Interesting and Valuable, though of Little or No Historic Weight-The Simple Majesty of the True Word Gains Much by Comparison with the Trivialities of the Apocryphal Books.

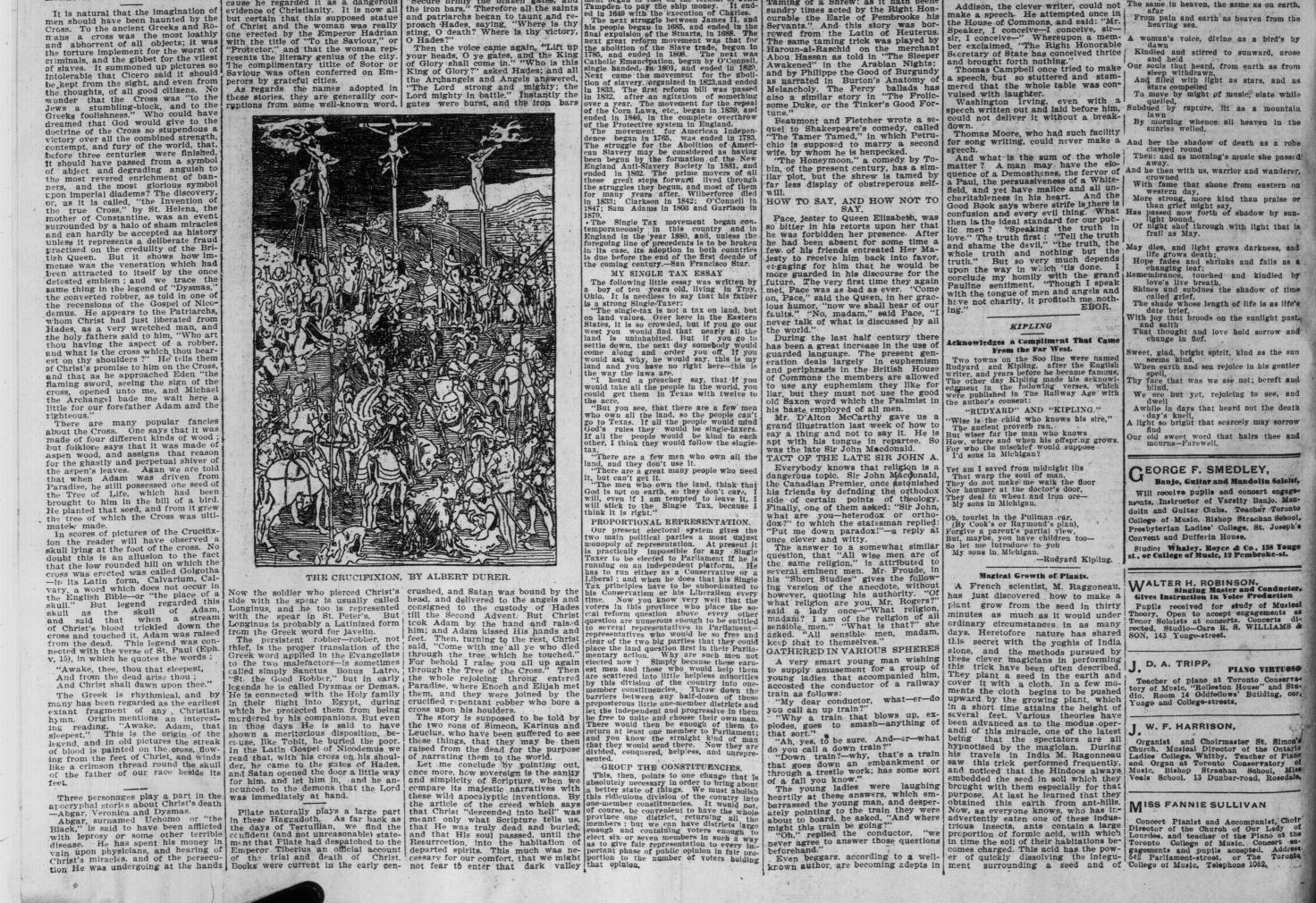
There are many popular fancies

about the Cross. One says that it wa

made of four different kinds of wood; but folklore says that it was made of aspen wood, and assigns that reason for the ghastly and perpetual shiver of

mans a cross was the most loathly and abhorrent of all objects; it was the torture implement for the worst of riminals, and the gibbet for the vilest of slaves. It summoned up pictures so





THE CRUCIPIXION, BY TINDRETO.

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MY SINGLE TAX ESSAY

The following little essay was written by a boy of ten years old, living in Troy, Ohio. It is needless to say that his father is a strong Single-Taxer:

"The single-tax is not a tax on land, but on land values. Over here in the Eastern States, it is so crowded, but if you go out west you would find that nearly all the land is uninhabited. But if you go out west you would find that nearly all the land is uninhabited. But if you go to settle down, the next day somebody would come along and order you off. If you would ask why, he would say, this is my land and you have no right here—this is the way the laws are.

"I heard a preacher say, that if you would take all the people in the world, you could get them in Texas with twelve to the acre.

"But you see, that there are a few men the proper in the very first time they as a bad as ever. "Come on, pace," "All the you was as bad as ever. "Come on, pace," and the Quere, in her you would sub the Quere, "In her very first time they as a bad as ever. "Come on, pace," and the Quere, "In her very first time they as a bad as ever. "Come on, pace," and the Quere, "In her ver

the acre.
"But you see, that there are a few men who own all the land, so the people can't go to Texas. If all the people would mind God's rules they would be single-taxers. If all the people would be kind to each other, I think they would follow the single-tax.

not speaking, and my subject is, "The Unruly Member." I have good authority for thus styling the tongue; for what does the Apostle James say?

"The tongue boasteth great things The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. It setteth on fire the course. of nature, and it is set on fire of hell. of nature, and it is set on fire of hell. For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be."

in this world—He of whom it was said. "He spake as never man spake."

BIBLICAL ILLUSTRATIONS.

In the Bible we have abundant record of evil speaking. David says, "I spake rashly with my tongue. In mine haste I said all men are liars." Jephtha made a rash vow and lost his dearly beloved daughter.

It is easy to say, "I would not have done so and so or said so and so." Well, what is the Biblical record? "Elisha, the man of God, wept, and Hazael said, Why weepeth my lord? "And hie answered, because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strongholds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash their children and other dreadful things. And Hazael said, But what, is thy servant a dog, that he should do this great thing?" But he went and did it.

What could be finer than the prophet Elijas's raillery when he mocked the prophets of Baal, calling, "Cry aloud: for he is a god: either he is talking or he is on a journey; or peradventure he sleepeth and must be awaked." And the prophets cut themselves with knives and leaped on the altar. Here is the effect of sub-lime irony.

The Lord is also made to speak might tolerate: but there seems to be

The same taming trick was played by Haroun-al-Raschid on the merchant Abou Hassan as told in "The Sleeper Awakened" in the Arabian Nights; and by Philippe the Good of Burgundy as narrated in Burton's Anatomy of Melancholy. The Percy ballads has also a similar story in "The Frolicsome Duke, or the Tinker's Good Fortune."

tune."

Beaumont and Fletcher wrote a sequel to Shakespeare's comedy, called "The Tamer Tamed," in which Petruchio is supposed to marry a second wife, by whom he is henpecked.

"The Honeymoon," a comedy by Tobin, of the present century, has a similar plot, but the shrew is tamed by far less display of obstreperous self-will.

HOW TO SAY, AND HOW NOT TO SAY.

Pace, jester to Queen Elizabeth, was so bitter in his retorts upon her that he was forbidden her presence. After he had been absent for some time a few of his friends entreated Her Majesty to receive him back into favor, engaging for him that he would be more guarded in his discourse for the future. The very first time they again met, Pace was as bad as ever. "Come on, Pace," said the Queen, in her gractious humor, "now we shall hear of our faults." "No, madam," said Pace, "I never talk of what is discussed by all the world."

During the last half century there

his haste employed of all men.

Mr. D'Alton McCarthy gave us a grand illustration last week of how to say a thing and not to say it. He is apt with his tongue in repartee. So was the late Sir John Macdonald.

""Wise is the child who knows his sire," The ancient proverb ran. But wiser far the man who knows How, where and when his offspring grows For who the mischief would suppose. I'd sons in Michigan?

turies professing to be these "Acts of Plate," In course of time, legend became hotsy with his name. To his wife was assigned the name of Cleudia Procula. In the treatise known as "The Paradosis of Plate," he is said to have been tried by Cassat, condemnated to death for having failed to save Jesus protests which had attended the analysis of Plate, and the could be an and preached past were disposed to the could be an another over the ground for their is not into plate sent a crusor to arrest Jesus, the officer was so struck with awe, that he bread a robe over the ground for Him to tread upon; and that as a entered the Frastorium, the Roman solders of collusion, and the Roman solders of collusion, and the Plate bade them try to hold the standards them selves. They set saids twelve of him to spite of all their efforts the standards them selves. They set saids twelve of him to spite of all their efforts the standards them selves. They set saids twelve of their strongest men for the task, but in spite of all their efforts the standards them selves. They set saids twelve of their strongest men for the task, but in spite of all their efforts the standards because they solved the many solders of collusion, and the Plate bade them try to hold the standards them selves. They set saids twelve of their strongest men for the task, but in spite of all their efforts the standards because they solved the standards them try to hold the standards th

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SOLD ALSO BY DRUGGISTS IN EVERY TOWN IN CANADA. 7

the use of delicate language. A man asked the narrator of the incident for alms. "You have a violin there," he said, "but you do not play it." "O, sir," was the reply, "give me a penny and don't make me play. I assure you you won't regret it." Clearly it was imposssible to resist an appeal of this land.

curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be."

The first thing we read of all the trouble in the world was a woman blaming someone else, saying in effect, "please, sir, it wasn't me." There has only been one perfect spokesman in this world—He of whom it was said, "He spake as never man spake."

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Lord Ellenborough during a severe winter was so annoyed by the continuous coughing in court, that after a good deal of fidgeting about in his seat, he availed himself of the first lull in the bronchial storm to say severely, "some slight interruption one might tolerate; but there seems to be an industry of coughing here." When a young barrister, making his first appearance in Westminster Hall, began: "My lord, the unfortunate client for whom I appear"—(hesitation and long pause)—"My Lord, I say the unfortunate client"—another prolonged pause, broken by His Lordship observing in an encouraging tone: "Go on, sir, go on; so far the court is with you."

Preston, a great conveyancer, was a

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Preston, a great conveyancer, was a very uninteresting speaker, and having inflicted upon the court a speech of portentous length and inconceivable dreariness, he asked when it would be their lordships' pleasure to hear the remainder of his argument. Lord Ellenborough, with a sigh of resignation, answered: "We are bound to hear you; but as for pleasure, that has long been out of the question."

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SOME BAD SPEECHMAKERS.

Addison, the clever writer, could not make a speech. He attempted once in the House of Commons, and said: "Mr. Speaker. I conceive—I conceive. sir—heaving sea.

could not deliver it without a breakdown.

Thomas Moore, who had such facility
for song writing, could never make a
speech.

And what is the sum of the whole
matter? A man may have the eloquence of a Demosthenes, the fervor of
a Paul, the persuasiveness of a Whitefield, and yet have malice and all uncharitableness in his heart. And the
Good Book says where striffe is there is
confusion and every evil thing. What
then is the ideal standard for our putlic men? "Speaking the truth in
love." The truth first: "Tell the truth
and shame the devil," "the truth, the
whole truth and nothing but the
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whole truth and nothing but the
truth." But so very much depends
upon the way in which 'tis done. I
corclude my homily with the grand
Pauline sentiment. "Though I speak
with the tongue of men and angels and
her the shadow of death as a robe
clasped round
Then: and as morning's music she passed
away.

And her the shadow of death as a robe
clasped round
Then: and as morning's music she passed
away.

More strong, more kind than praise or
than grief might say,
Has passed now forth of shadow by sunlight bound.
Of night shot through with light that is
frail as May.

May dies, and light grows darkness, and
life grows death,
Hope fades and shrinks and falls as a
changing leaf:
Hemembrance, touched and kindled by
love's live breath.
Shines and subdues the shadow of time
called grief,
The shade whose length of life is as life's
date brief.
With joy that broods on the sunlight past,

Acknowledges a Compliment That Came From the Far West. Two towns on the Soo line were names Rudyard and Kiphing, after the English writer, and years before he became famous The other day Kipling made his acknowledgment in the following verses, which were published in The Railway Age with the author's consent:

greatly stimulating the growth of the germ within. After a little experimenting with this acid the learned Frenchman was able to duplicate perfectly the Hindoo trick. His further researches have led him to believe that this discovery may be profitably applied to agriculture. By infusing ants in boiling water acid as strong as vinegar can be obtained. M. Ragonneau has achieved the best results and most perfect growth by using earth moistened with a solution of five thousand parts of water to one of acid.

* SWINBURNE'S LATEST.

Reminiscence.
From the Pall Mall Gazette. A light has passed that never shall pass away, A sun has set whose rays are unquelled at night. The royal grace, the courtesy bright as day, The strong, sweet radiant spirit of life and light That shoue and smilled and lightened on

all men's sight,

The kindly life whose tune was the tune
of May,
For us now dark, for love and for fame
is bright.

live.

As stars that shoot and shudder with life and die.

Can death make dark that lustre of life, or give

The grievous gift of trust in oblivion's lie.
Days near and far death touches, and draws them nigh,

And blids the grief that broods on their graves forgive

The day that seems to mock them as clouds that fly.

If life be life more faithful than shines on When dreams take wing and lighten and fade like flame,
Then haply death may be not a death so deep
That all things past are past for it wholly—fame,
Love, loving kindness, seasons that went and came,
And left their light on life as a seal to keep
Winged memory fast and heedful of time's dead claim.

Death gives back life and light to the Time.
Blind, flerce and deaf as tempest, relents
and hears
And sees how bright the days and how
sweet their chime
Rang, shone and passed in music that
matched the clime
Wherein we met rejoicing—a joy that
cheers

As once we heard the music that haply he Hears, high in heaven if ever a voice

Speaker, I conceive—I conceive, sir—
sir, I conceive—I' Whereupon a member exclaimed, "The Right Honorable
Scoretary of State has conceived thrice
and brought forth nothing."
Thomas Campbell once tried to make
a speech, but so stuttered and stammered that the whole table was convulsed with laughter.
Washington Irving, even with a
speech written out and laid before him,
could not deliver it without a breakdown.

A woman's voice, divine as a bird's by
dawn
Kindled and stirred to sunward, arose
and hed
Our souls that heard, from earth as from
sleep withdrawn,
And filled with light as stars, and as
stars compelled
To move by might of music, elate while
quelled,
Subdued by rapture, lit as a mountain
lawn
By morning whence all heaven in the By morning whence all heaven in the sunrise welled,

May dies, and light grows darkness, and life grows death;
Hope fades and shrinks and falls as a changing leaf:
Remembrance, touched and kindled by love's live breath.
Shines and subdues the shadow of time called grief,
The shade whose length of life is as life's date brief.
With joy that broods on the sunlight past, and saith
That thought and love hold sorrow and change in fief.

Sweet, glad, bright spirit, kind as the sun seems kind.
When earth and sea rejoice in his gentler spell.
Thy face that was we see not; bereft and blind, We see but yet, rejoicing to see, and dwell

Awhile in days that heard not the death day's knell, A light so bright that scarcely may sorrow Our old sweet word that hairs thee and mourns—Farewell.

TOPICSOF

Up-to-Date Comment on Mat Animal th

The best will err, and I regret to say there were several errors in my matvery first paragraph, wherein it was stated that the directors of the Cana-dian Jockey Club had advised Minister of Justice Dickie to amend the bet-ting clause in the Criminal Code so that racing would be limited to ten days in the year. The "ten" should have been twenty. Not only have the directors recommended the latter limit, but they are supported in the recommendation by the promoters of the York Jockey Club, the only point wherein there is any difference being whether the intervening time between meets should be thirty or forty days. The Yorkers favor the shorter interval, and so do I But there are other objections to the

proposed legislation. One is that if the time for the holding of the Industrial Exhibition is extended next year beyond the twelve days now occupied, it is doubtful if it will be possible to have trials of speed on any more days than ten. Another is that it is not right that legislation should be founded upon a little family arrangement like that between the Canadian and York Joc-key Clubs. There are other interests that should be consulted and should have a voice in the recommendations. A third is that in Toronto the Toronto Hunt and Ontario Jockey Clubs will be unable to give a race meeting over the same track in the one month, and that the same will be the case in Mont-real, where the Bel Air Jockey Club and Montreal Hunt have frequently given fall meetings over the same track with only two or three weeks' interval. Time, it must be remembered, after and valuable. Then, like the parson's lastly the one clause will not do to cover both running and trotting, And distinctly understood the Criminal Code fi clause has nothing whatever to do with the Canadian Jockey Club Bill, where-in it is particularly specified that the club's jurisdiction shall be limited to

As understood to be at present drafted, Mr. Dickie's amendment says rac-ing shall be limited to ten consecutive in days, with an interval of forty days use between each meeting. This would make shall be a shall the existing arrangements of the Hamilton Jockey Club impossible. The running meeting of that organization is 1 set for June 3, 4, 5 and 6 and the trotting meeting for July 1, 2, 3, and 4, the T two meetings being arranged it will w be seen not only within the forty days' go limit, but within the calendar month's w limit. It is, therefore, at once apparent v that the one provision will not suit n both the running and trotting interests, And why should not the latter have something to say as well as the for-mer? I know that the answer to that ly question will be another—why don't the they organize and make their wants as known? Because, until running people the went to excesses, and made an amendment to the law, not only advisable abut necessary, the devotees of trotting and pacing had no needs outside their purse strings. All the associations worthy of the name were members, the either of the National or American 33 Trotting Associations, who gave them tro-all the central government they want-

ed. The trotting associations never las went to excess in the length of their fal there are ten trotting associations to ra one jockey club, and their interests are from so diverse that union in a thoroughly wei Canadian association is almost impossible. However, it is apparent that the time has arrived for the formation of weight some sort of body for mutual protection, and, while I hold it doubtful if trotting and pacing would be benefitted by entire secession from the two the assection in the first secession from the two the assection in the first secession from the two the assection in the first secession from the two the assection in the first secession from the two the secession from the two the secession from the two the first secession from the first sec big associations in the States, I am of opinion that the necessity has arisen the for trotting and pacing men to make themselves heard, as regards a piece of legislation that affects them very near-ly as much as it does their brethren of

I have heard it said that the existing hurly-burly at Ottawa, and the fact that the present Parliament dies on April 24, will probably prevent any as amendment at all to the Criminal Code loo being made this session. I wouldn't advise the Windsor Racing Association or any other body to bank upon that ere or any other body to hank upon that old idea. There are other ways by which old their operations can be cut short. The paliterrors of outlawry by the Canadian bin. terrors of outlawry by the Canadian bin Jockey Club. The "Eastern" Jockey Club pur must give the thing some kind of a no distinctive name—and the American the Turf Congress may not be powerful pur enough to check their operations, but da an order-in-council might be made efficacious, and, failing that, a new law could easily be rushed through, to take immediate effect, in the early stages of the new Parliament, which Mes will probably assemble not later than the second week in July. Under the circumstances, I think that the best thing the Windsor Racing Association can do lst. is to follow the example of the York in Jockey Club, and decide either to conform to the ten-day limit, enacted or wit unenacted before April 24, or else but abandon altogether their designs upon but

the royally-named border town. Apropos of the steps being taken by Dr. Montague to protect the interests of the Canadian horse trade in England, I trust the Government has not overlooked the following important de-

spatch: "New York, March 21 .- (Special)-A in a dangerous form of lung fever is ept-demic on the trans-Atlantic boats. Many valuable horses have perished since Feb. 15. The horses are nervous guin and sweat freely during the first day twice or two, when their grooms are usually ment seasick, and consequently incompetent. The animals, owing to neglect, take a nows chill which turns to inflammation of ers,

the lungs, and they are soon dead. race.
"Since the middle of last month the following deaths have occurred: Steam- of the steam of the ship Mobile, 200 head, 3 deaths; steamship Massachusetts, 428 head, 6 deaths; of the steamship Manitoba, 110 head, 6 deaths; steamship Mississippi, 257 head, 7 deaths; steamship Cervic, 96 head, 9 Ever deaths; steamship Georgia, 190 head, 200 deaths; in addition Velvet, 2,22 3-4, in A gent over to trut in France died on the trability sent over to trot in France, died on the steamship Prussia, and Richwood, 2.27, owned by H. A. Fleischmann, died on the Phoenician, together with seven other trotters."

This shows a dangerous state of Stak things, which, in view of shipments run likely to be made from Canadian ports from gow on should be enquired into

How a fellow will wander! Three to requarters of a column ahead of this, I ing, started in to mention the slips that oc-

supp