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THURSDAY EV'G, APRIL 1, 1869

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On the road to Madrid, I met sundry Spaniards who said. "Don't judge Spain by Madrid, Don't leave Spain without seeing Andalusia." Of no city have I ever heard so many hard things said as of Madrid. The gui le-books all give it a bad name, and if all they say were to be believed nobody ever would go to Madrid except on compulsion. The climate is pronounced intolerable, and the Madrilenians themselves describe this year as "three months of winter, and nine months of hell." It is not merely disagreeeable, it is dangerous. They have, a type of pulmonia which is] fatal in forty-eight hours or less, and one or two other maladies scarcely less expeditions! I need not enumerate all the scarecrows, nor need they frighten any one whose business or inclination takes him to the Spanish capital. There are few cities in Europe which have not some pet horror of this kind, and the traveller soon learns to go on his way regardless of such rumors, using reasonable precautions about health, and shove all things keeping his mind tree from anxieties, since of all predisposing causes to disease fear is the most potent. After seven weeks' residence in Madrid, during December, January, and February, I have nothing but good to report of the winter climate. Almost every day brought a warm sun and cool breezes. It rained but once, there was no fog, and the contrast with London was complete. No precaution is necessary except to wear a scarf about the neck in the evening, and to cover the mouth and nose on first coming into the night air. The Spaniard muffle themselves in cloaks, whence I infer that they experience the sensation of cold, but a Northerner will enjoy the bracing air from which the Spaniard, who has been baked all summer, naturally slirinks.

bracing air from which the Spaniard, who has been baked all summer, naturally shrinks.

Still, it is difficult to say that Madrid is an attractive city. Spaniards flock to it because it is their capital, and the Spaniards are a nation of place hunterr. There is little of what we should call business done, few banks or banking houses, few manufactories, and its trade is on the most petty scale. The shops are mean and empty. The amusements of the zeople are street gossip, a lazy promenade on the Prado, and third-rate theatres. Social life of London, or Paris or New York is unknown in Madrid; and hospitallities, whether to the foreigner or among the natives, are rare indeed. A dinner is an event, an affair of state, of business, or intrigue. The only things of lasting interest in Madrid are politics and pictures, and unless a man cares for one of them, I cannot conceive what there is in this city to detain him more than threadys. There is no architecture, not a church worth looking into, no public building that will repay study, scarcely one of any pretense except the royal palace. In size the palace is one of the largest in Europe, built in what is called the classical style, and is an imposing edifice at a distance. Since the Revoluone of any pretense except the royal paláce. In size the palace is one of the largest in Europe, built in what is called the classical style, and is an imposing edifice at a distance. Since the Revolution it is closed, but a friend procured man order of admission, and I went through the long suites of rooms. The Queen's apartments were in one wing, and the King's at the other extremity, removed apparently as far as possible from his wife's, which was doubtless bad for him, poor man, if he sought to remain in ignorance of what all the rest of the world knew. Costly marbles, tapestry, pictures abound; the Queen's rooms, if not in good taste, are showy; it was perhaps the most splendidly furnished brothel in Europe. As it has ceased to be useful for that purpose, it is doubtful what is to be done with the building. The best thing would be to pull it down. It is a monument of the shame of Spain while it stands; but the materials and furniture would bring a good price, which might either help to pay the repudiated debt, or be judiciously distributed among the poor people, whose ancestors—if the poor have any ancestors—were robbfed to build the palace.—Correspondence of New York Reasonable Rates COMMERCIAL WORK!

Dry Orushed Sugar,
Pulverized Sugar,
Pulverized

If the present weather continues, the reign of velocipedes will be supplanted

Dissolving views—winter scenes about Guelph — when the rain of Monday began the reign of winter ended.

Why is the Market House the most istocratic clerk's office in Guelph? Because a King stays there every day.

A subscriber wants to know when the great Anglo-Saxon race is to come off. We refer him to the New York Clipper.

EARLY CLOSING.—We learn that steps are about to be taken to secure the early closing of the stores throughout tow during the coming summer months. The April number of the New Dominio Monthly is on our table. A very good article entitled "1837, and my connec

tion with it," appears in the present OYSTER SUPPER.-Mr. Joseph O'Connor, late of the Wellington Hotel, being about to leave Guelph for New York, was entertained to an oyster supper by his friends last night at the Queen's hotel.

young and old, to make jests and sport of each other. Of late the custom has died out very much, and it will not be long before the celebration of the first of April will disappear altogether.

FREE TEMPERANCE LECTURE.-We trust early at the temperance meeting in the Town Hall this evening to hear Mr. Geo. no superior on the platform. The terms of unqualified eulogium in which the Toronto papers speak of his appearance in that city is proof of this.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

A New York paper rejoices that the Duke of Montpensier is likely to become King of Spain because his doing so will be likely to complicate European politics." What a delightfully amiable man the editor of that paper must be!

MAORI MARTYRS.—The New Zealand massacre has developed some latter day martyrs for religion's sake. The natives captured by the Maori rebels were offered their lives if they would bow down to the Hauhau god; but they refused, and fifty of them were put to death. They are not quite so worthless christians as Dikie's "Greater Britain" represents.

Too Many Clears.—The New Orleans
Crescent says: The number of clerks out
of employ in New Orleans now is very
large, especially in the dry goods line.
Halfadozen were hired off the street the
other day, to work as waiters in one of
our hotels, gladt og ets something to do to
get their bread. Let the young men of
the North understand at once that the
South wants no more clerks or salesmen,
but sturdy yeoman, men who can till the
soil, handle an axe, or build houses.
A correspondent of the Telegraph de-

bis friends last night at the Queen's hotel.

Black wood's Magazine for March has been received from the American publishers, Leonard Scott & Co., New York. The literary papers are, if possible, more intensely Tory than ever—one in particular with reference to the Irish Church disestablishment.

A two-year old horse, sired by the famous stallion, "Adam Sell," and a serviceable cutter, both of which will be sold dirt cheap, will be on exhibition in the Market Square this (Thursday) even—the Market Square this (Thursday)

the Market Square this (Thursday) evening from 5 to 7 p.m. Go and have a look at them.

The crossings continue as fifthy as ever—but it appears to matter very little to the corporation whether they are covered with mud and slush or not. If corporations have soles, which has been often denied, now would be a good time to testify their possession of these important articles.

The Guelph Assizes will take place on the 12th inst. There are eight prisone.

be elected.

A conductor's duty on the Pacific Railway involves certain personal risks peculiar to the far west. A gentleman who has recently passed over the road relates a scene he witnessed on one train. The conductor told a rough-looking traveller that he wanted his fare. "The h-ll you do," was the only answer. The conductor persisted. "Wall here's my pars," said the traveller, presenting a heavy revolver at the official's head. Another huge fellow interposed at this point, presenting a pistol to his fellow passenger's temple, with a menacing look. "None of that, stranger; fair play, shell out." This settled the matter and the fare was paid.

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NEURALGIA, or TIC-DOLOREEX, is one of the most painful affections to which the human family is subject. It more commonly occurs in the nerves of the face, Loungh it is met with in different parts of the head, in the breast, hip-joint, and in other parts of the body and linbs. Its attack is usually sudden and the paroxysm of pain varies in its duration. The pain is agonising, excruciating, and shooting along the nerves like a shock of electricity, frequently feeling as if red hot wire were thrust into the parts, and after the pain passes away, a numbness remains for awhile. At these times, instead of attacking sudenly, it comes with a slight heat, or sense of itching or numbness, which augments in severity more or less rapidly. The pain increases from time to time until it becomes almost unbearable. Dr. Brigg's Allevantor is a positive remedy. Sold by E. Harvey & Co., Guelph, and druggists and country merchants everywhere.

Tare or Sugar.—By an order in Uoun-

TELEGRAPH

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

DUBLIN, March 31.—The Dublin Synod met at St. Patrick's Cathedral to-day,
and elected delegates to the Conference
on the Irish Church question.
MUNICH, March 31.—Orders have been
issued, granting unlimited leave of absence to thirty men of each company in
all the infantry regiments in the Bayarian army.

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ATHENS, March 31.—The Greek Christian arms.

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King.
MADRID, March 31.—In the Constituent Cortez, yesterday, the new Ioan required by the Provisional Government was voted. The hostility to the Conscription Law continues in the Provinces and fresh outbreaks are apprehended.

American Despatches

Poughkeepsie, 31.—To-night the freshet in the upper Hudson assumes a serious aspect. The water and ice cover the track of the Hudson River Railroad between Stuyvesant and Schodack to the depth of two feet.—The trains which left New York at 11.30 this morning are lying at Stayvesant station, unable to proceed further. The night Express down, which left Albany at 5 p. m., came as far down as Castleton, and was compelled to return. All down trains south of the Hudson have been discontinued for the night.—At 11 a. m., reports from above state that the ice has broken away at Castleton, and is running very fast. The water in the river there is still rising. The trains which left New York at 3.45 and 6 p.m., are lying at Hudson, where they will re main at present.

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New York, April 1—Hevald's West Kentucky special says information of the most reliable character has reached here to the effect that both of the Peruvian men of war, which recently left Pensacola, are now in the service of the Cuban insurgents in the vicinity of Marzarilla. They were formerly in the United States navy, and were known as the Catawaha and Nesta. They are turret monitors covered with five inches of iron plate, and carry each two 15-inch guns.

Omaha, April 1.—Parties just arrived from California report the Pacific railroad blockaded by snow, and that the work of construction has been nearly suspended on that account.—The Government were inspecting the Central Pacific railroad, and report it much inferior in construction to the Union Pacific railroad, and their building and equipment not at all adequate for the business anticipated, or in accordance with the requirements of the Government.

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Cold - Blooded Murder of Cuban Patriots.

HORRIBLE SCENES.

SUGAR PLANTATIONS DESTROYED

The British schooner Jeff. Davis was captured in the old Bahama Channel and brought into Cabarien, because she had on board as passengers five Cubans, white and colored, who were endeavor k ing to reach Nassau. On arriving the shore, and the news of their landing in that city is proof of this. None who can attend should fail to hear him. The lecture commences at 8 o'clock.

Tare on Sugar.—By an order in Council dated 25th March, the following allowance for tare on sugar is established at all parts in the Dominion. On sugar is established at all parts in the Dominion. On sugar is established at all parts in the Dominion. On sweight on each, and on barrels allowance 16 year centum of gross weight on each, and on barrels allowance 26 younds each; on bggs in which sugar is imported in hogsheads 12 per cent, and in tierces 14 per centum of gross weight on each, and on barrels allowance 26 younds each; on bggs in which sugar is imported, an average tare should be allowed to be ascertained by weight on Saturday night, supposed to be the