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## THE CANADIAN

## Illustrated News.

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## IMPROVEMENT.

We have recently engraved, and now place at the head of our paper a beautifully executed heading, which we have no doubt would attract the general and admiring attention of our readers without a word from us, and we would not have referred to the matter (for we prefer silently to place before our friends the evidences of the improvements we are continually making in the different departments of the *Illustrated News*), but we want to take advantage of the occasion to say a word or two on another matter. The *Huron Signal*, upon complimenting us on recent improvements is told by a correspondent of an article which recently appeared in our columns in which a great many typographical errors were found. This unfortunately was well founded for the printers unwittingly allowed some matter to appear which had not been seen by the proof reader. We have now made arrangements which will, we hope, prevent these little mistakes for the future.

As to the heading, we think we can safely challenge the world to produce its equal. The beautiful and original design, embracing the national emblems, and views of well known provincial works—the new Parliament buildings, the great suspension bridge, and the Victoria bridge—can scarcely attract more attention than the delicacy and finish of the engraving, the whole forming a picture devoid of that awkwardness which so generally characterizes illustrated titles.

## FILLIBUSTERS.

Fillibustering expeditions have of late years attracted considerable attention; and while we have been loud in condemning the principle as one near akin to, if not identical with, piracy, we have not always felt willing to condemn the fillibusters. When, during the troubles of '37-'38 armed parties were organized in the United States for the purpose of assisting MacKenzie and his friends, we felt very angry, and to such a degree of excitement was popular feeling aroused on both sides that war was for some time thought to be inevitable. Happily more peaceable counsels prevailed; but the affair did not at all tend to promote the good feeling generally thought desirable between neighbors. Concerning the Lopez expedition to Cuba, and the different expeditions of Walker to Central America, we have never been able to find language quite so vigorous as to express our detestation. It was clear piracy; and we

were decidedly pleased when the adventurers came to an untimely end. Perhaps we never stopped to think how much national jealousy was concealed beneath our virtuous indignation. Perhaps we never dreamed that we might come to look upon a similar expedition with complacency, if not with approbation. Oh, no! Fillibustering was wrong; and the righteous judgment which overtook its deluded votaries was of course the dispensation of an overruling Providence.

But a few years elapsed, and the oppressed Sicilian subjects of Bomba II. rose in rebellion against him. They were poorly armed, and had no master mind to conduct their military operations. As a consequence, though they virtually had possession of the whole island, they were in danger of being compelled to succumb to the mercenaries of the tyrant. In this emergency, a fillibustering expedition was organized by Garibaldi; and under his auspices not only was the island freed from the King's troops, but the revolution was carried over to the mainland. Did we feel any virtuous indignation in this instance? Quite the reverse. The fillibuster was a hero, a liberator; and in his success we again recognized the righteous dispensation of an overruling Providence.

The transient feeling raised by our great fillibuster excitement has passed away; but we are scarcely able yet to say how much of reality there was in the affair. The political journals are looking at it from a political standpoint—the administration papers telling of the serious proportions and dangerous character of the conspiracy, while those in opposition deny it as a humbug, having its existence mainly in the excited imaginations of the people. We have no doubt that a plan really did exist having for its object the liberation of the prisoners on Johnson's Island, and possibly for other depredations at exposed points on the lakes; but we are inclined to think that undue importance has been given to the matter. However, it is reasonable to suppose that upon receipt of the first information our authorities could not readily judge how extensive the plot might be; and they were perfectly justified in putting the authorities of the United States on their guard.

Our Government has shown that while we are determined that our country shall remain an asylum for persons charged with political offences, it shall not be used for hostile assaults upon a friendly power. Those who come here for safety must not violate the sanctuary.

## THEATRE ROYAL, HAMILTON.

MISS PLACIDE still continues her engagement, at this now favorite place of amusement.

We were quite prepared to find her a pleasing and accomplished actress in the lighter department of the drama, but did not give her credit for the breadth of power and depth of passion which her delineation of "Deborah" displayed—in the play of that name. In "The Murder on the Farm" also she showed the same power in a very notable degree.

We join with many others in wishing that Mr. Warwick would give us more of that fine classical acting of which he is master; but perhaps his duties as Stage Manager do not admit of this. It may take Mr. Richardson some time to create a taste for the drama, such as will justify him in making yet greater efforts. We are glad to know, however, that what he has done has been reasonably well appreciated. The "Octoroon" is in active preparation. This play requires a great deal of stage paraphernalia. We are confident that Mr. Granger will do this department of it ample justice.

We are soon to be treated to the great spectacle of the ghost, which has for some months created such a sensation in the principal cities on both sides of the Atlantic. A real, genuine, original, visible, immaterial, intangible ghost will of course attract great crowds to the Temple of Thespis.

NEW MONETARY THEORY.—THE ABSOLUTE DEPRECIATION OF GOLD DEMONSTRATED TO THE EXTENT OF 50 PER CENT; THE PREVALENT MONETARY THEORY OVERTURNED; THE TRUE NATURE OF MONEY DEFINED. By Thomas Galbraith, Port Hope, C. W.

Mr. Galbraith seems to have a very inadequate conception of the commonest principles which govern the circulation of the precious metals. His ideas are of the crudest, and his statements often quite contradictory. While he makes a great deal of noise concerning his discovery of the stale truth that gold and silver have no real value beyond the requirements of the arts, he spends considerable time to prove their absolute depreciation in value. We have failed to find anything original in the book, if we except some very original groupings of contradictory statements. Mr. Galbraith has evidently mistaken his vocation.

## Personal.

Died on the 16th ult., in the department of the Orne, Mdme. Dubois, aged 103 years. For some years this venerable matron resided with a son, who is sixty-three years old, and whom, as he was the youngest of eleven, she always called 'the child,' notwithstanding the gravity of his profession, for this M. Dubois is the cure of Boscarenout. Three years ago he celebrated in the village church the hundredth birthday of his mother, who on this occasion handed round the poor box.

Prince Napoleon, on going to the Hummum, had the distinguished honor of taking a Turkish bath in the same room with Heenan the American prize-fighter. Heenan was introduced to the Prince, and they smoked a chibouk together.

The prisoner alleged to be the Nana Sahib, turns out to be a gooro, or high priest of the Marattas; and he now awaits the final orders of government for his disposal.

The Empress never appears twice in the same dress, but changes the material and the color every day. She has set the fashion of dressing from head to foot in the same color. If brown be chosen, the everything is brown—bonnet, hat, dress, parasol, and boots. Her Majesty seems to give her mind to dressing.

In the case of Dr. John Alunson, on whom an inquest has been held in London, Mrs. Alunson stated that as her husband was passing through St. Martin's lane a lady passed him with an 'unpleasant condition,' which knocked him down, and he fell on the curbstone, bruising his head and arm, from the effects of which he died.

Miles O'Reilly, the soldier who was arrested on Morris Island, S. C., for making black-guard poetry, and pardoned by the President in response to a witty poetical petition, has arrived in New York on a furlough, and met with an enthusiastic reception by his old mates. He has sent out a hymn of thanks to the President, beginning:

Long life to you, Mither Lincoln;  
May you die both late and aisy;  
And when you lie, wid the top of aich too  
Turned up to the roots of a daisy.  
May this be your epitaph, natly writ,  
'Thoug' traitors abused him vilely,  
He was honest an' kindly, he loved a joke,  
An' he pardoned Miles O'Reilly.'

Leslie Combs recently accused Carl Schurz of running away at the battle of Chancellorville. To this Gen. Schurz responds: 'Mr. Leslie Combs lies,' and adds that he holds himself responsible for what he says. 'This' he continues, 'may seem equivalent to a challenge,' and so it is. I do not however, mean to fight a duel with Mr. Leslie Combs. Being a good pistol-shot, I might perhaps easily kill him, which I should not like to do; or, if he is equally skillful, he might kill me—and I should be sorry to die on so trifling an occasion; or we might not hurt each other, and then it would be a farce. Besides I am opposed to dueling on principle. But I challenge Mr. Leslie Combs to a different kind of contest, which will be preferable to a common duel. As a test of courage I invite him to the hospitality of my headquarters in the camp of the Army of the Cumberland. I will share with him my tent, my blankets, my meals; but I invite him also to accompany me personally in the next battle, and not to leave me a single moment. Then Mr. Leslie Combs may determine whether he will have the heart to repeat that calumny, or whether it would not be better for him and more honorable to retract it.

The Rev. Isaac H. Smith, Archdeacon of Huron, and principal of Huron College, has been appointed a member of the Senate of the University of Toronto.

The information from Caprera shows that Garibaldi can walk a fair distance without support.

Walter Savage Landor, at the age of ninety years is about to publish a volume of poems entitled 'Heroic Idyls.'

## ICE FOR DIPHTHERIA.

A correspondent of the *Providence Journal* vouches very strongly for the efficacy of ice as a cure for diphtheria, croup, and all ordinary inflammation of the throat. The manner of application is as follows:—

Break up a small lump of ice in a towel, and put the pieces in a bowl. Take a position slightly inclined backwards, either in a chair or on a sofa. Proceed for half an hour with a teaspoon to feed yourself with small lumps of ice, letting them dissolve slowly in the back part of the mouth or the entrance of the throat. A single such application will often break up a common sore throat, which would have a course of two or three days. In case of a bad sore throat, use the ice frequently and freely. In case of an operation for diphtheria, keep a small lump of the ice constantly in the mouth.