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HONEST LIBERAL OPINION.

It is pleasing to find an occasional frank and honest opinion on the Stratton scandal. Most of the Liberal newspapers and all of the Liberal Legislative members are simply servile hidebound partisans who are willing to swallow any iniquity to save the party.

"To make Gamey out a questionable character, of no matter what degree, only makes those out still worse who had anything to do with him of a discreditable character. That there have been dealings with him of a disreputable character there can be little doubt.

This is the way all honest Liberals are looking at the matter. If Gamey is not given a perfectly free chance to prove his charges the Ross Government admits its guilt.

"THE WITNESS" ON THE COMMISSION.

The Opposition has fought hard, as the Liberal Opposition did at the time of the Pacific scandal indictment, to have the charges heard before a committee of the House. They sought also, in any case, to have the whole ministry impeached, but the Government has succeeded by casting its own vote in having the charges confined to one minister.

HONESTY THE BEST ASSET.

Our commercial morality is one of the most valuable of our national assets. We have fewer national resources than the Americans, we have less artistic feeling than the French, but without boasting it can still be said that the standard of honor among men of business in England is higher than that to be found in any of those countries.

SPECTATOR SCINTILLATIONS.

The accused ministers, having decided what the charge is to be, who are to be the judges, and how the investigation is to be conducted, might as well take the remaining step and announce the verdict—Not guilty.

BACHELORS—LOOK HERE!

Lawyer Abe Hummel is authority for the statement that if bachelors who wish to avoid breach of promise suits will use telegraph blanks in doing their proposing they will always keep on the safe side. He bases this assertion on an incident in a Westchester breach of promise case in which Mr. Hummel appeared for the defendant.

the printed matter had nothing to do with the case, and that the fact that the proposal was written on a telegraph blank, was all accident. The court ruled that everything on the blank should be read. Reluctantly the plaintiff's counsel began by reading the printed conditions on the head of the blank, opening: "There is no liability on account of this message, unless the same is reported, and then only on condition that the claim is made within thirty days in writing."

The crocodiles are thoroughly aquatic in their habits, and their peculiar conformation enables them to attack and seize their prey unawares. Their nostrils, which lead by a long canal to the back part of their throats, their eyes and their ears are placed on the upper part of the head, so that when in the water they can breathe, see and hear, while they are themselves practically invisible.

The dentition of these reptiles is peculiar. The teeth are sharp and conical and are hollow at the base, and each tooth serves as the sheath of another, which will in time replace it. The tongue—for notwithstanding the ancient belief the crocodile does possess a tongue—is fleshy and is attached to the bottom of the mouth. And finally the lower jaw is hinged at the very back of the skull, thus giving the animal its extraordinary gape and also the peculiar appearance which caused the notion that it moved its upper jaw.

In St. Petersburg the arrangement of fire alarms is rather peculiar and decidedly unique, and the fire-alarm telegraph is an unknown thing. Instead a fireman is at all times in the tower of the city hall, and he watches the surrounding city to catch the first glimpse of a fire. When a fire is discovered during the day, he runs up black balls on the top of the tower as signals; at night red lanterns are used.

Jinks, like other men, has a horror of infant prodigies as exploited by their proud papas. Recently Jinks met him with: "Hello, Jinks! What do you think my girl said this morning? She's the brightest four-year-old in town. She said—" Jinks shied. "Excuse me, old man!" he exclaimed. "I'm on my way to keep an engagement. Some other time!"

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Not So Surprising. "Does you' talk huckleberry pie, Claud?" Claud—"Deed I could eat huckleberry pie till I'm black in de face. His Support. No foreign nobleman is he, Yet it has come to pass That Mabel pays his tailor bills, And Stella pays the gas. Fair Phyllis staves the landlord off; On Kate for food he leans; They are the girls he rhymes about In all the magazines. A Different Question. Perkins, Jr.—Why don't you buy that horse of Seth's, pop? He's got a fine pedigree. Perkins, Sr.—Pedigree! The question is, is he worth anything? Why, boy, their sassiest folks what comes here in the summer has pedigrees.

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