

Fighting Fate.

A boy about thirteen years old was just before Christmas seen dragging a big, sleek-looking cat along the street to find an owner for the same. A young man he said to the householder who answered it: "I've brought your dog home."

"True to the last—A well-used boot. A lazy fellow lying down on the grass said, 'Oh, I do wish that this was called work and well paid for!'"

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The Prussian estimates for 1878 show a deficiency of nine million dollars.

Two thousand American firms are said to have already made arrangements to be represented at the Paris Exposition of 1878. An exchange wants to know how the Turks happened to learn to fight so well. Why, man, half of the Turkish officers have lost a dozen wives.

A modern poet thus criticizes some church-going people: "Attend your church," the parson cries, "To church each fair one goes; The old go there to close their eyes, The young to eye their clothes!"

A passenger train on an Irish railway a few days since ran over an intoxicated fellow on the track. He was so susceptible to the magnitude of his misfortune as to remark to the guard, "Arrah, now, this is too bad—I didn't mean to stop to train."

The Stratford Beacon says that an idea of the proportions to which the very interest in Ontario has grown, may be formed from the fact that during the past ten days, Mr. Thomas Ballantyne, M.P.P., has left out for change over \$100,000. The change was mostly the result of the district of which Stratford is the centre.

"I ain't got no father," answered the lad. "Who said you had—I was only fooling. Say, this 'ere is the bestest thing you ever got eyes on!"

"I ain't got no money," replied the boy. "I'll trade him for a knife." "Any old skates?"

"No," answered the boy with the flourish, as he dodged around the dog and hurried on. The other looked down on the canine with mingled sadness and indignation. The dog braced back at an acute angle, his eyes shut and his tail lying on the walk, waiting for the boy to say:

"Ob-wah! if I knew how, how I'd blast ye! I kept you hid away for a week, and I've hauled you all over town, and you ain't even a three cent dog! I've fit fate for more'n a month to get some chink for Christmas, and here I am, dead-broke and no assets but you, you old sole-leather colored skunk! I've got desperate, and I'm going to shove your blood!"

He slackened on the rope to administer a kick, and the dog made a jump and gained his liberty. He ran off around the corner, and the boy leaned against the tree-box and mused:

"There's only one plan left. I'll take vengeance on ye to make me sleep from Monday night to Wednesday morning, and I won't know nuthin' at all 'bout Christmas nor nuthin'!"

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Full many a maid who troyed with kerensie. Has gently clambered up the golden stair.

Trickett, the Australian oarsman, and champion sculler of the world, has accepted 'Courtney's' challenge to row a single scull race of three straight miles, in American waters for \$10,000.

An agreement has been come to between the United States and Canadian Post Office Departments, whereby letters bearing a request to be returned within a given time failing to find the person addressed, will be re-mailed to the place whence they were forwarded.

He wrote and told her he would be about at eight o'clock in the evening, concluding his note with the following couplet: "With breath as sweet as roses, 'Tis I breathe upon me, love."

And she coddily answered, "You'd better not come; we had onions in the soup to-day."

The following is taken from the last edition of the Postal Guide. It will be found of interest to advertisers and others: "Letters addressed to initials, or to fictitious names, cannot be delivered, but will be returned to the writers through the Dead Letter Office, unless the address contains a designated place of delivery. Thus a letter addressed A. B., C. Office, Ottawa, would be returned to the writer, but a letter addressed A. B., care of John Jones, Box No. 75, or No. 650 Ross-st Street, would be delivered to the address designated."

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