#### England's Great Singer

Sims Reeves, the Noted Vocalist, and How He Became Famous-Some Very Good Stories of Experiences in His Eventful Life.

other chintz, but to no effect.

en away, his wife remarking, as she

looked scornfully at me, 'He's only a

In a Moment of Victory.

and described, by his own pen or or-

In fact, Napoleon attached much value

tonting them to please his public

Therefore his bulletins of victory do

Not so is it with the two simple and

Moltke, of that fine old soldier at the

"The night fell like a pall, but the

blaze of the adjacent conflagration lit

up the anxious group by the church-

yard wall. From out the medley of

broken troops in front came suddenly

it rolled nearer. The hoofs of a gal-

loping horse rattled on the causeway.

once quivering with excitement, sprang

from the saddle, and running toward

"'It is good for us! The position has

"The King, baring his head, sprang

At Sedan, General Sheridan, as mili-

Sheridan-quick of eye and judgment-

"When that final charge (of the

French) failed, the German ring closed

silence with the exclamation:

pulse of many battles."

as with a snap; and Sheridan, as he

"It is all over with the French now!"

"At the words, Moltke left his teles-

Anglo-Saxons' Power.

One of the most eloquent speeches

delivered at the banquet to Mr. Mur-

ray, of Halifax, was that of Prof. Rus-

sell. Q.C. He spoke on the topic of

loyalty, indignantly repudiating the

Conservative claim that they are the pre-eminently loyal party of the coun-

try. He scored the jingoes on both

best American publicists were as se-

vere on their domestic jingoes as it was possible to be. "Let but these

wo great democracies," he said, "com-

bine their resources, and they would

make it utterly impossible for the mis-

creant forces of Europe to stand per-

would be impossible, and the name

of Armenia would only recall an awful

tragedy that could never more be re-

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manently in the path of human prog-

The prison house of Siberia

sides of the line, but showed that the

Reeves soon set aside all fears, and upon the ground at his feet lay maps

proved himself in nowise less efficient of the region round about, which at

tain their power to thrill.

Gentleman's Magazine:-

OHN SIMS REEVES was born had engaged Sims Reeves to sing the at Shooter's Hill, in Kent, on her Majesty's Theater, and one day Oct. 21, 1821. The date was the received a telegram from the eminent anniversary of the battle of tenor, dated Crewe, expressing his as-Trafalgar, a coincidence worth noting tonishment that I had announced him when we remember that one of the great tenor's most successful songs was for the following one. I at once the world over are hastening to become great tenor's most successful songs went off to Sims Reeves' house, and rich They are doing this in many throughout his whole career has been learned from the butler that the din- ways, but most notably by the simple "The Death of Nelson." The boy was ner had been ordered for 7:30 o'clock, process of digging precious metals from nurtured in an atmosphere of music. I thereupon informed the man that the earth. Manufactures, trade, com-"My father was a musician," he tells the orders had been changed, and that merce, agriculture, are all too slow. "My father was a musician," he tens
us, "and he not only practiced the diyine art, but also taught it—in a manly fixed. I ascertained that Mr. Reeves
there is a fierce quest for mines, and, ner which was anything but divine to was to arrive at Euston Station, and as was said of old, those who thus me." At the age of 14 he obtained there met him, accompanied by Mrs. hasten are not without guilt. Almost the post of organist and choir-master Sims Reeves. While she was busying the post of organist and choir-master herself about the general arrange be directly traced to this greed for ments, I got the tenor to myself and gold and silver, just as could the place. The boy possessed a fine so-told him the difficulty I was in; to savage freebooting of 300 years ago. prano voice which had already at-tracted attention, and one day after impossible for him to sing that evenhe became organist some distinguished ing, as he had ordered his dinner at amateurs came down to hear him sing, home. I at once explained that I had postponed it for a few hours, and that the late Lord Shaftesbury being among a light dinner was being prepared for them. The young vocalist did not like him in his dressing-room in the theatheir patronizing ways, and he tells us ter. The suddenness of my proposi-himself that he looked rather pointedly tion seemed rather to amuse him, as himself that he looked rather pointedly tion seemed rather to amuse him, as of settling the Manitoba school ques-at Lord Ashley when singing the he laughed, and I was delighted to tion. Indeed, it is the only way. The words "Room for the proud! ye sons get a kind of half-promise from him of clay," which occurred in one of the that, providing I mentioned the matter nymns. Very soon he became enam-oured of the smell of the foot-lights, moment she appeared, asking me what and made up his mind to adopt the I was talking about to her husband. and made up his filled to describe about to her husband. stage as a profession. His father, One of us began to state what the however, thought it wise to teach him object in view was, when she exclaima trade upon which he could fall back ed, 'It's all nonsense; but I can well if necessary; so he apprenticed him understand. Mapleson is an impreto a music-plate engraver; and, says sario, and wants to ruin you by mak-sims Reeves himself, "Had I suddenly ing you sing." She then asked me how lost my voice I could have earned my lost my voice I could have earned my living by that occupation." But he when the chintz and the crumboloth did not lose his voice, though it is a of his dressing-room had not been wonder that he did not succeed in fixed. It was the custom of Mrs. it, seeing that he not only Reeves to hang the walls with new studied as a baritone, but as a baritone chintz and place a fresh mangled-dacame out on the stage. His singing- mask cloth on the floor the nights her master had mistaken the nature of his husband sang; and on this occasion voice, never suspecting it to be a tenor, the sacred hangings had gone to the and it was not until he was close upon wash. I explained that I had provided 20 years of age that he got on the

At last he considered his studies

At last he considered his studies complete, and in 1839, when he was in his 18th year, he made his "first appearance on any stage." It was at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and the part was that of the "Gipsy Boy in "Guy Mannering." Leaving Newcastle after a the composition of the composi ter singing in some other operas, the young artist fulfilled a short engage-London, where he became known to patrons of the Grecian Theater as "Mr. Johnston." His first engagement at Worcester, and then went to ment (as a tenor) was at Drury Lane, then under the direction of Macready. The latter, as everybody knows, was by no means an easy master to serve, and our tenor's connection with him was certainly not the most pleasant experience of his life. Passionate as he was, Macready did not consider coarse cunning, a good deal of picto depict anger on the stage, and turesque invention, and little scruple himself sufficiently trascible by nature unfortunate at departing from the facts or distherefore employed two supers whose business it was to make faces at him, tread on his toes, kick him, and otherwise provoke him until he was in a state of exasperation bordering on the demoniac. would growl, as he stood at the wing preparing to make a terrific entry, "more, you beasts," until an exceptionally severe kick happening to coincide with the moment for his sudden appearance he would knock down each of his hired tormentors, and rush upon the stage like a maniac. During his engagement at Drury Lane, Purcell's old opera, "King Arthur," having been put on the stage, Sims Reeves had to take the well-known war song of the Britons, "Come, if you dare." Macready, on the ground that "Come, if you dare" is addressed to the rear of stage, required that the singer should, in delivering his challenge, turn his back to the audience. To this arrangement the singer made decided ground trembled. objections; but Macready being inexorable, he tried the compromise of standing sideways, looking alternately at the supernumeraries grouped at the back of the stage and at the audience in front. This was regarded as an act a great shout, that grew in volume as of insubordination, and Sims Reeves was dismissed by the irate manager on the spot-only to re-engaged, how- A moment later Moltke, his face for ever (after paying a fine of five pounds), as no substitute could be Two years of hard work at the King, cried out: Drury Lane satisfied the young artist, and he went off to the Continent, bent | been retrieved, and the victory is with on having his voice still better culti- your Majesty! vated. In the beginning of 1848 the now rising tenor made his first ap- to his feet with a fervent 'God be pearance in oratorio, the work selected thanked!' and a simultaneous hurrah for the occasion being "Judas Macca- | Welcomed the glad tidings." baeus," given in Exeter Hall under the direction of Mr. John Hullah. He tary commissioner from the United was listened to with the greatest anx- States, was present on the summit of iety, for it was feared that the oper- the little hill where King William, Biswhich he had hitherto culti- marck, Moltke, and a group of notable vated would not happily consort with officers were watching for the end. the solidity and breadth demanded in Moltke was standing by a large teles-Handel's music. Nevertheless Mr. cope mounted on a tripod. Spread



in the interpretation of Handel's music

ces," tells a very good story of the victory rested.
great tenor. "In 1863," he says, "I "When that

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## Contemporary Opinion.

A SAFE, BROAD GROUND. St. Joseph Herald.

The Herald takes the broad ground that the man who will betray matters that have come to his knowledge through his confidential relationship to another is not to be trusted in any

THE MODERN GREED FOR GOLD.

New York Tribune. The present time bids fair to be remembered as an age of greed for gain. It is not a golden age, it is a goldevery war, or threat of war today may be directly traced to this greed for

A NOVA SCOTIA STATESMAN'S

Hon. W. S. Fielding, Premier of Nova Scotia, writes to the Globe: "In my view, Mr. Laurier's policy of inquiry and conciliation is the best way Remedial Bill, if passed, would settle nothing. It would be abundantly to his wife, he would consent. At this fruitful in contention and litigation. It would fan the flame of religious strife, already unhappily kindled. But it would give no substantial relief to the Roman Catholic minority in Manitoba, who will never obtain a satisfactory settlement through coercive legislation at Ottawa. Our experience in Nova Scotia proves that it is possible to carry on a system of free public schools in such a way as to make it acceptable to all classes and creeds. I cannot doubt that by the exercise of patience and conciliation the same happy re sult can be obtained in Manitoba."

A TERRIBLE ARRAIGNMENT.

Canada Farmers' Sun. The Daily Bulletin, issued by R. G. was hurried to his brougham and driv- Dun & Co., on March 16, 1896, shows that 109 chattel mortgages were given by farmers in Ontario in one day. At that rate upwards of 34,117 chattel mortgages would be given by farmers in this Province in one year. Has the masterly policy of commercial and in-Admirers of Napoleon I.-if there dustrial inactivity, inaugurated by the Dominion Government in 1878 made are any left-must often have felt dis-

appointed while reading the recent farmers rich? In the same report upwards of 400 writs, indictments and chattel mortgages were recorded. The daily list of failures in the commercial world indicate that there never was a period in the history of Canada when the inder, in a manner so carefully theatric as to belittle rather than increase their dustrious toilers and merchants have found it so difficult to make a living. importance as we read of them today. Canada has resources in abundance and, under proper conditions, health, wealth and happiness should be ours. to the art of the reporter. He practiced it for many years with plenty of

> A FORETASTE OF SPRING. From Harper's Bazar.

Now one may make preparations for not ring true, and fail signally to rea bunch of apple blossoms that shall delight the eye before the snow has melted from the ground, or the first unaffected pictures given by Archibald crocus has lifted its brave head above Forbes in an article on General von the frost and ice. Go out into the orchard and gather a handful of decisive moments of Gravelotte and branches from the apple-trees. Cling-Sedan, the two great battles of the ing close to the bare twigs will be tiny Franco-Prussian war, waged against brown buds. Put the branches in a Napoleon III., a personage more like large vase of water, and set the vase is famous predecessor in his theatric in a warm room where the sunlight tendencies than in anything else. At will daily fall on the branches. Little Gravelotte Moltke led the final fierce, by little the buds will swell, and, at and, as it appeared, desperate charge the end of a few weeks, will burst in a beauty of pink and white blossoms "Meanwhile," says Mr. Forbes, "King and tiny green leaves. Then they will William had gone back to Rezonville, gladden the eyes and the hearts of where he sat in the village street on the beholder, and will be like a breath a plank, one end of which rested on a of the blessed spring-time, for which broken gun carriage, the other on a we all long in these days of storm and dead horse. The roar of the close batsnow and fog that accompany the tle swelled and deepened till the very equinox, and portend the breaking up

THE CLERK POTENTATE.

From the Missouri Editor. Among the sorest grievances of the newspaper man are the little popinjay clerks and secretaries in charge of public records, who assume to dictate what shall or shall not be printed. Of course, such records are public property, and the diminutive menial who has them in charge has no more right to deny the newspaper man access to them than has the darkey who sweeps out the office. The best way is to complain to his bosses, and if they promise no relief blow the whole thing up in your columns. Those in charge of the public business can make no graver mistake than to withhold their acts from the public. The greater publicity given, even though they may err, is uch better than to cover up. There are some matters which it is unnecessary to publish, but an editor of average mind knows this as well as anybody, and even though his discretion may be doubted, his right to print everything of a public nature cannot moments he studied attentively. It was be denied. From the President's private secretary down to the clerk of the Col. Mapleson, in his "Reminiscen- who first perceived with whom the school board, no class of people are more odious than these pestiferous little fellows who put themselves between the people and the news. shut his binocular, broke the strained do the public greater service or win themselves more favor. Dan Lamont became a great man and a statesman largely because when as private seccope, stalked aside to where Sheridan retary to Mr. Cleveland, he was courand silently shook hands with teous to newspaper men and gave the the American soldier who had felt the public the news.

DEAD WITHOUT A WORD OF WARNING.

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land street, Toronto, is now a happy and grateful woman, and deems it her duty to acquaint suffering humanity of the great healing and health-giving gestion was bad, and I would feel a my eyesight, which was impaired, revirtues of Paine's Celery Compound. From her statement made to a reporter of the Toronto Evening Star we

give the following extracts: "Ten years ago I was attacked with neuralgia, and though treated by six terly disheartened. cine that curved decreases grew worse and "One day my deliverance came. A word for it." doctors, the disease grew worse and

one summer an out-door patient at the hospital here, but got only tem-

porary relief. pain in my stomach every time I ate turned, and I felt myself growing well, anything. Day after day I suffered and I never felt happier in my life. I

Mrs. Thos. McMaster, of 46 Cumber- nearly drove me insane. I was for lady who had suffered just as I had a last resort, and it simply made a new "I was sleepless for nights, my di- woman of me. The pain vanished; the most intense agony, and I often am now well and strong, and all my wonder I didn't go crazy. I took end-health and happiness are due to less medicines given me by medical Paine's Celery Compound. I will almen, aand getting worse, I became ut- ways gratefully remember the medicine that cured me, and speak a good

#### Lifeless Skirt Dancers.

In Gauzy Skirts They Smirk and Pirouette at Edison's Command.

Perfect Reproductions of Noted Femi nine Figures and Their Every Movement-Success of

New York, April 10 .- For the first his new invention, the vitascope, perand assistants were allowed this week machine. For two hours dancing girls | the magistrate sat 5 cents for each mile and groups of figures, all of life size, above ten. seemed to exist as realities on the big white screen which had been built at one end of the experimenting rooms. So true to life were the figures, and so perfect was the reproduction of each motion, that the spectator would almost believe that the girls were real, and that the machine which clicked and sputtered had nothing to do with the performance.

No one was more pleased at the success of his work than the great inventor himself. Wrapped in a big overcoat which hung to his heels and rose to his hat brim, he walked about the cold room chuckling and joking with the men who had done so much to make his work what it is.

The figure of a girl dressed for a skirt dance was thrown upon the screen. The delicate colors of the shimmering silk were shown as distinctly as though a calcium light were being thrown upon a living dancer on a real stage. Mr. Edison watched the effect with much interest. Then he walked close to the screen to note more precisely the effect of the draperies and the flesh tints on the arms and face of the young woman. As the graceful figure showed now and then when the yards of silk were sent floating high in the air, Edison smiled. Then, as the dancer smiled and brushed away the locks of curling hair which dance, the inventor clapped his hands, and, turning to one of his assistants, "That is good enough to warrant our

will do it, too.' yards of skirt and drapery with their on those days. give the machine as severe a test as

it. The room where the experiments second a motion. 2. Has council the were made was so cold it revented the power to direct that a bylaw may come films from running smoothly, and made in council and one reading in commitit impossible to use the perfect celluloid films which will be used in all tee of the whole? Ans.—Yes, provided public exhibitions. Beside this, the temperature acted on the machine it- law to regulate the proceedings of the self, and caused it to jar more than council requiring the parliamentary when it is operated in a warm room. Not only is it possible with the new machine to show life-size figures in it until the previous bylaw had been every detail of movement, with every tint of costume and change of expression, but groups of as many as 50 figures can be reproduced perfectly. With a background copied from the scenes of some theater, this will enable an entire play to be shown exactly as it

is given by the actors themselves. The possibilities of this have been thoroughly tested by Mr. Edison. A scene from one of Hoyt's plays, in which a brass band marches upon the stage, followed by girls dressed as vivandieres, who, after a brief dance, group themselves about the chief actors in the piece, was photographed, the colors being reproduced as in life.

means of a vitascope this was then thrown on a canvas 6 by 16 feet. As the band came on, the drums were seen to beat, the fingers of the musicians to work the stops of the instruments, and the drum major to wave his baton. At the same time a concealed orchestra, keeping time to the move-ments of the fingers, played the air which is rendered in the presentation

he says, better known as a "kineto- and for the removal of trees which inmore perfect. The kinetoscope merely dary lines between lands by consent reproduces pictures two or three inches of adjoining owners, in which case the In addition, it could only show action lasting for one minute. The vitascope shows with groups of figures of life size, and is able to reproduce an al-

most unlimited action.

The dances shown last night continued for from five to fifteen minutes.

OUESTIONS ANSWERED.

Witness-I was subpoenaed in a case of assault before a magistrate, who time since Edison has been working on made a conviction, ordering the de fendant to pay a fine and costs. What sons other than his trusted employes fee am I entitled to? Ans.—Fifty cents for each day, and if you reside more to see the workings of the wonderful than ten miles from the place where

> Voter-My name is on the Dominion voters' list in the town in which I resided in 1894, and from which I removed last year, after the list was revised, and I had no chance to have my name put on in the list in this city, Have I lost my vote in the coming election by removal? I was only a tenant. Ans.-You have a right to vote in the polling subdivision on the list of voters of which your name appears. Removal or non-residence does not affect the Dominion voters' list.

Ontario.-I was falsely accused of cutting down trees for firewood. My lease forbids me to cut down standing trees, but allows me to cut down tim-ber for firewood. The slanderer is a young man about 21 years of age, said to be working in partnership with his father on the farm. What course should I take to make him atone for the past and stop such conduct in the future? Ans.-You can sue him for damages, but upon the facts stated it would be more prudent to pay no attention to the matter.

Bryanston-How many holidays is a hired man entitled to in a year? Ans. -Sundays, and such other holidays as are observed by his employer. A hired man on a farm is a domestic servant, and must do necessary work, even on holidays, e.g., on Sundays. The stock had fallen over her eyes during the must be fed, etc. If his master keeps New Year's Day, Christmas Day, Good Friday, Queen's Birthday, Dominion Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day, or either of them, then on such establishing a bald-head row, and we days the hired man has the same rights to abstain from unnecessary Picture after picture was thrown on work as on Sundays. Mechanics and the screen, nearly all of them being of other workingmen in cities and towns dancing women, who manipulated who keep holidays, do not earn wages

arms and legs. These were selected as being the most difficult to faithfully reproduce, and it was desired to presiding at a council meeting? Ans -Yes; but the usual method is for him possible. That the vitascope worked so to leave the chair, call the deputy well was a surprise to all, as the conditions of the test were much against council to take it, and then make or second a motion. 2. Has council the power to direct that a bylaw may come in council and one reading in commit-tee of the whole? Ans.—Yes, provided practice, in which case any one member of the council could legally prevent repealed. It follows that the unanimous vote of the council can make a bylaw and repeal a former bylaw without regard to formalities of procedure required by practice. Exeter.-Is there a law for each

county or township in planting shade trees, distance out from the fence, etc., or is there a Provincial law regarding it? Ans.-Cap. 202, Revised Statutes of Ontario, provides for the planting of shade trees by the owners of land on the adjacent highways to such land, and that the property in such trees shall be in such owners. Local municipalities may give a bonus of 25 cents for each tree so planted by a bylaw to be passed in accordance with the statutes, and in such case the Provincial Treasurer will refund to the municipality one-half of the bonuses paid. Penalties are provided by the act against persons injuring such trees. The act is in force in all townships, but not in cities, towns or villages until a bylaw is passed to bring it in force. Every municipality may pass bylaws to regulate the planting of trees on the highways, to prohibit the planting and The vitascope, as Mr. Edison has highways, to prohibit the planting and named the new invention, would be, for the removal of unsuitable trees;

scope," for it works much on the plan of the kinetoscope, only that it is much ways. Trees may be planted on bounin size, and only in black and white. trees shall be the common property of

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