

Written for THE JURY.

SONNET.

May be when that which we call life is over
 We shall awake from dreams to better things!—
 Unlike the bird that haunts the fern and clover,
 The eagle pierces heaven with fearless wings.
 On mountain summits bubble the clear springs,
 While in the valleys sluggish waters lie;
 Star unto star, in space unmeasured, singe,
 And the refreshing rain is from the sky.
 May it not be that, some day, you and I
 From valleys dank shall to the mountain hie?
 Ah, not in vain, these hopes and aspirations,
 These longings range, they are not wholly vain,
 But step by step, by manifold gradations,
 At last the dreamed-of life we may attain.

H. L. SPENCER.

St. John, N. B., 1886.

OH, TO BE THUS AFFLICTED.

There was a young fellow named Lincoln,
 Who at his young lady kept wincoln;
 But says her brother, "Look here,
 You'll receive a tin ere

If you don't stop your co-founded blincoln!"

CASBY TAP.

Oakumoph Villa, December, 1886.

Mary of Apples.

The name of more than one Mary has entered into world's history. We have all read of Mary Magdalene, of Mary Queen of Scots, and of Mary who had the little lamb. Yes, we have all read of these Marys, but their time was before our's and we have beheld them not. There is to-day however, in our midst—yes, right here in this winter port of St. John—a Mary who is no less distinguished, and therefore no less worthy of a place in history than any of the other Marys. We refer to Mary of Apples. It is not our mission to present to the readers of our Christmas number a biographical sketch of Mary of Apples. The life's story of this distinguished personage will find a fitting place in the next edition of the history of our province, without which such a history would be incomplete.

This is the business booming season with the press; and, falling into line with our contemporaries, we set out merely to refer to the apple business of St. John, in which at the present time Mary of Apples occupies the highest and most prominent place (head of King street), although like many of the kings of commerce she commenced business on a small scale. Mary attributes her success largely to the fact that she is engaged in a commercial enterprise that lies within woman's sphere of labor, and in support



of the contention that apples and women were meant to go together she cites the fact that even as far back as the Garden of Eden woman was associated with the apple. Our reporter at this point cross questioned Mary a little regarding the Eden episode, which he suggested rather proved the apple to be a dangerous article in the hands of woman. Mary answered as follows: "Me darlint, de historians, accordin' to me own notion av things, air slightly mishtaken on dat pint. It's me own way av thinkin' dat de fal in Aiden was caused, not be an apple, but be a slippery piece of orange pale.

Mary of Apples commenced business in the city of St. John about ——— years ago. Up to the time of the great fire her office and warehouse were situated in the immediate vicinity of the ferry floats. When that fire turned down from the Market Square and proceeded to march along Water street, Mary of Apples, taking the advice of our Chief, began to move on. Mary's loss by the terrible conflagration which devastated our noble city was fortunately fully covered

by insurance. Mary's business has developed wonderfully during the past year, and although the bulk of it is done at her establishment on the corner of King and Charlotte streets, a large quantity of her goods are disposed of through commercial travelling—a now recognized system of conducting business, and one which Mary adopted years ago.

Mary gives the commercial travelling branch of her business personal attention. The engraving which accompanies this sketch was copied from a photo taken "on the road." Our artist presents Mary in the act of greeting an old and faithful customer, a very little lawyer who can eat a very big apple. Mary's blue book testifies that this little apple-eating Blackstowan circumcises eighteen Gravensteins a day, and all's well.

Mary, it will be observed, carries her sample cases. The larger one contains green apples, the other one some paragonic and mustard plaster, articles of virtue which, Mary claims, should always be sold with apples that are under age.

A Frenchman in a Fix.

"Ah," said a recently arrived Frenchman to his friend Suttlin, "my sweetheart has given me de mitten."

"Indeed; how did that happen?"

"Veil, I thought I must go to make her von visit before I leave town. So I step in de side of de room and dere I behold her beautiful parson stretch out on von lazy."

"A lounge, you mean?"

"Ah, yes, von lounge. And den I make von polite bow, and I say I was vere sure she would be rotten if I did not come to see her before I——"

"You said what?"

"I said she would be rotten if——"

"That's enough; you have put your foot in it to be sure."

"No, sare, I put my foot out of it, for she says she would call her sacre big brother and keek me out, bigar. I had proposed to say mortified, but I could not think of de word, and mortify and rot is all de same as von in my dictionaire."

BIOGRAPHICAL.—George H. Wallace, Sussex, Kings County, N. B., was appointed Justice of the Peace in March, 1857; Stipendiary Magistrate in April, 1874; and Collector of Customs and Inland Revenue, May, 1879. He has long been and still is, a local contributor of the St. John and other weekly and daily papers, being considered an off-handed, ready writer. He has done much that has tended to the prosperity of Sussex, in which he is hailed as a jolly good fellow.

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