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ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION.

There is a well seasoned saying that all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, and it might be added that when Jack becomes John he continues to need recreation if he is to retain his brightness. No people go in for sports like the English, and no people carry on such an immense business for the population.

In Woodstock we have several clubs for the promotion of athletics. They are the cricket club, the bicycle club, the lawn tennis club and the base ball club. It is proposed that these several clubs amalgamate and form a Woodstock athletic association. By thus uniting they would be enabled to pool what funds they have, and get a ground for their common benefit.

We do not know how the town park matter stands. If it is to be put into shape we hope it will be done within the next half-century.

In the meantime it would be well to have a meeting of the athletic clubs with a view of forming a combined association. They can find out from the council whether we are to have a park or not. If we are, perhaps some arrangement can be made to utilize part of it for the purpose of the association; if not, they can take the first steps to securing suitable grounds. The whole winter will be ahead of them when funds may be raised, and details discussed.

Let the first meeting be held this coming week.

SCISSORS AND PASTE POT.

The disastrous accident to the conduit pipe carrying the water from Lake Ontario to the city of Toronto, under the bay, is a warning to all city and town councils, against a penny wise and pound foolish policy. The Toronto council was warned again and again of the danger of the pipe bursting, but they wanted to "economize." Look at the result! A city of 200,000 without water, except that mixed with sewerage, and a start given to epidemic which may be widespread.

The World says: "The public has labored under the foolish idea that the best and most economical way to run a city is to sit down and let the city run itself. The public mind will, perhaps, be disabused of this idea, when yesterday's damage to the waterworks system is fully estimated and placed before them. It quite evident already that the city will have to foot a big bill, perhaps \$50,000, or \$100,000, for putting the conduit pipe in the same condition as it was prior to the break. But the pecuniary damage is not the most serious part of our misfortune. For the next month or six weeks, our houses will be supplied with impure bay water, and, in spite of official warnings, not to drink it, thousands of families will use the water without a thought as to the injurious effect it will have on their health. We may escape a serious outbreak of fever. We hope we will, but probabilities of an increased death rate during the next month or two are exceedingly promising.

The statement is made by Christians in China that much of the feeling among the Chinese against foreigners is due to the treatment of Chinese in Christian lands. This, in any event, must be a terrible handicap against Christian missionary work. In China, our missionaries point to a God who is Love, and to a Saviour whose command to His people is to do as they would be done by. The Chinese attempt to come among us, and if permitted to come at all are received like dogs and pariahs. How, then, can they respect either our Christianity or our missions? Must we not improve at home before we can effect anything worthy of the name upon the Chinese? Can we not at present spend money better in improving the Christianity of our own civilization than in making a limited number of converts in China?—Ottawa Journal.

Mr. A. R. Wetmore, the government engineer, has been in Hartland, making a survey for a bridge across the river at that point. The people interested in the bridge will agree that this is a move in the right direction. Some of them may claim that the survey is an election "bluff." But bluff or no bluff it is so far in the direction of the accomplishment of the work. A bridge cannot be built without the location being first surveyed.

Hartland is getting on well with its waterworks. There is a little "gee-hawing" as there always is, when a community undertakes an important work, but in spite of this the undertaking is nearing accomplishment. Let Hartland hang on to its waterworks, and

not allow it to fall into the hands of any private company. It is always better for a town to own its own machinery. A private corporation does all the pinching it can. St. John people can bear witness to this with respect to their electric light rates.

It might be worth the expense, if the Chinese Government sent a few men to this continent to deliver a series of lectures explaining the religion and social system of China. They would have to be sworn off asking questions, or being too inquisitive, though. If they were to ask to be shown a Christian community honest in their public dealings, and virtuous in their private life, it would make our Christian purists look so blamed silly.—Bob. Ind.

A Tomato War.

Some young men were talking over military matters in the engine room, below the town hall on Saturday evening, and just as one of the gang was giving his opinions on the comparative importance of the Franco-Prussian and the Aroostook wars, a sun-ripened tomato came hurriedly through the window and struck him on the jaw, scattering its insides all over his face. This was the kind of war that he and his comrades did not appreciate. They looked in vain for the assailants. Again they got into a discussion on military tactics, when another tomato hit one of them, followed by a volley of the juicy fruit, which spotted its victims with unerring precision. "To Arms" was the cry, and the defenders of the engine house started in pursuit of the attacking party. The sharp shooters were spotted, and finding escape impossible, resolved to sell their lives dearly. They waited for the incensed parties. Hostilities were about to be commenced when it was thought it would be well first to try if the resources of civilization were exhausted. An armistice was arranged, and finally war was averted at the price of one cigar.

Insecure P. O. Boxes.

The neighboring county of York is excited over several postoffice robberies which have occurred recently. The correspondent from Fredericton to St. John Globe writes:—The general impression with regard to the loss of three money letters reported in to-night's paper in that they have been stolen from the boxes in the Fredericton post office. Many complaints have been made of late of the insecurity of the lock boxes. It is said that a great many of the boxes can be easily opened with a slight pry of the finger, and there are very few which cannot be opened with a blade of a knife, while one key has been known to have opened as many as half a dozen different boxes. The Bank of British North America and the People's Bank to-day instructed the post office officials to put their mail hereafter in the general delivery, preferring to endure the inconvenience of being served at the wicket to the danger of having their mail stolen from unsafe boxes. The other banks will likely follow suit in the hope of forcing the post office department to supply proper boxes.

Liverpool, N. S., Destroyed.

Liverpool, N. S., was almost destroyed by fire on Sunday. The fire which is supposed to have been incendiary started in an unoccupied building at 3 o'clock in the morning destroying fifteen stores, the Advance and Times printing offices, the sheriff's office, a number of dwelling houses, the Congregational church, the Trilby hotel, the Music hall, the Jubilee hall, the Western Union telegraph office and several offices. The loss exceeds \$125,000, with insurance for only half that sum. A stiff northwest wind prevailed and the single antiquated fire engine was powerless to arrest the progress of the flames. By the time the church bells rang for service the heart of the town was a smouldering mass of ruins. A death in the home of a Western Union telegraph operator, a few hours before the fire broke out, necessitated the removal of the corpse twice to places of safety.

"A Thoroughbred."

The piece is a high-class comedy-drama. Such have been presented by Augustus Daly, Frohman, and The Kendals. It is in three acts, which are laid in New York, London and Paris. The principal character is Willie Green, a young Californian millionaire, of unsophisticated looks and actions, whom every one takes for a fool, but who in reality is shrewd, good natured, perfect gentleman and a thoroughbred.

The companion part to him is Mrs. Strongmind, a meddling elderly lady of "new woman" type, and to whom Green renders great service in a foolish love affair, and "thereby hangs a tale" which only seeing this delightful performance will unravel.

To start an Iron Foundry.

Mr. George F. Baird left Boston this morning. The object of his trip is said to be in connection with the starting of an iron foundry in St. John. It is also said that the making of wire nails will be one of the features of the enterprise.—Globe, Saturday.

Defender Wins First Race.

The first of a series of races, the best three out of five, for the America cup sailed on Saturday last off the coast of New York resulted in the American yacht, Defender, beating the English yacht, Valkyrie III, by three quarters of a mile or eight minutes.

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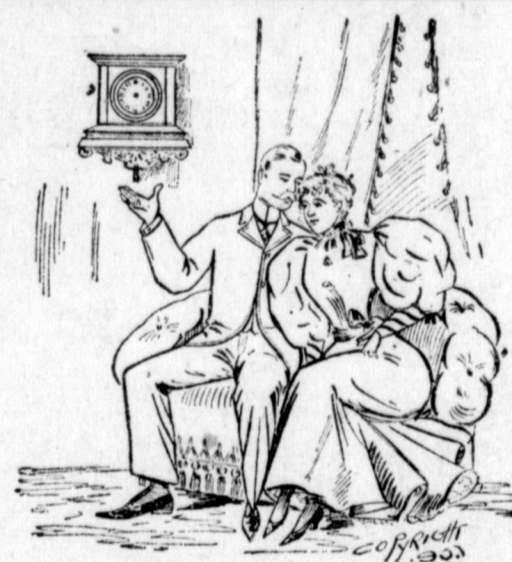
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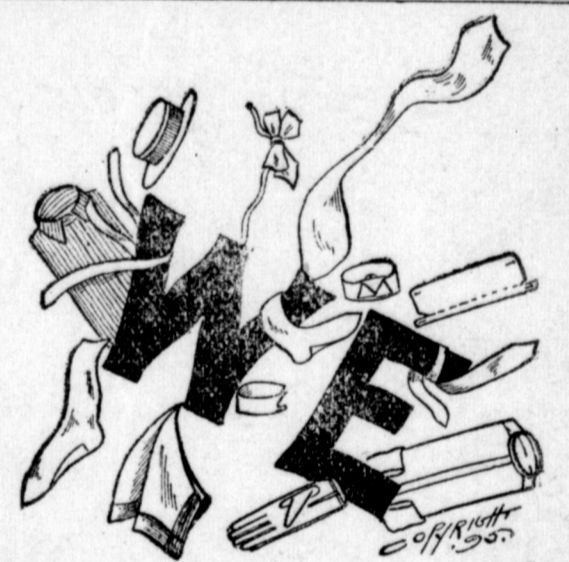
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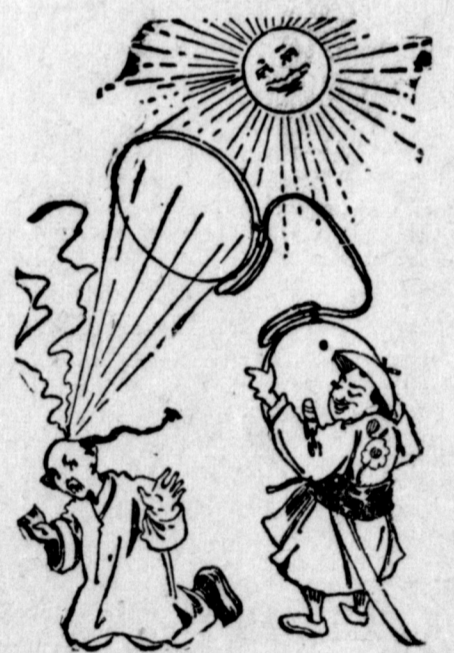
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