

Robert Burns, Born 25th January 1759.

As a memento of his genius what more fitting words can be used than those of Emerson: 'How true a poet he was, and the poet of poor men, of gray codden, and the Guernsey coat and the blous. He has endeared the farm house and cottage, patches and poverty beans and barley, ale, the poor man's wine, the fear of debt, the dear society of wife and weans, brothers and sisters proud of each other. Not great like Goethe among the stars, or Byron on the ocean, but in the lovely landscape which the poor see around them, brooks birds, hares, field mice, thistles and heather, which he daily knew. How many, Bonnie Doons, and, John Anderson my Joe, and 'Auld Lang Syne around the earth have his verses been applied to, and his exquisite love songs still woo and melt the youths and maids. He has made that Lowland Scotch a Doric dialect of fame. It is the only example in history of a language made classic by the genius of a single man. The memory of Burns. The west winds are murmuring it. Open the windows behind you and hearken what the waves say of it. The doves perching on the chapel opposite may know something of it. Every name in Scotland and every Scotchman throughout the world, keeps his fame bright, every man, boy and girl's head carries snatches of his songs. The corn and barley rustle them. The music boxes of Geneva are framed to play them. The hand organs of the Savoyards in all cities repeat them. The chimes of bells ring them in the spire. They are the property and solace of mankind.

Gas as a Fuel.

That gas for heating purposes will eventually drive all other combustibles out of the field in Pittsburg is inevitable. Already the consumption of gas, instead of coal, is enormous. It is estimated that from 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 cubic feet of gas is burned each day, in Pittsburg, as fuel. Already ten iron and steel mills in the city and six in other parts of Western Pennsylvania, are using it in their puddling furnaces and under their boilers. Within three months a dozen more mills will have it in operation, and every other manufacturing firm is eagerly awaiting the completion of the various pipe lines. Six glass factories in the city and seven in near towns are using it. Every brewery in the city uses it instead of coal. There has not yet been enough gas to spare for domestic purposes, and only a few dwellings, comparatively speaking, have been able to get it for their stoves and grates. Two of the largest hotels use it entirely in their kitchens. Safely inventions have been made and much of its dangerous possibilities averted. As a result householders are anxiously awaiting more gas.—Philadelphia paper.

The Advantages of Education.

"Doctor," said an old lady the other day to her family physician, "kin you tell me how it is that some folks is born dumb?" "Why, mem, why, certainly, madam," replied the doctor; "it's owing to the fact that they came into the world without speech!" "Lo, me! remarked the old lady; "now just see what it is to have a physic education; I've axed my old man more'n a hundred times that are same thing."

Smothered in a Sleigh.

Says the Chatham World: At Napan, last Saturday, when Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Sweezey reached home after a visit to Mr. Sweezey's father, five miles away, they were grief-stricken by the discovery that their baby, which was in the sleigh with them, was dead. It was a fine healthy infant about six months old, and the supposition is that it was smothered by the wraps and robes with which it was covered.

Put on a Pleading Expression.

Sitting Bull has his photograph taken three times a week. He can afford it. He can stand it. He just sits down, assumes his own position, lays one hand on his tomahawk, glares right in his camera and there isn't a photographer in the land who dares ask him to look right up here at this crack in the wall, or say to him, "Look pleasant please?" It is something a sweet boon to be an Injan.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Burglar-Proof Prices.

"I understand that burglars entered your store sometime yesterday, Mr. Isaacs?" "Ya, ober dey dond dake anything?" "Were they frightened away?" "Ya, der low prices marked on der goods frightened dem away. Bime-by dey come round nud by der goods. Dey's cheaper den stealing. Dond a t-veluff dollar coat; take him for three tollar."—St. Louis Globe

Practice Makes Perfect.

Little Rudolph one day begged an invitation to dinner at the house of a little friend with whom he had been playing during the morning. At the table his hostess anxiously inquired, "Rudolph, can you eat your own meat?" "Humph," said Rudolph, who was sawing away, "Can't I? I've cut up a great deal of tougher meat than this at home."

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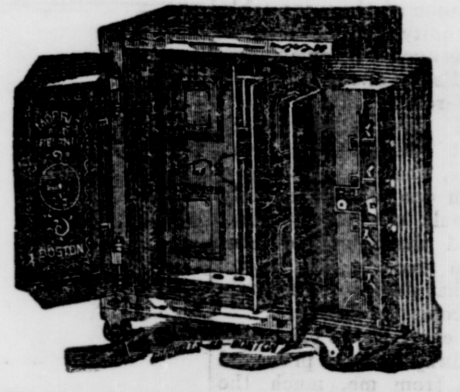
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