

**The Literature of the Graveyard.**

The literature of the graveyard has an interest for all. We think with dread of death, decay and the grave; but an epitaph, unless of the most commonplace order, rarely fails to arrest our attention. Some of them are specimens of the epigrammatic and almost comic order and, while they cause a smile, cannot do otherwise than offend a refined taste, from their levity and irreverence, unless, as is very often the case, they are the work of ignorance. Of that class the older churchyards of England show some old epitaphs. Among them is this odd one, upon an unfortunate lady:

Here lies the body of Betsy Bondant,  
Who would have lived longer, had she could;  
But after bad luck came her end,  
And so poor Betsy could not say.

Another expresses the parents' grief for an infant:

The child that lies here  
Lived only a year;  
But his parents did moan,  
And craved this stone for him.

Another, in the first person, expresses much in little:

I am fond for the worms, and by them I'm consumed;  
My'tis only my body that lies here entombed.  
But 'tis his soul goes down to the home of its birth,  
Where he had no crying at all, nor sense of earth.

A very singular inscription in St. Martin's church, London, in memory of Florens Caldwell, might be called one of the curiosities of sepulchral literature:

Earth goes to	} Earth	(As mould to mould,
Earth reads on		Glistening in gold;
Earth says to		Return me never!
Earth says to		Will he be woe?
Earth goes to		Consider may;
Earth thou		Naked away;
Earth shall form		Be stout and gay,
		Tasse poore away.

The central word "earth" forms each line and connecting word in each line, the words read right across, as if with the word upside.

The following is certainly comical from its absurdly ignorant wording, but it is as genuine as ridiculous:

This is the stone that we lie under,  
Father lies here and I lie over yonder.  
With 39 comrades we both were drowned,  
Lost at sea and never were found.

Many epitaphs of a humorous sort are current, but vouchers for their genuineness are rare. Among these the following are so very old that they will bear date to many:

Three children none and father spilled  
From an omnibus, and suddenly killed  
His title name was John Sykes, maker of passengers.  
Slain with two other outside passengers.

Another of the semi-patetic order is, perhaps, known:

Here lies two brothers of the name of Shmidtz  
Who were carried off by epileptic fits,

**Morals in the Country.**

Mr. Scattergood told his wife the other morn'g that he was going off to the country for a day or two. He wanted, he said, to find some quiet rural village where city morals and city manners were unknown—where life was guileless and Arcadian in simplicity, and where he would feel that he was among good, honest, unsophisticated people. So he took a train up the Erie road, and after two hours alighted at a country platform. As he was taking a look around him, two young natives told him to "pull down his vest," but paying no attention to them he started up the street to the hotel, where he registered. As he walked into the next room to wash he overheard a bystander remark, "That looks like a New York 'snide,' and" looking out on the street he was accosted by a middle-aged thin man, "Hi minister, you want a fried shirt or somethin' you want a shine," and later, as he sat down to dinner, the waiting maid said he'd "given himself away." When he left the city to come out there to stay, and by and by, a loungeur around the house gave him twenty points and beat him at billiards, and the result was that next morning Scattergood was glad to beat a retreat for his city home, amid a chorus of "wipe off your chin!" from the bad boys at the depot. On arriving home his wife met him at the door, he told her to "wipe off her chin," which she innocently did, and as if he told her once to do so, he told her about a dozen times, and she "wiped her chin off," so many times that it actually became raw. But at last she saw into the game he was playing on her, but not until he told her to "pull down her vest," of course she had none on, and that is how she defeated his little game. He then sat down and told her how he was "taken in" at that little country town, and determined he would never enter it again. She began to laugh, and smiled a smile, and such a smile you never saw smiled as that smile he smiled.

People do not know what individual freedom means, until they lose it. Here is Tweed anxious to restore all his stealings in return for freedom, and Sweeney is ready, it is said, to exchange two millions for the same boon. Probably Sweeney knows what it is worth; by he would admit, however, that he is paying twice as much as that he is worth, still we prove that all of us who are out of jail are millionaires. Let every man put personal freedom—one million dollars. Then whenever he thinks that he is poor or reform let him strike one side and kick himself.—*Terre Haute Express*.

"No pains will be spared" as the quick said when he saved off a







## Berrien Co. Record.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 10, 1877.

To Advertisers.  
The "Record" is the best Advertising Medium in South-western Michigan, having the largest circulation of any other paper in this part of the State.

Agents.  
Geo. P. Rowell & Co., 41 Park Row, N. Y., S. M. Pettigill, 37 Park Row, N. Y., and Rowell & Chesman, St. Louis, Missouri, are authorized agents to contract for advertising, at our lowest rates, for the columns of the BERRIEN COUNTY RECORD.

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—WILL SELL—

BOOTS! SHOES!

HATS! CAPS!

Ready-Made Clothing!

Gents' Furnishing Goods!

CHEAPER THAN ANYBODY.

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CASH! CASH!

ASSESSMENT NOTICE.

To the Tax Payers of the Village of Buchanan:  
Notice is hereby given, that the assessment of and for the Village of Buchanan, for the year A. D. 1877, is completed, and that on Saturday, the 19th day of May, 1877, between the hours of 8 o'clock in the forenoon and 6 o'clock in the afternoon, at my office in the village of Buchanan, I, the Assessor of said Village of Buchanan, and George H. Richards and Nathaniel Hamilton, two members of the Common Council of said village appointed by said Common Council for that purpose, will review the Assessment Roll; and any person feeling himself or herself aggrieved by such assessment may be heard at that place and time.

Dated Village of Buchanan, April 26, 1877.  
LOUISA E. ALLEN,  
Assessor of the Village of Buchanan.

CROQUET is in full bloom again.

THE woods will soon be as green as in midsummer.

SCARLET FEVER is raging in South Bend.

SEE new advertisement of N. Brown, Furniture, in another column.

THE nights continued cold with frosts, but thus far the fruits are safe.

Now is when the farmers make team for their winter's feed. Preparing for corn planting.

The agent at Dayton has a new student in telegraphy. His name is Stow.

BRING back that shovel you borrowed from the engine house.

MARSHAL.

The Hastings Banner comes to us this week doubled in size, but will appear weekly instead of semi-weekly.

THE Grand River Valley Railroad is selling round-trip tickets to all points on the line at reduced rates.

THE net profit of the mum social, on Saturday evening last, was between \$15 and \$16.

The South Bend authorities are carrying out the vgrat law to the letter.

FARMERS will please notice advertisement of Star Foundry in another column.

NEW CARLSLE is to have a normal school, to be opened about the 1st of July.

WM. H. ROGAN left this place, on Friday last, to resume his occupation, with his home in Cleveland.

THE Red Ribbon State Convention composed of delegates from clubs, will meet at Three Rivers, May 18th.

ALL decayed vegetables should be removed from your cellars if you want to have good health this summer.

BRING back the dirt scraper you borrowed from the engine house.

MARSHAL.

L. A. DUNCAN has been elected city printer, of Niles, by the vote of a Democratic Recorder and now Cook is mad about it. He showed his good sense by his vote.

PRAUGHTNESS are in full bloom and the prospect is good for a fall crop. This will make lively times at St. Joseph.

D. A. EWING has sent some specimens of gold and silver bearing quartz, to some of his friends in South Bend, from Virginia City, Nevada.

SHEEP shearing festivals are fashionable in many parts of this State. There will be one at the National Park in Kalamazoo county, May 28d.

THEODORE G. BRAVER, Esq., President of the Red Ribbon Club, of Niles, had a severe sinking chill on Wednesday, and lies very sick.—Ez.

Now is the time for the Village Board of Health to look out for some of those back alleys. They need cleaning.

The railroad will sell tickets to and from Three Rivers at reduced rates, May 18th, the occasion of the Red Ribbon mass meeting.

A. W. WHELAN &amp; Co. of East Saginaw Michigan have published a beautiful piece of music entitled, "The Red Ribbon March," by C. M. Norris, price 40 cents.

MR. M. J. CATHCART, moved his photograph machinery to New Carlisle on Monday last, and will try the picture business in that burg.

MISS ALICE B. GATES, of this place, who has been confined to her room for a long time with consumption, died at the residence of Mrs. Ellen Glover, yesterday morning, aged 24 years.

In numerous old buildings in town stove pipes may be seen sticking out through the roofs. Will the Fire Wardens please take notice.

P. T. BARNUM will open his attack upon this State at Detroit the 18th of this month. It has been reported that he would call this way before he left the State.

THE Eighth Annual Reunion of the Michigan soldiers and sailors will be held at Adrian on Wednesday, the 22d of May. Hon. J. C. Burroff, of Kalamazoo, will deliver the oration.

FATAL.—On Thursday last, Mrs. Frank Feather, near Berrien Springs, had her clothes take fire while boiling soap. She was so badly burned that she died the next day.

DR. REYNOLDS spoke to an audience of about 700, in St. Joseph, on Thursday evening last, and succeeded in converting about fifty to the good cause.

NEW. BACHELOR had to have some one introduce him to his wife one day last week. The barber has been at work at him.

THREE OAKS has settled her dispute about the site of her new school house, and the contracts given for the erection of the building.

SEVERAL of the sportsmen of the of this place went over to Niles, yesterday, to attend a trap-shooting match.

THE patent outside papers are publishing a map of the seat of war, and some of them give their patrons to understand that it is all the product of their enterprising nature.

SOUTH Bend paid last year the sum of \$26,279.68 as interest on the city debt. That town is evidently somewhat in debt.

REV. M. H. JOY, of Niles, will address the Red Ribbon Club of this place to-morrow (Friday) evening. Make a note of it.

THE RE says that there is some talk of putting a twelve oar barge on the river between Berrien Springs and St. Joseph.

ONE young man came near being taken as a tramp by trying to beat the railroad company out of his fare from this place to Dayton, yesterday afternoon. Pretty small. If you have not got money, better not go fishing.

YES, the Post Office will remain where it is, for a time at least. The next hundred thousand persons who ask this question will be respectfully referred to this.

"JAP." MURPHY has purchased the fixtures to the barber shop of A. D. Cheney and is now going to scrape on his own hook. All right "Jap," we'll take a shave.

A COMPANY of 20 or 25 passed through this place on the mail train, yesterday afternoon, bound for the Black Hills. They were from the eastern part of the State and Canada.

LAST week, in mentioning the new advertisements we unintentionally omitted to mention those of S. P. & C. O. High, dry goods, and H. E. Bradley, artist.

THE scarlet fever has become so prevalent and in so many cases fatal, the last few years that the State Board of Health has issued a circular of directions for the restriction of this disease. They are as strict and in many ways similar to those regarding small-pox.

DR. A. N. VAN RIPER of this place, was called to operate on one Miss Lizzie Blaind of Dowagiac, for cross eye, on Wednesday of last week. The eye was badly turned in and by the skillful hand of the Doctor was successfully straightened and made good.

AT the last meeting of the Common Council the committee on streets, sidewalks and bridges were instructed to repair the bridge at the foot of Day's avenue, on Front streets. The committee will attend to the business, and the bridge will soon be in good order.

PREPARATION is being made for a grand celebration of Decoration Day, in this place. We learn that it is the purpose of the Niles Light Guards to march to this place and lend their assistance in the ceremonies of the day.

THE Mum Social, on Saturday evening last, did not draw so large a crowd as was expected. Those who were there had their share of fun trying to keep still.

THE bill providing for two voting places in Bertrand township at general fall election has been passed by the Legislature, and the voters of that township will act accordingly.

THE man mentioned last week as having stolen two horses from near St. Joseph and Wilkinson's, waived examination and is now boarding with the Sheriff until he can get a trial.

THE attention of the Marshal is called to some bad holes in the sidewalks on Front street. They are a little dangerous, especially to a person with large feet.

A meeting of the soldiers of this place was held at the old school house, last evening, to make arrangements for the proper observance of Decoration Day. As we have not been furnished with the minutes of the meeting up to going to press, we are unable to give any particulars.

THERE was a donation party in the Collins & Weaver Hall last evening, for the benefit of Rev. H. Worthington, which resulted in replenishing his till to the tune of about \$80. Good music was furnished by Messrs. Van Orde, Wilson and Howe.

AN exchange says that the Niles band is to be present at the tournament in Port Huron, in June, and is now practicing for the occasion. It will be rather difficult to secure up a better band in this State, we think.

CORRESPONDENTS to the Niles papers seem to think it not right for churches, lodges and almost everybody else to go into the hotel business on every occasion when there is a crowd in town.

SAMUEL FRENCH and Charles F. Howe have taken a prominent step toward the introduction of fine blooded cattle into this part of the country. They have purchased three fine animals in Detroit, a short time since, and now have them on their farms, about two miles south of this town.

A special to the Evening News of May 4th, from Niles, says: Granville Snuff, aged 23 years, son of George Snuff, a farmer, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself through the head. No cause except "temporary insanity" is assigned.

THE cheese factory is in full blast this week, under the supervision of Miss Hollenbeck. Seven hundred and fifty pounds of milk was brought in the first day, and eight hundred the second day. This is about three times as much as was received the first days of last season.

THE "Dare to do Right" club of this place will meet at Grange Hall on Friday evening, instead of the Collins & Weaver Hall, as previously announced. Let there be a good turn-out.

Our fire company is now in splendid working condition, each member striving to do his part. One good feature is a move to fire members if seen intoxicated, and if the fine is not paid or the offense is repeated, expulsion from the company follows. Their room in the engine house is nicely furnished, and makes a cozy place for the "boys" to while away an idle hour. The company proposes to have a meeting for drill every Saturday evening hereafter.

In a fair trial made last week, on the Curtis Lamb place, owned by Daniel Babcock, and in presence of Hiram Hall, J. G. Hall and Tracy Hall, between one of the South Bend Chilled Plows and B. T. Morley's Patent Rotary Mould Board, the latter came off victorious, and was sold when there was a difference of two dollars in price in favor of the Chilled plow. These South Bend manufacturers will have to get their heads together once more if they beat this plow either in light plowing or sod.

REPORTS come from all parts of the country of the depredations of rabid dogs, more than in any previous year in our recollection. The country is full of worthless curs that are better out of the way, and too great care cannot be taken of them. By-Law XV, of this village, provides that dogs running at large on the streets, during the hot season, shall be securely muzzled, and all dogs found without the proper muzzle during that time shall be shot by the Marshal and for which service he shall receive fifty cents for each dog. Will not the Marshal see to it that this By-Law is enforced when the season shall have arrived?

DR. A. N. VAN RIPER, who was formerly in the drug department of O. L. Sherwood here, but who has since graduated in medicine and surgery, called on us last Thursday. He is now located in the pleasant village of Buchanan, where he intends to remain and build up a practice. From what we know of the Dr. the people of Buchanan will find him a good physician and an honorable man, and his numerous friends here wish him hearty success.—Dowagiac Republican.

INSTALLATION.—At the regular meeting of Buchanan Lodge No. 565, I. O. G. T., on Monday evening, the following officers were installed for the current quarter:

W. C. T.—Harry Badgley.  
W. V. T.—Emma Smith.  
W. S.—Charles Atkins.  
W. Asst. S.—Elma Glover.  
W. F. S.—B. T. Morley.  
W. T.—A. P. Evans.  
W. D. M.—Alice Black.  
W. R. S.—Mrs. E. Badgley.  
W. L. S.—Mrs. Alvin Roe.  
W. Chaplain—Rev. W. V. Wells.  
W. I. G.—Mrs. A. P. Evans.  
W. I. O.—William Baker.

ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.—George Keiser, who lives in Mrs. Harman's house, on Second street, says that he was attacked by some unknown person between eight and nine o'clock one night last week, while going for water at the well on the Dr. Foster lot, on Main street. He says that the man sprang upon him, catching him by the throat and demanding his money. He struck at the man with the pail he carried, but the pail was knocked from his hand into the street. He then gave the man a good solid kick, which was all the man wanted from that source, when the man released his grasp on George's throat and ran. George says that he had ten cents in his pocket, which must have been the tempting morsel the man was after.

ON Wednesday morning of last week, some of the neighbors of Mr. Charles Schwartz, south of Bakerstown, took the pains to relieve him of about forty bushels of his wheat. The thieves hitched Mr. Schwartz's team to his wagon, loaded in the wheat and drove on with it, going north to the east and west road, just east to Howe's school house, thence south and around by Ghost Hollow to the south end of the road on which they started, and then crossed into the woods and left part of the wheat in a marsh, where it was found during the day. It is supposed that the thieves are the same as those who stole the wheat from John Marble a few weeks since, but no certain clue has yet been found to either. A close vigilance on the part of farmers in that vicinity may yet bring these rascals to justice.

By-Law X, of this village, provides for the licensing of saloon keepers, and says that every person who shall offer for sale any spirituous, intoxicating or malt liquors, or keep one or more billiard or pigeon hole tables for use of hire, shall pay annually a license of five hundred dollars, and of failure to pay the same he shall be punished by fine not less than fifty dollars and not exceeding one hundred dollars, and by imprisonment in the village prison not less than ten and not exceeding thirty days. We believe that this By-Law has never been enforced, and think it is about time something was done about it. We earnestly commend it to the attention of the Common Council, and the citizens generally. Such laws have been enforced in other towns, and we believe it could be here, and that all good citizens will say it should be.

It is only those diseases that are chronic that Dr. V. Clarence Price treats, and we advise all who have such complaints to try him; surely if he had any natural ability, his long experience would enable him to locate diseases of this class, and suggest the means of cure.

Dr. Price will make his next visit to Niles, Bond House, on Saturday and Sunday, May 12th and 13th.

THE Manchester Enterprise says that if two or three grains of flaxseed be planted in each hill of potatoes, the bugs will be kept away, as they are no lovers of flax. Worth trying, at least.

Ypsilanti gave \$2,021.26 to the poor the past year.

## Locals.

## A Wonder-Working Remedy.

No remedial agent has ever been offered to the sick and debilitated at all comparable to Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, in cases of remittent and intermittent fevers, constipation, nervous ailments, rheumatism, and disorders involving constitutional weakness or physical decay. It literally "works wonders." The botanic ingredients which its spirituous basis holds in solution, act like a charm upon the stomach, and through the stomach upon the brain, liver, bowels and nervous system. There is nothing in its composition that is not salutary. It contains some of the most potent tonics of the vegetable kingdom and the juices of the best and purest anti-bilious roots and herbs, combined with a perfectly pure stimulating element. The Bitters are peculiarly adapted to those engaged in exhausting or unhealthy occupations, as by its use strength is sustained and the ability of the system to resist atmospheric and other influences prejudicial to health largely increased.

Remember Dodd's Drug Store.  
Set of teeth for \$10, and warrant, at,  
J. M. WILSON'S.

Ladies' Walking Boots and Slips, at low prices, to be found at  
G. W. NOBLE'S.

PARASOLS! PARASOLS! PARASOLS!—From 20 cents up. All silk parasols for \$1.00. Call and see the largest stock of parasols in Berrien Co., at T. M. Fulton & Co's.

New goods at the Millinery Store in Dayton.  
MRS. DUNNING.

Ladies, go to Fox's for silk parasols and sun umbrellas, from low priced to fine pearl handles.

Mrs. Dunning has just returned from Chicago with a supply of new fashions and plumes. Call and see them.

A large supply of Straw Hats, at Noble's.

Wen er goods kaufen wolt so komt zum Fulton & Co. Da kannst er wohlfeil kaufen, und da wollen wir sprechen mit euch. Kommet und sehet uns.

Silk parasols for \$1.25, that is a bargain, at High's.

Misses' and Women's Side Lace Shoes, a new supply, at Noble's.

A fine line of crockery and glass ware just received at Smith & Son's.

New line of parasols just opened at T. M. Fulton & Co's. Bought at manufacturers' and sold at jobbers' prices.

Go to H. J. Howe's and get a good Ingrain carpet at 50 cents per yard.

Coloring materials in good supply at Dodd's.

White Vests and all kinds of dusters now in stock, at Noble's.

Fox is selling prints as low as 4 cents a yard. Other goods in same ratio.

Three pounds of good tea for \$1, at Smith & Son's. Nothing like it.

H. E. Bradley has moved his art gallery to Cathcart's rooms, north of the Bank.

Wait a few days for a mammoth stock of linen suits, at T. M. Fulton & Co's.

The best baking done in the State is at Smith & Son's.

Manufacturers' Agents from New York City for Parasols. Largest assortment and lowest prices in the city. Come in and see them, at High's.

TO THE GERMAN TRADE OF BERRIEN COUNTY.—Call at T. M. Fulton & Co's, where you can buy your goods at JOBBERS' PRICES, and be attended by H. A. Kline, an experienced salesman.

WAR IN TURKEY.—But we will sell Turkey-Red Table Linen for 75 and 85 cents. A great bargain, at High's.

WALL PAPER.

The largest stock of Wall Paper ever brought to Western Michigan, can be found at Finley's Drug Store, in Niles.

Orders left with E. F. Allen, Paper Hanger, Painter, and Decorator, in Buchanan, will have our prompt attention.  
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J. K. & S. M. FINLEY.

Milliners, Dressmakers, Sewing Machine Agents and Fancy Goods Dealers, should send 3 Cent Stamp for complete working samples and Price List of Perforated Parchment Paper Braid and Embroidery stamping patterns. Mrs. Amelia Blades, Clinton, Iowa.

LETTER HEADS, NOTE HEADS, ETC.—We make a specialty of this class of work, and claim we cannot be beat, either in quality of work or prices. Come and see us when you want work of this description, and we will guarantee to give you complete satisfaction.

Send to Dr. E. A. Curtis, Dowagiac, for his "Open Letter to the Public," sent free. It tells you how to preserve and recover your health, and how chronic disease may be cured in a short time, with but little trouble and a trifling cost.

Dexter Knitting Cotton for 5 cents, at High's.

Our Spring Goods bought for cash, and will be sold way down, at High's.

Good Advice.

Now is the time of year for Pneumonia, Lung Fever, &c. Every family should have a bottle of Boschee's German Syrup. Don't allow for one moment that cough to take hold of your child, your family or yourself.

Consumption, Asthma, Pneumonia, Croup, Whooping Cough, and fatal diseases may set in. Although it is true, German Syrup is curing thousands of these dreaded diseases, yet it is much better to have it at hand when three does will cure you. One bottle will last your whole family a winter, and keep you safe from danger. If you are consumptive, do not rest until you have tried this remedy. Sample bottles 10 cents. Regular size 75 cents. Sold by your druggist, J. H. Roe & Co.

White, smooth and soft as any lady's hair, arms or neck may become, who uses Glax's Sulphur Soap. Pimples and other disfigurements of a complexional nature, are surely obliterated by this beautiful "promoter of beauty." Depot, Crittenton's No. 7, Sixth Avenue, N. Y. Hall's Hair and Whisker Dye, black or brown, 50 cts. 12w.

Harness Makers, Boot Makers, Manufacturers & Builders, will find all kinds of LEATHER AND RUBBER GOODS, BELTING AND BUILDING MATERIALS, AT J. S. TUTTLE'S, Niles, Mich.

For fine job printing, call at the Record office.

## Nervous Debility.

VITAL WEAKNESS OR DEPRESSION; a weak exhausted feeling, no energy or courage; the result of MENTAL OVER-TOIL, INDISCRETIONS OR EXCESSES, or some drain upon the system, is always cured by HOPKINS'S HOMOPATHIC SPECIFIC No. 23. It tones up and invigorates the system, dispels the gloom and despondency, imparts strength and energy,—stops the drain and rejuvenates the entire man. Been used twenty years with perfect success by thousands. Sold by dealers. Price, \$1.00 per single vial, or \$5.00 per package of five vials, and \$2.00 vial of powder. Sent by mail on receipt of price. Address: HOPKINS'S HOMOPATHIC MEDICINE COMPANY, 109 Fulton St., New York.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS.  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will prosecute to the full extent of the law any person or persons found hunting or trespassing upon their premises, as hunting, especially upon the Sabbath, has become to them an intolerable nuisance.

Mrs. ANNA E. MILLER,  
JOSEPH W. NUTT,  
WM. J. MILLER,  
JACOB E. MILLER,  
C. Roe, per J. H. R.,  
R. V. CLARK,  
GEORGE M. SMITH.

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