

bottom or the sides of the river or drain in which they are found; but this is independent of that condition, and actually grows in travels slowly down the stream after being "That this weed is "a foreigner" there can be no doubt. We do very closely resembling, if identical with it, are found in American rivers. Marshall is of opinion that it is an importation from North America; and that, probably, first visit was paid to us in a load of American timber. He considers that all attempts to "get it off" must be futile; *That it never can be eradicated*; and that all we shall be able to do is to "keep it down." Its rapid spread is one of the marvels of nature. It is becoming a serious evil; the Commissioners of the Thames had little time in grappling with the con-emy."

**SLAVES IN AUSTRALIA.**—Mrs. Meredith in her publication "Over the Straits; a visit to Tasmania" asserts that Australia bears all the rest of the world in the freedom of servitude. It is a scene which she states actually occurred elsewhere:—

A lady is in want of a servant, and a damsel comes as an applicant for the situation, dresses in everything that can be put on at once; in the lady's drawing-room, she selects the most pleasing 'causes,' and seats herself. The lady gazes with astonishment.

"What are you staring at? Because I'm sitting down? Why you don't suppose I'm going to stand all the while I'm talking to you? Don't think of such a thing! Oh! I tell you, you don't need to be surprised,—it's quite colonial."

The question of wages is brought forward. "Wages? Oh! I suppose you mean my salary. Well, I'll take £150 a year, if the work's light." The lady walks slowly up and down.

"Do wish you'd sit down. I have talking to do when they're walking about. And now I've got the trouble of coming to speak about business, I must beg you'll sit still."

"Very well,—perhaps I mayn't object to the terms. And you'll understand I like to have friends to tea and supper, and sometimes to go, and when I've company I can't be running you. And then, I always have two days to myself every week!—sides Sundays."

"So eminent days!" exclaimed the amazed mistress; "and who's to do the work?"

"Who's to do the work? Why you, to be sure! else is likely to do it? Oh, you needn't look away—I assure you it's quite colonial. Then, please, you're clever with your needle? Most is from the old country."

"Yes," replies the lady. "Me clever with my needle? Why, what can that possibly signify to you?"

"Signify? Oh, all in the world; because I have to help me to make my dresses.—Don't think of engaging with anybody as able to do that. It's quite colonial."

## Editorial Notices &c.

**THE LEGISLATIVE GRANT.**—The Treasurers of County Agricultural Societies, who have not already done so, are requested to send forward their affidavits of the amount of subscriptions in their hands of their respective county and township societies for the current year, immediately, so that they may be made available for the procuring of the Government grant at as early a date as possible.

**CORRECTION.**—In the *Agriculturist* of May 1st, page 284, the number of members of West Northumberland Agricultural Society is stated as 180. The actual number of members at that time was 105.

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