

A professional beggar, recently arrested in New York, was found living, luxuriously in an elegantly furnished house, according to the reporter.

A sensible example has been shown by the Pennsylvania State fair. It offered a premium of \$200 for home-made dresses.

An idea of the style in which the White House is fitted up, may be gathered from the fact that there are three chandeliers in it which cost not less than \$5,000 each.

It is said that the metamorphosis of Mr. Tonnyson into Baron D' Eyncourt has led to the change of the famous expression "the grand old gardener," into "the gardener Adam."

A deficit of \$50,000 is expected in the Quebec corporation fund this year.

It is said on what may be taken for tolerably good authority, the German news agency "Empire Correspondence," namely: that Austria will take the initiative in the Sanitary Council at Alexandria in introducing proposals for the sanitary reform of Egypt.

It is impossible to foretell where the colonization, (so-called) scramble on the part of the European Governments will end. It will be a wonder if that marvelous river the Congo does not prove a bone of very serious, if not warlike, contention, among them.

There is one thing at least that not a few of the barbers in Toronto need to learn very badly, and that is when they cut a person's hair to brush the loose hairs thoroughly well out of it. It is the most difficult thing in the world to get a barber to give your head a good vigorous brush. They are either too lazy or simply too careless and without proper knowledge of their business, to do the thing as it ought to be done. Unless you watch them very closely some of them will actually allow you to leave their shops with hair choppings sticking in wonderful profusion all over your face, so that everyone you meet can say to himself, "evidently that man has just had his hair cut." You can find hairs on your nose, in your ears, on your neck, cheeks, everywhere in fact where they have no business to be. And if you happen to scratch your head, which perhaps you never have any business to do, down comes a shower of short hairs. 'Tis perfectly disgusting. Talking about scratching one's head reminds us, by the way, that it is an utter impossibility to refrain from the act after leaving some barber-shops. The reason of it we do not pretend to explain, the fact however is undeniable that the men who never have any inclination in that direction at other times, are possessed on such occasions with a perfect frenzy for the exercise. It is always a safe rule we think to wash one's head after a hair cut wherever it may have been done, for accidents will happen even in the best regulated families.

It is almost universally regarded by British newspapers of all political shades, and by European papers, that the appointment of Wolsley to the chief command in

Egypt, really means business. Wolsley is not the man to allow himself to be made a mere catspaw. If Gordon can be relieved, and the Soudan restored to tranquillity, he may be relied on to do it.

The Parnellite faction threatens to go back on Gladstone and ally themselves with their hereditary foes the Tories, in opposition to the Franchise Bill. If they do it will be a lamentable case of spiteful want of judgment.

German loyalty must be made of sterling stuff if it can withstand the military tyranny to which it is subjected. A case in point was afforded by the newspapers the other day. Two gentlemen, belonging to the landwehr, were ordered to attend the Autumn manoeuvres. The only means of transport were cattle cars already filled with peasants, also members of the landwehr. The gentlemen refused to go in such a manner and telegraphed a remonstrance to the Emperor. The result was that they were tried by court martial and sentenced to eight years' imprisonment at hard labour.

Some of the American newspapers are commenting on the fact that Queen Victoria has sent nothing more substantial to the cholera sufferers in Europe than a telegraphic message of condolence to the Queen of Italy. On the other hand the American Minister in Rome contributed \$1,000 to the sufferers in Naples, and King Humbert has given \$80,000. The Pope also has given liberally. Now that we think of it, we don't seem to remember any very conspicuous act of charity-giving on the part of our Sovereign even to suffering subjects of her own, to say nothing of foreigners.

Lieut. Danenbower, of Arctic fame, has been appointed to the chair of chemistry and physics in the U.S. Naval Academy.

The death was reported last week of Mr. Robert Hoe, of the firm of R. Hoe & Co., the printers' press manufacturers of New York City. He was born there seventy years ago, being the son of Robert Hoe who came from Leicestershire, in England, 1803. The deceased gentleman is said to have been a public-spirited, liberal-minded man, who always identified himself with what appeared to him favourable to the best interests of the city and the country at large. He was an active member of several charitable institutions besides doing much in a private way for the relief of suffering. His nature was quiet and retiring, and he never took any very active part in politics, though he served as one of the Committee of Seven appointed to reform the city Government.

Lord Garmoye, the young English aristocrat without backbone enough to marry the girl he loved because his parents objected, is reported to be looking about for some American girl who may fill the bill. It is doubtful if any American girl can be found who would have anything to say to such a nincompoop as that "hereditary legislator."

Another case of love laughing, if not at locksmiths, at least at social distinctions.

Not contented with giving the fair daughter of a wealthy New York broker to the arms of her father's coachman, the little god has again mixed things up in a dreadful way, by doing much the same thing for the daughter of another nabob, George S. Sickles, the little difference in the case being that the last made son-in-law is a butcher instead of a coachman. The bride is said to be nineteen years of age, tall, well-formed and good-looking, while the groom is a healthy, hearty, red-faced provider of uncooked meat. It is said that the father of the girl has determined to make the best of a bad job, if it is such, and to set the young fellow up in business and give him a good chance to make a man of himself.

In this connection by the way, all our readers will no doubt be pleased to read the following sensible letter from Jay Gould to Mr. Morosini, his partner, and the sorrowing parent whose daughter ran away with his discharged coachman. Here it is:

I sympathize with you in your recent trouble and as a friend and adviser I trust you will accept this in the spirit of good will and not consider it unnecessarily obtrusive. Instead of grieving over what cannot now be remedied it might be well to take the whole matter in a philosophic way. Could I see your daughter Victoria a few words might have a salutary effect upon her. However I would suggest that you start the young man (Huelokamp) in some light business congenial to his tastes, and if there are any business qualities in him they will soon develop themselves. Such a step might be the means of rendering the young couple happy and lessening the burden of your grief. Sensible Jay Gould!

The death was recently recorded of Amalie Haiczingle, an actress. She was eighty-seven years old at the time of her death. She had acted in the presence of Napoleon I. and of Goethe, who mentions her in his writings. She is described as having been a remarkably fascinating old lady.

Will America never be done with fooling itself about British bogus Lords? Apparently nothing will cure those afflicted with the mania. Well, go at it and take the consequences.

Surely the Independence boom is rather tectering out. The organs never mention it, or at least when they do it is with bated breath and whispering humbleness. Any little *go* that was displayed about the matter has apparently fizzled out. The exposition of views some how has come to a full stop. How is this thus? TRUTH is in favor of every thing being discussed, without having the fear of disloyalty being thrown at one's head like a brick bat. But the Independence men have said their say without saying anything worth while.

The idea of taking in the West India Islands as a new Province of Canada, is about the wildest and least defensible idea that has been broached for a long time. The foolishness or the knavery that has prompted the suggestion is very great indeed. These islands are bankrupt and they wish Canada to take them in hand, and nurse them into new life, a job too big, too expensive, and too much out of

her way to offer the slightest inducement for tackling with it.

Mr. Gladstone recently climbed the second highest mountain in Scotland. The "grand old man" is by no means so nearly used up as his enemies sometimes try to persuade themselves.

The Rajah of Tenom has shown a prudent regard to his own welfare in at length releasing the crew of the shipwrecked steamer *Nisero*. British patience was just about to give out with that noble savage.

The Liberals of Montreal feeling the want of an English organ to express their views, have started one and called it the *Times*. Mr. James Stewart, late of the *Herald*, is the managing director.

We hear little nowadays of the rumour that the *Globe* is likely to change its policy by passing under the control of the Canada Pacific R. R. In all likelihood the wish was father to the thought with some Conservatives who would commit almost any crime short of murder to promote dissension in the Grit ranks. They are trying their best to foment the jealousy already existing to a certain extent between the Blake and the Mackenzie wings of the opposition party.

Several remarkably bold robberies have recently taken place in Montreal. A young man was robbed in broad daylight of a gold watch and \$650, while the office of the Fabrique of Notre Dame, also in day time, was robbed of a cash box containing \$6,000.

Mr. Donald A. Smith is acquiring quite a reputation for liberality. He has lately offered \$50,000 to endow a college for women in connection with McGill University. He may well do that, for he has bled the country largely.

The Reformers who were present at the banquet given in honour of Mr. Morat, were grievously disappointed in the result. It was badly bungled, and many did not hesitate to say that they had been swindled. The food was commonplace in quality and scanty in quantity, the attendance miserable, and the whole affair such as one would scarcely expect to find in a third class eating house.

Some very uncomplimentary things were said of the caterer. Many of the guests got nothing at all and went away as hungry as they came. Others had to content themselves with blanc mange and jelly and an apple or two. The soup was cold, and only about a teacupful was allowed to each guest. No wonder there was great indignation if it is true what has been said that the caterer was paid at the rate of \$1.47 a head.

Anything more stupidly irrational could not be imagined than the mode of exit from the Exhibition Grounds. The stupidity is more glaring at the gate to the railroad platform, because it is there that the crush is always greatest, and where accordingly the means of exit should be most unhampered. To compel a crowd of many hundred, or even thousands,