

MATTERS ABOUT TOWN.

CLEANLY STREETS.—Thanks to the worthy Street Commissioner, for energy displayed in putting our highways into good condition. We noticed yesterday quite a little army of laborers engaged in that laudible undertaking, and felt that with the city, as with men, "cleanliness is next to godliness."

"WHEN VERDURE CLOTHES THE FERTILE VALS"—We were very agreeably surprised to receive a bouquet of charming flowers at the hands of a lady friend yesterday, for which we would tender our most cordial thanks. We noticed among them a very beautiful pink, of rare species. We shall call it the pink of perfection.

AN EVANGELICAL HORSE RACE.—At a meeting of the General Conference of Maine, held on Thursday forenoon last, the absence of the brother delegate from Piscataquis County was advertised to, and the following reasons given for his non-attendance. It seems that the good brother formerly rejoiced in the possession of a horse, which, having become worn out by the frequency of the "good man's" tours across the broad acres of Piscataquis, suddenly "cup and died." Things being shown in this light, an unasked for sympathy immediately manifested itself, and tokens of respect were deposited on the table by the generous congregation.

An excursion having been planned, for the pleasure of the visiting clergy, who might wish a trip among the beautiful islands of Casco Bay, it was resolved to inform the proprietor of the steamer Favorite, that a minister was in want of a horse. This was done; and in that liberal spirit so peculiar to the denizens of Portland, that gentleman refused to take the party at the usual fare, and proposed for the benefit of the county of Piscataquis one-half of the proceeds derived by him from the party. Thus finished the clerical horse-race, a horse race differing from the usual run of races in very many essential particulars, inasmuch as in one, what one loses another gains, and in the other, what one party loses proves to be a mutual gain. The horse will be duly forwarded.

MEETING IN AID OF SICK SOLDIERS.—Mrs. A. A. Goddard, who since October last has acted as a nurse to our Maine troops, will give a free lecture at the New City Hall, on Monday evening, the 30th inst., on the wants of our soldiers in the field and hospital.

A contribution, for the purpose of procuring hospital supplies, will be taken up.

GOV. WASHINGTON.—The 4th of July Celebration in this city, Gov. Washburn is announced to make the Address. We are authorized to say that, while the Governor will be here, and has consented to take part in the festivities at the City Hall, he will not deliver a formal oration, but will, with several other gentlemen, address the assembly briefly on the occasion. The purpose of the Committee is to relieve the celebration from all unnecessary stiffness, and instead of having one long speech, to have several short ones.

JAMAICA ALIAS SOL.—The concentrated essence of sunshine was thrown upon the public yesterday, as was shown by the parabolized features of many a "fat man." Bonnets and bonnets wilted, and many a sign of extra exertion floated upon the sultry air.

GOOD TIME COMING.—The lovers of Ethiopean minstrelsy and genuine fun, will be sure to read the notice of entertainments to be given by the Morris Brothers, in another column. The Troupe is preceded by an enviable reputation.

PICKPOCKETS.—Two of these interesting specimens of depravity arrived at the Grand Trunk Depot yesterday afternoon, by the 2 o'clock train, and were soon noticed in the crowd amusing themselves by fingering the folds of ladies dresses, evidently in search of plunder. They were recognized and pointed out to the police, who followed them to the P. S. & P. Depot, but the moment they saw the officers they went into the ladies' room, where they were arrested. They were then escorted to the watch house, where they were detained until the Boston boat was about to leave, when they were put on board, the officers of the boat having been informed of their character. They gave their names as Win. Pratt and Geo. Harding, though the former gave a false name, as he is a notorious character, familiarly known as "Ned Pratt."

AUBICULAR.—Thursday night, about 12 o'clock, the watchmen picked up a man in the street, so far under the influence of evil spirits that consciousness itself was asleep. Somebody or something had been chewing at one of his ears, which was partially gone, and his face badly bruised. He was taken to the watch house, kept through the night, and when sobered off was found unable to tell how or when he became shorted in his auricular appendages. He was admonished and discharged.

HARPER'S MONTHLY.—The July number of this popular magazine presents a rich table of contents, and its illustrations—particularly the comic—are exceedingly felicitous. We are indebted for a copy to AUGUSTUS ROBINSON, 51 Exchange Street, who has it for sale.

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COLONIZATION.—The Annual Meeting of the Maine Colonization Society took place at High Street Church on Thursday evening. The Corresponding Secretary, Rev. J. O. Fiske of Bath, read a report, which gave an encouraging view of the present condition and future prospects of the Colonization cause. The feature of the evening, however, was a native of Rev. Mr. Blyden of Liberia, a native of the West India Islands, who gave a glowing account of the colony of Liberia, its climate, soil, fertility, productions, and adaptedness to become the happy home of the black man, who, in our beautiful land of equality, is so degraded and down-trodden.

A PUGILISTIC CUSTOMER.—Yesterday afternoon, policeman Davis arrested a man named George Coburn, on Hancock Street, for disturbance of the peace, and for a brutal assault upon a peacable colored man named Loc. Coburn turned upon the officer, and was assisted in his assault by an ugly customer named Augustus Penny. One of them was severely lodged in the Watch House, and the "doms of Justice" are on the track of the other.

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