

A SAD, SAD STORY.

The Trials of a Halifax Girl Who Elope.

The Husband Dies on the Gal-

And the Wife Breathes Her Last In A Lath House.

Halifax, N.S.

There were three lives lived with their parents on Brunswick street, a young lady named Annie Thomas. She was possessed of beauty and had many admirers, foremost among them being Capt. William Maguire, of the shipyard, who had arrived in Halifax in the year 1878. Capt. Maguire paid great attention to Annie Thomas, and she, in turn, to him. They were very much attached to each other, and the girl's family objected to her keeping company with him and his friends. The girl, however, was determined to have her own way, and she eloped with him. The girl's father, Mr. Thomas, was a man of some means, and he was very much distressed by the elopement of his daughter. He was very much distressed by the elopement of his daughter, and he was very much distressed by the elopement of his daughter.

NEEDLESS ALARM.

The young man of the Farmer is evidently considerably excited; and it has been no great public question that has excited him. Not the fear of rebels near our shores, in huge gunboats, to destroy our commerce, our homes and ruin our happiness. Not that England or any of her possessions are in jeopardy. Not that we may not be some day the monarch of some mighty race. No, it is the peace and happiness of the Fredericton in Park Association that concerns him.

THE GLEANER had been over-enthusiastic about the horse and cattle show to be held under the auspices of the Association, and the young man forces himself into savage condemnation of our remarks. This is really too bad. We are sorry that we have excited him; excitement is not wholesome in all cases; even powerful constitutions and mighty intellects are weakened to a shadow under the strain.

Too bad! But what did THE GLEANER say that seems to be so objectionable? Simply this, in substance, that its reporters had difficulty in illiciting information from the Secretary about the show; and that when they did get the particulars and facts necessary to base an intelligent opinion upon, it would, and that in good time, make it known whether or not our friends in the county might take part in the show or attend without any fear of disappointment. There is nothing very serious in this. We are then charged with cherishing personal animosity because we did not receive an order for some printing for the show. We acknowledge, and wish it always to be understood, that we appreciate public patronage, and will reciprocate the kind feelings that prompt the giving of that patronage, so far as is consistent with the position of affairs. For personal reasons, supported by political prejudice, we have been passed over by a couple of officers of the Association. We are, however, notwithstanding this, disposed to give the show some prominence; but it is not possible for us to do so until we have information we need. The Fredericton Park Association may consider itself an institution which merits public support and encouragement, and we may not deny it. But THE GLEANER is a still more important institution, and more largely and more handsomely supported, and if there is not to be a reciprocity of feeling and good will, then there must be no complaint from the Association, for its members, at least certain of them, are the aggressors. But have our say we will; and make good our promise to our readers we must. If, however, when we get the information we sought some days ago, we find that the show is deserving of encouragement, we shall give it our hearty support.

FRANCE AND ITALY.

The trouble between France and Italy seems to be assuming proportions of alarming magnitude, and it is manifest that the diplomats of Berlin regard the present relations of the two countries with ill-disposed satisfaction, and while professing the most pacific sentiments toward France are secretly fanning the flame of jealousy which has so long smoldered in the breast of Italy.

The State of tension between the two countries is of long standing, and it is almost inevitable that their differences will at last be decided by the sword. France does not forget the efforts she made in furtherance of Italian unity, and in her feminine vanity is indignant that Italy refuses to sacrifice her future prospects at the call of such benefactors. On the other hand, the Italians remember how often they were thwarted by the French in their aspirations toward autonomy, nor do they forget their lost possessions of Savoy and Nice. Another cause of contention is the struggle for conquest both nations are making on the north coast of Africa. Italy's navy, which is one of the most powerful in Europe, is a standing threat to French acquisition on that continent, and it would not be surprising if a struggle should break there which would involve the two nations in war. Germany cannot but view with pleasure the prospect of a conflict in which her bitter foe may be crippled for years to come, and that without expense to Germany of money or men.

PRESS COMMENTS.

A Little Enthusiasm.

Boston Globe: After all, it seems a little unfair to "retaliate on Canada for the pliancy of a few senators in Washington. Canada consented to a fair treaty, and couldn't help the senatorial stubbornness."

The Panama canal, according to the best and most impartial authority in France, The Economiste Francaise, has not gained enough from its last loan, after paying tarry and expenses, to enable it to continue work six months longer.—Frank Leslie's.

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NEWS OF THE WORLD CONDENSED

From Our Own Telegraphic Reports and Our Exchanges.

Personal, Political and Religious News of the Day.

Cable, American, Canadian and General Topics.

American.

There were thirty seven new cases of fever at Jacksonville, yesterday, and four deaths. The disease has become epidemic.

Canadian.

Premier Mowat has returned from England.

Robert Goulet, aged 60, a wealthy resident of the village of Stuyvesant, Ont., has eloped with a colored woman named Frank John Love, deputy minister of agriculture who has just returned from Manitoba, where the wheat yield this year will be 20,000,000 bushels.

Cassini, a Montreal man, who was seen at Montreal, set fire to his clothes, which were saturated with oil, and died yesterday from the effects of his injuries.

JEWISH FUNERAL CUSTOMS.

Many of the Most Ancient Rites Still Observed—Popular Ceremonies.

In their funeral rites and observances the Jews have preserved many of the most ancient customs of their race. They still retain the upper garments in token of bereavement, as Jacob did when informed of the death of his favorite son, they still wear the same mourning dress on the ground in token of mourning, as Jacob did when informed of the death of his favorite son, they still wear the same mourning dress on the ground in token of mourning, as Jacob did when informed of the death of his favorite son.

Only strangers should be present when the soul leaves the body. As soon as death occurs all the vessels of the house containing water are emptied. On the contrary, in places where Jews reside, the emptying of the water cisterns in the public roadway is the usual mode of notifying that a death has occurred.

The practice has its origin, we gather from the rabbinical books, in an Old World superstition, that standing in such circumstances beneath the alighting place of certain evil spirits, the presence of the Jews was prejudicial both to the dead and to the living. The superstition, however, is now almost entirely forgotten. The Jews lay the corpse upon the bare ground with the feet toward the door, the emptying of the water cisterns in the public roadway is the usual mode of notifying that a death has occurred.

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