

SOCIAL and PERSONAL.

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riage with Mr. Smith Scott of the Review. The wedding was very quiet the only guests were the relatives of the bride and groom. Inmediately after the ceremony which was performed by the Rev. A. H. Week, a wedding lunch was served and the happy pair left by train for Moncton and other places, on their return they will take up their residence in the south end of the town.

Mr. Geo. E. McDonald of Montreal is in town to day.

The friends of Miss Florrie Gale were pleased to hear of her return on Saturday last, after her long illness in Moncton.

Miss Alice Vaujour has returned from her visit to Bathurst. AUBURN.

My Fire.

It starts:
A sinuous eye ash from the sun,
A golden, leaf-shaped, dancing thing,
Bending fern-like in a magic breeze.

And grows,
And saps the virgin forest's strength
With writhing, biting arm,
And with its red jaws through the gloom
Casts elfin shadows round the room.

And waxing still,
It lashes 'round the knotted wood
With soft but cruel sting,
Till, seared with strength, it fades away
Beneath a coverlet of grey.

And now,
Like molten suns from the west,
Flashes as with living breath
Till dying mist the bones its greed has made
Its heart is still, and a mark the grave.
—A. R. Allan.

WILKINS'S MONEY ORDER.

The Reason Mrs. Wilkins Didn't Come to America as was Expected.

"Dear me," said the weary man at midnight when the watchman told him the next ferryboat started in forty minutes, "did you ever get into a peck of trouble simply through a bit of carelessness? I wrote a letter last night which must reach its destination by noon to-morrow. Instead of mailing the letter at the corner, I carried it to the theatre and now I'm spending most of the night getting over to New York so as to make sure the blooming thing will leave in the 3 o'clock mail."

The watchman sat down on a bench and rested his head on his hand in a contemplative way. "That reminds me," he remarked at last, "of the time I sent a money order to my wife in old England and what I didn't know about money orders made trouble for the postmasters on both sides of the ocean, worried my wife and kept my family away from me for three months longer. I was a young fellow then, had served all through the Civil War and we thought it would be over soon. I had saved my pay till it amounted to \$200 and I wanted to send the money to my wife so she and the two kids might join me here when I was mustered."

"Well, I had heard of the money orders which the government had just begun to issue and a sergeant in my company told me it was a safe way to send money. So I went to the post office and they gave a blank and told me what to do with it and then they gave me another when I spoiled the first one and after an hour or two I wrote what they said would do, and they took my money and gave me a piece of paper for it. I wrote to my wife and told her to go to the post office and she would find £40 there for her and to buy tickets on a Boston steamer and come to America right away. I counted the days before she would come and in about three weeks I thought sure my family would be on the sea."

"Well, it was about ten weeks before I heard from my wife. She wrote that she went to the post office and told the postmaster her husband, Private John Wilkins had sent £40 and she had called for it. He said: 'Well, where's your money order?' and she said she didn't know anything about any money order, and then he told her to go home and wait till Wilkins sent



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it to her. She had waited three weeks and nothing came and she wanted to know if the money had been lost on the way and if she was ever to see her John again.

"You can bet that letter made me hot and I went to the postmaster and blowed him up for something no better than a robber. He looked over a lot of papers and then told me the money had been sent and I told him he lied, and then he and his clerk bounced me for impertinence. I went up to camp and was telling the orderly sergeant all about the outrageous treatment of me when along came the Captain and he said:

"Hello Wilkins, have you a wife in Newcastle, England?"

"Yes, sir," said I, saluting, and much astonished at his knowledge of my private affairs.

"Well," said he, "I have a letter addressed to the Captain of Company B from the postmaster there and he says he has £40 for Mrs. Julia Wilkins and she can have the money when her husband sends the order for it."

"Then I was mad as a batter. 'I was earning that money,' said I, 'when we were marching with Sherman to the sea and I gave it all to that damned rascally postmaster, begging your pardon, Captain, and what do I know about any order? But he gave me a receipt for the money and I can show it to you.'

"Show me the receipt, said the Captain. 'I went down into my knapsack, hauled out the paper and gave it to the Captain as triumphant as could be. He looked it over for about two minutes and then he said: 'You're a fool. That's the money order they want in England. You'd better send it to your wife if you want her to have the money.'

"You could have knocked me down with a feather; and I thought the Captain rather rubbed it in, though he meant kindly, when he said as he turned down the company street:

"What a pity, you hadn't a little more education, Wilkins. You'd have been a sergeant by this time if you'd had a little more learning. But you've been a good soldier for all that."

"Growing Times Indeed."

These are certainly growing times for the "Family Herald and Weekly Star," of Montreal, and no wonder, for everywhere one goes he hears more and more of that great paper this year. It is a serious question for the publishers whether they will be able to meet the demand for their handsome premium pictures. The people of Canada certainly never had such a dollar's worth offered them. Quite a number of copies of "Alma" and "Pussy Willow's" have been received by subscribers in this neighbourhood and they are greatly admired. A gentleman remarked on seeing the battle picture "Alma," "Why that picture alone is worth five dollars of any man's money." We notice both pictures are sent to every yearly subscriber to the "Family Herald and Weekly Star."

Business Conscience.

The Sunday morals of many a community are an improvement upon those of ordinary work days. Somehow conscience seems to sleep when the hand is busy, particularly if the hand be employed upon some profitable work. A London artist tells of a curious incident that came under his notice some little while ago.

I had an old English bracket clock that I took myself to a wholesale firm of clock-makers to be repaired. Whilst in the shop I noticed a peculiar piece of mechanism, the purpose of which puzzled me, so I sought for information.

"Oh!" replied one of the firm, "that's a special order for a temple in China; it is to work an idol and make him move."

Presumably that clock-maker was an ex-

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cellent Christian in his own estimation. I do not know whether there was anything in my look that called for an explanation, but he added:

Business is business you know. You'd be astonished to learn what funny orders we sometimes have in our trade. Only the other day a firm asked us if we would make some imitation 'genuine' Elizabethan clocks; they sent us one to copy. But we replied decisively, merely saying that we had so far conducted our business honestly and intended always to do so.

So, according to the ethics of our informant, it is not dishonest to make clock-work intended secretly to make an idol move, but it is dishonest to make medieval clocks!

How Bells Are Tuned.

When certain bells in a chime produce discord they can be tuned. The tone of a bell may be raised or lowered by cutting off a little metal in the proper places. To lower the tone the bell tuner puts the bell in his lathe and resums it out from the point where the swell begins nearly down to the rim. As the work proceeds he frequently tests the note with a tuning-fork, and the moment the right tone is reached he stops the reaming. To raise the tone, on the contrary, he shaves off the lower edge of the bell, gradually lessening or flattening the bevel, in order to shorten the bell, for of two bells of equal diameter and thickness the shorter will give the higher note. A notable instance of bell-tuning, according to La Nature, recently occurred at Lausanne, where 12 bells, in three neighboring steeples, had only seven separate notes, and produced a most curious discord.

A Good showing.

Mr. J. S. Currie, the manager of the Situation Department of the Currie Business University, is meeting with great success in placing students in good situations. The following is a list of positions recently filled, the majority of which were secured through the Situation Department.

Miss Mabel Lingley of Westfield, with L. G. Higgins & Co., wholesale Boot & Shoes, Montreal.

E. L. MacDonald of Alma, with Sydney hotel, Sydney, C. B.

Annie G. Laskey, city, with Nee & Nee, Counsellors at Law, Boston, Mass.

Chas. A. Seely, city, with Phoenix Foundry, city.

Geo. N. Duffy, city, with Mt. Morris bank, New York city.

Laura Parker, Alyesford, N. S., with Chas. W. Boyer, Mechanical Engineer, Somerville, Mass.

W. J. McGuire, city, with Alfred Heane city.

Gertrude M. Gowan, city, with A. A. McClaskey & Son, Confectioners, city.

Myrtle Waring, Amherst, with Cumberland Pork Packing Co., Ltd., Amherst, N. S.

Arthur Abbinette, Hillsboro, with Dufferin hotel, city.

Fred Patterson, city, with F. C. Colwell & Co., Confectioners, city.

Millie Williams, Kingston, with Armington's grocery, Worcester, Mass.

Ethel Wheaton, Norton, with Excelsior Life Ins. Co., city.

Ethel Matthews, Clarendon station, with E. R. Chapman, barristers, City.

Howe Cowan, city, with Confederation Life Ass., Co., city.

C. T. Gard, Hopewell Cape, with E. J. Armstrong, printer city.

D. I. Buckley, Corn Hill, with F. E. Williams, grocer city.

Bertrand Beckwith, Sheffield Mills, N. S., with Dufferin hotel city.

Novelties of the Road.

In a jaunting-trip through the eastern counties of England, Mr. Hissey noted some of the curious signs which show how modern life differs from life in the past.

What, I wonder, would our ancestors make of the following notice appended to the sign of an old inn on the way, which we deemed worthy of being copied?

"Good accommodation and stabling for cyclists and motorists."

The following notice affixed to the porch of a country church, plainly tells the story of changed times and of changed ways:

"Cyclists welcomed in cycling dress."

On the road from Crowland to Spalding, by the wayside, we saw a large notice board bearing this legend:

"One thousand miles in one thousand hours, by Henry Girdlestone, at the age of fifty six, in the year 1844."

Lake Chelan's Upheaval.

Lake Chelan, in the State of Washington, just east of the Cascade range of mountains, was recently the scene of a strange disturbance. Without warning the water in the centre of the lake, which is some 40 miles long and three or four broad, rose to a height of 15 feet. Immense waves rolled upon the shores, and a large creek emptying into the lake ran dry for three hours. There is an Indian tradition of a volcanic crater having once existed in the neighborhood of the lake.

Intoxicated Bats.

Among the curious inhabitants of the Philippines, according to Prof. J. B. Steere, are fruit-eating bats, some of which are nearly as large as cats, with wings five feet in extent. During the day they remain hanging from the branches of trees in roosting places where they congregate by hundreds. They avoid the thick forests and sometimes roost in a lone

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tree on the plains. At twilight they become animated and attack the fruit orchards and coconut-groves. They are fond of the juice from which the natives make tuba, or palm beer, and drink it from the bamboo cups in which it has been collected. Sometimes the juice has begun to ferment and then the bats are intoxicated by it and fall helpless upon the ground, to be killed by their enemies in the morning.

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Square Meals.

"Yes, there wasn't much variety, but we had three square meals a day."
"What did you have?"
"Soda crackers."

"Mammy, dis paper say dat General Aginaldo hab named his boy Gawge Wash'ton."

"Do it say dat honey? Well, Ah, always t'ought he wuz a culled gen'man, an' now Ah's sho' ob it."