

TOWN TALK.

What the Editor Sees, Hears and Comments on, that is of Interest to Our Community.

"Beaf and Susages" is the sign on an uptown butcher shop.

From "Drummer" to Lieutenant.

A well known "drummer" for a boot and shoe firm has recently entered the ranks of the militia under the title of lieutenant.

Sprinkled the Door Posts.

As the Jews of old, to ward off the destroying angel, sprinkled their door-posts with blood, so Mr. Charles Ather-ton has adorned the door posts of his tenement at West End with two great splotches of paint "that he who runs may read."

Almost Escaped.

A tradesman familiarly known among the boys as "Shadow," who has the unfortunate habit of tipping up his elbow too often got a jag on recently and was arrested and lodged in the lock-up. During the night he easily managed to crawl between the bars, but his shoe-string becoming entangled he was held a prisoner until the arrival of the policeman in the morning whose duty it is to open up the place.

The Victoria Hospital.

The project to finish the new wing now being erected and to endow the Victoria Hospital with a certain sum to provide against contingencies is meeting with a hearty response from the people of this city and does credit to their enterprise and humanity. The funds collected are placed in the hands of honorable and reliable men, in whom every one has the fullest confidence, and now, if the up-river counties, which receive the same benefit from the institution as does York, will contribute their share, the enterprise can be brought to a successful issue, and if the area of free beds in the new wing are to be in proportion to that of the old, the end for which the institution was first built (the amelioration of the condition of the sick poor) will have been accomplished.

"The Sons of Rest."

Have re-organized for the coming summer, and the sidewalks and walls are decorated with their stately forms from which torrents of tobacco juice and obscene and profane language unceasingly flow, greatly to the annoyance and discomfort of the passers-by, especially the ladies. They held their first meeting in Scully's Grove last week, at which Mr. C. was appointed captain for the ensuing six months. The rules of the organization are about the same as last year:—No member is allowed to pay above 45 cents for a square face.

No member is allowed to buy his tobacco; he must bum it. Any member found with more than half a fig on his person will be brought before the captain and made to surrender it all but one chew for the benefit of the club.

The Professor will act as spy and "Ganger" will be sergeant-at-arms and will allow no member to walk any faster than 4 paces to the minute; the captain himself to lie on the grass for five hours each day after the first of May.

Any member seen out before ten o'clock will be suspended until he can bring in a new member with not less than a pint of gin, to be divided between the spy and captain.

One meal a day and a lunch is all any member is permitted to have and he is supposed to bum that if he can.

Any member caught working will be suspended for three months.

Swimming not allowed, as it might wash some of the dirt off. The annual programme of sports to be announced later on.

Yours too soon,

ONE OF THEM.

Two well-known members of the above gang took a contract to load a car with bark for an up-town grocer. They of course fortified themselves for the laborious task with the necessary stimulants and the result was that after working two days they got one "Carr" completely "loaded" and he had to be carried home by his companion. A "Poor" mode of conveyance we should say.

Matrimonial Infelicities.

That "the course of true love never did run smooth" is exemplified in every day life to those who occasionally get a peep behind the scenes and see the cat-and-dog life of some married couples; but it is only when an open rupture occurs that the general public are apprised of it and the tongues of the local gossips set wagging.

When a young lady some time ago married a deaf mute all society was in a flutter of excitement and many and varied were the guesses and speculations as to "how they would get along." They however settled down quietly (at least on his part) to house-keeping, and the affair after a nine days talk, as dropped for something more spicy and fresh, and they were allowed to pursue the even tenor of their way. "But, alas, how easily things go wrong." While he could not scold or hear her when she gave him the usual blowing up (a wise provision of Providence.) Still the dove of domestic peace often got its back up and its feathers crumpled; and finally led to blows and separation, for when on some provocation he hit her a tap on the face, she responded by picking up a stick of stove wood and striking him on the head with it knocked him insensible and cut a great gash, that the doctor, who was called in had to put nine stitches in.

Becoming alarmed she lit out, and did not come back again until the coast was clear and then only to get her belongings and then vanish like a beautiful dream.

Another instance is here shown. A well-known bicyclist, rifle shot, and tumbler, has recently "tumbled" to the fact, that women are "uncertain, coy, and infernally hard to please," when upon returning home from work he discovered that his better half had left his "Hall" and left no trace of her whereabouts. She assigned no reason for her action except a note which she had given to his employer, to hand to him, which he did. Upon opening the epistle and reading the same, the only reason he saw therein was the intimation that she had grown tired of his company and had decided to quit his bed and board, she also stated in the note that she had taken her children with her. This escapade has created quite a sensation in the city and the general opinion is that she left him because they could not haul ("Hall") together.

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