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Bishop Hegan of St. Joseph's. Mo, left New York for Rome on Tuesday, May 27th. The anniversury of the dedication of the new church, Ballymoney, was celebrated.

The Rev. Fathers Columban, Athanasius, and Reginald, Passionists, are conducting a very successful mission at Annabone County Down.

The Rev., J. Kelly, C.C., of Newry, succumbed to typhoid fever at the venerable age of 57. His funeral was attended by a vast concourse.-R.I.P.

The death is announced at the rarly age of 27 of the Lev. T. O'Keane, C. C., Ballymena, a native of the archdiocese of Cashel.—R.1.P.

A grand musical testival will be given in the Dominican Church, Newry, in August next. "The Creation" and the "Stabat Mater" are two of the works to be rendered on the occasion.

The Most Rev. Dr. M'Carthy, Bishop of Kerry, has performed the solemn dedication of the Catholic Church of St. Michael, Ballylongford. The ceremonies were attended by a large number of the clergy and laity of the district.

His lordship the Most Rev. Dr. Woodlock has arrived in Irelaud from Rome, where he was consecrated Bishop of Ardagh by his Holiness the Pope in person. The bishop, who, was accompanied by the Rev. D. Hackett, is in and met by the Very Rev. Canon Farrell, is in the enjoyment of good health.

Lord Edmund Talbot, brother and heir presumptive of the Duke of Norfolk, is about to be married to Lady Mary Bertie, eldest daughter of Lord Norreys and granddaughter of the Earl of Abingdon. Lady Mary is a niece of the wife of Lord O'Hagan, lord chancellor of Ireland. She is remarkably beautiful, and just 19. Cardinal Mauning will perform the ceremony

The Catholic Union of Ireland, under the presidency of the Earl of Granard, has adopted a resolution in favour of the O'Conor Don's university bill, believing that " it will bring the benefits of university education within reach of all classes of her majesty's subjects in Ireland, without distinction of creed." It also thanks the government for the Intermediate Education act of last session.

His Grace the Most Rev. Dr. M'Gettigan, Archbishop of Armagh; the Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Derry; and the Most Rev Dr. Moran, Bishop of Ussory, had the honour of a farewell audience with his holiness the Pope on Corpus Christi, and their Lordships left Rome, on their return journey. The dignity of the marquisate was conferred, on Denis J. Oliver, of San Francisco (who is a Galway gentleman) at the instance of the Irish pre-

Miscellaneous

-A thoroughbred white horse is so great a rarity in Europe, unless it be an importation from the East, that the birth of such an animal has been thought worthy of special announcement in Le Sport.

-Some time ago it was announced that a daily Protestant newspaper would be published in Paris. The experiment has been tried, and it has failed. The business management and the editorial conduct seem to have been alike unfortunate. The patronage was at first small, and it soon fell off altogether. There is no probability of an immediate renewal of the experiment.

-The heir to the Italian throne was playing with the daughter of one of his mother's ladies of honor, the Marchioness of Montreno, when, in a moment of royal wrath, he exclaimed : " If I were a king, I would have your head cut off. The king condemned the youth to eight days' confinement in his room, with degradation from his military rank for the same period docking his rations also of one dish at each meal.

-The Prince of Wales is not stupid himself, but he likes to have stupid fellows about him as butts. Lord Aylesford has long served him in such a capacity, and Lord Clonmell is often put into requisition. The latter is grandson of an Irish chief justice, who would not resign his office for less than an earldom, which he consequently got. The Prince likes to get up "bear fights" between his butts, and derives a great deal of laughter for them. After all, great men have done very silly things for diversion. Cromwell used to delight in putting sticky things on seats.

-A system of insurance has existed for everal generations among the Danis' nobility of Copenhagen. A nobleman, upon the birth of a daughter, enrolls her name with the insurance society, paying at the time a fee, and

subsequently an annual sum, until she reaches 21. She then becomes entitled to a fixed in come from the society, and to apartments inthe large building of the association, which is surrounded by gardens and a park. Should her father die in her childhood, she may immediately occupy the apartments if she so desires. Should she die or marry, the income and the right to a home both lapse. The plan is very advantageous for women leading a single life.

-The ex-bishop of Zululand, now an Eng-lish rector, says that the Zulu war is entirely the act of Cetewayo, and that in his subjects he found no hostility to the English. Thousands of Zulus, he thinks, would be glad to escape from the thraldom of their king. This bears out the experience of travellers thirty years ago. The king liked to talk to the bishop of the slaughtering powers of his army and the strength and constitution of that of the British, and was evidently calculating

THE GALLANT HOME BULERS. Ireland's Battle Still Being Waged.

LONDON, July 11 .- The scene last night, while the house of commons was in committee on the army discipline Bill, was most exciting. Mr. Parnell (home ruler) accused the speaker of a breach of privilege and one-sided conduct. This language caused an altercation with Mr. Raikes, chairman of the committee, whom Parnell attempted to silence by shouting. A tumpltuous debate followed in which all the home rulers participated during which, according to the statements of the reporters, recourse to physical violence

appeared probable. In connection with the scene in the house of commons last night Parnell moved that any report or record of proceedings in the house of commons, without its sanction, is unprecedented, and a breach of privilege, and endangers the liberty of debate.

Lospon, July 11 .- In the commons to-day Sir S. Northcote, chancellor of the exchequer. moved to Mr. Parnell's motion an amendment expressing confidence in the speaker. The Marquis of Hartington and Gladstone supported the amendment, amid loud cheering. The debate proceeding the home rulers became much excited, and Sullivan, home ruler, accused the government of contemplating the imprisonment and expulsion of the Irish members. Parnell's motion was rejected by 421 to 29.

Sir S. Northcote's amendment to Mr. Parnell's motion, expressing confidence in the speaker, was adopted amid loud cheers.

OUR GIRLS.

Fate of a Winning Montreal Lady wha Left for the Mines-She Becomes & Capture to Hymen.

The following notice, clipped from the eadville Chronicle of June 30th, may be interesting to our lady readers from the fact that the lady has only been absent from Montreal for a few months. The report says :- It was but about, thirty minutes past six this morning when four carriages rolled up to the entrance of the Main street Catholic church. They were each filled with a well-dressed, happylooking company of ladies and gentlemen, but the one that stopped first held a couple that attracted far more attention than all the rest. Miss Sarah McPhee was the bride. She came in the usual dress for a fashionable wedding, The long lace vail trailed to the ground, and around her head was a wreath of real flowers, and in her hand was a real bouquet, the sweet fragrance from which was remarked by all in attendance. The groom was none other than Mr. R. J. Mc-Leod, one of the early comers to Leadville, and at the hour mentioned certainly the proudest man in camp. He was in full dress, and the appearance of the two as they stood in front

Absence of Mind. -Some of the following cases of absence of mind are fairly good :---

-Looking for spectacles on your own oose.

-The man who sat on the bough he was sawing off.

-The man who made a will and left himself residairy legatee.

-A gentleman who forget to provide himself with a ring at bis wedding. -A gentleman who called at his own house

and asked if he was at home. -The old lady with a wooden leg who

knitted herself a pair of stockings. -A gentleman who placed his clothes in

bed and hung himsel on the door-hook. -The man who puts the candle in the bed and the extinguisher on his own head.

-The gentleman who went up stairs to dress for dinner but undressed and went to

Naturalist's Portfolio.

A SMART CAT .-- A queer sort of a cat is owned by a little girl in West Kalamo, Mich, who has taught it to repeat poetry or prose after her-at least as nearly as is possible to a cat's limited powers of articulation. Placing the cat facing her, the little gir will speak her piece, and the cat will repeat it after her by a series ot mews, one mew for a word of one syllable, two mews for two syllables, etc. The singular gift of intelli-gence on the part of puss has excited much nterest in the neighborhood.

AN AWKWARD COUNTRY FOR DOCTORS .- In Beloochistan, when the physician gives a dose, he is expected to partake of a similar one himself as a guarantee of his good faith ; should the patient die under bis hands, the relatives though by no means to exercise it in all circumstances, have the right of putting him to death unless a special agreement has been made, freeing him from all responsibilities as to consequences ; while he, should they decide on immolating him, has no reasonable ground for complaint, but is expected to submit to his

fate like a man. A MAMMOTH ORANGE TREE .- Probably the largest orange tree in Florida is at Fort Harley, near Waldo, now the property of Colonel D. S. Place. Its height is 37 feet, circumference of trunk just above ground 8 feet 5 inches. At a foot from the ground it branches into four trunks, measuring respectively 371, 391, 403 and 43 inches in circumference. Each of these fork from three to five feet above ground and again higher up. All are bare of small limbs and foliage for many feet up, except on the outer sides, so that the interior of the tree presents the appearance of a huge umbrella.

The Pope and the Irish People The Pope exhibits a marked predilection for the Church and the people of Ireland. His greetings of Irish prelates visiting Rome is most cordial and emphatic. When his brother was raised to the cardinalate he assigned him to the Church of St. Agatha, the Irish church of Rome. It will be remembered that this is the church which contains the heart of O'Connell. On Whitsunday his holiness with his own hands, conferred episcopal consecration on Mgr. Woodlock, Bishop of Ardagh.

Dr. Newman.

The world came very near losing Dr. Newman by his late illness. The correspondents at the time of his late illness. made light of his cold, consequent upon excitement and fatigue; but the Lancet announces that he was at death's door, for senile pnenmnoia, with which he was attacked, is one of the most dangerous of all diseases, and his rapid re-covery is proof of the skill with which he was treated by his doctors. It would have been a tragic ending to a mournful life had it closed in the capital of his religious communion while he was receiving the only great honor that Rome ever paid him.

Studies at Home.

Boston has a "society to encourage studies at home," whose purpose is to induce young ladies to form the habit of devoting some part of every day to study of a systematic and thorough kind. Courses of roading and plans of work are arranged by the central management in Beston, from which ladies may select one or more according to their taste or leisure and aid is given them from time to time through directions or advice. The whole work is conducted through correspondence. During the last year 7,158 letters have been written to students in thirty-five States and in Canada.

The Physique,

A writer in the Atlantic Monthly is satisfied the people of this continent are physically the equals of the best in Europe. He says, morever, that they are improving in physique. He says : - " During the last two decades, the well-to-do classes of America have been visibly growing stronger, fuller, healthier. We weigh more than our fathers; the women in all our great centres of population are yearly becoming more plump and beautiful, and in men also are acquiring robustness, amplitude, quantity of being. On all sides there is a visi-ble reversion to the better physical appearance. of our Euglish and German ancestors. A thousand men in the prime of years, taken by TERMS: \$1.50 per annum In advance.

OPIUM SMOKING.

A California Father's Awful Discovery-The Patrons of the Optun, Deus,

A gentleman residing on Vallejo street was on Wednesday last informed by a young man with whom he was acquainted, that he had until recently been a victim of the opium-smoking habit, and that, having been rescued, he deemed it his duty to inform the gentleman that the son of the latter, a lad of 18, was also a victim, and that as such he nightly visited a Chinese opium-smoking den. The gentleman was horrified, and, although still hopeful that there must be some error in the information, the light it threw on recent physical ailments of his son rendered it possible that it might be true, and he determined to ascertain. On Wednesday night, therefore, he stationed himself in the immediate vicinity of the place designated as the den, so that he might see all who entered. It is one of the vilest and most squalid quarters of the city, the den itself being in a house in a filthy tittle court leading off Pacific street, between Kearney and Dupont. He watched from eight o'clock till 9, and in that single hour he counted overtwenty American boys, ranging in years from fifteen to twenty-one who applied for admission and were hurriedly passed

in. There were a few grown men and many Chinamen, and of the Americans the dress betokened that they were of the better class. They would come to the corner of Pacific street, glance hastily around to be assured that they were unobserved, and then effect a hasty entrance, apparently by giving an un-derstood signal. At length he saw his own son enter, and so quickly that he could not intercept him. He then himself went to the corner, and approaching the door he rapped for admittance as nearly as he could in the way he had seen the others do. The door was opened by a tremulous-limbed, blear-eyed Chinamen, but when the gentlyman attempted to pass he was stopped. It was in vain that he said that it was all right, that he wanted to smoke opium and that he offered to pay; he was not possessed of the cabilistic sign, and consequently the Chinamen was utterly unable to "sabe" anything. The father then wont home and waited for his son, who returned late in the night still stupefied from his regular nocturnal deadly debauch. When ho learned that his father knew of his whereabouts he disclosed everything. He had first acquired the habit when only 15 years old, and before he knew of its hortors it had oftained such control of him, that all affort's to the leading brain-working occupations our break it were futile. For three years he has smoked constantly. Recently his family has noticed the complete prostratic, of his ner-vous system. During the lat, t six months he has been so nervous that in the mornings he has almost been unable, to convey his food to accident in any of our large cities, are heavier his mouth. His par ents have consulted phyand more substantial than were the same sicians, but as the boy would never tell what number of the same age and walk of life the real malady was, the medicines prescribed have done by good, and to-day, at 18, he is almost a complete wreck. He persistently refuses to give the signs by which admittance may be had to the den, but he says that it is Jealously guarded, that four doors have to be passed through before the smoking room is reached, where a "dope" for ten cents, requiring about twenty minutes to smoke, is obtained, and on the bare floor of which the smokers lie extended there during their torpor. He says there are over a thousand boys who are regular habitues of this or similar dens. The father yesterday made a full statement of the facts at police headquarters to Counselor Clarke, and it is expected that this particular den will be raided and broken up. But unless a keen watch shall be maintained for the detection of others, or the reestablishment of this same one, and a relentless prosecution of the keepers of all commenced, the business or supplying the deadly drug, the use of which more swiftly than any other known process hurries its votaries to irretrievable physical and mental ruin, will be furtively conducted. This is one of the most malignant phases of the Chinese evil, and one that has its most awful meaning for the better classes of society. The domestic government of the family of which this young man is a member is not more lax than that of the average family of San Francisco, the affection of the father and mother for their eldest boy is of the warmest and most thoughtful, and yet for three years he has been enabled to indulge in the habitual use of the deadliest drug known to humanity, till, with shaking body and shaking voice, he doggedly declares his utter inability to free himself from the awful slavery that has thus soon brought him to the very verge of the grave. Bathing. Avoid bathing within two hours after meals, is the advice of the Royal Humane society of England, or when exhausted by fatigue or from any other cause, or when the body is cooling after perspiration, and avoid bathing altogether in the open air if, after being a short time in the water, there is a sense of chilliness, with numbress of the hands and feet, but bathe when the body is warm, provided no time is lost in getting into the water. Avoid chilling the body by sitting or standing undressed on the banks or in boats, after having been in the water, or remaining too long in the water, but leave the water im-mediately there is the slightest feeling of chilliness. The vigorous and strong may bathe early in the morning on an empty stomach, but the young and those who are weak had better bathe two or three hours after a meal; the best time for such is from two to three hours after breakfast. Those who are subject to attacks of giddiness or faintness, and who suffer from palpitations and other sense of discomfort at the heart, should not bathe without first consulting their medical adviser.

The Lambertini-Antonelli Cave.

late.

The Lambertini-Antonelli case is ended at last. The result this time is conclusive. The " claimant" goes out of court beaten at every point, and with costs amounting to about \$25,000 entered against her. She was successful in the civil tribunal in which her case was first tried, but the decision there was reversed by the court of appeals, and the action of the latter body is now confirmed by the supreme court. The latter court declares that "there is no written evidence that the Countess Lambertini is the daughter of Cardinal Antonelli." It also avers that "it would be immoral for her to abandon her legitimate social position to become illegitimate for mercenary purposes." The case was clearly one of imposture and conspiracy from the first. The final issue of it is gratifying, though doubtless a great disappointment to the mercenary countess and her unscrupulous instigators.

Sitting Bull.

The following is the substance of the inter view with Sitting Bull.

In response to inquiries regarding the cause of his departure into British America and his present return to the United States, the Indian said in substance :- "I hate the Americans because I and my people have always been deceived by them. They asked us to go to the reservations, saying they would care for and feed us. Then we were told we must farm. Some could not do this. Then we found our rations were short. Not many years ago your people said they would give us the Black Hills, and that our children should own it, and to be our hunting ground. As soon as the shining dust was found there they drove us from it. I cannot believe the whites. Then the Americans sent the long-hair, Custer, to tollow us. Do your people know of anything we did to bring the long-hair upon us at the Little Big Horn river? No, they do not. We were there in peaceable camp, hunting for meat to feed our families. If you were ever told we were hostile it was a lie." He said he was tired of war and of blood. He wont into the white mother's country to get rid of war. He and his braves had come back to the United States to hunt buffelo because they were scarce in the Dominion. The women and children were hungry. They had not come to injure the white man or his property, but were forced to come. If the soldiers would let them hunt in peace, they would go back as soon as they get meat. They would avoid the soldiers if they could, but if not they would fight. "Will your people not let us hunt in peace?" asked he. Sitting Bull said that a party of Yanktons and Blackfeet, 64 lodges, was about to join him. In case of an Gift House reservation, but would hunt as long as there was game. Sitting Bull complained that the government desired to disarm his the cathedral will be one of the most imtribe and force them to live at agencies, while other Indians managed to have arms and horses and to hunt. "Your people," said he, of restoration by the erection of the new epis-would not feed us. You do not feed even copal cathedral, which will cost \$1,000,000. those who trust you. We would be left to starve and have our wives and children starve. before us, and we could not get food for them

whether he would be strong enough to attack. The bishop thinks that Cetewayo went to war because he found himself gradually surrounded by British interests.

-The first real Indian pandit who has ever visited England has, says Prof. Monier Williams, just been admitted a member of oxford university. He is scarcely 23 years of age. Prof. Williams says; "We have had others bere who have borne the name, but no real Sanskrit scholar has ever before had the courage to break the rules of casts, give offence to his own family, incur the odium and contempt of the whole fraternity of his bretaer Pandits, and expose himself to the certainty of excommunication on his return to India. Mr. Williams regards his arrival in England as proving that the educated classes of India are beginning to be intolerant of caste prohibitions. -De Serfa Pinto, a Fortuguese, has just re-

traced the line of the first expedition of Livingstone, who went up from Cape Town, crossed the great southern desert, and then turning westward reached the coast of Africa, the first white man to cross the interior of the continent. Pinto, starting from the west coast pushed his way inland, armed his party by repairing some abondoned rifles Cameron left in his track three years ago, fought his way to the Zambesi, and after measuring the great falls Livingstone discovered, and finding them 555 feet high, went south, nearly perishing in the desert, but finally reaching the Transvaal. The most remarkable discovery made by Pinto was of a race with features like the Hottentots, but white and with no hair.

-Bishop Haven says that abolitionism was not born in Boston, but in Ohio. William Lloyd Garrison, its acknowledged father, did not learn it in New England. He had to go south to find its real father. It was alive and flourishing when he took it up. He was its pupil in Baltimore, and went to prison for his obedience to its claims. It has usually been considered that Baltimore was its birthplace. Benjamin Lundy, it was supposed, started his journal of emancipation first at Baltimore; and Lloyd Garrison became his pupil, and afterward the master. But the first issue of the first abolition paper was in Ohio, which, after several months, was removed to Ten-nessee, where it obtained a wide circulation, and was for a time the only distinctive antislavery paper in the country.

-The church of Scotland is restoring the old cathedral of St. Giles, which is the original parish church of Edinburg. John Knox preached his last sermon in this church and the place of his burial is a little way from it. The "Solemn League and Covenant" was sworn to in this building by the parliament, the assembly, and the English commissioners. attack, all these Indians would make a com-mon cause. He would not, he said, go to the different times been used as a warehouse, a council chamber, a police office, and a prison. When the work of restoration is completed, pressive buildings in Scutland. The church of Scotland has been stimulated to this work copal cathedral, which will cost \$1,000,000. This building is so far completed that it will be ready for use by Christmas. It is said to be the most elaborate specimen of Gothic because we would have no guns."-American architecture attempted in Scotland since the

nave subscribed \$23,000 for his defence. [1877,] Phia American.]

of the chancel waiting for Father Robinson ble, was really noble, grand. The ering hour was not selected that the Lewly married couple might start on their wedding tour by a 710 train or an early pleasure steamer for a trip down at see. Nothing of the sort. The tall, manly-peppearing groom is very busy with his mires up on Fryer Hill, where his individual supervision is required ourly and at all hours during the day. Besider, just previous to the 7 o'clock mass was considered good time to take the solemn vows of husand and wife.



(From our London Correspondent.)

An official despatch, relating to the Russian expedition to Central Asia, was received at the India Office on Friday, and formed. I understand, the chief subject of discussion at the last cabinet council. The ministry, it appears, are slightly at variance respecting the importance of the Russian movements. Lazareff is known to have reached the territory of the Tekka Turcoman with an army of 35,000 men, well equipped, and with an ad-mirable commissariat. A memorandum appended to the official despatch dwells with significant emphasia on the apparent ease with which large Russian armies traverse vast tracts of desert, exposed to the attacks of marauding nomads and to organized hostility of resisting peoples. Nothing can be in more glaring contrast than the manner in which the Russians are fed and provided during months' marches through frightful country, and the miserable collapse of the attempts British commanders have made to penetrate Afghanistan and Zululand. The army of Afghan was paralysed from first to last by inefficient transport, and notwithstanding the enormous and wanton waste of money at the Cape, the 30,000 soldiers in the field have stood helpless and crippled for weeks, and will probably remain so till Sir Garnet goes out to set things going. The Russians have sent notice to the Tekke that they mean to annex the countay. The Turkomans have not answered, but have retired before the enemy after the fashion of their fathers in the days when Roman armies perished in these wastes. They are not likely to succumb without a fight, but, whether they fight or not, you may weger the Moore statue against the Corporation revenues that Merv changes hands, and will soon see the black eagle over its citadel. This is the point on which the prime minister and Sir Stafford Northcote are somewhat at issues with other influential colleagues. These statesmen think there is nothing in it. Sir Michael Hicks Beach and Mr. Cross, taking their cue from the Indian viceroy, think it ought not to be permitted without at least a protest. I may say the movements of Russia in Asia are discussed here with a good deal of interest and suspicion, and I am bound to add that the general impression is that Merv will be occupied by quiet pre-arrangement between the imperial chancellor and Downing street. . . .

reformation.

TAKEN WITH A HOOK -The Memphis Appento pronounce them one and forever insepara- says :- A gentleman who residen in Adamstreet and has a fountain in the front yard stocked with small fish had been puzzled for some time over the disappearance of the fish from the basin of the fountain. One night last week he and several friends sat up and watched. About 10 o'clock they saw the house cat stealthily approach the rim of the

fountain and scratch in the ground. The cat caught a worm, while she moved around in the water for a few minutes, then when the little fish would rise and bite at the bait, the cat, with the other paw, grabbed and ate them. "Puss" was the "lone fisherman" of the place. The above story is authentic, yet it reads as if it was apocryphal.

Swarms of butterflies are reported from southern and central France. They first appeared in Italy and Spain. On Saturday, June 4, the Marseilles coast was covered with them. A cloud of white and yellow butterflies passed that day near Montelimar station. the passage lasting 50 minutes, while strag-glers followed for another halfhour. The invasion has extended as far as Alsace. At Angers there was a swarm estimated at 29,000, which, after passing over the public walks, traversed the Rue du Mail at only a slight distance above the ground. Near the forest of Fountainebleau they were less compact, consisting of groups of a dozen or 20 each. Westerly gales and occasional thunderstorms have occured simultaneously with his unusual phenomenon.

A New Use for Wheaten Straw.

[From the Oshkosh Northwestern.]

A gentleman of Bushnell, III., recently exhibited some samples of lumber that have attracted much attention among the lumber-men, and which, if it possesses all the virtues that are claimed for it, is certainly one of the most important inventions of its kind even brought to notice. If it is a success, it will form a new era in the art of building.

To make hard wood lumber of common wheat straw, with all effects of polish and finish which is obtainable on the hardest of black walnut and mahogany, at as little cost as clear pine lumber can be made up for, is the claim of the inventor, and the samples which he produces would go far toward verilving his claims.

The process is as follows :-- He takes ordinary shaw board ; such as is usually manufactured at any paper mill is used for the pur рове. As many sheets are taken as are required to make the thickness of lumber desired These sheets are passed through a chemical solution which thoroughly softens up the fibre and completely saturates it. The whole is then passed through a succession of rollers, dried and hardened during the passage as well as of the machine hard, dry lumber ready for use. The inventor claims that the chemical properties, hardening in the fibre, entirely prevent water soaking, and render the lumber

twenty-five years ago. Weston

Of the successful pedestrian, E. P. Weston, the Rev. J. C. Fletcher, of Indianapolis, says that when a child Weston was the cleanest sweetest little blonde boy that he ever knew He always had his Senday school lesson perfectly, and was well trained at home, in Providence, by his small, slender mother. "But," added Mr. Fletcher, "Edwin Payson Weston was the most uneasy bright boy I ever saw. There was no keeping him still. His father was a man restless in his brain, and finally died insane. The mother of E P. W. was a woman of intellectual parts, and at her husband's death, in order to support the family, she wrote a number of interesting books for children. These were printed, and then, instead of being published, were hawked about

Providence and elsewhere in the State of Rhode Island by Edward Payson, who walked from house to house all over the state, and thus early acquired the habit of walking.'

An Invention.

The Scientific American publishes a lengthy illustrated explanation of an instrument named the autophone, for which letters patent have been issued in the United States and Europe to Professor Merritt Gally, of New York city. It is claimed by its inventor to be entirely original, both in its conception and fundamental in principle, and it is believed to be the first successful invasion of the domain of music by automatic mechanism. The autophone is operated by a thin sheet of paper only three and seven-eights inches in width, punctured with small holes. The instrument is provided with any number of stops, and, if a reed or pipe instrument, with any number of sets of reeds or pipes. The iuvention is applicable to instruments of any quality, from the cheapest piano or cabinet organ to a grand church organ. The music sheet is prepared to represent not only the notes, but also the entire expression required to render the music in the most perfect and artistic manner.

pivorce.

To Canadians who are accustomed to a political contest being waged over almost every divorce case, the number of divorce decrees granted in the United States is alarming. The better class of the American people are also becoming anxious on this point. Statistics show that not only has the number of divorces largely increased during recent years, but the number of marriages has diminished. Thus, in Massachusetts, in 1869, there were 14,826 marriages; in 1877, only 12,758-a falling off more remarkable when we take into conside-ration the increase of population. In Verpolished, and then comes out of the other end | mont, Bhode Island and Connecticut the matter is worse than in Massachusetts. In Vermont the average ratio of divorces to marriages is one to sixteen. In Rhode Island, during the last nine years, there have been combustible only in a very hot fire. The 1,670 divorces to 21,715 marriages, showing a hardened finish on the outside also makes it ratio of divorces to marriages of one to thir-

-The New York free traders succeeded at the last moment in getting the duty on imported quipine aboliabed. It was a Philadelphia industrial interest that was aimed at. The prices of quinine will not be reduced, The plands of Porter, the murdered actor, have raised a fund of \$4,100 to prosecute Currie, but Curries friends in Texas are said to have subscribed \$23,000 for his defence.