court this morning, that as a result of the raid his daughter, who was very ill at the time, is now at the point of death.

Wm. Morris, a confectioner of Newark, N. J., while driving over the Bridge street bridge yesterday with his wife, suddenly jumped from the wagon and with one bound threw himself over the railing into the river. The man was drowned before assistance arrived. The suicide was caused by business troubles and a reverse of fortune.

At the meeting of the Treasury Board on Thursday, the superannuation of Lieut.-Col. Macdonald, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Dominion House of Commons, was decided upon. He retires with an annual allowance of \$2,200. He was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms of the Legislative Assembly of the old Province of Canada in 1854, and to the same office by the Dominion House in 1867.

The Manitoba and Northwest Presbyterian Synod convenes at Brandon to-day.

Mr. Sutherland has been elected in North Qu'Appelle, and Mr. Stewart, as at first reported.

Brantford City Council will, it is expected, pass a by-law to prohibit juveniles smoking on the streets.

Windsor ratepayers will vote at the next election on the question of having the town incorporated as a city.

The engineers and firemen on the Belt Line according to a St. Louis despatch, have declared a strike.

The peculiar disease from which pigs at Kingston Penitentiary piggery recently died was not hog cholera.

In a scuffle on the Delaware Reserve an Indian named Nathan received injuries on Saturday from which he died.

Henry Curtis, a negro, was hanged at Portsmouth, Va., yesterday, for the murder of James T. Walter in 1889.

The revision of the Dominion voters' list for London commenced yesterday. The corrections applied for number 1,700.

The schooner Hattie M. Crowell, of Greenport, L. I., has foundered at sea, and Capt. Benjamin Chase is reported to have been drowned.

young man is in an alarmingly nervous condition, although every effort is being made by his friends to restore him to his former cheerful frame of mind.

At a conference of Liberal-Unionists at Manchester yesterday the Duke of Argyll referred to Mr. Gladstone as a fanatic incapable of argument, and declared his followers to be mere puppets.

The Masonic lodge at Delta was broken into a few nights ago. The regalia and warrant were stolen. The regalia were subsequently found hanging about the necks of cows and horses in the neighborhood.

The stevedores and wharf laborers of Montreal, who have been in the habit of going to the United States every winter for work, are likely to be debarred from their usual employment this year by the operation of the United States Alien Labor law.

The Court of Appeal yesterday dismissed the appeal of the Attorney-General of Canada against the decision of Judge Robertson dismissing an action brought to secure Dominion Government buildings in Toronto the advantage of the rebate in water rate allowed other customers paying within first two months.

Fred Bartram has been arrested in Onondaga township by Brantford police and brought to that city. The crime for which he is now arrested is stealing two steers in 1889. The grand jury brought in a true bill at that time, but Bartram cleared out and has succeeded in evading arrest until the present time.

A despatch from Nevers, France, gives the details of a fatal accident that occurred to-day in a colliery near that city. While a party of eight miners were descending into the pit the rope by means of which the cage was raised broke, and the cage and its occupants dashed to the bottom of the pit. Three of the miners were instantly killed, and the five others were so badly injured that little hope is entertained for their recovery.

Advices from Chiclaun, twelve miles from Caiz, say a terrible hurricane has been sweeping over that place. The *Segura* has overturned its banks, and is inundating the town. The streets are impassable, and the new bridge has been destroyed. Large numbers of cattle have been drowned.

Further advices from Negropont state that the unknown British oil steamer supposed to have been burned there is believed to have been from Batoum. Several bodies have been recovered, and the total number who perished by the disaster is now placed at twenty. The victims include the captain, his wife and two children.

The petitions against three Liberal members of the House of Commons have been dismissed—Mr. Mulock in North York, Mr. Eremont in Quebec County, and Mr. Leduc in Nicolet. Three Conservatives so far are in the same position—Sir Hector Langevin in Three Rivers, Col. O'Brien in Muskoka, and Mr. Taylor in South Leeds.

For Men Only.

Men who shave themselves often complain of the difficulty that they experience in keeping their razors sharp. If they would adopt the methods of the professional barber in one or two respects they would find the task of keeping the razor in proper condition by no means a difficult one. If you watch an amateur stropping his razor you will notice that when he turns it the edge is frequently next the leather—in other words, he turns it on the edge. This should never be done, as the fine edge is very likely to touch the strap and be turned. A barber always turns his hand so that the back of the blade is next the leather and the edge in the air. Again, a man should never use a strap made of leather glued to wood. A great many are sold, but all are destructive to razors. There is always more or less of a shock when the thin blade is brought against any unyielding substance, and the entire edge is frequently turned upward along its whole length. The worst cuts are inflicted by such a razor. The strap should be of leather, with no backing whatever. Another point that is little understood is the efficiency of hot water in keeping a razor blade sharp. Why this is I do not know, but the effect is unquestionable. Let a man who shaves himself frequently dip his razor into very hot water, and he will find that the operation is much easier, and that the blade requires far less stropping than when this is omitted.—*St. Louis Globe-Democrat*.

Lives in a Saloon.

A big green parrot hanging in a downtown saloon is possessed of a wonderful faculty. He sizes up every customer that comes in with an unerring eye, says the *Philadelphia Record*, and comments on the legal age of the applicant for a drink. The bird rarely makes a mistake, and when passing judgment uses two set phrases. If a person comes in who is not of age, the parrot, without an instant's hesitation yells out: "Hello, boy, get out!" But if a man comes in who is undoubtedly of legal age the wise bird calls out: "Hello, old man, what will you have?" When a strange dog comes in the bird yells "Bats!" and when a cat makes its appearance the invariable salutation is: "Scat, you hussy!"

Dufferin's New Honor.

Admirers of Lord Dufferin in Canada, and there are many, will be glad to learn of his appointment to the position of Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports. The Lord Warden-ship is one of those sinecures reserved by the Government as a reward for statesmen and commanders who have performed eminent services to the nation, and was formerly an adjunct of the Premiership. The Cinque Ports are Dover, Sandwich, Romney, Winchelsea and Rye, to which are now added Hythe and Hastings. These ports have various privileges as pilotage, issuing of writs and other judicial matters.

Juvenile Generosity.

Mrs. Grayneck—Johnny, I am very glad to see that you gave your sister the larger half of your apple.
Johnny—Yes'm, I was very glad to give it to her.
Mrs. Grayneck—My little son, you do not know how it delights me to hear you say so.
Johnny—Yes'm; there was a big worm hole in that half.

Bituminous rock is used for many street pavements in California. It is found in some parts of the State, and closely resembles asphalt.