

GENERAL NEWS.

Two boys were playing leap frog in a school yard in Halifax on Thursday morning. One of the lads was so badly ruptured by the play that he died in a few hours.

It is stated that the Japanese Government has contracted with a ship-building firm in Glasgow for the construction of five warships the cost of which will be nearly five million pounds.

It has been positively demonstrated that tobacco is one of the prime causes of color blindness, and men who are employed in positions where it is necessary to distinguish color are cautioned against excessive smoking.

At Sullivan, Ind., Thursday night John Ward quarrelled with his father-in-law and brother-in-law and stabbed them both to death, after cutting off their heads. Ward then cut his own throat, dying almost instantly.

The brewery of Harry F. Rowler, at Amsterdam, N. Y., was burned on Sunday morning, with barns and sheds. Loss \$200,000. Valuable machinery was burned, including a device for manufacturing ice valued at \$20,000.

The western woman who refused to support her husband in the style to which he had been accustomed is another indication that society is going to the demimonde how-ows. If her example should be generally followed what would become of the dude?

Civilization and education saluted the Shoshone Indians with startling effect when the Princeton students who were visiting Chief Washakie gave their college yell. The effect was electrical. Some of the Indians endeavored to stop their ears, others retreated, and a few rushed from their tents, seized their rifles, and awaited results. The chief himself, forewarned by the interpreter, was unmoved.

It is believed that at least eight tramps met their death early Thursday morning by the burning of a large barn belonging to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company near Ernest station in Plymouth township, Pa. Six bodies have already been recovered and the debris has not all been cleared away. The barn has been the rendezvous for tramps for years and as many as seventy-five have slept there at one time. Whether or not the barn was set on fire by accident is not known.

Holmes is to be tried in Philadelphia it appears, and not in Toronto. Canada will certainly be in no great hurry to claim such a second trial, though the Dominion would probably expedite his passage to the scaffold, in itself a thing to be desired. The United States raised Holmes, he developed there his own peculiar plan of murder and it is fitting that he should pay the penalty in the same country, as he no doubt will in the end, in spite of the law's delay under the United States constitution.

A Georgia story is to the effect that many years ago a bloody drunken quarrel occurred in Dahlonega. Immediately afterwards a man went up in front of the bar where the fighters had purchased their liquor and wrote the name of the bar-keeper in blood on the rock pavement in front of the door. It is one of the principal sidewalks of the town, and has been travelled by thousands of people, and many drenching rains have fallen on those rocks since, but the name has never rubbed or washed out, and shows almost as plainly as the day it was written.

George Fraker, of Topeka, Kansas, the man who was supposed to have been drowned in the Missouri river two years ago, was captured in the woods near Tower, Minn., on Sunday. Fraker's life was insured for \$25,000, and the heirs brought suit to recover. The case went to the Supreme Court, and was one of the most famous insurance cases of the country. The insurance companies were defeated in the final decision, it being recorded last month. A reward of \$20,000 has been offered for his capture.

The very valuable saddle horses belonging to their Excellencies the Governor-General and Comtesse d'Aberdeen were literally steamed to death Saturday on the C. P. R. The horses were on their way to the Governor-General's Okanagan ranch. Steam fittings had been placed in the car for the purpose of regulating the temperature if necessary. The steam cook was inadvertently left off. After an hour and a half's run from Vancouver it was noticed a smothering was coming from the steam, and on the car where the horses were stalled being opened both animals were found dead on the floor. The horses were thoroughly examined; one horse, belonging to the Comtesse, was considered the best in Canada of its kind.

An unfortunate native of Baltimore, who went to Philadelphia on Friday to take in the sight, was enough of it in the first two hours he was there to last him as many weeks. He was crossing Chestnut street diagonally at Sixth with his pocket-book in his hand, and just as he reached the corner the pocket-book was all in valuable contents. It fell from his hand and disappeared in the inferno. After a futile effort to raise the iron cover the owner of the lost pocket-book hired a street laborer to fish for it with a tin can attached to a spring. To his chagrin he was run over by a carriage while standing at the

street superintending the operation. The Baltimore man has an idea that Philadelphia is not such a slow place after all.

Henry M. Stanley, M. P., is coming to Canada. Of his trip Mr. Stanley said to a reporter: "I am simply going over to Canada and British Columbia for my health and to see what may be seen in the new land." Mrs. Stanley, who is in Switzerland, will not accompany her husband whose tour will extend two months. When the news of Stanley's voyage reached the lobby of the House of Commons it was surmised immediately that he was in all probability concerned in behalf of the King of the Belgians, to whom he recently paid a visit at Ostend, in the promotion of a big emigration project in Canada. Stanley has made something of a mark in the House of Commons, where character and achievement always tells more than high intellectual capacity.



A pinch of salt put into the starch will prevent it "sticking."

A bit of raw onion will remove fly specks from gilding without injury to the gilding.

A rough flatiron may be made smooth by rubbing it when warm over a teaspoonful of salt.

That the easiest way to keep cheese moist in hot weather is to wrap it in a cloth saturated with vinegar.

Hard soap is better than grease to quiet creaking doors or to make unwilling bureau drawers submissive.

Bunches of sassafras hung in the window will mitigate the fly nuisance. And the mosquito does not love the odor of sassafras oil.

Too many women are oblivious of the excellent costume rule that "in the daytime match the color of your hair, and in the evening the color of your eyes."

Much of the heavy cake and bread is the result of the oven door being banged when closed. Close the oven door as gently as possible. Nearly every one opens it gently enough.

To keep tins in a state of dazzling brilliancy wash them inside and out with hot water and soda. Dry them and rub the outside with a paste made of whiting and water. When this has dried, rub it off with a soft cloth and polish with leather and whiting.

A delicious tomato salad is made by dipping rather small, even-sized tomatoes in scalding water, removing the outer skin immediately and placing them whole on ice. Then make an mayonnaise, and when the tomatoes are perfectly cold place each one in a bed of crisp lettuce leaves and serve.

A simple way to strengthen the voice is before going to bed to bathe the chest and throat with cold water, and rub with a bath towel. To carry out this receipt regularly through cold weather will be an effort, but it certainly has its reward. Many people add sea salt to the water, and find it very invigorating.

In cooking green vegetables such as beans and asparagus, it will be found that by soaking them for an hour or so in cold water they will retain much of that fresh, delicious flavor which is the principal charm of country vegetables. Also that a spoonful of salt in the boiling water in which they are cooked will prevent their green color.

It is well known that kerosene whiteners clothes and lessens the labor of washing them. A good way to use it is as follows: To 10 pints of water add a pound of soap shaved fine, so as to form a thick soap suds, and 2½ spoonfuls of kerosene. If you find any oil on the top, add more soap. To every gallon of water add a pint of this solution.

To clean the coffee pot in which the coffee is made from the discoloration which comes after a few weeks' use, in spite of thorough washing, fill the coffee pot with water and put in a teaspoonful of washing soda. Let it stand on the hot range an hour or so, and the black stains will yield readily to good washing and the coffee pot will be bright and new again.

Tracing the Loss.
The \$2 bill was missing; that was one sure thing. Mr. Hankinson had given it to Mr. Hankinson to pay the iceman, and Mrs. Hankinson had laid it on the mantel. Now it was gone. Two plumbers had been in through the room early in the afternoon. Later the men from the storage warehouse had called for the Hankinson's silverware and the Hankinsons departed for the country.

These, besides the usual members of the family, were all who had been in the room.
"Perhaps," Mrs. Hankinson mildly observed, "as the window was open, it was blown out."
Mr. Hankinson snorted.
"Most likely it was blown in," he said.
Then the cook came forward.
"Them plumbers took it," she said; "they were here first. The storage man wouldn't let us take it for they was late last night, and I saw them they were gone."
Mr. Hankinson thought profoundly for a moment, and as this seemed a plausible theory, he let it go at that. — *Puck*

CHILDREN UP AND GROWING.

Energetic little Georgie, a small New Yorker, had been having a day of unmitigated outrageousness, such as all children who do not like to be young are likely to have at times; and when he was ready for bed his mother said to him:

"When you say your prayers, Georgie, ask God to make you a better boy. You have been very naughty to-day."

The youngest accordingly put up his petitions in the usual form, and then before saying "Amen," he added:

"And please, God, make me a good boy."

He paused a second, and then, to the utter consternation of his mother, concluded with unabated gravity: "Nevertheless, not my will, oh Lord, but Thine be done!" — *Providence Journal*.

He Had a Choice.

Tommy (who lives on a plantation and who has been praying for a little brother or sister) — Seems to me the Lord is a mighty long time sending that baby.

Aunt — You must have faith, Tommy. Which do you want most, a baby brother or sister?

Tommy — It don't make no difference to me, so it's white. — *Judge*.

The Blue Heron's Tail.

One day the children were having an object lesson on the blue heron. The teacher called attention to its small bill, saying, "The bird has no tail to speak of." The next day she asked the scholars to write a description of the bird, and a little German girl wound up saying, "The blue heron has a tail, but it must not be talked about." — *Babyhood*.

A Curious Anagram.

A correspondent writes to the *Chicago Record*: As you seem to appreciate clever anagrams, I make bold to send you an anagram which I regard as particularly good:

A — sat in his — gray.
Watching the — of moonbeams fly.
On a keg that low in the bushes lay.

And thus did sing:

"Thou — the great, thou — the strong,
The — of great battles to thee doth belong."
And the leaves with a — took up the song.

Of John Barleycorn, my king.
The anagram is upon the word, "suttler," which is made to supply the blanks consecutively as follows: Suttler, ulster, lustre, rules, result, and rustle.

He Was So Handsome.



Good-looking young Doctor (feeling pulse of Pretty Patient) — H-m, yes; soon put that right. You won't want me for long.
Pretty Patient — Oh! there's — there's no hurry, doctor.

THE SCARCITY.

An Item in the Guest's Bill That Needed Explanation.

The millionaire from the East took a meal a la carte in a Western restaurant, and when he came to pay his bill he kicked and called for the landlord.
"Here, landlord," he exclaimed, "this is too much. I won't pay it."
"What's the matter, sir?" replied the landlord very obsequiously.
"I say the bill is too much. You've got me charged a dollar for two eggs, what's that for? Are eggs so scarce?"
"No, no, sir," hesitated and stammered the landlord, "but millionaires are."
— *Detroit Free Press*.

Modern Maxims.

The Wall Street lamb may be either black or white, but must be green.

The widest hat brim doesn't always shade the nicest face.

When women vote, political deadlocks may mean hairpulling.

The successful man makes of the future a target, not a punching bag.

Strange how men will mistake katechism for repentance. — *New York Recorder*.

The Wisest Sayings.

In a "wisest saying" competition recently conducted by London Tit-Bits, the prize was awarded to the person who selected the following:

"To this I would be true, and it must follow: As the night, the day, then, cannot not then, be false to any man."

"Booster and shame from no condition rise: As well your part, there all the honor lies."

"Desire not to live long, but to live well: How long we live, not years, but actions tell."

Sayings Wise and Otherwise.

Poor men have no souls.
Providence is better than rent.
It's easy to rob an orchard when none keeps it.

He who hath much peace may put the more in the pot.

Give neither counsel nor salt till you are asked for it. — *Italian*.

He who would have a hare for breakfast must hunt over night.

One eye of the master goes more than four of the servants. — *Italian*.

He who marries a widow will often have a dead man's head thrown in his dish. — *Spanish*.



He — "My head's almost on fire with the heat of the sun." She — "I was sure I smelt burnt wood somewhere."

One exceedingly warm day in July a neighbour met an old man and remarked that it was very hot. "Yes," said Joe: "if it wasn't for one thing, I should say we were going to have a thaw." "What is that?" inquired the friend. "There's nothing froze," said Joe.

"Now, professor," said the ambitious young man, "you have tried my voice. I want you to tell me frankly what it is best adapted to." And without a moment's hesitation, the eminent musician responded, "Whispering."

Weston — Do you think a young man can marry safely on \$10 a week? Easton — Well, that depends a good deal on how much the girl's father is worth.

Young Lady (on the grand stand) — The umpire calls a foul, but I don't see a feather. Her Escort — But you must remember that this is a picked nine.

Jones — This chicken is fourteen years old. Smith — How can you tell the age of a chicken? Jones by the teeth. Smith — Chickens don't have any teeth. Jones — But I have.

"Ah," said the jovial friend of the man with the valise, "going for a little rest, are you?" "No," was the reply, with a hurried glance at the time table, "I'm going away on my vacation."

"What do you think of your new minister?" And Sandy, scratching his paw answered: "I didn't think muckle o' him. Six days he's been visible, and the seventh day he's been comprehensible."

"Papa," said Benny Bloombumper, "what does the word sophistry mean?" "Sophistry, Benny," replied Mr. Bloombumper, "is the other fellow's argument."

"We must fly," said Murat le Napoleon, on one occasion when the battle had gone against him. "It is impossible," replied the latter. "The enemy has destroyed both wings of the army."

Fighting With Cheese.

The most remarkable ammunition ever heard of was used by the celebrated Commodore Coe, of the Montevideo Navy, who in an engagement with Admiral Brown, of the Buenos Ayres service, fired every shot from his lockers. "What shall we do, sir?" asked the first lieutenant.

It looked as if Coe would have to strike his colors, when it occurred to his first lieutenant to use Dutch cheese as cannon balls. There happened to be a large quantity of these on board, and in a few minutes the fire of the old Santa Maria (Coe's ship) which had ceased entirely, was re-opened, and Admiral Brown found more shot flying over his head. Directly one of them struck his main-mast, and as it did so, shattered and flew in every direction. "What the dickens is the enemy firing?" asked Brown. But nobody could tell. Directly another came in through a port and killed two men who were near him, and then striking the opposite bulwarks, burst into pieces.

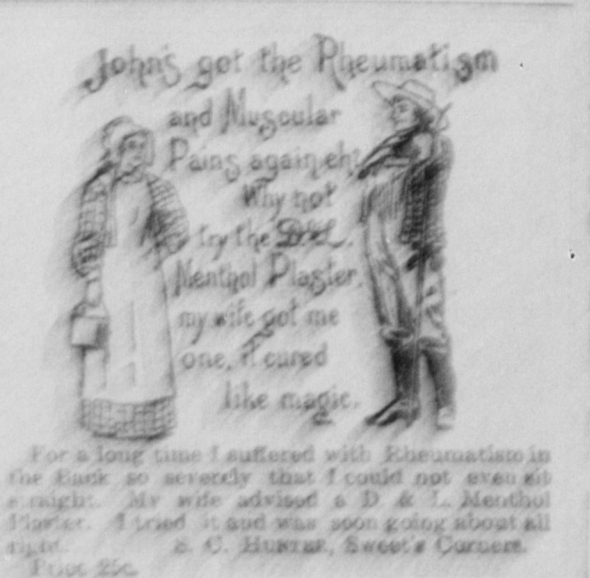
Brown believed it to be some new fangled paixhan or other, and as four or five more of them came slapping through his sails, he gave orders to fill away, and actually backed out of the fight, receiving a parting broadside of Dutch cheese.

THAT ACHING HEAD.

What Causes It and How Overcome.

How often the remark, "Oh, my head aches," and there are so many varieties of aches and pains the head is subject to all along the line from the dull and heavy and oppressed feeling over the eyes to the persistent, tacking and torturing misery of Sick Headache. The cause is in most cases the same, the overflow of poisonous uric acid is not extracted from the blood by the kidneys, and accumulating in the blood, causes high and irregular pulse, headaches, mental depression and nausea. Chase's Kidney Pills tone and restore the kidneys, excrete poisonous matter from the blood, sending it on its way out, and death-giving, curing Headache, removing all the attending symptoms from its wake. Mrs. G. Bird, Harrison, Ont., while attending the 1894 Fair Exhibition at Toronto, was taken very ill with neck Headache and dizziness. She was subject to these attacks for years, compelling her to take to her bed. In this case by using Chase's Pills relief was immediately obtained, and the usual days of misery and prostration avoided. Thousands of such cases can be referred to where Chase's Pills have cured Sick Headache and its attendant symptoms. 25 cents a box, of all dealers, or by addressing Edmondson, Bates & Co., 45 Lombard St., Toronto.

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