

PICTURES IN THE FIRE.

There is an autumnal chill in the air tonight, and the bright fire in the grate is as much a necessity as a luxury.

Looking into the glowing heart of the fire, I see many pictures coming and going.

All between the flashing of a light And its retreating.

But amongst them all, three stand out clearly and distinctly, outlined in living colors that do not fade and shift like the others.

There is a cloud over her life, though not over her brain, for the child is a dreamer, who lives in a world of her own creating.

Cuddled lovingly up in her little white muslin pinafore, she holds a kitten now, a little grey and white kitten without natural or architectural beauties and as devoid of attractions as its poor little mistress herself.

The coals fall over into a glowing hollow and when the flame clears once more, I see another picture, a very different one.

The child is a woman, the book may close over, For all the lessons are said.

Even the kitten has changed in character, and is as different from the old Nellie as his mistress is from the ell-like child.

Latest and most accurate foreign and local base ball news at the "National," the but to see's retreat

ever calls her stupid now, the old dreams are there still, but many of the random thoughts have crystalized and found expression.

Tonight she wears an evening dress of some transparent white material, with knots of green about it here and there.

She is waiting for him, and they are going to a party, for the girl has learned life's sweetest lesson already, young as she is.

And I'll love him more, more, Than e'er wife loved before, Be the days dark or bright.

And once more the glowing coals fall together; and this time they burn lower, and only send out a flicker of flame now and then.

The last picture. I see less distinctly, for I see it "through a glass, darkly," not in the fire, but before it.

But somehow this does not look like that beautiful ideal home, the girl in white dreamed about. In the first place there is no other arm chair on the opposite side of the fireplace.

Glitters the dew and shines the river, Up comes the lily and dries her bell;

Other lovers have come, but her heart has been true to its first love; no one has been found worthy to take the place of the shattered idol yet.

But meanwhile, the last flame has flickered and died down, and nothing is left of the fire but smouldering embers and dull grey ashes.

GEOFFREY CUTHBERT STRANGE.

A Slip of the Tongue.

A lady of my acquaintance has two rather remarkable peculiarities; one is a very strong dislike for parties of all descriptions.

The relations between those two are decidedly strained now.

I have lately engaged the services of a most practical and reliable watch, French clock and chronometer repairer and adjuster.

A MONCTON SENSATION.

THE MEDICAL MEN JUMPING ON DR. CARLTON.

A Young Medico Undertakes to "Bell the Cat," and Succeeds in Having Dr. Carlton Arrested—There is Likely to Be a Warm Time.

We cannot have a carnival in our town this summer, at least, so it seems. We are not going to sit in the manger however, and bark because we can't eat hay.

Some three months ago there arrived in Moncton a very unassuming middle aged man, who registered at one of the hotels as Dr. Carlton.

But whatever the cause may have been, the effect was this: that Dr. Carlton soon had almost the entire floating practice of Moncton in his own hands.

So the regular profession laid their heads together and said, "Verily, this is a state of things not to be endured; we must arise in our majesty and 'bell the cat,' or of a surety there will soon be no mice left for us to catch.

The contents of the Era consisted of notes and news of the exhibit and the men about it. "Joe" Knowles contributed his bad puns, some of which are given.

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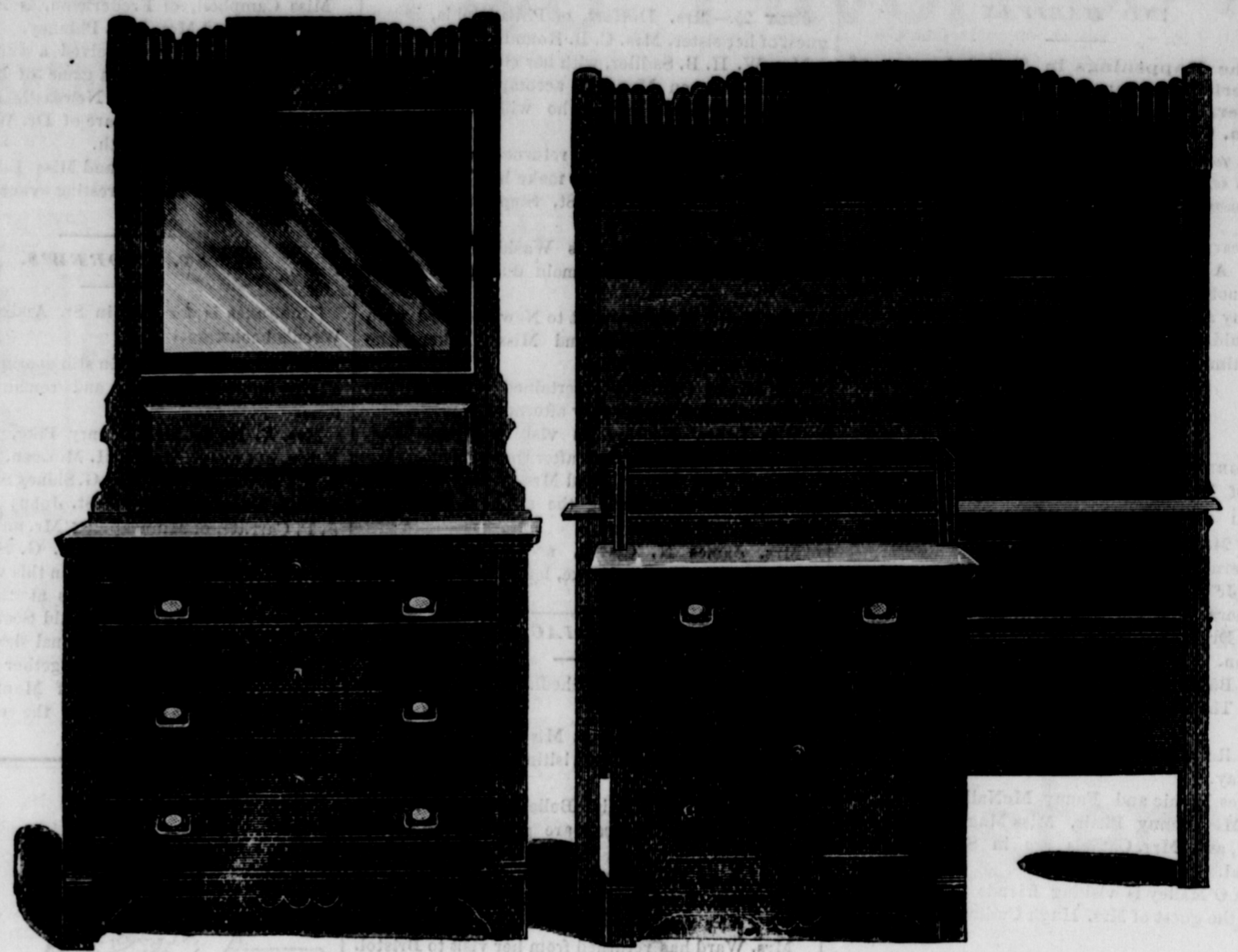
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The "Electric Era" and Its Talk About Itself and the Exhibit. Down on the first floor of the building there was a miniature printing office supplied with a pony Hoe press run by electricity.

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