

me, his intimate, gay, profound acquaintance with the most intricate details of fashionable millinery. How he had mastered what to most men, even of powerful intellect, are insurmountable difficulties, I could only understand, by presuming that he lived with his accomplished sister. I was just about giving utterance to this suggestion, when my parasol was snatched away by some invisible Ariel, and descending upon the sun-lit waves, which heaped with responsive joy at our laughter, was soon, as Byron says, "far, far, at sea!"

Penetrated with sympathy for my loss, my kind and generous neighbour, with polite pleasantry, hastened to repair it; and as he handed me, for this purpose, his unfurled alpaca umbrella, he softly squeezed (or I fancied so) not only my little finger, but its companion of my left hand, where, had I worn a ring, of course he must have felt it. Up to this moment my impression had been that he was a bachelor, or free agent; that is, free to pay delicate attentions when and where he might think proper; and sheltered by his alpaca umbrella, which he gracefully held over me, I looked upon him with mingled gratitude and respect. Judge, then, of my more than astonishment when, on arriving at Ramsgate Pier, he stepped ashore, and three fat children, rudely embracing his legs, saluted him by the ridiculous name of—Papa!

This is only a solitary instance of the misunderstandings which persons like myself are apt to fall into from there being no certain means of distinguishing whether a man is or is not a free agent. The only criterion at present is, that men of family are always more attentive, and often more truly gallant than those who have not arrived at that honourable distinction. But should there not be some outward and visible sign, some tangible insignia, which would ensure us from wasting our sweetness upon those, who can make us no adequate return? Supposing every "united brother" was compelled by law to wear when travelling a sort of badge—say the key of the tea-caddy round his neck—a plan which could not be attended with any inconvenience, as no man of correct feeling ever thinks of taking pleasure abroad, while circumstances necessitate his lady remaining at home.—Punch's Pocket Book.

NEW-YORK MORALS.—"You are quite right, Sir, quite right; we here in New-York are badly governed," said a genteel-looking young man to a country merchant with whom he was conversing in the reading-room of a hotel the other day. "No wonder, Sir," (he continued) "that you, gentlemen from the interior, should be surprised and speak with surprise on the subject. But how think you must we feel, who have to pay the burden of such a government? Look at our Police system. 'Tis rotten, Sir,—rotten to the core. Big thieves fill our big offices, and steal largely, but in a respectable way. These are bad enough; but one of the greatest evils is the abundance of small thieves and pickpockets who ply their profession with almost perfect impunity. They are scarcely ever arrested; and, if so unfortunate as to be so, they can always find it easy to escape and evade the law in some way. Why, Sir, you have no idea of the number of professional thieves in this City. I venture to say, (and I speak knowingly,) that they can be numbered by thousands. They are shrewd fellows, and it takes a shrewd eye to recognize them. Many of them dress in the height of fashion, wear heavy gold chains attached to their costly watches, (here the speaker took hold of a heavy gold chain and examined his costly watch, and look and have the air of gentlemen. Why, Sir, you might actually speak with one, exchange courtesies with him, and not know it. Ah, Sir, 'tis really surprising to one that's not posted, but more surprising than all that the citizens do not rise indignantly and insist on reform, by ousting from office the thieves that fill them, and disbanding a Police who are in league with thieves and pickpockets, instead of performing the duties for which they are so well paid. Something must be done, or, if not, we will lose our trade. Country merchants will forsake us, from very fear. Why, Sir, 'tis but yesterday that a merchant from the West was robbed of a large sum of money, while sitting quietly in his hotel, and was compelled to borrow funds from a friend to pay his way home. 'Tis really awful, Sir; and I assure you that I, as well as all good citizens, regret the existence of such a state of things. Good night, Sir—good night; I always keep early hours, as I have to be in my office at 8."

Country Merchant (to a member of the Press)—A nice young man, very nice young man. Do you know his name, Sir?  
Member of the Press (quietly)—I really do not, Sir; he has so many.  
Country Merchant (astonished)—So many names, Sir, what do you mean?  
Member of the Press—I mean, Sir, that that very nice young man is a notorious pickpocket.  
Country Merchant—Good gracious! [Feels his pockets—terribly excited—face gets red—jumps up frantically—and swears.] By—, my money's gone—and watch, too! Where's the Police? [Disappears bareheaded, shouting for the Police!]  
Member of the Press calmly takes out his notebook, puts down some facts, and hurried to the office with a fresh item!—New York Times.

SAM SLICK'S STATISTICS.—Now, doctor, I tell you what neither the English, nor the Yankees, nor the colonists themselves know anything of, that is about the extent and importance of these North American provinces under British rule. Take your pencil now and write down a few facts I will give you, and when you are alone meditating, just chew on em. First there are four millions of square miles of territory in them, whereas all Europe has but three millions some odd hundred thousands and our mighty everlasting United States still less than that again. Canada alone is equal in size to Great Britain, France, and Prussia. The maritime provinces themselves cover a space as large as Holland, Belgium, Greece, Portugal, and Switzerland, all put together. The imports for 1845 were, between ten and eleven millions, and the exports (ships sold included) between nine and ten millions. At the commencement of the American revolution, when we dared the English to fight us, we had but two and a half, these provinces now contain nearly three, and in half a century will reach the enormous amount of eighteen millions of inhabitants. The increase of population in the United States is 33 per cent, in Canada 68. The united revenue is nearly a million and a half, and their shipping amounts to 450,000 tons. Now, take these facts and see what an empire is here; surely the best in climate, soil, mineral, and other productions in the world, and peopled by such a race as no other country under heaven can produce.—Nature and Human Nature.

At the British hotel that Louis Napoleon put up at on his way home (Dover), the landlord, by way of marking his sense of the honour conferred by the imperial guest and suite, tendered the trifling little bill of £1,100. It takes a good deal to astonish the Emperor of the French; but this did astonish him, so much so that he swore, in surprisingly fine English, that he would see Boniface at the bottom of the tunnel that is to be, a hundred years hence, between Dover and Calais, before he would pay half the sum; and less than half was accordingly tendered, namely, £500. Equally indignant waxed the landlord, and refused; snapping his fingers at the entente cordiale ten times over, he protested that he would have the bill, or else he'd know the reason why in the Imperial guest's Ally's Court—commonly called the Queen's Bench. So stands the affair at present.—London Correspondent of Liverpool Albion.

LUCAS AND BRIGHT.—A story, fathered on the late Crofton Croker, has been revived by the London correspondent of the Liverpool Albion. It is said that soon after the late Mr. Lucas had adjured Quakerism, renounced his collarless costume, and took to the worship of the antique sorceress with Tyrian petticoat and Californian tankard, he was encountered by John, who exclaimed, "Well, Friend Lucas, how dost thee like thy new superstition?" "Why, Friend Bright," retorted Frederick, "I like it better than I did our old hypocrisy!" The member for Rochdale evaporated as precipitately as though he had been called upon to go through Caspar's prancing song, or the bullet-casting baracole in Der Freyschutz.

ENGLISH PROFESSION OF FAITH IN 1553-54.—After the specimens given of the ready ductility with which the English of that day accommodated their religious creeds to the creed of their sovereign, we shall hardly wonder at the caustic criticism of the Venetian ambassador, resident at the court of London, in Queen Mary's time. "The example and authority of the sovereign," he says, "are everything with the people of this country, in matters of faith. As he believes, they believe, Judaism or Mohometanism—it is all one to them. They conform themselves easily to his will, at least so far as the outward show is concerned; and most easily of all when it concurs with their own pleasure and profit."—Prescott's History of the Reign of Philip II.

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