

General News.

A terrible plague of locusts has visited Central Spain. The damage to the crops about Madrid is placed at \$10,000,000.

At Troy, N. Y., on the 18th inst., was the hottest day of the season. At Eagle Bridge, Rensselaer County, the thermometer registered 94, and the apples were baked in the sun.

The driest season since 1870 is now prevailing in New Hampshire. The crops are rapidly dropping and showing much inconvenience. The streams are very low, many of the smaller ones being dry.

A Magnesian deposit at East Montpelier, Vt., has been discovered. It is a large deposit of magnesian limestone, estimated to be worth \$2,000,000.

A billiard table, valued at \$1,000, was stolen from the house of a gentleman in New York. The thief was seen to enter the house at 10 o'clock and leave at 11 o'clock.

The Honorary Award—Toronto, Aug. 21.—The Globe has this morning the following cable from London, dated Aug. 20: The report of Her Majesty-in-Council on the subject of the boundaries between Ontario and Manitoba, rendered by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, defines the western boundary and in part the northern boundary in a north-west angle of the Lake of the Woods, thence due north to the English River, thence due east to the English River, including Lac Seul and Lake Joseph.

Fun for Everbody. Fun is just what every person is looking for, willing to pay for, and find hard to secure. We want a fun recent and so that can be ground out by the ton and sold at close cutting prices everywhere. How would it be if you could get a first step to relieve all who suffer from pain, and Putnam's Pain-Ex-Extra, the most comfortable while in use. Try Putnam's Pain-Ex-Extra and beware of substitutes and poisonous imitations.

Local News.

At the Arctic Regions. In an interview with an associated press reporter in Vineyard Sound, four miles N. E. of here, in collision with the Arctic, gave a sketch of the Lady Franklin Bay expedition, and the discoveries made.

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Miscellaneous.

A Chapter on Kisses. LITERARY KISSES—LOVE KISSES—MEN KISSES—HOW MUCH GOOD A DOMESTIC KISS CAN DO—A OLD KISSING GILL.

SOME KISS AND SOME NONSENSE.

There is a story of an old Scotch doctor who counted a girl for a good many years, but never found courage enough to ask her to marry. One day after he had been 'keepin' company' for about ten years he ventured to solicit a kiss.

'Let me first ask a blessing,' he said, and, falling upon his knees, he implored the Divine benediction.

He next, with due deliberation, possessed himself of the kiss, when with a sounding smack, he exclaimed, 'Eh! woman, but it was good! Let us return thanks for the good fellow, John G. Saxe, has added this to the kissing literature—'

Give me kisses—all is waste Save the luxury of the taste, And for kissing—kisses live Only when we take and give.

Kiss me, then, Every moment and again.

There are poetic kisses and Platonic kisses—such as the beautiful Madame Boncœur gave to Chateaubriand; there are historic kisses—such as those recorded in the book of Genesis—such as Solomon tells us about, and teach gross kisses, that betray—'

'Mistress Mary, quick contrary How does the baby grow? Colic spells and ears like shells, And kisses from top to too.'

What is the sweetest kiss in the world? Who can tell? Passion puts a sting into its kisses—love is selfish—duty cold. The kiss of reconciliation between those who truly love, should be the sweetest of all kisses. There is a kiss that is the embodiment of purity, innocence and tender, trusting love. It is a fluttering, clinging, rose-bud kiss, that leaves a memory as pure and loving as itself—it is the baby's kiss.

And the just salubrious kiss; But it strikes a tender chord, And a kiss was won on the lips Of the wreath that sold the Lord.

It is upon the baby's kisses that the heart of the mother lives. Oh, the little ones that have been laid away, baptized with tears and kisses! The kisses that were given not back again, and yet which were so dear—so dear.

'Dear, as remembered kisses after death,' says Tompson.

There is a pretty legend that Christ had a diemple in his chin, laid there by an angel's kiss, and whoever he kissed would surely receive that diemple, so the Germans say of one who has a diempled chin, 'She is Christ-kissed.'

The kiss of respect is given upon the forehead, that of admiration upon the eyes, that of beauty upon the cheeks. The kiss of love is given upon the lips. It is said, men do not waste kisses upon each other when they can do much better, but in every other chapter of the bible some old patriarch falls upon the neck and kisses him, and the father of the prodigal son ran and kissed him, and Henry Ward Beecher kissed Theo. Tilton, and however distasteful it may be, men do kiss each other at the present time when they meet after a long absence and are closely related, or have had in the past some sort of friendship for each other.

The late Princess Alice, eldest daughter of Queen Victoria, and wife of an Austrian Prince, lost her life through a kiss; two of her children died of diptheria, and she could not resist the pleading of another old 'schlemmer,' she kissed his pale lips in agony of mother love and took the dread disease, which resulted fatally. No doubt the kisses of young lovers taste better than any luxury yet discovered—they must be spongy and innocent and untinted—'for kisses like other notes of the gods,' lose their flavor in time.

They stood above the world In a world apart, And she dropped her happy eyes And all the thoughts passed of her happy heart.

And the moonlight fell above her Her secret to discover As though no human lover Had laid his kisses there!

The dramatic kiss has attracted considerable attention lately. The way Emma Abbott kisses that handsome Greek who plays 'Paul' to her 'Virgins,' is too, too much! It is accorded variously as 'emotional,' 'proxymal,' 'spontaneous,' 'absorbing,' and everybody wondered when little Emma learned to kiss in that way. Sarah Bernhardt makes a little rustle at a visit and kisses him about the ear, but she knows what it is all about. Mary Anderson's kisses, remind an actor who plays with her, of the time he put his tongue to a frozen lamp post when a boy, and now all the old boys are looking for frozen lamp posts to kiss. Here is a daring bit of sentiment.

Up to her chamber window A slight white tulle grows, And up this Romeo's ladder Clematisa's bolt white rase.

To her scarlet lips she holds him, And kisses him many a time; Ah! me! it was to that won her, Because he dared to claim.

The Boston Courier relates that a young lady was recently noticed by her mother to be fondling and kissing her pet kitten. 'Why, Mary,' said the mother, 'you have kissed that kitten more in five minutes, than you have me in five years.' 'Don't you know why I'd rather kiss the kitten than you, mother?' 'No, my child. 'You have got too whiskers.'

THE KISS DUE TO A MOTHER. A father taking to his childish daughter said: 'I want to speak to you your mother. It may be that you have noticed a crease run upon her face lately. Of course it has not been brought about by any acts of yours, still it is your duty to chase it away. I want you tomorrow morning to get up and get back to speak to your mother comes and begins to express a surprise, go right up to her kiss me on the mouth. You can't imagine how it will brighten her dear face. Besides, you owe her a kiss or two. Away back when you were a little girl she kissed you why? no one else was tempted by

you fever tainted breath and swollen face. You were not so attractive then as you are now. And through those years of childish sunshine and shadow, she was always ready to cure by the magic of a mother's kiss, the little, dirty, chubby hands, whenever they were injured in those first skirmishes with which rough old world. And then the middle aged kisses with which she routed so many bad dreams as she leaned above your restless pillow, have all been on interest these long, long years. Of course she is not so pretty and kissable as you are, but if you did have your share of the work during the last ten years the contrast would not be so marked. Her face has more wrinkles than yours, far more, and yet if you were sick that face would appear more beautiful than an angel's as it beamed over you, watching every opportunity to minister to your comfort, and every one of those watching eyes would be bright with sympathy and sunshine, and each other over the dear face. She will leave you one of these days. These burdens, if not lifted from her shoulders, would break her down. Those rough, hard hands that have done so many unnecessary things for you, will be crossed upon her lifeless breast. Those neglected lips that gave you your first baby kiss will be closed, and those tired eyes will have opened in eternity, and then you will appreciate your mother, but it will be too late.

BECHER ON SOLAZATION.

In his Thanksgiving sermon, Henry Ward Beecher made the following remarks: The conditions of health and activity are becoming better known. More men live out of the city and not in it. Living from twenty to sixty miles away, they can come and see their daily business, and go out at night to cool off and sleep well. They can spend Sunday in the country, get out into the garden and renew their strength like Anteus by getting near the earth. I rejoice in all who go out from their churches.

It is a pleasure being enjoyed. Charitable associations send the poor down by the sea; invalids are transferred to pure air. All try to get relaxation. Large business firms send their clerks abroad. The lawyer who works ten months and feasts two will find the ten months more than twelve. Merchants avoid breaking down altogether by breaking down for a month or two. It is a good sign that rural rates are increasing. In the next fifty years the Hudson will be lined with villas. Even Long Island will be populated one of these days. [Langhams] The university city of hospitality of amusements is a good sign. The Yankee was never awkward when amusing himself; he was only fitted to work. In amusements we should find virtue and benefit. The genius of relaxation and happiness is being recognized by churches, and in dancing on which the deacons do not frown. Why, if I had ever done off my father would have used a fiddle of another bow. They used to expel men from college for playing cards, and now they are playing with two-thirds of the church, for they are all alike. Young Men's Christian Associations have bowling alleys, billiard tables and gymnasiums. A gentleman was being shown about a college by a professor as he brought his son to enter, and was talking in the hall when he saw a young man who had been in the college authorities' he said, 'Yes, was the reply. 'Well, I was expelled here thirty two years ago for bowling.' There is a breaking down in opposition to theatre and opera going. The time is elevated, as I suppose, by early education in this regard was neglected, and I never saw but one play. But in my residence in Brooklyn there has been a transformation. Men don't go to plays and schools for morals, but for rest. In theatres now Shakespeare can't live, and instead, little bits of comedy and farce make men laugh, and they say, 'What good are they? Well, if one has a whole evening of enjoyment without sin it is a good thing. The grand opera still holds its place, but look at the number of comic operas, the Patiences, the Olivettes and the Pineros. Those go to Pinaflore who could not go to the grand opera, and they would not listen to Hamlet or Othello are moved by Uncle Tom's Cabin. A thousand influences wear the brain, but there is a tendency to relaxation. Men laugh more and cry less, and it is a good thing. Interchange of activity will work good in breaking the vigor and tension of the brain and nerves.

DEADLY PETS.

Some time ago three children of one family residing at Amsterdam, New York, were stricken with diptheria, in several of several months occurring between the cases. The circumstances were peculiar, and attracted considerable attention. A committee appointed by the Board of Health investigated the surroundings of the house, but discovered nothing of a nature to superinduce the disease. They did find however, that a few days before the first child was attacked it had fondled a cat which was suffering from a swollen throat, and a discharge from the nose and mouth. During its illness the child played with a doll. The doll was some weeks later given as a plaything to a younger child, which shortly fell sick with diptheria and died. The doll next fell to the third child, which in turn was attacked with the same dread disease. It is believed by the committee, that the cat was the primary cause of the diptheria outbreak, and that the doll transmitted the disease by germ to the child in its clanking.

Supposing the conclusion correct, have we not in every household one or more pets whose ailments must be watched as closely as those of the children themselves? Animals never are cured by human or adult; their place in the household is under the roof. With hydrophobia developing in dogs and diptheria in cats, it looks as though our children's playthings must be limited to antiseptic dolls, and the hundred and one pleasant and instructive and mechanical devices of the day, to picture books and the like.

DYE WORKS, SAINT JOHN, N. B.

GILOBERT'S LANE, BRIDGETOWN. MEN'S CLOTHES, of all kinds, CLEANSED or RE-DYED and pressed, usual to new LACE CURTAINS, BLANKETS, CARPETS, &c. Cleaned by a NEW PROCESS, every week day. HATS, IRISH POPLINS, DRESS MATERIALS OF ALL KINDS DYE-D, FEATHERS, KID GLOVES, TIES, &c., CLEANED OR DYED.

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Obadiah Bartheaux, of Nictaux Falls, in the County of Annapolis, Trader, did on the 8th day of May, instant, convey, assign and set over to me, all his real and personal property, debts, choses in action, with all his rights, title and interest therein, upon the trust that I should reduce the same into money in such manner as, in said Deed stated and after paying the expenses of the said trust to apply the said funds to the payment of certain preferential claims and the balance to be applied to the payment of the respective creditors of the said trader who shall exhibit the said Deed of Assignment within three months from the date thereof.

The said Deed lies at the office of T. D. E. Baggis, Barrister, Bridgetown, N. S., where it is open for inspection, and signature of all parties interested, and a copy thereof is on file and recorded in the office of the Registrar of Deeds for the County of Annapolis.

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Agricultural. Joker's Corner.

HOW NOVA SCOTIA FARMERS MAY MAKE MUCH MORE OF THEIR LANDS. Wm. McNeill, of Melville Square, writes to the Mail: In reading an interesting article in your valuable paper of August 11th, on the small fruit industry of the Annapolis Valley I noticed some references to myself in regard to the cultivation of the cranberry in a way that I thought would be misleading, as it was represented as saying that an acre of cranberries was worth \$1,000 per year. While thanking Mr. Colburn for his very complimentary notice of my efforts in the culture of small fruits, I think he must have misunderstood what I have said to him, which, if I remember rightly, was something like this: That in a country where cranberries are so cultivated extensively that a cranberry plantation in full bearing had a saleable value of \$1000 per acre, and I should consider it a small crop that would not be equal to such an investment. We have gathered from our orchard at the rate of 200 barrels. While these are worth \$10 per barrel equal to \$2000 per acre, and a plot of 20x24 feet to produce a barrel of marketable fruit. But it could not be supposed that large plantations are up to this standard, which should be regarded as exceptional and not as a rule. I should estimate the average yield of cranberries of the variety I cultivate on soil well adapted to them, to be about equal to the yield of potatoes. In this statement I have the authority of Solon Robinson, agricultural editor of the New York Tribune, who says to farmers: 'Have you not on your farm, boys, swamps, black borders, unenclosed peatiferous spots, that detract from the value of your farms, and spreads miasma and disease to their surroundings? If so, clear up and set with cranberry plants, which will yield more bushels per acre than potatoes, and that will not trouble of planting and hoeing every season.' I believe that the resources for the cultivation of cranberries in our province are almost unlimited, and would add more wealth to our country than any industry we are at present engaged in. We might enjoy the world for the market and have some of the produce of our soil to give in exchange for many productions of other countries which we are constantly receiving from abroad, to supply our every-day wants. I sometimes wish I could wield the pen of a ready writer, and I would try and impress my fellow countrymen to cultivate that spirit of industry and independence—which is the birthright of every true Nova Scotian—and not turn their backs upon their homes to face a western wilderness, or become the willing slaves of their inferiors; but to open their eyes to see the advantage on every side that God has blessed them with, and also to remember that it is his blessing alone that maketh rich and no sorrow.

How We Mismanage Cattle-Breakers. In order to break in the animal to draught, we put a collar round his neck, a crupper upon his tail, a pad on his back, a strap round his belly, with traces at his side, and lest he should see that, though these things tickle and pinch, they have not power to do more, the poor, intelligent creature is blindfolded with blinkers, and in this fearful state of ignorance, with a groom or two at his head, and another at his side, he is driven about the farm, or to the pole and splinter-bar of a carriage. If he kicks, even at a fly, he suddenly receives a heavy punishment which he does not comprehend; something he struck him and has hurt him severely; but as he magnifies his danger, so he magnifies his pain, and he may fancy that the splinter bar which has out him is some hostile animal, and expects when it strikes against his legs, to be again assailed in that direction. Admitting that in time he becomes accustomed to these phenomena—becoming what we term, staidly in harness—still, to the last hour of his existence he does not clearly understand what it is that is happening him, or what it is that is rattling noise which is always at his head, and another at his side, he is driven about the farm, or to the pole and splinter-bar of a carriage. If he kicks, even at a fly, he suddenly receives a heavy punishment which he does not comprehend; something he struck him and has hurt him severely; but as he magnifies his danger, so he magnifies his pain, and he may fancy that the splinter bar which has out him is some hostile animal, and expects when it strikes against his legs, to be again assailed in that direction. 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