

also be well to remind those who carry revolvers that they are violating the laws of the land.

The cold storage question is just now agitating the public mind and many different plans have been advanced to carry the enterprise to a successful issue. "A Newspaper Man" sends me the following, which, he believes, offers a simple and inexpensive solution of the cold storage problem:

"I have made a discovery; I have solved the cold storage problem, and at a cost which will be a revelation to the syndicate now figuring upon it, for no machinery, nothing but a little red tape is necessary for my scheme. My discovery came about in a peculiar way. Some time ago, I had occasion to go to the city hall, to interview the city's chief magistrate. Entering the parlor, I was struck by the chill of the place, but before I left the very blood in my veins was frozen. I had my doubts about the cause of this until yesterday, when I stumbled on to an alderman and a ratepayer in the dark hallway frozen as stiff as Australian mutton. I tried and I believe I succeeded in rousing them from their stupor. I might add that when I was in the great natural refrigerator, I noticed a bundle of letters, addressed to the Mayor and Council, which were completely frosted over, but I learned later that it was supposed that some of them had been there nearly two years, and that in some instances the writers had passed away, probably frozen too. A number who have experienced just what I have, have an abiding faith in the efficacy of my proposition, and as the chilling element will be absolutely at liberty after the city and provincial elections I would urge our local capitalists to give the matter their attention."

Vancouver is not the only place boasting political parsons who will

descend to conduct far more disgraceful than anything of which the members of the British House of Commons could be capable. County Down (Ireland) clergy, belonging to the persuasion that we here would designate Episcopalians, had a little pantomime at their Synod meeting the other day. Of course this august body was assembled for the discussion of matters pertaining to the progress of the Gospel, but the rev. Dean thought that to the Almighty was due the rejection of the Home Rule bill by that divine body, the lords spiritual and temporal, and accordingly proposed a vote of thanks to the Almighty. Another rev. gentleman, who took the very sensible view that the defeat of the Home Rule bill was attributable to the very ordinary House of Lords, proposed an amendment describing the action of the peers as narrow-minded and suicidal. That was the match that caused the explosion. These shepherds, whose mission is peace, charity, goodwill and brotherly love, acted in a manner that would put to the blush the hired roughs in a political campaign meeting of the old times. It is daily becoming evident that another reformation is necessary to purify the clergy; they are beginning to altogether mistake their calling for leaders and governors, instead of as advisers and teachers, whose only authority should be the good example which is so sadly missing.

"Papa," spoke up the little boy, as his father was leading him from the hall where they had been to hear a celebrated pianist, "Why did that man wear such long hair, and why is it that so many people who play on pianos and violins have hair just as long as a woman's? Don't they have money enough to pay the barber for cutting it?"

"They have plenty of money, my son," answered the father, as he smiled at the youth's observation, "but the reason that they

wear such long hair is, that they all suffer from a peculiar swelling of the head, and have to let it grow in order to conceal the hypertrophied cranial development."

The attention of "good-living young men," who appropriate articles belonging to other people, is most respectfully directed to the lecture delivered by Magistrate Ward to a thief brought before him the other day, charged with stealing a suit of clothes. The young man pleaded in extenuation of his crime that he was a member in good standing of the Y. M. C. A., and that this was his first offence. Magistrate Ward evidently has little respect for young men who use the Y. M. C. A. as a means of ingratiating themselves into the favor of unwary strangers and then robbing them, so he sentenced the "good living young man" to several months in jail to think over his evil ways. The snivelling hypocrite, however, can rest assured that he has done something in the direction of educating the people to be on their guard against "good-living young men," who use religion as a masque to deceive their neighbors.

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