



THE MOURNING AFTER.

STERN EMPLOYER (to Clerk who has come in late after holiday)
—"Well, sir?"

CLERK—"No sir, not quite!"

AN ODD TRICK.

TARIFF tinkering is a queer business, anyhow. Playing cards, because they are the devil's picture books, are taxed with an import duty of six cents per pack, while devotional cards for use of Sunday schools, because they are opposed to the devil and all his works, have to pay twenty per cent. with six cents per pound added. Is this according to Hoyle?

OUR Critical Column



MME. ALBANI is to appear in "La Traviata" at the Grand Opera House, on the evening of April 29th. The fact that this great prima donna is one of ourselves—a Canadian, and proud of it, (whenever she happens to be within our borders), will cause a terrific rush for seats. She has just finished a triumphant season with Patti in New York.

MR. TORRINGTON is to be thanked for giving Toronto

an opportunity of hearing the marvellous boy singer, Blatchford Kavanagh, of Grace Church, Chicago, who appears at the Metropolitan Church on Thursday evening of this week. Master K., who is just eleven years old, has the face as well as the voice of an angel, and if his juvenile beauty and heavenly singing do not break a few feminine hearts it will be a fortunate accident.

EVERYBODY will be glad to know that Mr. George Kennan is to return and lecture in this city on May 15th, 16th and 17th. To the efforts of this noble friend of liberty is mainly due the revolt against Russian tyranny that is now spreading over the civilized world. The Czar is powerful, but Kennan with GRIP at his back, will down him yet.

If there are any of our readers who have not heretofore been familiar with the name of Edward Lloyd, let them make a note of the fact that the gentleman in question is England's greatest tenor, with the possible exception of Mr. Sims Reeves only. It is contended by some leading critics that even this exception cannot be made. Lloyd sings at the Pavilion on May 5th.

THE attractions at the theatres this week are:—

GRAND—Mr. Sol. Smith Russell in his characteristic comedies. Everybody knows and loves this genial humorist, who is always welcome in Toronto.

JACOBS—Mr. Gus Hill and his amusing specialty company in a variety programme.

ACADEMY—Hyers' Colored Musical Comedy Company, new to Toronto, but described as one of the best things in its line now before the public.

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HUMORS OF THE N.P.

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Mechanic's tools, *thirty per cent.*

Farmers' " *thirty-five per cent.*

The hard-working classes ask Foster for cheaper bread and tools to make a livelihood, and he gives them a (precious) stone; and Sir John, with that facetious wink of his, consoles them with the quotation that man does not live by bread alone. 'Ten'shun! O Israel! Equal Rights to the front!

AN APPEAL TO MR. FOSTER.

DEAR GRIP,—It would be a great boon to us farmers now that the Government is tinkering the tariff, if they would lower the duty on diamonds "manufactured," that is on diamond tiaras, stomachers, bracelets and the like, as also on gold and silver plate. It is now twenty per cent., which is too high to meet the approval of the industrial classes, for whose benefit all tariffs purport to be framed. In the face of U.S. wheat competition, we farmer men have made so much surplus cash by the sweat of our brows that we would like to hang a few diamond necklaces or such on the good wives that have borne with us the burden and heat of the day, and when we are all rich by growing that two-rowed barley, our darters will be wanting jewels and gold and silver plate like their mothers. Place these necessities on the free list, Mr. Foster. The duty on agricultural implements, that we need on the farm, is only thirty-five per cent. You see the difference, don't you? TOILER.

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ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. 25c. a bottle.