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WALTER "MERRIEST CHRISTMAS."

BY CAEM.

It was Christmas Eve, and nearly every person belonging to the Village of M—, in the Province of Ontario, was at church. We can't say they all went there for the purpose of prayer; indeed we know several instances where the object in view was anything but that. The majority of the younger people came to see the decorations of the church, which interesting operation had just been completed, after a week of assiduous labour on the part of a select few of the congregation; and one person came because some other person was there. This person was Mr. Walter Tyrrel, son of the richest man in the Village, "an awful swell," and "a desperate flirt." These epithets were applied to him by the boys and girls respectively, and they comprise all that it is necessary for us to say about his character; for it is accepted that "an awful swell" is generally a person of limited brains, whose own opinion of himself is something prodigious, and the best known to exist; while a "desperate flirt"—well, that isn't quite so bad.

Walter's father and mother were wrapt in the handsome young curate's discourse; and Walter was gazing across the church at Edith Havelock. Edith Havelock was his last and best love; she was the prettiest girl he had ever seen; she had such beautiful dark eyes; such an abundance of hair; such a fine figure; and was so imperious in her manner, he concluded that she, and she only, was fit to be his wife; and accordingly he used every means in his power to make her like him. Strange to say, he had not, as yet, produced the slightest impression—at least, it appeared so. If Miss Havelock met him on the street, he would be barely recognized, and she would not suffer herself to speak more than half a dozen words to him at any time; while to Mr. Marsden, the curate, she was all smiles, and always had so much to say to him, that Walter grew angry.

"What the deuce she sees in him, I don't know," he would say, stroking the place where his moustache ought to be, but which three months of hard labour had failed to produce. "He's only three hundred pounds a year, while I'll have twelve thousand; and he don't dress with taste, nor—well, I'll know my fate on Christmas eve, any-way. She'll be at our party, of course, and there'll be plenty of chances to propose. I only hope she'll—aw—have me. If she refuses, I'll commit—aw—suicide!"

His daily reflections could be interpreted in pretty much the same strain as this—even his dreams were of Edith. He actually grew ashamed of himself on that account.

"Fancy," he would say to himself, "Fancy, I who might have married dozens of heiresses, in love with a girl because she's pretty! It's preposterous, really! But"—consoling him-

self—"she comes of good family, and has relations worth considerable, so she's not so bad after all. I wish Christmas Eve was here."

Christmas Eve *did* come; and, soon after church was over, the guests poured into the Tyrrels' from all directions. All the notable people belonging to the nearest town came in their sleighs, as did the principal villagers. Among the latter was Edward Marsden, the young minister, with his sister and mother. He came because they wanted to, he said, and intended leaving early; but as the evening grew older, he altered his determination, and announced his intention of remaining. This strange freak surprised his mother, for Edward had no love for parties and suppers; but she said nothing.

Miss Havelock was decidedly the belle of the evening. Her beauty outshone that of others, and her dress was magnificent. Walter claimed her for the first dance, and she suffered herself to be flattered and complimented for the space of half an hour, without offering the slightest resistance. Her thoughts appeared to be far away, and no effort of her devoted cavalier could induce her to enter into conversation, further than the monosyllabic answers she gave to his questions. At first he felt slightly angry; but suddenly it occurred to him that she was expecting a proposal of marriage from him, and was perhaps excited on that account. He resolved to act immediately, and accordingly said:

"Miss Havelock, I have something very particular to say to you—will you kindly accompany me to the conservatory for a moment."

"Is what you have to say of such length that you cannot speak it here, or is it—"

"What I wish to say," he said, interrupting her, "may or not be of length, just as *you* choose; but it is certainly private, and you'll surely not refuse me, considering that it equally concerns both of us."

"Dear me! How extremely enigmatical you are, Mr. Tyrrel! But as I'm dreadfully curious, and withal slightly tired of this glare and crowd; I'll go with you."

"This is the way, Miss Havelock," he then said, opening a door near at hand, and he led her forth into the conservatory, which was tastefully ornamented and illuminated with Chinese lanterns. Seating her, he poured forth his story of love—his hopes—his unhappy future without her—and ended by declaring that unless she consented that night to marry him, the morrow would find him a corpse. She listened, with a smile—whether a smile of love or what, he did not know; but accepting the former solution of the matter, he rose from his knees, and seized her hands.

"I am really very sorry, Mr. Tyrrel," she said, endeavoring to free herself from his grip, but being unable to do so; "I—"

"Oh, Mr. Marsden, here's Miss Havelock!" cried a childish voice at this juncture. "And Walter's going

to kiss her!" It was little Birdie, Walter's sister, and releasing Edith's hands, he fell back into his seat, anger of the worst kind being depicted on his face at this untoward interruption.

"Be still, you little hussy!" he ejaculated: "I'm not going to do any such thing, and, if I were, why should you scream it all over the universe? You should be in bed now, at any rate; so come with me to your nurse."

"No, Walter, I'll not," replied the child, firmly; "Mamma said I could stay up until ten to-night, and Mr. Marsden brought me in here to see his mother; but she's not here, so he got this pretty flower for me—he said it meant 'love.' There we heard you talking, and I think he went into the ball-room, as he's not here anywhere, unless he's behind that large flower stand. Will I see, Miss Havelock? He was asking about you."

"Oh, no dear; never mind," replied Edith, blushing with mortification at the thought that *he* had overheard their conversation. "That is a very pretty rose you have."

"Yes; Mr. Marsden said it was one of the largest he ever saw. He's so nice, isn't he, Walter?"

"Very," he answered, mentally wishing such a nice person miles and miles away. "You may go now, if you want to."

"Won't you come and see my new doll, Miss Havelock? It's *such* a love! Black eyes and dark hair, and such red cheeks! Why, actually it's almost as pretty as you! So it's well worth seeing, isn't it?"

"It must be," replied Edith, laughing merrily; "and, if your brother'll excuse me, I shall be delighted to see it."

"Oh, certainly," said Walter. "You must be tired of my company by this time. I don't wonder much, taking into consideration my extreme stupidity as compared with others—Marsden, for instance."

"What right have you to mention Mr. Marsden's name to me in such a manner—?"

But Walter, in a terrible fury, rushed out, and she was for a moment alone with Birdie. The conservatory now began to fill with dancers, eager to get a breath of fresh air, and in an instant Edith was surrounded by *beau galants* anxious to enter into conversation with her, and Birdie ran off, telling her to come and see the doll after supper.

"I'm surprised to find you—aw—alone, Miss Havelock," said young Mr. Fitzdoodle, the heir to a title and estate in England, who was considered by others as well as himself a "great catch." "Have you—aw—been dancing?"

"Only a little. I don't care much for it, you know," she answered.

Now she certainly did not speak the truth in this respect, for she was passionately fond of dancing; but it had occurred to her, that *should she ever be a clergyman's wife*, this pleasure must be renounced. Therefore she endeavoured to make herself believe that she didn't like it.

"Aw—no. Precisely my sentiments," and Mr. Fitzdoodle coolly took the chair so recently occupied by Walter, and seated himself at her side. "Dancing is—aw—very well when you can't find any pleasanter occupation, of course; but I much prefer being among the flowers—especially when there's so much youth and beauty to be seen with them," replied Mr. Fitzdoodle. "Dancing is nothing compared to this!"

"Dear me! aren't you getting complimentary, Mr. Fitzdoodle? I don't like compliments at all, please remember."

"Ha! We'll have to postpone this discussion, for there's the signal for supper. May I—aw—have the honor of escorting you to the table?"

"Thank you—I shall be very glad, and Mr. Fitzdoodle was delighted.

A hum of admiration resounded through the large dining-room as she entered; but she did not appear conscious of it. She was searching for some one—searching for Edward Marsden. It may seem strange that she should permit an almost penniless young curate to occupy her thoughts, when persons of such wealth and station as Mr. Fitzdoodle were so anxious to claim one word from her; but, to tell the truth, Mr. Marsden's silence annoyed her. He had not come near her during the whole evening, while formerly, no matter where she was, if he were near, he immediately came to her and entered into conversation. She finally concluded that he had witnessed—or, at least, heard—the affair between Walter and herself in the conservatory; and she resolved to explain it to him. But why should she humble herself by making excuses for her conduct to him! He was nothing to her, nor was there any likelihood he ever would be, and he had no right to expect such a thing.

Thus she reasoned with herself, as, leaning on Mr. Fitzdoodle's arm, she proceeded to take her place at the table. It so happened that Mr. Marsden, with his mother and sister, were immediately opposite her, and the latter two noticed with surprise the cold bow that passed between her and Edward—they who had formerly been such great friends—and wondered what had occurred. It was very unpleasant for Edith to sit out that long supper, and feel that *he* was watching her the while; and she was thankful when at last the hostess gave the signal for retiring.

Mr. Fitzdoodle had the next waltz with her, and then, pleading fatigue, she seated herself alone in a far corner, watching the gay young people whirling around, with smiling faces and light hearts—as she had fully expected to do when she came to the party, but which Walter's importunity had prevented. She had made up her mind that this was the last time she'd ever dance; and she hoped it would have been pleasanter than it now was. While in this predicament, she was surprised to hear the manly voice of

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Who Was Guilty?

BY CAEM.

All was quite in the schoolroom of Swishem House. This, as the reader will acknowledge is an unusual circumstance in any room where over fifty boys are assembled, for it isn't boys' nature to be quiet, but in this case, the captain of the school was involved, and, being well-liked by all, the boys anxiously waited to hear the principal's views of the matter. This august personage sits in state on his throne, with two teachers on each side of him, and the boys in front. It is easy to see by his expressive countenance, that he is in a rather unforgiving mood, and as the charge against Fred Mannering, the boy in question, is rather a serious one, the boys feel that their favorite is in a very precarious condition. Suddenly Mr. Porter arises, and calling Mannering to the front, delivered the following oration:

"Boys this is to me as I trust it also is to you all, a painful case. One of your number—he in whom I have hitherto had the utmost confidence—has violated the trust I reposed in him, and descended to steal. A boy of Swishem has, I repeat, lowered himself and disgraced his preceptors by evincing a total disregard for their teaching—in fact by breaking the—aw—the sixth commandment—is it not the sixth? I am so confused, I really cannot remember. The particulars of the crime—that's a hard word, boys, but the right one, are I think known to you all. Henry Frere received a present of ten dollars from his mother on his birthday. Seeing Mannering and Ferrier playing lacrosse on his way home from the post office, he mentioned the circumstance to them, the result of which was, that in the evening his money was gone; the lock of the trunk in which he had placed it was found to be broken; and this knife, which is undoubtedly Mannering's, was found on the floor near it. That evening also Ferrier tells me Mannering had an unusual amount of money which he spent freely.

"Now you all know that I never ask a boy to convict himself in any serious matter. I always require certain circumstantial evidence,

that cannot be doubted, before I pronounce him guilty. And, of course, I never ask the boy any questions, except 'are you guilty?' lest in his excitement and anger he might tell me a falsehood. Accordingly I have asked Mannering for no explanation, nor will I permit him to give one until his term of punishment has expired. I think, however, that he can offer no other truthful solution than the one we have arrived at; and I therefore feel justified in sentencing him to remain in doors for a month. He will not join the boys in play, nor enter the playground until I have given him permission to do so. I may tell him that he has lost my confidence; and I daresay that of the other teachers also. Go to your seat, sir. There will be no work to-day."

At this announcement the boys filed out of the room to the playground—all excepting Fred. A few would have remained to condole with him, but the principal would not allow them to do so. Soon he was the only inmate of the large room, the masters having all left. He could hear the joyous shouts of the boys outside, as they engaged in lacrosse or cricket; and it made his confinement very hard to bear, especially as he knew he was innocent of the charge laid against him.

Outside, the criticisms on the principal's course, were numerous and varied. Some pronounced him cruel; others narrow-minded; while others said he had done just right if Mannering was guilty. But was he? Ah! there was the rub! A great many didn't think so; some did; others didn't know what to think about it.

"It's too bad," exclaimed Joe Fardon, the captain of the lacrosse twelve, "that he was found out before Saturday; we've got to play the Barmellites then, and he's our best defence man."

"Put Ferrier on—he's pretty good," said Frere; "I'm sorry I told about that thing so soon, but I never suspected Fred."

"That's right, Frere. He's not the one who stole your money, I'll warrant." "I don't know about that," put in Ferrier, who had just come up; "it looks mighty like it."

"Is this the way you talk about Fred—he who's your greatest chum? 'Pon my word I don't think much of you!" indignantly

answered Fardon. "But here's the dinner bell. Let's adjourn until two o'clock," and the boys poured into the dining room. Fred was not there; his meals were served him in the schoolroom, along with Virgil and Horace, a large portion of which books he was to translate ere his release.

"This is pleasant," he muttered as he sipped his coffee; "I wonder who really is responsible for it all! I can't imagine who it could be, unless indeed Ferrier be the one. But surely he'd not go back on me that way—I don't believe it."

And thus he ruminated from day to day, until at last Saturday arrived.

The day was a fine one, and all the teachers went to Bradley's field, where the contest was to take place, taking their families with them. A large crowd of townspeople had also assembled, manifesting considerable interest in the match as it proceeded. And who ever saw a respectable lacrosse match, that didn't feel interested? We fancy that person is yet to be found. Cricket is a nice game and, to a certain extent, a lively one; but what is it in comparison with lacrosse? Why just what winter is to summer—much cooler (!) and less enjoyable. But we must not permit our enthusiasm to carry us away. Lacrosse is a subject upon which we could dwell for hours with satisfaction to ourself, though doubtless not so much to others; for there are some who are not so fond of it as we are. So we will return to the subject in hand—the match at Bradley's field.

We say a large number of people had congregated to witness the game. We did not state however, that fully nine-tenths of these were in favor of the Barmellites; but such was the case. The latter school being in the town added much to its liveliness it also contributed a worthy revenue and its boys were more sociable than those of Swishem House. Hence their popularity among the town-folk.

The Barmellites had good reason to be proud of their lacrosse twelve, for they were a splendid looking lot, weighing perhaps five hundred pounds more than their opponents, who, however, made up for this deficiency in dodging and running. But as they appeared when facing there seemed but little chance of their winning; indeed one of the said

citizens of Bradford was heard to remark that he was sorry he came, intimaing that it was simply foolish to anticipate a good game between two clubs so vastly different.

The Swishems were not in their best trim. Fred Mannering, their principle defence man, was absent and a change had to be made in consequence. One of the heavier fielders was put in his place and Ferrier added in the rest.

At three o'clock play commenced, the Barmell boys easily winning the first game in three minutes. But the second was more closely contested, and although the ball was frequently at the wrong end of the field, Fardon managed, by good play to throw it back again, the result of which was that in half an hour the Swishems got the second game, amidst the hearty cheers of their supporters. There were now two—possibly three—more games to be played, and betting was freely indulged in by the juniors on all sides. The Barmell boys now put their best man to check Fardon at defence, and that worthy, consequently had harder work to do, his opponent being rather too large for him.

The Barmellites played well, and in another 30 minutes had won the third game. In a few minutes the ball was again "faced," and the sport entered into with renewed vigour. Time after time was the ball in front of the Swishem's flags only to be thrown far away again. This game was pronounced the best yet by the spectators. At last, after an hour's running and dodging, and throwing, Ferrier, by a lucky shot sent the ball through the flags, and the fourth game was declared Swishem's amidst tremendous cheers from the spectators, many of whom began to like them better at this stage. But the most important struggle was yet to come, as it would decide who were the victors; and everybody was trembling with excitement. When at last the two teams faced, and the ball was sent swiftly from one end of the field to the other, the spectators fairly held their breath. Ferrier getting the rubber on his crosse, started "home" with it, closely pursued by a strapping player of the opposite side, who slowly but surely overtook him, and finally endeavoured to check his stick by sweeping his own around Ferrier's body.

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Editorials,

This month we come to our readers a little behind time, but as we have had such a large quantity of job work on hand we have been unable to get the BEAVER out on time. We must apologise for having to combine the Jan. and Feb. No. in one, but we hope that our readers will forgive us this time and we will try and not do so in future any more. However the subscribers will receive one month after the expiration of their subscriptions, gratis.

We have received a paper called the Atlas, and must say that it is a good little sheet for its size.

The High School is large well printed paper from Providence.

The Centennial Enterprise is one of our largest and best exchanges.

The Boys of the West is a large and well got up paper, but the printing might be improved.

We have received some Stamp Circulars from Messrs Rosendo Fernandez & Co, Barcelona Spain. It is a neatly printed little sheet and gives the prices of Spanish Stamps, old and new issues, as they are selling them.

The L'Ami Du Collectionneur and L'Etoile D'Italie from Rome (Italy)

are to hand.

Amateurs! Beware of the brainless editors of The Missellany.

Pine Tree clippings is a neat little sheet, small but good.

Young Patroit from washing—puts a larger wrapper on your paper so that we can have a chance to see the wrapper, if not the paper.

Our Free Lance, Galion, Ohio, is one of our best.

The Amateur Punch, boss.

The piece entitled "Light at Last" in our last issue, was taken from the Free Lance.

Boy's Herald, Batavia not as good as we expected

Schedule, Good.

Youths Progress, very good.

Has the Lima Express Bust.

Our Idle Time is noe of the best

The following papers have been duly received:—

Budget, N.Y. Little Joker, Amateur Book Review, Keystone, N. Y. Postage Stamp Reporter, Press, Montague City, Smokey City Gem, Keystone Blade, Corriere De Francobolli, Austria, Amateur Newspaper Reporter. The Imp. Gosien Clipper.

The Jayhawker is a neatly printed sheet from Kansas.

We have received the Amateur's Delight.

The Penn Journal is worth the subscription price.

The Bull-frog comes all the way from San Francisco, and is hardly worth the postage on it.

Gabriel-Horn is very good.

Western News why do you not send us the other half of your paper or is that all.

Prairie City Gem. Printing poor.

Our Young Folkes Gazzette, both printing and contents are good.

The Brunswick Herald is a small one from New York.

We have received the INITIAL number of a paper called the "Chipmunk," published in this city. The Editor publishes it as his third number, but we beg to inform the amateur public that he cannot show Vol. 1. No. 1. We would just like to know what authority he had for telling one of the stamp dealers of this city that we had sold our appeal to him when he knows quite well that we would not do any such a thing, and also the reason he has for wanting to criticize The "Boy's Herald," of St. John, The "Clio" of Brooklyn and the CANADA BEAVER. We may say at the same time that he wanted one of our city amateurs to run his critic department as he has not got brains enough to do it himself. We have been blamed for trying to create a row among our fellow amateurs, we would like to know what this is, Messrs. Bowes & Perly?

The Boy's Journal is a neat little sheet for the Editors' experience.

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So far, the Department has found no way out of the difficulty, and a long series of experiments just completed has resulted in nothing more than the assurance that green is the poorest of stamp colors. At the time it was adopted no other nation used it as its unit of letter postage, and, with its misuse, the common stamps the world over will run to reds and brow.

With the change of color, May 1st there will be a change in design. The medallion head of Washington will be relieved by an open space of white, and the scroll work will have a different pattern. Altogether, the new stamp will bear some resemblance to a stamp of sixteen years ago, which most people have forgotten. The white background is adopted in the hope that any attempt to wash the stamp will leave this part irretrievably soiled.

Some other changes in the stamps are likely to follow the making of a contract, May 1, and a new head is likely to be introduced in the shape of a medallion of Liberty—one step toward bringing more similarity between the designs of coins and stamps. There is some intention of putting this design on the five-cent stamp, used mostly for foreign postage.

Conference and correspondence with other postal authorities show that loss from the reuse of stamps is much more frequent here than abroad. It is scarcely known in England, and there stamps offer the additional temptation of being easy to counterfeit. The practice has recently begun in India, and the frugal folks are giving the Anglo-Indian Office serious loss by their skill in dealing with cancelled stamps.—N. Y. World.

HUMEROUS

The Cincinnati Commercial says: Why is it that editors never commit suicide? The Burlington Hawkeye has invested this subject little, and thinks it is because jugglers won't sell strychnine on long time.

A student in a poem in a poem the Bowdoin Orient inquires. Why do I love my lassie? Without the least desire to appear ostentatious we should say because her father owns sixty thousand dollars government bonds.

Not Perfection Exactly.—Old Mr. Bledsoe, although he is a very profane, wicked man, looks very useful for his years. One of his neighbors remarked to Mrs. Bledsoe the other day. "The old man is wearing well, isn't he?" "Oh yes," replied the old woman, "he's swearing well enough as it is, but considering the opportunities and practice he's had, he ought put a little more polish into

A Baltimore paper says that the price of board hasn't been so low in the last ten years, and adds— "and the board hasn't been so poor either."

Some slanderers assert that paper makers are the greatest magicians of the age, inasmuch as they transform beggar's rags into sheets for printers to lie on.

A Western editor publishes a poem which was written he states "by my esteemed friend who has lain in the grave for many years merely for his own amusement."

A man went into a furniture store the other day and sat down on a wooden-bottomed chair. He immediately arose, and danced and leaped like the wildest kind of fish. The proprietor anxiously inquired if he had an attack of any kind. "A tack!" yelled the man; "I should say so, and the confounding thing stood on its head, too!"

"Do you take sugar?" asked a waitress of a western editor. "Yes'm, a lump, and just a mite of others."

The excuse a base ball nine put out last autumn for non-appearance on the field was that "the pitcher was full."

Quadrant of the Detroit Free Press inventing a flying machine, and going to fight a duel with the editor who knocked the "f" off flying.

"Dear to me you've got a putty fire, Mirandy," said a spinning wheel the other night, as he sat up and id of a duxom lass in front of the lace. She didn't want him there, so she replied: "Yes, it's bout all and the fire can do to get up a row."

"We know'd that mule for three years, and I don't think eat animal had hurt a lamb, cause—" "This space indicates where the lecturer was intereapted and hdaekeylt

forwarded to the other side of the fence—by the same mule.

A theological student, supposed to be deficient in judgement, was asked by a professor, in the course of a class examination, "Pray Mr. E—, how would you discover a fool?" "By the questions he would ask," was the rather stunning reply.

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A portion of the order was sent to a wholesale drug house for an article used largely in sugar-making. It was a well-managed drug-house and its order clerk below was in the habit of communicating through a speaking tube with the book-keeper above before filling an order, the object of this shooting whispers back and forth through the tin communicator being to ascertain if the person ordering goods is entitled to credit. In the case we refer to the order clerk shouted up, 'How's accounts of Onessmus Smith?' And the information was slid down, 'accounts O. K., but we've advices that Smith's daed.' "Thats all right," said the man below, "he's sent for ten barrels of sulpher."

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To see unexpectedly

DECAPITATION.

My whole is seen in every room.
Unless indeed its wrayed in gloom,
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A girl not vey old I mean:
Again behold if you can't guess
You are whats left must confess.

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(Editor of the CANADA BEAVER.)

Sir.—

I just wish to avail myself of your widely circulated columns, to state that everything said of me in the February issue of a fly-sheet entitled the "Philatelic Snoozer," is entirely false, and hardly worthy of notice, having emanated from a vile jew residing in New York City. I also beg to offer 5 Dollars reward to anyone who will present him to me within three weeks from date. With thanks for space.

I am,

C. A. E. MacHenry,

Late Editor of the Pearl.

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He was too far behind, however, and instead of the lacrosse, Ferrier's arm got a tremendous blow sufficient to knock him down. He was a slightly built boy, and consequently his arm was broken by the accident. Play was immediately stopped,

doctor came forward out of the crowd, and the injured boy was removed to the Hall, where he was put to bed and his arm set.

Each team gave three cheers for the other, then the meeting broke up, considerable grumbling being said to have emanated from the Bradford people, at having to go without seeing the contest decided.

* * * * *

Fred had written to his father, stating his troubles, and asking him to come down. In response he presented himself at the Hall, a few days after the lacrosse match, indignant to think that his son should be accused of theft, and vowing vengeance on somebody. And although no one in particular suffered at his hands, Fred was duly declared innocent, and the true culprit found. It came about in this wise:

Fred evinced a great liking for Ferrier during his illness, and came in daily to sit with him. In the course of a day or two, Fred referred to the charge that had been brought against him, saying that his father had arrived that day and would probably take him home on the morrow. He added that he felt sorry that he had to leave so soon, just when they had organized such a good lacrosse club, and that he felt much annoyed to think that he should go away leaving Mr. Porter under the impression that he was a thief.

"I have just come from him" said he. "I confessed to having sold some of my school books to Mador, the Jew, in order to raise pocket money; and thus accounted for my expenditure on the day Frere's ten dollars was stolen. I brought Mador himself to corroborate my statements, having obtained leave to go into the village a few days ago, then I referred to the knife I lost a month or so ago; and which Mr. Porter now has in his possession. He says I must be innocent, according to my own tale, but he don't say he believes me to be so. He also asked me to remain at the school, but father won't allow it unless he apologizes to me before the whole form, and as he is not likely to do that, I am as good as gone—so good bye, Tom, old fellow; we've had some happy times together anyhow that is one comfort!"

"Fred, old fellow," said Ferrier, as he saw the tears rise to his friend's eyes—"Fred the principle shall apologize to you; and before the class, to, I hardly dare confess it; but Fred, I took that money—"

"By Jove! You?"

"Yes, I did; and have it yet. See! There is the ten-dollar bill. I can't tell how miserable I've felt since I took it. But all came about through

your saying I was too small to be one of the lacrosse team—I got so mad and jealous that I resolved to injure you at the first opportunity. As I walked moodily along the green that day, I saw your knife in the grass; this I picked up and kept for a long time after. You remember the day we were playing lacrosse when Frere told us about his money? Well, on that day I resolved to strike my blow. Accordingly I picked the lock of Frere's trunk, well knowing I'd find the money there. After taking it out, I left your knife on the floor, but did not pick the lock with it, as it was too small; but I broke one of the blades for the sake of appearance, and then left. By some lucky accident or rather by selling some of your school books; you had some extra money that day, and—you know the rest. Fred, it is too much to ask your forgiveness?"

"No, no, dear boy, you have it already. You'll excuse me for saying I half suspected you at first, as you seemed to wish to avoid me, and told the principal about my knife, and so forth; but I soon got over that. I won't have to leave school now?"

"Hey day! What's all this?" cried Mr. Porter at this instant, entering the room and perceiving Ferrier sitting up. "You'll hurt your arm, my boy, if you are not careful."

Ferrier then related his story, and gave him the money. It was restored to its rightful owner, and, much to the joy of the boys generally, Fred was proclaimed innocent, and his pardon begged by Mr. Porter before the whole school.

"I may say," said the worthy gentleman, after three cheers had been given for Fred; "I may say that I would have apologized to him anyway, for upon the very day the real thaw—the really guilty one confessed, it just occurred to me that such a good scholar (cheers) such a frank and truthful boy (more cheers) and (smiling) such an excellent lacrosse player (deafening screams for upwards of three minutes) could never stoop to rob one of his playmates. The boy who took the money has confessed, but it is not necessary that I should name him as he has promised, and doubtless will do better."

The principal took his seat amongst loud cheers and tossing of caps; then the boys rushed pell-mell into the green to congratulate their favourite, in honour of whom they had been given a half-holiday.

Ferrier is almost recovered now, and a place in "the twelve" awaits him whenever he is ready to take it.

To this day no one but the principle, Mr. Mannering, Ferrier and Fred are the only ones who know "WHO WAS GUILTY."

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INDIA.

Two new stamps have been issued, of the value of 6 and 12 annas. Col- ors—brown and chocolate respectively.

GUATEMALA.

A set of official stamps is announced. No further information received.

ENGLAND.

It is said that the 4d. stamp has ap- peared with colored letters in the angles.

CANADA.

A new set of Law Stamps is now in use. Owing to our not having yet seen them, we cannot describe them. The set consists of six stamps—color blue. Further particulars in next issue.

LUXEMBOURG.

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PHILATELICAL PURSUITS.

CURIOUS POSTAGE STAMPS, THEIR COLLECTORS AND THEIR METHODS.

The other evening, crossing at Fulton Ferry, as the writer was placing some tickets in his pocket he chanced to expose an envelopeful of used stamps that he was taking home for his little girl who is "making a collection." Instantly a stranger sitting beside leaned over with a manifestation of deep interest.

"Ah!" he said, "a philatelist? what department, sir? I'm general and Asia myself."

The remark led to an extended conversation and subsequent researches which disclosed the fact that the pursuit of philately, or in other words the collection of postage stamps, is literally one of the great industries of the country. J. W. Scott & Co., formerly of Nassau street now on Fulton, are at the head of the American trade. That trade is not a small one, for this single house has a stock valued at \$50,000; there are mercantile collections of still greater value at London, Liverpool, Brighton, Brussels, and Paris, (two at Paris) and sworn evidence in a lawsuit by an expert places the number of collectors in the United States at 200,000, the value of their collections ranging all the way from \$5 to \$20,000.

VALUABLE STAMPS.

Twenty thousand dollars seems a big price for a collection of articles of no intrinsic value, but the wonder ceases when the prices of some of the

rare specimens of stamps are considered, specimens without which no collection of high class is complete. The one-shilling Canada stamp of 1851 was withdrawn almost as soon as it was issued and so became a rarity. Its price now is \$25. From \$25 to \$50 is the value of the provisional stamps issued by the postmasters of Providence, Brattleboro' and New Haven in 1845, before the Government stamps had been put out; the early issues of Columbia; the Peruvian half-peseta of 1858; the yellow six-penny stamp of Victorio of 1861; the Tuscan three-lira (provisional) of 1859, and the Spanish two cuarto of 1851 and 1852. The original Mulready envelope, which issued under Sir Rowland Hill's penny postage system may be called the father of the postage-stamp, cost a penny; it sells freely now for \$5. If a collector has say \$150 to spare he may negotiate for the red penny or blue four penny stamp of the Cape of Good Hope of 1860, but he must not confound these philatelic treasures with the blue penny and red four-penny stamps of the issue, which are worth but a few cents. Reason why—the printer made a mistake and changed the colors of the stamps from what it was intended they should be, and his error was not found out till a few sheets had been struck off and used. Then the correction was made, but the other stamps became rarities, like the "adultery bible," and other books made valuable through misprints. Or, if the enthusiastic philatelist can afford to pay \$200 he can invest the sum in a stamp of the Sandwich Islands issue of 1852 or of the St. Louis post-office of 1845 (denomination 20 cents).

EXTENT OF THE BUSINESS.

Some idea of the magnitude of the business is incidentally afforded by such facts as these. The departments at Washington, since the abolition of the franking system and the institution of elaborate stamps for the Executive the Treasury, the War Department, &c. have been so over-run with applications

they have had to print circulars containing all information as to the stamps they issue, their description and value, and to strike off sheets of stamps across which (for these stamps can only be used on department business) the word "cancelled" is inscribed. For these full face value is exacted and as a complete set of stamps is worth something like \$225, (not including revenue stamps, the collecting of which forms quite another branch of the subject) the legitimate inference is that the departments receive several thousand dollars a year from this source of revenue. Whether they are authorized to dispose of their stamps and what becomes of the receipts therefrom might be profitably inquired into by some committee of Congress with leisure and no big subject on its hands.

Even less legitimate than this dealing was an incident that may profitably be recalled. In 1851 the Government issued a "delivery by carrier" stamp, technically known as the "Head Franklin," which was almost as soon withdrawn and almost became a rarity of nearly fabulous value, till in some mysterious manner some one got hold of the plate and struck off some sheets of the stamps; the natural consequence in strict accordance with the laws of trade (which govern the philatelic industry as well as others) being that the bottom tumbled out of the "Franklin Head" market. Similarly, postmasters who before the general Government took to issuing stamps, in order to save labor had their own stamps (known technically as "locals") printed, and the express companies, have found it profitable to look up their old stamps and even to have additional impressions taken from the old plates.

COUNTERFEITING STAMPS.

Additional evidence as to the importance of the business is afforded by the existence of a body of counterfeiters, who whenever a foreign stamp becomes moderately valuable—they are too keen to try and "shove" excessive varieties — counterfeit it. Giovanni

Patroni, the finest artist in this department of nefarious industry, whose imitations of Nicaraguan and Angolan stamps in particular could not be distinguished from the originals, is serving a term of two years in the Pennsylvania State Prison, having to the joy of all philatelists, been sent up November 29, 1875, by United States Judge Callwallader. Patroni did business on a large scale, having no less than seven offices for the sale of stamps to collectors.

The noble army of philatelists contains recruits from every quarter of the globe and every class of society. General Sherman is the most prominent member of the order in the United States, and is said to possess a collection of much more than usual attractiveness, a fact which will be readily credited by those who know how domestic the General of the army is, and the keen interest he takes in his children and their pursuits and pleasures.

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AUSTRIA.

This country is to have an entire new series of stamps and a post-card, the values will be the same as those now in use. Post-card 2 kr. red-brown on buff.

LUXEMBURG.

Two new post-cards have made their appearance in this country the same design as those in use. 10 centimes orange and 12 and a half centimes blue.

SHANGHAI.

The new set which made its appearance a little while ago is of the same design as heretofore, printed on white paper. 1 candereen yellow 6 cand. rose, 6 cand. green, 9 cand. blue and 12 cand. brown.

GERMAN EMPIRE.

As many as 40 return letter stamps have been issued in this country and 2 in Norway.

SPAIN.

A new set has been brought out in the above country, values and colors unknown.

U. S.

We learn from the PHILATELIST that this country is to have a full set of stamps in honour of the centennial, design unknown.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Has already made a change in its post card, it being smaller.

JAPAN.

It is said that this country has a newspaper stamp with the inscription in English, "Imperial Japanese Post". It is a very neatly engraved stamp, and surpasses any Asiatic stamp yet issued. 2 sen brown. This country has also a new international stamp, the design is similar to the 6 sen. stamp. 5 sen. green.

URUGUAY

Has a post-card bearing the arms of the country.

PHILATELICAL PERSUITS.

CONTINUED.

As any one can see who will take the trouble to visit the Philatelic Emporium, the devotees are of all social grades and of all ages, from the school-child and messenger up to the millionaire. Saturday is the "children's day," and from morn till night they pour in making their little purchases and exchanges, and obtaining opinions as to the value and genuineness of the specimens which are the pride of their gentle hearts. One sharp customer tells with glee how having a holiday and the privilege of ransacking the letters accumulated during many

years in the bank of which he was a clerk, he enriched his collection and sold \$250 worth of duplicates; another, how during his vacation in the Berkshire hills he found a postmaster without guile, who sold him for 50 cents some sheets of "locals" of thirty years ago, for which the purchaser got \$200, and that the dealer sold afterwards for \$5 apiece, and so on.

HISTORY OF PHILATELY.

The first collector, so far as it is possible to ascertain the fact, was a Belgian schoolmaster, who in 1854 used his specimens to create an interest among his pupils. In 1860 the business had attained such proportions in England that the collectors formed an "open board" in the streets near the Royal Exchange, which finally attained the dignity of a public nuisance. Barter was then the only means of doing business. A year later the mania took root in America, where ever since it has flourished. In the fall of 1861 a few street dealers with their stock nailed on boards began operations in New York near the Post Office, and were so successful that by the winter of 1862 dealers were to be found round City Hall Park and on Broadway and Wall streets, while pedlars traversed the whole city. Gradually, instead of nailing their specimens on boards, the dealers took to pasting them in books; then came the crowning era of stores & massive safes.

There is no milder mania. For children, at least, there is furnished an admirable means of instruction, since each foreign stamp is a text to provoke description and discussion of the country that issued it. If the interest is once awakend there is no saying where the philatelist will stop. Local history records the case of a man who, having been adequately teased by his

children, paid in 1873, not without much grumbling, 10 cents each for some stamps to fill out their juvenile "collections," but being inoculated with the disease, progressed from stage to stage till not long since he considered it a personal favour to be able to pay \$125 for five stamps to fill out his own august collection. And if any stern parent objects to the philatelic recreations of his offspring, all that the children need do is to present to his notice a stamp from Bergdorf, Straits Settlements, Thurn & Taxis or Reunion, and say, "Pa, where is that place?" THE END.

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The Pacific Amateur Journal of San Francisco Cal. is to hand, well printed, large and well edited.

The Coin and Stamp Journal, edited by J J Casey Box 1698 New York City is a tip top sheet

Philatelic Monthly edited by L W Durbin 105 south fifth st- Phila, Pa is a very good sheet devoted to the interests of stamp dealers & collectors only

The Monthly Philatelist of Erie Pa is well printed but small

The Western Philatelist. edited by J Beifeld Box 384 Chicago Ill, is large well edited and printed.

Boys Herald, St. John N. B. It would be an improvement if you would print your paper better; do not put so much ice in your hat and

you will find it out.

We have not seen the Amateur enter prise this month, has it got the mumps.

The Amateur Crucible of Washington is very good so is the Amateur Times of Toronto Canada.

The Stamp Collectors Monthly, has reached us well illustrated, F. H. Pinkham editor, Newmarket, N. H. Attention is called to the advertisements of L. W. Durbin and The Dominion Stamp Co.

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Stamp Department.

NEWLY ISSUED STAMPS.

SPAIN LEON.

We are informed that the penny stamp is golden yellow, instead of violet.

PERIA.

A new set has come out in the quarter of the world, bearing the portrait of the Ruler. The values in Arabian and Persian characters.

NEW GRANADA.

A new set has come out for this country as follows. 5 centavos violet (Eagle) 10 cent. brown. (Liberty) 20 cent. blue, (Liberty.) 50 cent. green, (Arms.) 1 peso red. 5 pes, black on green. 10 peso black on red.

NEW ZEALAND.

A new set is announced for this country as well as others.

ICELAND.

A new set has been seen for this country. They have also official, as follows. 5 aur blue. 6 aur gray. 10 aur carmine. 16 aur brown. 20 aur lilac. 40 aur yellow. Officials. 10 aur blue, 16 carmine. 20 aur yellow.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

The lowest value stamp that this country has ever issued is the 2 cent de peseta stamp now in use.

FRANCE.

We hear that this country is to have a new set as follows. It must be remembered that the only one now in use is the 12 centimes, as the old stock is not yet exhausted 1, 2, 8, 4, 5, centimes, olive.

- 20 centimes, red-brown.
- 25 " blue.
- 30 " brown.
- 40 " orange.
- 75 " carmine.
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HUNGARY.

A 25 kr. stamp has been seen, issued by this country. The color is violet-black.

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A Bully Ride.

BY SODUS.

It was a sultry day in the middle of July, my friend Tom Jones and myself, were lying lazily on a grassy bank in the suburbs of the city of T——. Directly opposite to us was a large enclosed field, in which two young bulls were lazily switching their tails to keep the flies off. We had been silently kicking the turf with our heels for the last five minutes, when Tom suddenly proposed that we should ride the bulls. After a little difficulty we managed, by getting them close to the fence, to mount them. We had no sooner touched their backs, than they, not being used to this kind treatment started off on a gallop around and around the field. We now wished ourselves on the ground again, but not daring to let go for dear life. At last the bull Tom was riding dashed through a break in the fence and my bull followed suit. Upon turning a corner of the street, we met a party of men returning from hay-making. Upon coming up with us, one of them, pricked the bull I was riding with a pitch-fork and the bull in trying to jump the fence, threw me with stunning effect to the ground. My friend Tom did not fare much better, as his bull rushed on for a short distance and then suddenly stopped, and Tom travelled on. We both remained where we fell for a short time, but it was not long for we just then discovered the owner of the bulls coming up

the street, in ten seconds we were innocently playing jack-knife, but it was no go. Any person within a mile might have heard us as we left for home. And from that day forward we shall ever mind that "bully ride". Finis.

Stamp dealers and collectors are warned from doing any business with D. Cassels, of the Beaver Stpt Co. (it must be remembered that we have no connection with this company) as he is a fraud and a swindler.

Editorial Notes.

The Chicago Amateur Republican published in Chicago, is a neat little sheet.

The Boy's Herald formerly of Ansonia is now published in Buffalo by Onderdonk and Sewell, who are well able to accomplish the task.

We suppose the "PEARL" readers have been considerably amused at the specimen of drawing exhibited in a recent issue of that paper, which is intended to represent Mr. Charles Edward Albert McHenry, on his travels (hurting for subscriptions and advertisements); while the remarkable, if not yet celebrated artist has his hand so well in, we think it a pity that his reputation should not be world-wide, at the least, by such strains of ability.

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to call the attention of our
readers to what seems at
first to be a mere form of am-
usement, but what in reality is a
pernicious form of gambling.
As regards the copper and penny
machines which are going on every-
where nearly all the little horse
stores in the city. The way
in which this is done is rather tempting
and all boxes are placed quite
near the little packages, each
with its own motto. The child
who has money, selects its package
and the gum enclosed as an ear-
ner of the good fortune awaiting it.
The motto to the store-keeper
is to his delight or much
to his disgust that he
has won a bit of blackening or a
picture. If the police or
the "familias" do not look after
us we may expect our rising
generation to become experts at gamb-
ling. At the time the down appears
on the cheeks, and the cigar and
cork-screw proclaim their
entrance into manhood.

Puzzle Department.

Word Squares.

Put the name; Iron before fit for
resting place.

Buried Cities.

2 This ale must have been made
for a long time.

3 Was it Royal pomp that made
England what she is.

4 Even when I saw her I escaped
detection,

5 Will you send or shall I.

Puzzle.

6 What town is like an intoxicated
man!

Diamond Puzzle.

7 A consonant; a covering for the
head; worn around the shoulders; a
company officer; a fruit; a name
often applied to girls; a consonant.

A Problem.

A. and B., two countrymen, came
to Toronto market with 80 geese
each. A. sells his geese at the rate
of two for \$1, and B. sells his at
the rate of three for \$1, at which
rate the purchaser seems to get five
geese for \$2. The net proceeds of
the sales amounted to \$25. Subse-
quently A. and B. have another lot
of thirty geese each for the market,
but as A. is sick he gets B. to sell
his lot, who comes to market, and
believing that he was selling his
geese on the same terms as before,
offers them at the rate of five for
\$2. When he returns home, he
finds, in making up his account
with A., that he has only netted \$24
for the sixty geese, and is out \$1.
but cannot account for the defi-
ciency. In the first instance, the
sixty geese brought \$25; in the
second only \$24. Can any of our
young arithmeticians account for
the deficiency.

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THE

Canada



Beaver.

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Stamp Department.

CANADA.

We are informed that Canada is to have a Stamped Envelope, which is now in preparation, and will be ready for use about the beginning of 1877, at the end of 1876. At present the color is unknown, but we will probably be able to inform our readers next issue. The design will be as follows: in an oval frame will be the head of Queen Victoria, and it will be of the value of 3 cents.

HOLLAND.

A Post Card of the value of 5 cents has been reported, with a brown border.

GREAT BRITAIN.

We hear that an eight penny stamp has appeared for this country instead of the nine and ten penny labels, which are now discontinued. The color is orange, and the design about the same as that of all the De La Rue Stamps.—W. P.

CONFEDERATE STATES.

We have discovered what seems to be a veritable hand-stamped envelope similar to the Salem envelope. It has never been noticed to our knowledge. It was used in Ringgold, Georgia. The design, which is a very simple one, formed of type and circles, is impressed in the upper right corner of

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TURKEY.

The 1 piastre, yellow, surcharged in Roman letters, completes the new series of this "barbarious" country.—W. P.

RUSSIA.

Another stamp has been seen in blue and orange, value 20 kopec.

GERMANY.

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HELIGOLAND

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STAMPS.

By about the middle of next May the public will have seen the last of the present three cent stamps, and begin to get accustomed to something red, or possibly a red. The best and fastest color known: the three-cent green, has proved a plager for stamp-washers, who take off the oily cancellation without acid or alkali, and set the stamp afloat again.

So far, the Department has found no way out of the difficulty, and a long series of experiments just completed has resulted in nothing more than the assurance that green is the poorest of stamp colors. At the time it was adopted no other nation used it as its unit of letter postage, and, with its disuse, the common stamps the world over will run to reds and brow.

With the change of color, May 1st there will be a change in design. The medallion head of Washington will be relieved by an open space of white, and the scroll work will have a different pattern. Altogether, the new stamp will bear some resemblance to a stamp of sixteen years ago, which most people have forgotten. The white background is adopted in the hope that any at

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empt to wash the stamp will leave this part irretrievably soiled. Some other changes in the stamps are likely to follow the making of a contract, May 1, and a new head is likely to be introduced in the shape of a medallion of Liberty—one step toward bringing more similarity between the designs of coins and stamps. There is some intention of putting this design on the five-cent stamp, used mostly for foreign postage.

Conference and correspondence with other postal authorities show that loss from the reuse of stamps is much more frequent here than abroad. It is scarcely known in England, and there stamps offer the additional temptation of being easy to counterfeit. The practice has recently begun in India, and the frugal folks are giving the Anglo-Indian Office serious loss by their skill in dealing with cancelled stamps.—N. Y. World's States

who will present him to me within three weeks from date. With thanks for space.

I am,
C. A. E. MacHenry,
Late Editor of the Pearl.

To the Editor of The Canadian Beaver.

Dear Sir

I feel it my duty to warn Dealers & Collectors against having anything to do with M. Wineburg Foreign Stamp Dealer 178 Clinton Street New York; as he will cheat you. I sent him a lot of Stamps on approval last Summer in a Registered letter, and he has never paid me for them nor do I ever expect to get anything. I sent him 3 or 4 letters, and P Cards he pays no attention to them. By publishing the above in the Beaver. You will greatly oblige.

Yours &c.
Frank H Morice.
Middle Sackville, N. B.

Communications.

Editor of the Canada Beaver,
I have the pleasure to inform you that the January issue of the Beaver has been received. It is a very interesting and valuable issue, and I am sure that it will be read with interest by all our subscribers. I am sure that you will be pleased to hear that the Beaver is now published weekly, and I am sure that it will be a great success. I am sure that you will be pleased to hear that the Beaver is now published weekly, and I am sure that it will be a great success. I am sure that you will be pleased to hear that the Beaver is now published weekly, and I am sure that it will be a great success.

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Yours truly

Frank H Morice.

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To the Readers of the CANADA BEAVER

Having thought fit to discontinue THE PEARL, and wishing to give our readers an acceptable paper in its stead, we have made arrangement with the publishers of "THE CANADA BEAVER" to furnish them with that journal in its stead. Soliciting for Mr Rennie a continuance of the patronage lately bestowed on myself.

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We have received some Stamp Circulars from Messrs Rosendo Fernandez & Co, Barcelona Spain. It is a neatly printed little sheet and gives the prices of Spanish Stamps, old and new issues, as they are selling them.

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SECOND MEETING OF THE CANADIAN STAMP ASSOCIATION.

HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE "AMATEUR TIMES" ON SATURDAY, THE 9TH DECEMBER, 1876.

The President in the chair. In the absence of Mr. Richardson, J. B. Berryman was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

Messrs. Richardson, Kelly and Leslie having not attended any meetings called by the President, a vote of censure was passed on them. Mr. Richardson not having properly attended to his duties, a vote was passed that he resign the position of Secretary. After five meetings being called by the President, and the members seemingly not interested enough to attend, it was put to vote and carried that the Association be null and void from henceforth, and that the members are at liberty to use their price lists by striking out the name of the "Canadian Stamp Association." A vote of thanks was passed to the members present at this meeting for their regular attendance at all the meetings, of which all concerned are hereby required to take notice.

By order,

W. H. WILLIAMS,
President.

The officers of the Association were:—

W. H. Williams, President.

Jno. Kelly, Vice-President.

R. Richardson, Secretary-Treasurer.

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J. B. BERRYMAN,

Secretary, *pro tem*.

The *Philatelistische Berichte*, published by S. F. Friedmann, Austria, is a very good stamp paper.

The *Corriere Dei Francobolli* is a large eight page, sixteen column, stamp paper, published by Gius Danelon, in Austria.

The *Illustrirtes Briefmarken Journal* is a splendid stamp magazine, published in Germany by Louis Senf.

The largest stamp magazine we have seen is the *Guida Illustrata Del Timbrofilo*, published by Gius Leoni, in Italy.

We have received a stamp circular from Jacques Wortman in Roumania.

Attention is called to the advertisements on the 4th page.

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THE "MERRIEST CHRISTMAS."

BY CAEM.

It was Christmas Eve, and nearly every person belonging to the Village of M——, in the Province of Ontario, was at church. We can't say they all went there for the purpose of prayer; indeed we know several instances where the object in view was anything but that. The majority of the younger people came to see the decorations of the church, which interesting operation had just been completed, after a week of assiduous labour on the part of a select few of the congregation; and one person came because some other person was there. This person was Mr. Walter Tyrrel, son of the richest man in the Village, "an awful swell," and "a desperate flirt." These epithets were applied to him by the boys and girls respectively, and they comprise all that it is necessary for us to say about his character; for it is accepted that "an awful swell" is generally a person of limited brains, whose own opinion of himself is something prodigious, and the best known to exist; while a "desperate flirt" is well, that isn't quite so bad.

Walter's father and mother were capt' in the handsome young curate's discourse; and Walter was gazing across the church at Edith Havelock. Edith Havelock was his last and best love; she was the prettiest girl he had ever seen; she had such beautiful dark eyes; such an abundance of hair; such a fine figure; and was so imperious in her manner, he concluded that she, and she only, was fit to be his wife; and accordingly he used every means in his power to make her like him. Strange to say, he had not, as yet, produced the slightest impression—at least, it appeared so. If Miss Havelock met him on the street, he would be barely recognized, and she would not suffer herself to speak more than half a dozen words to him at any time; while to Mr. Marsden, the curate, she was all smiles, and always had so much to say to him, that Walter grew angry.

"What the deuce she sees in him, I don't know," he would say, stroking the place where his moustache ought to be, but which three months of hard labour had failed to produce. "He's only three hundred pounds a year, while I'll have twelve thousand; and he don't dress with taste, nor—well, I'll know my fate on Christmas eve, any-way. She'll be at our party, of course, and there'll be plenty of chances to propose. I only hope she'll—aw—have me. If she refuses, I'll commit—aw—suicide!"

His daily reflections could be interpreted in pretty much the same strain as this—even his dreams were of Edith. He actually grew ashamed of himself on that account.

"Fancy," he would say to himself, "Fancy, I who might have married dozens of heiresses, in love with a girl because she's pretty! It's preposterous, really! But"—consoling him-

self—"she comes of good family, and has relations worth considerable, so she's not so bad after all. I wish Christmas Eve was here."

Christmas Eve *did* come; and, soon after church was over, the guests poured into the Tyrrels' from all directions. All the notable people belonging to the nearest town came in their sleighs, as did the principal villagers. Among the latter was Edward Marsden, the young minister, with his sister and mother. He came because they wanted to, he said, and intended leaving early; but as the evening grew older, he altered his determination, and announced his intention of remaining. This strange freak surprised his mother, for Edward had no love for parties and suppers; but she said nothing.

Miss Havelock was decidedly the belle of the evening. Her beauty outshone that of others, and her dress was magnificent. Walter claimed her for the first dance, and she suffered herself to be flattered and complimented for the space of half an hour, without offering the slightest resistance. Her thoughts appeared to be far away, and no effort of her devoted cavalier could induce her to enter into conversation, further than the monosyllabic answers she gave to his questions. At first he felt slightly angry; but suddenly it occurred to him that she was expecting a proposal of marriage from him, and was perhaps excited on that account. He resolved to act immediately, and accordingly said:

"Miss Havelock, I have something very particular to say to you—will you kindly accompany me to the conservatory for a moment."

"Is what you have to say of such length that you cannot speak it here, or is it—"

"What I wish to say," he said, interrupting her, "may or not be of length, just as you choose; but it is certainly private, and you'll surely not refuse me, considering that it equally concerns both of us."

"Dear me! How extremely enigmatical you are, Mr. Tyrrel! But as I'm dreadfully curious, and withal slightly tired of this glare and crowd; I'll go with you."

"This is the way, Miss Havelock," he then said, opening a door near at hand, and he led her forth into the conservatory, which was tastefully ornamented and illuminated with Chinese lanterns. Seating her, he poured forth his story of love—his hopes—his unhappy future without her—and ended by declaring that unless she consented that night to marry him, the morrow would find him a corpse. She listened, with a smile—whether a smile of love or what, he did not know; but accepting the former solution of the matter, he rose from his knees, and seized her hands.

"I am really very sorry, Mr. Tyrrel," she said, endeavoring to free herself from his grip, but being unable to do so; "I—"

"Oh, Mr. Marsden, here's Miss Havelock!" cried a childish voice at this juncture. "And Walter's going

to kiss her!" It was little Birdie, Walter's sister, and releasing Edith's hands, he fell back into his seat, anger of the worst kind being depicted on his face at this untoward interruption.

"Be still, you little hussy!" he ejaculated: "I'm not going to do any such thing, and, if I were, why should you scream it all over the universe? You should be in bed now, at any rate; so come with me to your nurse."

"No, Walter, I'll not," replied the child, firmly; "Mamma said I could stay up until ten to-night, and Mr. Marsden brought me in here to see his mother; but she's not here, so he got this pretty flower for me—he said it meant 'love.' There we heard you talking, and I think he went into the ball-room, as he's not here anywhere, unless he's behind that large flower stand. Will I see, Miss Havelock? He was asking about you."

"Oh, no dear; never mind," replied Edith, blushing with mortification at the thought that *he* had overheard their conversation. "That is a very pretty rose you have."

"Yes; Mr. Marsden said it was one of the largest he ever saw. He's so nice, isn't he, Walter?"

"Very," he answered, mentally wishing such a nice person miles and miles away. "You may go now, if you want to."

"Won't you come and see my new doll, Miss Havelock? It's *such* a love! Black eyes and dark hair, and such red cheeks! Why, actually it's almost as pretty as you! So it's well worth seeing, isn't it?"

"It must be," replied Edith, laughing merrily; "and, if your brother'll excuse me, I shall be delighted to see it."

"Oh, certainly," said Walter. "You must be tired of my company by this time. I don't wonder much, taking into consideration my extreme stupidity as compared with others—Marsden, for instance."

"What right have you to mention Mr. Marsden's name to me in such a manner—?"

But Walter, in a terrible fury, rushed out, and she was for a moment alone with Birdie. The conservatory now began to fill with dancers, eager to get a breath of fresh air, and in an instant Edith was surrounded by *beau galants* anxious to enter into conversation with her, and Birdie ran off, telling her to come and see the doll after supper.

"I'm surprised to find you—aw—alone, Miss Havelock," said young Mr. Fitzdoodle, the heir to a title and estate in England, who was considered by others as well as himself a "great catch." "Have you—aw—been dancing?"

"Only a little. I don't care much for it, you know," she answered.

Now she certainly did not speak the truth in this respect, for she was passionately fond of dancing; but it had occurred to her, that *should she ever be a clergyman's wife*, this pleasure must be renounced. Therefore she endeavored to make herself believe that she didn't like it.

"Aw—no. Precisely my sentiments," and Mr. Fitzdoodle coolly took the chair so recently occupied by Walter, and seated himself at her side. "Dancing is—aw—very well when you can't find any pleasanter occupation, of course; but I much prefer being among the flowers—especially when there's so much youth and beauty to be seen with them," replied Mr. Fitzdoodle. "Dancing is nothing compared to this!"

"Dear me! aren't you getting complimentary, Mr. Fitzdoodle? I don't like compliments at all, please remember."

"Ha! We'll have to postpone this discussion, for there's the signal for supper. May I—aw—have the honor of escorting you to the table?"

"Thank you—I shall be very glad, and Mr. Fitzdoodle was delighted."

A hum of admiration resounded through the large dining-room as she entered; but she did not appear conscious of it. She was searching for some one—searching for Edward Marsden. It may seem strange that she should permit an almost penniless young curate to occupy her thoughts, when persons of such wealth and station as Mr. Fitzdoodle were so anxious to claim one word from her; but, to tell the truth, Mr. Marsden's silence annoyed her. He had not come near her during the whole evening, while formerly, no matter where she was, if he were near, he immediately came to her and entered into conversation. She finally concluded that he had witnessed—or, at least, heard—the affair between Walter and herself in the conservatory; and she resolved to explain it to him. But why should she humble herself by making excuses for her conduct to him! He was nothing to her, nor was there any likelihood he ever would be, and he had no right to expect such a thing.

Thus she reasoned with herself, as, leaning on Mr. Fitzdoodle's arm, she proceeded to take her place at the table. It so happened that Mr. Marsden, with his mother and sister, were immediately opposite her, and the latter two noticed with surprise the cold bow that passed between her and Edward—they who had formerly been such great friends—and wondered what had occurred. It was very unpleasant for Edith to sit out that long supper, and feel that *he* was watching her the while; and she was thankful when at last the hostess gave the signal for retiring.

Mr. Fitzdoodle had the next waltz with her, and then, pleading fatigue, she seated herself alone in a far corner, watching the gay young people whirling around, with smiling faces and light hearts—as she had fully expected to do when she came to the party, but which Walter's importunity had prevented. She had made up her mind that this was the last time she'd ever dance; and she hoped it would have been pleasanter than it now was. While in this predicament, she was surprised to hear the manly voice of

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Please attend to this request and you will greatly oblige the Editor.

PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS.

Schoolboys are commencing to discuss stamp collecting, now that winter approaches. But we can advise them to beware of the following parties, who are indebted to us, and will neither pay up nor answer our letters: Wm. LAY, alias the Western Stamp Co., publisher of the "Yankee Boys," 322 North Avenue, Chicago, Ill., and OUR COMPANION PUBLISHING Co., London, Ont. We regret exceedingly that a Canadian firm would do such a thing as this, and still more so that it falls to our lot to expose them; but our subscribers must be protected at any cost. (?) Exchanges please mention these gentlemen and oblige.—Pearl.

We would just like to add to that list one more Canadian SQUIB, Mr. F. H. Best, of this city.—(CANADA BEAVER).

Humorous.

A little miss, writing to her father on the first day of her entrance at boarding-school, says:—"The first evening we had prayers, and then singing, and a passing around of bread, which I did not take because, not being confirmed, I thought I had no right to take communion. Afterward I learned that I had lost my supper."

"You'll never marry agin, Susie, you grieve so arter Izick. Was it twice't you fainted, or three times, at the grave?" "Bless yo soul, Sary, it was free times I fainted, an' de last time I nebber like to come to." "Oh Susie, you'll nebber marry agin, will yer?" "Bless yo soul, Frank Dunn ax't me 'bout dis before my husband died, an' I promised him if he died I'd have him, an' I b'longs to de church, an' I won't tell a lie."

Overdoing it!—Bashful Spooner (on his honeymoon): "Larry, my wife and I have noticed that the townspeople stare at us very hard. I hope you haven't been telling anybody that we are newly married?" Larry (the faithful factotum): "Me tell 'em, sor? Is it likely O'id go agin my express orders? Why, whinever anybody thryed to pump me, sor, O've towled 'em you wasn't married at all."

Professor Smythe was lecturing in Ossipee, on natural philosophy, and in the course of his experiments he introduced one of Carrington's most powerful magnets, with which he attracted a block of iron from a distance of two feet.

"Can any of you conceive a greater attractive power?" the lecturer demanded.

"I ken," answered a voice from the audience.

"Not a natural, terrestrial object, opine?" "Yaas, sir!"

The professor challenged the man who had spoken to name the thing.

Then up rose old Seth Wimlet. He was a genius in his way, and original. Said he:

"I ken give ye the facts, squire, an' ye ken judge for yerself. When I were a young man, that were a little piece of nateral magnet, done up in kaliker, an, dimity, as was called Betsy Jane. She could draw me fourteen miles every Sunday. Snakes alive it were just as nateral as slidin' down hill! Thar wa'n't no resistin' her. That ere magnet o' yourn is pooty good, but 'taint a circumstance to the one 'at draw'd me. No sir!"

"I have just reached my 18th year," lisped a Chicago maiden to her lover, the other evening. Just then her half-grown brother happened to come in, and thoughtlessly exclaimed: "Why, sis—you only 18? You've been 18 ever since I knew you!" Of course the boy lied, but then the effect, you know—the effect.

Too FASTIDIOUS.—Passenger on train: I say, young man, that pipe of yours is rather foul. Second passenger: Indeed, Sir. Well, it's very odd no one else made any complaint before, and I've smoked it for the last three years.—Fun.

A Vermont youth at his mother's funeral said to the neighbors: Me and my father are obliged to you all, and hope soon to be able to do as much for you."

"Please do not handle," is the Swiss request; "Ne touchez pas s'il vous plait," bows the Frenchman; "Visitors must not touch," says Johnny Bull, firmly; "Hands off," growls the Yankee.

A Matter of no Consequence.

The day had been set and the young man was happy. But his father failed in business and he collected together all the pink love letters, the locks of hair, the faded violets, &c., and started for her father's mansion. He was high-minded and honorable, and he felt in duty bound to release her from the engagement. Yet he grew faint as he was ushered into the parlor. Such love as his wouldn't stay crushed.

"George! dear George!" she exclaimed as she entered the parlor and seized his hand.

"Arabella, I am here to do my duty," he said, as he rose up.

"W-what's the matter?" she asked.

H-haven't you heard of—of my father's failure?" he inquired, his heart beating painfully.

"Why, yes, dear George, and what of it?" "Aren't you—won't you—that is—?"

"I'm glad of it—that's all," she cried.

"You are?"

"Of course I am. I was talking with father, and he said if your father had failed for \$50,000, he'd make at least \$50,000 out of it, and of course you'd get twice as much as you counted on!"

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This month we send our paper to a large number of boys and girls, and they would oblige us very much by sending us a **QUARTER OF A DOLLAR.**

Stamp dealers are requested to notice the advertisement of Messrs James Lincoln & Co., on the 4th page.

Amateur Editors receiving a copy of this paper will please exchange.

Editorial Notes.

Some of our American friends seem to have got kind of sick, and gone to bed, as we have seen nothing of their paper since the beginning of the Presidential contest.

We have to record the death of *The Canadian Enterprise*. The editor, Mr. M. Vardon, issued but one number, and then sold out to the proprietors of *The Rough Diamond*, who are carrying on the business at present.

We are informed that there is an amateur paper started up in Sarnia by the name of *The Amateur Press*. We are also informed that one is being organized in Montreal, by a Mr. McConkey, which is to be called *The Montreal Gem*. They are heartily welcomed to the fold of amateurism.

In No. 3 of THE CANADA BEAVER it will be remembered that a small paragraph appeared, warning Stamp Dealers and Collectors, more especially, against doing any business with Mr. D. Cassels, 5 Essney's Terrace, Ontario St., Toronto. We beg to repeat the same warning with redoubled emphasis now.

We received a paper called *The Dog Star*. We would be very much obliged if the editor would let us know what kind of a dog invented that star, as it is so very small, and also whether it has any ambition ever to become a fixed star. If so, we wish it would shine for the brighter, meanwhile we can only sing:

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,
How I wonder what you are.

We have received a smaller paper than the above named journal, if we may so call it. Its name is *The Amateur Era*, of Rockland, Me. Its seems to be noted for its size, or rather for its want of size.

The Amateur Press of Chicago, Ill., has enlarged at last. It is quite respectable now, well printed on good paper.

The Curiosity Hunter is before us. It is very fair, but the advertising rates are rather high.

The Maple Leaf of Hornellsville, N.Y., has at last arrived with its new heading and enlargement.

The following article appeared in *The Pearl* of October and November, which is copied *verbatim*, (mistakes included).

The "CANADA BEAVER" has enlarged, and desires to know where we are. In answer to that, we beg to inform the "enfant terrible" that for the present we are here, ready at all times to accommodate him with plenty of that friendly advice which he so sadly requires.

Our readers would observe that we did not ask the editor of "that insignificant sheet," where he was, but where his paper was. We knew that if we went to the "Lacrosse Grounds" we were almost sure of catching him. What we meant by it was that his September No. had just been issued and the October and November No. had not yet reached us, when the time was long past. We would like to know what the editor of the said named "sheet" means by calling us "enfant terrible." At present we are the largest Amateur and Stamp paper in the Dominion of Canada and because he cannot make his as large and readable, he seems jealous of our success. His little effort reminds us of a famous picture we once saw "Dignity and Impudence," in which a little dog was snarling at one four times its size. As for the friendly advice he proffers us, we suppose he is rather anxious to make the most of his last opportunities, as report has it, "The Pearl's" days are numbered and that it is going to follow the *Canadian Enterprise* into its natural oblivion. Meanwhile it wishes to create a war among the city Amateur Papers, so as to have something to fill up its "invaluable" space. It is not the first time that he has tried this little game, and if he wishes to know the pleasure of being hauled over red-hot coals with a fish-hook, we are ready.

Persons receiving a copy of this paper will do us a favor by sending us their subscriptions. 20 per cent. given to any person who will get us some subscriptions.

We have received the *Boys' News*, of Kenton, Ohio. It is an interesting and hopeful paper, and speaks well for the boys of Kenton.

The *Algemeiner Briefmarken Anzeiger* from Germany, is a splendid stamp paper, large, and well printed (in German), on white paper.

We have received a copy of an amateur paper called *Once in a While*, very well got up for an amateur journal.

The *Illinois Amateur* is before us. We are sorry to hear that they have but fifteen subscribers.

THE PUFF "TREMENDOUS."—The *Amateur Times* in its last issue does us the honor to say with reference to our enlargement: "The *Canada Beaver* of this city is considerably enlarged, and is now edited by a man, who is assisted in his labors by its former youthful editor, R. Rennie. Really we confess to a feeling of breathlessness after reading the above, for, although the reference is no doubt somewhat clumsy expressed, the idea intended is certainly more complimentary than we deserve. We frankly confess to the ambition of wishing to make the *Canada Beaver* the BEST as well as the LARGEST amateur paper in the Dominion. In these two respects we have UNQUESTIONABLY succeeded, but the idea that we had all at once ceased to be a juvenile, and assumed the proportions of a full size "man editor" is too complimentary by half. Probably the fact that our articles, and general get up of our paper are far ahead of the *Times* as to appear mature and ripened wisdom in comparison with the boyishness and nursery character of our cotemporary, may account for the mistake. But while wishing to make the BEAVER every way worthy the perusal of all classes, we beg to assure our readers that the "man" who edits the BEAVER now is the same "youthful editor" who did last month, and all along since its beginning. And while we hope to grow in wisdom as we grow in months, and to give our readers the benefit of our ever-growing experience, we have no wish to be credited with more maturity than we possess.

The *Philatelistische Berichte*, published by S. F. Friedmann, Austria, is a very good stamp paper.

The *Corriere Dei Francobolli* is a large eight page, sixteen column, stamp paper published by Gius Danelon, in Austria.

The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* is a splendid stamp magazine, published in Germany by Louis Senf.

The largest stamp magazine we have seen is the *Guida Illustrata Del Timbrofilo* published by Gius Leoni, in Italy.

We have received a stamp circular from Jacques Wortman in Roumania.

Attention is called to the advertisement on the 4th page.

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 11, 18, 19, 32, 10, is a useful animal,
 5, 10, 29, 6, 4, is a wild animal,
 16, 25, 26, is wickedness,
 30, 29, 19, 8, 28, is an apartment in a
 ship,
 8, 19, 29, 26, 27, 18, 13, is the name
 of a place in Canada,
 15, 14, 1, is a girl's name,
 19, 21, 3, 7, 10, is the name of a river,
 17, 4, 12, 20, 28, is the name of a cape,
 23, 12, 20, 10, 14, is one of the ele-
 ments,
 24, 1, 27, 33, is a solemn declaration,
 whose whole is an old, true saying.

10.—CHARADE.

My wee first writes this:
 My second guides I wis;
 My third rides on the sea,
 My whole an art it is,
 Now tell what I can be.

11.—VERBAL CHARADE.

In patience but not in meek,
 In fir but not in teak;
 In footman but not in page,
 In queen but not in sage;
 In guest but not in host,
 In butter but not in toast,
 In light but not in flame,
 My whole's the ladies' favorite game.

12.—CRYPTOGRAPH.

Eth Ndacaa Arebev si het sbte Ramacut
 ep bsedipuli ni Dacana.

13.—SQUARE WORD.

An opening; an animal from a foreign
 country; a kind of grain.—R. H. H.

14.—PUZZLE.

Why does a cow look over a hill.
 As I was going into Ives,
 There I met with forty wives,
 Each wife had forty sacks,
 Each sack had forty cats,
 Each cat had forty kits,
 How many was there went into Ives.
 Beneath the skies a creature once did
 dwell,—
 So sacred writers unto us do tell,
 He lived, he breathed, in this vain
 world, 'tis true,
 Though he ne'er sinned or any evil
 knew;
 Or e'er he doomed to feel the pangs of
 Hell,
 Yet in him an immortal soul there was,
 That must be damn'd or live among
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A
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 3rd " R. H. Holmes.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Johnny.—Your favour received. We do
 not answer any questions, except to sub-
 scribers.

BOOK REVIEW.

"The Canadian Stamp Directory," is a
 neatly printed book, bound in Scotch granite
 and is published by the Pearl Publishing
 Company, 238 Jarvis Street, Toronto.

We have received a book called "Gosh"
 all pasted up, the compiler having pasted
 10 over the word *FIVE* cents. Very well
 done, Merritt.

We have also received two books called
 "Erie" and "Davy Dauntless," they are
 neatly printed and bound, published by E.
 G. Tuttle & Bro., of New York City.

SECOND MEETING OF THE CANA-
DIAN STAMP ASSOCIATION.

HELD AT THE OFFICE OF THE "AMATEUR
 TIMES" ON SATURDAY, THE 9TH DECEM-
 BER, 1876.

The President in the chair. In the ab-
 sence of Mr. Richardson, J. B. Berryman
 was appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

Messrs. Richardson, Kelly and Leslie
 having not attended any meetings called by
 the President, a vote of censure was passed
 on them. Mr. Richardson not having pro-
 perly attended to his duties, a vote was
 passed that he resign the position of Secre-
 tary. After five meetings being called by
 the President, and the members seemingly
 not interested enough to attend, it was put
 to vote and carried that the Association be
 null and void from henceforth, and that
 the members are at liberty to use their
 price lists by striking out the name of the
 "Canadian Stamp Association." A vote of
 thanks was passed to the members present
 at this meeting for their regular attendance
 at all the meetings, of which all concerned
 are hereby required to take notice.

By order,

W. H. WILLIAMS,
 President.

The officers of the Association were:—

W. H. Williams, President.
 Jno. Kelly, Vice-President.
 R. Richardson, Secretary-Treasurer.
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J. B. BERRYMAN,
 Secretary, *pro tem*.

PETER MULROONEY IN COURT.

(Concluded from last month.)

"You must speak to the point, wi-
 ness," said the judge, with all the sharp-
 ness he could command: "your answer is
 impertinent."

"Troth, yer honor, said Peter, respect-
 fully, "it's sorry I am for that. Sure it's
 the truth I'm tellin' by virtue of me oath."

"What o'clock in the evening was it,
 sir?" said the prosecuting attorney, whose
 red nose was now getting fiery.

"Sorra a bit I know," said Peter.

"Think; fix upon some daily occurrence
 for your guide, and then tell the jury if it
 was before or after."

"Oh!" said Peter, after apparently re-
 flecting a little, "it was after tay."

"Oh! now we shall get at it," said Mr.
 Bibulous, triumphantly. "It was after
 tea, you say. Well, sir, at what hour do
 you usually take tea?"

"That depends upon convaniance," said
 Peter, with an air of the most profound
 thought. "Sometimes we have tay for
 dinner, and sometimes we have dinner for
 tay."

The attorney looked vexed. "I want
 to know your usual hour for taking the
 evening meal we call tea. Is it four, five,
 six, seven or eight o'clock?"

"Yes, sir, that's the truth," said Peter,
 nodding his head.

"Which of these hours?" said the attor-
 ney, sharply.

"If it 'ud be pleasing ye not to be afther
 botherin' a poor boy, I'd be thankful,"
 said Peter. "It's little I know about the
 one hour or the other; we dhrive the tay
 time up and down the night so."

The attorney bit his lips.

"Are you married, sir?" asked the
 attorney.

"Oh, but it does be botherin' me en-
 tirely; sure I think so."

"What! don't you know whether you
 are married or not?"

"Aisy—aisy, if you please—sure it's a
 troublesome question to answer any way,
 and that's no lie. Misthress Biddy Con-
 nolly coorted and married me wanst; but
 sure it strikes me that I must be a widy
 now."

"A widower, you mean, I suppose.
 Your wife is dead, then?"

"Who! Biddy Connolly! Troth, sir,
 it's my sarious opinion the fat ould woman
 is persarvin' herself for another husband
 twenty years fernent us."

"You are divorced, are you?" said the
 attorney, looking significantly at the jury,
 as much as to say, "Ha! ha! here's a
 pretty witness for you."

"Divorced! not a bit of it, said Peter,
 quietly.

"Separated, then?"

"That's it!" said Peter, and then burst-
 ing out into a low, rich laugh, he added,
 "Och, by the mortal, but it was glad I was
 when Michael Connolly came back from
 his shipwreck, and aised my shoulder of
 my matrimonial desaver."

"When you reached the house of the
 late McShane, what did you and your
 party do?"

"Wint in, sir," said Peter, with the ut-
 most simplicity.

"What next?"

"Gave Dinnis McShane as dacent"th
 wake as iver was seen out of ould Ire-
 land."

"Now, Mr. Mulrooney, you have told
 us you were present when the riot took
 place. I wish you to state distinctly who
 commenced it."

"I'd like to know, av it please ye," said
 Peter, humbly, as he smoothed the crown
 of his hat—"I'd like to know av a wise
 and understandin' gintleman like yourself
 can tell me, when two dark clouds come
 together and strike lightnin', which of
 the two struck first?"

"This is no answer. Clouds cannot be
 compared with two parties of drunken
 men."

"I think the answer quite pertinent,"
 said the attorney for the defence, with a
 smile, "for both men and clouds appear to
 have been charged with fluid."

"Ah, ah!" said Mr. Bibulous, nodding
 significantly at Peter: "Ah, ah! the man
 is no fool, I see."

"I'd be very sorry to contradict yer ex-
 perience," said Peter, smoothly; "an' sure
 I'd like to return the compliment, but for
 the virtue of me oath."

"What kind of a piece of road was it
 where this affray took place?" said the at-
 torney, angrily; "was it straight or crook-
 ed?"

"Nath'rally it was as straight and purty
 a piece of road as you would like to look
 at; but circumstantially it was as crooked
 as a gentleman that had lost his temper,"
 said Peter.

"How do you make that out?"

"Sure 'twas the liquor made the differ."
 "Oh, then, you confess to your party
 having been drunk?"

"It's my sarious opinion that it was
 them Garmins that was bating about like
 a wreck at say, an' that my frinds behaved
 themselves like dacent pable; but it's not
 aisy to say."

"When you were at McShane's, did you
 eat and drink?"

"Sure, sir, what did we go there for!—
 Would you have us starvin' wid the hunger
 on an occasion the likes of that?"

"Certainly not—of course—certainly
 not. Now, please to tell the jury what
 the refreshments consisted of."

"Lashins of atin and dhinking," said
 Peter, boldly.

"Never mind the eating; what kind of
 drinking had you?"

"Poteen," said Peter, "wid the true
 flavor of the pate about it."

"Poteen! poteen!" said the lawyer, as
 if affecting ignorance of the liquor. "Pray
 Mr. Mulrooney will you oblige me by
 stating what poteen is?"

"Arrah!" said Peter, slyly casting his
 eyes at the rubicund nose of his questioner;
 "as if ye didn't know."

The prosecuting attorney with his ob-
 noxious nasal organ growing redder and
 redder, turned to the Bench and gestic-
 culated vehemently. What he said could
 not be heard amid the storm of laughter.

"Silence!" shouted the crier.

"Witness," said the judge, absolutely
 snorting in the effort to maintain a becom-
 ing gravity—"this cannot be allowed any
 longer. What is the reason you evade a
 direct reply to the question? Answer him;
 he must be answered."

"Troth, sir, I'll do that thing. The
 reason, sure, I supposed it was making fun
 of me he was."

"Why should you suppose that?" said
 the attorney, fiercely.

"Bekase as I looked at yer *Vesuvius* of
 a nose, I thought you must be well ac-
 quainted with the crater."

The judges fell back and exploded; the
 prosecuting attorney sunk back into a
 chair as if a ten pound shot had fallen
 suddenly upon his head; the auditors were
 almost purple in the face, and there stood
 Peter looking all about him with a sort of
 enquiring wonder upon his face, as if
 utterly unconscious of any cause for such
 a noisy outbreak.

"Have you done with the witness?" en-
 quired the counsel for the defence.

"Let him go," said the attorney, sharply,
 I can do nothing with him."

Peter's eyes now fairly twinkled. As
 he left the box he drew down the corners
 of his mouth with the most sovereign
 contempt.

"Augh!" he muttered: "it 'ud take a
 dozen little rednosed men to bate Peter
 Mulrooney ayther with the tongue or the
 shillalah, I does be thinkin'."

(Concluded from fourth page.)
 Mr. Marsden, enquiring if there was anything he could do for her? If she was ill?

Here was an opportunity to explain, but pride prevented it.

"Thank you, I am very well, and do not require anything," she replied. "There is no way at all then, in which I can be of service to you?" he asked.

"Yes, you can—tell my brother I wish to go home, and request him to order the carriage—if it is not too much trouble."

"I am very glad to hear such an order come from you, for, from appearances, I should say you were ill and need rest—"

"No, it is not that; for I—I—"

and she utterly broke down. "Perhaps Mr. Tyrrell has offended you in some way?"

"Mr. Tyrrell! How should he offend me? He is nothing to me!" she replied. "Nobody has offended me."

"Why, really, I understood that you were engaged to be married to Mr. Tyrrell, shortly. Indeed, I was an unwilling listener to a part of his proposal this very evening!"

"I know you were," she answered quietly, "and, had you waited a while longer you certainly would not have heard me say 'yes' to it."

"And are you still free?"

"What a strange question, Mr. Marsden! What do you mean?"

"Are you not engaged to be married to anybody?"

"No—nor do I want to be. I think I'll be an old maid!"

"You wouldn't accept a curate for your husband, that you might assist him in battling with sin, and comforting the sick? What a noble occupation for you, Miss Havelock!"

"No, I do not think this would tempt me at all. As I said before, I don't think I'll marry anybody."

"Then you refuse me, who loves you better than anything in the world, Miss Havelock?"

"Ah! So you are the curate to whom you were referring. How strange!" she answered in pretended surprise.

"But you have not answered my question."

"Ah, dear me!" she replied, growing bolder. "You surely don't expect me to answer such an important question in a moment, do you? Why, you might have a bad temper, or be a perfect tyrant, for aught I know to the contrary!"

"Do not jest, I implore you, Miss Havelock—Edith!—for this is to me a very solemn question, and you should give me a candid answer, one way or the other. Your levity is most distressing at such a time."

"Why, I did not know I was jesting, I'm sure. But, to be candid, I don't think I'll ever marry."

"Very well, Miss Havelock. I will call your brother," and he moved off.

"Oh, no, Mr. Marsden—Edward—Teddie darling, I love you, and always did from the first time I saw you; and I'll marry you whenever you want me to. There!"

She was pressed to his breast then; and a succession of kisses followed. Then he said—

"Edith, I thought this was to be the dreariest Christmas I ever put in; but now it will be the happiest and brightest!"

"Yes," she answered. "I thought so, too, an hour ago; but I'm sure it'll be my 'MERRIEST CHRISTMAS!'"
 "You've only to name the day, darling, to make my happiness complete."

"Oh, wait till to-morrow, and any day you and papa agree upon I will also agree to. But here comes Mr. Fitzdoddle. Let us go."

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NO. 10.

Who Was Guilty?

BY CAEM.

All was quite in the schoolroom of Swishem House. This, as the reader will acknowledge is an unusual circumstance in any room where over fifty boys are assembled, for it isn't boys' nature to be quiet, but in this case, the captain of the school was involved, and, being well-liked by all, the boys anxiously waited to hear the principal's views of the matter. This august personage sits in state on his throne, with two teachers on each side of him, and the boys in front. It is easy to see by his expressive countenance, that he is in a rather unforgiving mood, and as the charge against Fred Mannering, the boy in question, is rather a serious one, the boys feel that their favorite is in a very precarious condition. Suddenly Mr. Porter arises, and calling Mannering to the front, delivered the following oration:

"Boys this is to me as I trust it also is to you all, a painful case. One of your number—he in whom I have hitherto had the utmost confidence—has violated the trust I reposed in him, and descended to steal. A boy of Swishem has, I repeat, lowered himself and disgraced his preceptors by evincing a total disregard for their teaching—in fact by breaking the—aw—the sixth commandment—is it not the sixth? I am so confused, I really cannot remember. The particulars of the crime—that's a hard word, boys, but the right one, are I think known to you all. Henry Frere received a present of ten dollars from his mother on his birthday. Seeing Mannering and Ferrier playing lacrosse on his way home from the post office, he mentioned the circumstance to them, the result of which was, that in the evening his money was gone; the lock of the trunk in which he had placed it was found to be broken; and this knife, which is undoubtedly Mannering's, was found on the floor near it. That evening also Ferrier tells me Mannering had an unusual amount of money which he spent freely.

"Now you all know that I never ask a boy to convict himself in any serious matter. I always require certain circumstantial evidence,

that cannot be doubted, before I pronounce him guilty. And, of course, I never ask the boy any questions, except 'are you guilty?' lest in his excitement and anger he might tell me a falsehood. Accordingly I have asked Mannering for no explanation, nor will I permit him to give one until his term of punishment has expired. I think, however, that he can offer no other truthful solution than the one we have arrived at; and I therefore feel justified in sentencing him to remain in doors for a month. He will not join the boys in play, nor enter the playground until I have given him permission to do so. I may tell him that he has lost my confidence; and I daresay that of the other teachers also. Go to your seat, sir. There will be no work to-day."

At this announcement the boys filed out of the room to the playground—all excepting Fred. A few would have remained to condole with him, but the principal would not allow them to do so. Soon he was the only inmate of the large room, the masters having all left. He could hear the joyous shouts of the boys outside, as they engaged in lacrosse or cricket; and it made his confinement very hard to bear, especially as he knew he was innocent of the charge laid against him.

Outside, the criticisms on the principal's course, were numerous and varied. Some pronounced him cruel; others narrow-minded; while others said he had done just right if Mannering was guilty. But was he? Ah! there was the rub! A great many didn't think so; some did; others didn't know what to think about it.

"It's too bad," exclaimed Joe Fardon, the captain of the lacrosse twelve, "that he was found out before Saturday; we've got to play the Barmellites then, and he's our best defence man."

"Put Ferrier on—he's pretty good," said Frere; "I'm sorry I told about that thing so soon, but I never suspected Fred."

"That's right, Frere. He's not the one who stole your money, I'll warrant." "I don't know about that," put in Ferrier, who had just come up; "it looks mighty like it."

"Is this the way you talk about Fred—he who's your greatest chum? 'Pon my word I don't think much of you!" indignantly

answered Fardon. "But here's the dinner bell. Let's adjourn until two o'clock," and the boys poured into the dining room. Fred was not there; his meals were served him in the schoolroom, along with Virgil and Horace, a large portion of which books he was to translate ere his release.

"This is pleasant," he muttered as he sipped his coffee; "I wonder who really is responsible for it all! I can't imagine who it could be, unless indeed Ferrier be the one. But surely he'd not go back on me that way—I don't believe it."

And thus he ruminated from day to day, until at last Saturday arrived.

The day was a fine one, and all the teachers went to Bradley's field, where the contest was to take place, taking their families with them. A large crowd of townspeople had also assembled, manifesting considerable interest in the match as it proceeded. And who ever saw a respectable lacrosse match, that didn't feel interested? We fancy that person is yet to be found. Cricket is a nice game and, to a certain extent, a lively one; but what is it in comparison with lacrosse? Why just what winter is to summer—much cooler (!) and less enjoyable. But we must not permit our enthusiasm to carry us away. Lacrosse is a subject upon which we could dwell for hours with satisfaction to ourself, though doubtless not so much to others; for there are some who are not so fond of it as we are. So we will return to the subject in hand—the match at Bradley's field.

We say a large number of people had congregated to witness the game. We did not state however, that fully nine-tenths of these were in favor of the Barmellites; but such was the case. The latter school being in the town added much to its liveliness it also contributed a worthy revenue and its boys were more sociable than those of Swishem House. Hence their popularity among the town-folk.

The Barmellites had good reason to be proud of their lacrosse twelve, for they were a splendid looking lot, weighing perhaps five hundred pounds more than their opponents, who, however, made up for this deficiency in dodging and running. But as they appeared when facing there seemed but little chance of their winning; indeed one of the said

citizens of Bradford was heard to remark that he was sorry he came, intimating that it was simply foolish to anticipate a good game between two clubs so vastly different.

The Swishems were not in their best trim. Fred Mannering, their principle defence man, was absent and a change had to be made in consequence. One of the heavier fielders was put in his place and Ferrier added in the rest.

At three o'clock play commenced, the Barmell boys easily winning the first game in three minutes. But the second was more closely contested, and although the ball was frequently at the wrong end of the field, Fardon managed, by good play to throw it back again, the result of which was that in half an hour the Swishems got the second game, amidst the hearty cheers of their supporters. There were now two—possibly three—more games to be played, and betting was freely indulged in by the juniors on all sides. The Barmell boys now put their best man to check Fardon at defence, and that worthy, consequently had harder work to do, his opponent being rather too large for him.

The Barmellites played well, and in another 30 minutes had won the third game. In a few minutes the ball was again "faced," and the sport entered into with renewed vigour. Time after time was the ball in front of the Swishem's flags only to be thrown far away again. This game was pronounced the best yet by the spectators. At last, after an hour's running and dodging, and throwing, Ferrier, by a lucky shot sent the ball through the flags, and the fourth game was declared Swishem's amidst tremendous cheers from the spectators, many of whom began to like them better at this stage. But the most important struggle was yet to come, as it would decide who were the victors; and everybody was trembling with excitement. When at last the two teams faced, and the ball was sent swiftly from one end of the field to the other, the spectators fairly held their breath. Ferrier getting the rubber on his crosse, started "home" with it, closely pursued by a strapping player of the opposite side, who slowly but surely overtook him, and finally endeavoured to check his stick by sweeping his own around Ferrier's body.

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Editorials,

This month we come to our readers a little behind time, but as we have had such a large quantity of job work on hand we have been unable to get the BEAVER out on time. We must apologise for having to combine the Jan. and Feb. No. in one, but we hope that our readers will forgive us this time and we will try and not do so in future any more. However the subscribers will receive one month after the expiration of their subscriptions, gratis.

We have received a paper called the Atlas, and must say that it is a good little sheet for its size.

The High School is large well printed paper from Providence.

The Centennial Enterprise is one of our largest and best exchanges.

The Boys of the West is a large and well got up paper, but the printing might be improved.

We have received some Stamp Circulars from Messrs Rosendo Fernandez & Co, Barcelone Spain. It is a neatly printed little sheet and gives the prices of Spanish Stamps, old and new issues, as they are selling them.

The L'Ami Du Collectionneur and L'Etoile D'Italie from Rome (Italy)

are to hand.

Amateurs! Beware of the brainless editors of The Missellany.

Pine Tree choppings is a neat little sheet, small but good.

Young Patroit from washing—puts a larger wrapper on your paper so that we can have a chance to see the wrapper, if not the paper.

Our Free Lance, Galion, Ohio, is one of our best.

The Amateur Punch, boss.

The piece entitled "Light at Last" in our last issue, was taken from the Free Lance.

Boy's Herald, Batavia not as good as we expected

Schedule, Good.

Youths Progress, very good.

Has the Lima Express Bust.

Our Idle Time is noe of the best

The following papers have been duely received :—

Budget, N. Y. Little Joker, Amateur Book Review, Keystone, N. Y. Postage Stamp Reporter, Press, Montague City, Smokey City Gem, Keystone Blade, Corriere De Francobolli, Austria, Amateur Newspaper Reporter. The Imp. Gosien Clipper.

The Jayhawker is a neatly printed sheet from Kansas.

We have received the Amateur's Delight.

The Penn Journal is worth the subscription price.

The Bull-frog comes all the way from San Francisco, and is hardly worth the postage on it.

Gabriel' Horn fs very good.

Western News why do you not send us the other half of your paper or is that all.

Prairie City Gem. Printing poor. Our Young Folkes Gazzette, both printing and contents are good.

The Brunswick Herald is a small one from New York.

We have received the INITIAL number of a paper called the "Chipmuck," published in this city. The Editor publishes it as his third number, but we beg to inform the amateur public that he cannot show Vol. 1. No. 1. We would just like to know what authority he had for telling one of the stamp dealers of this city that we had sold our open out to him when he knows quite well that we would not do any such a thing, and also the reason he has for wanting to criticize The "Boy's Herald," of St. John, The "Clio" of Brooklyn and the CANADA BEAVER. We may say at the same time that he wanted one of our city amateurs to run his critic department as he has not got brains enough to do it himself. We have been blamed for trying to create a row among our fellow amateurs, we would like to know what this is, Messrs. Bowes & Perly ?

The Boy's Journal is a neat little heet for the Editors' experiance.

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So far, the Department has found no way out of the difficulty, and a long series of experiments just completed has resulted in nothing more than the assurance that green is the poorest of stamp colors. At the time it was adopted no other nation used it as its unit of letter postage, and, with its disuse, the common stamps the world over will run to reds and brow.

With the change of color, May 1st ther will be a change in design. The medallion head of Washington will be relieved by an open space of white, and the scroll work will have a different pattern. Altogether, the new stamp will bear some resemblance to a stamp of sixteen years ago, which most people have forgotten. The white background is adopted in the hope that any attempt to wash the stamp will leave this part irretrievably soiled.

Some other changes in the stamps are likely to follow the making of a contract, May 1, and a new head is likely to be introduced in the shape of a medallion of Liberty—one step toward bringing more similarity between the designs of coins and stamps. There is some intention of putting this design on the five-cent stamp, used mostly for foreign postage.

Conference and correspondence with other postal authorities show that loss from the reuse of stamps is much more frequent here than abroad. It is scarcely known in England, and there stamps offer the additional temptation of being easy to counterfeit. The practice has recently begun in India, and the frugal folks are giving the Anglo-Indian Office serious loss by their skill in dealing with cancelled stamps.—N. Y. World.

HUMEROUS

The Cincinnati Commercial says: "Why is it that editors never commit suicide?" The Burlington Hawkeye has invested this subject little, and thinks it is because juggists won't sell strychnine on any time.

A student in a poem in a poem the Bowdoin Orient inquires. "Why do I love my lassie?" With the least desire to appear ostentatious we should say because her father owns sixty thousand dollars government bonds.

Not Perfection Exactly.—Old Mr. Bledsoe, although he is a very profane, wicked man, looks very useful for his years. One of his neighbors remarked to Mrs. Bledsoe the other day. "The old man is wearing well, isn't he?" "Oh yes," replied the old woman, "he's swearing well enough as it is, but considering the opportunities and practice he's had, he ought to put a little more polish into

A Baltimore paper says that the price of board hasn't been so low in the last ten years, and adds—and the board hasn't been so poor either."

Some slanderers assert that paper makers are the greatest magicians of the age, inasmuch as they transmuted beggar's rags into sheets for printers to lie on.

A Western editor publishes a poem which was written he states "by my esteemed friend who has lain in his grave for many years merely for his own amusement."

A man went into a furniture store the other day and sat down in a wooden-bottomed chair. He immediately arose, and danced and fled like the wildest kind of fish. The proprietor anxiously inquired if he had an attack of any kind. "A tack!" yelled the man; "he should say so, and the confounding thing stood on its head, too!"

"Do you take sugar?" asked a waitress of a western editor. "Yes'm, I'm in a lumpy, and just a mite of sugar."

Excuse a base ball nine put out last autumn for non-appearance in the field was that "the pitcher was full."

A Quaker of the Detroit Free Press inventing a flying machine, and going to fight a duel with the editor, knocked the "f" off flying.

"Dear to me you've got a putty fire, Mirandy," said a spinning wheel the other night, as he sat up and id of a duxom lass in front of the lace. She didn't want him there, so she replied: "Yes, it's bout all and the fire can do to get up a row."

"We know'd that mule for three years, and I don't think eat animal would hurt a lamb, cause—" "This blank space indicates where the lecturer was interrupted and hacked off

forwarded to the other side of the fence—by the same mule.

A theological student, supposed to be deficient in judgement, was asked by a professor, in the course of a class examination, "Pray Mr. E—, how would you discover a fool?" "By the questions he would ask," was the rather stunning reply.

"My son," said a dying grocer to his probable successor to the business, "never put sand in the sugar. Cherish a reputation for fair and honorable dealings with your fellowmen, and use TERRA ALBA instead; it's quite as heavy, and don't grit on the teeth!"

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A portion of the order was sent to a wholesale drug house for an article used largely in sugar-making. It was a well-managed drug-house and its order clerk below was in the habit of communicating through a speaking tube with the book-keeper above before filling an order, the object of this shooting whispers back and forth through the tin communicator being to ascertain if the person ordering goods is entitled to credit. In the case we refer to the order clerk shouted up, 'How's accounts of Onessmus Smith?' And the information was slid down, 'accounts O. K, but we've advices that Smith's daed.' "Thats all right," said the man below, "he's sent for ten barrels of sulpher."

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(Editor of the CANADA BEAVER.)
Sir.—

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I am,
C. A. E. MacHenry,
Late Editor of the Pearl.

To the Editor of The Canadian Beaver.

Dear Sir
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He was too far behind, however, and instead of the lacrosse, Ferrier's arm got a tremendous blow sufficient to knock him down. He was a slightly built boy, and consequently his arm was broken by the accident. Play was immediately stopped, doctor came forward out of the crowd, and the injured boy was removed to the Hall, where he was put to bed and his arm set.

Each team gave three cheers for the other, then the meeting broke up, considerable grumbling being said to have emanated from the Bradford people. At having to go without seeing the contest decided.

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Fred had written to his father, stating his troubles, and asking him to come down. In response he presented himself at the Hall, a few days after the lacrosse match, indignant to think that his son should be accused of theft, and vowing vengeance on somebody. And although no one in particular suffered at his hands, Fred was duly declared innocent, and the true culprit found. It came about in this wise:

Fred evinced a great liking for Ferrier during his illness, and came in daily to sit with him. In the course of a day or two, Fred referred to the charge that had been brought against him, saying that his father had arrived that day and would probably take him home on the morrow. He added that he felt sorry that he had to leave so soon, just when they had organized such a good lacrosse club, and that he felt much annoyed to think that he should go away leaving Mr. Porter under the impression that he was a thief.

"I have just come from him" said he. "I confessed to having sold some of my school books to Mador, the Jew, in order to raise pocket money; and thus accounted for my expenditure on the day Frere's ten dollars was stolen. I brought Mador himself to corroborate my statements, having obtained leave to go into the village a few days ago. Then I referred to the knife I lost a month or so ago; and which Mr. Porter now has in his possession. He says I must be innocent, according to my own tale, but he don't say he believes me to be so. He also asked me to remain at the school, but father won't allow it unless he apologizes to me before the whole form, and as he is not likely to do that, I am as good as gone—so good bye, Tom, old fellow; we've had some happy times together any how that is one comfort!"

"Fred, old fellow," said Ferrier, as he saw the tears rise to his friends eyes—"Fred the principle shall apologise to you; and before the class, to, I hardly dare confess it; but Fred, I took that money—"

"By Jove! You?"

"Yes, I did; and have it yet. See! There is the ten-dollar bill. I can't tell how miserable I've felt since I took it. But all came about through

your saying I was too small! to be one of the lacrosse team—I got so mad and jealous that I resolved to injure you at the first opportunity. As I walked moodily along the green that day, I saw your knife in the grass; this I picked up and kept for a long time after. You remember the day we were playing lacrosse when Fere told us about his money? Well, on that day I resolved to strike my blow. Accordingly I picked the lock of Frere's trunk, well knowing I'd find the money there. After taking it out, I left your knife on the floor, but did not pick the lock with it, as it was too small; but I broke one of the blades for the sake of appearance, and then left. By some lucky accident or rather by selling some of your school books; you had some extra money that day, and—you know the rest. Fred, it is too much to ask your forgiveness?"

"No, no, dear boy, you have it already. You'll excuse me for saying I half suspected you at first, as you seemed to wish to avoid me, and told the principal about my knife, and so forth; but I soon got over that. I won't have to leave school now?"

"Hey day! What's all this?" cried Mr. Porter at this instant, entering the room and perceiving Ferrier sitting up. "You'll hurt your arm, my boy, if you are not careful."

Ferrier then related his story, and gave him the money. It was restored to its rightful owner, and, much to the joy of the boys generally, Fred was proclaimed innocent, and his pardon begged by Mr. Porter before the whole school.

"I may say," said the worthy gentleman, after three cheers had been given for Fred; "I may say that I would have apologized to him anyway, for upon the very day the real thaw—the really guilty one confessed, it just occurred to me that such a good scholar (cheers) such a frank and truthful boy (more cheers) and (smiling) such an excellent lacrosse player (deafening screams for upwards of three minutes) could never stoop to rob one of his playmates. The boy who took the money has confessed, but it is not necessary that I should name him as he has promised, and doubtless will do better."

The principal took his seat amongst loud cheers and tossing of caps; then the boys rushed pell-mell into the green to congratulate their favourite, in honour of whom they had been given a half-holiday.

Ferrier is almost recovered now, and a place in "the twelve" awaits him whenever he is ready to take it.

To this day no one but the principle, Mr. Mannering, Ferrier and Fred are the only ones who know "WHO WAS GUILTY."

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