

The Old Brown School-House.

It stood on a bleak country corner,
The houses were distant and few,

In memory's hall hangs the picture,
And years of sad care are between;

The teacher, O well I remember,
My heart has long kept him a place;

Oh! I gazed on the sports of the noontide,
When winter winds frolicked with snow;

We sat on the old-fashioned benches,
Regaled with our pencil and slate;

Economy in Dress.

A dress that is so peculiar as to be striking,
either from its brilliancy of color or any other cause,
should be adopted only by a woman who has many changes of raiment
and so may wear it only occasionally, or the sight of it becomes a bore,
even if at first it is interesting from its novelty.

Captain D. D. Latham, who commanded the well known steamer Crescent during the rebellion,
and family, New London, Conn.; Col. T. H. Adams, Royal First Rifles,
and Col. E. C. Gordon, Royal Engineers, England,
are among the late arrivals at the Prospect House, Niagara Falls.

TRANCES.

Unconscious Sermons—Sleeping Oratory—Record of Similar Cases.

AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE OF SOMNAMBULISM.

BERLIN, O., Nov. —The citizens of this quiet little hamlet are now laboring under intense excitement over a most remarkable case of somnambulism. A young man named John Oplinger goes into a trance every day about 3 o'clock, from which he does not emerge until late the following morning.

Another more remarkable instance is recorded by the Archbishop of Bordeaux. A young minister of Bordeaux was known to be a somnambulist, and the Archbishop repaired to his room every night after he had fallen asleep in order to study the nature of the strange disease. The young minister would presently arise, take pen, ink and paper, and begin the composition of a sermon.

Spirits in Manufactures.

New regulations touching the manufacture of extracts have been issued by the Dominion Government, the substance of which is as follows:

All tinctures, essences and extracts manufactured in bond, and from which the alcohol or spirit can be extracted in a portable state by the usual process of redistillation or rectification, shall, when entered for consumption, pay the same duty of excise as the alcohol or spirit which they contain would pay if entered for consumption in its pure state.

The Tyne has been greatly deepened of late years, and the effect has been to increase the shipping until Newcastle ranks third among England's ports, 15,717 vessels having entered last year.

FOES OF THE TELEGRAPH.

How Buffaloes, Bears, Monkeys, Elephants, Worms and Spiders Destroy the Wires.

(Youth and Pleasure.)

If you will kick or pound on a telegraph pole or place your ear against one on a windy day, what will the noise remind you of? A hive of bees? Precisely. So it does the bears in Norway.

Chinamen Buying Wives.

A Chinaman, when anxious to have a wife of his own nation, sends a letter to an agent in Hong Kong. A reporter has one of these epistles, but it is practically impossible to translate it into English.

The new British Minister at Washington is in serious danger. The fascinations which American women have for the diplomatic sons of Britain are such that when Lady Derby saw her brother off she must have felt that she gazed on him for the last time as a bachelor.

Dr. Evans, the American dentist in Paris, has assumed the title of Baron D'Oyley, and the Pope offered to make him Marquis, but he declined further honors while practising his profession.

FLIRTATIONS.

The Demoralizing Effects of "No Business" Special Friendship.

It was probably the primary design that men and women should live together, and not be arbitrarily separated, like the "coal-scuttles" and "broad-brims" on the benches of a Quaker meeting.

Ab, Flato! Flato! you have paved the way With your confounded fantasies to more Immoral contact by the facied way Your system feigns o'er the controller's core Of human hearts, than all the long array Of poets and romancers.

It is just this "controller core of human hearts" that interferes to spoil all. Co-education itself has failed to annihilate sex. Even though a girl should take an honest interest in biology, mathematics and Greek philosophy (not the Platonic) she still remains a woman—and sometimes an attractive one.

An Historical Thoughtfare.

Canongate street, Edinburgh, is one of the most historically important streets in Great Britain. Narrow and dirty as it now is, with rough sturdy fishermen jostling the passer-by at every step, with alleysways reeking with odors of stale fish and decaying vegetables, it was once the leading street of Edinburgh.

Mitts Worn Over Gloves.

The latest importations in handwear show a large variety of mitts and wristlets knit of silk. Mitts knit like the old-fashioned chain-stitch knitted purses are among the handsomest of these. Unlined they begin in price at \$1.50; at \$1.75 they are lined with tinted plush.

A MILLIONAIRE'S WIFE CHOICE.

An Orphan Store Girl the Happy One. Henry P. Journey is a Brooklyn millionaire in the dry goods business, and has been looked upon as a confirmed old bachelor.

Last week Mr. Journey selected his bride from among the young women in the ladies' underwear department of his store. Her name was Miss Kate S. Sephton. She was an orphan, modest and gentle in demeanor, and simple in her dress.

Woman's Self-Sacrifice.

"Oh, no, he never beats me," said Julia Connors, trying to look the Judge straight in the face.

The woman dropped her eyes, fingered her shawl nervously for a moment and then looked up, fixed her black eyes calmly upon the Court and said: "The officer is mistaken. Martin put his hand upon my arm and spoke to me a little cross about something and then I pushed him away."

The Court found Julia and Martin Connors guilty of mutual assault and fined the woman \$1 without costs and the man \$10 with costs. The woman paid her fine, spoke an encouraging word to the man and went out from the court-room.

Bloodhounds in the Russian Army.

The Russians have strengthened their army by the novel addition to each company of a pack of powerful and carefully-trained dogs. These watchful animals are sent out with the sentinels on picket duty, where their sharp ears and still keener scent will prove an impregnable barrier to the lurking spies of the enemy.

The Prima Donna and the Bouquet.

Patti sung for the relief of the Michigan sufferers the other night in New York, the platform being occupied by Mayor Grace and other distinguished citizens. During the performance a man named Saunders brought in an immense laurel wreath, with which he proposed to crown Patti queen of song of two continents.

In Paris a few days since, on All Saints' Day, the decoration of the graves of the dead, as is customary, took place. The principal objective point of this annual pilgrimage is the famous cemetery of Pere la Chaise, whither this year 150,000 people went. From 1 o'clock in the afternoon until 4 it was impossible to force one's way out of the cemetery, as the incoming crowd was so great.