

Christmas Cards and the Post Office.

The senders of Christmas cards should carefully bear in mind that, except on payment of full letter rate, 3 cents per 1/2 oz., they may not be sent in closed envelopes. If sent in "open envelopes," that is in envelopes with the flap unfastened, or with one of the ends cut open and then secured by twine,—these cards may be mailed to any place in Canada or the United States, on payment of 1 cent per 4 oz.—and to Great Britain, or to any British colony or foreign country included in the postal union, at 1 cent per 2 oz. This caution is given because it is noticed that already the senders of Christmas cards are falling into the mistake of mailing them in closed envelopes and of prepaying them only at the lower rates. This is a mistake which exposes the cards to be taxed, on delivery abroad, not only with the deficient postage, but with a fine in addition equal to twice its amount,—whilst, if the destination is within the Dominion, they are liable to be sent to the dead letter office. Either of these fates thus befalling these messages of good will is calculated to provoke feelings antagonistic to the superfluous Christian spirit of which these cards are of course an embodiment, and to spare our readers from any such moral revulsion is the purpose of the present postal caution.—Montreal Gazette.

Singular.

James Heath was brought up for trial, at Louisville, Ky., on the 14th inst., charged with larceny. The crime with which Heath was charged, the larceny of a couple of sealskin cloaks, was admitted by the defence, but the plea urged was that the accused, being a kleptomaniac, could not be held responsible for the act. The first witness introduced to prove the prisoner's peculiar weakness was the boy's own father, who testified to the fact that the boy was born on May 21, 1863. The mother had so worn herself down by mental excitement and labor for the Southern soldiers, that after the birth of her child she was unable to raise it. The doctors said that unless the child received milk from the breast it could not live. A colored wet nurse was hired, and about the time the child was old enough to be weaned she was discovered to be an incorrigible thief, and thus had the child drawn in with the life-giving fluid-seeds of a most deplorable habit.

Mistakes in Punctuation.

Mistakes in punctuation, such as the omission or misplacing of a comma, may cause serious alteration to the sense of a passage. The contract made for lighting the town of Liverpool by wick lamps, during the year 1819, was rendered void by the misplacing of a comma in the advertisement, thus: "The lamps at present are about 4,050, and have in general two spouts each, composed of not less than 20 threads of cotton." The contractors would have proceeded to furnish each lamp with the said 20 threads; but this being half the usual quantity, the commissioners discovered that the difference arose from the comma following, instead of preceding the word "each." In the following instance it was no doubt a bachelor who, in setting up the toast, "Woman, without her, man would be a savage!" got the comma in the wrong place, and made the sentence read, "Woman, without her man, would be a savage!"

Railway Traveling.

Says a Halifax exchange: Railway travel should be cheaper than it is. The time will come when, like postage, it will be reduced to the lowest possible figure; and the lowest will be found to pay best. Why should it cost more to carry a man to Truro than a barrel of flour to Toronto? The passenger has more room and a finer carriage. Yes, but the passenger requires no loading or unloading. We propose a passenger tariff of this sort: All distances under ten miles 10 cents; over ten and under twenty miles 20 cents; above 20 and under fifty 50 cents; from fifty to one hundred miles, \$100, &c. Travel would be generally increased, the public accommodated, and the revenue of the railway increased.

The Queen's New Car.

Queen Victoria is going recently from Ballater to Carlisle travelled in a new saloon car which is fitted up like a drawing room, the hangings and furniture being of blue silk. It contains several sofas and easy chairs, and numerous tables for reading, or writing, or working; and the springs are so good that the motion of the train can scarcely be discerned, even when going at over forty miles an hour. The carriage is lighted by gas; but Her Majesty thought the light would be too strong, and the atmosphere would be "stuffy," so her favorite shaded lamps were used instead.

Cheerfulness.

Be cheerful. It is better to live in sunshine than in gloom. If a cloud rests upon your heart, turn its silvery lining to your friends, and the glow of cheer it will cast upon them will be reflected on you, and the cloud will give way before the brightness and joys its own light has begotten.

Special Notices.

GREAT BARGAINS in Standard Novels at Broomer Bros'. The cheapest and best selected stock of Christmas Cards is to be found at G. H. Cook & Co's.

The choice lot of Christmas Goods at Broomer Bros', are being rapidly disposed of.

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New Goods for Christmas, at G. H. Taylor's—see advertisement.

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New hat and bonnet shapes at J. B. Macdonald's.

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