

THE AGRICULTURAL LABOURER REPRESENTED!—The Marquis of Granby said, in the Commons—"I represent the agricultural labourer!" *Punch* has received several letters from agricultural labourers protesting against any such misrepresentation.

CABINET NEWS.—"Ministers are to eat their white-bait dinner next week."—*Daily News*. They have already eaten their words.—*Punch*.

ASSOCIATION OF IDEAS.—A Cockney Tradesman, when he was shown the Niagara Falls, exclaimed with the greatest enthusiasm—"What a magnificent Shower Bath!"

MOTTO FOR DR. NEWMAN.

"Infelix puer, atque impar congressus Achilli."  
—*Æneid* I., 475.

THE POLITICAL SHOE-BLACK.

AUSTRIA. "What's your charge?"  
LORD M—LS—BURY. "Oh, I make no charge; any little compensation will do for me."

A PROPHECY ALL BUT FULFILLED.—Mr. Disraeli's celebrated prophecy of "The day will come gentlemen, when you shall hear me," wants but one thing now to make it complete. It only wants a House of Commons in which Mr. DISRAELI can be heard.



to pay the fine; and thus, assaults being a matter of money, to be permitted the enjoyment of his ferocity of will, whether exercised upon his wife or his neighbour.

But one example is worth a hundred associations. At once we take a case, decided lately at Worship Street. A man named Frederick Laborde is charged, in the strong language of the reporter, with "a murderous attack upon his wife, and also with having violently assaulted a married woman, named Wood." Mr. Laborde had previously given the wife of his bosom "a violent blow on the eye:" after which—

"He then caught up a ponderous wooden mallet, which he was in the habit of using in his trade, and brandishing it over her head, brought it down with all his force upon her nose, which caused the blood to gush down over her dress, and felled her to the floor."

The lodgers interfered, when Mr. Laborde attacked them all indiscriminately, beating one, however, "unmercifully." Well, the Magistrate—understand, the Magistrate, can only dispense the law—

"Mr. Hammill ordered the prisoner to pay a penalty of £5, or to be committed for two months

THE attentive reader of the Police Reports, must have been frequently impressed with magisterial sentences on individuals convicted of assault. "Being unable to pay the fine—[40s., or £5, as the injury dealt may be]—the prisoner was conveyed to prison in the police van."

The Projectors of EVERY MAN HIS OWN BRUTE, &c.,—call the attention of the humbler classes of society, and especially claim the consideration of Husbands addicted to the Personal Chastisement of Wives, to the principles of the above Association, whose object it is to guarantee every insurer—at the least possible scale of payment—from the inconvenience and the ignominy of incarceration—enabling him to the House of Correction, for assaulting his wife; in addition to which he must pay a second fine of £5 for the other assault, or undergo a further term of two months' imprisonment."

Mr. Laborde, not having the £5, was committed. Had he been a man of means, he might have broken his wife's nose, or the nose of any other woman at his pleasure, paying for the enjoyment; but the poor fellow had not the money, when the relentless law consigned him to the discomfort of a gaol.

Now, it is here, where the agency of our Association—that of EVERY MAN HIS OWN BRUTE—proposes to assert itself. Why, we ask, assault being a matter of money—bruises, contusions, smashed noses, scattered teeth, being purchasable—why should not the poor man be enabled to pay for them; why should he be sent to prison, not for the assault—let that always be borne in mind—but for not being able to pay for the assault?

Further particulars will be duly announced. In the meanwhile, prospectuses are to be had at every Police Office.

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