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THE TELEPHONE.

VOL. 1.

CANTON, ME. FRIDAY, SEPT. 27, 1878.

NO. 1.

THIS LIFE IS WHAT WE MAKE IT.

"Siftener talk of noble deeds,
rarer of the bad ones,
ing about our happy days,
not about the sad ones,
ere not made to fret and sigh,
and when grief sleeps to wake it;
right happiness is stealing by—
This life is what we make it.

shall give him grub and water every time he opens his mouth."

"I just think it's awful mean, so I do; and I know somebody will steal it, so they will," and she showed a half notion to cry that nearly broke the conductor's heart, but he was firm and sang out to the brakeman, who was playing a solo on the stove;

"Here, Geo. take this dog over to the baggage car, and tell 'em to take just the best kind of care of him."

The young lady pouted, but the brakeman reached over and picked the canine up as tenderly as though it were a two weeks old baby, but as he did so a strange expression came over his face. He a wave of cramp colic, and he said testily to the conductor:—

"Here, you jinks! I him a minute till I put the cramp away," and he trotted out the door and on to the baggage car.

sing, is apt to appear to the public in the light of a virtual surrender of the battle, and relinquishment of competition with rivals.

By being judicious in his advertising, and his choice of mediums for advertising, a man can so arrange his expenditures as to enable him to maintain a respectable amount of advertising throughout the year, and the result will be satisfactory in all cases where discretion and experience are combined. Careless advertising cannot prove valuable, but careful advertising *will*.

Let a man exercise the same amount of discretion and caution in advertising, that he would in any other branch of his business, and he will have no reason to complain of the result.

Lady customer:— "Have you a nice book all covered with red leather with gold letters on the back?"

Shopkeeper:— "Yes, madam, I have DeQuincy's works, in three volumes, in Russia; or the Memoirs, two volumes, in calf."

Lady customer:— "I don't want anything about Russia, give me something about the dear little calves; besides it was made by a general."

EDITORIAL.

It is not without a feeling of reluctance, that we find ourselves in the editorial chair; knowing our inability, as it requires both skill and experience to accomplish it; nevertheless we hope that if we do the best we can our efforts will be appreciated.

It will be our aim to make THE TELEPHONE a good local paper; containing the news of each week, choice literature, fun &c.,

Our paper is small in size, but there is a chance for it to grow, and in order for it to do so, it will be necessary for each one to do their part toward supporting it. We hope that if anything appears in our columns in the way of "take offs" &c., &c., that they will kindly be received as such. Any writings that may be handed in will be thankfully received, also any information, suggestions or criticism.

THE TIME TO ADVERTISE.

What is the proper time to advertise, is an important question for advertisers. There are various opinions on the subject, but the opinion of the most successful and systematic advertisers is, that persistent advertising *always pays*, and that much is lost, both in reputation and profit, by a cessation of advertising at any particular season.

The primary object of advertising is, to enlighten the public on the merits of the articles, or business advertised, and a suspension of advertising

It happened the other day on the R. F. & B. R. R. The train had just left Canton and the conductor was making his first round, when he observed a small white dog with a bushy tail and bright eyes sitting cozily on the seat beside a young lady, so handsome that it made his heart roll over like a loo-sided pumpkin. But duty was duty, and he remarked in his most deprecatory manner:—

"I'm very sorry, madam, but it's against the rules to have dogs in the passenger cars."

"Oh, my, is that so?" and she turned up two lovely brown eyes beseechingly. "What in the world will I do? I can't throw him away. He's a birth-day present from my aunt."

"By no means, miss. We'll put him in a baggage car, and he'll be just as happy as a robin in spring."

"What! put my nice white dog in a nasty, stuffy, baggage car?"

"I'm awful sorry, miss. I do assure you, but the rules of the company are as inflexible as the laws of the Medes, and them other fellows, you know. He shall have my overcoat to lie on and the baggage-master

The Telephone.

A LOCAL SEMI-MONTHLY.

James W. Bicknell, Editor & Proprietor.

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Advertisers receive paper free.

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THE TELEPHONE.

Canton, Me.

Third Anniversary of Canton Reform Club.

Excursion over R. F. & B. R. R.

Base Ball Tournament and Social Dance.

The Canton Reform Club celebrated their third anniversary, Wednesday, Sept. 11th, 1878.

Excursions were held throughout the day at Free Grove. About one hundred excursionists, from different clubs along the line of the road, arrived at 9 A. M.

They were joined by about two hundred members of the Canton Reform Club and Ladies Aid Society, and at 10 o'clock the train conveyed them to the grove, (which is a very pleasant spot, situated on the shore of Anasagunticook Lake, has been cleared for the use of excursionists over the R. F. & B. R. R.) where the meeting was called to order by our worthy president, Hon. Hiram A. Ellis.

The meeting in the forenoon was very interesting, and at noon, all that wished, went back to the village to spend an hour and partake of refreshments.

At 1 o'clock they were again conveyed to the grove, where another meeting, as interesting as the first, was held.

At 4 o'clock the meeting closed, thus ending one of the proudest days of Canton Reform Club.

BASE BALL TOURNAMENT.

Four clubs were present at the Tournament of the Whitney B. B. C.

Wednesday, Sept. 11th.

\$35.00 were offered in purses, \$5.00 to each defeated club, and \$20.00 to the winners of the last game.

At 10 o'clock quite a crowd was assembled on the ground, to witness the first game, which was between the Whitneys of Canton, and the Orients of Dixfield, and which resulted in an easy victory for the latter, on account of the catcher on the Whitneys hurting his hand the day before and was unable to catch. Score; 10 to 19.

The next game was to be played between the Maple Leaves of Lewiston, and the No. Turners, but the former club was not present at the time the game was set, and it began to look as though we wasn't to see another game.

But at 1-2 past 2 o'clock they arrived, (having been delayed by going fifteen miles out of their way) and went to playing at once, without any dinner.

This game was a little better, resulting in a victory for the Maple Leaves. Score; 8 to 11.

At 5 o'clock the winners of the two previous games were to play for the \$20.00 purse the Orients and Maple Leaves.

They were a very complete team, and they won the victory for the Orients.

The games were all umpired by Mr. Wilson, of Auburn, who gave entire satisfaction.

SOCIAL DANCE.

In the evening there was a Social Dance at Central Hall. About thirty couples were in attendance. Music by Richardson's Orchestra of Canton.

WHAT FLIES DO.

An English chemist named Emerson published in the *Scientific American* the result of his observations of flies, with which he has experimented.

If what he reports is truthful there should be more kindhearted Uncle Tobys to acknowledge the debt we owe these little insects. Did you ever watch a fly who has just alighted after soaring about the room for some little time? He goes through a series of operations which remind you of a cat licking herself after a meal, or of a bird pluming its feathers. First the hind feet are rubbed together, then each hind leg is passed over a wing,

then the fore legs undergo a like treatment; and lastly, if you look sharp you will see the insect carry his proboscis over his legs and about his body as far as he can reach. The minute trunk is perfectly retractile, and it terminates in two large lobes, which you can see spread out when the insect begins a meal on a lump of sugar. Now the rubbing together of legs and wings may be a soothing operation, but for what purpose is this carefully going over the body with the trunk, especially when the trunk is not fitted for licking, but simply for grasping and sucking food. On placing a fly under the microscope to the investigator's disgust it appeared to be covered with lice.

Mr. Emerson was so disgusted with the look of the lousy position of his

flies that he took the paper and waved it around. He found no flies touched it. Went back to the microscope, and there found animalcules, the same as on flies. He had now arrived at something definite; the animalcules were floating in the air, and the quick motions of the flies gathered them on their bodies, and the flies then went into some quiet corner to have their dainty meal.

The investigator goes on describing how he continued the experiment in a variety of localities, and how, in dirty and bad-smelling quarters, he found the myriads of flies which existed there literally covered with the animalcules, while other flies, captured in bed-rooms, or ventilated, clean apartments, were miserably lean and entirely free from their prey.

Wherever filth existed, evolving germs which might generate disease, there were the flies covering themselves with organisms, and greedily devouring the same.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead
Who never to himself hath said,
I will a family paper take,

Both for himself and children's sake?
If such there be let him repent
And have this paper to him sent.

LOCAL.

—Cool nights and warm days.

—Potatoes are rotting badly. Looks as though they would demand a good price this fall.

—We miss the familiar face of our former teacher Mr. C. H. Boothby, who is now teaching at Livermore Falls. Success be with you Charlie.

—In our next issue, we shall endeavor to have items from all our surrounding villages. We cannot tell the exact date it will appear.

—The Brick Church, which was blown down last winter, has been thoroughly repaired, newly frescoed, and we think is in better condition than before. The first meeting was held Sunday, Sept. 22d.

—We were somewhat surprised, but pleased, to see our old friend and teacher Mr. R. J. Everett, who spent the day with us Sunday, Sept. 22d. He is now teaching at So. Paris Normal Institute, where he has about 150 scholars in attendance.

—The [unclear] is shut down for repairs. Will be ready to receive guests in about a week.

—Monday night, as they were making up the train for Tuesday morning the cars got the upper-hands of the brakeman, and came down against a car that stood near the end being loaded with shook. A man was inside packing the shook, and when they struck the shock was so great as to upset him. But he wasn't long in regaining his feet, and he saw the car was going over the end, so he jumped and struck on all fours in the sand, considerably scared. The car was soon got on the track again without much damage.

—The Boston Comedy Company is advertised to perform the world's famous Drama of Fanchon the Cricket, at Central Hall, Thursday evening Oct. 3d. This company comes to us highly recommended, and we hope they will receive a full house.

—A Cornet Band has just been organized in Canton, with the following officers; J. W. Thompson, Leader, Frank Richardson, Director, H. J. DeSnon, Secretary and Treasurer. There is any amount of musical talent lying around loose in Canton, and we are pleased to encourage this attempt to make it available.

—Saturday, Sept. 28th, nine boys, from 10 to 15 years of age, went over to the Point to play a game of baseball, expecting to meet a club of their own size, but when they got there they found some great fellows twice as large as they were. However, this did not discourage them. They played the game out, resulting in a victory for the little fellows. Score; 7 to 22.

BORNE.

Canton, Sept. 28th, to the wife of Mr. J. L. Darrington, a daughter.

Canton, Sept. 29th, to the wife of Mr. F. R. Stevens, a daughter.

A WELL-POSTED BOY.

History never jumps over Detroit. There are too many old battle grounds around here for the historian to get past without at least a few paragraphs. The fight at Bloody Run has been widely read of and strangers often ask to have the locality pointed out. Yesterday a man who dropped off a street car at the Jefferson avenue bridge to look around and let memory carry him back to Indian days, felt anxious to know how the fight came to be called Bloody Run. By and by a boy came slapping along, and the stranger beckoned to him and asked:—

"Sonny, is this Bloody Run?"

"You are bloody right it is," was the rejoinder.

"Right around here is where the British troops were, is it?"

"Yes, sir, and down in the gully there, were the bloody Indians."

"And they fought?"

"Bloody sure. They didn't come here to play, you bet."

"Was there much loss?"

"A bloody big one."

"Can you tell me," continued the stranger, looking around, why they call it Bloody Run?"

"Yes, sir; cos' when them soldiers found there were ten Indians to one white man they run so bloody fast that you can find old boot-heels around yet!"

The strange may have taken some away as relics. He was seen hunting up and down the street.

FOR SALE.

A SECOND-HAND

Novelty Printing Press

This Press is nearly as good as new. Size of chase, inside, 6 1-2 x 10 1-2 in. Address, This Office.

PERU ITEMS.

Orville Robinson, at the Center, has just completed his house, at a cost of \$2500. He has a fine residence, second to none in town.—James Gowell, of West Peru, done the job.—Edgar Howard, of East Peru, is moving his barn to a location near his house. He will have a good stand.—L. M. Brown, near Brown's Ferry, has built a new barn, the past season, at a cost of \$500. He has the best ferry in town, —Henry Castle, at the Center, is engaged in the manufacture of Clothing, at a reasonable rate. He will warrant a good fit every time.—The Peru Cornet Band is prepared to furnish music during the fall and winter at a reasonable rate. For further particulars, address R. A. Knight, leader, at West Peru.—The Peru Reform Club, numbers 200 members, with A. B. Walker, Pres. Meetings every Friday evening. A good degree of interest is manifested.

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House, Sign & Decorative

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ALL WORK

Warranted Satisfactory

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FOR SALE.

I will sell my Blacksmith Shop and Lot, situated in Canton Village, also the Shop and Lot occupied by A. W. Ellis, as a paint shop, on very low terms. Apply to—

P. Hodge, Canton, Me.

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EVERY DESCRIPTION

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The Co-partnership heretofore existing between the subscribers, under the style of Hayford & Bicknell is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

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{ O. A. Hayford,
F. E. Bicknell.

CANTON, Aug. 26th. 1878.

C. H. LUCAS,
Practical Watchmaker & Jeweler
—DEALER IN—
Watches, Clocks & Jewelry,
Spectacles & Eye Glasses,
CANTON, . . . ME.

S. W. ELLIS,
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HAIR-DRESSING SALOON,

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H. T. WALKER & CO.,
TAILORS & CLOTHIERS,
Reassure the public that they may
still be found at the Brick Store.

All Work Warranted.

Give us a call if you wish to get
fits.

N. B. Ladies' Cloakes, Sacques &
Capes, cut and made to order.
CANTON, Sept. 26th.

FOR SALE.

The shop known as the "Red building," situated in Canton Village, is for sale.

Good water power and machinery,
and a good chance for business.

TERMS EASY.

Apply to C. O. Holt.

A. L. Stanwood,
Physician & Surgeon,
Canton, Me.
OFFICE AT HIS HOUSE.

PROSPECT HOUSE

Canton, Me.

B. A. SWASEY,
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Located opposite the Depot. Teams
furnished to convey Guests to any
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Livery, Feed and Boarding Stable
connected with the House.

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C. O. HOLT,

Manufacturer of

SALT BOX SHOOK,

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PACKING CASES of All Kinds
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All kinds of moulding made to order.

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"BRICK STORE"
DRY GOODS,
GROCERIES,

Boots, Shoes and
Rubbers,

Crockery, Hats, Caps &c.

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WILL BE FOUND AT

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Harnesses of every de-
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Constantly On Hand.

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A new lot of Cutlery, which will be
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Good Stable connected with the house.

Guests conveyed to any point desired.
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We, the undersigned, would notify
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PERFUMERY,

and all the articles usually found in a
First-class Drug Store, where we hope,
by strict attention to business, and fair
dealing, we may share a part of the
public patronage.

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—Dealer in—

Boots, Shoes, Groceries,

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FANCY GOODS.

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Fresh Meat & Fish,
CONSTANTLY ON HAND.

Something that I cannot
explain.

What Ed Thompson
is going to do with all
those Flower Pots and
Stoves that came in on
the morning train.

Pots enough to furnish

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plants.

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