

Northern Notes.

A certain college professor being asked, why do you write so villainous a scroll, replied: To prevent people finding out that I cannot spell. Whatever be the reason it is quite certain that the people of the present age do not approach their fathers in fine penmanship. Some of us are even proud of the fact and think that excellence in a mere mechanical accomplishment is a reflection on their mental outfit, forgetting that some of the very greatest men of history wrote beautiful hands, and were very careful as to the finish of their work. Some one said in reply to the observation that most geniuses wrote a fearful scrawl, that some others had that same mark of genius but that it was the only mark of this that they showed.

A fitting punishment, however, in all cases, comes to those who transgress any of nature's laws, which in all cases teach the duty of doing all we do, well. In the case of the writer he can speak feelingly. He has time and again seen his letters so printed as to make a complete contradiction of what he meant to say, and more still, to make nonsense of some earnest appeal. As an instance we can take the lines published in your last issue entitled, "Look Up—Fight On." Some words being misread and mis-printed gave a very grotesque ending to some lines. For justice to an unoffending public that the lines should be properly rendered, as corrected they will stand:

Look Up—Fight On.

Oh! soldier prove upon the field,
Worn, trampled down, who faint would yield,
Who scarce the heavy brand can wield
That gears thee for the fight,
Look up, look up, repress the sigh,
Spring to your feet, and flash on high
Your trusty blade; ring out the cry,
For God and truth and right!

Fight on, fight on, tho' dark the cloud,
That all the future seems to shroud;
Though thunders bellow deep and loud,
And fierce the lightning gleam,
The light of God's unchanging day
Shall pierce that cloud with clearest ray,
The gathering storm shall pass away
In His resplendent beam.

The wind will change, the tide will turn,
The rising sun bring in the morn,
And hearts with highest hopes will burn
That now are cold and dead;
And in the land to which we trend,
We'll find where all our woes shall end,
That every foe man was a friend,
Which now we strangely dread.

C. C. C.
Chatham, N. B., Feb. 22nd, 1897.

An active competition has broken out among the grocers of Chatham. There was an arrangement made some years ago that all the stores sell at same price. This would have been all right if that price had been fair to their customers, but it was not, is shown by the fact there are men selling at figures thirty per cent below the old prices.

The feeling that Blair is now controlled by Robinson and that the conservatives hold still the reins in the North is now confirmed beyond dispute. The resignation of Devlin shows the depth of the feeling in Quebec. The enthusiastic manner in which Manitoba is rallying around, Hugh John McDonald shows that the action of Laurier in bringing the Pope into coercive the bishops is not being well taken by the Protestants of Canada. The failure of all efforts to obtain even a consideration of Reciprocity, the spectre of a falling revenue and an increasing expenditure; promises of public works, running up to the hundred million mark and the evidence of a serious split in their own ranks are not the most pleasant position that a Canadian party.

C. C. C.
Chatham, March 6 1897.

LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

FREDERICTON, March 6.—Hon. Mr. White recommended a bill to consolidate and amend the law relating to County Courts—Mr. Sivewright chairman. Agreed to with amendments.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie submitted detailed statements of receipts from Nov. 1st, 1896 to February 4th, 1897, and of warrants issued in same period.

Hon. Mr. White introduced a bill amending law establishing the Boys' Industrial Home, also amending the law regarding the cancellation of law stamps.

Hon. Mr. White committed a bill amending the law to consolidate and amend the several acts relating to arrest, imprisonment and examination of debtors—Mr. Killam, chairman. Progress was reported with leave to sit again.

Hon. Mr. White committed a bill in addition to and in amendment of the Towns Incorporation act of last year—Mr. Killam, chairman. Progress was reported, with leave to sit again.

Hon. Mr. Dunn committed a bill to provide fishing facilities for provincial and other sportsmen, and for the restocking with fish of certain lakes and waters of the province—Mr. Killam, chairman. Agreed to.

Mr. Fowler introduced a bill in addition to and in amendment of the Liquor License law of last year.

Hon. Mr. Dunn committed a bill further amending law incorporating the St. John Railway Company—Mr. Fowler, chairman. Agreed to with amendments.

Mr. Russell committed a bill to confirm a provincial by-law of Charlotte muni-

cipality in reference to a tax on dogs.—Mr. Fowler, chairman. Progress was reported with leave to sit again.

Hon. Mr. LaBillois committed a bill incorporating the Restigouche and Western Railway Company—Mr. Wells, chairman. Agreed to with amendments.

Hon. Mr. Mitchell committed a bill to amend the law relating to the Supreme Court—Mr. Killam, chairman. Forty-six sections were passed, then progress was reported with leave to sit again.

Hon. Mr. White introduced a bill in amendment of the Liquor License Act of 1896. Adjourned.

Nicholas River Items

The much wished for thaw of last week has made the roads very journeyable and will be highly appreciated by the mud haulers as the late condition of the roads rendered hauling almost impossible.

We are pleased to note that Miss Jennie Miller is recovering from her recent illness.

Mr. Harry Ritchie of Chatham spent a few days with friends in this vicinity.

Mr. George Brooks of the employ of Thos. Burns & Co. as night watchman is home at present on account of ill health.

Mrs. William Irving, who was confined to her room for some time with acute rheumatism is recovering under the treatment of Dr. Keith, of Harcourt.

We notice Mr. Howard Lawson, of Main River, is in the habit of visiting the sick in this locality. It would be well if more of our young men would do likewise.

What takes all our young men up the river on Friday evenings? There must be some attraction.

Miss Cail, of Fords Mills is with us at present on account of her sister's illness, Mrs. W. Irving.

Messrs. George Hannah & John McLean left here for Boston, we wish them, bon voyage.

In spite of the inclemency of the weather and bad roads the young man from Harcourt still continues his regular visits to this locality, we wish every young man success that goes on the same errand.

Miss Belle Hudson, of South Branch, is visiting her friends, Mr. and Mrs. John Lawson.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. John McNulty on the arrival of a daughter.

The little fisherman from Richibucto still continues his visits up the River for the purpose of looking after his row and poles and seeing to things in general.

Rambler.

ART OF DRESSING.

How Stout Women Err—Draperies Conceal Flesh.

Few very plump women know the secret of graceful dressing. Many attempt the hopeless and uncomfortable method of reducing their apparent size by tight lacing. These cause themselves untold suffering, and, unhappily, they suffer in vain, for they only reveal what they mistakenly try to conceal. The best method by far is to conceal the figure by graceful draperies and moderately loose corsets. A stout woman should never attempt to wear a severely plain cloth gown. She should leave that to the slender woman alone. Nor should she wear a separate bodice, or one of a contrasting color. The short round bodice is also to be avoided, but for a heavy walking dress few styles look so well as the skirt and long coat, with loose open fronts. Dark, subdued colors are, of course, best, for nothing looks worse on a fat woman than a brilliant or a light colored gown. The effect of lines should be studied too. For instance, it is only a slim waist that looks well when encircled by a ribbon sash, but even a stout woman would look well with the ribbons let in at the side seams and fastened with flowing ends in a point below the waist. The good and bad points of the fat woman's figure should be studied, and loose draperies, lace jabots and flowing ribbons will go far in disguising the bad ones. One thing to be remembered, however, is that underneath the loose draperies and drooping fronts there must be a foundation of well cut, well fitting lining.

How to Ascertain the Health of an Infant.

A child from birth to 6 months of age should be weighed weekly, as by this means, almost to the exclusion of all others, we can tell how the child is developing. During the first week there is generally loss in weight, but by the end of the second week the child should have regained its birth weight, and if there is a gain of less than four ounces weekly or a stationary weight we know there is some fault with its nutrition, either in quantity or quality of the milk which it receives or its powers of assimilation.

How to Put a Child to Sleep.

Every child should have a bed to himself, and he should be tucked into it early in the evening. When a physician prescribes some important remedy that must be taken, a mother feels that it is time well expended to coax and wheedle and even bribe the little one to swallow it. Spend just as much thought and effort in getting your child to sleep every night, if he does not fall off his chair at the evening meal from drowsiness, as the normal child should. Give up concerts, theaters, parties—anything—till you have secured for the nervous, twitching boy or girl the benign habit of sleep. Coax him to his room, give him a quick sponge bath, tuck him in his single bed, with a light wool blanket over him besides the sheet, and in a lowered light sit by him and talk to him till he is quieted. Tell him gentle, soothing stories—nothing to excite his imagination—and when he is finally asleep have the room cool, dark and quiet. Don't let him try to sleep in a room which has been a sitting room all the evening without having it thoroughly refilled with fresh outdoor air, which may be accomplished by throwing windows wide open for 15 minutes.

How to Cure Intestinal Indigestion.

Tablets of pure pepsin and pancreatin may be used with good effect. Each tablet should contain 2 grains of the former and 3 grains of the latter. The dose is one or two after each meal.

How to Tell Animal From Vegetable Fiber in Goods.

Silk and woolen materials are best tested by burning the threads. All animal products, such as silk and wool, burn slowly and leave a sort of little charcoal head, which emits an odor like burned feathers. Vegetable products, such as cotton and linen, burn readily, leave no residuum and have no smell. Jute smolders and leaves a light, feathering head. Jute is rarely found in any dress fabrics, with the exception of very cheap silk.

A way to test linen, by means of which the introduction of cotton among the linen threads may be detected, is to cut off a small piece of the material, to unravel the threads, and then to examine them under a strong magnifying glass. The characteristics of flax threads are very marked. They are in the form of cylindrical stalks, divided at intervals by knots, in the same way as bamboo or sugar cane stalks. Cotton threads are long and flattened like ribbon, waved, twisted in spirals and granulated on the surface.

How to Upholster a Window Seat.

A box of the right length and width to fit in a desired place can be got at the grocer's, and with a saw and a screw-driver a cover can be made and put on with hinges. A board to be screwed on for a back to the seat, if desired, can be shaped quite easily by almost any one.

When the box is ready, the cushioned seat is first made by putting hair or excelsior on the cover and a second covering of denim, with a balance of the same to cover the rest of the box. Green denim has a cool and pleasing effect, or any shade that will harmonize with the room where the seat will be used.

If it is desired to tuft the seat as an additional finish, this may be done with denim buttons to match in color, and fastening them through the cover by passing the upholsterer's thread through holes bored in the top board.

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