

Miscellaneous

Hibernian Humor

I remember an anecdote which Governor Clinton and General Morton used to tell with great glee. On some occasion, they took a boat at Whitehall to cross over to one of the Islands in the Bay. It so happened that the boatman was from the Emerald Isle.

Libel Suit

That slander is often beneficial to the person slandered is indisputable. We recollect an anecdote in point. A man somewhere out west was elected to Congress. He was totally unqualified, in every respect for the position.

At the next election his opponent was elected. His friend meeting him one day, asked how it happened.

A WITTY RETORT.—The following capital story is told of Elder Ray, a travelling preacher in Ohio, and with a very eccentric character.

The elder, in his travels, always rode on horseback, and was remarkable for having the best pieces of horseflesh in the neighborhood; justly priding himself for his taste in this matter.

OYSTERS AND OSTRICHES.—A friend tells us that in passing through the street a few evenings since, he overheard the following conversation between two individuals, one of whom evidently was a stranger from the woods.

THOUGHTS.—Thoughts, sir," exclaimed a would-be poet, "are the divine wings that bear me up into the seventh heaven to enjoy the feast of reason, and the flow of soul, while you can only feast on bread, and cheese and porter. But what is the use of speaking to you, you never had a thought in all your life."

GOING BY STEAM.—A young buck, "with corsets laced as tight as fiddle strings," examining the operations of one of the Factories in Pawtucket, a short time ago, addressed the following sapient question to one of the young girls employed in the work: "Does this Factory go by steam, young woman?"

THORNT LACINO.—It is said that any man is a gentleman who can walk by a brick wall without biting a piece out of it; so any woman is a lady who can wear corsets without actually cutting herself in two in the middle.

Sketches of Prairie Life

THE BEE HUNTERS.—Our long, idle evenings around the camp-fires were generally whiled away with pipes and chat, now and then a song, and sometimes a yarn, either fanciful or true, from some of the rude characters around us.

It was some time in 1832, that a party of fifteen or twenty persons collected among the little village settlements of upper Missouri, for the purpose of a bee-hunting expedition upon Grand River. As is usual on such occasions there were more novices than practical wood men among them, and in a few days, before a single tree was found, their provisions began to run low, while so sign appeared as yet of either honey or game.

Accordingly, the youth set off alone invoking Providence to guide him, while an old and faithful dog was the only living thing left with the wounded father, to lick his feverish hand and listen to his moans. More fortunate than he anticipated, the son did in a brief period reach the settlements, from whence he set out again immediately with every necessary assistance, both for his father and the unlucky bee-hunters upon Grand River.

Coaxing the affectionate creature near enough to him by the feeble motion of his hand, he made a desperate plunge at the animal's neck with his knife, and was fortunate enough to sever the jugular artery, and the poor dog expired almost without a struggle by his side!

SOME HOURS after, poor Vanderpool's companions, the other bee-hunters, came past this very spot, they having waiting his return until patience had expired, and now having determined to abandon their search after bee trees, and make their way homeward as soon as possible.

THE BOY, too, at length succeeded in bringing his friends to the spot, and finding various foot-prints around, his father gone and the dog killed, his natural conclusion was, that either friends or enemies had been there and carried the old man off. This opinion fastening itself at once upon them all, they left the place and turned back to the settlements, while poor old Vanderpool, with his broken thigh, still lay, not insensible, but speechless and powerless among the bushes on the margin of the stream! He heard his

friends searching for and wondering what had become of him, but could give them no intimation of his near whereabouts. He heard his son's voice, and could gasp forth no tone or murmur loud enough to give warning of his presence. They were preparing to depart, to leave him there for the last time, and he could not call to them.

THE BOY and his friends, as well as the other people of the bee hunting party, arrived at their homes, fully expecting to hear of some lucky chance having brought the old man in before them, but consternation and alarm at once succeeded to this hope, when they were told that Vanderpool had as yet neither been seen or heard of!

How much is there daily occurring in real life that leaves the pen of fiction in the back ground. How many occurrences fade constantly away unrecorded in oblivion, (in despite, even, of the ever eager daily papers,) full of all the elements calculated to enlist sympathy and interest.

A JACK TAR'S IDEA of a LOCOMOTIVE.—"Why blast the thing," says he, there's nothin' ship shape, above board, or manly about it. Watch a ship now, with her canvass belling out, laying down to it just enough to show she feels the breeze, tossing the spray from her bows, and lifting her head over the seas as if she stepped over 'em; there's something like life there."

ROMANCE vs. REALITY.—If you wish to marry a woman who will sit all day with holes in her stockings and talk to you about what sacrifices she would be willing to make for your comfort and convenience—who will see you toiling and sweating, day and night, for the support of your family, and never reach forth a finger to assist you, while she addresses you in poetical numbers and calls you the noblest of beings—whose heart is always bursting with love, while your shirts need washing and you can never get a meal cooked to your mind—if you would marry such a one, go and marry a romantic maiden who reads Bulwer and sighs to the moon.

BOYS, RECOLLECT THIS.—Mr. Weller says—"Widders are 'ceptions to every rule—I have heard how many 'nery women use widders is equal to in pint o' coming over you—I think it is five and twenty; but I don't rightly know wheither it aint more."

COUNSELLOR NECESSITY.—We heard of a pompous lawyer once who was called in his profession 'Counsellor Necessity, from the fact that "necessity has no law."

Lime in Agriculture

Of the mineral substances that have been employed to improve the soil, lime is the most important. All our lands seem to be susceptible of great benefit from it; and I believe that in many parts of this district, it can be obtained on such terms as to create a probability that it may be profitably applied.

It renders stiff and tenacious soils more friable—and light and sandy soils more retentive of moisture. It disposes all vegetable matter in the soil to decompose, so as to supply the nourishment of living plants, and it makes the nutritive matter itself more salubrious. These last effects may be seen in familiar instances.

In cold and humid climates, it is not considered that old turf lands can be profitably broken up without lime: the straw will be abundant, but the grain light and unproductive; treated with lime, these lands are the most productive. In our climate, the vegetable matter has not such a tendency to become peaty and inert, and lime may not, to such a degree, be necessary for the purpose of promoting decomposition; but it would in every case make our wheat of better quality.

In calculating the expense of liming, the permanency of its effects should be taken into account. If a proper dose be administered, there will be no need of a repetition of it for 15 or 20 years. What the dose should be, must depend on the quality of land; but generally speaking, it should be increased as the land is more adhesive, or as it is more filled with vegetable matter.

THE GIRLS.—They think of Hymen and can't help sighing. When their lovers forsake them, they can't help crying. They sit at the window and can't help spying. Into private matters, they can't help prying. To get each a beau, they can't help trying. When together, their tongues can't help plying. At the mirror, they can't help twisting and turning and trying. They screw up their corsets, bring on the consumption and can't help dying.

SALTING STOCK.—Stock of all descriptions require to be salted at least thrice a week; and if, instead of giving them all salt, equal parts of salt lime and ashes were mixed together, the mixture would prove cheaper and more health preserving. If a mixture of salt and tar, in equal proportions, were kept in trough in the stock yard, at which they could resort, at will, it would be found to be conducive to their health.

HUSBANDING TIME.—A man with eleven daughters was lately complaining that he found it hard to live.

A BLUNDER.—A Frenchman, wishing to speak of the cream of the English poets, forgot the word and said "do butter of poets." A wag said that he had fairly churned up the English language.

TALL MAN.—There is a man in Kentucky so tall, that it takes him half an hour to stoop low enough to untie his shoe-strings.

The Yankee Shop Revived!! NOW on the south side of the public square, in the building adjoining the Clarence tavern house, owned by N. Tuttle, where the subscriber does not hesitate to say that he has just received from the State of New York, the BEST article of STOVES ever brought into Towanda, such as

Crossed's pt. im. Cooking Stoves, elevated oven. An assortment of Parlor Dining Room Cooking. Cylinder Coal. A quantity of Six Plates, of different sizes and

Watch and Clock Repairing. W. J. CHAMBERLAIN, RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public that he still continues to carry on the above business at his old stand, one door south of Thomas Elliott's store, and nearly opposite the Hay Scales.

Watch and Clock Repairing, will be done on short notice, and warranted to be well done. From a long experience in the business, he believes that he will be able to render perfect satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage.

SADDLE, HARNESS & TRUNK MANUFACTORY. THE SUBSCRIBERS respectfully inform their old friends and the public generally that they are carrying on the above business in all its various branches, in the north part of the building occupied by B. Thomas, as a Hat shop, on Main street, nearly opposite Mercur's store, where they will be happy to accommodate old and new customers.

SADDLES, BRIDLES, MARTINGALS, HARNESS, WHIPS & C. CARPET BAGS, VALISES, TRUNKS, COLLARS, ARNOU & CULP. The latest fashion and best materials will be made to order on moderate terms for ready pay. Most kinds of country produce will be taken in exchange for work.

D. Vandercook—Cabinet Maker. Corner of Main & State streets, Towanda Pa. KEEPS constantly on hand, all kinds of Furniture, made of the best materials and of the latest fashion, which he will sell on better terms for cash than can be had at any other establishment in the world.

NEW BLACKSMITHING ESTABLISHMENT. THE SUBSCRIBER has taken the Blacksmithing Shop on the west side of Main street, in the south part of the Borough, where he is prepared to execute all orders in his line such as HORSESHOEING, CARRIAGE & COACH WORK and EDGE TOOLS.

STOP DRIVER! AND GIVE a way-faring man a passage in that stage. I'm altogether a working man, and prefer riding; here, take this shiplanter! The subscribers are now running the following Stages, and look to a liberal public for support.

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C. BRINCKERHOFF'S HEALTH RESTORATIVE. WHERE it does not for the want of the proprietor would feel some commending it to the attention of the many who have been brought forward in the parade of false certificates and who are received with distrust. The Health Restorative, however, is founded upon the superior powers of its beneficial effects, confidently recommended in cases of Coughs, Colds, Lungs, purifying the blood, pain in the side and skin, and all other complaints arising from want of tone in the stomach. The most unusual attention to diet, nor is there to be apprehended from exposure from attending to usual avocations. Numerous certificates in testimony of its efficacy, the following are selected.

Letter from Samuel Hall. Mr. C. Brinckerhoff:—Dear Sir:—Having been afflicted with a disease of the lungs, attended with a severe cough and great difficulty of breathing, and compelled at times to give up my bed, I tried many medicines, but found little relief, until hearing of your Health Restorative, I procured two bottles of Sabin Hall's Restorative, Susquehanna county, and I feel in a position to say that I have not enjoyed better health in some years, and I think that God, it has been the means of prolonging my life, and most cheerfully recommend it to the public as a valuable medicine.

Letter from C. W. Dunn. Mr. C. Brinckerhoff:—Dear Sir:—I was troubled for a length of time with a severe cold and have tried many medicines which commended to me, but found no relief, was induced to try a bottle of your Restorative, which has cured me and effected it is from the knowledge I have of the efficacy of this medicine that I so cordially recommend it to others; believing that any one who is afflicted with a severe cough, will by the use of the Restorative experience the same happy results.

Letter from Daniel H. Kuhn. Mr. C. Brinckerhoff:—Dear Sir:—I was afflicted with a severe cold about the middle of which kept increasing, and seated on my chest and threw me into a violent cough, and were pain in the side, so that I was unable to do any business for about three weeks. I had within that time taken all kinds of medicine which I thought could be of any use to me, but still I grew worse, until I finally obtained your Health Restorative, use of only two bottles of which I was cured.

Letter from Sabin Hall. Mr. C. Brinckerhoff:—Dear Sir:—I was afflicted with an affection of the lungs in the left side and breast, attended with alarming cough. I was in New York, where friends there advised me to try your Restorative. I procured two bottles, and had used one of them I found my breathing improved, and after using the whole I enjoyed as good health as I had in any time within five or six years. I speak of being in New York, my wife and I, as being in good health, and my wife, I speak of my ever reaching my home. I attribute my recovery to the use of your medicine for the lungs, and I can testify to its health to be now enjoyed. I consider it a medicine, and recommend any one afflicted with an affection of the lungs or liver, to use it.

Letter from Walter Felt. Mr. C. Brinckerhoff:—Dear Sir:—I am a company with Sabin Hall, at the Springs, and speak of being in New York. I think almost or quite beyond the possibility of recovery, and in fact did not think I could reach home. I do not know of any other medicine than your Health Restorative, and in a few weeks he appeared in good health as he had done for a long time. As I was with Mr. Hatch, that under God, he was the use of your medicine for the lungs, and I can testify to its health to be now enjoyed. I consider it a medicine, and recommend any one afflicted with an affection of the lungs or liver, to use it.

The following is an extract of a letter from Hon. Stephen Strong, of Oswego, N.Y., November 7, 1843. Dear Sir:—Your Health Restorative has far proved a most invaluable medicine; you please send me, in the same way, the other, five bottles more.

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