

## Current Topics and Events.



LORD PAUNCEFOTE.

Lord Pauncefote closes a long and diplomatic career by welding the last rivet in international friendship and good-will. Secretary Hay has shown wise tact and skill in overcoming the many difficulties in bringing about this result. His recent definition of the policy of the United States as a combination of the Monroe Doctrine, and the Golden Rule, is one that leaves little to be desired.

The cartoons representing the attitude of John Bull and Uncle Sam on the Isthmian Canal are much better-natured than those to which we were accustomed in the old days of tail-twisting. If John Bull virtually controls the Suez Canal, there can be no objection to Brother Jonathan building and safeguarding that across the Isthmus, provided both are thrown open, as is agreed, to the whole world.

The sequel of the victory over Tammany in New York has not been reassuring. The dominance of the liquor interests seems so great that even Messrs. Jerome and Low, the champions of reform, seem willing to so far pander to the traffic as to favour saloon opening during at least part of the Lord's Day. This has called forth a vigorous protest, and is not likely to be tolerated. Even Dr. Parkhurst has expressed his approval of this compromise. We are glad that the religious press, and especially the Methodist press and pulpit, are dead against it. "If the dethronement of Tammany's rulers," says "Stylus" in The Christian Advocate, "means the upheaval of Mount Sinai, better a thousand times to have Tammany remain." The fight is on, and our cartoon from The Tribune shows its probable result. If tiger Tammany can be so thoroughly demoralized as shown in the cut, the Sunday saloon opening can be "knocked out" with equal success.



J.B.—"You'll have to boss your own ditch, Jonathan."—Minneapolis Journal.