

Mr. and Mrs. Bowser.

As Mr. Bowser was ready to sit down after dinner the other evening, he took a small, red covered book from his pocket and was soon so intently interested in its contents, that Mrs. Bowser's curiosity was excited, and she looked up and asked: "What is it Mr. Bowser—something new?"

old youngster with his right eye almost poked out is bound to make a row about it. Mrs. Bowser tried to get possession of him, but Mr. Bowser persisted in dancing around and yelling, "Shoo, shoo, shoo!" till he backed up to the baby carriage and fell over it and came down with a yell and a crash, which set the door bell to ringing. He didn't know when young Bowser shrieked in his ear, fastened both hands in his hair and braced both feet against the paternal chin. Mrs. Bowser had the indignant and frightened child when the father kicked the slivers and splinters and ruins aside and got up. He looked for his family medical guide, but it was blazing cheerfully in the grate. He struck a pose to say something to Mrs. Bowser, but she wouldn't look up. He, therefore, walked off to the library and banged the door after him, and she saw no more of him till midnight. Then he came creeping up to the family bedroom and ripped his collar off, twisted his necktie over his head and growled to himself: "I see now what drives the husbands to it! I'll get drunk to-morrow and come home and make Rome howl in anguish!"

Thought It was Cancer.

James McMillan, Esq., Helena Avenue, Bracondale, Toronto, Canada, writes: "I have been suffering from dyspepsia for over 20 years, and have tried every supposed cure, which in some cases gave me temporary relief, but the trouble came back again with renewed force, until I almost despaired of being cured, thinking that instead of dyspepsia it must be cancer of the stomach I had. For the last three years I have been in agony from pain in the stomach, besides other symptoms innumerable, until I could not even move about from pain and weakness. At last I saw your K. D. C. advertised and procured a free sample which I found doing me good. I have used five packages and am free at present from pain or ache, although it is six months since I have been cured, I believe permanently."

A Sad Tale of Drowning.

A sad tale of death by drowning on the Miramichi river comes from the north. On the 12th of April, Mr. Robert Ellis, C. E., of Bathurst, Gloucester county, accompanied by a man named Lazare Pete started for away back in the woods on the southwest branch of the Miramichi to survey some timber lands for Senator K. F. Burns. The men calculated to be away from home for some time and prepared accordingly for a lengthy tramp through the forest. After leaving nothing more was heard of Mr. Ellis or his assistant until Monday of last week when Pete arrived back home alone. He tells a sorrowful tale of how he and Mr. Ellis became separated while coming down the southwest branch of the Miramichi on a catamaran. Pete says they were sailing down the river when the catamaran parted, landing Mr. Ellis on one side of the stream and he (Pete) on the other. They were unfortunate enough to lose their gun, compass and everything but the axe when the raft went to pieces. After they had been separated and had landed one on each side of the river, Mr. Ellis called out to his companion to come across, but Pete answered that he could not, as he had no means of conveyance, the raft having gone to pieces. Before they parted for good Ellis asked Pete not to telegraph or in any way alarm his (Ellis') family as he would get home all right. The men hoped to be able to cross the stream at a point further down but in this they were unsuccessful. They finally became lost to each other and Pete says two days after they were separated he managed to get on the bottom of an old hay stack and float down the stream. At one point along the river he ran across Ellis' tracks and followed them for about a mile but got no further trace of him. It appeared from the tracks that Mr. Ellis had attempted to swim across the river. Pete after being four days without food finally found his way out to a farmer's named Eison, where he was well taken care of for two or three days. He was almost famished when he arrived at the farm house and could not have managed to go much further. On leaving the farmer very kindly supplied Pete with food and also money to pay his way to Bathurst. Pete boarded the freight in charge of Conductor McPherson at Beaver Brook on Monday, arriving at Bathurst in the afternoon where he narrated the above story. In the meantime the body of an unknown man had been found on an island on the Northwest Miramichi river about 18 miles from Newcastle. This fact together with Mr. Pete's story, naturally aroused suspicions that Mr. Ellis had met his death in some unfortunate manner and a man was sent up to identify the body. Papers were found on the body which proved conclusively that it was no other than that of Mr. Robert Ellis, and from the appearance of the remains it was apparent he had come to his death by drowning. Mr. Ellis was well and favorably known in Bathurst and the news of his untimely death was a severe shock to the citizens. He leaves a wife and family of five children. He has a son an operator on the I. C. R. Deceased was a brother-in-law of Mr. W. R. Payne, the station agent at Bathurst.

A Bone of Contention.

Some time ago a certain wealthy gentleman, well known for his extreme stinginess, drove up hurriedly in his carriage to the door of Dr. —. He was in a state of acute discomfort and fear from the simple fact that at the moment a piece of fish bone was sticking somewhere in the region of his throat.

Dr. —, however, speedily removed the dangerous obstacle, and the gentleman breathed freely.

"Thank you, thank you, doctor!" he exclaimed, much relieved. "I swear I will never eat salmon again—never! And with what ease you removed it—a mere minute's operation, was it not? How much—a—what is your fee?"

"Half a guinea," replied Dr. —.

"Half a guinea," exclaimed the gentleman, "for half a minute's work! Impossible!"

"But consider," said Dr. — "a salmon bone."

"What has that got to do with it?"

"Oh, a great deal," replied Dr. —. "Had it been halibut or fresh haddock, I should have charged less—perhaps 5 shillings; codfish or eels, 2 shillings sixpence would have been ample payment; mackerel, 2 shillings, while red herring I might even have removed free of charge, but salmon at this time of the year—well really, Mr. B., one has to pay for these luxuries."

Westport, N. S.

Capt. G. C. Haley, of the Schr. Jessie B. says that for the last 4 years he had been a great sufferer from rheumatism in his knee, which at times swelled up and became very painful. He tried many remedies without success until he obtained some of Dr. Manning's german remedy which gave him almost instant relief. He also says: "I have used it for indigestion, flatulence, cold in the stomach, cramps, neuralgia, and in fact for almost every kind of pain or ache. I would not be without it, he adds, at any price." Dr. Manning's german remedy is manufactured only by the Hawker Medicine Co'y., St. John, N. B., and is for sale by all druggists and dealers.

An Involuntary Contributor.

Atlanta Journal.) He was a newspaper reporter from Augusta, and was in town of Thomson waiting for a train to his home.

He was dead-broke, or at least so near broke that there was no fun in it, for he had but 25 cents in his pocket.

Hearing a negro preaching, he dropped in at the church, but he did not calculate that he was to loose his quarter.

"Now, my brudders," said the preacher when the sermon was finished, "we gwine ter tek up a colleckshun, an' I wants everybody in de house but one man to drop stumpin' in de hat. I wants everybody but de man what robbed my hen house to drop in stumpin'." Ef dat man is here he kin dis advertise de fark by keepin' his money out'n de hat."

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Dr. Ernest Hart, of the British Medical Journal, declares that cholera will become extinct in the next thirty years because of the rapid advance of sanitary science.

Atole, which a Mexican physician prescribed for William L. Wilson, is said to be very nutritious. Corn is ground by hand, the meal is then parched and sifted into boiling water or milk, as masa is prepared in the United States.

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