

TAKING-TOLL.

A country road o'er hill and plain; A rustic bridge, in distance seen; Spanning stream whose waters clear...

Romance of a Wayside Inn.

On the outskirts of Tarrytown, on the Hudson, there is an old-fashioned town with wide, low rooms, a square corridor, wherein the stairway makes three turns...

The Madman of the Woods.

In the fall of 1860, just before our winter logging campaign, vague rumors were abroad about a raving maniac, escaped from some asylum, who, it was said, had taken to the woods...

Execution of French Women.

Sophie Gauthier had been found guilty of a heinous crime; she had killed all her children by means of pins, which she stuck into their brains...

Bear Hunting in Russia.

The following singular means of capturing for killing the bear is said to be frequently practiced by Russian peasants who cannot easily procure firearms...

Grandfather Lickshingle on the Hot Weather.

"This is very unpleasant weather," said Grandfather Lickshingle, the other day. "I am an old man, and I don't remember ever seeing 'nuthin' like it."

The Impressive Yankee.

A New York having business in the city lately, jumped aboard the train at the Grand Central depot, and his meditations continued undisturbed until after the cars passed Meriden...

A Royal Female Gambler.

Princess Souwaroff, during a recent stay at Saxon Le Bains, happened one evening to have an extraordinary run of bad luck while gambling...

Blowing the Bellows.

During the journey of the Emperor Joseph II to Italy, one of the wheels of his coach broke down on the road, so that it was with difficulty that he reached a small village at a short distance...

Fields of Roses.

The roses of Chazipour, on the river Ganges, are cultivated in enormous fields of hundreds of acres. The delightful odor from these fields can be smelled at seven miles distance on the river...

Ventilation.

Many persons complain of always getting up tired in the morning. This is very often due to defective ventilation of the bedroom, or from using an undue amount of bed clothes and bedding...

A Dormant Wasp.

A West Hill minister picked up a frozen wasp on the pavement recently, and with a view of advancing the interests of science, he carried it into the house and held it by the tail while he warmed its ears over the lamp chimney...

A Good Record But a Bad Memory.

"Ahem! Oh—excuse me one moment, my friend," said a ready-looking peddler with a blossom on his nose and a black-and-blue eye, as he emerged from the alley leading out from the rear of the Tivoli to Clark street...

Blowing the Bellows.

"Change them when and where you will," said the Emperor, stepping into his carriage; "an Emperor should pay for such a pleasure as that of blowing the bellows."