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Miscellany

PHANTOM SKATER.

John Phillips was, and is, one of the most accomplished skaters ever seen; and his most striking and detested characteristic of that graceful art anybody ever saw. Morning, noon, and night, through every skating season, found Jack skimming over the surface of the river that ran by the foot of his garden or whirling in wondrous curves and gyrations amidst within a circle of a few feet in diameter, whose periphery was closed by a single line of admiring spectators. He seemed to live on the ice. People who wanted to be witty insinuated that ice was his meat and drink, and that he had been seen making a heavy lunch off a good sized block of ice, washed down by a draught of the clear, cold water of which it was composed. I have too often lunched with Jack off such chivalry and ale. However, in the noontide interval of skating, not to know that this was pure invention.

These were a number of cottages along the river side on each side of the Phillips mansion, and a number of pleasant people lived in them—old folks, clerical lads, and pretty faces, all of whom (except the clerical, whose skating days had gone by), were more or less familiar with Jack's favorite accomplishment, and many merry skating frolics were held thereon.

Perhaps the most graceful and accomplished skater after Jack, was a charming young dame of some seventeen summers, and in winter, for every season must and will count in the race of life, by name Fanny Leighton, who lived in the cottage lowest down the river, and who had been a skater since she was a child.

Fanny and Jack often raced, and it was a doubtful matter which was the swifter of the two on a straight ahead match, though Jack's advantage lay in the croquet, if he may so call them, evolutions and figures of the art. My readers will not be surprised to learn that Jack Phillips was desperately smitten with Miss Fanny; but it will give them pain to learn that she looked coldly upon him in summer, and in winter, what the reason was I never knew, nor did I believe. At all events it was a fact, and to Jack a melancholy one, though he bore up under it manfully, and believing that a heart never won fair lady, kept hoping and persevering in his suit with painful industry.

Fanny did not dislike Jack, mind you, on the contrary, she seemed fond of his society, for he was a kind fellow and a thorough gentleman; but whenever he attempted to speak of his love, she turned the subject aside with a laugh, saying she didn't intend to allow any thought of love to trouble her till she was five-and-twenty; at least, and that Jack was too greasy as a friend and companion to think of changing him in that character. Upon which Jack would look mournful for a moment, but soon brighten up again and join in the laugh, and the conversation would continue in the bantering tone Miss Fanny had just adopted.

This was the state of affairs between them when the events I am about to relate suddenly and essentially modified them.

Jack had been kept in town all day, very much to his disgust, by some business it was impossible to delay or neglect. The ice was in splendid condition, and Phillips had been picturing to himself the gay scene he doubtless presented the while he was tied down to his desk in a dusty law office. And as it struck him the more, there was a large space of dirty frozen water in the court on which his windows looked, and every time he glanced up from his papers he beheld some six or seven boys, most of them with a single skate, scudding up and down this waste with shouts of laughter and many a tumble on the opaque surface of the frozen puddle which ought to have been the gutter.

"Confound the boys!" said Jack severely. How the deuce can a man think, with such an infernal fog in his eyes? It's a great shame to go out and drive 'em off! However, as Jack was a most amiable fellow at bottom, he didn't execute his threat, but contented himself with semi-occasional anathemas on the merits in the intervals of his labor.

When he finally stopped to light his pipe, they were gone, and a couple of hours' restful silence enabled Jack to finish his task and prepare to go home. "Let me see," said he to himself as he went along "Yes! it will be moonlight by about ten to-night, and I'll have a glorious skating frolic all to myself, and there won't be any one out, it's abominably cold." Jack was quite contented

with this idea, and by the time he had had his supper, lit his cigar, and set down in front of a cheerful wood fire beside his widowed mother and his only sister Kate, he was in a capital humor.

"Kate, how I wish your poor foot was well!" said he, "so that you might go with me on the river to-night. These won't be a soul out, and we would have it all to ourselves." Kate had violently sprained her ankle a few days before, in skating.

"Why, John," exclaimed Mrs. Phillips, "you surely don't think of going skating such a bitter night! You'll freeze to death, my boy."

"Not a bit of it, mother," said Jack, cheerily. "I'm used to it you know. And haven't I that splendid worsted jacket you knit me? I'd do myself in it in five minutes."

"They've been cutting up the river to-day," said Kate. "Look out for the arithmetical!"

"Pooh! as if I didn't know all about it," answered Jack, chucking his sister playfully under the chin. "I'll jump 'em, my dear, I'll don't see 'em in time to go round."

Being aware, from experience that remonstrance would be useless, neither Mrs. Phillips nor Kate volunteered any more remarks of that nature; and at ten o'clock Jack upbade them both good night, and appareling himself in skating gear, went merrily forth in his solitary ice frolic.

There was fortunately no wind. A still bitter cold made everything crisp and brittle. The turf cracked under foot, and though it was many inches thick, the ice ever and anon gave a sharp snap as the weight of Jack Phillips pressed for an instant upon it, here and there in his erratic course over its mountain surface.

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moment the form had entered the deep shadow beyond the bend and Jack lost sight of it. In another he again beheld it glittering across a space of moonlight, still the same distance ahead, to become again lost almost instantly in the next line of darkness. In this manner, through gloom and through glitter, the chase continued with wonderful softness for nearly two miles, neither pursuer and pursued gaining upon each other.

What the emotions of the phantom were for Jack had been involuntarily called to his mind, but he was too much occupied with the chase to think of anything else. He was aroused up to a pitch of excitement that sent the blood coursing hotly through his veins, and caused a profuse perspiration to start forth upon his bosom and brow in spite of the bitter cold. He was however unconscious of this, and felt neither cold, heat, nor fatigue. His whole soul was possessed with the one fixed resolve of overtaking the phantom; he never saw nor heard anything else but the fleeing form and the echo that rolled along the ice from the skate strokes; nor did he relax his speed for an instant, whether in shade or in moonlight, nor gave other heed to his course than to make it as straight and as swift as that of an arrow launched by a stout archer from an ashen bow.

The chase had now entered on its third mile and here the river became tortuous and a regular sharp curve leading out into a regular bay-like expanse, and suddenly closing up again into a deep, dark gorge, only to carve out its banks against a few yards further on, into a brief space of clear, moonlight and calm water, as a side to the bay.

Whenever these open spaces occurred, the phantom hugged the shore, which was always in partial shadow, but Jack held straight across the open space, hoping thereby to gain upon the fugitive, by substituting the straight line for the curve. The advantage, however, had been but slight, and transigent so far; and the race bade fair to carry them both to the sea, which was but twenty miles further down, when as Phillips entered the third of the openings above described, he beheld for his eye was ever steadily fixed in quest of the phantom, the form of the latter, as it were, of the distance around its margin, and evidently gliding with diminished speed. The pace had at last begun to tell upon it.

Jack's heart bounded fiercely, for he possessed with a sort of rage against this weird specter, who had thus far foiled his powers of speed and endurance, and with a desperate effort, he shot with a speed of light, straight across the moonlit space, feeling confident that he would beat the phantom off in the month of the opposite gorge. His eyes were still fixed upon the dark form seen distinctly skimming along under the shadow of the further bank. He was more than half-way across the opening, and nearly abreast of the figure, when there was a crash; he fell the ice gave way beneath him, and in an instant he was plunged into the deadly cold water. A wild shriek of mingled terror and pain ere his head sank beneath the babbling surface.

Fortunately the river was not very deep at this point, nor was the current at all rapid, and in another moment Jack was struggling usefully among the broken ice, to reach the firm edge of the air hole. He encouraged as he was by his skates, heavy clothing and water, it is more than doubtful whether he would have succeeded in restoring himself to a horrible death. Help, however, was at hand. The phantom had heard the shriek, and seen Jack disappear, and with an awfully light it sped to the rescue. On the very edge of the air hole it halted, and rapidly tearing off a long cashmere waistcoat, with which it sprang and shouldered with prescient phantasmic firmness, it was seen to descend, chiefly hemlock and pine, projected themselves towards each other from either shore, throwing the stream into despondency, with here and there a sound of light, where a few trees had been cut down or fallen away from the bank with the gradual wash of the soil from their gnarled roots.

To Jack's astonishment, no sooner was the water-way for the mysterious skater than the latter, apparently seeing him and divining his intention, suddenly ceased his aggressive, and after an instant's pause, slipped swiftly down the river, keeping close in shore, and evidently with the design of staying Jack's pursuit.

"Ho, ho!" said Jack to himself, half aloud, "what's your game, is it? Very well! Here goes for a chase, my fine fellow!"

And putting forth an additional amount of strength, he increased his speed so far and quickly as to gain a hundred paces in a moment upon the flying phantom. The latter immediately increased his own pace, and with outwardly widening the distance between them, sped onward with a rapidity that defied Jack's utmost efforts to surpass. In a

and in twenty minutes Jack Phillips was stripped and wrapped in blankets, was laid on a mattress before the fire, while the phantom, the form man, concocted a powerful hot toddy, his pangs, against all fleshly ill, for his slowly reviving guest.

Fanny Leighton, having seen young Joseph laid to rest, came home with her sister, and started as swiftly as an ever on the river to bear the tidings, to Mrs. Phillips and Kate. In an hour Jack was well as ever, and in a day, and less than two hours later Mrs. Phillips, with Kate and all sorts of medicines and ointments, drove up to the ferryman's door and carried Jack home, and on the next morning, however, Jack was not so well. He had high fever, and every limb seemed to burn and throb, as if with acute inflammation. But about noon a clock came Fanny, with anxious inquiries about his state, and before she left Kate, with whom she stayed in close confab for an hour, she wrote a few lines with a pencil, which she desired might be given to Jack as soon as she was gone.

As my friends will, never show me, I am unable to give them to the reader, but they were eminently agreeable. I feel confident, for as soon as Jack recovered, which was in a few days, he called at the Leighton mansion, and continued to repeat his visits daily for the next month, at the end of which period he announced to me, and the rest of mankind, who cared to know it, that he was engaged to Miss Fanny Leighton, and was to be married in a year, and a happier couple, I never desire to see. They still go skating now and then, and both by day and by night, when there is no moon, to be betrayed into danger by the leaden chase of a PHANTOM SKATER.

The Words We Use

Be unassisted, be honest in your speaking, and writing. Never use a long word where a short one will do. Call a spade a spade, and a well-known oblong instrument of manual industry. Let a horse be a horse, not a quadruped; a place a place, not a locality; and so of the rest. Where a short word will do you always lose by using long ones. You lose in clearness, you lose in honest expression, you lose in the estimation of all men who are competent to judge, you lose in reputation for ability. The only way to win is to shine, even in this false world, is to be modest and unassuming. It is a good rule to be true, but not to break through it. Elegance of language may not be in the power of all of us, but so the simplicity and directness of our speech are.

Use as few words as you can speak, and you think. If you have your inferior speaking, do not correct them, but if you have your superior, do not correct them. Let your words be as plain as the rules of grammar, and as simple as the rules of common sense. Do not use a word unless you can use it with ease and confidence. Do not use a word unless you can use it with ease and confidence. Do not use a word unless you can use it with ease and confidence.

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FROM THE STATES.

BOSTON, Jan. 6. The Secretary of War has left Washington for Savannah and intermediate Headquarters on important matters relating to the war.

Jan 7. Advice from Yokohama, Japan, to Nov. 20th, report the murder by the Japanese of two British officers. The British Minister had demanded the arrest and punishment of the assassins and would take measures to compel it.

Jan 10th. United States Senate yesterday passed a Bill, freeing the wives of negro soldiers.

A SINGULAR CASE.—The Boston Traveler says:—A gentleman in one of our cities raised a company two or three years since for one of our regiments, and departed for the battle-field, leaving behind a young wife.

WATER SUPPLY OF LONDON.—At the beginning of the present century the water mains of the City of London were wooden—the trunks of trees bored out—and in no case of more than one foot in diameter.

ACCIDENTAL POISONING.—A melancholy case of accidental poisoning is recorded in the Quebec Mercury as having taken place in that city the other day.

At a recent meeting of a Volunteer

Company in Canada, one of the members refused to take the customary oath. His comrades were much incensed, demanded that he should strip off his uniform immediately, but the officers prevented this until drill was over, when the young man was followed into the street by others of the Company, and the uniform of their corps stripped from the unworthy person.

Canadian papers universally condemn the Passport system adopted by the Federal Government. We append the remarks of the Toronto Globe, which fairly represent the views generally expressed by the Canadian press.

We observe with great regret that Mr. Seward has issued instructions requiring every person going into the United States from the British Provinces to be provided with a passport, whether he is a British or an American citizen.

SMALL-POX.—We understand that there are quite a number of cases of this loathsome disease in the city at the present time, and are rejoiced to perceive that the city authorities are alive to the danger.

DRAFT RIOTS IN CANADA.—The Quebec papers contain accounts of a riot which occurred at a place called Chateaux-Richer, near that City, on account of the draft for Militia purposes which was being carried out among the inhabitants.

THE MILITIA COMMISSION which recently met in Fredericton terminated its sessions on Thursday evening. The commission comprised the following gentlemen—Lieutenant-Colonel J. V. Thayer, J. H. Gray, S. K. Foster, L. A. Wilmot, A. C. Oty, W. T. Baird, D. Weimore, R. W. Crookshank, Capt. E. Simonds, Capt. Charles Waters, and Quartermaster S. L. Tilley.

THE large hot-house belonging to His Honor Judge Wilmot, which was full of valuable plants, was totally destroyed by fire last night, together with all its contents.

The Standard.

ST. ANDREWS, JAN. 11, 1865.

The Editor of the "Eastern Advocate," has devoted much time and labor to the confederation question, and published his views on considerable length, in the "Advocate," from which we have at various times taken lengthy extracts.

The proposed new Militia Bill, does not appear to be popular; already a feeling is manifesting itself against the measure.

Comparative statement of Revenue collected at the Port of St. Andrews for the years 1863 and 1864.

Table with 2 columns: Year, Revenue. 1863: 1491.60, 9279.39, 999.73, 507.96, 207.43, 136.02, 6.25, 17.77, nil. 1864: 1728.81, 11678.94, 1229.10, 632.20, 240.75, 172.96, 5.54, 19.29, 4.71.

OBITUARY.—In another column we publish the death of the late Capt. Alexander McCurdy, at the advanced age of 85 years.

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UNIVERSITY CALENDAR.—A copy of this annual pamphlet, issued from the Colonial Farmer office has been received.

Federation offers to build our Railways—Intercolonial, Eastern and Western Extensions and Branches—and to assume our debt for those already built.

Federation provides Subsidies for Ocean Navigation. Federation relieves us of a portion of our civil and judicial expenditure; gives us increased postal facilities, and leaves us with sufficient local improvements—as we will be able to show in another article.

Federation interests us in the great internal improvements of Canada—including the canals, which Mr. Smith says, will cost fifty millions of dollars, and which said canals will bring us 350 miles nearer to the great markets of the West.

The Confederation Meeting held at Fredericton, on Thursday evening last, was according to the report in the "Reporter" a decided success.

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paying the expenses of the student in Education. Several donations to the museum and library are acknowledged. The Students who entered the university in '63 numbered 19, in '64, and in '64, 9. The number in attendance at the opening of the present Academic year is not given.

We are happy to learn that the Grammar School commenced after the Christmas vacation with four additional Scholars from a broad, which speaks well for the Preceptor and the School.

ITEMS.

The dedication of the new Masonic Hall at Pembroke took place on Thursday last—Ample arrangements were made by the brethren of Crescent Lodge for the entertainment of a larger company. About three hundred persons partook of the excellent supper.

LARGE HOG.—We saw a hog in Stevens' meat market last week that was 30 months old when slaughtered, and weighed 650 pounds. The hog was raised on Pendleton's Island, N. B. by Ward Pendleton.

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BRUSHES. Hair, Tooth, Nail, Cloth, Shoe, Tobacco, Cigars, and Hair Pins Dec. 21, 1864.

Liverpool Salt

100 SACKS Liverpool Salt. Dec. 7, 1864. J. W. STRI. Per Ship Lampedo from 5 BLS Crushed Sugar, Heavy Ready-made shirts, Grey Cottons and Silks. Lowest rates for cash. Dec. 7, 1864. H. V. GOI.

Licence

UNDER the Act relating to the sale of Liquors, Licences were undermentioned persons at the Sessions, viz. Samuel Elliot, Reynolds Campbell, Angus Kennedy, Thomas J. Sandford, John Dougherty, Arthur E. Julian, J. W. Street & Son, Michael Cummings, Robert T. Fitzsimons, Charles Gilliland, James Boyd, John McCarroll, Daniel O'Brien, Henry Owan, Andrew Cummings, W. William Owen, Martin Horan, Robert Kelly, James Neil, James Ryder, Michael Shannon, Isaac McElroy, Alexander McElroy, Charles Melous, W. H. Stevens, William Johnston, William Mowat, Theodore Garay, James Frenholm, Thomas Byrne.

New Goods

Just received and now offer BLANKETS, Flannels, greys, Orients, Colours, different Flats and heavy Cloths, Br Tweeds, Doakings, Striped Seal Skin, and Black Mantle Cloth and White Home Prints, Omburgs, &c. and the usual assortment of Dry Goods, suitable for fall and winter. J. LOCH

1865. Almanac

McMillan's New Brunsw Register for 1865, can be had at ten cents, or by the dozen at J. LOCH on hand. St. Andrews, Nov. 30, 1864.

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Ex Steamer from BASKS Kerosine Oil. J. W. STI. Nov. 29, 1864.

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