THE WHITE SLAVE TRADE,

Those who inherit the antipathies of the lass Mr. Babbage will rejoice to learn that the Italian Government has at last succeeded in passing the bill which the Chambers have had on the anvil for five years for the suppression of what is known in Italy as the "white slave trade." The Roman tails concerning the scope of this law, which, if successful, will mitigate a double inhumanity. It will rescue from the clutches of greedy speculators an immense number of Halian children who are now forced ander the most cruel treatment to earn an income for their masters by the scarcely disguised medicancy of the organ-grinder and the dancing girl; and it will at least diminish the nuisance of street music, which is becoming more and more intolorable to those who, pursue sedentary occupations demanding montal absorption in London and other large towns, and to the wearied invalid or nervous convalescent. Government that its endeavors to suppress or check "La Tratta dei Bianchi" are not the goodt of a newborn seal, for the Piedmontese Government spent 13 years in the search for a remedy of an acknowledged took up the task in 1860, which it has only just brought to a practical conclusion. It tramains to be seen whether the effort will be successful. The traffic in young boys and girls for the purposes of employment | Trained in the severe school of the Emperin "wandering trades" is to be effectually stopped only by controlling the exportation, which supplies what may be called the raw material. It is to be hoped that our Government will lend the Italians all the aid in its power towards carrying out the good work. Not to speak of the advantage of abating a notorious and most annoying nuisance, it is incumbent on us tice of a few non-commissioned officers to to do all we can to save the children who a manœuvre of the fleet. Now in Poland, are kidnapped or crimped for the organgrinding or the dancing-girl business from the miseries and dangers of the life to Crimea. Always soldiers, soldiers, soldiers, which they are doomed. Even in London | He himself is never out of uniform, and sanitary legislation and police supervision are not able to do much towards the merely physical cleansing of the noisome warrens in which the Italian children are packed by their grasping and inhuman masters, and moral purification is all but hopeless. The boys grow up vagrants and beggars, with habits of dirt and disorder and strong inclinations towards thieving. The fate of the girls is worse. The new law imposes heavy fines on the parents or guardians of Italian children who "apprentice" them to strolling trades, and still heavier fines on minutes it may be pleasant, but it is questhe employers who take such apprentices. The penalties are very properly increased when the children are taken out of the country, or are forsaken, ill-fed, or illtreated .- Pall-Mall Gazette.

OPENING OF A WORKMEN'S CITY.

. An interesting ceremony took place recently, on the Shaftesbury Park estate, Wandsworth-road, when several streets of new houses, a lecture hall, and Working Men's institute, the first completed portions of "The Workmen's City," were formally opened by the noble earl whose name is associated with the property, and who last year laid the first stone of the first building. The estate comprises about 40 acres, laid out in a series of oblong blocks or terraces for the erection of 1,200 houses, of which about 350 have been built and occupied since the first stone was laid. The roads are 30 and 40 feet wide, with pavements being finished as the building goes on, so that the houses have been ready for comfortable occupation as soon as they became sufficiently dry. The houses are built in four grades, of five, six, seven, and eight rooms respectively. The rents range from 5s. 6d. to 9s. 6d. per week, including rates and taxes; or, if the houses are purchased by the occupiers, the prices are from £150 to £300 each house. When the houses are purchased the purchasers usually pay down a certain sum, the remainder of the purchase-money being paid weekly or quarterly in advance. In the rear of all the houses are spacious yards, and in the front a forecourt with an ornamental railing, and separate entrance-gate and piers to each house. The streets throughout the estate are to be planted with trees (one street is already so planted), forming miniature boulevards, thereby at once adding to the beauty of the "city," and contributing to its healthiness. About three acres have been reserved in the centre of the estate for recreative purposes and a gymnasium. The city will have its own schools, library, and baths. - A site has also been reserved for a co-operative store, the business to be conducted by one of the co-operative associations; so that the inhabitants, if they chaose, can de the whole of their shopping Office, 124 Bay Street.

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After the noble earl and, his friends had inspected is apedianen of each grade of houses, they entered the fine lecture room, whore at address was presented from the workmen. The noble earl; in his reply, said it was his proud boast that he had been 40 years ongaged in the work which had been referred to, and he hoped to remain active in it until he was called to his fathers. He congratulated the company upon the progress which had been made, and the inhabitants of the elegant and comfortablybuilt houses upon the perfect supply of water, drainage, space, ventilation, and everything that morality required which they enjoyed. A substantial ten was then partaken of, and afterwards speeches and music were pleasantly interspersed.

THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA AND WORK.

When the yellow flag with the double-It must be admitted in justice to the Italian | headed eagle of Russia in the centre flies from the flagstaff of the Kremlin palace, it announces to Moscow that Alexander, the emancipator, is in the ancient capital of his vast dominions. Constitutional soverigns lie on a bed of roses compared to the autoevil, and the Government of United Italy crat of Russia. From him everything hinges in the country that contains 8,000. 000 of square miles; with him moves the entire machinery of state, and always on the move his majesty is obliged to be. or Nicholas, Alexander II., never allowed himself a moment's relaxation. It is known what a passionate soldier the Emperor of Germany is-how he will ever attend the drills of a single company. The Emperor of Russia, though, goes from review to review, from field days of 5,000 men to field days of special arms, from the target pracnow in Tsarkoe Selo, now at Cronstadt, now in the Caucusus, and all at once in the none of the ministers ever discard their epaulettes. The imperial suite is of course enormous. In the morning his majesty is at Moscow; at evening he proceeds to the Crimea. In the train the Minister of the Interior will probably see him with inumerable papers for signature; the Minister of Finance, of Justice, or of Foreign Affairs, will disturb the Imperial rest. Such is to be an emperor; and how many there are who would give a whole life-time for five minutes in such a position! For five tionable whether a longer experience would not bring about a change of feeling.

> Mr. Joseph Arch addressed nearly 3,000 persons on Tuesday night, January 6th, at Swindon. He advocated among other things an extension of the franchise to the labourers, which, he said; they would have. Many tenant farmers being present, he took the opportunity of denying that the Union was antagonistic to the intrests of farmers. On the contrary, the extension of the franchise would enable labourers to vote with the farmers in returning members who would vote for a Landlord and Tenant bill, thus releasing farmers from political serfdom to their landlords, and securing for them fair treatment in matters of legislation. In roturn for this the men must have better wages, kind treatment, and four or five acres of land to cultivate. This would not make them neglect their masters' interests, but, on the contrary, kind treatment would make them better servants.: Mr Arthur Claydon also spoke, and denied that he and Mr. Arch had quarrelled, and said both were as good friends as two men could well be. Mr. George Mitchell, of London, also spoke. A resolution in favor of assimilating the borough and county franchise was enthusiastically carried.

> The Chicago Workingman's Advocate says:-In reply to several inquiries we believe we can assure our readers that the farmer's organization of the west, will stand with the workingmen on all the main issues, viz: The money, land, railroad, and other monopolies, and that a large majority of them will soon, if they do not already, f. vor the repeal of Schenck's sticking plaster to strengthen the public credit, and the payment of the public debt in strict accordance with the laws under which it was originally contracted. These issues really embrace all the leading features of the reformers which the producing classes, through their platform; have demanded. They are fundamental in character-and upon their success-all others of a minor nature depend.

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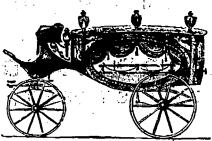
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