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The Terrors of London. While residents of Montreal go and come secure, sleep safe, and suffer little if any harm from burglars or highwaymen, the old city of London is apparently overrun by bands of dangerous rowdies. Even the possession of a life policy for a good round sum will not reconcile paterfamilias to the possibility of being shot or stabbed, and it is more than likely that, much as Londoners object to entrusting policemen with firearms, there will soon be a demand that the guardians of the great city be supplied with revolvers.

Then "Hooliganism" will be killed.

The Chinese Puzzle. The introduction of Western civilization and Christianity into China is making some progress. The latest movement of the allied forces is in keeping with the stories already reported of the looting of palaces and temples, and the pillage of private property. The French and German generals are now credited with removing from the walls of Peking the ancient astronomical instruments which served to prove that the people of far Cathay are not barbarians, as their invaders would like the outside world to regard them.

However, while all ranks of the polyglot army are apparently united for the purposes of robbery, there seems to be great difficulty in harmonizing the views of the Powers in regard to what else shall be done. The attitude of the German Government at Berlin and the Imperial German Ambassador at Peking continues to differ from the position of other Powers in regard to agreement. The Government of Russia and the Government of France are said to have both expressed sympathy with the declared desire of the United States to have peace brought about in China without making extreme demands upon the Chinese Imperial Government. The Government of Japan has also recently signified to Secretary Hay its cordial approval of the American position. But the feeling in Germany, on the other hand, is intense in favour of radical measures.

"Ye gentle theologues of calmer kind."—Young.

Disputations of Dissenters. In the scanty reports of the "argument" now pending between the brethren of the Free Church and those of the United Presbyterians in Scotland, we are not told to what school of theology the disputed points of teaching pertain—whether to moral, natural, revealed, scholastic, speculative or metaphysical. This is somewhat important and at the same time regrettable; as, without the information, it is difficult to determine what doctrines these zealous dissenters of Arran believe, and what duties they practice.

However, we may assume that both parties must have been hard put to it before they proceeded to pummel one another, and incidentally to destroy, regardless of cost, the windows and roof of the kirk.

This very surprising story from bonny Scotland suggests a new field for underwriters—the insuring of churches against the effects of theological disputes among their members.

A New Ocean Route. A steamer will shortly leave Puget Sound with a cargo of wheat and general merchandise for Europe.

There is nothing strange in such a charter, although the voyage around dreaded Cape Horn is apt to be a long and stormy one. But the steamer referred to, the "Glen Turret," is to open up a new ocean route, and will sail from Puget Sound for the Orient and Europe by way of Suez.

The steamer will stop at Yokohama, Kobe, Hong Kong, Manila, Singapore and Colombo, and do a good deal of business besides her primary task of transporting wheat to Europe. This route is a new one, but it would not be surprising to learn that it possessed advantages over the long and unbroken trip around Cape Horn. The owners of the "Glen Turret" believe they can get return freight by the same route, and the outcome will be watched with interest by shipping men.