

Forebodings.

New York Sun: When Woman's Rights have come to stay, Oh, who will rock the cradle? When wives are at the polls all day...

Skating.

At the conference of fancy skaters in New York Louis Rubenstein, of Montreal, represented the Canadian Skating Association.

Plain forward and backward skating, various ways; outside edge roll, forward; outside edge roll, backward; inside edge roll, forward; inside edge roll, backward...

Little Tommy's Missionary Text. By way of introducing novelty into her plan of mission fund collections a young lady teacher in one of the city Sunday Schools recently intimated that she would expect each of her pupils to recite an appropriate verse of Scripture on dropping in his or her mite in the class box.

Each Fact a Trifle Odd.

The assessed valuation of New York city is \$1,550,000,000. Japan's 33,000,000 acres of land support a population of 31,000,000.

Hymn-Singing Heroes.

The brutal murder of a brave old man of eighty at Ancaster, who died heroically defending his household, is a telling commentary on the power of the gallows as a deterrent.

Action and Reaction.

Buffalo Express: At 10 she jumps the rope and performs on a trapeze. That is the age of action. At 20 she lolls on a sofa or hammock and reads novels.

The Secret of Wealth.

Philadelphia Times: "The secret of wealth?" said the rich man, in a stiff manner. "I cannot say I have any. Still there are two things—"

Twenty thousand words have been added to the English language in the department of biology since Darwin's discoveries.

It is difficult to bear with a friend's infirmities, when you have to lug him home on one of his off nights.

HURRY AND WORRY.

The American Race for Life and Grab for Fortunes.

The average American is a unique animal, says the New York Herald. He has peculiarities which seem to indicate a divergent species of the genus homo; marked characteristics which set him apart from his kind; a hopefulness which renders him venturesome, a dash, an audacity and an environment which force him to disregard traditions and conventionalities and make him something of an anomaly.

He is the busiest and most ambitious creature on this planet; is positive in his beliefs and daring in his enterprises; has never learned the meaning of the word "impossible," and is simply angered and roused by difficulties.

His great misfortune is over-ambition. His brain teethes, boils, bubbles. He is impatient, wants the railroad train to travel fifty miles an hour without stopping, drives his horses and himself at top speed, thinks nothing of a million, but aims at a million million, and secures as much of that aggregate as he can, is charmed with lightning because it always "gets there," and with the rolling thunder because it means business.

He is in an everlasting hurry, whittles out his plans for the future while pretending to be asleep in the cradle, and at last jumps out of the world as though he had received a telegram from the Celestial City to come at once.

This mode of life tells on him. His hot brain makes the hair drop and his head after a while resembles a billiard ball with two fiery sparks for eyes. He disdains a wig because he is so engaged in constant thought that he might get it on wrong and to or in the scurry of business might slip it round until the parting runs from ear to ear.

It was the air, the crowd, the general bustle, eagerness and rivalry which wore him out and sent him to bed for sleep and rest. His blood boiled, his nerves were tingling, he was in a fever. We get used to that kind of life and don't recognize the fact that we are like a conflagration, that the body is always on fire, with smoke, flames, crackling timbers and a Dakota blizzard inside of us.

British Book Trade.

Statistics of the British book trade for 1890 show the total of new books to be 4,414, and of new editions 1,321, making a total of 5,735. This, however, does not reach the number recorded in 1889, when 4,694 new books and 1,373 new editions, or a total of 6,067 works were published.

—Miss Ava Willing, of Philadelphia, whom John Jacob Astor, jr., is to wed on the 17th of the present month, is a very pretty little girl of seventeen, with dark brown hair, large eyes, a straight nose and a disposition of unusual sweetness.

It is said that in Paris twice as many crimes are committed by persons between the ages of 15 and 20 as by those between 20 and 40.

SHEEP BREEDERS

Meet to Discuss their Interests and Elect Officers.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Sheep Breeders' Association was held in the parlour of Shaftesbury Hall, Toronto, yesterday, commencing at 1 p. m. The President, Mr. R. Miller, occupied the chair. The first business was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, R. Miller, Bringham (re-elected); Vice-President, James Russell, Richmond Hill; Secretary, F. W. Hudson, London; Treasurer, Frank R. Shore, Whitebok; Directors, W. W. Beattie, Wilton Grove, Shropshire; John Jackson, Abingdon, Southdowns; John Kelly, Shakespeare, Leicesters; J. C. Snell, Edmonton, Coiswolds; Rock Bailey, Union, Merinos; Wm. Walker, Elderton, Lincolns; John Lassell, Port Credit, Horned Dorsets; John Geary, London, Lincolns; James Tolton, Walkerton, Oxford Downs.

Two Remarkable Steamers.

The Liverpool Journal of Commerce calls attention to what it justly describes as among the most remarkable triumphs of marine engineering when it records the recent performances of the White Star steamers, the Britannic and Germanic.

For Glib Talkers to Try.

These are a few of the jaw-breaking chemical terms used in an article in the American Chemical Journal: Trimethylquinonecarboxylic acid. P-diamidodurylic acid. Paradihydroquinodimalonic ether.

Too Much Curiosity.

"What two beautiful children! Are they twins?" said an old bachelor to an Austin lady with two children. "Oh, yes, they are twins," replied the lady.

A Mem. for the Travelling Seller.

Nothing commends a road man, or any other man, more to his employers than a carefully incurred and a carefully itemized expense account.

Different.

Buffalo News: "I haven't any sympathy with you," snapped out Mrs. Brown. "Experience never teaches you anything. Here's the second time you have fallen down the cellar."

From the City.

New York Herald: Deacon Hardscrabble, to passenger requiring three seats for himself and baggage—You are from the city, I presume?

A Case of Emergency.

New York Sun: "After you have mixed the batter for your angel cake what do you do?" asked the caller.

A young Mexican never pays for the tickets when he takes a young woman to the theatre. The lady's father attends to that and considers himself insulted if the young man proposes to pay the way.

Perfume, pungenis and powders are put up in the finest of cut-glass bottles with silver stoppers, and cold creams, oils and balms are packed in jugs of Dresden china with silver tops.

CONSULAR ORDERS.

All Exports to the United States to be Marked With the Place of Origin.

The following is an extract from a communication received by U. S. Consul Monaghan this morning from the Treasury Department at Washington: "On and after March 1st, 1891, all articles of foreign manufacture, such as are usually or ordinarily marked, stamped, branded or labelled, and all packages containing such or other imported articles shall, respectively, be marked, stamped, branded or labelled in legible English words so as to indicate the country of their origin, and unless so marked, stamped, branded or labelled, they shall not be admitted to entry."

The Treasury Department has also sent out a circular to the several consulates impressing on consular officers the fact that as no dutiable merchandise can be permitted free entry, by mail or otherwise, unless in the exceptional case of books and other printed matter, as provided for by certain postal treaties, and such merchandise is not entitled to entry at the Custom House, but is subject to forfeiture on arrival in the United States."

Referring to the above, the U. S. Consul stated that people who sent gifts to friends across the line and were surprised at their not receiving the same would understand the fate of the intended Christmas and New Year's presents.

Spring Assizes, 1891.

Table listing court dates for various locations including Brantford, Guelph, Berlin, Stratford, Simcoe, Cayuga, Welland, Hamilton, etc., with dates from 10th March to 4th May.

The Ring.

Paddy Brennan, of Buffalo, and Jimmy Higgins, champion of Quebec, fought a finish battle a short distance from Toronto Friday night. The affair had been all pre-arranged and so carefully planned that the Toronto police never suspected anything wrong.

Why his Wife is "Fidgety."

I have the best cook in the town. Whose bread is delicious and white; Her coffee is fragrant and brown, Her pastry a perfect delight.

Chicago News: Florence—The idea of saying you were only 23. Bessie—You forget mamma told us that it is always better to understate than to exaggerate, my dear.

Babies and young children dressed in white are thought by medical men to be more susceptible to colds and infectious diseases than those clad in dark, warm colors.

The greater quantity of hair from which wigs are made for England's judges, lawyers and clergymen comes from China, where it is cut from the heads of beggars, criminals and the dead.

STABBING IN THE CENTRAL.

The Italian, Damaceo, Before the Toronto Police Magistrate.

Raffaello Damaceo, the Italian who last week stabbed George Mulholland, of Hamilton, a fellow convict in the Central Prison, was brought before Magistrate Denison yesterday morning by Warden Massie, and was arraigned on a charge of felonious wounding. He admitted having stabbed Mulholland, but asked for an adjournment until Tuesday, that he may see a lawyer. It is understood he will plead some sort of self-defence. Mulholland's term finished to-day.

A Love Song in M Flat.

"My modest, matchless Ma'oline! Mark my melodius midnight moans Much may my moaning music mean— My modulated m'notones."

This young man stayed out too late, sending his lady love. He caught a cold, which developed into catarrh, but he cured it with Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy, a sovereign specific for chronic cases.

Ontario Appointments.

The following appointments have been gazetted: W. J. Kidd, of Ottawa, and Dudley Holmes, of Goderich, to be notaries public; John C. McNab, of the town of Barrie, to be clerk of the First Division Court of the County of Simcoe.

"Yes! Yes!" "There! There!"

The switch-room of London's big telephone system is in Cannon street. Some 6,000 subscribers are accommodated. The week-day force of switchers in the central room consists of thirty-two young women.

Some Strange Misnomers.

Much of the Russia leather comes from Connecticut, Bordeaux wine from California, Italian marble from Kentucky, French lace from New York, and Spanish mackerel from the New Jersey coast.

Newspaper Announcements

The editor of the Boomville Speculator takes pleasure in submitting the following circulation comparison: Average number of copies printed weekly: 1889-90, 1890-91, 1891-92.

The Marquis of Lorne has turned novelist. Mr. A. McMeans, of Brantford, was of those slightly injured in the C. P. R. run off at Schreiber on Wednesday.

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