TOUT SORTE DE CHOSES.

There are still 483 street lamps in Paris fed

Holloway's Corn Cure is the medicine to remove all kinds of corns and warts.

Japanese rever wear shoes in the house, but always take them off before entering. There is nothing equal to Mother Graves' WORM EXTERMINATOR for destroying

worms. The most exclusive and fashionable dressmakers of Paris announce the revival of the short waists of the First Empire.

WATIONAL PILLS is the favorite pur-gative and auti-billous medicine, they are mild and thorough.

There are now but two surviving officers of the great sea fight of Trafalger in 1805.

There is nothing so tempting and refreshing as ripe fruit products. To the young, the old, or middle aged alike, the GOLDEN PRUIT BITTERS is a certain ours for Generai Debility or Weakness. Sold by all drug-

There are more ealoons in Chicago than lamp-posts, and the latter are being over-A man in Bethel, Conn., gave a party on

New York has put \$48,067,000 into build-

Jug this year, of which \$26,000,000 went into flats and first-class tenements.

A CEYING EVIL.—Children are often freifal and itl when Worms is the cause. Br. Low's Worm Syrup safely expels all Worms.

A wealthy English brower has bequeathed a collection of paintings, valued at over \$500,000, to the town of Sheffield, England.

A LITTLE BEHIND HAND. Some people are always a little behind in all undertakings; delays are dangerous, and none more so than in neglecting what seems a trifling cold. Prudent people break up the al effects by timely use of Hagyard's Pectoral Balasm, thus preventing serious lung

Fifty persons have been attacked with trichinosis at Thorn, West Prussia.

The hills are bright with maples yet, But down the level land The beach leaves rustle in the wind As dry and brown as saud. But drier far's that person's throat, And woeful is his grief, Who has not " change" enough to buy A mug of Finid Beef.

Smallpex of a malignant type has broken mont at Girardville, Pa.

Mr. Abraham Gibus, Vaughan, wiltes "I have been troubled with Astuma since I was ien years of age, and have taken bundreds of bottles of different inde of medicine. with no relief. I saw tue advertisement of Nrothrop & Lyman's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with Lime and Sods, and determined to try it. I have taken one bottle, and it has given me more relief than anything I have ever tried before, and I have great pleasure in recommending it to those similarly afflicted.

Shanghai is already Ohini's chief commerto become eventually its greatest city.

WHAT DOES IF ME What is meant by "Secretic" ... a medlof certain glands and organs of the body to hold and distribute the heaithful fluids of the system, such as bile from the liver, etc. Burdook Blood Bitters regulates all the organs of the secretions to make pure blood. ω

Rider Urlah Smith, of Battle Creek, Mich. mays the world will come to an end before the plese of the present century.

MEW BOOKS. THE LIFE OF MARTIN LOTHER, by Rev. Wm. Stang, 12 mo. 112 pp. Price. free mail, 25 cents.

SHORT MEDITATIONS to aid pions souls in the Tecitation of the Holy R. SARY, 24 mo., 338 pp. Price, bound, free mail, 50 cents. FR. PUNTER & CO., Publishers, 52 Barclay St., New York. 10 10

Mr. Meyer; of Paris, claims to have invented paper indestructible by fire. Spec-mens have been exhibited which had previously bean placed for four hours in a potery furnace. Mr. Meyer has also invented incombustible colors and ink. The invention is likely to be of great value, and the incombustible paper will be in great demand for wills, deeds, account books, etc.

TO REMOVE DAN ARUFF. ... I length the Scalp with Prof Low's Magic Sulphur Seap. A deligniful medicated soap for the toilet.

Admiral Porter, of the U.S. Navy, in his report to Secretary Chandler, comments at length upon the recommendations of the Adwisory Board, and urges upon Congress to appropriate liberally for an immediate increase of the navy. The Admiral remarks that it Spain, the weakest of the European naval powers, were at war with the United States. she could sweep the commerce of the latter from the ocean.

John Hays, Credit P. O, says : " His shoulder was so lame for nine months that he could not raise his hand to his head, but by the use of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil the pain and lameness disappeared, and although three months has elapsed, he has not had an atlack of it since."

Scarcely more than 50 per cent. of the population of Obleago was born in the United States. No less than 94,000 of the present inhabitants of that city have poured in from the various States of the German Empire. The Behemians number 12,000; the Cauadlane, 15,000; Danes, 3,100; French, nearly 2,000; Irlah, nearly 50,000; Hollanders, near ly 3,300; Italiane, 1,400; Norwegiane, 3,700 Swedes, 16,000; Poles, 5,700; and Swiss, 2,000, with a sprinkling of Russians, Hun- finally cured me completely. Ithink it a regariene, Spaniards, Portugueze, and men of almost every other race and nationality under | courteous expression carries weight.

Mr. Parpetus Bollesu, Ottewa, says : "I was radically cured of piles, from which I had been suffering for over two months, by the use of Thomas' Eclectric Oil. I use it both internally and externally, taking it in small doses before meals and on retiring to bed. In one week I was cured, and have had no trouble since. I believe it saved my

The total average strength of the British Army in 1882 was 189,229 of all ranks, of whom 1,291 were Household Cavelry, 15,487 of the Line, 4,906 Royal Horse Artillery, 28,-

cers, and 165,776 rank and file. The whole force was almost evenly divided between home and foreign service, 94,295 being in the United Kingdom and 94,934 abroad. Of those at home 61,325 were quartered in England, 3,609 in Scotland, and 29,361 in Ireland. Of those abroad on the 1st of January last, 62,705 were in India, 13,629 in Egypt, and 22,178 in the colonies.

WORMS often destroy children but Freeman's Worm Powders destroy Worms, and expel them from the system.

It is said that the oil of white birch bark dissolved in alcohol will render fabrics waterproof and insect proof without injury to the

material.

OUR HABITS AND OUR CLIMATE. All persons leading a sedentary and inactive life are more less subject to derangements of the Liver and Stomach which, it neglected in a changeable climate like ours, leads to chronic disease and ultimate misery. An occasional dose of McGale's Compound Butternut Pills, will stimulate the Liver to healthy action, tone up the Stomach and Digestive Organs, thereby giving life and vigor to the system generally. For sale every-7bere. Price, 25c per box, five boxes \$1.00. Mailed free of postage on receipt of price in money or postage stamps .- B. E. McGale, chemist, Montreal.

In Krupp's great gun manufactory at Essen compressed carbonic acid is used for the manthe 102ad anniversary of his birth, and died niacture of what ice and seliser-water may be required by the workmen.

> Holloway's Pills - The chief Wonder of modern times.—This incomparable medicine increases the appetite, strengthens the stomach, cleanses the liver, corrects billousness, prevents flatulency, purifies the system, invigorates the nerves, and reinstates sound health. The enormous demand for these Pills throughout the globe astonishes everybody, and a single trial convinces the most sceptical that no medicine equals Holloway's Pills in its ability to remove all complaints incidental to the human race. They are a blessing to the sillioted, and a boon to all that labor under internal or external disease. The purification of the blood, removal of all restraint from the secretive organs, and gentle aperitive action are the prolific sources of the extensive curative range of Holloway's Phils.

"I suppose the time will come," said General Sherman in Cincinnati the other day, whom we decrept old men will be hauled around in carriages and shown as relies. It's the way of the world."

A FORTUNATE ESCAPE.

Mrs. Berkenshaw, 26 Pembroke St., Toronto, at one time was about to submit to a surgical operation for bad lameness of the knce joint, all other treatment having failed. when Hagyard's Yellow Oll was tried, and gates had been thrown open to the speedily cured her.

Some blacksmiths will, perhaps, be glad to know that by sliting prussiate of potash on ing precedence according to rank beginning red hot iron and cooling it immediately a temper is obtained hard enough to make a the half, and graduating up to the foreign great many of the anvil tools used by smiths. princes and ambaseadors, at the opposite ex-

A FAITH CUBE.

One who tried the faith cure declares she was cured - "cured of her faith"-Burdock Bleod Bitters cures by works, not by faith alone. It is the grand specific for all diseases of Liver, Kidneys and Blood, purifying, regulating and strengthening the vital fluids.

It is reported in Faris that China has made clel emporium, and is destined, it is thought, freeh proposals to France, which, however, are unaccetable.

A FAILURE IN CROPS.

A species of worm is cating all the leaves mal sense? "The secretions', the powers from the chestnut and bickory nut trees in many sections, and the crop will be a failure. Worms that afflict children or adults will prove a failure if Dr. Low's Pleasant Worm Syrup is used. It is a safe and sure cure for all worms that lurk in the human system, tape worm included.

Mr. Bell, the new Supervisor of Architecture at Washington, thinks the Capitol build. ing has been built to on all sides until it is all cut of proportion. "It looks like a very big hat on a very small man."

OUSE PLAN

Many a beautiful rose has been nipped in the bud by an undiscovered worm, and many a young life has been sacrificed to the destructive power of worms in the human system. If you would save those other tender house plants, "your children," give them Freeman's Worm Powders, they are safe and pleasant, and are warranted effectual.

The names of successful candidates at the June examinations for promotions in the Civil Service will not be published in the Official Gazette, but the heads of the departments will be notified who have pave passed her lips, as she graciously bowed to her lovin each department.

Answer this.—Is there a person living who ever saw a case of ague, biliousness, nervousness, or neuralgia, or any disease of the stomach liver or kidneys that Hop Bitters will not cure?

The surveys of the Champlain Canal, with s view to its enlargement, will be commenced on Monday next.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate For Overworked Females.

Dr. J. P. Cowan, Ashland, O., says:-"It proves satisfactory as a nerve tonic; also in dyspeptic conditions of the stomach, with general debility, such as we find in over worked females, with nervous headache and its accompaniments."

Mrs. Bridget Doody of Galena, Ill, has just celebrated her 113 birthday.

HE HAS NO OBJECTION.

Indianapolis, Ind .- The Hon. Daniel W. W. Voorboer, United States Senator from this State, remerks: " My opinion sir, I have no objection to giving. I suffered from theumattem of the back, used some St. Jacob's Oil, which gave me instantaneous relief and markable remedy, indeed." His candid and

In Normandy it is no uncommon sight to see a driver refresh his tired horse with a pall of:cider

has been invited to the International Forestry Exhibition to be held in Edinburgh in the summer of 1884.

"Dled of smoky chimneys" is Dr. Dudfield's certificate regarding the 745 deaths heyond the average reported in London last February,

If there ever was a specific for any one 091 Royal Artillery, 5,558 Royal Engineers, complaint, then Carter Little Liver Pills are | maids of honor, she proceeded in that atti- in the hands of God, and must one day ac-5,723 Foot Quards, 120,519 Infantry of the a specific for sick headache, and every woman Line. Of the total 189,229, 7,336 were offi. should know this. Only one pill a dose,

The London Lancet denounces the impudence of an enterprising undertaker who sends doctors a circular offering a handsome commission if they will recommend him.

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Mr. George Tolen, Druggist, Gravenhurst, Ont., writes: "My customers who have used bearers retired by another way, and her Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery majesty, having received the congratulations and Dyspeptic Cure say that it has done them more good than anything the have ever used." - It has indeed a wonderful influence in purifying the blood and curing diseases of the Digestive Organs, the Liver, Kidneys, and all disorders of the system.

Dolor Davis came over in 1635. Three of his descendents have been elected Governor of Massachusetts-John Davie, John Davis Long and George Davis Robinson.

Premonitions of approaching danger, in the shape of digestive weakness, lassitude, inactivity of the kidneys, pains in the region of the liver and snoulder blades, mental depression coupled with headache, furred tongue, vertigo, should not be disregarded. Use Northrop & Lymans Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure, and avert the peril to health. It removes all impurities and gives tone to the whole system.

CHAPTER XXII.

The hall of passage between the royal robing room and the council chamber was lined for some time, on both sides, with the dignitarles and officers of the court, and many country nobles and gentlemen of birth, to welcome the queen, on her first public appearance after her miraculous recovery. The gentlemen of the royal body guard were stationed at all the entrances, and the principal stairways, and along the corridors, at different points. The royal archers mounted guard on the outer gates, relieving on this occasion the ordinary sentinels, dressed in their best and gayest uniforms. Various bands of music had taken their positions in front of the royal edifice, under their respective masters, who. with their long, gold-headed cames and large hats, looked, as they strutted up and down in front of their companies, the most important personages in the goodly array. Then, as the appointed hour approached, ladies and gentlemen, of all ranke, even the fat wives and daughters of the bourgeoisie were to be seen tripping up the steps leading to the hall, and panting with haste lest they might arrive too late for the pageant. Dukes and earls, and knights of high degree, wearing the trappings of their different orders, and accompanied by their ladies, preserved a more stately pace as they passed apthrough the crowd of less distinguished spectators and took their places near the door of the council chamber. The palace public this morning by the orders of her majesty; and the assemblage arranged, as on all days of public reception, each takwith the citizen classes at the near end of tremity, where the ushers, with their batons of office stood guarding the door of the council room.

The appearance of her majesty had now been expected for a full half hour, and many began to fear the delay was caused by sudden indisposition arising from the excitement of the occasion. The least noise or bustle at the near end of the hall was mistaken for the royal entree, and many a head peeped ofit from the ranks to see, and many a gentle crush was given to remove an arm or shoulder from intercepting the view.

In front of both lines, and kneeling on one knee, were placed, at regular intervals, a number of little girls of tender age, dressed in white, and heldide in their hands bouquets of white roser, as an offering to the virgin queen.

At length, after long and anxious expectetion, a door was heard to open suddenly, and the usher stepped forth and shouted, at the top of his voice, "The queen! the queen! All ye lieges, fall back, and make way for the majesty of England."

The words of the usher were caught up along the passage hall, out in the court, and away far beyond the royal precincts. And "Long live the queen God save Queen Elizabeth! God save our virgin morarchi" was heard on every side; and then the various bands struck up a lively welcome, and the petronels and carabines of military rang outjoyous peals of gratulation.

As Elizabeth, resplendent with lowels, and wearing her little diamend crown pushed far back from her bold and ample forebead, paced the ball with a stately step, attended by her train-bearers and ladles of honor, she looked the very impersonation of majesty. A smile of conscious power and gratified pride, despite the rencontre of the morning, played round ing subjects on either side, acknowledging their profound obelsances, and accepting a bouquet now and then from the hands of her youthful worshippers. When she had reached the middle of the hall, a child, much smaller than the rest, stepped from her place into the passage, and smiling innocently in the queen's face, presented her with a single white rosebud. Elizabeth received the offering, and seemed much pleased with the gift and the giver, patted the child affectionately on the cheek, and then, kissing the flower, placed it in her bosom, under a jawelled cross, which she wore suspended from a necklace of pearls.

"This," said Blizabeth, turning to the spectators, "we receive as a happy omen, and we place it here, near our heart, praying God that the virtue of which it is the emblem may abide there forever."

There words, referring exactly as they did to her vow of virginity, elicited only expressions of sorrow and regret from the bystanders. Low murmurs of disapprobation were heard along the ranks, and two or three nobles bolder than the rest even ventured to remonstrate with her majesty on thus crushing the hopes of her faithful and loving subjects. But Elizabeth shook her head and smiled sadly.

"Why murmur ye thus, good friends?" she said; "know ye not it is the will of Heaven? Ah, pray for us, rather, that we may be able to fulfil so precious a destiny." "But please your gracious majesty," persisted another-

"Nay, nay, my good lord, we must not hear thee on this point;" and motioning him The attention of the U.S. Government gently back with both hands, she continued her slow pace up the hall, bowing on each side with the most gracious condescension.
As the approached the door of the council obamber, her busy eye caught the tall, dark

form of the Earl of Murray in a position evidently intended to attract her attention, and mean; must soon be taken for the safety the thin, black visage of Sir Thomas Plimpton resting almost on his shoulder. It was not her intention, however, to notice either may run beyond your maissiv's reach. Most and, turning her head to speak to one of her tude till she passed the spot. As soon as count to him for the manner in which thou l she reached the door it opened, and the usher I shalt have done thy work—not as the king- morning conveyed to your majesty."

office, at the threshold, and fell back to give her passage to the chair of state. The doors then closed, the latties of honor and trainof her ministers, opened the council.

Having discussed various matters connected with the foreign policy of the government and received the sauction of her majesty for measures which the council had thought proper to take during her lilness in relation to the Huguenot rebellion, and the increase of the navy, &c., Sir William Ocoll begged to call her majesty's attention to affairs at home, and, among other things, adverted to the intercepted despatches of the Queen of majesty," again rejoined Nurris-"wearled,

"Our good sister tath been acting a sorry part towards us of late," said Elizabeth. "I

would she knew us botter, my lords." "Please your majesty," replied Ocol!, "the Queen of Scots bath hitherto known your grace only as a loving sister and cousin; but since she hath not mended by the relation, your majesty's council thinks it high time, for the well being of the state and of religion, nsy, of your gracious mejesty's royal person, she would now begin to know thee as sovereigo."

"Tis a sad alternative, my good lords," said Elizabeth.

"Yes, but it's the last she hath left to your тајевtу."

"True-and yet our heart revolteth at the bare thought of using hard messures with one so near akin. What advise ye, my lords?"

"First, please your majesty," said Cecil, rising and unfolding a paper, " the council advises the immediate arrest and examination of the bearer of these despatches, Master Rodger O'Brier, and accordingly begs to submit this warrant for your maissty's sign manual;" and, so saying he laid the document before the queen.

"Nay, nay," said the latter, running her eye over the parchment, "the affair being of some moment, and delicate withal, we would fain intrust it to our faithful servant, Sir Thomas Plimpton." And erasing the name of the sergeant-at-arms, she substituted that so buge a crime." of her confident, "And now we think," she said, drawing back again the instrument she was handing to Cecll, "we must not separate this hard-fisted gallant from his lady love;" and calmly smiling, she took the pen and wrote the name of Alice Wentworth atter that of Rodger O'Brien. "And now, Sir William," she added, handing him the warrant, " since this needs must be done, see that it be executed with all convenient despatch."

Cecil bent his knee to receive the warrant. and then gave it to his under secretary, with

the necessary directions. "This double dealing, on the part of our good cousin, my lords," said Elizabeth, " is most painful to us, and were we no blest with a great measure of forbearance, might lead to right serious difficulties. But, poor chilo, she is young, and hath doubtless acted in this matter under advice of evil counsellors. So we must prevent her majesty biloging injury to herself, rather than resent what she hath been willing to uo unto us."

"I fear me, please your majesty," said Sir Henry Nerrie, "thy grest forbearance and excessive charity may yet involve your grace

"Nay, how can that be, Sir Henry, since charity is the queen of Christian virtues, and therefore most befitting a temple sovereign?"

"Under your grace's favor," replied Norris d if your majesty pardon such traitorous conduct so easily, the evil may soon come to euch a head as to endanger your majesty's " Mercy, Sir Henry, is as much an attribute

of sovereignty as justice, and more pleasant n the exercise with "Right royally spoken, gracious madam ;

thou mayst pardon as a woman, thou canst not always as a queen." "O, fiel fie! Sir Henry; thou'ct too severe.

Charity maketh not such nice distinctions. We should ever be readier to pardon than to punish. And who knoweth but this springald may give some satisfactory information touching these despatches? Right gladie would we see our good cousin cleared of this foul business. "There's but little hope, I fear, under your

grace's pardon," pursued Norris, well knowing how much his persistence pleased her. though she seemed to discountenance it. "She is young, Sir Henry-not three years

ичери, "Young in years, your grace, but old in the

science of intrigue." "Truly, ay, she hath studied too long, poor silly girl, in the school of his eminence of Lorraine; and it may not be denied, my lords, we've many times overlooked our cou sin's faults, that evil tongues might lack wherewith to speak evil things, and hoping -slas! in vain-that our forbearance might one day soften her heart."

"And so your grace's charlty hath degenerated into criminal weakness, if I dare be so bold as thus to speak in your majesty's presence."

" Oriminal weakness, man?" said Elizabeth, affecting to frown at the expression. "So your majesty's council hath thought

fit to term it. "Nay, sir, wouldst turn catechist?"

" Not I, madam-methinks I would make but a sorry catechist to Eliz beth of England. 'Tis my poor zeal that pleadeth your majesty's cause even against thy royal will. Beware, madam, beware lest your majesty foster an cyll that may yet prove incurable."
"Verly," replied Elizabeth, after pausing

a moment to reflect on Bir Henry's words, and sighing heavily as she spoke -" verliy, it doth grieve us much to hear of so many of her plots and conspiracies against our person and throne, despite our good will towards her. Truly we have taken much pains to be a good mother to the Queen of Scots, and yet she hath behaved to us as to a cruel stepdame."

"Then try an opposite course, madam, and provide in time for your majesty's safety and that of the state." "Well, and what would'at have us do, Sir

Henry? Hast hit upon a remedy?" "Ay, marry have I, madam! Hang this O'Brien and every messonger and envoy from the Scotch court, and order passports for the Scotch ambassador if Mary Stuart renounce not, without delay, her pretensions to the succession.

"What, man !" ejsculated Elizabeth, "and bring the armies of France and Spain upon our bankrupt realm?"

"Something of the like must soan be done," laterposed Cecil, raising his tall commanding form, and speaking with the deep-toned voice of an oracle; "some of thy royal person and crown, or this foolish woman and her wloked conspirators gracious madam, thou'rt a great instrument

of the black rod announced, "Her most woman and friend of Mary Stuart, but as sacred majesty, the queen." The members sovereign of England, and spiritual head of court?" of the council received her, in their robes of God's church." And bowing low, he sgain "He resumed his seat.

"Heaven direct us!' muttered Elizabeth resting her forehead on her open palm. "Ours is a hard fate. The humblest of our subjects hath right to consult his own inclina; tions, but alas! we have none. Everever sacrificing our will to our duty; our will inclining us to pardon, and of others. How comes this insult, Mr. Secour duty to punish. Ah, would we were born a peasant's daughter, to carry a shepherd's crook instead of a royal cousin, waiting audience in our council chamsceptre; our arms are weary wielding this heavy appendage of soversignty, my lords; we would fain lay it down a while."

"The royal arms are wearled, please your not from striking, but from threatening. Strike but one blow, my noble queen, and thou mayst lay down thy sceptre in peace.' "Ab, one good blow! What meanest thou been handed me by an officer of the court,"

by that, man? Could one good blow bring pesce to our realms?"

"One head is worth a thousand, madam.

"A thousand!" "Ay, please your majesty." "I understand thee not, Sir Thomas. Thou

speakest in riddles." " Nsy, madam, my words are plain, and big with no secret meaning."

"One head worth a thousand," she repeated, fixing her eyes keenly on her minister. "What! Gad's death, sir! thou surely darest not—sh, man, thou dost not mean And she hesitated in affected terror utter.

"I crave your majesty's pardon," replied

"'Sdeath, sir, thy words were ill chosen, or they aimed at a-a-at a crowned head. Speak out, Sir Thomas; was't not so?"

"Nay, I do beseech your majesty -"And what meant thou, sir, by one head worth a thousand? Didst not mean the queen's?"

"The queen's-the Queen of Scots," repeated Norris, looking round the room, surprised and hurt at the imputation; "may Ged forefend, your majesty, I thought not of

"Well, thee, Sir Blunderer, we would have thee choose thy words better, when thou must needs intermeddle with such delicate subjects. Truly, my good lords," she added, blushing slightly, and biting her tongue with vexation at the disappointment-" truly, we have heard so many evil reports of our royal neighbor, and so many urgings to take extreme measures with her for the safety of religion and of the state. that—ha, ha!—marry, we thought our trusty councillor here had lost his wit, like some others we see around us, and ventured to recommend the decapitation or imprisonment of our fair cousin. Ha, ha! our womanish fears have strained thy speech overmuch, Sir Chomes, and so we must crave thy pardon

for the mistake." The queen then intimated that the council had terminated, and was about to command the admission of the foreign ambassadors, when Cecil again rose, and submitted a paper to her majesty for her approval and eignature, apologizing for its omission till so late an hour, and observing at the same time that it was merely an order of council under her majesty's sanction to Lord Scrope, touching the examination of Dr. Heath, the non-

juring Archbishop of York." "Ah! and by the rood, we had almost forgetten the venerable doctor. Still a Tower

prisoner?" "Nay, please your majesty," responded Cecil, "he was confined in the Tower but a few years, when he was conveyed, by the royal orders, to his residence in Yorkshire, where he hath since been enjoying the freedom of his demesne."

ii we remember righ suspected traitors and open enemies of God's but your majesty must not torget that what holy church. And doth he still deny our spiritual supremacy?" she inquired, whilst a peculiar expression of countenance, half smile, half sneer, told how little she regarded | capable of such meanness. And should your the prerogative, except, indeed, as a matter of

state policy.
"Time, please your majesty," replied Occil, instead of moderating his opposition, hath made him more obstinate. Albeit his head | land, I, for one, must take my leave of your is white with the snows of eighty years, and his hands palsied so that he can hard y use his waiking stick, yet will he shake it still in the tace of his keeper, and stoutly deny your majesty's supremacy over the church of

"Poor old bishop," said Elizabeth compas-lonately, "he should rather think of the grave into which he must needs scon drop, than thus foolbardily persevere in maintaining his heterodoxy. But how readeth the order of council? Ah, let's sec- That he must declare the full truth of why he wandereth abroad, and if he will not be plain, to use some kind of torture to him, so as to be without great bodily hurt."

"Pincers?" said Elizabeth, looking inquir ingly at Oscil, and returning the port. "Ay, please your grace, pincers, or some

such light torture." "Ab, well," she assented; for truly it would grieve us much to have our old friend suffer bodily injury for sake of his past good services. So we shall look to thee, Mr. Secretary, that the torture be not applied beyond his strength. And now, my lords," she added, " we shall receive our friends without."

The members of the privy council fell back on each alde at a signal from her majesty, and divided into groups, to talk over the business of the morning. The usher threw open the doors, announcing the names of the foreign ambaseadors; and De Foys, Quadra, Mellville, and others, whose names are long since forgotten, entered the chamber dressed in their robes of office, and made their humble obelsance to her majesty of England.

Elizabeth received them graciously, thanked them for their friendly attentions during her illness, and expressed her gratification at the good news they brought from their respective courts. "As for my Lord Melville," she added, "we warrant he hath but little to say from our good sister of Scotland, socing her majesty bath transierred her confidence to Monsieur De Foys, and our learned friend, here, the Marquis of

Quadra. The parties thus addressed looked at each other surprised and confounded at the insinuation conveyed by her majesty's words. "May it please your gracious majesty," said De Foys at length, "I have the mistor-

tune not to comprehend your majesty's words," "Nay," responded Elizabath, somewhat pleasantly, "say, rather, it doth not suit thee to comprehend us."

"I would then speak falsely, madam," replied De Foys. "And what saith the Marquis of Quadra?

Doth he fall, also, to comprehend us ?" "I, at least, most gracious madam, have not the special confidence of Her Majesty of Scotland, nor have I heard aught of late touching Scottish affairs, save the discomfiture of the rebel lords at Biggar, which news, little brook near an old farm house, and my Lord Murray, the chief rebel, bath this within a short mile of the hostelile called

"What! my lord, this bold, bad man at our

"He is without, please your majesty," replied Quadra, pointing to the door, "and awalts your majesty's pleasure to enter and report himself."

"Report himself," repeated Elizabeth; "ah, marry, my good lord, such words sound strangely in our ears. We receive no reports from rebels, whether of our own kingdom or ber ?"

"I know not, please your royal grace" responded Cecil.

"Bouyer," said Elizabeth to the maker of the black rod, "how comes it my Lord Murray of Scotland waits admittance without the royal permission? "This order, please your majesty, hath

replied Bouyer, "to admit his lordship under Jour majesty's pleasure," Elizabeth took the paper from the usher's hand, and glancing at it for an instant, ex-

ctaimed, "Gads, map, thy wits have left thee; this paper is not of recent date;" and then flinging it pettishly on the table before Cecil, reprimended the usher severely for his negligence. "Nevertheless," she proceeded, "we shall admit him, my lord marquis, and see on what intent he cometh hither. Verily, one would suppose our royal self privy to his plottings, since he flieth thus to our court after his shameful behavior. Hs, st the thought of something she feared to ha!" she added, laughing; "doubtless he cometh to beseech our intercession."

"I right well believe he hath much dependence on your grace's good will," said Quadra smiling just enough to give meaning to his words.

"I trust," added Mellville, addressing one of the council, and elevating his voice so as to be heard by Elizabeth—"I trust the visit of this rebel lord, who hath ever been the worst enemy of my royal mistress, will breed no ill between the crowns."

" Nor give countenance to the slanderous tales that have been circulated of her majesty's jealousy of the young and handsome queen," subjoined De Foys.

had a delicate part to play in reference to Scotland, and sufficient control, too, over her temper, to suffer no indirect allusions, at least, to interfere with her plan of playing it out.

through the ordinary channels?"
Both replied in the affirmative. " And ye know nothing whatever," she per-

sisted, casting a suspicious took from the cor-

ner of her eye, and smiling as she spoke, "of

your appointments as secret agents to her majesty, at our court?" " Secret agents, your majasty!"

ter than spies, doth it not?" "We know not ut what the charge aimeth, rlease your majesty," responded both to-

" Pugh! my lords, your wits wax dull this morning. Why, she would have ye watch us well in the Netherlands, and keep her advised of our intentions respecting herself. She would have ye report to Pality and Charles the troubles we have created in the Low Countries for Franco and Spain; so that their aid might not be wanting against so treacherous a power as ours, when the Italian and Scotch conspirators had brought their

m asures to a head. "Please your majesty," said De Foys, irritated by the accusation, (which he strongly suspected was fabricated by herself, to criminate the Queen of Scots,) "this is somewhat "And ungratefully abusing the privilege, of a grave charge against ambassadors from

he two greatest courts of Europe. "Nay, monsieur, said Elizapeth, "we do not accuse thee."

"True, gracious madam, but it comporteth ill with our sacred office to have us supposed majesty be of opinion that we could so far forget the honor of our sovereign, of w om we are the representatives,-albeit unworthy,as to become the sples of the Queen of Soot-

Spanish ambastadors, and lo ! thou'rt out of

" Despatches addressed to us, madem?"

"And containing such infamous proposais ?" "Ay, verily—call them what thou pleasest."

When De Foys and the Marquis of Quadra had read over the two letters, one addressed

council on some unimportant matter, apparently indifferent as to the result of Melville's examination of the paper. "Thie," said the latter, after a close inspection of the writing, "is by the queen's own

other is a counterfeit." "Hal" cried Elizabeth, turning suddenly

Melville firmly. "Thy reasons, my lord," demanded the queen.

"Ah! the secret mark; and that is -

speak thus of state secrets." "Nay, then, by our princely honor, we shall be right glad to see our fair cousin How camest thou by those papers, Mr. Secre-

They were found by Sir Thomas Plimpton's troop sergeant, please your majesty," replied Ocoll, consulting his notes, "in Wor-Cestershire, after the arrest of the bearer, Master Rodger O'Brien, for having attempted the rescue of one Mistress Alice Wentworth,

Elizabeth felt keenly these inslustions, but it was not her policy to notice them. She

"So, my good lords," she said, again resuming the subject of the intercepted despatches, and addressing Quadra and DeFoys, ye are pleased to disclaim all knowledge of Scottish affairs, save what hath reached ye

"Ay, secret agents; the word sounds bet-

majesty and your majesty's court." "Marry, my good Monsleur Do Foys," said the queen in a tone of surprise, " we but alluded to certain intercepted despatches of our good cousin, addressed to the French and

sorte in an instant."

" Ay."

"And from the Queen of Scotland?" "'Sdeath! sir, we will not be questioned in such tashion," replied Elizabeth, contracting her brows, and moving uneasily in her chair. Here they are, sirs; read them, since thou seemest to doubt our royal word;" and she handed him the letters. "Truly, my lords, It doth give us much pain thus to expose the duplicity of one whom we could have loved as dearly as our life. Alack, alack a day;

we had hoped to find a better heart in Mary Stuart." to Sir Geoffrey Wentworth, and the other to themselves, they handed them to Melville. Elizabeth turned to speak to one of her

hand, to the knight of Brockton, and this

on the speaker, "a counterfelt?" "This paper hath never been used by her majesty of Scotland, please your grace," sald

"Please your majesty, the paper is not that her majesty useth, albeit it resembleth it greatly; and, moreover, it lacketh the secret

"Nay, under favor, madam. I must not

cleared of this unseemly blemish," said Elizabeth, whilst a gleam of joy seemed to overspread her features, "and shall take speedy measures to see her innocence forthcoming. tary ?":

a Popish recusant... They were lying by a

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