

The Gold-Fish Trick.

Several of the magicians who perform in public do what they call "the gold-fish trick." The juggler stands upon the stage...

Peter Lamb, the young fellow who lives near me, discovered how the trick was done, and he offered to do it the other night at Magruder's party...

"Ladies and gentlemen, you will perceive that I have nothing about me except ordinary clothing, and yet I shall produce presently two dishes filled with water and living fish. Please watch me narrowly."

Then Peter flung the handkerchief over his hand and arm, and we could see that he was working very vigorously at something beneath it. He continued for some moments, and still the gold-fish did not appear.

Then the perspiration began to stand in beads upon Peter's forehead, and Mr. Magruder asked him if he was well. Then the company laughed, and the magician grew redder. But he kept on fumbling beneath that handkerchief, and apparently trying to reach around under his coat tails.

"Oh, goah! Come here quick, and pull these off! They're soaking wet, and I've fifteen live gold-fish in my drawers, slipping around, and raspin' the skin with their fins enough to set a man crazy. Ouch! Oh, Moses! Hurry that shoe off, and grab that fish there at my left knee, or I'll have to howl right out!"

Then we undressed him, and picked the fish out of his clothes, and I discovered that he had two dishes filled with water, and covered with India-rubber tops, strapped inside of his trousers behind. In his struggles to get at them, he had torn the covers to rags.

Magruder's trousers which were six inches too short for him, and then he climbed over the back fence and went home. He says, now, that the next time he gives exhibitions in public, he intends to confine himself to ventriloquism.

MANITOWLIN ISLAND.—A correspondent of the Collingwood Bulletin, writing from Manitowling, Manitowlin Island, on the 27th ult., says:—The weather has been so remarkably fine that even the Indians are completely puzzled to understand it.

A beautiful view of Gore Bay, a point touched by all the boats. The Point contains about 8,000 acres not yet taken up. In the centre of this tract is Turtle Lake, about a mile and a quarter across, where there are large quantities of fish.

IMPRESSIONS OF MANITOBA.—Mr. Ed. Schofield, a young man from Guelph, who left with the Ballwell party for the Northwest, writes from Winnipeg to the Mercury. He states that he has found, as he expected, many drawbacks, incident to a new country.

A materialized spirit turned red in the face last Saturday evening, in an obscure town in Missouri. A medium named Mott has dwelt at Memphis for many years, and has assumed to hold communications with disembodied spirits.

DEATH ON THE RAIL.—On Tuesday evening a man aged about thirty-five years, named John Mounds, of Orangeville, was killed by the train which reaches the latter place shortly after nine o'clock.

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FRIENDLY NOTICES. THE GREY REVIEW.—This is the title of a new paper published in the town of Durham, by Mr. J. Townsend.

IMPORTANT INSURANCE CASE.—An important suit was tried at the Court of Chancery in this city yesterday. On the 20th of July, 1878, a farmer named Ezra Shaw, residing at Shelburne, Elgin Co., effected an insurance with Joseph Mitchell, a travelling agent of the Union Fire Insurance Co., of Ottawa.

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The German Government, in consequence of the attempt on the life of the Emperor, are about to place additional restrictions on the liberty of the press and the right of public meetings.

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PAT'S ISORHIZUM PLEA.—Defendant—Now, doctor, by virtue of your oath, didn't I say, 'Kill or cure, doctor, I'll give you a guinea?' And didn't you say, 'Kill or cure, I'll take it?' Doctor—"You did, and I agree to the bargain; and I want the guinea accordingly." Defendant—"Now, doctor, by virtue of your oath answer this: Did you cure my wife?" Doctor—"No, she's dead; you know that." Defendant—"Then, doctor, by virtue of your oath answer this: Did you kill my wife?" Doctor—"No; she died of her illness." Defendant (to the Bench)—"Your worship, see this. You heard him tell our bargain, it was kill or cure. By virtue of his oath he done neither, and he ax's the fee!" The verdict, however, went against poor Pat notwithstanding his ingenuity.

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