

**The Scrap Book.**

Here Wit in bright effulgence glows, With Wisdom joined, through rhyme and prose.

**"SONG OF THE POTATOE"**

I'm a careless potatoe, and heed not a pft How into existence I came;

Bob asks what more precious offering can be laid upon the altar of a man's heart than the first love of a pure, earnest and affectionate girl.

A reward of \$500 is offered for the hen that "laid a wago;" \$100 for the "cat that was let out of the bag;" \$200 for the cow that "chewed the end of sweet and bitter fancy;" and \$350 for the horse that lived solely upon the "wild oats" sowed by "fast" young men.

"Peter, what are you doing to that boy?" asked a schoolmaster. "He wanted to know, if you take ten from seventeen, how many will remain: so I took ten of his apples to show him, and now he wants I should give 'em back."

A pleasant winter in the Congregationalist says: "God grant that the Spring time which relieves the trees, may also relieve the merchants—and make both limbs and men again green and flourishing!"

The reason why editors are so apt to have their manners spoiled, is because they receive from one correspondent and another such a vast amount of evil communications.

It is with faded beauty as with a clock—The more the face is enamelled, the more clearly do we see the progress of time.

Every wooden leg that takes the place of a leg lost in battle, is a stumpy speech against war.

At a late political meeting an orator mounted a brandy cask and opened his speech by exclaiming "I stand upon the platform of my party!"

"What, my friends, is money?" asked a preacher, in a sermon lately. "Two per cent, a month," said a State Street broker, suddenly awoken from a doze.

The Boston Post perpetrates the following: "It is said of Eugene Sue, that though a professed socialist, he lived like a prince. In the same way some of our people, though professed Christians, live like the devil."

The distance between New York and St. Paul, via Prairie du Chien, is now accomplished inside of three days.

An annual business of not far from \$500,000 is carried on in the vicinity of Winsted, Ct., in the tanning of sheepskins.

In Seneca County, Ohio, a few days since, one Horace Fleming was sentenced to the Penitentiary for burglary; whereupon his wife pleaded guilty of an attempt at arson, and received a like sentence. She did this for the sole purpose of accompanying her husband into his place of confinement.

Such devotion is worthy of a better cause and a better man.

Mr. Phenix tells a story of a Dutchman in California, who, during a panic, drew his gold from bank after bank, being afraid to leave it in the institutions or keep it himself. He sat down on a curb-stone and soliloquised thus: "I put mine monish in ron bank, ven he prake; I put him in 'de oder bank, ven he prake too; I draw him out; I can no keep him at home; I put him into dis bank now dis one prake; wat 'de tyvil schall I do? I take him home and sew up in mine vrow's petticoat, and if she prakes, I prake her head!"

An exchange says that a man who would systematically and willfully set about cheating a printer, would commit highway robbery on a crying baby and rob it of its gingerbread—a rob of a child's counterfeiting pennies—lick the bottom of a blind nigger's last "fritter"—paw his grandmother's specks for a drink of whiskey—steal acorns from a blind pig—and take clothes from a scarecrow, that he may make a respectable appearance in society.

"Well, Doctor," said a chap suffering with the toothache, "how much do you ax for the job? Guy! but you did it quick though!" "My terms," replied the dentist, "are one dollar." "A dollar for half a minute's work! One dollar—thunder! Why a doctor down 'our place drew a tooth for me, two years ago, and it took him two hours. He dragged me all around the room, and lost his grip half a-dozen times. I never seed such hard work—and he only charged me twenty-five cents. A dollar for a minit's work! you must be jokin!"

The Postmaster General has recently decided that if Postmasters do not give publishers of newspapers notice when their papers remain in the Post Office without being taken out by subscribers, within five weeks, they are liable for the pay.

During the month of August the number of wrecks reported was 139. For the month of January the number was 286; in February, 205; in March, 205; in April 168; in May, 72; in June, 122; and in July, 82—making a total during the present year of 1,303.—Shipping Gazette.

Preaching and practice. The Post says that a clergyman in New York, following the practice of his ministerial brethren, recently preached a very earnest discourse on the hard times, enforcing the duty of retrenchment and economy.

A person at Palmyro writes that people need indulge no apprehensions of any scarcity of dairy food, such as cheese or butter, as the quantity of the articles produced the present season in the great dairy counties of the State exceeds that of any previous year by about one third.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE MARRIAGE LAW.—It is proposed in Illinois to amend the law of marriage, so as to require that the prospective husband and wife, on any given day, enter in the office of any officer legally empowered to do such a duty, a written declaration of intention to become man and wife.

MARRIAGE CUSTOMS IN JAMES I.'S TIMES.—Mr. Green's catalogue of State papers contains the following extract from a letter written by Sir Dudley Carleton in 1604, describing the marriage of: hlp Herbert, Earl of Montgomery, to Susan Vere: "She bridled and bridled it so handsomely, and indeed, became herself so well, that the King said, if he were not married, he would not give her, but keep her himself. There was none of our accustomed forms omitted—of bride cake, sops in wine, giving of gloves, laces, and prints; and at night there was dancing into the sheets, ending of the bride's left hose, and twenty other petty soceries. They were married in the chapel, feasted in the great chamber, and lodged in the council chamber."

THE CHAIN GANG, NEW YORK. Late on Saturday night a young woman, 19 years of age, named Catharine Chambers, gave herself into the custody of an officer of the Fourteenth Precinct, and was taken to the Station House. On her way thither she informed the officer that she was one of the girls calling themselves "The Chain Gang."

EXECUTION OF A FEMALE IN DENMARK.—Capital punishments are extremely rare in Denmark, and when, consequently, one takes place, it occasions an immense sensation. The announcement, six days ago, that a woman under sentence of death in prison in the province of Jutland (where it is certain there has been no execution for 300 years), was to be executed the next morning, not only p'anged the whole neighboring country into commotion, but attracted crowds from a great distance.

SHOOTING AT A RAILWAY CAR.—On Wednesday evening last, as the train from Toronto for Guelph arrived in the vicinity of Rockwood, some person fired a rifle ball into one of the cars. The ball passed through the car windows, in at one side and out at the other side of the car. Several parties had most narrow and providential escapes from death. One gentleman who had been reading a newspaper close to the window at which the ball entered, had, at the moment it passed, leaned backward on his seat. A lady on the other side of the car had an equally narrow escape. We understand that two gentlemen from Guelph, Mr. Harcourt and Mr. Draper, sat very near the line which the ball took, indeed so near, that had their positions been but slightly different, at the instant, one or both of them might have been fatally injured.—Guelph Chronicle.

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