## AN AMUSING ELECTION INCIDENT.

In a Southern borougb an occurrence took place on the day of a very strongly contested struggle for Parliamontary honors that misy be used as a strong argument by those who are advocaling the extension of the franchise to the gentler sex. A certain gentleman, whose name is of a pure Milesian type, detormined that he would ospouse the cause of the popular candidate despite the earnest entreaties of his wifo and daughter, whose politics were of a decided Conservative tinge, and who were evidently determined to thwart the patriotic intentions of their lord and master. A short time previous to the day of polling the ladies held high council and decided that as "wowen's ouly weapon" had failed to corvince their obstinate protector of the error of his ways, they should ondeavor by a ruse to prevent him from recording his vote for the candidate of his choice. After a number of plans had been suggested by both Jadies, an idea occurred to the younger one that would be worthy of a Moltke. Her cyes glistened with delight as she oxclaimed, "Mamma, I have it; I have it; the very thing!" There was a pause for a moment, and she bogan"We will pretend there is a lealt in the tank at the top of the house, and we will get papa to examine it on the day of the election. He will have to ascend the ladder to get up to it, and when he is at the top we will take the ladder away, so that he will not be able to descend to record his vote." The mother looked aghast at the boldness of hor daughter's proposal, but after $a$ little consideration came to the conclusion that something should be done to preven't her obstinato spouse from recording his vote, not only against her own convictions, but eren against those of the immediate relatives of the gentleman himself. The plan was decided on, and the momentous day arrived for putting it into execution. Immediately after brealfast, the daughter suggested that the plumber should be eont for at once to see after the dreadful leak that was in the tank; in fact, she was of opinion that if ine were not sent for immediately, they would be in danger of being inandated. The shadow of an exhorbitant tradesman's bill, suggested to patermila the necessity of sceing for himeelf what the extent of the injury night be. "I will see about it at once," aid he, "and when I shall have voted at the courthouse, I will call at the plamber's." A short time after he ascended, and when be got on the top of the tank, the ladder was taken stcalthily away. He examined the tank for a fet moments, and failed to discover anything the matter with it, at which he was exceedingly well pleased, priding himself at the same time on his foresight in looking aftor the matter himself before employing the aid of the man. of solder and lead. Ho was about de scending whon he found the ladder had been taken from its usual place. He salled out to his wifo and daughter as . ui as he possibly conld, but it is needIs 10 say his cfforts wero perfectly "Ilers. The idoa forced itsolf upon if in: od that a very clever trick had hi ev played upon him, and he was in :-.gt ..ing but an agreeable frame of mind - hecil he retraced his steps to get to the top of the house, to see whether he could draw the attention of any friendly prarser-by. He raised a skylight and pothis head through it, but was an. tule to discover a single person passing. After remaining in this unenviable position for some time, and feeling that the hour specified for the close of the pCI was drawing nigh, he almost depaired of being able to rocord his vote. At last he espied at some distance a man approaching the honse, and recog. gized him as one of his tenants. At the top of his voice bo roared oat the man's Chyistian name, onlling to: him," "come to my assistance." The man looked blank with amarement. He thought he reoognised the voice, but icould not make out whence it proceeded. The dentleman atill continued to roar rocifarously, but to no purpose as far as his
his fingers to his cranium for the par- tho most honorablo way. Respail began pose of solving the riddle. "Begor, I bave it at last," said the tenant; "it must be one of tho —. I'li be off to the pricst." He was retracing his steps, when the gentleman, in pitcous accents, oarrod out. "Yerra, don't you know mo ; I am Mr. -..." Then the tenant looked up to the top of the house, and discovered the bare crown of the gentleman's head in the skylight. Ho was more than astonished when the gentleman requested him to break open the hall-door, if they would not let him in to rescue him from the awkward predicament he was in. The man thundered at the door, which was soon opened by the servant. The master of the bouso was then rescued, and bad barely time to proceed to the polling-place to record his vote, amidst the plaudits of the non-electors, who were afraid his relatives had inflinenced him to change his opinions.-Cork Examiner.

A CITY STRUCK WITH PLAGUE.
A letter from Munich gives a sad account of the state of that town, which continues to be ravaged by the epidemic from which it has so long suffered. For a little time the scourge abated; but now it is more virulent than over. Sãnitary measures on the largest scale, executed with the greatest care, bare no effect in arresting its progress. The mostalarming feature of the malady is is that it carries off its victims in a mo. ment, without almost a note of warning from premonitory symptoms. The correspondent mays that very often not even the elightest illness, the most insignifcant vestige of diarrhcea, Warns the victims, whe pass from a state of perfect health to death in a few hours. $\Delta_{B}$ might be expected, the toma is in a terrible state of depression and dismay. The disease has now been eight months in the place. The hotels are absolutely deserted ; visitors, who used to be attracted in largo numbers by the pleasant social life and the art treasures of Munich, will not set fuot in it; commerce and trade languish: and, in a short time, a local crisis'is likely to add to the miseries that oppress the inhabitants. Agitation, the natural fruit of such a state of things, has commenced ; and the Ministerial orders forbidding all public rejoicings are criticised in a violently hostile spirit. Munich is oridently in a bad way.
RASPAIL, THE COMMUNIST.
While Republican Presidents are shooting (bays a Paris correspondent), and Republiean dancers are intent on monster balls, the father of French Ropublicans is cast into prison. M. Raspail, though we have not heard of him lately, is a famous man in more ways than onc. He has certainly done much mischief as an extreme politician. Ho is an ex-Deputy of impracticable views, and a thorough Communist in his whitings, though legally he has steered clear of the unnatural insurrection of 1870 . I recollect once being introduced to Mr. Raspail, one of the most venerable looking men it is possible te see. He quickly branched into pol itics, thiok ing, because I was an Irishman, that I must have been an advocate of those monstrous doctrines against property, religion, and family which are broached by the fanatic revolutionists of France. I recolcet urging an argumentum ad hominem: "M. Raspail," said I; " you approve of the distribution of the property of the rich amongst the poor." "I do," he replied. "Well, then," I resumed, "why do you not begin and show a good example? You are very rich, thouig $h$, doubtless, not to speak of the exterior world, there must be many in need of money amongst your own relatives. Suppose jou begin by dividing your accumulated means amongst those? It will be an earnest of your sincerity, and a fino precedent to others." But:thie old man could not see this. He would not give anyone a franc without value received. As to his poor relatives and friende, like the Radical pailosopher in Canning's "Noedy. thoin furter" Mr. Rashail would "soo certainly be has acguired his woilth
life as a chemist, and discovercd the uses of a compound of alcohol and eam phor as a wondrous specifio for wound ad bruises, and sores of all kinds. Ever practitioner and every private family in France find a frequent, bencficient aid in the alcohol camphre. But this political Radical and healthful regenerator is not satisfied in devoting his ven erable hoad, white with tho snows eighty winters to repose. He has boen, for the last couple of jears, in conjunction with his son, publishing an al manac, the dates in which are crowded with apologies for the Communo. For this he hus bren summoned before tho Assizes of the Seine, and, after a strange defence of himself, has just been condemned to an imprisonment of two years, while his son was sentenced to six months.

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