

sider such proposals in detail, and reject them if manifestly prejudicial to our interests. The French treaty is altogether one-sided, the articles upon which a reduction is made in our favor being mainly those in which our trade is infinitesimal, or non-existent, while the French get the advantage of lower duties on their wines and other produce for which there is a large market here. Commissioner Tupper, in short, has lamentably failed to secure Canada any tangible advantages in return for concessions putting France on the "most favored nation" basis, so that in the event of reciprocity with the U.S. she could claim vastly more important benefits than those appearing on the face of the treaty. Evidently the qualities which go to make a rough and ready stump orator do not necessarily fit their possessor to shine as a diplomat.

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IN a recent interview Sir Charles Tupper gave a clue to his motives in framing the treaty by asserting that "in view of the French presidency of the Behring sea tribunal it was of the utmost importance to maintain the *entente cordiale* with France." In other words, he regards the concessions to France as in the nature of a bribe to influence a favorable award in the Behring sea case. This makes the matter worse, showing that our plenipotentiary regards questions of diplomacy from the stand-



IN BAD FORM.

SHE—"O, John, dear, I saw the loveliest bonnet to-day in a shop window and—"

HE—"Now, darling, remember we have passed a rule that we mustn't talk shop in the house."

point of a successful boodler, accustomed to regard a bribe as an all-prevailing argument. European diplomats may not always be honest, but they have at least enough tact and discretion not to give themselves away in this fashion.

AN ARTHURIAN EPIGRAM.

WE read in old Arthurian fable
About the Knights of the Round Table,
And Lancelot's conduct to his chief,
Which caused King Arthur so much grief.
The Table Round, as all must feel,
Had better far been a square deal.

A HANDSOME SOUVENIR.

GRIP has received a souvenir volume, entitled, "The Brown Palace Hotel," from Messrs. Bush & Tabor, proprietors of that famous hostelry, of Denver, Col. It is a unique and elaborately got up book, containing a number of handsome illustrations, giving an idea of the sumptuousness and elegance of the Brown Palace.

HIS PREFERENCE.

JUSTICE (*to complainant in assault case*)—"What charge do you prefer against this man?"
COMPLAINANT—"Oh, I was goin' to have the law on him, but if you give me my choice I reckon I'd prefer a charge of buckshot."



IN TORONTO BAY.

SEWAGE OR WATER?