ho first, and for an hour after the second, under peril of I know not what well consequences! I took a couple of turns along the avenue beside forteous's bath-chair, and then concluded my walk in the company of some the fellow-sufferers; but I heard little of what they said, for I could not kee my eyes off that young man. I watched him as the islanders watched the Paul of old, waiting for tardy Nemesis to overtake him, and I was almost disappointed to see that he came out of the ordeal as scattless as he apostle. My faith in my favorite spring received a blow that morning from which it has never fully recovered. Meanwhile the unconscious disturber of my peace was, to all appearance, getting on at a great pace ith Mrs. Seymour. Their conversation did not appear to flag for a soment; and every now and then the sound of his laughter reached my has above the din of the band, the shuffling of footsteps, and the buzz of Jany voices. Such a jolly, joyous laugh as it was! No snigger, nor cackle, for half-smothered outbust, but a fine, rich ho-ho ho! as natural and irrepressible as the song of a bird, and, to my ears, nearly as musical. I declare that, if I had been a woman, I should have felt three parts inclined marry Count. Waldemar for the more sike of his laugh, knowing that it buld only proceed from the most manly and honest of hearts. He caught be up after I had set my face homewards, and clapped me on the shoulder of the much warmth. "You are my very goot friend," he was good enough land. "I shall never forget were now have done for a "I shall never forget were now have done for a "I shall never forget were now have done for a "I". say. "I shall never forget wass you have done for me."

"You have nothing to thank me for. I should not have introduced you you had not forced me into doing so," I replied candidly. "The truth there is no chance for you. I know my countrywomen better than you in do, and I assure you that, though Mrs. Seymour may find it amusing ough to hear you talk, she will no more think of accepting your offer (if a are foolish enough to make her one) than she would of drinking three asses of minoral water, highly charged with carbonic acid gas, because ur lips happened to touch the rim of the tumbler."

"Now, that we shall see," he rejoined, in no way disconcerted.

"Setting aside the question of your nationality and of her very slight quaintance with you," I continued, "I must tell you that she is a woman considerable fortune."

"Ja-so?" quoth he, quite importurbably. "That is all the better; for Money brings not happiness, but it is no bad m myself a poor man. dition to happiness."

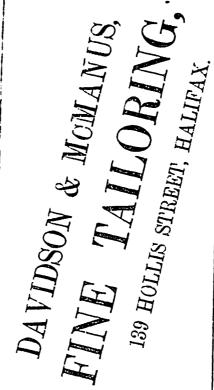
The perfect good faith with which this copy-book maxim was enunciated is in its way inimitable. It was clearly absurd to waste more words upon the so ignorant of the arst guiding principles of civilized society, so I went the to breakfast.

I am one of those who look back with regret to the palmy old days of MM. Blanc and Benazet. I never could see that the interests of public shality required the suppression of the gaming-tables, nor, for that matter. that it is the legitimate province of governments to look after the morals of it abiding people at all. It has always seemed to me that, if I had gamb-Lig propensities, it would be far better for me to indulge them in public thin in private. Those who stake against the bank with an adversary who Least has no cards up his sleeve, who expects no "revenge" from a miner, who neither takes nor offers I O U's, who gains without unseemingly exultation, and may be "broken" without being ruined. Of course I know all about the clerks who used to rob their master's tills, and the research whose hardly-earned wages used to disappear on Saturday nights the green cloth; but an obligatory deposit of twenty pounds or so, to returned on the departure of the visitor, would have effectually spluded these simple folks; and really, if our rulers are to begin protectus against ourselves, where are they to stop? Why should we not be to bidden to back a horse, or to invest our money in South American secur-瓣, or to go out in wet weather without an umbrella and cork soles?

I feel the more free to say all this inasmuch as neither M. Blanc nor M. behazet ever made a single thaler out of me, except in indirect ways It is a from any love of trente et quarante or roule te in themselves that I would fain see a restoration of those merry monarchs, but because their as kingdoms, which were once so joyous, are now left desolate, or nearly Their flower gardens are growing less flowery every year; their well- Salesroom -128, 130 and 132 Argyle Street, morn lawns are well-mown no longer; their paths are grass-grown, or arrived with falling leaves; their prime donne and Parisian actors find more lucrative summer engagements elsowhere; the very gilding on their paice walls is beginning to tarnish, and will, perhaps, not be renewed; for For is the monny to come from?

Homburg, it is true, is more highly favored than its neighbors, fashion ing chosen to decree of late years that it should be the proper thing for English great world to repair thither for a time at the close of the london season; and I must confess that now, when I do my annual three rests of water-drinking, I mix in a more aristocratic as well as more restable society than of yore. But then it is a considerably duller one. In the exception of lawn-tennis and dancing, neither of which relations. and logather suitable to the age of a majority of the curgaste Homburg is what wanting in amusement in these latter days; and I suppose that any everybody was so determined to be present at the steeple-chase relieved to me by Count Waldemar, that, on the appointed day, there are not a carriage to be had in the town for love or money. I myself was send to accept the offer of a box-seat from some friends; for, ous though I was to see how my new friend would acquit himself in addle. I had no idea of trudging two or three miles under a blazing for that or any other purpose.

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