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TENNANT'S HALL, HAM.

CANADIAN.

Several of the friends of the Rev. Mr. Pearson, of Fredericton, presented him with a purse containing $142 on New Year's Eve.

A few days ago a number of the hearers of the Rev. J. Morrison, of Cedarville, visited the pastor at his residence and presented him with a purse of money, a buffalo robe and whip, accompanied with an address.

On Christmas eve the congregation of St. Luke's Church, Bradford, presented Miss Holt with a handsome silver tea set, in appreciation of her services as organist, and some handsome presents to Mrs. Holt, for her services rendered in the Sunday school.

Pelissier, a soldier thief, arrived in Halifax a few days ago, "with handcuffs and leg chains on. When being disrobed in the guard room, he informed one of the soldiers that there were $160 in the lining of his greatcoat—which had been diligently but unsuccessfully searched by the St. John police."

One of the largest bears ever seen in that section of the country, probably the largest ever brought into Orillia, was purchased on the street the other day by J. J. Hickey, man named Robins, on the lot adjoining Mr. Richardson, ninth Concession of Medonte

No less than four burglaries were committed one night of last week at Belleville. There was great excitement, but no clue to the thieves, who had fortunately secured little plunder. The houses entered were those of Messrs. Sanford Baker, Jacob Wilson, T. C. Wallbridge and Mrs. Hayes, a grocery keeper, in West Belleville.

The following is from the "personal" column of the New York *Herald*:—"Allen Dunnar Mosley—You are in Canada, Harry, come back, before all is known. Telegraph to me. Save gray hairs; save little life, that cry come back; save the warm heart, that will break. Come back to your sister's cry. Canadian papers please copy."

On a recent evening, unwards of sixty of the congregation of the Wesleyan Methodist Church at Lindsay, called at the residence of Mrs. T. Webster, near, and read an address, expressive of their affection and esteem for the lady, who, although no longer in charge, accompanying the address with the presentation of a purse. A very pleasant evening was spent by all present.

Capt. Cockelay, Col. Miles and Col. Murray, three English gentlemen, who came out in the spring with a party of sportsmen for the purpose of hunting, have returned to Fredericton, without the game, for which, on their first effort, five caribou and a fox. Their hunting ground was between Gaspe and Cape Rosier, on the south side of the Gaspe peninsula, and they had to cross a distance of about two miles of country, in circumference. On the east it is covered with a fine forest of marine pine-trees, and is used as a semaphore station. A third-class fort rises on the southern brow of the island, and is known to mariners as Fort Ocoinette. It was built by the Canadian government, at the time of the troubles, and improved upon by the Fenians.

Bazaine's Prison.

(From the London Telegraph, Dec. 18.)

In a day or two Marshal Bazaine will have left his palatial prison in the Petit Trianon, and that doleful town of Versailles. It may interest you to have a few additional particulars about the fort which has been assigned to him as a place of residence for the next twenty years. The prison allotted to the man who was condemned to death a few days ago is a peculiar one. The Islet of Sainte Marguerite forms part of a cluster of small islands known as the Isles des Lérins, situated opposite to Cannes, between Cape Roux and Cape Garoupe. The group is, as a matter of fact, composed of two isles, Sainte Marguerite and Saint Honorat, which have between them a canal 700 metres wide, and a few rocky excrescences, the largest of which is inhabited, and owns the name of Saint Terrori. Sainte Marguerite is at a distance of about two kilometres from the coast, oval in shape, and about seven kilometres in circumference. On the east it is covered with a fine forest of marine pine-trees, and is used as a semaphore station. A third-class fort rises on the southern brow of the islet, and is known to mariners as Fort Ocoinette. It was built by the Canadian government, at the time of the troubles, and improved upon by the Fenians.

Man of the Iron Mask, who has puzzled so many historians and given rise to so much speculation, was shut up for seventeen years. The room is still shown to visitors. It is necessary to add that the *Masque de Fer* has been supposed to conceal an illegitimate son of Anne of Austria, a twin brother of Louis XIV., the Duc de Beaufort, formerly King of Holland, the Duc de Vermandois, legitimate son of the Roi Soleil; Superintendent Fouquet; Mathioli, the Italian Minister; an anonymous and dangerous spy, &c! Books, pamphlets, and articles innumerable have been written on the identity of the celebrated prisoner, who once wrote his name on a window pane, which was preserved, and cast it in despair out of the window upon the moat, where it was picked up by a fisherman, who carried it for him and the world, this fisherman could not read, and simply sent it to the governor, who, after having subjected the man to a severe examination and ascertaining that he was perfectly innocent, gave him a reward. Lagrange-Chancel, the author of those daring philippics against the Orange Regent, also kept a prisoner in the same place. Finally, during the reign of the Pretender, there disappeared the bishop of Gimet, and uncle of the present Minister, was confined there for three years, but he had taken the vow for the purpose of hunting, have returned to Fredericton, without the game, for which, on their first effort, five caribou and a fox. Their hunting ground was between Gaspe and Cape Rosier, on the south side of the Gaspe peninsula, and they had to cross a distance of about two miles of country, in circumference. On the east it is covered with a fine forest of marine pine-trees, and is used as a semaphore station. A third-class fort rises on the southern brow of the islet, and is known to mariners as Fort Ocoinette. It was built by the Canadian government, at the time of the troubles, and improved upon by the Fenians.

Comic Clippings.

(From Punch.)

MEN OF THE TIME.—Chronometer makers.

OFFICERS' GRIEVANCES.—Lieutenants de Bogeyrap of the Eleventh Half-dozenth N.B. Bonnebibs, ordered to the Gold Coast): "Plagny nuisance, you know, major! Can't the scrubbing one minds—enjoy that—it's the beastly climate. And what I do complain of is, that a wish country like ours can't ship this blank fellow—what's a name, Chickowy—and all his niggers over here in the autumn, and let us polish 'em off quickly on Salisbury plain in the manœuvres!!"

STRETCH OF FANCIFUL.—Daughter of the house (to a privileged old friend of the family): "Dear Mr. Lupus, you don't seem to be enjoying yourself. I should so like to have you waltz this one with me."—Privileged old friend: "My dear child, I don't dance; but if it suits you, I would's mind sitting here with my arm round your waist, while the others are making themselves dizzy."

WHAT MILLIONAIRES SMOKE.—Golden returns.

THE BEST SUBSTITUTE FOR COAL.—Warm weather.

NEWS VERITAS.—Mrs. Debonnair (urged during a pause in the dancing, to sing): "Well, I suppose, I must be coaxed to sing the praises of Mrs. Whatsoever?"—Mrs. Verjuice (urged by an irresistible impulse to answer the plain Truth): "Well, Mrs. Debonnair, the fact is, I am not fortunate, good-looking, popular and beloved as you are, and, consequently, hate you. I cannot tell you so in so many words, but I can insinuate by my extravagant praise of Mrs. Whatsoever (whom by the bye, I hate almost as much as I do you) that I rather love the girls which you enjoy, and which I so bitterly envy you. If you but knew how infinitely more your possession of all good things makes me envy and hate you, appreciation of the same can possibly pain you, you would feel for, pity and forgive me."

THE VIZIER'S LAST.—"Why," asked the Grand Vizier, upon the Turkish *Wedding March*, composed by Kirin Ali Khan, like some pair of ornamental drapery? "Because, my lord, it is that nobody will do nothing in such company, and that dancing will be immensely elevated in tone.

HAND-TO-MOUTH.—Assumes the responsibility of the post of President of the Yorkville Savings Bank too heavy a burden to carry on him on the day of the Grand Duke's visit, has sent his resignation to the directors.

There is a haunted graveyard in Lancaster, Mass. Mr. Gladstone's ghost never rises without comes up through a scuttle. An offer of £100 has been made to any one connected with the Times who will shoot him with a gun, or even sleep a night in the mill, thus far with no takers.

A Kentucky woman, eighty years old, has made a shawl of rabbits' fur, having caught the rabbits, extracted the fur and spun and wove it with her own hands; and an Indiana old woman never used tobacco or walked ten rods to a post office.

Well, this was aggravating! A happy Hartford couple had a silver wedding, and among the presents sent them was a fine silver tea set. Alas! they had to give it up the next day. It was left by a mistake of the postman.

The alleged difference between the first-class and these hotels in New York is said to consist in the fact that the latter are advancing, like a besieging army, in a night-shirt. The happily not much less free, openly observable in the streets than in the hotels, is, of course, more gratifying to all friends of genuine progress.

RITUALISM ON ALL FOURS.

Bishop Ritualism is a fine fellow
Must entertain a strong or lecture,
Because he rides a Bishop's mare
Donkeys to practise genuflection.

NINE TO ONE.—We are indebted to a Philadelphia paper for the following extract with the existence of an "Amalgamated Tailors' Society." This looks like a conspiracy against the cut of our clothes. Let us hope that the Society will be crushed out, and that nine Tailors make a Man.

A CALL TO SIR SAMUEL.—Sir Samuel Baker, the celebrated African traveller, delivered, that the Exeter Hall nations, about the Darkies being "Ham and Brothers," are a great mistake—that he has instructed some, where, after touching on old-Christian philanthropy, the Christian philanthropy, the old Chieftain, having mastered the emotion, offered to sell his own son for a gale. Sir Samuel was taken aback for a moment, and, Sir Samuel, had he accepted the offer, would have made a target for revolver practice, has been kept beyond the reach of Exeter Hall, under the name of Benjamin Macke, by two respectable old ladies who adopted him, at their option, in future. They even as his elder brother had left his Canaan behind him, have the letter inscribed to become an untracked wanderer, did pour Alfano Barrano said up the Mississippi, not long ago, and, in 1864, he, Barrano, assumed name, he was carning a scanty livelihood, and was known amongst the Dayton, O., and the *Journal* of that place, which here becomes responsible for the tale, describes him as "Alfano Barrano, a negro slave." Here, in fact, he became the Twaddle, Twaddle, Twaddle, Those that are uneducated are to be taught; those that are educated are to be taught a suit of clothes, $10 in money, with what, ever he has earned by overwork.

A man in New York committed suicide a day or two ago, who was accustomed to work all day as sign-painting, and, during his nights in attending to his duties as secretary, as a spectacle-peddler, charge, in, respectively, $5 and $3 a week for viewing the Constitution of the United States.

There is a clergyman (the Rev. Seth Clark) in Kansas, who, being of the premillenarian sort, has provided himself with a portable ark, in which he intends to accommodate 700 people. He has also two good mules and a large wagon, in which, during the last two months ago, while she was perusing a list of things for consideration, her own maiden name caught her eye amongst the, mentioned as defective in address. A former lover, who had left her, years ago, for the Pacific slope, is trying to reform its manners. One of its local papers solemnly assures the public that there has not been a homicide in the town for over a month.

Recent intelligence from Barrard Inlet announces that Moody, Dietz & Nelson's great lumber mills at that place were consumed by fire. The store, which stocked without goods, was saved. The machinery is said not to be greatly damaged; but the mill-buildings, which covered several acres, were swept away. There was no insurance. The work of rebuilding the establishment will be at once proceeded with.

"AMERICAN."

The Chicago *Times* with perturbation inquires, "Will Sickles lecture?"

Ten newspapers have been discontinued in Iowa since the first of November.

A wealthy New York lady supports eight poor families at an expense of $10,000 a year.

Pirouinos, of the Cincinnati *Times*, says that "love in a cottage often leads to a war in Abbaton."

There is nothing like pulpit novelty. An Indiana clergyman lately delivered his sermon in rhyme.

The Buffalo *Commercial Advertiser* calls Caleb Cushing that "youthful aged man, wise, but grave."

A nitro-glycerine manufactory at Port Henry is run by an individual with the appropriate name of Boost.

Is Laura Fair degenerating? It is three weeks since she was married and her husband hasn't been shot yet.—*Boston Advertiser.*

A pound of Cincinnati "pure ground coffee" has been found to contain just eleven ounces of coffee. The balance is adulteration.

Small children, dressed entirely in white fur, with blue ribbon trimmings, are a favorite sight in Paris.

The friends and admirers of the actor, J. K. Emmet, "Fritz," will be pained to learn that he is said to be permanently incapacitated for the stage by a recent paralytic stroke.

The Legislature of Western Virginia is said to have passed a law at its last session "to prevent the owners of hogs from running at large."

Well, this is a new device. The Danielsonville (Conn.) temperance organization buy no bad bills against rumsellers, and then shoot the rumsellers with them.

One week's proceeds of his faro bank has Mike McDonald, of Chicago, given to the Chicago Relief Fund. Relief from such source must greatly have aggravated the feelings of the unfortunate paupers.

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A child thirteen years old was almost buried alive in St. Joseph recently. She had her mother buried in a sitting posture, prepared to her, and while thus taking, she sank away as in death. While she became with the coffin was on its way to the grave, a cry was heard which the mother believed came from the child. The coffin was opened, and the child found to be alive. She was taken home, and recovered her strength rapidly.

"How old are you?" lately asked a St. Louis justice of a bridal candidate. "Eighteen," replied the girl, who looked five years younger than that. "In what year were you born?" continued the justice. The girl stammered, hesitated, and guessed it was in 1859. The hard-hearted official thereupon refused to perform the ceremony, and she went out counting on her fingers how much eighteen from 1873 left, so as to be prepared for the next trial.

A story is told in a Paris paper of a new method for recovering one's debts. The other day a crowd gathered in the vicinity of the Odeon round a girl with a wooden leg, whom a gentleman at an adjoining window was upon replying with loud cries and gesticulation. It turned out that the girl was a washerwoman who had gone to the gentleman to ask for payment of her bill, and, finding that the money was not forthcoming, she had seized her customer's wooden leg, which was lying in a corner, and had walked off declaring that she would not return it till she was paid.

Germany is acquiring a reputation for adulterating cigars. A writer in that country says: All sorts of solid substances may be actually piled up in the leaf of the fragrant weed. The following have been found:—Bristles, hairs, wool, bits of linen and of leather, needles, shirt-buttons, and teeth. These substances growing in the smoker's cigar must actually, sometimes, cut his throat, lodge in his throat, or, if he swallow them, they may, in time, cause him a cough, or even a tickling in the throat. Cigars containing such substances should be carefully avoided by all those who observed the demeanor of the late Spaniards, Mr. Grimm quietly remained that they were not people to be trusted implicitly. The father's sedate dignity and the daughter's intelligent address, combined with form respect, and even seemed to indicate some mystery of very different past surroundings. In short, while allowing himself to fall profoundly in love with the girl, the aristocrat of the plantation cherished the fancy that both she and her grave sire might be very much above fruit-selling by birth. But when in the culmination of his hasty passion he mentioned marriage, the Spaniard drew himself up with a haughty air, and, in a high-pitched voice, asked if the Grimm family was "Spanish." Mr. Grimm quietly replied that he was willing to appear at the Court of Madrid, whenever required.

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A very important step has been taken by the Bavarian Government. The decision of King Maximilian II. has been taken, and the Bavarian Constitution had always to give way to the Concordat with the Pope, which whenever their respective provisions happen to clash, has been abrogated.

The Princess Louise, the Queen, upon the recommendation of Mr Gladstone, granted to Lady McClure, the widow of the discoverer of the North-west passage, a pension of £100 per annum from the civil list. The late Vice-Admiral, Sir R. J. McClure, died in poverty, consequently his widow only became entitled to one-third of the property, which was worth under £25,000.

In the Central Criminal Court of London, on Dec. 16, a Frenchman, named Le Blanc, was charged with forging the names of Moet and Chandon, Cliquot, Ruinart, Forgeot and Co., Moet and Chandon, Roederer, and other well known wines were found in the prisoner's warehouse. He was sentenced him to twelve months' imprisonment.

Fortune seekers are leaving the Western states in great numbers, bound for the newly-discovered El Dorado in French Guiana. Advices from Paris say that emigrants are daily taking their passage to Cayenne, and it is feared that there will be much suffering there. Therefore, some concerned, have published one of the most unsparing and disagreeable accounts of the country.

The number of *bona fide* seamen serving in the British fleet, inclusive of pensioners and of men in the Indian Marine, was last year at its zenith, was 18,960. The number of men who left the service during that period was 2,000 less than the number for the year 1872-73 was 3,270 less than the number of men and 259 of the boys were deserters.

A calculation has been made, based upon the statistics of the Suez Canal, which shows that the average speed of the vessels passing in January was 680 miles a day, and its average direction was 60 degrees north of east for February, 740 miles, and a direction thirty degrees north of east; March, 800 miles, about degrees north of east; and for April, 615 miles, sixteen degrees north of east.

A unique service was held at Islington, England, recently, during the annual cattle show, which took place under the auspices of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. So many clergymen and others in men being present, the Society engaged the Agricultural Hall, and had a sermon preached upon the occasion, the collection being devoted to the brute creation, to which 800 persons listened.

The *Patrie* announces that eight arrests have been made in Lyons on account of a plot, which, if it had succeeded, would have had important documents and some poniards were found upon him. He stated that he was carrying a telegram announcing the triumph of the Left, and that on its receipt the Left was to seize the Hôtel de Ville, proclaim Lyons as a Commune of the Free Federation of the South, and promulgate the decrees of the Left, religious worship, and the standing army.

The other day a small crowd assembled on the Boulevard Bridge, Inverness, who were eagerly scanning the dark pool below. The cause of the excitement was the unusual sight of two male salmon in mortal affray. The fight continued for a considerable time with the ferocity of sharks, the enraged fish dashing the water in the air, and biting and tearing each other with the utmost spirit of in the distance. It is supposed the fight was caused by each of the salmon having preferable claims to some spawning bed in that part of the river.

Prince Bismarck has just met with a check. He had undertaken to obtain the adoption by foreign Powers of German as the language of negotiation. He had not hitherto endeavoured to impose it officially, but has contented himself with using it for positions by his agents. He has just himself commenced the struggle. He sent a note to Germany, which happened to be written in Russian. As the Emperor William's Prime Minister does not understand that language, he had to send for a translator.

Mr. Baker, inspector of factories in England notices in his report, recently issued, that "many women are coming into use in various trades, particularly for small letter-press printer,lapel ribbon weavers. It is a cheap and easily, applied motive power, whenever a solid foundation for the engine can be obtained. In the neighborhood of Coventry, he observes, steam power forming a considerable element of expense in the weaving of ribbons, the gas engine has been applied to do the work of boys of thirteen or fourteen years of age, who turn the fly wheel of machinery, and the invention is acceptable, as relieving labour of some part of its fatigue.

Baron Reuter has written a letter to Mirza Maloolm Khan, the Persian Envoy to London, complaining of the statement that Reuter is due to the rumours that the Persian concession has been declared null and void. In his reply, dated Dec. 19, the Envoy says:—"I have received your letter, in which you comment on the extracts from journals relating different rumours which have been circulated on the subject of your concession. I have to inform you that I have received from our Government any advice of any kind on this subject. I authorize you to make such use of this answer as you may think proper."

A third skeleton of a troglodyte has just been found at Mt. Riviere in the grottos of Mentons. This new skeleton seems to belong to a period far more remote than that which has been assigned to the skeleton now in the museum at Paris. The arms and other objects found with the skeleton, which are flint and bone, do not belong to the polished stone period. They are entirely extinct characters, by their clumsy form, the far remoter period called "paleozoic." They are rakes, scrapers, punches, arrowheads or lances, blades, &c. On the upper part of the skull have been found large quantities of small perforated shells, having served as a collar or bracelets.

A fairies of life in Brazil may be gained from the following statement, which comes from a good source:—A young Brazilian and his wife, riding towards Rio Janeiro, were attacked by a savage dog, which rushed at them from a house. The lady's mule became very frightened, it threw her, and she fell on her head with such force that her skull crashed like a nutshell. The unhappy husband drew a pistol and killed the dog. The owner of the, dog, infuriated at his loss, seized a gun and shot the young man dead, but was immediately slain by a ball from the young man's gun, who had witnessed the outrage, and thus avenged his master's death. The peon was tried for murder, but the jury acquitted him.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

Exhibitions of human monstrosities or deformed persons have been prohibited in Japan.

A Havana letter says it is proposed by the Spanish authorities to draft into the army all vagrants.

An Alabama editor offers to name his baby after the patron who will pay his subscription the longest time in advance.

In the week of the great fog the mortality of London rose to 27 per 1,000, an average not known before for many years.

The *Journal of the Disciples of Satan* is the title of a personical which has recently made its appearance in Palermo, Sicily.

The exhibition building at Vienna is not to be destroyed, but is to be converted into a permanent museum and palace of industry.

Gen. Sir John Fitzgerald, of the British army, recently celebrated the eightieth anniversary of the date of his first commission.

The new edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica, now in course of preparation, will, it is said, cost the publishers $1,000,000.

Plotow's new opera, "La Naiade," produced at Genoa, has disappeared after three representations. The composer is contemplating a suicide.

The Protestant Episcopal Convention of the Diocese of Wisconsin will meet at Milwaukee on Feb. 11 to choose a successor to the late Bishop Armitage.

Aubrey Jerrold says: "No one has thought of writing a Christmas book before Dickens began, and now no one thinks of the wisdom of abstaining from writing one."

Louis Kossuth is teaching the German, English and the Hungarian languages. His hair is white, his form bent, and his habitation the fourth story of a dingy old dwelling.

The Rev. C. H. Spurgeon, on account of the state of his health, is about to proceed to Mentone, where he will spend the winter of Europe, as he did this time a year ago.

Southern people are trying to raise by subscription two sums of $20,000, which remain, respectively, the property of "Stonewall" Jackson, now completed at Lexington, Bavaria.

The process of captured French bronze cannon have arrived in Baltimore as a present from the Emperor William of Germany to St. Mark's Lutheran Church. They are to be melted for a church bell.

The selectmen of Enfield, N. H., were recently asked upon some weather proofs, a man and wife, the former ninety-nine and the latter one hundred and forty years old, whom an undertaker had left in charge.

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The other day a small crowd assembled on the Boulevard Bridge, Inverness, who were eagerly scanning the dark pool below. The cause of the excitement was the unusual sight of two male salmon in mortal affray. The fight continued for a considerable time with the ferocity of sharks, the enraged fish dashing the water in the air, and biting and tearing each other with the utmost spirit of in the distance. It is supposed the fight was caused by each of the salmon having preferable claims to some spawning bed in that part of the river.

Prince Bismarck has just met with a check. He had undertaken to obtain the adoption by foreign Powers of German as the language of negotiation. He had not hitherto endeavoured to impose it officially, but has contented himself with using it for positions by his agents. He has just himself commenced the struggle. He sent a note to Germany, which happened to be written in Russian. As the Emperor William's Prime Minister does not understand that language, he had to send for a translator.

Mr. Baker, inspector of factories in England notices in his report, recently issued, that "many women are coming into use in various trades, particularly for small letter-press printer,lapel ribbon weavers. It is a cheap and easily, applied motive power, whenever a solid foundation for the engine can be obtained. In the neighborhood of Coventry, he observes, steam power forming a considerable element of expense in the weaving of ribbons, the gas engine has been applied to do the work of boys of thirteen or fourteen years of age, who turn the fly wheel of machinery, and the invention is acceptable, as relieving labour of some part of its fatigue.

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A third skeleton of a troglodyte has just been found at Mt. Riviere in the grottos of Mentons. This new skeleton seems to belong to a period far more remote than that which has been assigned to the skeleton now in the museum at Paris. The arms and other objects found with the skeleton, which are flint and bone, do not belong to the polished stone period. They are entirely extinct characters, by their clumsy form, the far remoter period called "paleozoic." They are rakes, scrapers, punches, arrowheads or lances, blades, &c. On the upper part of the skull have been found large quantities of small perforated shells, having served as a collar or bracelets.

A fairies of life in Brazil may be gained from the following statement, which comes from a good source:—A young Brazilian and his wife, riding towards Rio Janeiro, were attacked by a savage dog, which rushed at them from a house. The lady's mule became very frightened, it threw her, and she fell on her head with such force that her skull crashed like a nutshell. The unhappy husband drew a pistol and killed the dog. The owner of the, dog, infuriated at his loss, seized a gun and shot the young man dead, but was immediately slain by a ball from the young man's gun, who had witnessed the outrage, and thus avenged his master's death. The peon was tried for murder, but the jury acquitted him.

The Three Spaniards

The death intestate of a subject of Spain on one of the Philippine Islands, Rear Indias, in 1866, and the subsequent efforts of the home government, through its American and other legations, to trace heirs—at law who are believed to have changed their nationality by emigration, have finally brought to light the following curious and romantic history, which is believed to be true of the persons sought by the Spanish authorities: In the year 1857 or thereabout, there arrived in New Orleans from Biscay, one of the three Basque provinces of Northern Spain, a middle-aged man named Alfonso Barrano, with his daughter. They appeared to be above the peasant class of emigrants; in fact, the girl, who was very beautiful, could speak French and English, and had the dress and air of an educated lady; but their deficiency of anything like business means was soon shown by the man's establishment of a small fruit shop on Carondelet street and employment of his daughter as an assistant therein. It did not take long for this humbly graceful venture in business to acquire a profitable local celebrity, if by no other attraction than the fine appearance and manners of the Biscayan senorita, and amongst the earliest liberal patrons of the place was a rich planter named Grimm, who, being a bachelor, he should at any time fall into grave, he feeli might be impaled to him and not to the Legislative Assembly, whose servant he was.

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The selectmen of Enfield, N. H., were recently asked upon some weather proofs, a man and wife, the former ninety-nine and the latter one hundred and forty years old, whom an undertaker had left in charge.

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