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DESTRUCTIVE FIRE AND EXPLOSION.—A Dublin paper says:—"A fire, which although of a serious character as regards the amount of property destroyed, was fortunately not attended with any fatal results, broke out about 4 o'clock on Monday morning in the works of the Hibernian Gas Company, Great Brunswick Street."

THE MAD ORANGEMEN.—The Dublin Protestant Association have held what they call an "aggregate meeting." It was called to pronounce upon the existing crisis, and Sir E. Grogan, M. P. was in the chair.

MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE.—A Limerick correspondent of the Dublin Evening Mail writes—"The mysterious disappearance of Mr. Hugh Massey O'Grady, of Castlegarde, in the county of Limerick, is creating great uneasiness in the minds of his family and friends."

THE DECLARATION OF THE CATHOLIC LAITY OF GREAT BRITAIN.—Some of our long-headed contemporaries have written the Irish Catholics against...

THE POPE IN THE PRESENT CRISIS.—Under the above head, the Cork Examiner publishes the following passages taken from a letter received by the member for Dungarvan from a gentleman of high position in Rome. It is dated the 10th December:—"I am happy to say that the Holy Father is perfectly well, and is very grateful for the sympathy manifested for him by the Catholics all over the world."

THE M'MAHON SWORD.—Amongst the telegrams supplied from London to the Evening Papers yesterday, was one stating on the authority of a Swiss paper, that the Emperor had refused Marshal M'Mahon permission to accept the sword from Ireland.

THE DUKE OF DEVONSHIRE'S ESTATES.—Some lots of the Duke of Devonshire's property near Dungarvan, have been sold to the occupiers at about twenty five years' purchase on the letting value.

LORD PLUNKET AND HIS TENANTS.—Lord Plunket the Protestant Bishop of Tuam, has at length taken proceedings against his refractory tenants who refused to send their children to his proselytising schools.

THE PEACE PRESERVATION ACT will expire in a few weeks, and unless renewed early in the approaching session it will cease to have legal effect.

MEMORIALISED HIS EXCELLENCY ON THE SUBJECT OF A PENSION for the wife and children of Mr. O'Connell.

"GOING TO THE DEVIL."—Will nobody bring in a Bill, if not to abolish the English Divorce Act, at least to close the doors of the Divorce Court? That "pimple" about which some simple Saxon in Australia talked so indulgently not long ago, is now painfully recognised to be a hideous and incurable cancer, eating away the last tissues of moral vitality in English society.

THE TEST OF HONESTY.—The Hull Advertiser says:—"In times of violence, and when the Protestants of Ireland might be said to be represented by a repressive military force, and the imported owners of confiscated estates, the occupation of the old Catholic cathedrals and parish churches of Ireland might be defended on the principle of conquest and guarding against treason."

NAVAL PREPARATIONS.—The greatest activity prevails in Portsmouth dockyard. The line-of-battle ships Prince of Wales and Royal Frederick are nearly ready for launching.

ALIENATION BETWEEN FRANCE AND ENGLAND.—Communications have been received from Paris of a most gratifying and conciliatory kind.

THE NEW POSTAL ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN EUROPE AND AMERICA.—We recently referred to the arrangements that have been made for the conveyance of mails between Great Britain and the United States by the Canadian Line of mail steamers, which call at Queenstown, and to the probability that Belgium and Germany would speedily follow with France in the adoption of this route for their correspondence.

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will not bear the flash of their bull's-eye, who shall abide it? Well, let us see. This British manufacturer has his virtues, as we know. His home virtues, we will say nothing about, but Sir Oswald's Crosswell, as he is called, is a most universal utility. But he also must have his code of trade virtues. He must not forget a trade mark; he must not send an article out of his warehouse, which would kill or maim any one who should use it; he must not sell a wooden stick and guarantee it to be cotton; he must not sell cast iron cutlery and call it steel; he must not send out a pair of scissors never intended to cut, or an axe that would fly to pieces at the first stroke.

TAILORS OF THE FRENCH TOOLERY STREET.—We are requested by Viscount Palmerston to publish the following letter, which was addressed to her Majesty by four merchants of Marseilles, and the reply:—"Madame.—The Emperor of this country is an impenetrable mystery, and his ministers are slaves. It is of no use, therefore, for us to apply them for information as to probable events in Europe. We should receive an invitation to mind our own business. Under these circumstances, we take the liberty of requesting your Majesty to favor us with a little news. We learn that England is arming from end to end, that from John Grouts to Sully Isle, from Osbon to Berrie, the bulge calls the riflemen to drill, that many millions of these volunteers are enraptured, and that they are full of the martial spirit."