

How an Iowa Lawyer was Ruined—A Canadian Girl Involved.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 15.—The body of the unknown man who died at the Butterfield House last Thursday evening...

The Death of Nero.

Nero wandered out into the streets of Rome knocked at the doors of friends; none would answer or let him in...

KISSING BABIES.—Everybody is expected to kiss the baby. The timid little girl who shrinks from the proffered osculation...

"Fred," the prince of wags, was getting home rather late, and a little happy; when passing by a dark alley, a large, two-fisted fellow stepped out...

TURF—BETTING ON THE DERBY.

Late English advices show that at Tattersall's, on the Monday before Christmas, books were opened on the Derby to be run at Epsom, May 28...

50 to 100 against Peter (taken). 9 to 1 against Palmouth (offered). 1,000 to 50 against Cadogan (taken).

Peter, who is highly thought of by the English press, is by Hermit, out of Lady Masham. He is the property of General Peel...

AQUATIC—WALLACE ROSS IN ENGLAND.

A correspondent of the St. John, N. B., Daily News writes as follows: "The presence of Wallace Ross in England causes much talk in aquatic circles..."

From the Latest European Files

Half of the Khedive's Winter Palace has been destroyed by fire.

Twelve new Cardinals will, it is asserted, shortly be appointed, of whom three will be foreigners.

Prince Bismarck's letter, addressed to the Federal Council, stating his views in regard to the revision of the Customs tariff...

While returning from a drive on Christmas Day, the Crown Prince of Germany and his aide-de-camp were thrown out of their carriage...

In order to prevent the carrying on of the contraband trade in tobacco at Gibraltar, which is estimated to cause a loss of £1,000,000...

Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales, gratefully remembering the kind reception accorded to the Prince of Wales and herself by the people of Sheffield in 1875...

Attended in person by the Duke of Edinburgh, the funeral of the Hon. Elliot Yorke, late M.P. for Cambridgeshire...

Sub-Lieutenants Garde and Morisey, of Her Majesty's ship Black Prince, have been charged at the Portsmouth Police-Court...

"Pauch," Jan. 4th.

A FIEND IN HUMAN SHAPE.—"Beg pardon, sir! I've just caught these two young rascals making a slide in front of your doorstep..."

A RETORT COURTEOUS.—New parlor-maid—"Here's a letter, ma'am, if you please!" New mistress—"Pray, Mary, are you not accustomed to see letters handed on a tray?"

AFGHAN COOKERY.—Cookery attains the dignity of a fine art in Cabul, and confectionery is made in large quantities. It is the custom to send a "zujafat," or ready-cooked dinner...

A HORRIBLE CRIME.—Last Friday night High Constable Armstrong, of Guelph, lodged in the cells John Crewson, of Erin Township, on a charge of carnally knowing Mary Dockray...

An elevated railroad station is, of course station airy.

FAILURE FIGURES FOR 1878

Reported by E. G. Dun & Co. From the annual circular of the Mercantile Agency of R. G. Dun & Co., we learn that the total number of failures in the United States for 1878 were 10,478...

Table with columns: Year, Number, Total Liabilities, Average Liabilities. Data for 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878.

From the very complete tabulated statement which the circular contains we extract the following, indicating the geographical sections in which the failures for the past year have occurred...

Table showing failures by State/Region: Dominion of Canada, Total for the U.S., New York, Pennsylvania, etc.

The failures and liabilities are also given by quarters for the last four years, those for 1877 and 1878 being as follows:

Table with columns: Quarter, 1877 Failures, 1877 Liabilities, 1878 Failures, 1878 Liabilities.

On the Mississippi.

A young and rich American lady, with her three children, boarded one of the Mississippi steamboats, which have the dangerous habit of enjoying a little racing when a couple of them are careering up or down the stream...

The practice of gift-giving on New-Year's Day, which is fast dying out among the Anglo-Saxons, is doubtless another inheritance from the Romans. All through the Middle Ages it was extravagantly maintained...

A FLEECED CANADIAN.—The Detroit Free Press yesterday said:—George K. Thompson is the name of a genteel, good-natured young Canadian who came to grief and reported it in this city yesterday...

From the Latest European Files—December 27.

The Tagblatt states that intelligence was received at the end of last month from the Palace of Goodollos, Hungary...

The Vienna Presse of the 27th ult. says that the rumors of attempt upon the life of the Emperor of Austria have been confirmed...

Count Szapary, the Austro-Hungarian Minister of Finance proceeded to Vienna on Jan. 5 to resume the negotiations with the Rothschild group for a financial operation.

A special mission from Nepal, accompanied by Colonel Impey, late British resident at that Court, has been dispatched to the Viceroy...

With regard to the statement that a convention between Austria and the Porte, involving not only Novi-Bazar, but Bosnia and Herzegovina, is in a fair way of being concluded...

Although defeated on several points, and reported from Turkish sources to be finally routed, the Macedonian insurgents, a Vienna correspondent telegraphs, are now rallying their forces for further action.

A Berlin correspondent telegraphs that the leading Powers in the confidential pourparlers concerning the mixed occupation of Roumelia and Bulgaria do not, it is stated, desire to despatch European contingents immediately after the retirement of the Russians...

The Imparcial of Madrid announces that a marriage has been arranged between the Infanta Maria del Pilar and the eldest son of Prince de Joinville.

Complaints, according to the New Prussian (Cross) Gazette, have been addressed to London in reference to a conflict which has arisen between the High Commissioner of Cyprus and M. Magni, German and Italian Consul at Larnaca...

Several Mongol chiefs, Lord Lytton telegraphs, have arrived in the camp of General Roberts, and are stated to be very pleased with their reception.

Rumors are current in diplomatic circles at Berlin, it is stated, to the effect that Russia has demanded reimbursement of the expenses incurred in the occupation of Turkish Roumelia.

For the winter the Russians have established a naval station at Tultscha.

An Italian gentleman with a nice little income had a nice little servant girl, who said to him one morning: "Oh, if you please, won't you give me three francs to buy a lottery ticket?"

Returning quietly to the house he concealed his emotion and said to the servant girl: "Susan, I have long observed with approbation your piety, beauty, modesty, skill in the art of cookery and other good qualities...

"Honest Injun?" said the blushing virgin. "You bet. I swear by yonder silver spoon that tips with beauty all the fruit-pie top!"

In a few minutes the bride-elect returned, clad in a red shawl, with a black velvet bonnet trimmed with sunflowers and Victoria regia.

"Darling, everything is bright for us upon our wedding-day. You remember the ticket in the lottery that you dreamed about and I gave you three francs to buy. Where is it, my ownest?"

A good looking fellow was arraigned before the Police Court, charged with having stolen a watch. The Judge asked him what induced him to commit the theft...

A young lady advertised for a maid. One applied, and in response to the enquiry whether she was quick, she replied, "Oh, so quick that I will engage to dress you every day in half an hour."

The Archbishop of London correspondent with the accumulation of it is said that Dr. Tait contemplates retirement from the Primacy. It should prove true the archbishop will once more be in the gift of the Prime Minister...

A REMINISCENCE OF DICKENS.—Among a batch of letters just received by this steamer is one from a tourist friend, who has been good enough to copy entire a page out of a guide book...

White Horse, where they sold the most possible wine at the best possible price, entirely altered Mr. Brook's notions as to the power of the pen, and much of his life was spent raving about the injury Dickens was doing him...

Elgin has a model judge in the person of His Honor D. J. Hughes. For refined language to an opponent he is the equal of O'Connell's celebrated fishwife. How such a man was ever elevated to the Bench is to me a mystery...

Two VARIETIES OF SCIATICA.—There are two varieties of sciatica, one in which the nutrition of the limb is unchanged, the other accompanied by atrophy of the limb.

BARRIS, Jan. 15.—The annual meeting of the West Simcoe Agricultural Society was held to-day. There was a good attendance of members.