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of Canada had decided that the road ...ld not be, as proposed by his hon. ...nd, built by the Government. His hon. ...and now lifted himself above them all ...said that as the Intercoaxnie Company ...not get the contract, let the Government ...ld the road. The House could not carry ...the resolutions of the hon. gentleman. ...the hon. gentleman wished the Govern... ...ot to do the work, he should have brought ...bill to repeal the Act of last session; but ...ing as that Act remained on the statute ...ok, these resolutions could not pass. It ...right be that even new negotiations had ...en entered into, and money subscribed, ...d this House could not pass these ...olutions without breaking good faith ...th those negotiating it, and also ...th the Provinces of Manitoba and ...ish Columbia. This was not merely ...charter, but it was a charter contract, and ...e hon. gentleman proposed to abrogate it ...cause the Government had not been ...timate enough to secure his assistance. ...e company of his hon. friend had the ...aracter of an Ontario company, and that of ...r Hugh Allan the character of a Quebec ...mpany, and the Government desiring to ...ve men from all the Provinces of the ...minion, decided not to give the charter to ...ese Company. He contended that the ...solutions ought to be commitered and voted ...on as a whole and not separately. He ...erefore moved in amendment "that ...e powers conferred by Parliament in its last session the Gov...nor in Council having granted ...charter contract to a Company to construct ...e Pacific Railway, which charter contract ...in full force, it is inexpedient with a view ...the early commencement of the railway ...d the keeping of faith with British Colum...

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...ESTRUCTION OF SAN SALVADOR.

...ve Hundred Lives Lost—Other Towns Damaged—Total Loss $12,000,000.

PANAMA, April 11.—The intelligence received by the previous mail from the north has not only continued, but brings the news that the eruption came to a climax with the entire destruction of the capital of Salvador and the ruin of the population of 40,000 people. The first really violent shock occurred on the 4th of March, at about five a.m., destroying many houses. The quaking continued at frequent intervals until the morning of the 19th, when, at two a.m., two slight shocks, succeeded by a strong one, destroyed the entire city. So Pojargo, Santa Tomas, and Santa Telea have all suffered to a lesser extent, as well as every city within a radius of twenty miles. Fortunately, owing to the alarm of the 4th, most residents had not left the city were living in the *paloss* or in the public places. Hence the lives lost, though great, was thereby diminished. Only two buildings, the Hotel del Plaque and the Government Palace are left standing. The loss is estimated at $12,000,000. The aggregate loss of life forwarded is 500.

The steamship *Pondenera* further brings details of the terrible earthquake at San Salvador. The first shocks of the earthquake were felt on the 4th of March, which destroyed some houses and alarmed the inhabitants. The greatest alarm fell on the 19th of March, when a shock came which laid the whole city in ruins. Every town within a radius of twenty miles suffered more or less. Fortunately, owing to the alarm, people had fled from the greater part of the population from living in their houses, but loss has not been so great as would otherwise have been. Of a population of 40,000, which the city is said to contain, the number reported killed and wounded varies from 50 to 500. The only public buildings still standing, though badly, are the Hotel del Plaque and the Government Palace. In the midst of the dest and consternation a fire broke out, but it was soon put under. The Government functionaries did their several duties in a creditable manner. The President sent his family to the Pacific coast, and established himself at a principal square of the capital in a tent. He repressed all attempts at disorder and anarchy, and rendered assistance wherever needed. Anyone found carrying away property not their own was shot. The authorities will proceed to rebuilding the city on the same site, although this is regarded by many as risky, fearing that the city has been destroyed. Most people, nevertheless, removed to Santa Tecla. The only building that stood the shocks with the least injury was a building erected of adobes. The impulse at present is to import timber from California for constructing such earthquake-proof houses; and money has been sent from all parts of the Republic. Everything has risen to exorbitant prices. Captain Kennedy, of H. M. Ship *Esk*, has offered the assistance he could, and offered her for the use of British, United States Minister The matter, as well as the Government, returned letters of thanks to Captain Kennedy. Among the heavy foreign commercial houses in San Salvador are reported Moses Parker & Co., London; Rattenquill & Campbell, Manchester; G. B. Kerford & Co., Liverpool; and among the resident merchants are Kerford & Rodriguez, Salinas & Duke, Doranbes & Ojeida, Blanco & Fireguerra, M. Peralta, Delfderico Rosas, Jose Pomalas. Though every one has of course suffered more or less, great fears are entertained that the stoppage of water, exposure and fright, and the dead bodies uncovered from beneath the ruins, and other malarious conditions, may bring on an epidemic. A fine bridge lately built across the river, on the road to Sopogango, was thrown down. The roads are impassable by immense blocks of stones thrown down from their weight. Owing to the continuance of the shocks, more than forty bodies were displaced from out the ruins in the cemetery. The earthquake is supposed to have been caused by the suppressed volcano of San Tomas, one of the seven volcanoes within a radius of thirty miles. Italco is at present in full state, whose crater, down to the present time, stream of lava, visible at night along the whole coast of the Balsam region. The officers of the *Scioscer* were saved the United States consulate is a mass of ruins inside, though the walls are standing. Mr. Biddle, with his wife, live little cones, in a narrow escape. During the two days three officers remained in San Salvador. They left eight shocks. In some places the ground cracked a foot wide and very deed. Visitors consider it a temptation of providence to rebuild the city on the same spot. The crust below is evidently very shaky. If a large piece of the ground bears a noise like running water, and the falling of a heavy stone produces a hollow sound. Nothing would the was build on this site.

A testimonial of the value of $29,000 has been presented in London to the Rev. Dr. Moffat, in recognition of his services as missionary in Africa. He is the father-in-law of Dr. David Livingstone, the African explorer, and has laboured fifty years in the heart of Africa.

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LONDON LETTER.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, April 10, 1873.

On Monday evening last the Chancellor of the Exchequer made his annual financial statement, and, as I anticipated, in very one likely to gain for the Right Honourable gentleman a new lease of popularity. He calculated on a surplus of four and three-quarter millions, which would have given him an opportunity of effecting wondrous reductions in taxation but for the *Alabama* claims. As it is, he purposes knocking a penny off the Income tax, and reducing the duty on sugar, and paying only half the amount of the Geneva award out of the surplus; and making provision for the balance by Exchequer Bonds or Bills, if necessary. Mr. Lowe has also established an admirable precedent in abolishing a tax the arguments against which were unanswerable, and the balance of the surplus is to be devoted to the abolition of the tax on hotel servants. In the course of his speech Mr. Lowe expressed the hope that the principle of arbitration might be the rule of the future. The *Daily News* remarks:—"The future is surely golden if we may look to statesmen settling their quarrels by arbitration, and Finance Ministers abolishing a tax the moment they find themselves unable to answer the argument against it."

A Plimsoll Defence Committee has been established under the Presidency of the Earl of Shaftesbury. Mr. Plimsoll, M.P., has been making a crusade against the practice, hitherto so prevalent, of sending unseaworthy ships to sea, with the prospect of realizing a profit from the Underwriters; and in an article he has published he has so far specified individual cases as to have incurred three or four actions at law for libel. His supporters, recognizing the value of the work he has undertaken, and the wealth by which he will probably be assailed, have combined with the two-fold object of defending him in law-suits, and protecting the sailors who may become amenable to the law by refusing to sail in unseaworthy vessels. They appear to be in earnest.

Government that the United States Government will offer no opposition to the extradition from Havana of Austin Bidwell, another of the forgers, and if the State of New York will only do the same thing with respect to those arrested in New York, we may expect to see all the parties to the forged swindle arraigned before an English tribunal within a week or two. A touching appeal was offered by the counsel for Mr. Wagner, the well's clerk, at the last examination before to-day, setting forth the sufferings of his client, unoffending (and therefore inability to further the counsel) and the unjustness of delaying the decision of the case as far as he was concerned. It was pointed out to the learned gentleman that the condition of the young man was brought about by himself, thereby, as it was intended to commit him for trial, and therefore in any case his quarters would be in the aristocratic precincts of Newgate street. We shall have this trial before us for a long time, with Tichborne, but it is thought that in case of conviction "they'll have it hot."

Day by day we are informed of the progress of the enquiry into the loss of the *Atlantic*, instituted by the Government of the Dominion of Canada; and while a strong feeling prevails that the proprietors of the *White Star* steamer have in no way decorated the prestige of the line, a prestige attained in an unprecedented short period of traffic, by measures or a shortsighted policy of economy, the conclusion is being drawn that the loss, though probably connected, was guilty of most culpable carelessness. The evidence, as far as it goes, tends to the inference that the calamity was almost directly due to great recklessness; and if such should prove to be the case, Messrs. Ismay, Imrie & Co. will doubtless press for the fullest and most searching enquiry, and unite with the public in reprobating the neglect that should have endangered the lives of hundreds of our fellow men.

The peaceful lawn game has certainly attained sufficient importance to merit the notice of your sporting editor. There was a time, not very long ago either, when croquet was played in a slovenly way, and was held to be most suitable to boarding school misses. But now *mesdames change tout cela*; and now the sport is engaged in with the strictest rigour of the game, and the laws and rules which guard it are as stringent as those of billiards; indeed the game has become on the lawn what billiards is on a higher level, and a crack player will have the same tender regard for a favourite mallet that a Roberts has for his cue, and make just as great a study of "strength," "side," and "corresponding angles." And it is a game that has the advantage over billiards, that ladies can enjoy it to advantage. In billiards they have constant acid of the "rest" which could ever play with the "jigger" but in croquet what fine and numerous opportunities there are for graceful "action," elegant poses and pretty dresses. No wonder the game is popular with gentlemen, no less than with ladies.

It has been announced to-day that the enquiry instituted by the Dominion Government into the loss of the *Atlantic* will be conducted by the Board of Trade for an enquiry having been withdrawn in consequence of the energy displayed by your

Comic Clippings.

(From Punch.)

CARTOON.—Mr. Lowe and tipsy workman. "The great self-taxed." Workingman: "Hi!—Gov'nor!—look here! We're th' people s'makes th' shurplus—now what s' we an' our William gotin' t'do for th' people I ah like t'know?"

"BUSINESS AS USUAL."—Scene, shopping, footman *loq.*:—Charles: "Well, James, I suppose as you'll be able to take it easy this season, now that your oldest young lady's turned off?" James: "Ah! but there's the youngest a comin' out; so we're much as we was."

"A SHORT LIFE AND (NOT) A MERRY ONE."—(*Apropos* of M. Grevy's resignation of the Presidency of the French Assembles Nationals.)

Such an Assembly can scarce last long.
Nor even Grevy hold their same too strong.

THE FRENCH GAME OF WAR.—The Duc d'Aumale, on his reception at the French Academy the other evening, made a speech in which he said, "Poor France, pick up thy broken sword, labour, and take heart." The son of the King of the French has known, as they phrase it, how to talk to his country. "Pick up thy broken sword, is good, but would not the picture suggested by that advice have been improved if it had been

A VENETIAN FETE IN THE FRENCH CAPITAL.

(Paris Correspondence London Daily Telegraph.)

Where are we? The portals which have just given us admission to a scene of fairy-like beauty are Moorish in form and in ornamentation, but the lofty entrance hall is worthy of an Italian palace for splendour, and of an English country house for comfort. But there are many more pictures and works of art scattered about than an English home can generally boast. You mention your name to a servant, and he leads you through a vestibule into the entrance door, and which leads you on four different floors, each marked by some separate artistic peculiarity. But you have not the wide staircase to yourself. You hear a slight rustle, pick up thy broken drum?

CURIOUS NON-COINCIDENCE.—Prince Bismarck celebrated his fifty-eighth birthday on Tuesday last week. So Bismarck, you see, was born on the First of April. Do you know what day it is? All Fools; and Bismarck, certainly, is not one of them.

SHROUDS AND SHRETERS.—Among the "Fashions for April," *Le Follet* announces "medium textures." Are these to be worn at seances for "Spirit Photographs?"

TO THE CARELESS.—This is an attractive advertisement:—"Man and wife: Man thorough in-door servant (understands hunting things.) Gentleman who "never know where they've put" whatever it may be, would find this in-door servant invaluable.

DIFFERENT VIEWS OF HAMPSTEAD HEATH.—Edwin (to his Angelina): With you by my side, my very own, with you, I could wander amid these leafy glades for ever!—Angelina (to her Edwin): And so could I with you, my dearest Edwin! I'd walk miles and miles for it!—Angelina's Sister (to herself): O dear me! What a trotting we must be in for!

AGGRAVATING FLIPPANCY.—Useful Sister (to Ornamental Sister, who has been describing the fashions at a recent ball, the last hour): Bella, you're the most *epididical* creature I ever met in my life!—Bella: Why, my pet, what have I been doing with a joke? *Well, Jane!* If I am egotistical, at *all events* I can be proud of it!

OUR RESERVES.—Captain of Rural Corps (calling over the roll): George Hodge! (No answer.) George Hodge! Where's George Hodge?—Voice from the ranks: Please, sir, he's turned Dissenter, and says he's conscientious!

CHEMISTRY FOR THE CZAR.—"What are the Russians to do with Khiva when they have got it?" asks the *Times*. We hope they will decompose the Khanate of Khiva, and precipitate the Russ.

IN THE DARK.—Swell (to waiter): I say, haven't you any light about?—Waiter: "Very sorry, sir, but we haven't a spare one.

A FAMILIAR COUPLET.—Yet (who has not heard it since Mr. Mac Twitter's new song): Well, all I can say, m'in, is that he's got yours, and I've got mine, and I've got 'im somethink 'ot, mum, the same as you takes for em! To think she should marry anothuh man! Well, I'm sorry!

THE MEANEST SET OUT.—Phrenologists—they live upon the brainpans of others.

FIRST FRUITS OF THE SEASON.—Mr. Snob (to boy with Vesuvians): Youngster, your lights are "ternally bad—they won't burn.—Lad: I dunno, mister, they do; I'm pardon me, don't you use a wrong adverb?

MOONSHINE.—Only a lunatic would plead a charge for poetic licence. Poetry is, I know no more about it than the "man in the moon."

(From *Judy*.)

"THE BOAT."—Little Girl: Oh, Mr. Hoseman, is this a boat? Mr. Hoseman: Yes, my dear, it is a boat. Little Girl: Oh, Mr. Hoseman, I thought it was a bedstead!

Fashions for May.

(From the Young Ladies' Journal.)

Fashion is decidedly growing more fanciful every week. Some of the latest models are quite eccentric. Our readers may judge of them from the following description:—

A toilette of violet-and-mauve faille, the skirt, as is often the case now, divided into two parts, differently trimmed; the front entirely pleated from top to bottom, with alternate folds of the two shades of the dress; the back of the skirt trimmed half-way up with flounces pinked at the edges, and also of the two alternate shades. The bodice is double; one, cut low and square, of one of the shades of the dress, is battoned in front with only two or three buttons, and lengthens behind into a Princess train, upheld by faille scarf-lapels. Under this low sleeveless bodice, or rather corselet, appears a high bodice, with pleated sleeves, of the other shade of material.

This fanciful toilette can be imitated in other colours—such as black and mauve, black and blue, black and pink, gray and lilac, gray and pink, gray and green, maroon and havannah, olive and mignonette-green, &c.

A pretty walking costume for cool weather is made with cashmere or light summer cloth of a skirt of self-coloured foulard, pleated in front all the way down, like a Scotch kilt, with a band of figured foulard, fastened back at the sides by bows of the same. Princess robes are made of figured material, unless it be striped; yet we prefer them made of self-coloured material. Dresses of Le Dieu, which combine the qualities of crepe de Chine, besides that of being much thicker, is lovely made up into a Princess robe, trimmed with bands of shades of it—enough to suit all complexions—and with a pelerine, which she holds across the face. In the room to which she conducts you she has placed her guests on either side of the fence, and which since the death of Metifee has had no proper corrective, has obliged which the chose was a rather "unfortunate one. He assailed the Pacific Railways as the "mad scheme of a mad Government," whereupon the astute Kingston knight arose and proved from the journals of the House that the Premier had "mad bull," (the phrase is the *Globe's*, dear reader, not yours) had planned for and supported this mad scheme of a mad Government," at the time he was the *Globe* newspaper's mere sentative. The effect of this exposure was marvellous. The brazen bow and chuck of the Premier have in no way decorated the prestige of the Ministerial party, and large sums have been offered for their services. Several parties went in provided with bullseye lanterns, and after they succeeded in completely losing themselves in about ten minutes, and anguish and despair succeeded to anger, they relonged absence produced the true state of affairs. The entrance to the cave was so thick with cobwebs and rubbish, and so dark, that not one, and little folks were in great demand, and large sums were offered for their services. Several parties went in provided with bullseye lanterns, and after they succeeded in completely losing themselves in about ten minutes, and anguish and despair succeeded to anger, they relonged absence produced the true state of affairs. The entrance to the cave was