The following, which appears in the Philadelphia Record, is probably the work of some fellow with a bald head: Bald heads are healthy, acording to the statement of a Spruce St. physician who has gained a reputation on the study of bacteriology. "A smooth shaven face," he said, during the course of conversation yesterday, "is a mark of cleanliness, for all hirsute adornments are apt to breed bacilli of the most dangerous character. Down in the foreign quarters of the city, where long beards are worn and? the facilities for keeping clean are not of the best, even if the people showed any disposition in that way, I am firmly convinced that much disease is cansed by whiskers. Even the hair of the head, although of a different character, is apt to breed disease germs. It is a theory of mine that bald-headed and smooth-faced men are less liable to disease than others, and I expect to collect some statistics to bear me out."

FIRE DRILLS IN OUR SCHOOLS.

There is a lesson for Chatham school teachers in the sad results of a panic that occurred in a public school in Trenton, N. Jr. one day law week. A fire broke out in the basement and though there was no serious danger, the smoke which rapidly filled the building, caused a panic among the pupils. The classes on the first floor were well drilled in fire tactics and escaped easily, but the teachers in the upper rooms became excited and lost control of the children. More than a hundred boys and girls rushed to the windows and jumped to the ground, a distance of thirty feeet. Seventy-five of them were more or less in ared, some of them so seriously that there is no hope of their recovery. . hist of broken arms and legs is large. The lesson to be learned from this s that (eachers, not less than pupils, need to be so perfectly familiar with the fire drill and so thoroughly practiced in . it that upon the first alarm they will automatically do what is required of them. The fire-drill is supposed to be commonly practiced in Chatham schools, but the practice, we are told, is not frequent enough to ensure the machine-like smoothness which is desirable and necessary.

EDWARD BLAKE'S LATEST VOTE

Hon: Edward Blake's vote in the Imperial Commons for the discontinuance of the war shows to what lengths a politician will go fortparty purposes. Redmond, the Irish leadto see Britain's enemies triumph His resolution was not dictated by aversion to war, but by the belief that the policy he outlined would do Eng land most harm. A back down of Great Britain now would render South Africa uninhabitable for a loyal imperial subject. The failure of a great power to subdue two little republics with a combined population of less than half a million would render, the empire an object of contempt to all the rest of Europe. Insults and encroachments on her rights Great Britain would be certain to experience on every side. Any little petty power would think itself big enough to snub the present mistress of the seas and war after after war to re-establish Britain's lost prestige would un

doubtedly follow. Had the Government asserted itself in 1881 after Majuba Hill there would have been no Magersfontien, Spion Kop or Stormberg, and by Great Britain asserting herself now she will warn other nations against engaging her in conflicts which might prove more bloody and costly than the present. Yet we have the spectacle of Edward Blake, according to cable reports, casting his vote in favor of a tackdown which would lose the Empire much colonial territory as well as entirely kill its foreign prestige As a Canadian, a native of Middlesex County, Ontario, we must say we are thoroughly ashamed of Edward Blake. He was one of 66 in a house of 672 to support a motion that was dictated by no other incentive than hatred of the British Empire.

Ladysmith won't feel any more relieved than the rest of us if Buller succeeds in pounding his way through,

Mr. William Wilson, poet, author and prophet, informs us that he has sent a copy of one of his most striking poems to the London, England, News Other eminent local writers, as the Banner artist who breaks out with scathing criticisms of this great famith journal occasionally, should follow Mr. Wilson's excellent example and thus give the Cockneys a fair idea of the real literary genius which lies hidden away in this blooming little colonial town. The Banner's Rounder and Growler might also add sam ples of their artistic work just to astonish Labouchere, Austin, Kipling, Stead and the rest of them who don't realize what this fertile young county is capable of producing without half

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Now that E. D. Martin is counted out in Winnipeg we don't see the Liberal journals so frequently claiming him. They appropriated him to themselves after his recent supposed elecion. Yet there were well aware his victory was a government defeat.

It is sometimes very hard for high-priced public officials to understand that they are servants, not masters, of the people.—Ottawa Citizen. so you have some of those kind of public officials down east, too, eh There's just one thing about them that's good; they don't last always.

The County Orange of East Middlesex received several pressing invitations to spend the Glorious 12th elsewhere but unanimously voted to come to Chatham. A cozen or fifteen other county, lodges are to do the same, so that we may expect some 8,000 or 10,000 visitors here that day. It is to be hoped the new King st. pavement will be ready for them so that they will not go away with the usual impression strangers get that they have struck a prize mudhole. However, Ald. McKeough, the chairman of the Board of Works, has shown most commendable aldermanic enter prise heretofore, and we don't doubt he will have King street in shape to be proud of. Give a place a good name for conventions and after awhile you cannot keep them away.

WHAT ABOUT ABOUT THE PHILIP-PINE CROWN

Syracuse Standard.

There's one consolation. There were only 274,717 men in the army during he remaining 224,000 have applied,. there will be an end of the matter.

PERHAPS FRESH ONES WERE TOO SCARCE AND DEAR.

Hamilton Herald. Those Wirnipeggers who rottenegged a pro-Boer orator are loyal, no doubt; but they are not red-best class of loyalists. Every British country should be a land where "a man may speak the thing he wills." To pelt man with rotten eggs is a mighty poor way to convince him that he is

FARMER AND RAILWAY PROMO

Toronto Weekly Sun. According to the last report of the Ontario Bureau of Industries the value of all the hogs in the counties of Grey, Simcoe, Middlesex, Oxford, Brant, Perth, Wellington, Waterloo Dufferin, Victoria, Peterboro', Hastings, and Haliburton, in 1898 was \$3,-164,339. In this year the Dominion government took from the people and gave to a lot of railway promoters \$3,201,220., or \$37,119 more than the value of the hogs owned by the farmers of ail these counties. The government does not take the farmers' hogs to make up the money for these railroad promoters but it takes his money in other ways. Yet he has to pay it none the less.

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Pontiac, Mich., Gazette. R. G. Hicklin, the tailor, has in his show window, a large picture of the British fleet, which is attracting n little attention.

> A TRUE PATRIOT. West of England Mail.

Mr. Bull (to Lord Strathcona)-Four nundred men, fully equipped, at your own expense! Egad, my lord, yours s something like an offer-it will put to the blush some of my wealthy ones

> BICYCLES IN THE WAR. Collier's Weekly.

present campaign in South Af ica is practically the first opportuni-British military authorities have had of putting the cycle corps to real-test. The cyclist corps attached to the Durban Light Infantry covered a route of 90 miles in one day for the purpose of obtaining informaion of the Boer forces, doing some skirmishing on the way. The veldt n dry weather is admirably adapted for cycling, as was demonstrated recently by the feat of an Englishman, just after the outbreak of the war, who rode from Pretoria to Ladysmith on his wheel, passing several detachments of cavalry on the way. !

SHOULD DO AS WELL AS NEW ZEALAND. Hamilton Herald. The Herald sympathizes with Sir

Charles Tupppers' policy in this matter of pay rather than with the premief's. Canada's aid to the empire should be given not only cheerfully, but with an open hand. This country, having resolved to participate in the imperial war, should bear the whole cost of its own contingents. It should not appear nierely as a recruiting ground for the British army. Annaday can surely afford to do as well as little New Zealand, which is paying all the expenses of the mea which it has despatched to South Africa.

THE ABSENT-MINDED MULE.

Notwithstanding an occasional lapse Punch. true humorists are not to rare in England. Here are two delightful verees from a clever paredy on Kipling's famous poem. The skit is by T. W. Crosland, and is called The Absent-Minded Myle,

When you're walking out your Gloucest ers and your Irish fusitiers,
And you feel like slapping Kruger in

the mouth, Don't forget to keep an optic on a little chap with ears, A gentleman in floor boards, just

comes outh. He's an absept minded beggar, and his style is pretty high-Though, of course, we' him as we find him-

He is here on active service, and he's been and done a guy, And left a lot of little things behind

Old mule-hold mule-mule of the hairy tail-Mule of spirit and swift hind hoof,

and flabby scorpful lip— Each of him doing his country's work (how when he happens to fail?) Never go nap on au army mule 'cause be'll skip! skip! skip! He'd been trained to smell blank cart-

ridge and wink the other eye, He delighted in the music of the But he'd never seen no boulders, and

he didn't want to die, And shot and shell were more than he could stand; He's an absent minded beggar, though

he beard his country's call,

And his reg'ment didn't need to send to find him; He chucked his job and holted—and the job before us all le to get the men he's went and left behind him?

Rough job- tough job- job for Buller and Co.
Job for fifty thousand men (that's the

bloomin' tip!) Bach of 'em doing his country's work, each of 'em having a go; Each of 'em 'ware of 'the army mule what'll skip! skip! skip!

HOLY TRINITY AUXILIARY. The final annual meeting of the Wo The final annual meeting of the Wo-men's Auxiliary of Holy Trinity church adjourned from last Monday, was held on Thursday afternoon. Rev. Mr. Sims opened the meeting with prayer. The officers for the coming year were elect-ed as follows:

Mrs. Arthur Richardson, president.

Mrs. Coupland, vice-president Leaf-Mrs. J. E. Johnston, corresponding

Mrs. Bennett, recording secretary Mrs. Marx, treasurer (re-elected). The treasurer's report was read and adopted. The total proceeds for 1899 were \$92.80. Of this som \$23 was forwarded to the Diocese treasurer at London and the balance direct to missions. The delegates elected for the yearly general meeting of the Diocese of Huron to be held at London soon were Mrs. Wm. Bennett and Mrs.

The Indian government has contributed £50,000 to the Imperial war funds.

The sum of \$22,000 sterling, the balance of sixty thousand pounds stolen from Parr's bank a year ago, has been mysteriously returned. The notes were found enclosed in a customer's mass-book tomer's pass-book

"I say., Capt. Bragg, has it ever happened to you to have your leg bit-



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Not Eager for That Sort of Fray In the town of Adams, Mass., during the recent recruiting for volunteer reg ments for the Philippines, Corporal Conway was sitting in charge of the local recruiting office. From time immemorial the recruiting officer has been notoriously "all things to all men," and Corporal Conway was quite willing to give to promising recruits as favorable an account of the services as he could conscientiously:

have such an opportunity.

The recruits were, for the most part, volunteers from patriotism or for the love of adventure. Therefore, when a tall, solid, sturdylooking young farmer presented himself, the corporal was not surprised to hear him ask:

"Say, mister, are you sure there's goin' to be lots o' fightin' out there?" "Lots of it-sure thing." answered the corporal; and he believed it. "Goin' to have the 'leaden hail' that the newspapers talk about an' marchin up to the canon's mouth, an' that 'ere

"Well, something a good deal like it, I fancy," said the corporal.
"Buckets o' blood flowin' on the tent-

kind o' thing?"

ed field. I suppose?"
"I guess you'll be able to see all the bloodshed that you want," answered the corporal, encouragingly.
"Wal," said the young farmer, "it's

jest this way. I'd kind o' like to go to war, but I live over here in Savoy-Savoy, you know. Sayoy's a fine place. I ain't never seen any bloodshed there, 'ceptin' when you cut your finger or something like that. Savoy's a nice town, an' guess, come to think about it, I'll stay right there! Savoy's good

enough for me." He went away, and the recruiting of ficer was aware that for once he had made a mistake in his estimate of hu-



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