

THE WILY POSSUM.

When the Cunning Animal Leads His Pursuers Astray. The possum will usually go home by a tree trunk road. Through the open country on the boundaries of his range...

Thorny Path of the Musician.

It is the bitter truth that fairly good musicians too often find after years of study and expense that it is almost impossible to secure a hearing and that money must go out where it is expected to come in.

The Deepest Lake.

Lake Baikal, in Siberia, is by far the deepest lake known in the world. It is in every way comparable to the great lakes as regards size, for, while its area is more than 9,000 square miles...

His First and Last.

An amusing story is told of Massenet's solitary experience with a gun. It was when he was a Prieur de Rome musical student at the Villa Medici...

Cherries in Switzerland.

In mediaeval times there was no private ownership in cherry trees in Switzerland. They belonged to the community, and there were special regulations as to their picking.

A Sad Experience.

"Did you have a pleasant voyage?" "No," sighed the beautiful American heiress. "It was one of the saddest experiences of my life. There were two counts and a duke aboard, but the weather was so rough that they never came out of their rooms."

Wee Bit Dear.

Mrs. Newlied—I made a big batch of these biscuits today. Mr. Newlied—You did indeed, dear. Mrs. Newlied—How do you know how big a batch I made?

Not There.

"Yes," said the star boarder, "I've had an attack of dyspepsia." "I'm sure you didn't get it here," snapped Mrs. Stintem promptly.

BERLIOZ, THE UNGALLANT.

What the Composer Wrote in Adeline Patti's Album. Mme. Adeline Patti at the height of her celebrity kept an album in which all the notable people of her acquaintance were expected to write or paint or sketch or compose some little telling fragment.

Clever Caterpillars.

Caterpillars accommodate themselves wonderfully to circumstances and display at critical periods of their development very high powers of instinct, which may seem akin to reasoning. Huber describes a succession of processes by which one of them constructs a most complicated hammock for its approaching change into chrysalis form.

Winning a Fur Coat.

The artist Hans Canon once painted a Russian prince in a magnificent fur mantle which took his fancy so greatly that he endeavored to hit on a plan by which he might retain possession of it. On sending home the portrait he omitted to return the garment, and to the letter requesting him to do so he made no reply.

A Rainy Day Hint.

"Ever notice how many men hang on to their morning papers on a rainy day?" inquired a Harlemite. "No? Well, they keep them to dry their shoes. There are nearly a score of clerks in our office, and on fair days they leave their newspapers in their trains or boats, but when the streets are wet they keep them."

Died and Re-died.

During the Boer war a British soldier, who had been reported killed in a certain battle and against whose name in the regimental book a note to that effect had been made, afterward turned up and reported himself. Then the sergeant made another note in the book, "Died by mistake." The man was placed in hospital and a few weeks later succumbed to the injuries he had received.

Pablo Spirit.

Mrs. Cassidy—We'll have to be getting a piano for Mary Ann to be learning music. Mr. Cassidy—I'll buy her one on one condition—that she don't start to learn to play till she knows how.

Hope.

"Did you tell that publisher that your novel was entirely original?" "Yes." "What did he say?" "He said it might be good in spite of that fact, but he doubted it."—Washington Star.

Not in Their Class.

Jaggars—Why does that De Style family always refuse custard pie? Waggars—Because it has no upper crust.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

Long Hair

About a year ago my hair was coming out very fast, so I bought a bottle of Ayer's Hair Vigor. It stopped the falling and made my hair grow very rapidly, until now it is 45 inches in length.—Mrs. A. Boydston, Atchison, Kans.

Mr. Dolan's Carriage.

Mr. Dolan, through the agency of butter and eggs, had reached that stage of prosperity where he was able to set up an establishment with a horse and carriage, and nobody begrudged him his success.

Burglarious Bees.

To the person who knows nothing about bees they represent the supreme type of industry. But even the bee communities are disturbed by those of their own kind who break through and steal. Robber bees are always a source of anxiety to beekeepers, says the London Chronicle.

A Funny Chase.

Lord Orford, an eccentric English nobleman, once had a team of red deer stags that he frequently drove to a light coach. All went well until one day there happened to be a pack of staghounds on the road from London to Brighton, along which Lord Orford's picturesque team was merrily setting.

Conquering a Critic.

William Simpson, a British artist, who accompanied the army during the Crimean war, said that Lord Cardigan, the commander, examined his early sketches of Balaklava with "a vacant stare," curtly remarking, "It is all wrong." Still Simpson persevered and was rewarded in the end "with the expression of Lord Cardigan's highest admiration."

The Debt Was Forgotten.

Trotter—Why haven't you been in to see me lately? Ballaw—Well—the truth is I was afraid that you might regard my visit as a reminder of the money you owe me.

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SOUTH VICTORIA AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

A Meeting of the Members of the above Society is hereby called at the Council Chamber, Lindsay.

Friday, Dec. 18th, 1903

At 2 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of purchasing more land, as the Directors cannot carry on their Fair to the benefit of this County without more ground. Every member is requested to attend, also all those interested in the said Fair.

THE GERM THEORY.

De Foe gave a hint of it in the Early Eighteenth Century. De Foe's "Journal of the Plague Year," published in 1722, contains two passages which grope toward bacteriology. De Foe himself pretends to disbelieve the theories. But his way is to seem to doubt what he is really eager to advance.

In another place is this passage: "I have heard it was the opinion of others that it (the disease) might be distinguished by the party's breathing upon a piece of glass, where, the breath condensing, there might living creatures be seen by a microscope of strange, monstrous and frightful shapes, such as dragons, snakes, serpents and devils, horrible to behold. But this I very much question the truth of, and we had no microscopes at the time, as I remember, to make the experiments with."

John Stuart Mill.

Describing his impressions of John Stuart Mill, Sir Leslie Stephen said: "I heard him speak in the house of commons. Instead of an impassive philosopher I saw a slight, frail figure trembling with nervous irritability. He poured out a series of perfectly formed sentences with an extraordinary rapidity suggestive of learning by heart and when he lost the thread of his discourse closed his eyes for two or three minutes till after regaining his composure he could again take up his parable. Although his oratory was defective, he was clearly speaking with intense feeling and was exceedingly sensitive to the reception by his audience. Some of his doctrines were specially irritating to the rows of solid country gentlemen, who began by listening curiously to so strange an animal as a philosopher and discovered before long that the animal's hide could be pierced by scornful laughter. To Mill they represented crass stupidity, and he became unable either to conceal his contempt or keep his temper."

The Songs That Reach the Heart.

At a time when the fashionable opera was in highest vogue Jenny Lind came to America and achieved her greatest triumph by singing such simple airs as "Comin' Through the Rye." They touched a popular chord, and it vibrated throughout continents. It is the touch of nature that makes the whole world kin. And just as the simple songs of Burns gave pleasure without militating against the culture of a taste for the higher creations in vocal music, so the enjoyment of the simple melodies which we know as ragtime are harmless and without danger of taking the place of the more elevated style of music. We cannot play tragedy all the time, but must have the melodrama and the farce as the lighter features of the stage. And so in music, literature and art the philosophy applies with the same force.

Assayed.

She had a silvery laugh and golden hair. He had plenty of brass. He knew she was engaged to another man, but believed he could copper the other fellow's bets. But one day he met her on the golf links. Her arms were bronzed and her teeth gleamed as pearls when she smiled at him.

Rebelling a Gossip.

Miss Kidder—They've only been married six months, but whenever her husband goes away on a business trip she's delighted and prepares to have a good time.

Miss Meanley—Aha! Do you know, I suspected something like that. I always said—

Miss Kidder—Yes, you see, he takes her with him.

Regardless of Expense.

"There is a firm which doesn't spare any expense in conducting its business," remarked Straightman. "I should say they don't," replied Neverpeigh. "They have had a \$3 a day man after me for a week to collect a bill I owe them for \$2."

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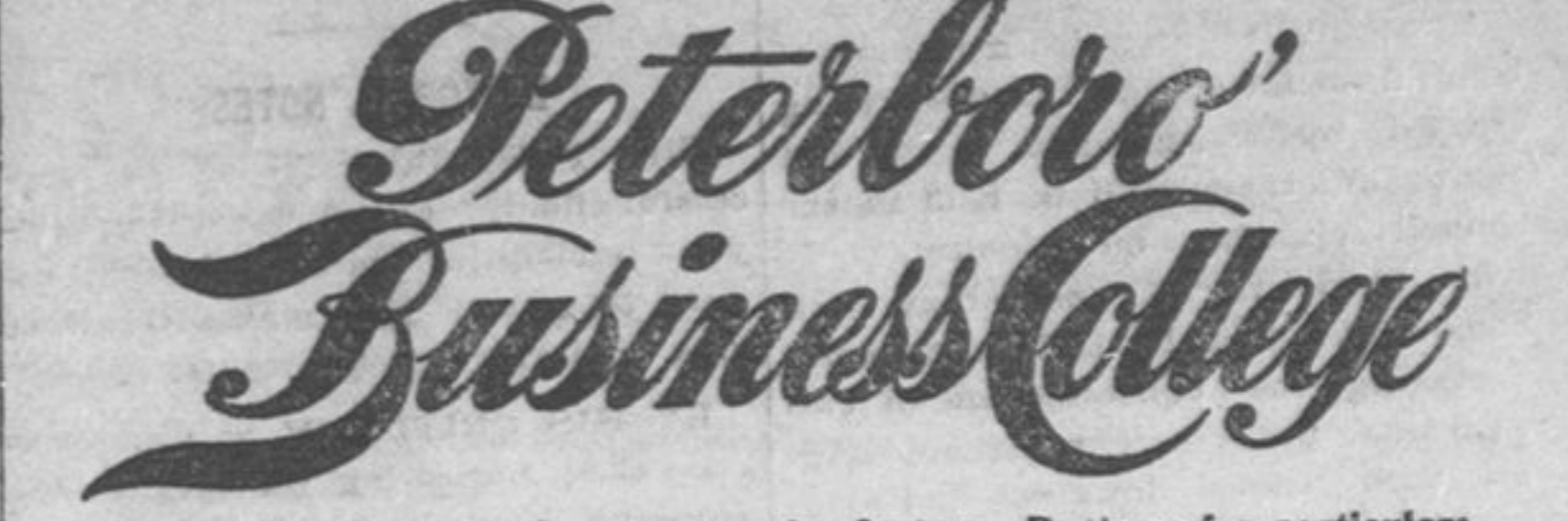
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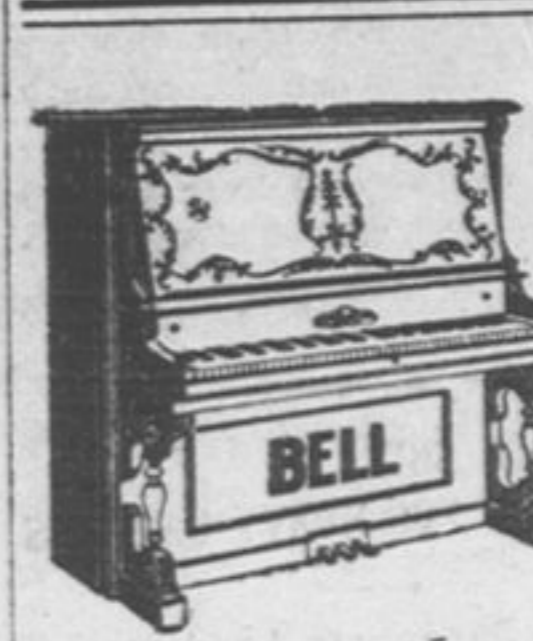
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Of the Corporation of the Township of Fenelon

The Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Fenelon enacts as follows: 1. That the sale by retail of spirituous, fermented or other manufactured liquors in any tavern, inn or other place of public entertainment, and the sale thereof, except by wholesale in shops and places other than houses of public entertainment, within the limits of the Municipality of the Township of Fenelon, be and the same is hereby prohibited.

Monday, the 4th Day of January, A. D., 1904.

from the hours of nine o'clock in the forenoon until the hour of five o'clock in the afternoon at the following places in the Municipality, and with the following Deputy Returning Officers, respectively:

- No. 1 No. 7 School House Jos. H Greer
No. 2 Cambry Orange Hall H. Rodgers
No. 3 Lovely Orange Hall D. Toimie
No. 4 Cameron Orange Hall J.B. Powles
No. 5 J.L. Brown's House J.T. Palmer

TAKE NOTICE that the above is a true copy of the proposed by-law which has been taken into consideration, and which will be finally passed by the Council of the Municipality (in the event of the assent of the electors being obtained thereto) after one month from the first publication in the Watchman-Warder newspaper, the date of which first publication was Thursday, the 10th day of December, A. D., 1903, and that the votes of the electors of the said Municipality will be taken thereon on the day and at the hours and places therein fixed.

(SIGNED) JNO. B. POWLES, CLERK.