NEWS IN A NUTSHELL.

Mr. W. P. Chisholm is the new High School trustee in Oakville.

Rev. E. Roberts has been elected President of the Bible Christian Conference.

Rev. Mr. Galbraith has been elected President of the Montreal Methodist Conference.

The Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec has decided not to admit women to membership of the Union.

Sitting Bull gets $50 a week for exhibiting himself.

A bear weighing 913 pounds was killed last week at Milladore, Wisconsin.

Mr. Watkins, of St. Catharines, has been appointed Public School Inspector of Elgin county.

An Englishman has recently introduced on the Thames a real Venetian gondola and gondolier.

There are no surplus men in the field embraced by the Montreal United Methodist Conference.

The amount due depositors of the Penn Bank of Pittsburg is $1,466,000, and the amount of overdrafts $1,250,000.

Mrs. Ford, of Harrison, N.J., aggravated by her son 13 years of age, became so excited that she fell on a chair and died.

Five of the six murderers hanged on a recent Friday in this country declared that rum had led them into crime.

There are now 206 Presbyterian mission stations in the Northwest Territories—a very creditable showing.

The United States House of Representatives passed the California and Oregon Land Grant Forfeiture Bill by a vote of 159 to 10.

Mr. W. B. Clark, who has been for seventeen years employed at the freight sheds of the G. T. R. in Guelph, has been appointed station agent at Limehouse.

Middlesex County Council has under consideration the propriety of stopping the use of tobacco by the inmates of the County House of Refuge.

Yesterday afternoon Eddie Dufton, a bright lad of some 9 years, son of Mr. J. M. Dufton, of the woollen mills, London, was drowned in the Thames while bathing.

A Vera Cruz, Mexico, young man barbarously kicked his wife, recently, because she refused him $1 a week for spending money

At fashionable dinner parties in New York, says the *Mail*, only the green tips of asparagus are served.

The committee of the Quebec Legislature in charge of the Legislative library have reported in favor of excluding works of fiction from its shelves.

To-day the ratepayers of Toronto are called upon to vote for or against the by-law devoting $115,000 to certain civic improvements.

A London insurance company has received in the past 10 years over $25,000 "conscience money" from persons who had fraudulently recovered insurance.

Fifteen Massachusetts girls have announced that they are going to take a tramp of 300 miles in the Adirondacks this summer. They probably intend to do 20 miles apiece.

The Duke of Rutland has taken so heavily to heart the removal of the Duke of Wellington's statue from Hyde Park that he writes: "If it were possible, I would resign my peerage."

The new French ambassadorial abode at Rome is the Rospigliosi Palace. A splendid housewarming entertainment was lately given. Cardinals were thick as blackberries in May.

One Saturday night last month Edward Pummel of Castleford, England, returned home drunk and, it is alleged, ill used his wife, who was found dead next morning with a newly-born child crying by her side.

The coffee, tobbacco and sugar crops in Vera Cruz are being ravaged by swarms of locusts, which have come from Yucatan. It is feared that they will extend through Tamaulipas into Texas.

A farmer named Resheaw, living in the township of Anderdon, while quarrelling with his son on Monday, struck him on the head and knocked him senseless. A fatal result is feared.

The tents of "the Grande Kermesse" in Place d'Armes Square, Montreal, collapsed during a thunderstorm on Tuesday. A charitable fancy fair in aid of Nortre Dame Hospital was in progress and a number of ladies fainted. The damage amounted to $2,000, but nobody was hurt.

Councillor Palmerton, of Simcoe, has given notice that he will at the next meeting of the Council introduce a by-law to prohibit the erection of barbed wire fences on the streets of that town.

A Chinaman ingeniously evaded the law in British Columbia which provides that a second story shall not be built on the top of an old house, by raising the old house with jack screws and building a story underneath it. For ways that are dark, etc.

New Brunswick is the only Canadian Province sending exhibits to the Forestry exhibition which takes place this year in Edinburgh. Sixteen large cases of wooden goods, specimens of wood and foliage, etc., have been forwarded from that Province.

Miss McFarlane, a respectable young lady of Quebec, committed suicide at Montmorency Falls Wednesday evening. It is supposed that she entered the river above the falls and was carried over the boiling surf. Her body has not yet been recovered.

Mr. John James Redpath, a member of an old and respected family in Montreal, died yesterday. Inheriting an independent fortune from his father, who commenced life humbly, he gave up business years ago and lived on his income. He was one of the founders of the great sugar refinery, in which he was a large owner of stock.

The Tilsonburg *Observer* says the passing of the Scott Act in Oxford has been the means of badly tumbling the value of hotel property in the county. The Woodstock hotel in Woodstock, which cost $22,000 to build, was sold last week for $3,500, and the Royal hotel in Thamesford, which cost $6,000 a few years ago, was sold the other day for $1,950.

The recent speech of the Right Hon. Mr. Chamberlain, President of the British Board of Trade, in moving the second reading of the Merchant Shipping Bill, occupied three and three-quarter hours, and is said to be one of the longest ever delivered in the House of Commons. He spoke without pausing even to take a drink of water, giving utterance to what would fill sixteen or seventeen columns of the TIMES.

Competition in Advertising.

The lengths to which keen competition carries modern advertising would make a better book than has yet appeared. There is hardly any field of labor in which so much ingenuity, fancy, skill and money is expended, all of which, of course, everybody knows. Tennyson not long ago wrote a poem for an Eastern magazine for the confessed purpose of advertising it. He received $15,000 for the effort. Now I hear he has been offered $100,000 for a poem advertising a certain manufacturers' wares. My Lord Alfred, most people will be inclined to remark, will be a goose if he doesn't accept. Advertising has given a certain impetus to art. Not a few of the struggling young artists owe much of the encouragement they have received to go on to the liberality of merchants who buy their pictures to catch custom with. The most original and cleverest idea I have heard of, however, is that of a Chicago man who proposes to hire a phalanx of baldheads, paint the name of his compound upon their shiny scalps, and exhibit them every night in their historic front-row seats at the theatres.—"*Lounger*," *in the Chicago Inter-Ocean.*

Disqualified.

"John," said a father to his son, "you have disappointed me greatly. I have given you every opportunity to learn something, but it has been just money thrown away. You are the stupidest young man I ever saw. You know nothing."

"It is true, father," said John, with a sigh.

"I never see you with a book in your hand," pursued the father; "you never take up a newspaper; you know nothing of current events. You don't take after your mother or me, for we've both got good natural intelligence. What you're going to do to earn your living is a puzzle to me. There isn't a single earthly thing that you can turn your hand to."

"But I'm not altogether an imbecile, father. I can count up to a hundred."

"I know it and that's what vexes me."

"Why?"

"Why, don't you see, if you didn't know that much you would make an excellent juryman for criminal trials, but your knowing that much entirely disqualifies you. It's a sad case."—*Somerville Journal.*

Oddities of Every Day Life.

A Delaware farmer has ploughed under 40,000 herrings as a fertilizer.

An Oglethorpe, Ga., boy has invented a cash drawer for which he has refused $10,000.

A Leadville girl name Daily is reported to have coughed up a needle on Monday which she lost in her knee a year ago.

New York pickpockets have a new dodge of securing ladies' purses. A boy of 14 or 15 strolls along behind a lady and bounces a rubber ball on the sidewalk so that it rises and falls close to her dress. While she is watching the motion of the ball her pocket is quickly rifled.

Miss Jennie Casseday, of Louisville, who is incurably confined to her bed as an invalid, is nevertheless prominent as superintendent of a flower mission, and now she wants to send bouquets, on June 9th, to all the prisons, penitentiaries and reformatories in the United States. She thinks it will humanize the inmates while the flowers last.

California Mirages.

We have all seen on the plains here, says the *Colusa Sun*, beautiful sheets of water in appearance, in which men would look like giants, sheep like buffalo, and small houses like great castles. Portions of a level plain will sometimes seem to rise and a ridge appear, where, in fact, there is no ridge. The prettiest mirage we ever saw, however, appeared to us the other day just above Jacinto. A field of bright yellow poppies was raised to an apparent height of about twenty feet, so that they appeared as an immense bouquet set in a sheet of water. The delusion was so perfect that it was hard to realize the fact that these flowers were on level land, perhaps lower than the intervening country, and that they were really not over a foot high and on a dry plain.

An English doctor reports the case of a lady who had a regularly recurring series of abscesses upon the ankles. On entering her sitting-room one day he noticed a pair of her shoes, and on the impulse of the moment, he directed his patient to use a large broad-heeled shoe. She did so, and has had no trouble for two years. Her former shoes had a long, tapering heel, set nearly in the middle of the sole.

A Detroit despatch says John M. and Elisha Warner, who nearly killed Treasurer Cruson, of Lafayette, Gratiot County have both been sentenced. John gets ten years and Elisha four. They are Canadians, hailing from Guelph, and attacked Cruson with the intention of robbing him.

The Hungarian papers, and especially those of Jew-baiting proclivities, now declare that the money of German Jews was liberally used and was largely instrumental in fomenting the recent election riots in Hungary. A similar feeling against the Jews and Germans is also prevalent throughout Bohemia, and has just found expression in the formation of the Boehmer Waldbund, an anti-German league, at Prague, with branches throughout the country.

Three tramps commanded a woman at Crestline, Ohio, to cook a breakfast for them. She said coolly that she would do it; but she brought in a cocked pistol instead of food, and they fled for their lives. She had more bravery than strength, however, and has since been a raving maniac.

Speaking of Sir William Thompson's announcement of a belief in a "possible magnetic sense," the *Alienist Neurologist* thinks that we might as well be logical and liberal, and add to the present senses the touch sense, the self sense, the power sense, the logical sense, and the psychic, muscular, and electro-magnetic senses. To divide and sub-divide is believed to be a rowing habit with medical writers.

HOW TO MAKE ICE CREAM.

Seasonable Hints About the Summer Dessert of Which Most People Are Fond.

At home it is quite impossible to produce all the many varieties of ice cream without more or less care and expense. "The secret of making good ice cream of any grade," said Miss Juliet Corson, whose recipes are here given, "lies in the freezing. The old way of freezing cream, which is still in use among small confectioners, consisted of occasionally stirring the cream while it was freezing in a tin can, set in a tub of ice and salt. A more easy and expeditious method is within the reach of the average housekeeper in these days of patent freezers. The same principle underlies all the best known patents—*i. e.*, the mixing of the cream by a wooden beater, which revolves inside the can by the same motion that slightly changes the position of the can in the outer tub of ice and salt. This freezing mixture should be composed of three parts of crushed ice to one of coarse salt, of which care should be taken that it does not reach high enough around the sides of the can to penetrate to the interior and so spoil the cream. The water formed in the outer tub by the melting of the freezing mixture need not be drawn off while the cream is being frozen unless it is likely to get into the can, because the water is intensely cold. If it is desired to pack the cream after it is frozen, the water may be drawn off and enough more ice and salt placed around the can to reach nearly to the top. Ice cream packed in this way can be kept over night, or longer, if the freezing mixture is properly renewed. When ice cream is 'molded' or packed in moulds of fancy shapes, all the openings should be closed with butter or oiled paper fixed about the apertures of the moulds with paste or gum tragacanth.

"Ice creams of the most ordinary sort are made with milk thickened with arrowroot or corn starch in the proportion of a tablespoonful to a quart dissolved in cold water and then boiled in the milk, which is cooled, sweetened and flavored before it is frozen. The sort of ice cream usually made at home is composed of milk with a small proportion of cream, with eggs and sugar added to it; for instance, dissolve half a pound of sugar in a quart of milk; place it over the fire and let it heat to boiling point; meantime beat three eggs to cream, pour the boiling milk into them and then return to the fire and stir until it begins to thicken; then at once remove it from the fire; stir until it is smooth; then flavor it, cool it, and when it is cool freeze it according to directions given. Frozen custard is made in the same way, only five eggs at least are added to a quart of milk.

"French ice-cream, thick and yellow, is made by boiling a quart of cream with a long vanilla bean, and cooling and straining it; then the yelks of twelve eggs are beaten smooth with a quarter of a pound of sugar; the cream is then mixed with the eggs and stirred over the fire until it begins to thicken; directly the cream begins to thicken, take it from the fire and stir it for five minutes; then cool and freeze it."—*New York Evening Post.*

Niagara Mystery Cleared Up.

The impenetrable mystery that has hitherto shrouded the tragedy on Luna Island, Niagara Falls, in which Mr. Pearson lost his life, as was supposed at the hands of his brother-in-law, Vedder, and which was deepened by the latter's complete disappearance, bids fair to be cleared up at last, the body of the latter having been found yesterday in a good state of preservation in the Cave of the Winds. An inquest will be held to-day.

An Oswego (N. Y.) firm has orders for a million torchlight handles, in view of the approaching political campaign.

The thirteen-year locusts have appeared in East Feliciana parish, Louisiana, but not in sufficient numbers to do any damage.

The inscription on Beaconsfield's bust in Westminster Abbey is "Lord Beaconsfield, twice Premier of England."

Two hundred and twenty-five thousand persons live in furnished lodgings in Paris, and most of them possess no reserve of pecuniary resources whatever.

The poor and despised are much given to boasting; they feel that their position is equivocal and they brag to make it less so.

It has been said of Millet's "Angelus" that it is the only picture in which sound has been painted.

CELTIC MORALIZING.—Scene—A shieling in the north. Tonal (who is a rapid upholder of "use and wont" on reading the debate on Dr. Cameron's Cremation Bill)—It's awfu'! awfu'! tey've profaned ta kirk wi' tere organs an' hymns an' fat not, and noo tere trying to profane ta kirkyaird pi purnin' ta ashes o' ta teid in pottles!

Rain has fallen copiously n all parts of the Province and the territory. The crops are in splendid condition and promise well.

Keeping a gaming-house has been decided to be a felony by the Supreme Court of Tennessee.

Westchester County, New York, is suffering great damages from the ravages of the apple worm, the pests being so numerous that people are obliged to take the middle of the road to avoid being covered by them as they drop from the trees.

Earl Granville and M. Waddington have agreed upon the basis of the conference of of Egyptian affairs. They affirm the principle of a temporary occupation of Egypt by England, to which, however, no limit is fixed, and propose an international control of the powers to audit the whole system of revenue and expenses of Egypt England recognizes the suzerain rights of the Porte throughout Egypt, including the Soudan, and France formally abandons al claim to a dual control.

The lazy and the industrious can never live happily together; the lazy despise the industrious too much.

Be loving, and you will never want for love; be humble, and you will never want or guiding.

A paper read before the Forestry Congress estimated the cost of the railroad ties used in the United States every seven years at $14,784,000.

Because it is silly to believe everything, there are some so wondrous wise as to believe nothing.

A DOCTOR'S QUESTION.

Extraordinary Action by a Father who Caught Diphtheria from his Child.

Medical men, says the New York *Times*, will be relieved by the result which has been reached in a singular case before the English courts. The plaintiff was the father of a child who suffered from "croup." It being necessary to insert a tube in the child's throat to relieve it from threatened suffocation, the operation was skilfully performed. After the insertion of the tube the physicians requested the father to free it from the accumulated matter with his lips, which he instantly did, the doctors neglecting to tell him that he incurred any risk. The child died, and its disease proved to have been diphtheria, by which the father, in turn, was soon attacked. He sued the doctors for damages. The case was tried twice, and was much discussed in the English press. Upon the first trial the jury disagreed. But Lord Coleridge told the second jury that the doctors were right in telling the father to free the tube, and a verdict for the defendants was found. The principle, we suppose, is that it is no part of a doctor's duty to incur danger in the discharge of his profession, when the act to be performed requires no particular skill and can be devolved upon another standing in relations of blood and affection to the patient

The Origin of Dixie.

On a Saturday night in 1859, when Dan Emmett was a member of Bryant's Minstrels, New York, Dan Bryant came to him and said: "Dan, can't you get up a 'walk around?' I want something new and lively for Monday night." Dan went to work and by Sunday afternoon he had the words commencing "I Wish I Was In Dixie." This expression was not Southern, but appeared among the circus people of the North. In early fall, when nipping frosts would overtake the tented wanderers, the boys would think of the warmth of the South, and the common expression would be: "Well, I wish I was in Dixie." This gave the catch-line, and the rest of the song was original. On Monday morning it was rehearsed and highly commended, and at night a crowded house caught up the refrain and half of them went home singing Dixie. The song became the rage, and W. W. Newcomb's, Buckley's Minstrels and others gave Dan $500 each for the privilege of using it. Mr. Werlean wrote to Dan Emmett to secure the copyright, but, without waiting for a reply, published it with words from Mr. Peters. Pond, of New York, secured it from Emmett for $600; but Werlean sold thousands of copies without giving him a nickel. Not only was Emmett robbed of the profits of his song, but the authorship of it was disputed. Will S. Hayes claimed it as his own. Pond brought the matter before a music publishers' convention, and settled the authorship; but Dan reaped no benefit from this tardy justice.—*Oakland Times.*

Cold Ham and Sausages as a Diet for Athletes.

In Dr. Sargent's recent lecture on "What Shall We Eat to Get Strong?" he said in the course of his remarks: "It has been customary to train athletes on lean beef and mutton, but he thought this a mistake, as tissue-making food should be used in combination with these, and the diet should be so changed as to meet the requirements of the organism of the person using it, for to establish one diet for all persons was ridiculous. Beef alone is not superior to meal, beans, or other farinaceous food, and the size of the muscles of a man is not indicative of his strength. Farinaceous food tones a man down, and will tend to give him more endurance. A man who can strike a blow equal to four hundred pounds would be called a strong man, but this strength cannot be kept up for any length of time on animal food, as it comes from the base of the brain, and endurance must be sought for in other kinds of food. To reduce the weight of a man in training lean meats may do, but when he is down in weight he must go back to food containing more carbon, such as ham and sausages, which should always be eaten cold. Three years ago this would have been considered ridiculous by trainers, but for a diet for running, walking and rowing it has been found that saacharine food, with beef or mutton, is the best; tea coffee and alcohol, as well as condiments, are objectionable; indeed, it is not the quantity of food a person eats that strengthens him, but the amount assimilated and worked into the organism.—*Havard Herald.*

Oh, Woman, in Our Hours of Ease.

One Philadelphia woman has been made a lawyer, another a squire and the Pennsylvania State Medical Society has admitted women to its membership. The woman is marching on. She can practice law, she can sit on the bench and hold court, she can edit a newspaper, she can run a steamboat, she can practice medicine, she can sharpen a lead pencil, she can tie a bundle, she can ride a bicycle, climb a tree and talk bass. Beloved sister, welcome, a thousand times welcome, to the ranks of man. Bless you, dear sister, bless you. Take these trusers; you have earned them nobly; wear 'em with honor. In all truth and soberness we do rejoice in your "emancipation." We are glad every time you score a success, and no man will try to bar you out of his own profession unless he is afraid that you will take first place, and he be only made a foil, in whose ignorance her skill shall, like a star i' the darkest night, stick fiery off indeed. (Original. With William Shakspeare.)—*Hawkeye.*

He is doubly a conqueror who, when a conqueror, can conquer himself. Moderation and mercy shed over the laurels of the conqueror the lustre of true glory.

If a man is determined to do the best he can, whether he drives a cart, conducts a business of a million dollars, or preaches the Gospel, he cannot fail.

In order to impart dignity to the town of Maroa, Ill., forty of the merchants have signed a pledge to wear high silk hats, instead of the wide-brimmed slouches that have been in fashion there.

Falsehood is in a hurry; it may be at any moment detected and punished. Truth is calm, serene; its judgment is on high; its king cometh out of the chambers of eternity.

ALLEGED FIRE BUG DECAMPS.

Guelph Merchant, Charged with Firing a Block, Jumps His Bail.

A Monday evening's telegram from Guelph says: Charles Kirk, the boot and shoe merchant charged with incendiarism, has skipped out. He had been released on bail, giving $800 in his own name and two sureties in $400 each. His case was to have been disposed of before Judge Drew this morning. His Honor took his seat at 10 o'clock. Counsel on both sides were present, and after waiting for some time for Kirk to put in an appearance, inquiries were made, when it was learned that he had not been seen since Friday last, on which day he said he was going to Toronto to arrange some matters there. It seems, however, that his destination was the States. His wife followed him on Saturday morning, and his business is now in the hands of his creditors. The judge ordered his bail escheated, and issued a warrant for his arrest. The block of buildings which he is said to have fired is the finest in the city; fortunately only slight damage was done.

Fashion Frolics.

Shepherd plaid is very popular.

Pinking is much used for flounces.

Ball dresses are still laced at the back.

New leather belts are made in the ladder style.

Oriental wraps are very desirable for the seaside.

Ropes of pearl and other beads are sold for hat trimmings.

New lace parasol covers are made in the accordion style.

Handkerchiefs are in checker-board designs, in different colors.

Ankle-ties and the Louis IV. shoes make the feet look large.

New large pockets are of matting, with painted sprays of flowers.

Patent leather vamps with kid tops are the fashion for ladies' shoes.

The dye of black stockings and crape veils is poisonous to many people.

Pencils of India ink are in great demand for use on eyebrows and around eyes.

Orange, ochre and terra-cotta are the colors most in demand in silk stockings.

The narrow strips of Turkish embroidery make the prettiest mantel lambrequins.

Many plain white lawns have the flounces, yoke and blocks on basque hemstitched.

Some handsome chairs are made entirely of brass, with plush cushions tied on.

The ugliest new bonnet-pin appears to the ordinary eye to be a pair of scissors.

Brocaded grenadine can be had now of all colors outlined with self-colored beads.

Valenciennes lace is a more dressy trimming on Swiss muslin dresses than on the oriental.

Pokers should be made red hot and laid on the sweet omelets and pancakes after they are sugared.

Nothing can be prettier for midsummer wear at watering places than the new shirred white and ecru mull hat.

A new light-gray cloth dress, made with a polonaise, is heavily braided with silver on the vest and panels of skirt.

Very elaborate afghans are made for dolls' carriages of satin with painted designs and mottoes, or of plush with embroidery.

An elegant new screen has on the bough of its painted tree a real stuffed owl perched and calmly contemplating a golden moon in the right corner.

Scrim, which comes in brilliant colors fifty inches wide, and only nine cents a yard, is in great demand for window, door and bed drapery for summer use.

Parasol-holders to hang up in ladies' rooms are made of kid on a long, narrow foundation, with two or more pockets, as desired. Golden rod or a suitable design is painted on each pocket.

Frigid Facts.

A big thing on ice—The North Pole.

An ice man is not always a nice man.

Delaware is a great State for freeze peach.

A frigid frown is first cousin to an icy smile.

A "chilled" plow is never used in winter.

A game of "freeze out" is sometimes warm work.

It is a cold day when the chunk of ice doesn't get left.

Few men are "cool as a cucumber" when they get in a pickle.

A cold day for defeated candidates makes them red-hot for revenge.

A Harlem amateur gardener cut his foot with a nigh sickle the other day.

A Gotham youth calls his girl "Ice Cream" because she is cool and sweet.

An impecunious youth's blood congeals when his girl eyes cream and asks him to treat.—*Collated by the New York Journal.*

The Road to Riches.

One day a few weeks ago, one of the richest men in Chicago was asked for a private interview by a stranger, who explained:

"You are very rich. You have had wonderful luck. Tell me what to speculate in that I may make money?"

"Never speculate at all," was the serious answer.

"But you have made money in railroad stocks, wheat, silver mines, canal stocks, etc."

"Not a dollar young man! In fact, that's the way I have lost thousands."

"Why, then, how have you made your wealth?"

"By inventing a spring bed and patenting a boot-jack. Let all speculations alone, and turn you attention to the solid wants of the people."—*Wall Street News.*

A Keen Reminder.

"There isn't a button on this shirt," dismally observed the young husband, shaking the garment before his wife's eyes.

"I'm sorry, my love; it might have been remedied if I had had time."

"Why, you've got nothing to do. What do you mean by saying if you had had time?"

"I mean to say that if there had been no occasion for me to trim over a last spring bonnet for this spring's wear, I would have had time to look after your clothes."

One of those rare birds, a white robin, was seen at Plymouth, Mass., a few days ago.