

A Snow Shovel.

Mr. E. Abbiati, of New York City, has invented a snow plow, for use on railroads which is very favorably spoken of. The New York World thus describes the machine—

"The new snow shovel offers to do the work of the old-fashioned plow and Pat too. It consists of a cutter head composed of verticle steel blades and a toothed base plate of disc, the whole suspended from the bow of a locomotive. Two pistons give the required rotary motion to the cutter, which can be worked up to 300 revolutions per minute. As the snow is sliced off in huge masses by the whirling steel blades, as the engine runs along the track, it is received upon the base plate, located a couple of inches above the rails. But no sooner is the snow flung upon this plate than it is flung off to the right with immense force by a series of wings controlled by an eccentric motion. Following the stern shovel are revolving steam brushes, fitted close to the rails on the inner sides, which sweep the track bare for the wheels. The Abbiati machine, as it is called, may be operated when the engine is at a stand still, or nearly so, as well as when going at full speed. This facility is relied upon for forcing a passage slowly through deep drifts. The bottom plate is designed partly as an ice-cutter, for which there is generally steady employment on most roads during the winter. It will be perceived that the machine is planned to save time and manual labor—the idea being to keep one or more of the steam-shovels in constant motion up and down the tracks from the beginning to the end of a snow storm, and thus prevent or diminish the chances of the track being overwhelmed at its most exposed points."

It is said that a large number of Italian emigrants of the farming class will come to this country next year.

The agricultural grangers in Kentucky propose an organized movement to reduce doctors' and lawyers' fees, if feasible.

One "Rev." Francis Rogers, of Buffalo, N. Y., was arrested while drunk and in a pavement house. A bad place to be found in, drunk or sober.

The Vienna Exposition cost the Austrian Government six million dollars more than it yielded from visitors. The sale of the buildings may reduce this amount by a million and a half or two millions.

Traveler in Ireland (rheumatic and very particular)—"Now I hope the sheets are clean!" Kathleen (the chambermaid)—"Clane, sur? Shure they're just damp from the mangle, sur!"—Punch.

A supposed ghost frightened two Lafayette, Oregon, girls nearly out of their wits a few evenings since. They ran two miles home, and their big brothers ran two miles back to find out that the ghost was a bald-faced horse.

A package containing \$4,500 was left in the reading room of the Chicago hotel for thirty hours undisturbed, but it is only due to the honesty of Chicago people to say that the valuable packet was mistaken for an old shirt by everybody.

Says the San Francisco Chronicle—"A subscriber is informed that a marriage entered into under an assumed name, by either or both parties, is valid. The alias makes no difference in the validity of the contract." That's right enough. It is the persons, rather than the names, that are married.

J. F. Walter, of San Francisco, late last night, Nov. 18, came home and found another man, a sea-captain, in his wife's bed-room. He whipped the captain, tipped over the coal-oil lamp, set the house on fire, turned on the fire alarm, got seven steamers on the ground and left, all within the space of about ten minutes.

A man summoned to serve as a grand juror offered to excuse himself lately in San Jose as having done the State some service as a militiaman, but Judge Payne told him that was no excuse. But the man got off upon showing that the least tobacco smoke in the grand jury room would disable him from duty, by starting the phthisis in him.

Charles Paget, who for nine years represented Nottinghamshire in Parliament, where he gained universal respect for his temperate and common-sense utterances on the questions of the day, met a sad and sudden doom in company with his wife, the other day. The couple were sitting on the rocks by the sea shore, when a huge wave suddenly broke over them, and they were swept into the sea and drowned.

Says the Sacramento Union, "The other day one of the conductors received a dispatch inquiring if a certain party who had committed a theft was on board his train, and giving the following description of him: Height 5 feet 10; weight 160; black hair, brown whiskers, and very bad breath! The conductor returned word that a person answering the first part of the description was on the train, but he had not sampled his breath, and suspecting that it might prove to be as represented, he didn't propose to."

The town clerk of Lancaster went gunning lately, and kept four young people two days waiting for their marriage certificates.

A Milwaukee lady has received \$3,000 from the city of Milwaukee for slipping upon the sidewalk, and she didn't break a bone.

The rubber dams used by dentists to hold up the gums and prevent the access of saliva during the operation, are known in the profession as "electric profanities."

Seamen of the German navy are hereafter to go through a complete course of infantry and fusilier drill and rifle shooting, in addition to the drill on board ship.

An exchange says, "A Georgia paper publishes a letter which it claims was written by its correspondent in heaven." Newspaper correspondents who have just taken two or three drinks of genuine old Bourbon always want to date their letters that way.—*Courier Journal*.

A little boy, aged thirteen months, was instantly killed at Grand Rapids, Michigan, under the following circumstances: A large iron-bound trunk was standing in a room with the lid up. The child climbed to the trunk, looked in, then caught one of the straps, and pulled the lid down, breaking its neck.

First reveler (on being turned out of the "Caledonia Club")—"Come and take a glass at my rooms." Second reveler—"Na, na, ah've had mair than enouch." First reveler—"Hoots! Take anither, munn! D'ye no see ye're letting yer judgment get the better o' ye?"

A papyrus manuscript found in an Egyptian tomb is said to have been translated by a German scholar, who pronounces it to be an address of Rameses III to all the nations of the earth, detailing minutely all the causes which led to the exodus of the Jews from the land of the Pharaohs.

So you don't care about donkey-riding, missy. And why? Oh, I've got a pony, and one doesn't care about donkeys after that, you know. Has a pony got more legs than a donkey, then? Missy (who doesn't like to be chaffed); yes, exactly twice as many as some donkeys that I know of.

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