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TO SUBSCRIBERS.

We have received several complaints within the last two weeks of the non-arrival of The World. We have made such changes that will prevent a recurrence of this annoyance.

MORE ABOUT MARMION—A REAL GRIEVANCE.

We have been led, like many others, by the late discussion, to make an examination of the edition of this extraordinary book, put through the press by W. J. Gage & Co. In doing this we were much scandalized at the anonymous descent of Miss John upon the wife of "old Deighton," the facilities of the fair Constantine and the cruetries of Rome, than at a number of other shortcomings which neither paper nor prelate has noticed. Let us take a few. On the cover we find the book has been made by one "Miller," but on the title page we find that a man by the name of "Miller" is the author. Then sitting upon the top of the page before the reading commences is a large owl, sarcastically intended, no doubt, to represent the minister of education presiding over learning. Then turning to xvii. in the "introduction" a person called Geo. Farquar is mentioned. There was once a Farquhar an author, whether this is the same or not. On the page preceding the word Abalom is introduced to the world without an l. On xix the question of the authorship of Junius' letters is settled for all time, which is a relief. Then we begin with a new set of pages and at 18 of this we find that Pope wrote a piece called "The Danoid," which is likely a production that has come recently to light and is given for the first time publicity now by Mr. Miller-Millar. Then we pass this section and meet at the top of the next page another owl, and onward through the book at the beginning of each division the owl is also seen; intending, no doubt, to represent the peculiar influence of the bird's prototype in each section of the educational department. But the most entertaining part of the book is the curiosity shop, that department given to "notes." At page 153 we find the list of well known in the allegro written thus:

"Corn and trip it as you go On the light fantastic toe."

The allusion here to the "corn" on the toe is most touching and reveals to the schoolmaster, as it does to the author, the truth of the arithmetical statement, "9 into 7 you can't." The line is an improvement on Milton's version, and the word "Allegro" is written with a small "a." At page 163 in large black letters we find the word "Landisfarm," a more protean character; for on page 165 it appears as "Landisfarm," and on page 211, probably by accident, Landisfarm. The school boys will be able to cast lots to see which mode of spelling it they shall adopt. Then the gifted author on page 172 launches out into natural history and tells that the "sea-dog" is "the dog-fish, or a kind of seal." This is a most learned definition with the exception that the dog-fish is not "a kind of seal" but a species of shark belonging to the family Sphincteridae. On this same page again we see learning at us through the types that prostrates "Landisfarm." Under the appropriate term "snakes" on page 174 we are told that the word announces messes a spiral fossil. This is as elegant as to have said "the word comes from a cow." Then on page 180 a reference is made to the "mottled Swede," the first word appearing with two 's' in the text. The boys can toss up for a chance of spelling also in this case. On page 181 (we suppose) and right under the owl we have another dissertation on natural history, wherein we are told that a "ptarmigan" is "a light-colored kind of grouse." The learned author has evidently got the gender mixed up with the ptarmigan; for the latter bird turns white in winter but is dark brown and speckled in summer. St. Thomas is evidently a poor place for these

birds, else the gifted schoolmaster would not have made the oversight. On page Mr. Miller-Millar discusses gnomes and describes "Wraith" as "the apparition of a person seen before or after death." It will puzzle the poor persecuted school-boy to know what Campbell means by these lines:

"The storm grew loud again. The water-wraith was whistling. Or what Wraith was meant by the line."

"The wraiths of angry Clyde complain."

Perhaps in the archbishop's coming edition it could be as well for Mr. M.M. to add that Wraith also means "a spirit supposed to precede or follow the wraith." If with this omission, strange to say, looking through the entire work there is evidence of not alone spirits "over" the water, but in the water. But one of the most melancholy circumstances called up by the book is that shown on page 242 where the word "Shriev" occurs, strongly suggesting the dogging footsteps of the sheriff after the unfortunate author. This word had been spelt by all Englishmen up to the time Mr. Miller-Millar burst upon the planet, as shrieve. Then on page 256 we find Edmund Burke posing as prophet and talking in 1780—that is the date given—of a revolution happening ten years later. But we must cry halt, tearing ourselves away from a book reeking with evidences of the most extraordinary kind. We have not time to discuss the general character of the notes, their painful brevity where they ought often to be full, and their profuseness where they ought to be brief, or not at all. Then the text of Marmion and of Burke's speech is marred with misleading errors. The book simply reeks with the errors of both author and publisher, and is a disgrace to our schools. It is unfit for the reasons we have shown, rather than for those over which the papers seem about to be put into the hands of the learners—at least in the Gage edition and we have not yet seen Campbell's.

MR. HERBERT SPENCER'S INDOMINIA.

It is a subject of regret to all who take interest in philosophical literature that his visit to America should have brought so little relief to Mr. Herbert Spencer's health. The special form of nervous disease to which Mr. Spencer is subject is one peculiarly difficult to treat successfully. It is essentially a disease of civilization; like those parasites which only prey on what is most costly, inasmuch as it troubles primitive or prehistoric man, "Sleep," says Huxley, "disdains not the humble dwellings of savage man." The first historic instance of suffering from indomina is that of Mucenas, whom all the physicians of the court of Augustus were unable to relieve, till one of them hit on a remedy in the perpetual sound of falling water which is said to have lulled the fœne of the Augustan age to repose.

Indomina is not a disease caused by mere intellectual exertion, for the English and Irish judges, men who continue severe intellectual work into a more advanced stage of life than any others, are said not to suffer from it. Napoleon could sleep as peacefully as any man. But the vast field of research and speculation covered by Mr. Spencer's philosophical system must make the demand on the brain excessive, and leave a constant sense of more to be done, which is far more disquieting to the nervous system than any mental exertion that can be gone through and done with. And judging from Mr. Herbert Spencer's occasional papers and rejoinders to the various comments called forth by his writings we should judge that the philosopher in question was more sensitively irritable than any of even that proverbially irritable race, the poets. And we have heard from those who know him personally that he is more or less of a hypochondriac. He will talk to his friends for hours about how a west wind affected him. He has always thought he was on his last legs. He tells in the introduction to his Data of Existence that he gives this, the completion of his system first, as he more than fears his health will not continue sufficient to see the end of the work.

Mr. Spencer is the oracle of a coterie, much as Comte and other system builders have been; they regard his system as universal, all-containing; it is like what the Koran was to Kalif Omar; everything outside the evolution philosophy is either superfluous or injurious, and Mr. Spencer seemed possessed with the idea that he is the object of persistent persecution to the christian world. On the other hand the value of his great contributions to literature has been generally acknowledged. But most people hesitate to accept too implicitly a system which undertakes to explain everything. And when Mr. Spencer accuses the christians of being worse than the vilest of men, should he be surprised if in rejoinder the christians try to explain that they are not quite so bad as he paints them. Disturbance of temper, and too close self introspection are sure sources of indomina. Should Mr. Spencer visit this city, we have quite a number of excellent divines whose sermons might act as a mild and harmless narcotic.

THE PRESBYTERIAN ON THE MARMION MUDDLE.

The Canada Presbyterian criticizes the defence of Mr. Crooks put forward in the Globe, "the immorality of the scenes described and the suggestive significance of the language." To this it replies, "to the pure all things are pure, but with them who are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; the bible, it adds, lies under the same objection, and if it is to have weight, should be excluded from our schools. If Scott is to be tabooed, what will become of Chaucer or Shakespeare? The Presbyterian next meets the Globe's objection that Marmion is needlessly offensive to catholic feeling. It counts this notion on the evidence of a letter signed "Catholic" in the Mail, and on the internal evidence of the poem, far more favorable than hostile to catholic institutions. As to the Globe's second article, which pretended that the opposition to the poem came from high school masters, it considers this absurd, except in the case of

some few high school masters influenced by archaic catholicism and others. The Presbyterian cannot conceive the university agreeing to an arbitrary change of its program at one laid down. And as to Mr. Crooks' demand that the poem be rejected in deference to catholic opinion, the Presbyterian asks that gentleman a few questions: Is protestant feeling not worth as much consideration as catholic? Are we to be expected to submit to the teaching of Roman catholicism in schools supported by public money; to the revision of our histories so as to exclude any fact offensive to Roman catholics, and to tone down the language to the exclusion of everything that avows protestantism in our high schools or universities; and then to allow the catholics to exercise a veto on our school books? This is more than we ought to bear." Then, the Presbyterian testifies against Mr. Crooks or the Globe. Many other journals which like the Presbyterian have been supposed to have reform sympathies have condemned the Marmion-Lynch blunder. In the Mail the maladroitness of the minister has occasioned a carnival of triumph. It has "written up" the Marmion question till every one is sick of it, with stale arguments put forward a hundred times by able critics, or with a malignity like the rejoicing of evil spirits over the fate of a human sinner.

THE LOOKOUT FOR TWENTY.

The khedive has been reinstated at Cairo by the victors who have whipped back his rebellious subjects into loyalty. A grand reception has been held at the Ghazir palace, at which some thousand delegates from the different villages were present. The Egyptian army is being reorganized under Saker Pasha, who is certainly the best officer who could undertake that difficult task, from his long familiarity with the Turkish service. No doubt all will go well as long as the English army is present. But when the last campaign has embarked how long will the khedive's rule last? Defeat does not always make rebels loyal, and the cordial reception of Tewfik at Cairo reminds one of the apparent loyalty which greeted Yekoub Khan when the English arms forced him on the throne of Afghanistan. Yet a month afterwards, when the English soldiers had withdrawn, he was thrown into prison by the mob of Kabul. The English are too apt to persuade themselves that after their army has once marched victoriously through a country, orishating opposition, that the mere prestige of their power will keep the country tranquil. This underestimate of the force of revolt once excited especially among an oriental country, has cost England much blood and treasure. What the khedive could do before the rebellion he is little likely to do when left to face a country impoverished by war and an army exasperated by defeat.

AMERICAN POLITICS.

The approaching elections in New York state give promise of an unusually hot contest between the republican and democratic elements. As New York generally gauges the stability of the government in power, President Arthur's popularity will be pretty well determined by the result. Although the state has naturally a democratic majority, it is seldom that a democratic ticket has been able to poll the full party strength owing to the proverbial stupidity of democratic leaders and the numerous schemes in the party. In the coming campaign however a truce has been agreed upon between the factions so that an excellent ticket is expected to be polled. The republican candidate, Mr. Folger, is a distinctive stalwart and will have to stand the fiercest opposition from the half-breed faction of his own party, a rabid portion of whom vowed that they would knife the first one of his class who got a place on a state ticket. He will also be the target of civil service reform agitators. As he is President Arthur's personal candidate his defeat will completely spoil Arthur's hopes for a second term.

MR. GLADSTONE AND SEBASTIAN.

Mr. Gladstone has once again taken occasion to deny having sympathized with the south. As the Philadelphia Record truly remarks, the charge might much more truly have been laid to Mr. Gladstone's enemies who bring the accusation. It was Mr. Gladstone, John Bright, and the liberal leaders; it was the educators of liberal opinion, like Mr. Goldwin Smith; it was the masses of the true English people that these men had emancipated and taught, who kept England's policy steadily true to the union's cause, at a time when Mr. Gladstone's enemies were doing their worst to provoke a Jingo intervention, a time when at every reverse Privilege was uplifting her blatant voice to curse the great republic. But it is perfectly true that Mr. Gladstone, like many another in England and Canada, whose sympathies were with the union and not with secession, did both feel and express admiration for the brilliant leadership of Mr. Davis, for the dauntless soldierly that tried to uphold the cause of Virginia and the other states.

THE CREDIT SYSTEM.

The St. Catharines News does not agree with our statement that credit system is still the course of Canadian business; at all events, says the News, rapid strides are seen to have been made from this pernicious system when the practice of a year back is recalled. Conversation with business men and our own knowledge confirms us in the opinion the News seems to challenge. The fourth of the failures in this city are the result of credit. Besides the loss of accounts—and these mostly small ones—an immense amount of energy is consumed in keeping books, in running after bills, etc. The stationary and printing accounts which the credit system entail alone form a heavy tax on many lines of business. When we get down to a thorough cash system it will be good for all.

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THE ADDITIONAL QUESTION

(To the Editor of The World.)

Sir: In referring to the "H" in my article of the 14th inst. I had no intention to give an exposition of the United States currency. My allusion to it was simply and wholly to correct an erroneous impression you seemed to have regarding it. "H" is equally astray in intimating that I said or intimated that there was a separation of silver coin. Nor did I advocate a society of denominations, as would be inferred from his letter. Quite the contrary. I proposed issuing any save twenty-five or fifty cent notes, and advocated these for convenience only. I simply stated what kind of fractional currency I thought would be best and gave my reasons for so thinking, which is more than "H" did for opposing the issue of fractional currency. I flatter myself that my remarks on fractional currency will commend themselves to the lucid exposition of the United States currency in the Mail. It will be possible for the Americans we are its currency masters. Their government holds the national bank note security. This is sensible and business-like. Our government tells the banks they must hold property than which nothing is easier made way with or dissipated—gold and government notes. Just when this security is needed it is not there, like the flea when you go to put your fingers on him. Our government either has no confidence in bank managers' honesty and ability than the American government has, or else it is a man less than the people. Perhaps it is on the principle that you might as well have game as the name and don't question bank managers' honesty and ability, lest it should make them dishonest and incapable. It has been truly said that if you would relish meals in hotels and restaurants never go where they are cooked. In a condition only as how weak his position would be, once laws and lawmakers never go into legislative halls. If Becker knew of the arrangement in question and that which made bank notes a secondary charge on bank assets what would he think of Canadian legislators? Outside of the remarks I have noted "H's" comments on my letter only show how weak his position would be. His experience with fractional currency surely must be exceptional for he says it would drive the silver out of circulation. He evidently is not a Darwinist for he doesn't believe in what he thinks the fittest surviving; would he kindly tell what his experience altogether was? If there is any serious objection to fractional currency the public should know it. In another place he informs us that in the States silver has driven out of circulation only as how weak his position would be. He says the American public has lost heavily through fractional currency and that it is destroyed and evidently thinks that a sufficient reason for not having fractional currency here. Would not this argument hold good for substituting coin for currency? According to "H" the people of Canada would only submit to a heavy loss for the sake of having fractional currency. What stronger testimony could there be of its desirability.

INVESTIGATOR.

Presumption begins in ignorance and ends in ruin. On the other hand, the production of Kidney-Wort began with wise caution and scientific research, and its use ends in restoring shattered constitutions and allowing men and women with health and happiness. "My tormented back," is the exclamation of more than one poor hardworking man and woman, do you know why it aches? It is because your kidneys are overloaded and need strengthening and your system needs to be cleansed of bad humors. You need Kidney-Wort.

YORKVILLE ANNEXATION.

(To the Editor of The World.)

Sir: In his interview with your reporter yesterday Mr. James French says pure water can be had from the creek north of Roseale. He either says so ignorantly or he is not a disciple of George Washington. North of Mount Pleasant cemetery are numerous dairies on the creek before it reaches the dark-brown duck pond in the cemetery; then it reaches a second duck pond of another kind in Deer Park; then the drainage of Deer Park follows itself into the creek; then follows "Hope's" cows and cattle of all kinds, and so on. The creek itself has to depend on rainfalls—all of which may give one some notion of Mr. French's idea of pure water.

Aside from that, the water, were it even pure from the above mentioned filth, would in no way answer for the purpose of industries wanted in the village. Like water as wanted and nothing else will do—and not being able to provide that article—so great would be the expense on Yorkville herself, we have applied to Mother Toronto who has agreed to give us that needful article. Mr. French promised to give the cost of construction of works in to-day's issue which he has not done, and even if he could do so his plan would be throwing away money like the other pumping machinery.

ANTI-HUMBUR.

NIGHT ROBBERY OF FOWLS.

(To the Editor of The World.)

Sir: The neighborhood of the city in the spring was infested by thieves of poultry to an alarming extent, and of late their robbery has been resumed, and every one interested should endeavor to entrap the miscreants and bring them to justice.

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