## A CANADIAN TICHBORNE CASE

The Claimant is an Old Resident of Kingston.

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A curious case was heard at the Livergool sained shelly, which in some of its flat contract resumbled the colebrated Trich research of the college of the colle

He died in 1856, and left four there having been originally One of the children was called seleven. One of the children was called John Plerce, and he was five weeks old when his father died, having been born on the 19th July, 1856. He had a brown mark on his thigh above the knee when born. About fifteen months after his father died he had the smallpox, which left a mark on his tacs. Mrs. Pierce left for America three days before Christ mas, 1858, in company with her two chil-dren. Witness never saw the child John Pierce again until he recently came to Liverpool, when she recognised him as the child who was taken to America by his mother. What led her to recognise him, was the mark on his mouth, and she also asked him if the mark on his thigh had gone away, to which he replied that it had

Mary Turner, daughter of the last wit-ness, gave additional evidence respecting the marks on the son of John Pierce. Charles Topping said he had stood as godfather to the child John Pierce. He believed the plaintiff to be the same, in consequence of the mark which he bore. The child was very dark, and the father was a dark complexioned man.

Thomas Williams also stated that the hair of the child John Pierce was dark

rown. Esther Steele, one of the defendants, stated emphatically that she had never re-cognised the plaintiff as Pierce's son. She believed he was the son of Buckley, whom she had seen several times. A Mrs. Rad cliffe, of Rotherham, stated that John Pierce, sen., was a little man of fair com-

plexion,
Thomas Steele, the defendant, and one of the trustees, said he had no desire except to do what was right. About £30 or £40 a year would be the utmost that Mrs. Pierce ever received from her property, which was situate in Liverpool and took a

great deal for repairs.

Ann Williams stated that she knew Mrs. Pierce and her family well, and she mever knew of any of the latter having sither birthmarks or the smallpox. She would probably have known of such circumstances if they had occurred. The plaintiff very much resembled Buckley.

Other witnesses gave evidence to the effect that the elder Pierce was light haired and sandy whiskered, while Buckley was a dark man. Evidence was also given that Mrs. Pierce lived with Buckley for some time before going to America: that there

Mrs. Pierce lived with Buckley for some time before going to America; that they went in company, and that she was enciente at the time of her departure.

The contention for the defence was that the plaintiff was Buckley's son, and that the child John Pierce had died. Stress was laid on the evidence to the effect that the child John Pierce was light complexioned, while the plaintiff was dark complexioned, while the plaintiff was dark complexioned.

ed, while the plaintiff was dark complexioned, while the plaintiff was dark complexioned and had jet black hair.

His Lordship, in giving judgment, said that the case was properly one for a jury, and the judgment of twelve men would undoubtedly be superior to that of one; but being placed in the position of a jury he would assume their functions, and the party explanation he would make in civing only explanation he would make in giving his decision was that having carefully weighed the evidence, he did not think it was made out that the plaintiff was the son of John Pierce. That being so, he would give judgment for the defendant. sion was that having carefully

## THE CANADA PACIFIC

Departure of Engineers from Citawa. OTTAWA, May 15 .- This evening a number of engineers left for Manitoba to do Ber of engineers lett for Manitoba, to do duty on the sections of the Canada Pacific Railway in that province, Mr. Marcus S nith will be engineer-in-chief, and Mesers. Murdoch and Rowen assistants. The following is the staff of engineers for the second ene hundred miles of the Mani-tobs section:—Messrs. Lumsden, Des-Brisay, DasRiviers, Snow, Earl, Harris, Busted, Methot, with Mr. Murdoch. They will locate the road, so that work can be begun on it at once by the con-tractors. Mr. Rowen will be the subengineer in charge of the first hundred miles, with which party Mr. Barclay will be. The ergineers and their assistants will go by Lake Superior to Duluth,

MONTREAL HARBOUR TRUST.

MONTERAL, May 14.—At the meeting of the Harbour Commissioners yesterday the Chairman discussed certain statements lately made in connection with the Trust. Having briefly reviewed the channel operations, which cost \$3,000,000, of which \$1,800,000 was left as a debt on the Trust, the Chairman said:—The harbour proper means the harbour within the limits of the City of Montreal, and it has cost very pearly, if not quite, as much more, say \$3,000,000. Of this sum there is a debt of \$1,800,000 in bonds, issued by the Harman and the sum there is a debt of \$1,800,000 in bonds, issued by the Harman and the sum there is a debt of \$1,800,000 in bonds, issued by the Harman and the sum there is a debt of \$1,800,000 in bonds, issued by the Harman and the sum there is a debt of \$1,800,000 in bonds, issued by the Harman and the sum there is a debt of \$1,800,000 in bonds, issued by the Harman and the sum there is a debt of \$1,800,000 in bonds, issued by the Harman and the sum there is a debt of the Unfortunate Dennelly and the Unfortunate Dennelly and the Unfortunate Dennelly and the Chairman and the Crime Found Guilty of Manslaughter.

Sincor, May 14.—The trial of William Lewis for the murder of Michael Donnelly at Waterford on the 9th of December last came off to day before Mr. Justice Came off to day before Mr. Fuller for the prisoner.

MY GOD, NEIGHBOUR, I'M STABBED.

whether the place of the Person was the above the control of the property of t to Canadian policynoiders is the dividend that may be declared later by the receiver at New York, after the general assets of the company are realised. The question is a very important one, not only on account of restraining the payment of the \$65,000, but as it will establish a precedent. It will probably be taken before dent. It will probably be taken the highest tribunals.

# The Grand Lodge Meeting at London

London, Ont., May 13.—The Grand Lodge of True Blues have decided to hold their next annual meeting at Kingston, Ont, the second Tuesday in May, 1881. The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year:—M. W G. Master, D. Jamieson, Peterboro'; W. D. G. Master, T. Allan, Guelph; Grand Secretary, J. H. Smith, Hamilton; Grand Treasurer, Hugh Stevenson, Hamilton; Grand Chaplain, F. H. Reynolds, Toronto; G. D. of Ceremonies, W. E. Hooper, Lucan; Grand Lecturers, S. Dannelly, London, and R. Newman, Toronto; G. D. Tyler, G. K. McDonald, Guelph; G. O. T., W. Hart, Cobourg.

Cobourg. The Oldest Woman in Canada Mrs. Isabella E. Johnston, coloured, Mrs. Isabella E. Johnston, coloured, died at the resi-dence of her grand niece, Miss Harney, corner of Edward and Terauley streets, Torento, on Toursday last. The deceased was unquestionably the oldest woman in Canada, her age having been variously estimated at from 110 to 120 years. The latter figures were claimed by the old lady healt are expect. lady herself as correct. She was wont to relate facts in connection with the Ameri-can Revolution of 1776 Mrs. Johnston was born in Richmond, Va., and came to Toronto to live with her nephew, Mr. Harney, in the year 1836. At that time she was an old woman, but still strong and vigorous, both in body and in mind. The relatives of the deceased feel assured that the old lady at the time of death was that the old lady at the time of death was fully 110 years of age. Within a stone's throw of Miss Harney's house, resides Mr. John Tinsley, also coloured, whose age is 97 years. This gentleman, who is still as active as many men of half his years, also came from Richmond. Va. He frequently conversed with Mrs. Johnston on the days of the Old Dominion. Events known to Mr. Tinsley only by hearsay were repeated by Mrs. Johnston as having actually occurred during her girlhood. Until within a few months, the deceased enjoyed fair health, and to the last retained, unimpaired, all her faculties. all her faculties,

VALLEYFIELD, Que., May 13.—Alexe, with his bondsmen and counsel, Mr. J. Keller, arrived here yesterday by the steamer Anderson to attend the coroner's inquest on the body of Tessier. The jury retired at 10 o'clock p.m., after hearing the witnesses, among whom were Drs. Sutherland and Lessge and special constable Poitras. About four o'clock this mouning, the twelve jurymen agreed that Tessier came to his death by a bullet fired from a revelver in the hands of Frank Alexe, but The Valleyfield Homicide. was guilty of manslaughter or justifiable homicide. The jury were evenly divided. Three Frenchmen and three old countrymen were for manslaughter, and the same number for justifiable homicide. The general feeling in Valloyfield is that a verdict of just habe beginning. of just fisble homicide would have been the proper one. The prisoner, in charge of a bailiff, left with his counsel this morning for Beauharnois Tessier was buried this morning in the Roman Catholic cemetery.

Births and Deaths at Sea. QUEBEC, May 14 .- During the inward voyage of the mail steamship Moravian, Capt. Graham, from Liverpool, there were

TRACEDY IN A BAR-ROOM. QUEBEC LABOUR TROUBLES BUTCHERIES BY UTES.

Another of the Unfortunate Dannelly A Pastoral from Archbishop A Couple of Trespassing Pros-

bends of music in the city. On the 25th spontifical Mass will be oelebrated by His dispontifical Mass will be oelebrated by His dispontifical Mass will be oelebrated by His dispontification of Abraham. At eight o'clock a choir omposed of several thousands of volces, sided by thirty or forty bands of music will sing a mass specially harmonized for the oecasion under the direction of Mr. Gentave Gagnon, organist of the Basilica. The serons will be presched by Mgr. Antoine Racina, Bishop of Sherbrooke, Immediately after mass the presentation of the content of the content of the process of the process of the content of the process of the content of the process of the content of the process o

the previous years. Even on undrained and heavy clay soils, where the only injury two births and seven deaths among the steerage passengers, the mortality being amongst the children. The youngest was an infant and the oldest a four-year-old son of Norwegian parents. All the little ones were committed to the great deep. Taschereau.

After they had driven some distance, the letter says, the Spaniard drew his revolver with the intention of firing out of the winding of the hack. He was dismaded from doing this, however, and instead of putting his weapon in his pocket, laid it on his lap, when it "accidentally discharged," and the ball entering Dr. Cogswell's stomsch, passed through his liver and mediately removed to the hospital, where, after suffering intense agony for a day and two nights, he died, and was buried in the hospital cemetery. This is the season of auctions of housewhold equipment of every kind. These auctions strongly attract many people, especially women, who are fascinated by the idea of buying things cheap. The Mrs. Toodles element is dominant in many persons, irrespective of sex, and the more auction they attend, the more the element is developed. Auction buying, even auction-attending, may be one a species of mania. There are men and women who never pass a house displaying a red flag without entering it to have been promised interests in contractors have won a decided to splaying a red flag without entering it to playing a red flag without entering it to play the flag of the playing a red flag without entering it to play the flag of the playing a red flag without entering it to pla THE TENTH ROYALS HONOURED,

A Detachment Invited to Visit Louisville,
Lieut-Col. Shaw, of the 10th Royal Regiment,
has received a letter from Col Bennest H.
Young, of Louisville, Ky., Vice President of the
Kentucky State Agricultural and Mechanical Association, urging him to petition the Minister of
Milist for permission to send a company of the
regiment, accompanied by the band, to Louisville
during the extibition of the Association, which
will commence on the 30th august and end on the
school Spetember next. During the holding of the
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The letter will be forwarded to the Minister of
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with the courteous request of Colonel Young saked
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The St. Thomas Times says the fall
wheat in this county presents a most promising aspect. Lest fail a mainia seemed
to seize the farme: for fall wheat sideration, and anything bought there must bring its reward. The mere fact that it has come from an auction, gives it, in their eyes, a certain intrinsic value. Auctioneers understand this human peouliarity so well that some of them engage a vacant house, put furniture into it, and sell it there, in-stead of selling it at their warerooms.

Troops in Pursuit of the Savages Treeps in Pursuit of the Savages.
CHICAGO, May 15.—The Times publishes, a story from Leadville by John Allendorf, who says he left Lynn county, Kausas, seven weeks ago, with seventeen others, equipped on an expedition in search of mineral, which they found on the Ute reservation, at the head waters of the Gunniago rives it side leaves and in the contract of the second countries of the se mineral, which they found on the Uterservation, at the head waters of the reservation, at the head waters of the Gunnison river, in rich placers, yielding two to four thousand dollars a day. On May 3rd, while the party were widely scattered, the Indians, mounted, galloped down, massacreing the whole party and cutting the bodies into pieces. Allendorf witnessed the affair from a mountain, whither he had gone hunting. The Utes carried off all the gold and the whole outilt. Allendorf walked several days until he reached the settlement. He gives the names of the nurdered men. Telegrams at Leadville yesterday state on Gunnison and twelve killed. This is supposed to be Broadbury's party which left Delnorte three weeks ago. General Mackenzie's column is on the way to the scene. A letter from Soguoche says the Utes are reported to have killed twelve miners forty miles west of that place.

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slaughter" against the prisoner. Sentence was deferred.

Patrick Donnelly, a brother of the deceased Michael Donnelly, was present during the trial, and for several days has been engaged in working up evidence against the accused.

St. Jean Baptiste.

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Ourresperations for and Pregramme of the image of the period of the approaching festival of St. Jean days are being made for the coming celebration of the approaching festival of St. Jean bands of music in the city. On the 24th a pontifical Mass will be celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Tachereau on the Plains of Abraham. At eight o'clock a choir composed of several thousands of volces.

Doy with a mysterious look and double-bartelled shot-gun suffi the air in the carly morning as though he had a corner on all the ducks.

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New York, May 14.—A Sur Washington special says the mail ring contractors have won a decided victory. The lobbylists are well known. From \$500 to \$1,000 is the sum said to have been paid spiece for votes. Certain members are alleged to have been promised interests in certain contracts. It is probable an investigation will be made.

Emigrant Regulations on Steamshins. WASHINGTON, D.C., May 14.—The House Com washingron, D.C., May 14.—The House Committee on Commerce have adopted Denster's bill, which applies to vessels carrying emigrant passengers, specifying the amount of room which must be allowed each passenger, and prescribing a fine of \$500 upon the master of the vessel for every passenger carried in excess of the proper number. The bill prohibits explosives or any article on board likely to endanger the health of the passengers.

Total Abstineace in the White House. Naw York, May 14,—The National Temperance Society adopted a resolution approving the example of President and Mrs. Hayes in excluding wine from the entertainments at the White House. A memorial was adopted, to be presented to the national conventions at Chicago and Cincinnati, requesting the nomination of sandidates for President and Vice-President who favour prohibition of the liquor traffic.

The total of the Hull relief fund to date

A WASHINGTON SCANDAL The Divorce Suit of the U. S. Minister to

Washington, May 15.—Minister Christiancy's bill against his wife charges specific acts of adultery. Mrs. Christiancy's bill will allege cruelty. It is charged Mrs. Christiancy with a well-known public official visited a disreputable house in Washington in the day time. The defence claims Mrs. Christiancy went to the house in company with the wife of the official named, who had had a brother ruined through a woman who keeps the house, and who wished to see this woman, and asked Mrs. Christiancy to go with her.

MILTON, Pa., May 14.—Four hundred buildings were burned here to day, including the entire business portion, six churches, the Academy of Music, banks, newspaper offices, railroad depot, and all the hotels. Several bodies have been recovered burned beyond recognition. Two hundred and fifty families are homeless. Provisions and clothing are needed at once. The loss has not yet been estimated.

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in the reign of Edward III. the Countesses of Norfolk, Ormonde, March, Pembroke, Oxford, and Athol, were summoned, and appeared by proxies.

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The increasing number of spelling reformers in Europe and America has created a desire among the members of the various associations for some means of strengthening the bond of union. There is some talk of an International Congress of Spelling Reformers to be held in Londoa or on the Continent in the autum.

Zola, the novelist, lives like a Benedictine, locked into his study, and never appearing in public. His mode of work is a very strange one. It consists in taking masses of notes on the classes of section. masses of notes on the classes of society he wishes to paint; then, when his notes are put together, he composes his novel, page by page, and thus writing about five a day with the utmost care. Dr. Miller Luther, Secretary of the

Pennsylvania Board of Charities, is prose-cuting a number of Dunkards for stealing bis grandfather's skull from a grave at Ephrata, a Dunkard village. It is said that they committed the depredation in obedience to a reputed witch, who told them that by performing certain ceremonies over that particular skull they would learn where some valuable papers were learn where some valuable papers were hidden.

Mrs. Scott-Siddons says:—"I have travelled through the United States for eleven years, and know all phases of society. The women here are very much better informed than the English women. American women possess a certain grace and ease, what the French call chic, that you will not find even in the highest English society. A servant girl here will dress herself in a graceful, natty way that an English duchess knows nothing about." For the sake of peace, the so called Ritualistic Church of St. Clement, in Phila Ritualistic Church of St. Clement, in Philadelphia, has consented to "put in abeyance" such of its ceremonies as have awakened the ire of the Standing Committee of the diocese and the official censure of the Blahop. At the same time both the rector and the vestry tell all concerned, in pretty plain language, that they consider this interference in their affairs unwarranted and impertinent, not to say unchristian.

John Williams, a merchant at Rutledge, Ga., sued a desperado. The fellow entered the store in a furious passion, held out the summons in one hand, clutched a long summons in one hand, clutched a long knife in the other, and said: —"Williams, have you sued me?" Williams knew that an immediate "Yes" would make him sure of a stab. "Let me get my spectacles, so that I can read the paper," he said. He went behind the counter and come back, not with his glasses, but with an axe across his shoulder. "Yes" he said, "I have sued you." "All right," remarked the desperado, "I guess I'll pay the bill."

The prepossessing appearance, gentle-manly demeanor, and foreign accent of the man who called himself Carlo Corella, botanist to the Court of Brazil, convinced a number of wealthy San Francisco ladies that he was truthful. He said to each that the failure of a remittance compelled him to sell some rare bulbs of Brazilian lilies which he had intended to present to Mrs.

B. Hayes. "The flower," says the Chronicle, "was to be a great scarlet bell, with ecru ruchings on the petals, a solfering around the pistil, and a whole bottle of perfumery in each stamen." He sold about fifty almost worthless bulbs at \$4

Greek ones, were common in the speeches of the great orators of the House of Commons, as Pitt, Fox, Pulteney; now the classics are a most dangerous ground to tread on, and are only occasionally employed by men of acknowledged great classical acquirements, like Gladstone and Lowe. Disraeli's first effort in this line, easant excitement, as neither he nor any ne else could tell where it came from. In WOMAN'S WAYS.

In England, bridesmaids are wearing In-dian muslin dresses and large yellow sashes. Professional beauties are becoming almost as numerous in New York as they are in

It is the present fashion to give brides money instead of the traditional silverware and trinkets.

Mme. Carla Serena is the first woman

Mme. Caria Serena is the Brist woman who has ever been elected to membership in the Imperial Royal Society of Austria. She has just returned to Vienna from a long tour through Caucasus and Asia.

Miss Gabriella T. Stickney, who from a compositor's case in a Chicago newspaper of the company of the compositor's case. office, became Postmistress of Collyer, Kansas, is now a notary public, and does most of the swearing for the village. Ladies who wear sealskin sacks are very Ladies who wear sealskin sacks are very liable not to wear them, for in Belgium rabbit skins are successfully prepared to resemble sealskin, and thousands of rabbits are annually killed in England whose pelts go to Belgium, and leave that country as genuine sealskins.

Louisa Josephine Engenie, Princess Royal of Sweden and Norway and Crown Princess of Denmark, is one of the hand-somest princesses in Europe. She is full

somest princesses in Europe. She is full of life and spirits, and a model wife and mother. She has a very large private fortune and will, by and-by, be one of the richest women in the world. She is the owner of a collection of the purest and largest diamonds known.

"Now look," cried the gay auctioneer,
"This carpet—one dellar I hear—
An 'alf—make it two—
Going—gone i ma'am, to you—
Dirt cheap—and you settle right here."

Her name was called out rather loud:
She blushed there while eyed by the crowd;
Two dollars she laid,
On the desk, quite afraid,
And felt of her bargain so proud.

How soon her sweet pleasure was marred For the auctioneer grzed at her hard; "Indeed? Well, I'm biamed— Fifty more," he exclaimed, "You bid, ma'am, two dollars a yard,"

Just as a member of the House of Lords and took the next train to Dover to pursue his eloping spouse; but there was no trace of her and he went home, where he found her sitting up as though nothing had hap-pened. He asked her what she meant by her telegram. She answered that she meant just what she said, of course: "I tea with Mrs. —————————in Dover street. Stay

Mrs. Gladstone, according to a London correspondent, is a clever, pleasant, earnest woman, but she dresses badly; her bon-nets are of the dowdiest. Mr. Gladstone wears trowsers that are baggy at the knees; his coats never fit him; his gloves are always too long at the fingers; but when he goes down to the House of Com-mons prepared to make an important speech, he is always well brushed, his hair oiled and he wears a flower in his button hole. Mrs. Gladstone always revises him before he leaves home on important occa-

sions
Ladies will readily recognize the faithfulness of this picture of their latest sum-mer style of hat. It will be of straw. It will be knocked in on the front, jammed in on the back, shoved in on the side and kicked in on the top. Then the rim will be jammed in all around to make the whole effect harmonious. It will be trimmed with strips of sheet tin, turkey wings, old fruit cans and debris generally. It is an economical kind of hat, as it can be made by taking a boy's old straw hat, running a health of the control of the control

wheelbarrow over it a few times and hitching whatever comes handy.

A strange story is told of King Louis of Bavaria, certainly the most eccentric of monarchs. It is related that he was engaged to marry Princess Sophia, now Duchese d'Alencon, and sister of the Empress of Austria, but being told that the princess cared more for the crown than for him, he broke the engagement in a novel

fashion. He ordered the court jeweller to make a magnificent regal crown, and sent it to the Princess, with a note running thus:—"Dear Sophis, I send you the crown which you covet, but I am sorry I can not give you the right to wear it as queen of Bavaria."

Mrs. Frecant, according to a Washington correspondent, is still a remarkable looking woman. She is stout in figure and her grey hair is abundant. She has a kind, benevolent expression, and is a fluent her grey hair is abundant. She has a kind, benevolent expression, and is a fluent talker. Her style of dress is quite unique. It consists of a skirt made out of a camel's hair shawl, which was once magnificent; a black cashmere polonaise is worn with the Oriental skirt. Mrs. Fremont is the constant companion of her husband, acting as friend, private secretary and counsellor. She has a masculine mind for the details of business, and has more than once straightened out the General's affairs.

A new and very beautiful style of decora-

A new and very beautiful style of decora-tion has, says the Continental Gazette, just been introduced for ladies' ball dresses. It consists of a skirt front of white silk, painted by hand with elaborate groups or garlands of flowers in water-colours, as finely finished as those on the most costly fans. The outlines of each flower are then brought out by a slight embroidery in silk, the heart of every blossom being worked with beads of its own colour. The effect of this new ornamentation is singu-larly striking and artistic. Of course these painted skirt-fronts are costly, their these painted skirt-fronts are costly, their price ranging from one thousand to fiften hundred francs. One with the pattern, a close-set mass of roses in their natural huss, was exceedingly beautiful. The following pathetic wail from the depths of a broken heart or gizzard on other internal arrangements of a Brantford awain results of the columns of the

swain, we clip from the columns of the Courier:

Beautiful maiden of Brantlord, Girl with the dark brown hair, Never with me, if I know it, Will you ride in a buggy and pair. My poor heart already is broken, And you say it is wholly my tault; But my confidence in you is shaken, And I won't drive you now out to Galt. Never on sofa or arm chair
Will you and I sit talking love,
For, darling, I am going to prepare
For the beautiful regions above.

And when I am gone and you're lonely, Cast an eye on that vacaut arm chair, And think when you sat with me only And said that I looked like a bear. One of the wedding customs of Rome re quires that as soon as an engagement is made the man shall present his affianced with a ring, watch, chain, locket, ear-rings and bracelet—a complete set of jewellery. These presents are expected as a lady's legitimate trousseau. The husband furnishes the house and his family generally provides the house linen. The lady's downy is scarcely ever paid down. It is either a claim on landed property, or the property itself is intrusted to the husband to administer during his wife's life, and he must be prepared to turn it over intact to his children, if he have any, or to his wife's family should he have no issue. No husband, therefore, can benefit by his wife's death in Italy, as the dowry he receives is merely intrusted to him during his wife's life. The husband, too, must insure the safety of the dowry by a corresponding

On the night of March 29, a shower of iron fell at Cataria, in Sicily. For several hours there was a constant fall of meteoric dust, accompanied by rain, and this dust contained fragments of iron, either in a surrounded by an oxidized crust. The fragments were of many shapes and sizes, and were readily attracted by the magnet. They only differed in size from a shower of

The Fanny May Variety Company advertised to give in Topeka, kan., "the finest entertainment on earth;" but the audience, which was large and masculine, soon found that it was exasperatingly poor. They pelted the performers with eggs and vegetables, drove them from the stage, chased them into their dressing-rooms, and them the performers with eggs and vegetables. one else could tell where it came from. In the same way classic quotations, once so common in the editorials of the Times and other leading journals, are a most wholly other leading journals, are a most wholly police arrived and quelled theribi

## LETTERS BY CABLE.

[EY CABLE TO THE MAIL.]

FROM LONDON. N. Y. HERALD BUREAU, ) LONDON, May 15.

The first London season is at its height. Her Majesty the Queen is residing in the metropolis and levees and drawing-rooms are the order of the day at Buckingham Palace. The attendance at those which were held on Tuesday and Thursday was above the average. The dresses were unusually elaborate, the richest of brocades and satins being displayed. On Tuesday the Princess of Wales were a splendid gold brocade over gold satin trimmed with he Princess of Wales were a splendid gold procede over gold satin trimmed with point d'Alencon, and on Thursday a robe of antique green satin draped with a senille morte vavet, with satin bouquets, pleire de Dijon rosebuds, diamond ornaents, and many brilliant orders. Princes ce wore a train and corsage of ivory Bestrice wore a train and corsage of ivory and gold, a dress of Irish poplin, bordered with plisses of gold lace, a peticoat of oriental silk embroidered in gold and white, with gold and pearl fringe for headdress, a diadem of Indian rubies with necklace, earrings, and brooch of rubies. RICH AND BRILLIANT COSTUMES.

Among the dresses of the brilliant and fashionable throng white lavender and satins predominated, owing to the large number of first presentations. Violets and mauves were much favoured. The Duchess of Westminster wore violet, trimmed with lace and bouquets of yellow research and belief trees. roses and heliotropes, a coffure of diamonds, mauve feathers, and yellow roses. The Duchess of Manchester wore a costume of an entirely dark reddish brown with diamonds and a necklace of several rows of magnificent pearls. Among other re-markable toilets was a peacock train, broadly bordered with vioil or satin, richly embroidered with peacock's feathers. Another was entirely trimmed with real peacock's feathers, and another was of black and gold Vepetian brocade over crimson satin, trimmed with black lace and bouquets of shaded crimson popples. The above are random selections from a marvellous variety of sumptuous dresses, but I will not assert that the beauty of all the wearers exceeded or even equalled the beauty of their raiment.

CHINESE AND INDIAN. Among the presentations were the Marchioness Tseng, wife of the Chinese minister, and Lady Kee Lee Cheen, wife of the first secretary. Both wore their national dress. It comprises a loose jacket of black satin and an embroidered overskirt of rich brocade such as European looms cannot produce. Two Indian ladies were also presented. They were Miss Shavendra and Satyendra Bala Tagore, who by the Queen's special desire wore their native dress of white muslin, striped old without trains, and were dent in gold orsaments and gold resplendent in gold ornaments and gold headbards. Gossip has it that the Queen sent word to three ladies who attended the drawing room that she did not wish to see them again. The reason is thought to be that they were excessively decollete. Yet Her Majasty is very particular to insist on low necked dresses at Court and analysis particular is required to appear.

special permission is required to appear with the neck covered. AN ARISTOCRATIC CHARITY CONCERT. An aristocratic charity concert.

An interesting fashionable event was the concert given at St. James' Hall on Friday, by Vissountess Folkestone, in aid of the children's hospital in Great Ormond Street. The hall was crowded by a brilliant attendance, among whem were the Prince and Princess of Wales, Princes Albert Victor and George, and the Dukes of Edinburgh and Teck. Lady Folkestone enlisted in her service nearly all the most eminent musicians in London. The programme consisted of well-selected pieces, and several part songs, exquisitely rendered by Henry Lealie's choir. Lady Folkestone sang Arthur Sullivan's "Let

Folkestone sang Arthur Sullivan's "Let me dream again," accompanied by the composer, and a composition of her own, "It was a thorn," with violoncello and organ accompaniment. The great event of the evening was Romberg's "Toy Symphony." Continuous applause greeted an array of well-known artists as they filed to the dais, bearing a number of puerile instruments—Randegger with his little drum, Dr. Stainer, organist of St. Paul's cathedral, with a penny trumpet, Sullivan with a cuckoo, Benedict with bells, and Ross with a second violin. The audience listened with amusement and audience listened with a second violin. The wonder to this unique performance. Sullivan's mournful cuckòcing, producing a very comic effect in the quaint finale, when all the instruments units in most the instruments unite in most singular but not inharmonious roar. The sym-phony was encored and repeated. In the second part of the concert, there was another extra-ordinary performance. The "Soldiers Chorus" in "Faust" was given by a band, all playing militous—a boy's in-strument which has the effect of tissue paper and a comb. Trebeldi conducted the chorus, which created as much astonshment as amusement, the capabilities of his musical instrument of childhood when massed being hitherto unsuspected. In response to a vehemement encore Lady Folkestone, Trebelli and Henry Leslie gave "Three Blind Mice," on the milious, amidst hearty laughter. Altogether, the concert was one of the most successful and interesting ever given, and will doubtess benefit greatly the charity.

FROM PARIS. NEW YORK HERALD BUREAU, ) The protests of the Catholic bishops gainst the decrees of March are still con-inued. Seventy-eight out of eighty-four bers of the French episcopate have protested. Evidently the Church has now protested. Evidently the Church has determined to identify its cause with that Jesuits. This would look as if it

egarded the present struggle as the last lecisive one to be waged for its own ascend-A TITLED CRIMINAL. The Vicomte de Civry, grandson of the The Vicomte de Civry, grandson of the sotorious Duke of Brunswick, has appeared in a Paris law court this week, charged with a series of robberies in the house of its landlady—Mme. Lecoq. The Vicomte, who is a young man of most exquisite nanner and irreproachably dressed, rented in 1876 a furnished house of Mme. Lecoq, for which he agreed to pay 5,200 francs a rear. Before leaving the lady had her aluables, plate and lines, locked up nables, plate and linen, locked up their wardrobes, and an inventory made. The Vicomte began house esping on a grand scale. He kept everal servants, a secretary, horses, the rest; yet, strange to say, and not a penny of his own. When rent day arrived, he was unable to He received notice to quit, and in course left. After his departure ac. Lecoq missed a number of costly ects, and notably her plate, a curious ger and some rare medals. Suspicion on the aristocratic De Civry. but when the aristocratic De Civry, but when to account he denied the charge such an air of virtuous indignation he was allowed to go at large on e. He escaped to England, where, it arole. He escaped to England, where, is any be remembered, he was arrested and aken before the Bow street magistrate, ho declared that the case was beyond his meanwhile ondemnad clare was beyond his condemned in contumaciam at and was, at his own request, extraited, hoping by a show of bravery to save imself. His guilt was clearly proved. le endeavoured to fix the robbery on the strants, but in vain. He was yesterday

three years' imprisonment, LOST ON THE PLAIN. The claimant of the grand prize of 150,00ir. in the Franco-Spanish lottery has
last presented himself, but, alas! his
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AN EXTRAORDINARY MATINEE. matinee of an unusual kind takes place | la