

(September 19th, 1881.)

O! God, Thou livest whose lives or dies,
O! God, Thou reignest when the rulers fall;
Around Thee now, the clouded darkness lies,
Yet Thou art in the darkness, and we call
To Thee, our Sovereign! ah! doth blood
atone?

ASEAR A. MULLON, Lincoln, Neb.

An Old Maid's Life.

Sweet 16—Builds castles and dwells on
love in cottage.
18—Joins an archery club. Affects
intellectual repasts, such as "Reading
Clubs." Dances every set and rejects all
love proposals.

Sunshine for Rheumatism.

Sunshine as a remedy for rheumatism
must not be forgotten. We all know that
a change from a cold, damp, to a warm,
dry atmosphere often proves most ser-
viceable in this disease.

PRIVATION AND DEATH.

The Sad Experience of Gulf Fishermen.
Telegraphing this (Monday) afternoon,
our Ottawa correspondent says: Advice
received in this city state that the fishing
on most parts of the coasts of Labrador
and Anticosti has been above the average,

Storage of Heat.

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Some of the uses to which this piece of
apparatus may be put have already been
stated, and many others will suggest them-
selves to persons employed in different
avocations. It will doubtless be found very
convenient for keeping cooked food warm
when there is occasion to remove it some
distance from the fire.

The Management of Sick Children.

The vicissitudes necessarily incident to
an out-door and primitive mode of life are
never the first causes of any disease,
though they may sometimes betray its
presence. Bronchitis, nowadays perhaps
the most frequent of all infantile diseases,
makes no exception to this rule; a draught
of cold air may reveal the latent progress
of the disorder, but its cause is long con-
finement in a vitiated and overheated
atmosphere, and its proper remedy ventila-
tion and a mild, phlegm-softening (sac-
charine) diet, warm sweet milk, sweet
oatmeal porridge, or honey-water.

Many traditions of romance met together
in the marriage of the Crown Prince of
Sweden with the Princess Victoria of
Baden. The bridegroom is a great-grand-
son of the French soldier of fortune Berna-
dotte; the bride, through her grandmother,
descends from the exiled dynasty of Sweden
called the "House of Vasa."

SEEKING DEATH.

An Impetuous Student Commits Suicide
by Throwing Himself Before a Loco-
motive.

A despatch from London, Ont., dated
Saturday, says: About 5.30 this evening
an unknown man, who was walking along
the Great Western Railway track towards
the city, suddenly threw himself before the
engine of No. 7 express for the west. A
relief party was sent out with a hand-car
and brought the body to the Great Western
depot, in a horribly mangled condition.

WHAT NEXT?

The Language of Postage Stamps.

Some ingenious persons have given a
meaning to the location of a postage stamp
on a letter. For example, they say that
when a stamp is inverted on the right hand
upper corner it means the person written
to is to write no more. If the stamp be
placed on the left hand upper corner and
inverted, then the writer declares his
affection for the receiver of the letter.

Michigan Forest Fires.

To the Editor of the Montreal Witness:
Sir,—On seeing the article in last Satur-
day's issue on "Immediate Action Needed,"
and noticing that it referred to forest fires,
I searched it through expecting to find some
reference to Canadian sufferers, but was
sorry to see that there was no thought or
feeling expressed, except for our "neigh-
bors, if not brethren, in Michigan." Now,
I beg to submit, Mr. Editor, that to help
the Michiganians is no duty of ours. St.
Paul's dictum is, "If any man provide not
for his own, he is worse than an infidel,"
and while it is all we can do to provide for
our own, there is no nation better able than
the United States to provide for its own.

In the German town of Herxheim there
were such hordes of mice that a reward of
a fourth of a cent for every one killed was
offered by the municipal authorities. Under
this stimulus proof has been furnished
within a short time of the death of over
340,000.

A RASCAL'S PLOT.

A Utica Madman Arguing in Favor of
Conkling's Assassination.

A telegram from New York says an
alleged plot of a madman to revenge the
death of Garfield by murdering Conkling
has been discovered. The plotter is a per-
son residing in Utica, where he has done
business for fifteen years. The informant
of the police is Mr. Jackson, a shipping
merchant doing business in the East River.

The Exchange of Courtesies.

A story is told of an exchange of courtesies
between a Scotch minister and his parish-
ioner which is characteristic of both. The
minister was but lately inducted into a
country living, and in his round of parochial
visits called at the cottage of a little tailor.

Protecting Fish and Game.

The following notice has just been issued
to the Inspectors from the office of Mr. F.
Witcher, Commissioner of Fisheries:
Pickeral, maskinonge and bass cannot be
caught from 15th April to 15th May;
speckled trout, brook or river trout cannot
be caught from 15th September to 1st May;

Tailors' Bluffs.

A warning to tailors has just been given
by an able English judge, Robert Malcolm
Kerr, to whom lawyers owe what is
reputed to be the best edition of Black-
stone. A London city tailor named
Richter sought to recover the value of an
overcoat ordered and supplied to a defend-
ant, Mr. Reed, who was "something in
the city," and who contended that the coat
was two inches too low in the collar, and
in fact such a garment that no gentleman
would condescend to wear.

THE greatest curiosity at a country fair
is the orator. He is usually in his speech
so distant from anything agricultural, even
when he talks of crops and stock, that the
farmers like to listen to him. He patron-
izes the countryman by saying that the
sons of the soil are as good as other people.

An amusing story is related concerning
Mr. Bradley, the new Dean of Westmin-
ster. He was once staying with the
Arnolds in Westmoreland, when a picnic
was arranged. Lots were drawn as to who
should stay at home and "mind the
house," and the office fell to Mr. Bradley.

TEA TABLE GOSSIP.

—Always toney—the voice.
—A hard case—the oyster's.
—Wild turkey and quail can now be shot.
—A pound of pluck is worth a ton of loak.
—A man seldom mends his fortune by
darning the odds.

—The matriculation examinations of the
University of Trinity College opened on
Saturday last. Twelve candidates pre-
sented themselves.

—At Battleford, N. W. T., salt is quoted
as selling at \$75 per bbl.; kerosene oil never
less than \$2.75, and sometimes as high as
\$8 per gallon; sugar 25c. per pound.

—A London journal thinks that when
women begin to work they will smoke also,
and that doubtless there will come a day
when Worth will always add to his dresses
a dainty little tobacco pouch or cigarette
pocket.

—"Subscriber"—It would be difficult
for you to secure a genuine Egyptian
mummy unless at an enormous cost. You
might secure a semi-modern substitute,
that can scarcely be detected, so perfect is
the imitation, by applying to the Board of
Works.

—Oyster shells, a Paris paper says, are
reduced to powder and used in the manu-
facture of artificial seltzer water, so that
the same shell may appear twice on the
same table of a restaurant, first in its
natural state, next as part of the contents
of a siphon.

—As this is one time of the year for
refurnishing and refitting, it is important
to remember that the walls and carpet of a
drawing-room must have a proper contrast.
If the walls are dark the carpet must be
light, and vice versa.

—The amount of litigation going on this
fall is very light, the people, judges, rep-
orters and jurors are thankful, though the
lawyers are grumbling at the stagnation of
trade.

—When the girl who has encouraged a
young man for about two years suddenly
tells him that she can never be more than a
sister to him, he can for the first time see
the freckles on her nose.

—A contemporary asks: "What does
encore mean?" It is only one phase of
the universal desire among the sons of men
to get something for nothing, and to get it
at once.

—Meyers has a bad voice, but is all the
time humming a snatch of some song.
The other day he was talking to Gilkerson
about himself, saying "that he would cul-
tivate his voice." "That's right," said
Gilkerson, "plant it deep."

—Never let a child bang a piano. The
first impression of treating the instrument
as a toy may do lasting damage to later
musical instruction. A clear, firm touch-
ing of a note at a time should be all that is
allowed, even to the youngest children.

—A letter in the Evangelical Churchman
triumphantly points out that High Church-
ism in high places is gradually being
eliminated from Toronto and its neighbor-
hood. First, Archdeacon Palmer had to
go, then Dean Geddes (Hamilton), then
Provost Whitaker, and now the Rev. W. S.
Darling.

MARRIED—DEAD.

In the columns, side by side,
Stand these captions, Married, Died.
What fine irony is this
That shaded with death our nuptial bliss
That bends beneath one earnest gaze
The story of two wondrous days?
The kiss of death, or blushing bride,
Sarcastic blend in Married, Died.

—A lady is anxious to learn "why it is
that a man entering, alone, a church of
empty pews, and seating himself, always
puts his hat in the pew in front of him
instead of laying it at his side, the front
pew being as liable to be filled as any other."
She thinks it may be for the same reason
that, as has always been noticed, when this
animal comes out of a saloon wiping his
mouth he goes one way and looks another.

—The Ottawa Free Press says Wrangel
Island, in the Arctic Ocean, recently taken
possession of by Lieut. Hooper, of the
United States, on behalf of the United
States Government, is really part of the
Dominion, having been formally trans-
ferred by the British Government during
Mr. Mackenzie's regime.

—Electricity is now employed in the
rectification of inferior alcohol. The
electricity generated by a voltaic battery
and a dynamo-electric machine is passed
through the alcohol so as to disengage the
superfluous hydrogen. By this means beet-
root alcohol, which is usually very poor, can
be made to yield 80 per cent. of spirits
equal to that obtained from the best malt

LINES ON A PLUMBER.

Most modest of men is the plumber,
No rival has he save the drummer;
Though the world's e'er malign,
Yet he never repines,
And thriveth in winter and summer

Give him but an order to plumb,
And his bill straightway reaches a sum;
That depletes your exchequer—
Would equip a three-decker—
And makes you most awfully glum.

—When the earth in which a plant grows
is much warmer than the air, the plant
grows very thick, ceases almost altogether
to increase in height, and finally shows
deep transverse rifts which make further
growth an impossibility. These effects
were produced by M. Prilleux, who used a
large dish of earth, in which he planted
the seeds, and kept the earth 10 degrees
warmer than the moist air of the chamber.

The autumn leaves were falling fast
As gaily to the stables passed
A man in spurs and top-boots dight,
Who shouted with a strange delight—
"Ho! Tally-ho!"

"Go not too fast," Old William said,
"Don't mend the pace and break your head;
The fences are stiff, the streams are wide,"
But loud as the cheery horn he cried,
"Ho! Tally-ho!"

"O stay," the maiden said, "and play
At tennis in the hall to-day,
He twirled his fair monstache a while,
But still he shouted, with a smile—
"Ho! Tally-ho!"

Beware the horse's treacherous flinch;
Beware the terrible bull-finch.
'Tis far the faithful groom's good-day;
Far off a voice cried: "Gone away!"
"Ho! Tally-ho!"

At eve, a laborer homeward bound,
Beside a ditch the huntsman found—
With broken leg and injured side,
Who still in faintest accents cried,
"Ho! Tally-ho!"