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A Falsehood Nailed.

"A cable item which we received from Manchester on Saturday afternoon, stating that the Fenians had been that morning, did not appear in but a few copies of the Tadpole till the following week. Now what ailed the 'special and exclusive' wires running into the Macdonnell street sanctum? What? Why, owing to the unavoidable delay occasioned by the despatch, the Tadpole did not come within reach of its editor till most of the Tadpoles had been printed."—Advertiser, 25th.

So it is evident that the old lady up the street takes fits occasionally, and during their continuance shows her teeth most snappishly. Poor, feeble, decrepit old body! forlorn relic of a bygone age, who gets angry when she thinks what she is, and what she might have been.—But we would not taunt her with her infirmities, but entreat forgiveness for her for the sins she commits in her moments of peevishness. We are the more inclined to charity since we doubt whether her mental condition is such as to render her morally responsible. She has been a noted gambler in her day, playing for high stakes, and the shock sustained by her faculties on account of her losses renders it questionable if she be not a hopeless imbecile. Strange fancies sometimes take possession of idiots and dotards, and it is therefore by no means surprising that the old lady should have imagined that the cable was employed for her sole, peculiar benefit on Saturday evening last, nor would "astonishment seize our minds" if we saw it announced that she had made special arrangements for a submarine passage on board said cable to Britain.

Now, the true statement of the case mentioned above, without exaggeration, without prevarication, is this:—We were to press when the despatch announcing the execution of the three Fenians in Manchester was brought in by the messenger from the Telegraph Office, and a few copies had been printed off. The press was stopped immediately, the despatch set up, and the remainder of the evening issue printed and circulated all over the town, before the old lady had been able to don her ly means elegant attire and toddle down stairs to gain the street; and even having printed a number that did not contain the latest telegraphic intelligence, there were three times as many of the second edition sold as what there were of the Advertiser, all told. It will perhaps be a lesson to the old dame, and teach her to restrain her impatience in future. We know with what eagerness she pounces on the first copy of the Evening Mercury that she can get eyes on, and with what hot haste (scissors in hand) she scans its pages, and makes an onslaught. Don't be in such a hurry after this, dear madam, wait for the last copy, or you may miss something good. We have presumed to talk thus reasonably to this pure specimen of anility, believing that it is not always advisable to humor the caprices of lunacy, but having said so much, we will leave her to the indulgence of such whims and fancies as may spring from a disordered imagination, and bid her good-bye for a very long time.

Local News.

HARPER'S BAZAR for this week—a magnificent number—elaborately illustrated, is to hand at Day's bookstore, opposite the market.

MUSHROOMS.—It is not more surprising to see strawberries ripen in October than it is to see full grown mushrooms in November. But we saw quite a large number in a basket to-day which some person, knowing Dr Jackson's passion for the plant had collected and presented to that gentleman. What next in this age of wonders in the kingdoms of both art and nature?

A RACE.—A lively race took place this morning between the train and the news-boy who sells the Globe and Leader. He was prosecuting his calling very earnestly among the people on the platform when the train suddenly started at rather a rapid rate and left him behind. He took to his heels in good earnest, springing over the cattle-guard with the agility of a grey-hound, and soon caught the hindmost car. He threw his bundle of papers on the platform, and by the assistance of the conductor, who caught him by the collar, he was soon aboard in all safety.

A TOWN PUMP IN PAISLEY.—Paisley has got a town pump, and Paisley thinks she has cause for going into raptures in consequence. The Advocate says, "it will be useful not only for household purposes but for thirsty wayfarers." We remember reading a story once which represented the pump of a certain town as having taken to speaking, and telling of the various wayfarers who had come to quench their thirst with the sparkling element it so generously provided. One old gentleman had an extremely red nose, and the pump said that he was a most rubicund gentleman, quite a stranger to such drink as it provided, and that the water fed in its passage down his throat. Wonder if the Paisley pump will be ever able to record such a tale as that.

NEARLY AN ACCIDENT.—People have often been warned of the danger of getting on or off trains in motion, and have heard or read of frequent accidents which have occurred from a disregard of these admonitions, still they will not take warning. There is rather a struggle for who shall get aboard last than for who shall go first. One man was almost paying the penalty of his rashness in waiting until the 9.45 train got in motion this morning before he got on. He had a bundle under one arm,