



LI HUNG CHANG.

a man to be ranked with Bismarck and Gladstone. With the former he is perhaps comparable in his capacity for duplicity and truculence; but he has slight resemblance to the high-minded British statesman who "reverenced his conscience as his king."

THE TIGER TAMED.

The crushing defeat of Tammany is an omen of brightest augury for civic righteousness, not only in New York, but in every place where the power of the saloon and gambling den has clutched the keys of government and despoiled the people of their rights. The long fight maintained by such men as Reis, Parkhurst, Roosevelt, and other lovers of their kind, against bossism, corruption, and fraud, has achieved a signal victory. But eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. The Tammany tiger is very tenacious of life. The spoils of office are a tempting bait. The modern problem of civic government is one of the most difficult of solution. But the civic reforms that have been won in Glasgow, Manchester, Leeds, and even in that modern Babylon, London, show that an aroused public opinion, watchful with more than the hundred eyes of Argus, and strong with more than the hundred arms of Briareus, can conquer selfishness

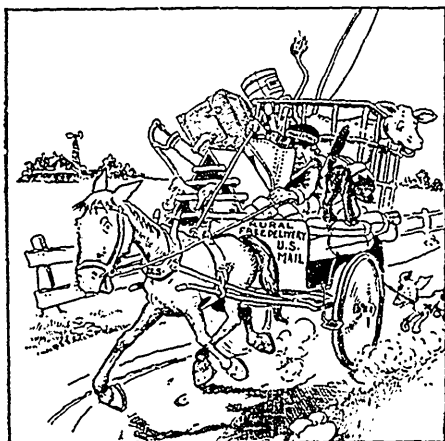
and greed, and enthrone justice and righteousness.

Mr. Reis shows us how the provision for the schools and play-grounds of the poor, and even for the protection of common decency in the tenement barracks, has long been frustrated by the greed of Tammany. What a picture we have in the prophecies of Ezekiel of civic righteousness in the description of boys and girls playing in the streets of Jerusalem, and what a city, whose streets are fit to be their play-ground.

PARCELS POST.

A German manufacturer can ship an eleven-pound package from Germany to any State in the Union cheaper than it can be shipped from New York City. England, which has a parcels-post treaty with nearly every civilized nation on earth, exported \$20,500,000 worth of merchandise through the parcels post last year.

There are many millions of people in the United States who live at a distance from any express office, and, consequently, when anything is sent to them they must go for it in person or procure the services of some neighbour or friend. In rural localities, where excursions to railroad stations are not an every-day occurrence, it often proves very aggravating to be compelled to suspend the performance of important duties, and make a special trip to a distant express office for one little package, which, perchance, is very much needed.



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