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## LOCAL ITEMS.

Mrs. Dunstan and children are the guests of Mrs. Peirce.
Miss Osborne, Trained Nurse, who for several years has been on the Rockwood Staff, has resigned. Miss De Pencier is her successor.

Mr. Percy Johnson has purchased no less than four wheels this season, and yet claims to be free from the bicycle craze. Percy shoves the peramulator with all of theabandon of a veteran.

Our Business Manager rode in the recent Bicycle Races, and did splendialy, getting second in a big class of novices. The finish was exceedingly close, and the winner an old and accomplished rider. Mr. McCammon managed the Manager, and did it well. In the five mile race, C. M. C. was thrown out by a foul, when he was riding well.

At London Asylum great attention is paid to Cricket, and the Club has been almost uniformly successful for years in great matches. The young ladies about the Institution, with the remarkable intuition characteristic of the weaker sex. felt that the mighty needed humbling, so issued a very witty poetical challenge to the men. The men were to use broomsticks for bats, and their left hands in bowling and fielding. Two matches wore played, and the ladies left the men far in the rear. Miss Janey and Miss Norah Buchan, formerly of Rockwood, were among the most successful of the players.

Gunhilda, the beautiful Rockwood Gordon Setter, won everything she could win et the Toronto Industriel.
Miss Addie S'terwart'smother died quite suddenly early in September. Miss Stewart-has the sympathy of the community.

Columbine learned to ride a bicycle in one lesson, Good for Columbine. Columbine has been sick for a week. Bad for Columbine.

Mr. Wm. Shea did a brave thing in carrying out a lamp which bad exploded at the Sergeants' Mess a few nights since. William had his hands severely scorched.

Football is all the rage now, and Kingston will have several good teams in the field. The efforts of Toronto to legislate Queens out of existence may not result so successfully as anticipated. Let us see Kingston or Hamilton, or at least some outside town, show that the best laid plans of selfish Toronto may fail, but above all let us have clean sport.

- Dr. Clarke was badly shaken up and bruised on the 24th. A small boy maliciously shoved him and his bicycle into a deep ditch. The Dr. struck on his head, was unconscious for some time, and will not use his left arm for a week or so. These boys who have lately developed a fad for upsetting bicyclists will yet cause a serious accident. A few sound spankings by the police are in order.


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## GRANDEATEER'S CORNER. <br> SWALIOWBECK FARM.

 (concluded.)"Christmas comes but once a year," but is right royally observed when it arrives. It is "coming" long before it reaches the country fireside, and is looked forward to for months before its advent. It is the time of wassail and rejoiciny, of reunion of families, of the ending and beginning of the old and new year, of comradeship and almost equality between master and hind. "It is a poor heart that never rejoices." and mean indeed is the man who, having opportunity, does not give himself up to the warm influeuces of an English Christmas upon an English farm. AtSwallowbeck it was the chief festival, and was religiously observed in all that tended to make its "keeping a glad memory to the rural mind. The substantials made the table groan. mistletoe, and holly, and laurel, and red-cheeked apples, and bright ribbons were hung in a huge bunch from the ceiling of the dining-room, and daother of even more majestic proportions was suspended from the beams of the old-time kitchen. There whs no kissing by proxy, oscultation was as real as the mince pies, the turkey the goose, the st'1ffed chine, and the score other of Christmas dainties. Bob, and Tom and Jack, were for once masters of the situation, ano. made good use of the annual license and opportunity, while Nance, and Deb. and Poll, leughingly and becomingly submitted to the infliction. The Harvest Dance was nothing to the footing of it at Christmastide, and Twelfth Night had come ere times were ended. Buteven Christmassing had its limit, and turnip dragging and straw cutting, and thrashing and marketing went on in usual regularity when the feast was over.

Turnip culture was an important matter in such a sheep producing county as that in which Swallowbeck stood, and from the preparation of the ground to the feeding of the last rout, it engrossed much of the time of the farm hands. Many of the well-grown roots were deprived of heads and tails in autumn and stored away for winter feeding, but more than half of the crop was fed off upon the land. The lambs of spring. grown into "brags" at the fall of the leaf, were turned into a portion of the turnip field before snow fall, to eat off the tops of the turnips, and, being removed to another division when they had done that work, were followed by last year's sheep, now kncwn as "theaves" or "gimerers." These, in turn, were succeeded by the "yowes," which ate what had been leift by their predecessors. In this manner every scrap of eatable. turnip was consumed, and the land was made rich by tho heavy coat of manure so assured. Light soils benefited by the solidifying tramp of numerous animals, and a good crop generally followed turnips. One of the pests of Swallowbeck was to be found in its 'twitch grass," or couch grass. and the tearing up and gathering, and final burning of this nuisance gave employment to women and children as well as men. To us it was a grand instit ion, for the fires afforded blaze and warmth and excitement, and a d.y with the "twitchers" was one to be remembered. And one susih is remembered as I write: "We uns." duly deckea in pinafores covering our ordinary clothing, went into a field given up to the twitchers, on one fifth of November, a date dear to all English juveniles. We heaped up a pile of the dry grass into some semblance of a man, dubbed it Guy Fawkes, and set it in a blaze, rushing up, as we thought, nearly to

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theskies. Our exertions had caused us to dof pinafores and jackets, and these we had piled in a heap near the scene of our labors. The grass was so plentiful that a small windrow of it extended in the direction of our duds. While we were hurrahing for Protestant ascend. ancy, the insiduous flame had seized the windrow, and run as if nu powder to our clothes. Imagine our horror when we saw these involved in common ruin! And imagine, if you can, our sbeepish looks when we arrived at the farmhouse, and sans pinafores and jactets, sought quiet entrance to its hospitable kitchen. Nemesis emerged from bebind the kitchen mangle, and a long cane, held by zuthless hand, fairly curled about us, as we received condign punishment for our misdeeds. After that it was never difficult to "Remember, remember, the Fifth of NovemFer."

From some plain or other, peat was brought to Swallowbeck in carts, and helped to keep up summer fires in the kitchen, when ccals were not required. Its fragrant smoke is a pleasan: recollection. But the fuel for the large oven, in which the supply of bread was baked. was of different character. The fences of thorn required annual pruning, flashing with a bilehook, and then cuttings were bound up into bundles termed kids, and these being sitetched near the house and there left to diy, were thurst with liberal hands into the mouth of the oven, and produced heat sufflcient for baking purposes. Even now, one can recall the red and brilliant fires thus shining in upon a youthful memory.
Church-going was really enjoyed by our youthful company-and that is saying much for its attractions. It wasn't the service droned out by parson and clerk, although even that had its soothing effects, upon visitors and juvenile nerves, but
the walk of nearly two miles from Swallowbeck to Brac bridge, with flowing hedge-rows, a halt or two, a flowing river, with fish beneath a wide brick bridge, and the little adventures by the wayside, which boys, somehow or other, find whenever they waik abroad, and ail which combined mado the trip so pleasant then, and so pleasant to think of now. Palm Sunday was specially notable, for upon it we gathered great bunches of willow catkins, and proudly carried them to Bracebridge church, wider the sure and certainconviction that they were the veritable "palms", cast before the Saviour upon his entrance to Jerusalem.
There were other days in the year when we felt that life was truly vorth living. In one local newspaper-one of the oldest in England-were duly announced in the hunting season, the fixtures for the Burton Hunt during the coming week. We scanned these carefully, and when we discovered, as we sometimes did, that on the following Saturday the hounds would "throw off," somewhere within measurable distance of Swallowbeck, we were ineffably happy. Upon that morning we were out of bed by daylight, swallowing breakfast at the earliest practicable moment, and out of doors two or three hours before it was possible for the pack and its red.coated whippers in to arrive. But they invariably came, and it was the moment of moments when, even yet distant, was descried the spots of scarlet upon the highroad, and the other spots of brown, and black and white, with waving tails aloft. which assured us that the hounds were really there. With bated breath we saw them pass-with sycophanticleer at the near whipper in, we excitedly followed-and with determined trot we kept steadily on until the woods were reached

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and drawn. What music was is the "Tally-ho," what a rush in the track of horsemen after the fox was away, what glory in the fact, that by a short cut across well-known fields, we kept up, even for however short a time, with the hunt. And how doubly superiative was the intensity of our pleasure, when Reynard turned back upon his
 from which be started! Once the brush was won by the tenant of Swallowbeck, and ever after that, the horse "Taffy," upon which he rode, was counted amongst the classic Deities.

The death of a fox, every now and then, was hailed with. delight by the mistress of Swallowbeck, for it meant better preservation of poultry. The death of numberless heads of game-there were no battues then-would have been of greater benefit to the master of Swallowbeck, but he willingly or or quietly submitted to the depredations of rabbit, here ${ }_{7}$ partridge and pheasant, and regarded the poacher with holy horror, and we were made to believe it to be the cardinal sin to put down a snare. steal a partridge's egg, or set a dog upon ground game.
But I must bring these memories to a close. To me they are precious, but to the reader they may seem juvenile. They deal largely with a past gone forever. The farmer of to-day differs widely from him of the early quarter of the century, but I doubt whether England has gained from the ehange. Let that be as it may, she owes much of her glories and prosperity to the class who tilled her lands in the days when I knew Swallowbeck.

Grandfather.

## MUSIC AT THE PABE.

All day long in the neighboring park

I hear the droning sound,
From the matin song of the meadow lark
Till his vesper notes in the gathering dark,
While the merry-go-round goes round.

The noise it beats tnée Fourteenth band,
The proui steeds spurn the ground,
And the children ride in the chariots yrand,
To the stirring strains of "Dixio "Land,"
While the merry-go-round goes round.

The 'Swanee River" drones amain, It's measure has no bound, And "Yankee Doodle" addles the braiz,
And then they allbegin over again,
While the merry-go-round goes round.

I wish the man that wrote the songs,
Were shot, or hanged, or drowned, With all his tiresome ding-dongs;
I'd rather hear six brazen gongs,
Or even the clatter of hammer and tongs,
While the merry-go-round goes round.

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## NOTES FBOK RIRD-LAND.

The Maryland Yellow-Throatbind manners in fledging-time -at the edge of the gladeTOWHEES, THRUSHES AND SPARRows.

Amherst, Mass.. July 6. For some weeks I had lazily surmised (without iavestigating the subject) the existence in the neighborhsod of a yellow-throat household: I so often saw the young heads of the family in the freshest hours of the day, flitting with their peculiarly noiseiess, familiar, yet elusive movement from bough to bough of the great dome-shaped maple-tree, upon or rather into which (for it embraces the house), mys upper windows open. They turned their bead-bright cyes on me fearlessly as I sat sewing or reading ; and I on my partadmired their light elegance of shape and rich but quite charm of coloring, neither, however, making any advance to a nearer acquaintance.

But on a morning in the last week of June, as I was wandering along a bit of swampy land at the foot of the orchard, with the doubie purpose of testing the earliest blueberries and finding a favorable spot to which to transplant some ruots of calopogan pulchellus, that orchid whose purple rosy butterfly flowers I surprised this summer for the first time-as I was loitering there, I was arrested by a whisking and fluttering under the fringe of alders at my right, and in a moment detected the male yellowthroat, evidently greatly perturbed. and intent to warn me off the premises. Instantly I dropped down into a bed of brakes and began to listen and look, unmercifully resolved upon further discoveries. The little fellow was exceedingly agitated, and, after the manner of mortals apparently thought fit to work himself to a more than natural
pitch of frenzy, whirling around and around, a foot or two from the ground and almost within reach of my hand, and uttering two sharp distracted notes which may be imitated by the syllables "chick" and "seep." His móst curious antic was performed by running up a short branch and then coasting down it with his wings half extended and quivering like a humming bird's, and his whole body ruffed and tremulous.

I hardly knew my noiseless neighbor of the maple tree-his conduct now so irresistibly suggestive of Indian ghost-dancers and other of the quasi-inspired; but I remained motionless, hoping to be taken for a blue $\log$, and in the course of a minate or two his mate appeared, and was immediately pitched uron, so to speak, with masculine vehemence, while the too patent danger that threatesed was screamed into her ear. She was a slencier matron. clad like her lord in yellowish olive, but only feebly refiecting his patch of deep sulphur yellow on throat and breast, and omitting entirely that dark band or mask over the eye and cheel which is the distinguishing mark of the species. Her noto of distress, too, was quite distinct from his-a plaintive, unsibilant "teep" without show of violence; but as they circled about me, side by side in full cry, they so punctured the air with their protests that a catbird in the neighboring thicket burst into an augry tirade, interspersed with those flute and bell tones, those crystal roulades, that are never song wanting to our prince of vocalists.

I was amused to see that my quarry insisted on keeping his partner under his wing, as it were. When first she appeared they crossed bills, or exchanged a bird-kiss, and if she moved from his side he instantly followed and resigned his

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former demonstrations to perch within touch of her. But after some minutes of attentive watching, I began to suspect that, in spite of all this parade, the green gloom of the alders concealed nothing more precious than a dozen or so of sapsuckers which hung on the branches in their cool globes of foam; and I accordingly rose and betook myself to a great clump of ilex, its wandlike branches closely strung with the inconspicuous clusters of little wheel-shaped, cream-white fowers. This was a move in the right direction: the anxious pair followed me up with redoubled dissuasions, and a moment later I caught sight of the object, or one object, of their colicitude, in the person of a very short-tailed, puffy and unresponsive youngster, seated on a twig and evidently exploring the world for a first time, and quite unsteady as to his wings. He paid no attention to his parents' cries, and it struck me that his expression was sulky, as if he wondered impatiently what all this hubbub was about; his beak looked unnaturally long andlargea common case among nestlingsin contrast to the curtailmentat the cther end, and his plumage was illset and somewhat crude and dingy in coloring, without those finishing touches of dark and bright noted in connection with the full-grown male bird. That he was not yet out of leading-strings I gleaped from the fact that the little mother soon approached with a worm in her bill; and the intruder was moved, in conscience name to withdraw.

On the day tollowing I paid another visit to the ilex-bush. Not a feather was visibie, but I had no sooner stepped foot in the region than from a brush-grown tuffet in the midst of the swamp, a little resentful voice piped up "Tseep; chick'" Not one snatch of lis proper melody had I been favored
with during these two encounters; but afterward I heard it many a time, ringing through the marshtangle before the sun neared the meridian-a sweet-toned, emphatic strain befitting the name of warbler, a name which has but scant justification in some members of the sylvicourde family. In quality though not in vocalization it suggests the full "crescendo chant" of his near cousin the ovenbird.

The yellow-throat'snestis a bulky affair, Flaced near or upon the ground, as befits his terrestrial habits; the eggs, which I have yet to see, are described by Coues as white, rather sparingly sprinkled with several shades of brown, but in marking, size, and shape very variable. Two broods are reared during the season.

The edge of a marsh is a spot as favorable to birds as to flowers, and when it borders, as this one does, upon a stretch of secluded woodland broken by sunny openings, and counting frequent pines and hemlocks among its summer foliaged trees, it is sure to be full of song in May and of fledgings in July. Up and down the dead or dying trees skirting the bog go the nuthatches and black-and-white creepers, with an occasional woodpecker and chickadees in plenty; the tiny tappings of the lastaudible at a considerable distance. In the still standing but far-decayed trunk of a yellow birch, not larger than a man's arm, one may discover a nuthatche's nest-empty, perhaps, but prettily eloquent, with its floor of spongy chips; well cushioned with grass and further softened by a few tell-tale feathers, and all so snugly enclosed in that papery cylinder. Grouse go booming up from among the mossed logs, or scatter into the underbrush while their wild. bright-eyed broods vanish magically under the fallen leaves: and many are the oppor-

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tunities for the observation of avian manners.

It was hert that I started up recently a neut:al tawny mother bird with thickly streaked breast, her identity quite unknown to me (perhaps a nermit-thrush, but I would not vouch for it), who went trailing lamely off just beyond reach, now here, now there, with the most awkwardly pathetic attempt at deception that I have seeu among many such. Of course her feint defeated its purpose and guided my eye to the bird baby almost under my feet-an indeterminate downy mass with weak flesh-colored legs and scarcely a hint of quills, much too young according to my ideas to be "out." The little creature was perfectly tame, however, and nestled, down in my outstretched palm among the running pine and pyrola leaves, while I drew my hat over my face and studied the maternal behavior through the brim of it. For the space of half an hour there was comparative silence in our paradise; then the nestling grew hungry and began to send up such piteous chirps, varied by shrieks, as would have melted an ostrich's heart. Near and nearer circled the mother bird, until I could hear her fanning the air with her wings, while the little heart beat wildly against my hand, and I lay scarcelv daring to breathe and wondering sow much mother-love vould venture. But hersimplicity knew an art that I had not reckoned with. About two feet off, at the foot of a stump, she alighted, and suddenly changed her cries to a tender twittering, a lisp of invitation and encouragement, and recognizable and irresistible even to a human ear. Away fluttered the captive, and I had no wish to detain it, although she coaxed it forward by short stages to a distance of a couple of rods before she felt to rejoice over it in an outburst of
ecstacy.
I must confess here to a grateful partiality for those birds that, like the whippoorwill and the phœbe, distinctly announce their names on first acquaintance, and reader discussion unnecessary. What anguish of spirit it would save us if they all did it! Especially the warblers, who never intimate by a syllable whether they are blue-winged yellows, black-throated greens, yellow red polls, or some one of a dozen other combinations. To the considerable class which I have mentioned belongs the "chewink" or "towhee"-by either name unmistakable, when his clear call rings out from the grassy margin of the glade, or over the lawn to which he comes at sundown to trill his simple air, since the familiar cry is not his only musical performance. A little sprightly phirruping will often bring two or three families out of the copse, where they are scratching like hens, or flitting from birch to birch. and by whistling and talking-for the voice of man has a taming power over wild fowl -you may watch and play with them by the hour together. "Ihey are hăndsome birds, nearly as layge as robins, black above, white ond ruddy chestnut beneath, and iney seldom fly farafrom the ground or the piles of brush beside which their somewhat clumsy nests are concealed.

The endearing voice of the song sparrow is heard in these thickets as elsewhere, and glimpses of his dusk-brown family may be hid behind the old rail fence or in the corners of the pasture lot, no singer pernaps, being more universally known and loved in New England; the swamp sparrow haunts the spot, and in Apriland againin November the migrating fox-sparrow passes this way. But of all the birds that gather in the low undergrowth, the woonthrush stands first as musician,

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## OUR FISHING EXPEDTTIONS.

## By Damson Greene.

A good deal had been said about the magnificent fishing to be had in the vicinity of Kingston, and the accounts of big catches of pike and bass appearing in the daily papers had whetted my ambition to cap.; ture some of the "finny monsters," as the reportersinvariably call them. I suppose that helps to pad out the spicy locals. Well, a week or so ago, a young doctor whom we shall call Dr. Luke, a Government official answering to the name of Jack. and I. a callow young medical student, decided that we should spend a couple of days in going a fishing, and the details of the campaign were soon arrańged. The first day should be spent at Collins' Lake. "a body of water completely surrounded by land and pretty girys," as Luke said, he being acquainted with one family in which there were no less than fourteenall beau iful. Jack said that as he was a little too fleshy tbrough want of exercise, be would do the rowing if I would pay for the boat. As I was on good terms with the only boat owuer on the lake, and knew that the bost could be had for the asking, this arraugement was satisfactory, if one sided. Tackle was overhauled, split bamboo rods put in good trim, and several long hoarded quarters expended on attractive baits, although Dr. Luke said he pinned his faith on the frisky hopper or wriggling worm. Several knowing disciples of Walton told us that Collins' Lake was an ideal spot for fishing, full of black-bass, and occasionally "suckers" would run up the creek. Full of enthusiasm we started before sunrise. in alight democrat wagon, with plenty of everything on board, bait for fish, men and horse, and a large box filled with ice to preserve our catch in. We reached the lake
at five, and as I supposed, a boat was easily secured, although our host explained that it was a little leaky. The lake is not large, round in shape, and probably a mile in diameter. The boat was leaky, and when we were a hundred yards from shore, the water had come over the thwarts of the skiff. We made for shore as rapidly as possible, and Dr. Luke said that he would go up to a farmer's and buy a bar of brown soap, which was a capital thing with which to caulk a leaky boat. He got what he wanted, price, twenty-five cents, really thirty, as the farmer charged him five cents discount on the American quarter given, the only quarter the Dr. had with him. The boat was caulked fairly well, and did not leak to any great extent. A nice little ripple was on the water, and we all thought that the fish should bite, Dr. Luke tried the Seth Green gang of flies and I put on a swiell spinner. The water seemed not more than four feet deep, but we supposed would soon get ceeper. Delusive hope-we struck out for the opposite shore, when suddenly in the middle of the lake we went aground in black mud. Jack bravely tugged at the oars, and made snme progress, getting the boat deeper in the mire than ever, and straining the seams, so that even brown soap at thirty cents a bar was powerless to keep out water. Dr. Luke remarked to Jack that he was making a mess of the whole business, (which was literally true, as the name of our lunch was mud long before this), and Jack retaliated by saying that if he thought he could do any better, he had better try. Dr. Luke with some warmth remarked that he very soon would try, and would show that his nautical knowledge went further than caulking leaky seams. By this time he had removed his boots and stockings-

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the Seth Green flies, with numerous weeds attached, were hauled aboard, and Jack and I making brave attempts to keep dry. The Dr. saw a wrecked fiscuit box near at hand, and hooked it up to the boat with an oar. Said he, "I will step out on the biscuit box, and when the brat is relieved of the extra weigt. we can slide hor back over the corirse we came, until the bow is abreast of the biscuit box, then I will st..p in, carry the box to the stern, and repeat until we reach deep water, and see that you jays do as I tell you." He placed the box in position, balanced himself with the car, and boldly stepped fo:th. The box was not founded on a rock, and Collins' Lake mud is soft-and deep. Now if the Doctor had stepped on the centre of the box he might bave settled down gracefully and steadily, but having stepped on one corner, something was bound to happen, and it did. It seems that soft slimy mud has been accumulating in this lake since the time of the Plesiosaurus, at least Dr. Luke now says that it must have been doing so for many millions of years, judging by the quantity and sliminess of it: at all events our friend went into it not like the Dr. Foster of Mother Goose fame, up the middie, but up to the neck, and so suddenly that we were quite as startled as he was. Jack began to laugh and invite him to come in out of the wet, and to ask him if he would like a little of the ice to put on his head, so that the rules of hydrotherapy and mud baths might be properly applied. Dr. Luke was grieved, not to say annoyed, and suggested that we had better help him out, so Jack asked him to hand the oar to the boat. and hang on one end. Now Jack is no weakling, but he had to brace himself very stiffly and pullheavens how he pulled, but yet he made progress, so did the Doctor.

At first he came slowly, but finally suddenly. and as he did so Jack disappeared over the other side of the boat backwards, and we still had one of the crew decidedly "in it," as the popular slang has it. Jack is no light weight-two hundred or thereabout, and he cuta pretty figure in the mud. Dr. Luke, who bae zew climbed in, said as he scraped the black mud off, that as he gazed on Jack, he could easily imagine himself far off on, the Upper Amazon, watching the hippopotamus play among the lotus. I suggested that the hippopotamus and lotus were more likely to be found on the Nile, but he said it made no difference that Jack would be taken for a hippopotamus either one place or the other. Jack did not find the suggestions about ice and coming in out of the wet so funny as they. seemed a few minutes before, and when we got him on board, wanted to argue that we should have told him that the Dr. was coming up suddenly. There was a good deal of friction between the two, but finally when as much mud as possible was scraped off, we decided topole the boat to shore, a hundred yards or sc, and eventually succeeded in getting there. The mud larks found a place where the water was clear, if spallow, and washed themselves and slothes as well as possible. Our lunch was spoiled, the boat too leaky to use, evenif we could get her back, so we decided to call it a case of wreckage, and let tlie farmer get her back as best he could. I begen to suspect that this was his boat for leading, so did not feel worried about it. We had left our horse tied up under a tree in the farmer's lape, with a bundle of hay with which to regale himself. Old General is twenty years of age, but on some occasions a veritable war horse. When we left, he had evidently munched his hay quietly

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and thoughtfully, and wandered back in mind to the days of his youth, when the world seemed young, and life a dream of catsand beans and pastures green. His eyelids gently drooped, his head took an easy position, and his ears were filled with the hum of grasshopper and droning bee. Now "is that a bee," said General to himself, as the droning took on a livelier air, 'methinks it may be a hornet," and he pricked his ears. At the same time an energetic hornet struck him near the tail, another on the nose, and in a moment the General had snapped the tie rein. and had gone down the road at railroad speed, and finally jumped a fence into a field full: of the forbidden fruits. How the old boy must have enjoyed himself, for when we found him he had dropped eighteen of his twenty years, and when approached was as shy as a debutante, and then shaking his head gave a frightened squeal, turned tail, flung bis heels in the air, and was gone in a moment. We tried everything for an hour, and then Dr. Luke in his fury finaliy picked up one of the farmer's ripest musk melons, and threw it with all his strength at the recreant steed. It strick him full in the forehead, sipe in all its luciousness, and before the old fellow had time to recover his surprise, I had him a prisoner. He was a sight to behold. Nose skinned and bleeding, swollen too where the wasps had stung him, knees barked, harness broken in several places, and in all respects a horse the worse for wear. The farmer saw us, and urged a bitter complaint ugainst us, which I was forced to satisiny with the usual panacea for such ills, a golden remedy which I had to apply on a free silver basis. We started for home without a fish, dirty, wet and dispirited, and Jack and I felt that we were disgraced.
and must redeem ourselves by going fishing the next day at the Spectacles, where George Gayworthy had caught dozens of beauties a week before-at least Gayworthy said he did. Dr. Luke said he would not be one cf the party, and further remarked that Collins' Lake vas probably named after the immortal John Collins because it was not characterized by an excess of water-a quality he said very common among John Collinses. Idraw a veil over the remarks made when we got home, because every smart Aleck in a neighborhood feels it his duty to be funny at the expense of a disappointed fisherman, and everyone knows that any joke about fishing is as old as the hills. No new joke can be made about fish, so what is the use of repeating the time honored chestnuts which were hurled at us. Next day we got a little sail boat, and after considerable trouble borrowed a skiff. All skiff owners seemed a little stiff about it, and said that nothing hurt a good skiff so much as fish kicking around in it. Finally we struck a good natured fellow, who said that he would lend us his skiff, because he knew everybody else had refused. us, and anyway he did not think we.would catch any fish. We got George Gayworthy and Johnuy Peterson to come along instead of the Doctor, George because he knew where the big fish were to be caught, and Johnny Peterson because he could sail a boat well, in fact generally sailed in every race in the bay, and once would have won if they had not dropped the spinnaker overboard, and made a drag anchor when there was no storm on deck. Yes, there was a storm on deck too, but not in the way I mean. We had not gone far when George said we must have minnows. because the fish at the Spectacles would not bite unless they had minnows, in fact the only

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bass caught this year had been on minnows. He had heard of one man who tried every kind of bait at the Spectacles for six weeks, and never thought of minnows until the end of that time. He did not even get a bite, but when he tried minnows he caught the bass so fast that the boat filled and sank. The man was drowned, and the fish had been caught so quickly that they all swam away unhurt. George said he knew where this spot was, and if we could get minnows, he would take us to it, and these fish would be pretty apt to bite again. We had a 'minnow net and pails, and George knew a likely spot to catch them. There was a head wind on, and Peterson said that was always his luck. If he had a race on, it was invariably a beat to windward, a change of wind and a beat to windward to return. If the spinnaker had not gone overboard in that one race when he had a chance he would have won, but as it was he would yet strike the right breeze. Jack was pretty quiet and not very good natured over the previous day'sadventures. By noon we had caught our minnows, and had worked up to the Spectacles. George said he would soon show us where to catch fish, but seemed worried, and finally said that some jays had shifted his marks, and he could not get the bearings. We now discovered that wehad misunderstood George, (about kis having been there recently, ) who was looking for his marks, the buoys used by the Canoe Association at their meet some years before, and taken away then. George was very mad, and said there was no chance for a fisherman now a days, everybody tried to put a stop to true sport, however he knew a good spot for fish even without his marks. He told us how to manage it, and Peterson got the boat on the spot, and the anchor was dropped. We
fished for an hour orso, and caught three little perch. Jack got Gayworthy very mad by saying that the whole fish story was a fake, and Peterson and I went out trolling for an hour or so. When we came back (we didn't catch anythicg), Gayworthy and Jack were sitting at different ends of the boat, but we made them shake hands and be friendly, and George began to brighten up a little, and said that he had forgotten about it, but the bass at the Spectacles could only be caught in the evening, so we had better lunch and have a snooze until the dark. We lunched and snoozed, and in the evening caught two small bass, one of which was a rock-bass, and at dark thought of starting for home, but the wind had gone down, and it was fully nine miles to the dock. Peterson said he would have to get back that night, so we agreed to take turns in rowing the skiff and towing the boat. Peterson said to give her plenty of line, and each would take an hour at it, George to be timekeeper, and one to sit on the bow with a lighted cigar as a mark to keep the skiff straight. He would take the first hour. It was very dark now, and we could scarcely see him as he tugged away at the oars-but weheard him. John was working hard, and we could tell by the strain on the line that he was not funking. We could hear bim talking to himself, aná several times he seemed to say that if this was not the dogondest heaviest brute of a boat he ever.towed. He seemed warm when he came in, but for that matter so did everyone else when he had put in an hour. When each fellow had done his watch, Jack said that Cedar Island should have been passed long ago, and Knapp's Point did not seem an inch further away than when westarted. This caused a spirit of enquiry t n start up, and Peterson asked if

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anyone had lifted the anchor before westarted. No one pleaded guilty. and we discovered that the anchor was still in the holding ground. I hope never to witness such a scene as occurred on that sail boat then. Talk about mutual recriminations. Each man blamed the other, and if anyone wonders why none of us speak as we pass by, it is easily explained, but not so the neglect of the man who failed to lift the anchor. The query of The Lady or the Tiger, which? is not in the same a ass with it.

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Even so from the snares that allure,
From the cares that encumber and fret,
Folded swoet as a lily secure,
Thy whitesoul walks maidenly pure, Margaret !
Among weeds in the sun flaunting high
The daisỳ looks up to the sky, Dewy wet,
A shelter from tempest and heat
Are her branches her path that beset, To fence in thy wandering feet, Andkeep thy life fragrantand sweet, Margaret!
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Rockwood did notsend any crack aogs to the Kingston Dog Show, but Mr. Routley's, Lincoln, a Rockwood dog, came out first in the Gordon Setter class, defeating several celebrated American dogs. Columbine takes much of the credit for the victory.

Dr. Shannon of New York, called on the staff of the Review early in September. New York evidently agrees with Dr. S.

The second of the series of races between Viola and Iris took place about September ist. The race was sailed in a reefing breeze, and was keenly contested. Mr. Davidson handled the Iris with skill, but it is evident that under ordinary circumstances, Viola is the better boat, and the result of the race was in favor of the Viola by a handsome margin.

Mr. W. Shakespeare Shea spent his holidays in Scranton, Penn., and came home looking younger than ever. He has added several new comic songs to his collection, and will do a burlesque on Irving's Hamlet in the winter.

So much talk was occasioned by the clever get up of Mr. Thos. McCammonat the celebrated bicycle parade, that Mr. McC. had the outfit, including himself, photographed. The background in the picture is well chosen, due prominence is given to the "red bird" and its decorations, but the striking feature is the left eye of the bicyclist. Ajax defying the lightuing in four different positions, is not in it with this left eye. Mr. McCammon is now awaiting the arrival of a new wheel from Brantford, a present from the manufacturers. The wheel should arrive before the great handicap race.

Our Mr. John McDonald was elected Secretary of the Association of Stationary Engineers, on the occasion of their Convention here.

Mrs. Mullin of Hamilton, and Archie Mullin of football fame, spent several days at Rockwood in the early part of September. Archie will as usual play with the young Tigers, and is growing an extensive crop of curls, in anticipation of a vigorous campaign in defence of the Cup.

What has become of the Keewayden Bicycle Cliso? It commenced with a tremendous flourish of trumpets and yards upor yards of gay ribbons, teas here, parades there, and all the flash and fire of social distinction and high toned exclusiveness, and now it seems a thing of the past. What is the matter with the Keewaydens? Somebody tell us what has happened. Let us have light upon the subject.

Bicycles, tennis, racketsand other frivolous sports have been given up by certain members of the medical staff who have become disciples of Izak Walton. It is no unusual thing to see one usually sedate young doctor wildly chasing after a frisky grasshopper, or locust, with which to bait his hook, or another more enthusiastic medical man, trolling up and down the lake, $b=i w e o n$ Rockwood and Hatter's Bay, in hope of getting a nibble. So far the score between the two has been fourteen nibbles, and one pike weighing 32,640 grains.

Speaking of the pleasures of hope puts us in mind of the fact that Mar. Thos. Evans has always hoped to catch a large fish in the Rockwood slip, and has patiently stuck to the waiting game since 1864, now and then being cheered by the capture of a bass a few ounces larger than auything the other fellows could get. On the 7th Sept. (Labor Day). the big fish came along in the shape of a fifteen pound pike, the finest yet caught at Rockwood.

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