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CURRENT NOTES.

There were once people who jeered at Scotchmen for eating oats, just as there are people to-day who jeer at French Canadians for eating garlic and pea soup.

Some American capitalists are said to have formed a corner in spruce pine. If Yankee women had votes no one would be allowed thus to tamper with the supply of chewing gum.

Jay Gould pays a man $25 a week to to read the papers for or to him. Such a man must have good discretion if he knows what to skip on days when Jay is out of humor.

No doubt this too true. Canada, Ontario especially, is one of the best farming regions on this Continent. It only needs a glance at our fertile fields, broad meadows and stately maniions to convince our American cousins that we have no slovenly looking building and dilapidated farms.

Hard-hearted Governors are closing the State doors against Mr. Sullivan. Mr. Kilrain and the 25,000 gentlemen who want to see them punch one another's heads. And yet the Americans boast that in their country the law stands in the way of no man making an honest living.

The governors of Louisiana an Mississippi have declared that Mr. John Lawrence Sullivan and Mr. Jacob Kilrain shall not give an exposition of the manly art in their respective states. Down there a citizen may fill a black voter full of buckshot, or get the drop on an enemy, and it is all right; but the line is drawn at prize-fights.

To the great joy of Frenchmen, Millet's famous picture, "Angelus," which was offered for sale the other day, will remain in France, having been purchased for the Louvre for 554,000 francs, or $110,000. The picture represents two peasants, who, hearing the Angelus tolled, cease from their toil in the field and bow their heads in prayer. It has been said of the work that "it is as if Millet had painted sound."

The friends of the English sparrow claim that he dosen't drive the song birds away. But at Harrisburg, Pa., there were plenty of song birds in the parks. Then an idiot imported the sparrow and the song birds disappeared. Then the city crusaded against the sparrow and exterminated him. And now the parks are again full of robins, thrushes, blue birds and orioles.

The "SICKLY GREEN" postoge stamp has been a standing grievance in the United States for a long time. One journal declared that when stuck on a letter it resembled a handful of spinach dashed against a white tombstone. At last it has been abolished by a Postmaster whose training in the dry-goods business ought to enable him to select a pleasing color, fast and warrahted to wash.

A Russian Commission, composed of forty military and civil engineers, have agreed that Gen. Annenkoff's proposed railway across Siberia is practicable. He says it can be built in three years, and that when built it will place London within fifteen days' journey of Vladivostock, from which port Pekin can be reached in three days, while the journey round the globe can then share with the United States and Canada the honor of cutting down the records for round-the-world tours

It is an error to suppose that the Johnstown disaster is the greatest of its kind in modern times. The great flood in the Yellow River of China, in 1887, destroyed three thousand villages, and the "best informed European in Perkin," calculated the destruction of life at 7,000,000. The lowest estimate was 1,000,000. In 1876 a tidal wave overflowed the island of Deccan-Shahbaspore, in the Bay of Bengal, drowning 300,000 people.

The Department of Justice at Ottawa has received from Mr. Justice Bain, of Winnipeg; official note of the fact of a warrant having been issued for the arrest of Martin Burke, alias W. J. Cooper, for the murder of Dr. Patrick H. Cronin. The information in the case was made by John M. Collins, police officer, of Chicago. No further proceeding will be taken in the department until Burke is committed for extraditions whereupon, after a requisition has been made by the United States for Burke's surrender, a warrant may be issued by the Minister of Justice upon his being satisfied that the offence is an extraditable one and that the evidence justifies his extradition.

The Walsingham Tragedy.

Dr. Phelan, coroner, of Walsingham Centre; held an inquest on Wednesday of last week in the case of young Rohrer, who was shot by a boy named Davis, in Walsingham. Dr. J. M. Tweedale made a post mortem, and the county crown attorney, J. H. Ansley, of Simcoe, attended on behalf of the crown. It was shown in evidence that Davis and Rohrer were together on the 8th concession of Walsingham. Davis had a revolver and they went after a squirrel. Davis fired the revolver three times, and then Rohres asked to be allowed to try it. Rohrer pulled the trigger, but the weapon missed fire. Davis then tried it and it again missed fire. Thinking the revolver no longer dangerous, Davis turned it upon Rohrer, saying, "look out; I'll shoot you." He pulled the trigger and the cartridge exploded, the ball entering Rohrer's temple near the right eye. The verdict of the jury is: "That John Rohrer came to his death by a gun wound inflicted by Ernest Davis." Davis was committed to jail to stand his trial. The coroner believed that Davis told his story candidly and truthfully and was corroborated by other witnesses. Though the boys had had a fight last summer, they had always been good friends. It is the impression of the coroner that if Davis can be sent to the Reformatory for a few years it will do him good, as he is being allowed to grow up in the grossest ignorance.

Bicycles.

The Supreme Court of Indiana was recently called upon to review a non-suit in an action brought to recover damages for being struck down on sidewalk by a bicycle rider. The trial court held that bicycling was a form of pedestrianating, and that the bicyclers had as much right on the sidewalk as any pedestrian. The appeal from the non-suit was argued in the forenoon. When the court adjourned for dinner, Judges Coffey and Berkshire started to walk to their hotel, and as they were passing out of the capitol grounds a clumsy bicycle rider ran into them, knocking both down, and badly bruising the former. This practical argument had such a convincing effect on the minds of the learned judges that they immediately overruled their unrendered decision and filed an opinion setting forth that a person who "rudely and recklessly" rides a bicycle against a man standing on a sidewalk is responsible for damage for assault and battery.

After quoting an Indiana law forbidding persons from riding or driving on the sidewalks, the court says: "If sidewalks are exclusively for the use of foot men, then bicycles, if they are vehicles, must not be ridden along them, since to affirm that sidewalks are exclusively for the use of footmen necessarily implies that they cannot be traveled by bicycles. It would be a palpable contradiction to affirm that footmen have the exclusive right to use the sidewalk and yet concede that persons not travelling as pedestrians may also rightfully use them. We think, however, that a bicycle must be regarded as a vehicle within the meaning of the law."—N. Y. Law Journal.

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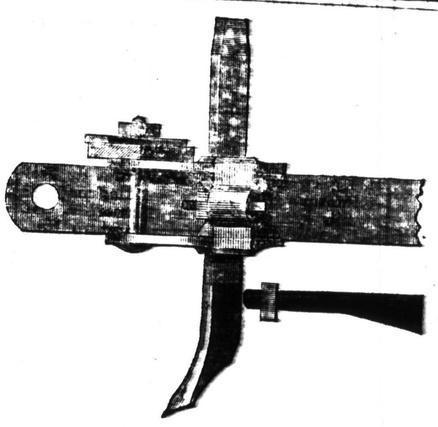

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