

The Back o' Beyond.

Should folk come to see you their secrets to tell, And add, "Dinna say that I tell't you mysel'."

Or, there's nae sayin' how [the bit matter may be] As for me I may say it would injure me sair.

When folk w' lang tongues come to your fire-en, And deive you w' clavers 'bout folk that they ken.

Gin freens, as they're called—bonnie freens, I oft think— Come in just to see you an' rest for a blink.

Should tippers come in w' a dram to your house, An' ask you to join in a jolly carouse.

They promise that of it they never will speak; Don't listen, I pray you, to ocht o' their crack.

It's a wonderfu' place, etc.

EASTER TOILETS.

A Handsome Variety of Dress Novelties—Vegetables and Fruits on Hats.

Dressmakers and milliners are "busy as bees" with silks, satins, velvets and laces, getting ready for Easter Sunday.

All wool plaided fabrics are once more fashionable and are combined with plain goods of the same hues, and those that are favored are marine blue and dahlia-red.

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According to a report published by the company for excavating the canal on the isthmus of Corinth, the works will be finished by the time appointed—i. e., in the year 1887.

Lord Tennyson retired immediately after being sworn in as a peer, without taking his seat on either side of the House or on the cross benches.

CURRENT TOPICS.

An ordinary Cabinet Minister soon sinks into insignificance in England when he retires from office; even Mr. Milner Gibson, to whom the penny papers are under enormous obligations, seeing that no one did so much to repeal the paper duty, was scarcely known by name to the present generation until his death occurred last month.

Dr. Bjornstrom, superintendent of a lunatic asylum at Stockholm, introduced a printing press and some type into the establishment for the benefit of an insane compositor. The other patients became interested in printing, and the doctor soon gave them a more extensive apparatus.

The Hygienic Institute of Munich is making elaborate experiments with what they call Dr. Jager's "normal clothing." It consists in having all the undergarments woven in one, and the two extremities are digitated.

Binns, the new British Jack Ketch, who hanged Michael McLean, a boy of 18, at Liverpool March 13th, does not appear to give satisfaction, not even to those whom he hangs. McLean, to begin with, decidedly objected to be hanged at all, on the ground that he was innocent of the crime for which he was to suffer.

Before publishing his book, "Study and Stimulants," Mr. A. Arthur Reade sent circulars to a large number of literary men, asking about their habits with respect to the use of alcohol, tobacco, etc., while engaged in literary work.

With reference to the early life of Osman Digma, the Suakim correspondent of the London Times writes that he was originally a broker and trader, and principally a slave trader, in Suakim and Jeddah, where he received a severe financial blow when, some six years ago, a British cruiser captured two slave dhows full of victims, on the way to Jeddah.

Prof. Mohr of Christians, Norway, having been employed by the Government to investigate the efficiency of the protection afforded to buildings by lightning-rods, seems to have substantially settled the much debated question, at least for that region of country.

Baker Pariss is the son of a Gloucestershire squire, and is 54 years of age. He entered the army as a cornet in the Ceylon Rifles in 1848, was transferred to the Tenth Hussars in 1852, passed in the same year to the Twelfth Lancers, where he remained until 1856, when he rejoined the Tenth Hussars as captain, and became lieutenant-colonel of that regiment, in which the Prince of Wales was placed under him for military education.

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In consequence of the enforcement of the Scott Act in Halton the druggists appear to be doing a very thriving business in that county. According to the returns brought down in the Dominion Senate, there are five druggists in the county licensed to sell liquor under the Act, but only three of them have yet made proper returns.

By-the-by, it is rumored that bangs are surely going out of fashion this spring, and that the hair will be worn brushed plainly back from the forehead. While bangs are not necessary for women who possess low, pretty foreheads, they are an absolute necessity for women who possess high, ugly foreheads.

Stupid Sayings of Great Men.

In a preface to the recently issued letters of Gustave Flaubert we learn that Flaubert had prepared a kind of dictionary of "the stupid sayings of great men." Some of these are exquisite. "Water," said Fenelon, "is made for the purpose of supporting those prodigious floating edifices that we call vessels."

The Mahdi Interviewed.

The Arab text in the Abu Maddara gives an account of an interview of the editor of the Arab paper with the False Prophet. In the course of the interview Mohammed Ahmed said:

"What proves that I never pretended to be the Mahdi is that I am surrounded by the most illustrious sheiks of Islam and by thousands of partisans who, instead of fighting by my side, would have abandoned me if I had put forward the claim attributed to me by my enemies. Gordon has been sent with 500,000 shalers to buy my allies as he succeeded in buying some Arab chiefs. But I swear, in the name of Allah, that if Gordon falls into my hands I will kill him and will distribute his money among the poorer Mussulmans who fight with me."

"But," asked the interviewer, "what will you do in the event of the English arming Indians and Abyssinians against you?" "I have no fear of the Indians," was the reply. "Those who are Mussulmans are with us. Those who are idolaters are anxious to liberate themselves from English tyranny. As to the Abyssinians, not one of them would survive."

"And what about the English?" "The sun will melt them. As to myself, if I do not succeed I will perish on the battlefield."

Sweden has a law which says that a man drunk thrice loses a right to vote. The Dublin correspondent of the London Telegraph denies, upon information from the highest authority, that there is any truth in the statement that a conspiracy has been discovered to blow up Mountjoy prison with dynamite.

It is believed by eminent London lawyers that the sentence of imprisonment passed on Mr. Edmund Yates, editor of the World, for a libel on Earl Londale, will be annulled by the Court of Appeal.

The French expedition to Hung-Hoa has started. The troops are massed at Bontay. It is reported that for the defence of Hung-Hoa there are assembled 3,000 Black Flags and 12,000 Chinese troops. Serious resistance is expected there.

Samuel W. Baker, the African explorer, is quoted as saying that camels will cross a desert with a load of 400 pounds at the rate of thirty miles a day, in the burning heat of summer, and require water only every third or fourth day. In the cooler months the animals will work seven or eight days without water, and if grazing on green foliage, without labor, will only drink once a fortnight.

EATING SIXTY EGGS A DAY.

Pearall's Five-day Hatch More Than Half Over and No Signs of Failing.

A New York despatch says: All Fulton fish market is deeply interested in the question whether Charles Pearall is going to kill himself or win a small pile of greenbacks. He goes to John Ross' restaurant, at 206 Front street, and eats eggs as if they were oysters, about as fast as a man can open them. He does this twice a day, and a considerable body of men from the fish market stand around and look at him. He is not fond of eggs now, but up to a day or two ago he liked them so much that he boasted of the number it took to satisfy him. He said he could eat 60 eggs a day for five days. John Ross bet that he could not, and a match was made for Pearall to start in on Tuesday and eat 30 eggs at a sitting twice a day for five days. Pearall is to get \$25 if he succeeds. He is a good looking, light complexioned young man of about 140 pounds weight. He works in the fish market. The fishermen all bet on him, and outside sports have been betting against him. He has his eggs soft boiled and emptied into big soda water glasses. Three glasses hold thirty eggs. The fishermen jibe him while he eats. He does not appear to be at all inconvenienced by his unusual meals, and no one doubts that he will win on Saturday. Later—Pearall on Saturday ate the last one of his 300 eggs and won the wager.

Scalping Talk About Bangs.

By-the-by, it is rumored that bangs are surely going out of fashion this spring, and that the hair will be worn brushed plainly back from the forehead. While bangs are not necessary for women who possess low, pretty foreheads, they are an absolute necessity for women who possess high, ugly foreheads. There can be no denying the fact that when the hair is arranged prettily and becomingly over the forehead it greatly softens the outlines of the face, and lends an additional charm to it. It is all nonsense for people to say that the most sensible women wear their hair brushed smoothly back from their brows. The most sensible women are those who know what is becoming to them. If they look well with their hair banged or curled they wear it so; if they do not they fail to follow the prevailing fashion, and dress their hair plainly. The Grecian knot has gone entirely out of fashion except for street wear. It is almost impossible to wear the hair on the top of one's head with the fashionable hat of the period. Very few ornaments are worn in the hair. Those that are worn are mostly silver or amber hairpins.—American Queen.

No Female Charmer Admitted.

In the old days no woman was allowed to desecrate the monastery of San Augustin, Mexico, by so much as putting her foot within its walls. A noble lady of Spain, wife of the reigning viceroy, was bent on visiting it. Nothing could stop her, and in she came. But she found only empty cloisters, for each virtuous monk looked himself securely in his cell, and afterward every stone in the floor which her sacrilegious feet had touched was carefully replaced by new ones fresh from the mountain top before the pollution of her presence was considered removed. But times are sadly changed, and the house has been turned into a common hostelry.

The Dominion Census.

An Ottawa despatch says: The second volume of the census of 1881 was brought down to-day. It gives statistics respecting the ages and occupations of the people, births, marriages, mortality statistics, and statements of the number of churches, benevolent and penal institutions. The death-rate in the various Provinces during the year preceding the taking of the census was: Ontario, 11.87 (18.87?) per 1,000; Quebec, 19.07 do.; Nova Scotia, 14.54 do.; New Brunswick, 15.02 do.; P. E. Island, 14.27 do.; Manitoba, 12.34 do.; British Columbia, 20.35 do.

Dr. S. B. BRITTON says: "As a rule, physicians do not by their professional methods build up the female constitution, and they seldom cure the diseases to which it is always liable in our variable climate and under our imperfect civilization. Special remedies are often required to restore organic harmony and to strengthen the enfeebled powers of womanhood, and for most of these we are indebted to persons outside of the medical profession. Among the very best of these remedies I assign a prominent place to Mrs. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

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"Ta, ta; I'll see you later," said Amy, taking leave of the high school girl the other evening. "You mean," replied the latter, "that you will regularly observe me at a subsequent period, do you not?"

The Sting Withins.

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Among the sixty-nine gentlemen who will receive the honorary degree of LL.D. at the Edinburgh University tri-centenary commemoration are Professors Cayley, Helmholtz and Haekel, Sir John Lubbock, Sir Henry Maine and Mr. Archibald Geikie.



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