

With this view it is proposed that every Railway passenger should be expected, as he is now, to pay down at once a deposit of the whole of his luggage, for which a number will be given, and the luggage being all jumbled together, he shall receive at the end of his journey such articles as may fall to his lot in the course of the distribution, which will be conducted on the principle of one package to each person in the order in which they come, till the whole capital is disposed of. It is believed that this will be hailed by the public as a considerable improvement on the present plan of indiscriminate claiming and snatching, by which the individual with the loudest voice and readiest hand often gets an undue share of the stock of luggage.

Persons paying a large deposit of Bank Notes or Jewellery in small cases, will be entitled to a double allotment, if the value of the deposit is proved at the time of receiving the scrip, or number, which will be the only evidence of their being actually Shareholders.

Further particulars to be had of the porters at the Railways, who will act as the Allotting Committee—receiving one package in ten as their profit, instead of taking all they can conveniently get hold of.

**Drill for Single Volunteers.**

**Full in.**—Love with some amiable and virtuous young woman on the first opportunity you have.

**Attention.**—Pay to her, assiduously and respectfully.

**Right Face.**—Popping the question like a man, and she'll accept you.

**Quick March.**—To her parents and ask their consent.

**Right Turn.**—With her to the church, and go through the service of holy matrimony.

**Halt.**—And reflect seriously for a few moments, and then determine to devote yourself entirely to your wife.

**Right About Face.**—From the haunts that you have frequented when single, and prefer your own home.

**Advance Arms.**—To your young wife when out walking together, and don't let her walk three or four yards behind you.

**Break Off.**—Billiard playing, betting and staying out at night, if you wish to have a happy home.

**SCENE IN CHAMPLAIN MARKET.**

**Gentleman.**—"My good woman, how much is that goose?"

**Market Woman.**—"Well, you may have two for seven shillings."

**Gentleman.**—"But I only want one."

**Market Woman.**—"Con't help it; ain't a-goin' to sell one without the other. Them ere geese, to my certain knowledge, has been together for more'n thirteen years, and I ain't goin' to be a unfeelin' ajnto separate em now."

A man hearing that a raven would live 200 years, bought one to try.

**Punch's political dictionary.**

**A** or AN, the indefinite article, which is exceedingly useful in the language of politics. Thus an election candidate, pledging himself to a plan of Reform, or an extension of the suffrage, leaves himself, by the indefiniteness of the article, at liberty to act as he thinks proper. A in politics, like the A in Greek, often has the force of a negative; as, when a statesman promises to bring in a Bill to remedy an evil, he frequently brings in no bill whatever.

**ABBREVIATION**, the art of shortening; an art which seems to be unknown to long-winded speakers in Parliament. An M. P. is, however, often found abbreviating or cutting short a voter who comes to ask a favour soon after one election, and before there is any immediate chance of another.

**ABDICATION**, in its original sense, means the voluntary renouncing an office; but as offices are in these days seldom given up voluntarily, the word resignation, which expresses the act of resigning one's self unwillingly to fate, is used with reference to retirement from place, which is almost always imperative. Abdication is now applied exclusively to the running away of sovereigns from thrones that are in a tottering condition. The last case of the kind that has occurred, or, as we hope, ever will occur, in Canada is that of John Sandfield McDonald who observing preparations for ejecting him, cut, but did not come again to power.

**ABIMINATION** (of Light), is in politics, as in astronomy, an apparent alteration in the position of anything according to the place it is viewed from. A politician who shifts his own ground, fancies that things are changed, and places makes a wonderful difference in the mode of looking at the same objects.

**ANACTON**, a word often applied to a ministerial measure.

**ACTON**, (in law) from the Latin "actio," the state of doing; an action being frequently a continued "do" from beginning to end. An action also means a battle; and the term is therefore applicable to a law-suit which generally terminates in frightful loss to both sides.

**ADMINISTRATION** is the act of administering the goods of a person who dies without a will, and hence the word administration has come to mean collectively the government which distributes the goods of the nation, which may be said to be, to a certain extent, without a will of its own.

**ADULTERATION**, a very important branch of commercial industry. Though adulteration has been prohibited by several acts of Parliament, it is a species of manufacturing skill which improves whatever it is employed upon. It turns the humble cumbagena into the wholesome cheroot, and converts indious, the quassia, the liquorice, into porter, or some other, equally popular beverage. Sand is elevated into sugar; sloe-leaves are exalted into tea; and alum takes its place by the side of flour as an ingredient in the great staff of all our existence.

**Queer things done in type.**

The mistakes of printers are often very funny to readers and very exasperating to authors. A single letter is often of the greatest importance, and a small mistake frequently changes the whole effect of an article. Some very funny stories are told of mishaps of this character, and we give below some of the best.

An English paper once stated that the Russian General Barkinowski was found dead with "a long word in his mouth." It should have been "sword." In this case, however, the printer could not have been blamed for leaving out a letter after setting up the Russian name correctly. During the Mexican war an English newspaper hurriedly announced an important item of news from Mexico—that Gen. Pillow and thirty-seven men had been lost "in a bottle." It should have read "battle."

A lad in a printing-office came upon the name of Hecate, occurring in a line like this:

Shall reign the Hecate of the deepest hell.

The boy, thinking that he had discovered an error, ran to the master printer and inquired

eagerly whether there was an *e* in cat. "Why no, you blockhead," was the reply. Away went the boy to the press and extracted the objectionable letter. But fancy the horror of both poet and publisher when the poem appeared with the line—

Shall reign the Hecate of the deepest hell.

A newspaper some time ago gravely informed its readers that a rat descending the river came in contact with a steamboat, with such serious injury to the boat that great exertions were necessary to save it. It was a raft, and not a rat, descending the river.

In the directions for conducting the Catholic service in a place in France, a shocking blunder once occurred in printing *calotte culotte*. Now, a *calotte* is an ecclesiastical cap or mitre, while a *culotte* means what is known in the drawing-room English as a gentleman's smallclothes. The sentence read, "Here the priest will take off his *calotte*."

**Letters Dropped Out.**—But let the form of types be ever so correct when sent to press, errors not unfrequently happen from the liability of the letters to drop out when the form has not been properly adjusted, or locked sufficiently tight. A printer, putting to press a form of the Common Prayer, the *e* in the following passage dropped out unperceived by him: "We shall all be changed in the twinkling of an eye." When the book appeared, to the horror of the devout worshipper the passage read: "We shall all be hanged in the twinkling of an eye."

A newspaper recently stated, in a report of a battle, that the conflict was dreadful, and that the enemy was repulsed with great laughter. (slaughter.) A man was said once to have been brought up to answer the charge of having eaten (beaten) a stage-driver for demanding more than his fare. The public were informed some time ago that a man was committed for having stolen a small ox (box) from a lady's workbag. The stolen property was found in his vest pocket. In an account of a Fourth of July dinner it was stated that none of the poultry was eaten except the owls (fowls).

**"Make-up" Blunder.**—A laughable mistake is made in the following mixing of two articles—one concerning a preacher, the other about the freaks of a mad dog—which occurred in a hurried "make-up" in a printing-office:

"The Rev. James Thompson, rector of St. Andrew's church, preached to a large concourse of people on Sunday last. This was his last sermon. In a few weeks he will bid farewell to his congregation, as his physician advises him to cross the Atlantic. He exhorted his brethren and sisters, and after the conclusion of a short prayer, took a whim to cut up some frantic feats. He ran up Trinity street to the college. At this stage of the proceedings a couple of boys seized him and tied a tin kettle to his tail, and he again started. A great crowd collected, and for a time there was a grand scene of running and confusion. After a long race he was finally shot by a policeman."

It is not stated whether the following item, which is said to have been printed once upon a time, was the result of inebriety on the part of the printer or reporter:

**"Horrible Catastrophe.**—Yesterday morning, at four o'clock P. M., a small man, named Jones or Smith, with a heel in the hole of his trousers, committed assault by swallowing a dose of suicide. The verdict of the inquest returned a jury that the deceased came to the fact in accordance with his death. He left a child and six small wives to lament the end of his unfortunate loss. In death we are in the midst of life."