# NEWS OF THE WEEK,

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The influenza is particularly severe in Quebec, a number of cases having resulted iatally.

Charles T. Danbar and G. F. Rogers of St. Paul, Minn., have purchased property in Vancouver to the extent of \$200,000.

The river at Brockville is at length frozen

There were 31 failures in Canada last week and 305 in the United States.

It is expected that the Winnipeg City council will submit shortly to the ratepayers Local Option by law.

Many specimens of the Evening Grosbeak, a bird rarely found in Western Ontario, have been shot recently in the vicinity of Kings

an living in Barrie township in credited with being 107 years of age, and she has a daughter aged 71 residing in Kingston.

While snow blockades have caused great delay to trains on United States li les out West, the C. P. R. trains have generally arrived and departed from Vancouver on

It is estimated that there are 1,700.000 bushes of wheat in the elevators at Fort William and the country west; that the quantity of wheat in farmers' hands is con-siderably in excess of that generally sup posed, and that about a million bushels remain to be delivered.

Lady Stanley is seriously ill with in finenz

This season's lumber business on Lake Winnipeg is much better than was expect

Result of New Branswick elections on Monday, 22 Government, 16 Opposition, 3 Independent.

There were more deaths in Klogston last week than during any week for the past ten years.

James Stinson, a native of Tyrone, Ireland, died at Sunbury on Wednesday at the age of 101.

The Maultoba Government is going to establish Farmers' Institutes, and engage professors to encoursge agriculture.

Three schools have been closed at Queber on account of the influenza. There are five bundred cases in St. Charles de Bellechasse. Qae.

A sum will be put into the Dominion Estimates for the extension of the British Columbia Drydocks by 100 feet.

The County Councils throughout Ontario are very unanimously calling for the ap pointment of a railway commission.

Thomas Kane has been sentenced to be hanged at Toronto, on February 12, for the murder of his sister in law, Mary Kane.

Louis Deas, the mulatto who shot and killed Birtle in Toronto some time sgo, has been sentenced to the penetentiary for ten years.

The influenza is among the Indians near West Salkirk, Manitoba, and although there are only 800 of them, the funerals are taking place at the rate of four or five a week

It is announced that the Vatican has de cided to divide the Diocese of Montreal into two, and to constitute a new diccese to be known as Joliette.

It is stated that the health of Premie Mercier is far from satisfactory, and that his physician insists upon his resting from official labor for some months.

official labor for some months. Mr. Taylor has given notice in the Ostawa Parliament that he will introduce a bill to prevent the importation and immigration of foreigners and aliens under contract or agreement to perform labor in Canada. The object is to strike at the United States for enforcing their act to keep Canadians from working across the border.

A scheme has been laid before the King ston City Council for opening and extending over thirty streets at a costs of \$50,000.

Word has reached Lethbridge from London, E.g., that all the funds needed to build the extension of the Gait railway to the

United States have been secured.

Mr. Dalton McCarthy gave notice of motion on Monday of a bill to amend the North West Territories Act by knocking out clause 110. which establishes the French language for official purposes.

A deepatch from Alexandria Bay said a tug had passed up the Canadian channel on Tuesday. This is the latest for many years that the river has been open for mavigation. The Peterborangh Council has granted \$2,000 to the officers of the 57ch Battalion towards the erection of a new armoury, on condition that the County Council grants

\$1.000. Mayor Sol White, M. P. P., of Windsor, Oat, at the inaugural bacquet of the new council on Monday evening, said he was not a traid to stand by the platform the chief p'ark of which was political union. Com-mercial Union, he to'd, was impracticable.

UNITED STATES.

Solicitor General Orlow W. Chapman died on Sunday at his residence, in Washington, pneumonia.

It is reported that six of the leading reweries of Cleveland have been purchased rewerie

by an English syndicate for \$9,000,000. Miss Bialand, who has been making the circuit of the world for the "Cosmopolitan" magazine, left Queenstown for New York on Sanday.

Kunze, one of the Cronin suspects, has seen released on bail bonds furnished by a dime museum manager, and in return is to go on exhibition.

Catcago had 633 deaths during the week ending Saturday at noon-136 more than the previous week. There were six deaths on Saturday from influerza.

on Saturday from influerza. The fifth and last of the children of Wm. and Mary Boyle, of Fall River, Mass., died on Friday from pneumonia superinduced by la grippe. Four of the Boyle children were buried on Thursday. The mortal remains af Walter Biaine, son of U. S. Sicretary of State J. G. Blaine of Maine, and solicitor for the state department at Washington, were placed in their final resting place in Oakhill cemetery, at Wash-ington, on Saturday. He died of influerza. A mass meeting was held in Naw York on

A mass meeting was held in New York on Thursday night in favour of ballot reform.

Archbiahop Corrigan, who left for Rome last week, was tendered a reception by lead-ing Catholics in New York before sailing.

Peter Henderson, head of a well-known seed house in New York, died last week of pneumonia resulting from la gripse.

Jay Westinghouse, president of the West-inghouse agricultural works and a brother of Westinghouse, the inventor, died at Schenectady, N. Y., last week, aged 53 rears.

Rev. Dr. Lyman Abbott was installed and assistant pastor Bliss was ordained and installed on the 17th inst in Plymouth church, Brooklyn.

The grand jury has returned "not a true bill" in the case of General Mahone, charged with shooting Herbert Harrison on November 5:h, at Petersburg, Va.

Influerza in a severe form prevails among the (fibers and crews of the American squadron of evolution, now in the Mediter-racean. There are 180 cases of the disease on board the Chicago.

In the House of Kepresentatives at Washington on the 17th inst. M. Mills in tro-duced a bill to extend the trade and com-merce of the United States and to provide for full reciprocity between the United States and Mexico.

New York city is about trying an experiment with Chinese as street laborers.

Owing to the dull times a number of colleries worked by the Philadelphia and Reading Railway Company have shut down, throwing 20,000 hands out of employment

Owing to the severe weather Wyoming cathle men are shipping their stock into Kan-sas. It is estimated that 50,000 head of cat-tle will be transferred. A wild boar entered the house of a family

of Osage half breeds on Wild Horse creek Chickaeaw nation, a few days ago, and de-voured a 6 year old girl, who was alone in the place.

Sheriff Barton, of Danver, who was sworn in Taesday, has created a sensation by ordering that hereafter all saloons must close on Sunday. Heretofore the law on this was practically a dead letter.

Mrs. William Miller, living near Ham. burg, Iowa, has just given birth to two girls and a boy, their combined weight being 21 pounds. Less than two years ago Mrs. Mil-ler produced twins. All are doing well. Eight women raided the "blind pigs," otherwise illicit drinking places, of Mays-ville, South Dakots, on Treeday and smashed the furniture and fixtures, because the husband os one of them had sold a mortgage to pay a whisky bill, Marchell Field to a

Some comment has been caused in England by a series of articles published by the Duke of Marlboro on absence ladlordism as it affects Ireland. His crace abuses the land-lords for spending their rent abroad. Chief Secretary Balfour rilicules the idea of a dissolution of the Britisi Parliament.

There is a strike of grain porters on the Liverpool docks, which is interfering greatly with traffis.

with traffi. Mr. Talbot, Liberal member of the Im-perial House of Commons for the middle division of Giamorganahire is dead. Mr. Talbot was the oldest member of the House, having sat for the county uninterruptedly for 60 years. for 60 years.

The ill sess of the Marquir of Hartington necessitating a trip to he Continent, which will excend beyond he time of the reassembling of Parliament, is awkward for the Unionists, who will need all their leaders to combat the contemplated assaults of the Opposition.

Deposition. Rev. Dr. Talmage has oncelled all his sngagements in London and Saglish provin-cial towns in consequence of the influenza. Editor Parke has been found guilty of li-belling the Earl of Easton, and has been sentenced to twolve months imprisonment. The Princess of Wales hat the influer zh.

Edward Walsh, mayor d Wexford and has been sentenced to two muths' imprison-ment for publishing a boycor notice.

English merchants doin business at Lisbon and Oporto have putested against the British ultimatum to Portgal.

Portugal, finding that no pwer is willing o arbitrate, has decided to abmit to Engto arbitrate, has decided to a land's demands under protest

Princess Maud of Wales he the influenza Her condition is not serious

Mr. Herbert Gladstone has recovered £1,000 damages for libel from the Allahabad (India) " Post." The paper impeached his morality.

Mr. Alex. Craig Sellar, Lberal Unionist member for the Patrick division of Lanark-shire, died last week.

The Queen is to visit Ailles Bains in April, Roy. Mr. Spurgeon is cripiled with sciab

Nathan Marcus Alder, D.L., Chief Rabbi

of the United Hebrew congregations of the British Empire, aied on Thursday in London aged 86.

hop bitters, died at Rochester on the 17th inst, at the age of 65. The fatal disease was pneumonia, which had developed from influ-The funeral of Field Marshal Lord Napier

#### IN GENERAR.

The Dake of Aosts, ex-king of Spain, died at Turin on Saturday of pneunonia

The German Reichstag hasagreed to an addize the East African Steanship Co. It is reported that a large mantity of gold

s going from St. Petersburgio Lon The Paris Nineteenth Sicle states that

the Emperor of Austria wil soon abdicate

The Journal de St. Peterbourg says that England is bound to submitther dispute with Portugal to arbitration.

The (zer has appointed two temporary commissions 'o adopt measures for rearning the troops. Gen. Van Nøvesky, minister of war, will preside over one of the commis-

Daring the second week in January the Daring the second week in January the death rate declined m Borin, Konigsberg, Darizie and Frankfor, while it increased in Munich, Cologne, Kiel and Stuttgart. It is now declining in most of the cities of Germany.

A new Russian loss of one hundred million dollars has been innounced at Paris.

The German Czych conference in Vienna has succeeded in recaciling all difference between the two nationalities in Bohemia.

The queen of Portual has visited the poor house as Liebon and erschalty distributed alms. Immense crowls assembled on her route and cheered he with great enthusi-

A tanner at Havaa has discovered

electrical process by which he is able to tan hides of the larges size in sixty hours.

Dom Pedro has annead at Cannes. He appears terribly aged ad enfeebled, both in body and mind. He atends to spend the whole winter at Canne.

# THE SOLAR ECLIPSE AT TRINIDAD.

ceremonies on the Arrival of the Governor.

The morning of December 22 broke dark and cloudy. The rain fell gently on the stated roofs of the houses, while that "grim, ungainly, ghastly, gaunt and eminous bird," the corbeau or black vuiture, perched in groups on the tallest peaks and ridges, viewing with judicial gravity the unwonted state of the weather. At thirty-three min-utes past six a, m. the sun's disk was slight-were signs of the beginning of the cellpse, and at ten minutes after seven there were signs of the beginning of the cellpse, and at ten minutes after seven total dark-ness prevailed. The colipse was of three minutes duration. Shars were visible, and the poultry, which had heattatingly ventur-ed off their roosts half an hour or so before, speedily returned thereto, apparently under the impression that they were the viotims of some deception. THE SCARED NEGROFS. The morning of December 22 broke dark

#### THE SCARED NEGROFS.

THE SCARED NEGROPS. Lamps were lighted and many of the negroes made a bee line for the nearest place of worship, believing that the end of the world had come. I happened to be passing the Roman Catholic Cathedral at the time, and I do not remember having before, in the course of a pretty varied and lengthy ex-perience, seen a more ludiorous sight than was presented to my view by the supersti-tious blacks who, on bended knees, were frantically crossing themselves and praying to their patron saints. The eclipse was to their patron saints. The colipse was successfully observed by the astronomers who came from England for the purpose. To defy immortal power. To defy immortal power. Yet how lightly men ignore All the future holds in store, " Spending brief but golden moments all im

### Mr. Gladstone at Home,

Mr. Gladstone at Home. Mr. Gladstone lives very regular life at his home. He breakfasts light y about 7 o'clock, and shortly before 8 walks to the church for prayers. To the intelligent ob-server the sight of the great statesman walk-ing to church at this early hour in the morn ing cannot fail to be interesting. Cfad in a long cost, tightly buttoned, with a long shawl wrapped closely around his neck, and wearing a soft felt hat, his appearence is decidedly picture que. Upon his return to the castle from morning prayers, he retires to his study, where he reads and answers, with the aid of his secretary, his enormous mass of daily correspondence.

with the aid of his secretary, his enormous mass of daily correspondence. There is no regular hour for luncheon at the castle and it is partaken of by those at lome at various times. In the afternoon Mr. Gladstone takes a walk in the grounds, and if the weather is propilious usually engages in his favorite exercises of tree-chonoing. He discard violation engages in his favorite exercises of tree-chopping. He dines at 8 o'clock, afterwards reads or writes, and at 10 retires for the night. Though abstemious in his habits, he usually drinks bitter beer with his lunch usually drinks bitter beer with his lunch and a glass or two of claret or port at dinner. Mr. Gladstone is not in any sense ascetic, is a generous liver and is a great believer in the virtues of a glass of good port wine. When engaged in speaking his fillip is a compound of sherry and egg, which is prepared by Mrs. Gladstone with as much anxiety and care as if it were the elixir of life. Mr. Gladstone never smoked. He acquired his habits at a period when tobacco smoking was generally regarded as play ; Dark are thy lashes, drooping over eyes that shine, I know not where I go, for I will go thy way." To whom my leg so rund shall very quickly take My cyclashes, my lips with kisses to be sow, All that I have of love, of beauty, for his sake, And all too little is to quench the fevered glow That in his charmed heart my presence can awake,

He acquired his habits at a period when tobacco smoking was generally regarded as somewhat rulgar among the bettr classes. In Mr. Gladstone's study, besides his books, which are seen everywhere, there are three writing desks in the room, one chiefly reserved for political correspondence and another used by Mrs. Gladstone. The 1 brary at Hawarden Castle contains more than 20.060 volumes, which are freely learned l brary at Hawarden Castle contains mor than 20,060 volumes, which are freely loane than 20,000 volumes, which are freely loaned to almost any person in the neighborhood who wishes to read them. At one time this liberty was unlimited, but the privilege was so much abused by some persons that a few years ago a rule was laid down limiting the time for which a book might be keps to one month. With this exception, however, Mr. Gladstone's 1 brary is still the free-loan library of the whole country side.

### Cats that Catch Fish.

Nicholas Long, the operator at the signal and Atlantis City tracks, on the meadows, has a mother cat and three kittens which has a mother cat and three kittens whave been taught to catch their own The old cat made her appearance at the tower some time ago, and "Nick" having tower some time so, and "Nick" having no desire to drive her away was obliged to devise some plan 'o feed her. This was soon

#### Fame, Wealth, Life, Death, What is fame?

Or, if here and there a hero Be remembered through the years, Yet to him the gain is zaro; Dath hath stilled his hopes and fears. Yet what dangers men will dare If but only in the air Isy be heard some cager mention of their name.

name ; Though they hear it not themselves, 'sis

What is wealth ?

He but noids in trust his treasure For the welfare of the race. Yet what crimes som: men will dare Bat to gain their alender share a some profit, though with loss of name or health, a some plunder, spent on vices or by stealth.

What is life ?

What is hie ? The the earthly hour of trial For a life that's just begun; When the prize of self denial May be quickly lost or won; 'Tis the hour when love may burgeon The survey survey for a farmer of the set.

To an everlasting flower; Or when lusts their victime urge on

strife ; Or in suicidal madness grasp the knife,

What is death? Past its dark, mysterious portal Human eye may never roam; Yet the hope still springs immortal That it leads the wanderer home. Oh, the blies that lies before us When the secret shall be known, And the varie arealls chown,

What is death ?

And the vast angelic chorus Sounds the hymn before the throne !

Sounds the hymn before the throne ! What is fame, or wealth, or life ? Past are praises, fortune, strife; All but love, that lives forever, cast beneath, When the good and fsithful servant takes the wreath.

The Knight.

Which one of these two roadways, pretty maid, is

mine ?" "Where do you go, sir knight? For that] you do

not say." Thy hare, brown leg is round, with turn of ankle

The basket on thy head brings lovely arms in play:

Then 'tis to find Teo, the goatherd, that you go, To whom my leg so round shall very quickly take

If unto love alone thy favor theu wouldst yield,

Accursed then be fate that from mine infancy te me april for war and carnace, bade me wield The sword, and gave no shephard's pips of reeds to me !"

"A warrior is a king amid all human kind ! The chopherds, trembling, greet the hero wit acclaim, And haughy is, (fright, the mistress of his mind ; His hores is held in fear, its warder is his name. How I would love Teo to captain's rank assigned, With doughts word in hand that should maintal my fams!"

Spring to the saidle then behind me. Safe with

Thou shall be brave and them who envy thee

deride. My part in a 1 the spail of osptured towns shall be Jewels and chains of gold to deck thy beauty's

And whan we pase the folk shall ory aloud to see : 'Bahold the giorious brilegroom and the radiant bride!"

What! Bad man, for your sake you wish me to

The faith I vowed my goatherd in the meadowland ! I a andor him they be will him a meadowland !

I a andon him then he will pine away And die-at least, he gave me so to understand. nd how can I, sir knight, mount to your saddle, Dray.

prav, Unle,s you lend to me your stirrup and your hand ? —[From the French of Emlie Augier

thee; but if, more than this, to pleasure thee ds must guide a flock each day to graze

What is wealth? 'Tis a rainbow, still reo.ding ' As the panting fool pursmes; Or a tay that youth, unheeding, Seeks the readiset way to lose; Bat the wise man keeps due mass Neither out of breath or base; He but holds in truth his treasure For the welfare of the new result.

What is faile : This the sun-gleam on the mounts Spreading brighty are it flies, The the bubble on the fountain, Rising lightly are it dies ; Ot, if here and there a hero De remembered through the y

A new bank is to be established in Toron-A new bank is to be established in Toron-to, to be known as the York County Bank, and is to have no branches outside the coun-ty of York. It will have a capital of \$500, 000 and Mr. Geo. W. Yarker will probably be its manager.

Mr. C. A. Smith, a Galt Artist, now in France, has sold a painting, "The Patriots of 1837," to Ald. Prefontaine, M. P., and Mr. Drolet, of Montreal, for \$800.

At the annual meeting of the Ontario Marine Association held in Toronto, it was decided to ask the Government to lower the canal tolls, to push the work of deepening the canals between Kingston and Montreal, and also to take steps to encourage ship-building in Canada. building in Canada.

Capt. Joseph Parsons, of Kingaton, has made the latest round trip to Oswego on record. He crossed over to Oswego on Thursday last in the ship Ella Murton, barley-laden, cleared on Friday, and arrived back at Kingston on Saturday.

The twelfth annual convention of the Western Ontario Dairymen's Association was held at Stratford last week. The attendance was not large, but the proceed-ings were nevertheless of great interest fo

Twenty-four hogs died at Port Stanley of

a mysterious cause on Monday. Mr. Wood, member for Brockville, has been appointed Deputy Speaker of the

Judge Johnson, of Montreal, has been sworn in as Chief Justice of the Superior Court of the Province of Qaebec.

The Knights of Labour of Kingston have decided to memorialize Parliament praying for the more equitable taxation of ground rentals in cities and towns.

During the past year in Montreal there were 1,032 new buildings erected, valued at \$3.608 300, as compared with 933 and \$3,-linger. 447,895 for the previous year.

Brockville Town Council appointed a committee on Monday night to urge on the County Council the importance of providing an industrial farm and poor-house,

Marshall Field has donated a \$100,000

Marshall risid has donated a 5100,000 site in Chicago for the proposed new Baptist university. This gift more than completes the \$1,000,000 which Mr. Rockefelle made a condition when he donated \$600,000 to found the university.

Baron Joachim C. Von Schiliba, the son of a member of the German Reichstag, is in gaol in New York because he cannot pay a \$200 hotel bill.

The Primitive Baptists are creating an exoftement bordering on frezzy among the ig-norant classes of North Carolina by preach-ing that the end of the world will come this

year. The Washington senate yesterday dis-cussed the Russian extradition treaty, but the clause providing that the murder of the czar or any member of the imperial family shall not be considered a political offence evoked such vigorous opposition that the measure was sent back.

#### GREAT BRITAIN.

Prince Albert Victor has been received with great honor at Lucknow,

Lord Salisbury, who has been suffering from influenza, will go to the south of

France to recuperate. A gale prevailed in the Ecglish channe on Saturday. A number of vessels were

Mr. Gladstone has written an article p ing an eloquent tribute to the late Dr. Dol

Mr. Gladetone will spend the month of February at Oxford, where he will remain in strict seclusion, devoting his time to writ-ing articles for English and American reviews.

M. Sagasta has succeeded in forming free trade ministry in Spain.

A member of the Peters expedition is convinced that Dr. Peers is dead.

It is rumoured that the Czar has become insame owing to the choic state of fear and worry in which he live.

Despatches published in a white book at Berlin say Emin Pash let large stores] of Ivory in care of reliabl chiets.

The influenza is raing at Athens. The entire royal family is al. ded with it. The Russian Government has decided to abolish the autonomy i Imland.

abolish the autonomy f Inland. Emin Pasha is suffiting from an abscess on the exterior of the skull, which has caused partial paralysis di the tongue. Owing to the intens felling in Lisbon, the British Legation has been placed under a strong guard. The Duke of Palmill, 'captain of the King of Portugal's Guari, has sent to the British Legation the Crimean medal received by him whileseving in the British army. army.

The influenza is increasing in South Germany. Many deathshave occurred from the disease, and the schols have been closed in several places.

M. Ephrussi, a rich baker of Paris, has gained the \$125,000 pris in the Panama anal lottery.

The question of Frens rights in New ties at Paris on Monday nd 1sd ro quite a breezy discussion. Th government said that French rights were onfirmed by Eng-land land.

M. Joffrin, who was given Gen. Boulan-ger's seat in the French Chamber of Depu-ties, attempted to speakon Monday. M. Deroulede, Boulanger's lutenant, protested and was forcibly remove. Other Boulan-gists shared his fate, all finally the re-mainder left the chambe in a body. mainder left the chambe in a body.

: Those who say that w man has no sense of humor have evidently alled to notice how a moustache tickles her.

dovise some plan to reed her. This was soon done. It occurred to him that cats were particularly fond of fish and he arranged a

small net, which enabled him to procure large numbers of minnows fron the neighboring salt ponds. Placing them in a bucket with sufficient water to keep them alive, he proceeded to feed them as his leisure. This he continued to do for some time, the old out occasionally helping hereit whith he continued to do for some time, the old cat occasionally helping herself, when, to his surprise, one morning he discovered the entire tamily catching their fish from one of the ponds. This they have been doing ever since, and they seem to care as little for the water as a water spaniel. The cats are all water as a water spaniel. water as a water spaniel. The cats are all very intelligent, but we do not wonder at this, as a fish diet is said to be best for the brains, and a well-fed, active brain conduces to intelligence.

#### The True Methodist.

The Nashville "Christian Advocate" (Meth.) says: "What is a Methodist? He is a penitent, believing, pardoned, regenerated, holy follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is at load and and a says that the says that t holy follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is, at least, one pledged to content, himself with no lower ideal of Christian experience than this. He is a man who lives according to rule--method. He is fully convinced that religion is the chief concern of mortals here below. He seeks first the Kingdom of God and His rightcoueness. It is his meat ard drink to do his Heavenly Father's will. He is meek, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners. His constant aspiration is to reproduce the Christ-life among men; his daily prayer to have the mind which was in Carist Jesus, and to be filled with all the fulness of God. He accepts as final the de-claration of the Scriptures that the friendship of the world is enmity with God. He does not have perpetually on his lips the inquiry, What harm is there in this, that, the other?

but, contrarywise, he asks, How can I glor-ify God in my body and my spirit, which are His?"

An Austrian professor claims to have found the microbs of la gripps.

It is said that Portrgal has addressed formal appeal to the great powers.

Four chouseand merchants of Lisbon paraded the streets of Lisbon on Monday night shouting "War to England."

Fellow-Feeling Among Elephants. " Memo" writes in the Times of India :-

"Memo" writes in the Timas of India :-In a previous article I referred to a state-ment in regard to bison carrying off a wounded companion. A similar trait of character is recorded in regard to elephants. A sportsman in Southern India. writing over thirty years ago, tells how he fired at a fe-male elephant and knocked her down. Then, he says, the most curious scene was enacted that had ever fallen to his lot to behold. He thought the animal was dead, but the rest of the herd, it appeared, knew better, for seven or eight of them ran up, assisted her to rise, and supporti\_g her on all sides with their heads, fairly carried her · ff, leaving a great broad track through the j ingle. This admitted of the hunter following for some distance, bat he could not get a shot, as they were all jsmmel together with their heads against the fomale's body. Eventually has attention was astracted by a stray ele-phant attempting to j inithe herd. He got a shot at this animal, and safely bagged it. But meanwhile, the others had got off with their grievously wounded companion.

## Plucky Women and Mouse.

Plucky Women and Mouse. There are nervous women and women of nerve. Is was one of the latter to whom this item refers. She attended a prayer-meet ing recently, and in the midst of the services a mouse made its way across the room and crawled up her clothing. Did she swoon, or soream, or go into hysterics, or do any other ridiculous thing? Not she. A droibly passing her hand down over her dress, she located the little "varmint," and held him fast till the prayer then being offered had reached its final amen, when she quietly and deliberately retired to the adjoining room and with the assistance of the janitor dis-patched the sly intruder. But as we said at the beginning—there are nervous women the beginning-there are nervous women and women of nerve-and here is where the and women of nerve-and here is where the funniest part of this item comes it. When she had returned to the prayer-room, and the neeting had closed, in relating her adventure, of which all had been blissfully ignorant, several "ladies came near fainting at the mere thought of a like experience.-Lewiston, Me., Journal.

John Ruskin, the celebrated artist and author, is said to have become insane.