

## WASTE.

BY EDWARD FAWCETT.

Down the long orchard-aisles where I have strolled,  
On fragrant toward the slanted sunlight waves,  
Rich-flickering through the dusk of pteuous leaves,  
Its ever-tremulous arabesques of gold!

In globes of glimmering colour sweet to see,  
The apples gadden under halcyon sky,  
Green, russet, ruddy, or deep-red of dye,  
Or yellow as the girdle of a bee.

But o'er the verdure's blended shine and shade  
Small blighted fruits lie strewn in dull array,  
Augmenting silently from day to day,  
Gnarled and misshapen, worm-gnawed and decayed.

Ah me! what strange frustration of intent,  
What dark elective secret, undescribed,  
Lurks in this dreary failure, side by side  
With opulence of full-orbed accomplishment!

Oh, seeming mockery! Oh, strange doubt! wherein  
The baffled reason gropes and cannot see!  
If made at all, why only made to be  
In irony for that which might have been?

Nay, vain alike to question or surmise!.....  
There, plucking white moon-daisies one by one,  
Through yonder meadow comes my little son,  
My pale-browed hunchback, with the wistful eyes!

## MARGINALIA.

THE Paris press has been invited to the Alcazar concert-room to witness a balloon constructed on a new plan. The form of this balloon has caused it to be named the *Aéronef*. It is to be propelled by screws. Entirely constructed of pearl-grey silk, it is provided with a basket of very light material, in the form of a boat, containing place for one person. Before the bench are fixed, within reach of the aeronaut, two pairs of steel wheels, which are made to turn rapidly in the air, thus helping to overcome the most contrary currents. M. Smutter, the inventor of the *Aéronef*, intends soon to start from the Tuileries garden on an aerial trip.

AN experiment made in Herr Krupp's artillery grounds at Dülmen seems to threaten the future of cuirassed vessels. Hitherto, it is well known, the solidity of the cuirass has pretty well kept pace with the calibre of the ordnance destined to do the work of destruction. By a felicitous idea, however, the force of the cannon has now been quadrupled. The invention, if so it may be called, consists in directing four guns toward the same spot, and firing them simultaneously by electric ignition. This is old with old guns, but it makes all the difference doing it with the new ones.

A movement has been started amongst the officers of the Grenadier Guards for the purpose of raising a fund to perpetuate the memory of the late General Sir James Lindsay, Bart., who was for many years an officer of that regiment. A sum of £1,000 has been already subscribed for the purpose, and the committee have resolved to apply the greater portion of this amount to the foundation of scholarships for the children of the officers and men of the Grenadier Guards. A memorial tablet in honour of the deceased is also to be placed in the chapel at Wellington Barracks.

On the 1st of June, the Pope commenced his summer practice of getting up in the morning at 5.30. At 7, he says mass in his private chapel, at 8 takes a breakfast of a cup of broth with an egg in it and a cup of coffee. At 10, he receives Cardinal Antonelli, and at 11 gives private and public audiences. At 2 he dines lightly on a dish of boiled beef or a *frittura*, figs and some of the white wine from the *castelli*. After dinner he takes a rest until 4.30 in his private library. At 10 his valet asks his benediction and bids him good night. Until the 1st of December this system of life is not changed, except through sickness.

Some Hungarian papers publish a letter of Kossuth, originally addressed to the editor of a newspaper of Kasban (Hungary), in which the Hungarian ex-Dictator discusses politics, and says that whilst monarchs embrace each other, a volcano ferments under their feet, and he does not believe that the "armed peace" can be maintained for three years longer. The ex-Dictator is also very dissatisfied with the lukewarmness which, according to him, is showing itself in Hungarian political life. "If," Kossuth goes on to say, "in the next Reichstag no great party springs up to raise the flag of Hungarian independence from the degradation into which it was cast by the fusion of the Left with Deak's party, we shall hear history saying, with pitiless determination, 'Finis Hungariae.'"

The English fashion of canoeing was introduced into America some three or four years ago but with the exception of Mr. Bishop's cruise from Quebec to the Gulf of Mexico, which was successfully completed a few weeks since, no cruises of any consequence have yet been made in American waters. No one has shown any disposition to cross the continent in a canoe from New York to the mouth of the Columbia River, although there is only one interruption, and that only three miles in length, in the waterway between the two oceans—excepting, of course, the rapids and falls in the Missouri and Columbia Rivers. There is also another canoe route across British America by way of the St. Lawrence, the lakes, and the Saskatchewan River; and a canoe cruise from Quebec to New Orleans could also be made by way of the Saguenay, Hudson's Bay, the Red River of the North, and the Mississippi. Were these routes brought (says an American contemporary) to the notice of the English canoeists who are pining for new rivers to conquer, it would not be long before they would be attempted by the followers of MacGregor and Baden-Powell.

## PERSONAL.

Brown, the famous Halifax oarsman, is dead. Mr. Broughton, the new manager of the Great Western, has assumed the duties of his position. Mr. Goldwin Smith is engaged upon a "History of Canada."

Mr. Albert Prince, ex-M.P.P., for Essex, was drowned in the river on the 8th inst., while bathing.

Mr. J. B. Ellison, of the Chatham *Planet* was found dead in his bed. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of ossification of the larynx.

The Lieut.-Governor of Ontario will not take up his permanent residence in Toronto until after the 1st of August.

On their arrival in England, Mr. and Mrs. Mackenzie proceeded to Sir J. Rose's new country seat very near Pangbourne.

The Rev. Dr. Bedford Jones has consented to remain "priest in charge" of St. Alban's, Ottawa.

Sir John Macdonald, Lady Macdonald and family have gone to River du Loup to spend the summer.

Rev. Wm. Mitchell, of Millbrook, Ont., has accepted the call from Chalmer's Church, Montreal.

It is stated that Mr. F. W. Glen, of Oshawa, who was appointed a Centennial Commissioner by the Dominion Government has declined the honor.

Messrs. Houston and Bell, formerly assistant editors of the *Liberal*, and Messrs. Eyvel and McLean, Parliamentary and general reporters on the same journal, have been engaged upon the *Globe*.

From Mapleton, Manitoba, we have the intelligence of the sudden death of Mr. Frank Harrison, of Toronto, late of H. M. 16th Regiment. He was the youngest brother of R. A. Harrison, Q. C., of Toronto.

The Earl and Countess of Dufferin arrived at Windsor Castle on Tuesday, June 22nd, and had the honor of dining with the Queen and the Royal Family. The Hon. Alexander and Mrs. Mackenzie were present at the Queen's State Concert on the 23rd, at Buckingham Palace.

It rumoured that Miss Margaret Macdonald, the second daughter of his Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario, will be married in the Autumn to a distinguished member of the medical profession and high civic functionary in the City of Montreal. We know who that is and congratulate Miss Macdonald.

We notice in the last issue of the *Army and Navy Gazette* that Lieutenant and Adjutant Wm. A. Dixon, of H. M. 82nd Regiment, has been promoted to a Company. Captain Dixon is a son of the late Mr. Joseph Dixon, of Toronto, and is one of a number of gentlemen in Toronto who obtained commissions in the army in 1864.

Mr. Wilmot, Inspector of Fisheries, and Mr. Witcher, of the Marine and Fisheries Department, have left Ottawa on an official tour through the Maritime Provinces. Some new breeding establishments for the propagation of salmon will be erected in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island.

The Prince Edward Island land tenure difficulty is now to be settled and the Right Hon. Mr. Childers has been appointed arbitrator, to decide what price shall be paid to the holders by the Dominion. He sails from England about the middle of this month. The difficulty, like the Clergy Reserves, the Hudson Bay Company and the Seigniorial tenure, had its origin in the ancient grants by the Crown.

## A PRINCESS ON THE STAGE.

A real Russian Princess is going on the stage, as she has before now attracted large audiences in Paris by her beauty and talent. In 1866, a great sensation was made by the appearance of two sisters, infant prodigies, Juliette and Julia Delapierre, who exhibited a most remarkable talent as violinists at the Concert Musard in the Champs Elysées, after having earned a claim to public patronage by the manner in which they took children's parts on the boards of the Variétés. The eldest, Juliette, was strikingly handsome, and wherever she went she was followed by a crowd of admirers. During her visit to Russia a Muscovite Prince paid her great attention and married her. The young violinist, the idol of the public, left the stage on her marriage, and with her husband retired to the family mansion, her time being divided between her lord and master and the pleasures of the chase. The princess sighed for the return of those brilliant soirées, and regretted the applause of the gloved hands she had become accustomed to hear. Life to her had become monotonous and dreary, immersed as she was in a country château, cut off from all society, and in the midst of serfs and peasants. A sort of stage fever seized her, and after resisting the attack for some time she was obliged to consult a physician, who could not understand her malady, and advised her to return to Paris for advice. On her arrival here she found that the only cure for her illness was the stage, and she has made up her mind to reappear in public with her husband's consent. An *opérette* has been composed expressly for the *début belle princesse*, and from all that can be gathered Mesdames Paschard, Judic, and Théo will have to look to their laurels, as they will find a dangerous rival in the *débutante*, who has both talent and personal beauty on her side.

## ROUND THE DOMINION.

THE United Presbyterian Church in Canada have begun to hold their first meetings.

A PARTY of sixty children, of both sexes, arrived last week for Miss McPherson's Home, Belleville.

SEVEN hundred and twenty dollars were collected at Barkerville, British Columbia, in one day for the Dominion Day holidays.

BUSINESS is in a most depressed state at Toronto, and there is hardly a principal street in the city in which one or more retail stores are not selling off by auction.

LAST week over 200 deaths occurred in Montreal from various causes, about 170 of which were children, most of whom died under the age of one year.

THE Winnipeg Council appointed a committee to confer with the members of the Government with the view of adopting some means of destroying the grasshoppers.

THE grasshoppers made a raid on the business part of Winnipeg one day not long since, and the shopkeepers had enough to do to sweep back the tide of invasion from their shops.

THE *Daily Nation*, an eight column morning paper will be issued in about two months. This was the decision arrived at at a late meeting of W. H. Howland and his associates in Toronto.

THE Roman Catholic Church and adjoining buildings at St. Luc, near Montreal, were destroyed by fire about 2 a.m. on Sunday, the 4th. A man named Paladeau perished in the flames.

A boarding-school plot has been discovered in Toronto. Four of the young ladies had planned to leave the establishment and go on the stage in the United States, but one repented and turned Queen's evidence.

It is understood that the principal insurance companies becoming alarmed at so many incendiary attempts in London, Ont., have ordered that no more risks be taken for the present in that city.

THE Ottawa and Coteau Landing Railway is, according to repeated statements lately, to be pushed to completion at an early day. When finished it will be a short route between Montreal and Ottawa.

THE immigrants landed from the Sarmatian included 300 passengers from the British Islands, 495 Mennonites, and 45 Scandinavians. The latter are bound for the Western States, and the Mennonites for Manitoba.

A YOUNG elk lately caught at Pembina Mountains, was brought into Winnipeg, and offered for sale. It seems to have got pretty well tamed whilst coming in, as it was led through the streets with a cord tied round the neck.

THE members of the Agricultural and Arts Association are at present in session at Ottawa, arranging for the coming Provincial Exhibition to be held in that city. They will discuss Canada's representation at the Centennial Exhibition.

IN a recent test of oak and Puget Sound fir made at San Francisco, with bars each side one inch square and three feet long, the fir was found to be equally as strong as the oak. Both broke with the same weight placed in the middle of each bar, viz., 260 pounds.

A London despatch informs us that the Norwegian barque *Nordcap*, at that port, reports about a fortnight ago, in latitude 47 deg., picking up boat No. 6 belonging to the Vicksburg, of Liverpool. It was floating bottom up, and contained two life-preservers, a life-belt, and a cask of water.

WE hear by reports from Niagara, that the crop of peaches in that district is the largest that has been known for some time past, and all the fruit is of especially fine description. The boughs of the trees are so heavily laden that they are continually breaking with the weight.

THE *Orillia Expositor* affirms as a fact that there is not a single coloured person in Port Hope. A leading business man, on removing to Port Hope some time ago, brought a coloured girl with him as a servant, but had to part with her directly. We believe the Village of Port Dover, County of Norfolk, enjoys the same distinction.

SAYS the *Bowmanville News*:—"A small silver fish that, so far as we can learn, is a stranger to these waters, has made its appearance in immense shoals at the harbour; waggon loads of them are being caught, and having tried them, we can testify that they are a delicious morsel. The probabilities are that they are the product of American pisciculture."

## VARIETIES.

THERE are 800,000 acres of soil in India under jute cultivation.

MACMAHON has thirty-seven decorations, Brazil having sent the last recently.

KING OSCAR of Sweden is quite the reverse of the blonde type so prevalent in that country. He is tall and slender, with dark eyes and beard.

THE Norwegian Government has granted a credit of 20,000 for an expedition to be sent out next year to explore the sea between Iceland, the Faroe Islands, Spitzbergen, and Jan Mayen.

THE French convicts at New Caledonia have turned their attention to the manufacture of cigarettes, and their productions with native tobacco are in great demand through civilized Australia.

THE Russian Government spends annually \$32,000 for carriages to keep the singers at the St. Petersburg opera of the snow, and to provide them with warm feet and clear voices.

AMONG the young ladies who are this year attending the course of lectures in the St. Petersburg Academy of Medicine are two Tartar ladies (Mohammedan) who have completed their preliminary studies in a school at Odessa.

THE Paris *Figaro* asserts that there are many American women in that city living freely in the mud and mire of the *demi-monde*, and acting as spies for Germany. They are said to extract information from the official French gentry, who are drawn into the circle of their fascinations.

THE violin of Paganini is preserved as a glorious relic under a glass case in the city hall of Genoa. A few days ago, it being taken out to be photographed, a distinguished amateur, who was invited to play upon it, delighted a select audience with the prayer from Rossini's "Mosé," and the "Carnaval de Venise," composed by the famous violinist.

THE busiest man in Russia is Prince Gortschakoff. He rises at six A. M., reads letters until eight; his secretary reads or analyzes to him the most important articles of intelligence in the daily papers of Europe he lunches at noon, walks an hour, receives visits from one to four, answers letters from four to eight, dines and spends the evening at the Empress of Germany's cottage. The most interesting portion of Prince Gortschakoff's correspondence is the letters he gets from ladies. He begs every Russian lady about to quit St. Petersburg, to write him frequently and tell him every thing she sees and hears. In this way he is kept familiar with all the public, private, and secret history of Europe. The old fellow evidently knows where to look for news.

## LITERARY.

HARDY, the novelist, is a slightly built man of less than the average stature, and the modestest and shyest of men. He is a native of Somersetshire.

JOHN LOTHROP MOTLEY, the historian, who arrived a day or so ago from Europe, goes to Boston, where he will remain several months. His health has much improved.

THE proprietors of the *Illustrated London News* send out an artist in the Pandora to the North Pole. They have also a correspondent in Lieutenant George Egerton on board the *Discovery*.

THE Chevalier Wyckoff is in London, and Colonel Forney says he is "as fresh, genial, and sympathetic as he was forty years ago, the same keen observer of men and things, and the same kindly and ubiquitous man of the world."

THE late Count de Rémusat is said to have been so English in thought and manners that he was familiarly termed "Sir Charles." He ordered all his clothes from a London tailor, and was wont to describe his chateau near Toulouse as a "cottage," feeling it to be more English.

THE Dean of Westminster is said to be very like William M. Evarts in appearance, albeit older and not so tall. A correspondent who saw him recently describes him as looking, in his scarlet collar, black stocking and buckled shoes, like a figure from some antique picture.

WILLIAM BLACK, the novelist, is said to be a very hard worker. He always has a novel on the stocks, and yet is the London correspondent of a daily newspaper published in Yorkshire, fine art critic and leader-writer for the *London Daily News*, and an occasional contributor to magazines, and with all this, is yet frequently seen in society.

HECTOR MALOT's new novel, just begun in the *Siècle*, is said by some who have seen the manuscript to be among his strongest work. He will deal, in the new book, with a world in which, as an artist, he has always shown himself at home: the world of financiers, intriguers, and parvenus, who did so much for the ruin of the Second Empire.

EDMUND YATES is said by a correspondent to have offered a distinguished author ten guineas per week for a weekly portion of a novel of eight columns in length, and upon the lady saying that her terms were double that amount to have expressed great surprise. Whereupon the lady said: "I have long since given up sacrificing my bread and butter in order to furnish gentlemen like yourself with cakes and wine."

THE Greek newspapers announce that in the Greek convent of the Prophet Elias in Zitta (Epirus), a monk has just died who was alluded to by Lord Byron in his poem of *Childe Harold*. The monk in question, Nicephorus, was 117 years old at the time of his death, and remembered Lord Byron very well as having spent several days in the convent in 1827, afterwards describing in his poem the picturesque situation of the convent and the monk's hospitality.

*Punch's* cartoon representing an interview between the Sultan and Mr. Disraeli has immensely pleased the Sultan. Clutching at the paper, he said, "I must have it. This is very good." He was very merry at the idea of Mr. Disraeli being named "Sheikh." Extracts from the principal journals having reference to the visit are daily selected and pasted in a book, with the intention of having them all translated when the Sultan reaches his own dominions.

## ARTISTIC.

THE Pope has just had completed a magnificent mosaic front to be affixed to the famous church "St. Paul outside-the-walls." The workmanship turned out by the mosaic offices in the Vatican, is a marvel of artistic skill.

GABRIEL MAX has painted a head of the Saviour which has a remarkable characteristic. The eyes appear to be closed at a distance, but seem to open as one advances, and to bend over the spectator a pathetic gaze. The effect when quite near the painting is again as when seen from a distance—the eyes appear closed.

ALOYSIO JUVARA, a well-known engraver, has died at Rome at the age of sixty-seven. In 1869, Juvara received the second gold medal of the Berlin Academy, and besides this, he had obtained seventeen other medals in recognition of his artistic skill. His plates of the "Madonna della Regia," and of Mancinelli's "S. Carlo Borromeo," are among his best compositions.

MR. HENRY CAMPO TOSTO has returned to London from Rome, where he has been engaged for many months past on a portrait of Pius IX. The work is now completed. The figure is "seated" and of life-size. Cardinal Manning has pronounced it the best portrait of his Holiness he has ever seen. The Pope has testified his own approval by bestowing upon the painter the Order of St. Sylvester.

MR. JOHN C. FORBES, the well-known painter of Toronto, intends to send some specimens of his skill to the Centennial Exhibition at Philadelphia, next year, in portraits and marine scenery. For the former class he has selected for his *pièce de résistance* a portrait of his Excellency, Lord Dufferin, and for the latter a representation of the wreck of the Steamship *Hibernian*, on which he was a passenger. It is gratifying to learn that Canadian Art will not be unrepresented at the great Centennial, and it is to be hoped that Mr. Forbes's example will be followed by other Canadian artists.