THE TORONTO WORLD

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JULY 18, 1888. OLD TALES OF NIAGARA.

The Coolness and Self-Possession of a Man Doomed to sure Death.

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Nigara Falls, Out 2, 1848—At about samples and the revening a man was carried over the falls. Who he was is not known. From his management of the sail boat in which he came down the river, I think he was not well equainted with the current of the rapids. His dress and appearance indicated respectability, and after be got indicated respectability, and after be got indicated respectability, and after be got indicated respectability. And after be got indicated respectability and for be got indicated respectability. And for the got indicated respectability and the reverse of the rapids his self-possession was extraordinary. His boat was a very good one what I learn of a sail boat having been seen below Bisek Rock, couning down, I think it was from there or Ruffalo. No other than a person unacquisated with the current above the rapids would eventure so near them. It was on the bead of Gas I faind I first discovered the boattern of the sail of Gas I faind I first discovered the boattern of the sail of Gas I faind I first discovered the boattern of the sail of Gas I faind I first discovered the boattern of the sail of Gas I faind I first discovered the boattern sail a mile below the foot of Navy island, and nearly two miles above Gost in the boat to in the boat. The sail of Gas I faind I first discovered the method of the boat constitution of the boat constitution of the boat constitution of the boat constitution of the boat and a state of the sail boat for the proper of the foot of Navy island, and nearly two miles above Gost is the dust one with the river I regarded to position of the boat constitution and the sail become in the sail that the sail the sail to the whole of the boat consolided it his dust one. While consarily approach is the sail that the was directed toward the American after and by the inine it had got an all a shove Gost it had ut to meet bei The Buffalo Commercial Advertiser

turned toward the American shore. Then it was certain that it must go down the American rapids.

I ran for the bridge—saw and informed a gentleman and lady just leaving the island, but they seemed unable to reply or move. I rallied a man at the toll-gate—we hoat just before it got to the first large fall in the rapids. Then I saw but one manhe standing at the stern with his oar changing ing the course of the boat down the current, and as it plunged over he sat down. I was astonished to see the boat rise with the mast and sail standing, and the man again erect directing the boat toward the shore. As he came to the next and we each succeeding fall he sat down, and then would rise and apply his oar in the intermediate current. Still there was hope that he would come near enough to the pier to jump, but in a moment it was gone. Ano her, that he might jump upon the rock near the bridge, but the current dashed him from it under the bridge, but the current dashed him from it never the boat? We could not answer, for either seemed certain destruction. Within a few rods of the falls the boat struck a rock, turned over and lodged. He appeared to crawl from under it and awam with the oar in his hand, till he went over the precipice. Without the power to render assistance—Without the power to rend crawl from under it and awam with the ost in his hand, till he went over the precipice. Without the power to render assistance—for half an hour watching a strong man struggling with every nerve for life, yet doomed with almost the certainty of destiny to an immediate and awful death, still hoping with every effort for his deliverance—caused an intensity of excitement I ance—caused an intensity of excitement I pray God never again to experience.

Tom Thumb's Start in Life. It was in his sixth year that the general was discovered by P. T. Barnum, and then began his life of public exhibition, which continued until his death. The showman was stopping over night in Bridgeport, and hearing of the child, had him brought to the hotel. He was then a well-formed, very intelligent child, and exceedingly fond of the ludicrous. He was first put on exhibition in the New York museum, but temporarily. After a little time, the consent of his parents having been obtained, a contract was entered into for four weeks at \$3 a week, including the board and travelling expenses of the diminutive general and his mother. At the conclusion of the four weeks a second contract was made at \$7 a week for one year, with the privilege of taking him anywhere in the country. Before many weeks; had elapsed the general's many weeks; had elapsed the general's salary was increased to \$25, so great an attraction had he become. At the end of the year a bargain was made for the next year at \$50 a week, and the first trip to Europe was made. The general's mother and tutor accompanied him across the water. The first exhibition was given in Liverpool, and a very furor of enthusiasm attended them through England and the continent. In London he was visited by Hon. Edward Everett, the American minister, and at Buckingham palace he was permitted to hold levees. He was invited to the royal palace, where he was a frequent visitor, Buckingham palace he was permitted to hold levees. He was invited to the royal palace, where he was a frequent visitor, and his presence was considered a special boon in the houses of nobility. He was a great favorite with the Prince of Wales, who was about his own age. While a frequenter of the queen's household he was the recipient of many fine presents from her majesty, among which was an elegant gold watch and chain made expressly for his use. In Paris the general was treated with the same consideration, enjoying entree to the best society of the French metropolis. King Louis Phillippe, as a mark of his regard, presented him with a magnificent diamond brooch. His character personations of Napoleon Bonaparte elicited the most unbounded applause in France, and there was first developed his merit as an actor. He soon acquired a knowledge of the French language, and exhibitions were given throughout the empire. He thence traversed the whole of Europe, and upon his return to his native land, where intelligence of his successes had preceded him, he was received with enthusiastic welcome. During his eatire lifetime four tours of Europe were made, all of which were attended with the same continued ovation which had greeted his initial visit.

Spelling Reform The American Philological association, which has been holding its sessions for this year at Middletown, Conn., had great enjoyment in the essays and debates. The committee on spelling reform reported, through their chairman, Professor March. that the English Philological society, at a that the English Philological society, at a meeting held April 20 of this year, had unanimously approved and accepted the "I played very badly that game, I confess," "Will you take ame partner again—and I life" rules for amended spelling, adopted by the

American association in 1881, and that these rules are now jointly reccommended by the

two associations for immediate adoption : 1. e. - Drop silent e when fonetically useless as in live, vineyard, believe, bronze,

It had been supposed until recently that the names of the members of the parliament of 1614 were lost beyond recovery. They could not be found when the official return of members of parliament was printed five years ago. Fortunately, a list has been discovered among the manuscripts of the duke of Devonshire, and its contents are printed in the June number of the Palatine Notebook.

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At the opening of a bszaar in the Bridge house hotel, London bridge, in aid of the fund for reducing the debt upon the Southwark Wesleyan chapel, Long lane, S. E., the Rev. F. Crozier displayed a breast-pin worn by John Wesley up to the time of his death. It then passed into the hands of Dr. Bunting, who gave it to Mi. Crozier. The breast-pin was for sale.

A wedding was to have occurred not long ago in county Londonderry, and the expectant bride and bridegroom were walking to church, when suddenly an exuberant person discharged a gun in bonor of the occasion, and brought down both the man and and the lady, each being struck in the face and neck and severely injured. The wedding was, of course, postponed.

In 1872 the British national debt stood at \$3,655,000,000; in 1882 at \$3,545,000, In 1872 the British national debt stood

at \$3,655,000,000; in 1882 at \$3,545,000,-000. The present chancellor of the exchequer favors a scheme for more rapid re-Another dock to cost \$2,500,000, with water area of thirty-five acres, is begun by Lord Bute at Cardiff. The Bute family has sunk at least \$15,000,000 in such

The income of the university of Oxford last year was \$260,000. This is apart from the individual colleges, one or two of which have, in good times, nearly \$150,000. Lord Rosebery is to have the freedom of the city of Edinburgh in recognition of the interest he has evinced in Scottish af-

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The net is stretched taut, and the courts are clean
drawn—

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The lad in white fiannel, the maid in short skirt, with watchful eyes eagerly wait the assault. In ceases to flatter, she ceases to flirt—
"Fault?" The bail deftly served, clears the net in its course, And is quickly returned, with victorious shout;
Once more it flies back, with an un-reserved force—

"Fifteen," in loud triumph, the conqueror's cry Again the ball shoots the stretched netting about The lad and the maid exchange glauces, sigh—

"Love?" The players rush wildly, and dart to and fro, One "volleys," and reaps for award abuse; The maiden cries "tush, and the youth mutter

'Neath the cedar's cool shade opposing sides meet, The lawn is described, relaxed is the net. "May I bring you an ice? may I fetch you a seat?"

MY SWENTHEART ABROAD.

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cent issue, says : During the performance single, engine, granite, eaten, rained, etc. of My Sweetheart at the Theatre Royal 2, ea. Drop a from ea having the short last night, a disturbance of a most serious sound of e, as in feather, leather, jealous, character took place, which created a great etc.; drop e from ea having the sound of deal of excitement, and ended in the appretent after the curtain rose, and more or less during the whole of the first act, and the rest of the audience showed their disappro-

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