

Religious Gambling.

We had occasion the other day to question the expediency of ministers of the Gospel lending their authority to promote the sale of nostrums or inventions, with the merits of which they necessarily must be but slightly acquainted. Sewing machines or quack medicines had better be left to push their own way in the market unaided by any odor of sanctity or devotional horn-blowing, although, as we before remarked, this clerical indorsement is most frequently given out of mere careless good nature, or as the only practicable return for a personal gift.

But there are modes of money-getting less legitimate than the vending of patents or pills, which it has become so common for clergymen, both Protestant and Catholic, not only to sanction, but to begin, that they have grown to be regarded by the public as an essential part of church machinery. We mean the lotteries and raffles, which are usually set like spring-guns and pit-falls for the entrapment of the unwary victim who stumbles into that abyss of horrors, a church fair. The matter is ordinarily passed over with a good-humored joke. Nobody denies that in principle that they are a petty imitation of the lotteries represented in most of the States by law against which, as against any species of gambling, the pulpit regularly fulminates its denunciations. But then the imitation is so very petty, and the motive assigned so very good! The church debt must be paid, or the missionary sent, or the hospital kept up, so people only laugh patiently at the importunate ladies, especially if they are pretty and young, with their wondrous grab bags and numbered tickets for cakes and slippers. Lately, however, the matter has grown more serious, and been thrust into unpleasant prominence. One church advertises a complete scheme of graduated prizes, from a house to a gold ring. Another religious society in West Virginia has canvassed all the Eastern cities with a proposed lottery for the disposal of a hundred acres of valuable land; and at a respectable church fair in the City of Brotherly Love, the other day, the unbrotherly capabilities of the crowd were developed by the lottery to the extent of some broken heads and a free fight, which the voice of the Rev. Mr. —, we are told though raised to a shout, was totally unable to quell. That of the policeman proved more efficacious, we presume, as the whole party were marched off in his custody.

Wesley's Dream.

We would advise those who are sorely troubled in spirit, lest peradventure they have not found the true church, to read the following vision of the celebrated Wesley, who at one time was seriously troubled in regard to the disposition of the various sects and chances of each in reference to future happiness and punishment. A dream, one night, transported him in his uncertain wanderings to the gates of hell.

"Are there any Roman Catholics here?" asked Wesley, thoughtfully.

"Yes."

"Any Presbyterians?"

"Yes, again was the answer."

"Any Congregationalists?"

"Yes."

"Any Methodists?"

"By way of a clincher, asked the pious Wesley.

"Yes," to his great indignation was answered.

In the mystic ways of dreams, a sudden transition, and he stood before the gates of Heaven. Improving his opportunity, he again inquired:

"Are there any Roman Catholics here?"

"No," was replied.

"Any Presbyterians?"

"No."

"Any Congregationalists?"

"No."

"Any Methodists?"

"No."

"Well, then," he asked, lost in wonder, "who are they inside?"

"CHRISTIANS," was the answer.

Waterproofs.

The 'Lounger' of the Illustrated Times says:—By the way, touching waterproofs, I think I can give travelers a valuable hint or two. For many years I have worn India-rubber waterproofs; but I will buy no more, for I have learned that good Scotch tweed can be made perfectly impervious to rain, and moreover, I have learned to make it so; and for the benefit of my readers I will here give the recipe:—In a bucket of soft water put half a pound of sugar of lead and half a pound of powdered alum; stir this at intervals until it becomes clear; then pour it off into another bucket, put the garment therein, and let it be in for twenty-four hours; then hang it up to dry, without wringing it.

"Two of my party (a lady and gentleman) have worn garments thus treated in the wildest storm of wind and rain, without getting wet. The rain hangs upon the cloth in globules. In short, they are really waterproof. The gentleman walked, a fortnight ago, nine miles in a storm of rain and wind such as you rarely see in the South, and when he slipped off his overcoat, his underclothes were as dry as when he put them on. That is, I think, a secret worth knowing; for cloth, if it can be made to keep out wet, is in every way better than what we know as waterproofs."

The Quebec Legislature, at its recent session, decided on the remuneration of its members. They are to have six dollars a day each, if the session do not extend beyond thirty days; if beyond thirty days, six hundred dollars for the session. Five dollars is to be deducted for every day's absence. The Speaker's salary is to be \$2,400.

SUICIDE IN FERGUS.

A FARMER FROM PROTON POISONED HIMSELF.

A farmer named John Fergus, from the township of Proton, wilfully committed suicide, by taking poison in Garrett Moore's Elgin Hotel, Fergus, on Tuesday evening, 15th inst. The man entered Mr. Moore's bar-room at about 7 o'clock, and sat down quietly. He was shown to his bed soon after, and was perfectly sober. About half an hour afterwards, the people of the house heard him shouting in his room, and Mr. Moore ran up to see what was the matter. The man seemed to be in great agony, and exclaimed: "For God's sake go and get a doctor!" Mr. Moore hurried down, and immediately dispatched a messenger after Dr. Orton. He also sent a man up to the room to remain until the Dr.'s arrival. The sick man said to the other, when he entered, "Bring a Doctor, and something that will make me vomit, I am dying!" These, and what he said to Mr. Moore, are the only words which he spoke. Dr. Orton soon arrived, but he could do nothing, as the man was dying when he entered the room, and expired in less than two minutes after. At first the Dr. thought the man had died from an epileptical attack; but, on after consideration, he decided the appearance of the body was not such as it ought to be, if death resulted from epilepsy. At the time the deceased was unknown; but among those who went to look at the body, was a farmer from Proton named James Wright. He no sooner saw the features than he exclaimed, "It is crazy John Fergus!" The following morning, one of Mr. Moore's children picked up a piece of paper from the floor, and upon it was written the word "strychnine." This at once convinced all parties that the man had poisoned himself. Dr. Munro, Coroner, knowing that he came from the upper country, telegraphed to Dr. Henderson, of Arthur, to see if he had sold strychnine to any person. Dr. Henderson replied that on Tuesday he sold some to a farmer from Proton, to poison foxes. This completed the chain of circumstantial evidence. At the inquest on Wednesday, James Wright testified that he had known the deceased for six years, that he owned a farm of 100 acres in Proton, and had always been sober and industrious until he got married, a little over a year ago, after his marriage he went crazy, and his wife had to leave him; when his wife had been gone some time, he got better, and she went back to live with him; she is living in his house now, he believed. A verdict in accordance with the facts of the case was returned by the Coroner's jury.

On Wednesday afternoon the father-in-law of the deceased arrived in Fergus with a warrant for his arrest. It seems that before leaving home on Tuesday morning, deceased had been seized by a crazy fit; and that while it lasted he beat his wife brutally. He struck her several blows with an axe, one of which made a gash in her head over three inches long. The body of deceased was dressed out, and placed in a coffin, and his father-in-law started back with it about 1 o'clock yesterday (Thursday). Taken altogether, the case is one of the most melancholy that has ever occurred in this section. Doctors ought to be very cautious about giving poison; and we trust this case will prove a warning for the future.

A Strong-Minded Female.

It has been customary hitherto for dissatisfied husbands to advertise to the world the departure from the "bed and board" of a recreant better half, as the result of family jars, a circumstance of every day occurrence in many sections of Canada. Since woman's rights, however, have become one of the principal questions of the day, a new feature has displayed itself, and the tables are turned, as witness the following refreshing advertisement, which we clip from the columns of a Canadian country journal:

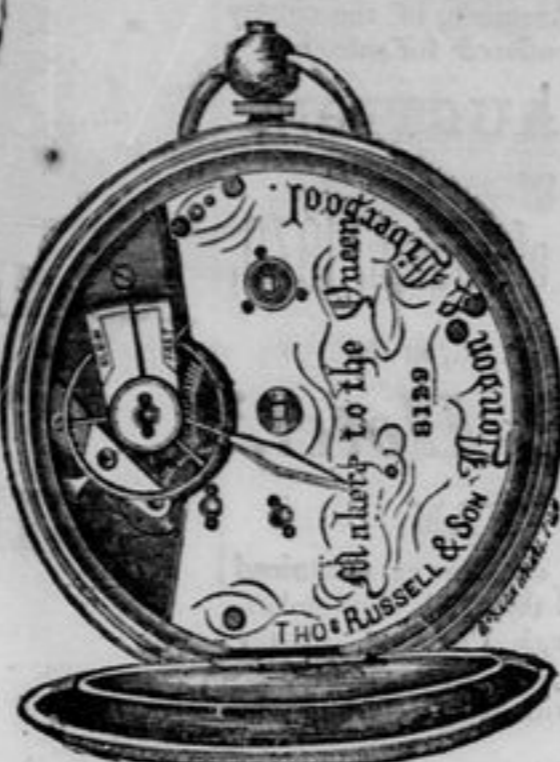
"Notice.—Whereas my husband, Abraham Axford, has left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, I hereby forbid any person to harbor or trust him on my account, as I will pay no debts of his contracting. Sarah Axford. Windham, Feb. 4, 1870."

Sarah is one of those strong-minded females that we daily read of as figuring extensively at woman's rights conventions in the States, and would make an admirable ally of the Cady Stanton fraternity. We trust that Abraham will see the necessity of keeping out of Sarah's clutches for the next few weeks; he might get his figure head damaged, or Sarah is not the woman we take her for.

BETROOT SUGAR.—The annual value of the raw sugar made from beetroot in France now exceeds five millions sterling. The total number of beetroot sugar factories on the Continent now amount to more than 1,800, turning out the enormous quantity of 611,000 tons of sugar per season. In the year ending 1866 no less than 55,000 tons of beetroot sugar were imported into the United Kingdom; or, in other words, we paid continental makers £1,600,000 for a commodity which, it is now believed, we could just as well have produced ourselves. Beetroot sugar is successfully competing with cane sugar in the London and other English markets; and probably a remission of the customs and excise duties would have no other effect than to increase the consumption of beetroot sugar, and render its manufacture more profitable than it already is.

The Provincial Fair for 1870 being fixed for Toronto, the London people are making arrangements to hold a general Western "Show," in that city in September, similar to that held in 1868.

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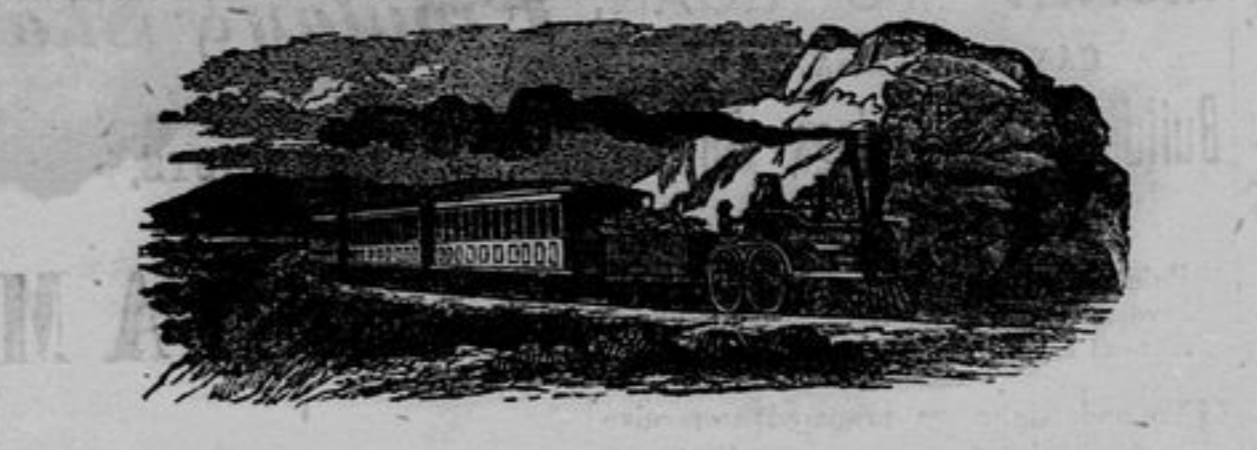
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