

escaped and stirred up rebellion in Affghanistan, but not meeting with the success he anticipated he gave himself up to the British in Caubul and was sent to Calcutta. When the British evacuated Affghanistan, Shah Soojah was again dethroned, and in 1843 Dost Mahomed was restored to the throne of Caubul, which he held until his death in May last. During that period he was a consistent friend of the British, and during the Indian revolt an active and faithful ally. As a man he was cruel, revengeful, treacherous, ungrateful and dissolute; yet withal, in India at least, "a great man."

Fifty Years Ago is a splendid description of the Battle of Leipzig.

John Marchmont's Legacy, and the *Trials of the Tredgolds* are continued.

A Bad Time for Tornassi is a narrative of the trial and condemnation of a notorious forger of Venice and two accomplices, Bartolomeo, the crooked mouthed, and Maddalena Rosati, who betrays Tornassi. Tornassi is condemned to hard labour in chains for life, Bartolomeo for fifteen years, and Maddalena is pardoned—who shortly afterwards was supposed to receive the blood-money from the Austrians.

THE CHURCHMAN'S FAMILY MAGAZINE—OCTOBER.

Michaelmas.—This day does not appear to have been generally kept until the eighth century, and was formally recognized by the Council of Mayence, A.D. 813. The origin of the fashion of eating a goose at Michaelmas is derived from a custom prevalent in the thirteenth, fourteenth, fifteenth, and sixteenth centuries. In nearly every grant from lords of manors to their tenants during that period it was stipulated that the former should receive, among other reserved rents and services, a goose at Michaelmas. In Ireland a cock, in Paris a turkey, and in Denmark a roast goose was sacrificed in honour of St. Martin. There are numerous other superstitious ceremonies practised at Michaelmas, in different countries, which it is needless to mention. "The Church in this feast particularly commemorates St. Michael because he was prince or tutelary angel of the Jewish Church, and so of the Christian Church or true Israel of God," &c.

The Rector of Gladdersdale—An Old Church Story.

The House Fly in his Youth.—The house fly in his grub state feeds on decaying vegetable matter, and never ceases feeding while in that condition. He takes no rest, for his food is continually decomposing and flying off in the form of gaseous exhalations. As an indefatigable scavenger he is unrivalled, in his lowly grub state. He does not change his skin like other "grubs" feeding on living vegetables. He has no time to lose, and so goes on eating continually; yet this same disgusting grub, when he changes into the pupa state, and finally emerges as a perfect fly, without an instructor or example, feels his feet, stretches his wings, and, without failure or mistake, strikes the air and flies off. Who can fail to admire the secret wisdom which prepares such a wondrous little living machine inside the horny case of the pupa, and the astonishing skill which causes its "action" to be at once so perfect.