

ing, no doubt, but ill-judging. One of them approached me and enquired if I would take a tract. I answered politely, although I considered the man impertinent: "Certainly, sir, if it will give you any pleasure." He seemed to think that it ought to give me pleasure. It did so, though perhaps after a fashion unexpected by the donor: for I only read the title, "Naaman the Syrian," after which I considerably sent in the brochure to the Dirty Man next door, to whom it seemed peculiarly applicable. But, lying idly there, with imagination quickened from forced incapacity for physical action, it was easy, upon the hint thus given in the suggestion of the marvellous old story, to paint with closed eyelids upon the tablets of the brain a gorgeous picture. A picture of the soldier's pride and the prophet's power, of the childlike enthusiasm of the "little maid" who dared so greatly as to make her small voice heard within the splendours of the harem, of the exultant joy with which she must have accepted the news of her advice being adopted, of the sublime confidence in her soul that Jehovah would vindicate her faith in His omnipotence. I passed with the royal train, glimmering in gold and purple and priceless gems, through the portals of the House of Rimmon, between the pillars of basalt, carved with the pictorial history of a hundred centuries, and guarded by those awful winged bulls whose gaze seems to mirror eternity. I stood abashed before the Deity himself, inscrutable in his cold colossal majesty, on whose brow could be figured no trace of a frown, on whose lip no glimmer of a smile. And I marked how the cheek of the hypocrite blanched and the beatings of his heart became hushed as he made his false cowardly obeisance, and lifting his head saw fixed upon him the inexorable scrutiny of the god he had abjured and whose temple he even then desecrated with the foot of an apostate. I don't envy Naaman those closing years of a perjured conscience, and I should hardly wonder if some day in his madness, mocked by the implacable, unchanging, fathomless regard with which moon after moon Rimmon had struck terror to his craven soul, he had poignantly himself at the very steps of the altar, leaving stained upon the porphyry for king and courtiers a bloody hieroglyph beyond their skill to read.

The fanciful vision past, I waited for the visiting physician to whom I had been transferred from the care of that other one who wouldn't come. The transfer scarcely proved a distinguished success, as this one wouldn't come either. It is weary, weary work waiting hour after hour for help one is impotent to seek, help which has been solemnly assured, but which arrives never. Every footstep heard outside seems to herald the expected one, to herald every opening door to give token that his advent is at hand. No circumstances can be more incompatible with the received idea of a condition of peaceful repose than are those involved in such feverish anticipation. But I don't think I was any worse off than others. During two days I saw in two wards but one visiting physician attending one case. This gentleman entered with a train of attendant students to lecture them upon an inflamed eyelid, at least so I will call it in my Philistine ignorance of surgical technicality. "Observe, gentlemen," said the leech, "observe this eyelid. It is granulated. It is very much granulated. It is what we call ocular granulation." Then, to the granulator: "I think you may go out whenever you please. I don't want to tell you to go, but perhaps it would be all the better for yourself if you were to go at once." The patient, however, seemed to think otherwise, for he kept on granulating where he was. Meanwhile Mr. Bob Sawyer and Mr. Benjamin Allen, and every other young deputy-sawbones, their comrade, instead of attending to the lecture, amused themselves by considering me. I only hope that they took more gratification than did its object from the prolonged scrutiny.

A visit towards evening from the False Friend gave opportunity for soliciting his influence towards my release. I pointed out to him what I have here endeavoured to point out in print, that my situation was exactly such as must, if protracted, compel illness in place of curing it. I begged him to apply to head-quarters for an order to resume my apparel, threatening otherwise that I would walk down the town in a panoply of blue robe and trousers, megatherium slippers and grotesque night-cap. He promised to make it all right, and departed for that purpose. Returning presently, he said that he had made it all right, and that the permit would arrive directly; and then hastily and without warning departed. I subsequently ascertained that he had represented me to be very ill indeed, and begged that no heed might be paid to my delirious demands for emancipation. Of course he could not look for my perpetual confinement *au secret* or otherwise, but he desired to gain time to fly the country before the whirlwind of my vengeance could have chance to burst and overwhelm him. He guessed cleverly then, and he learned sadly afterwards, what a foaming vial of wrath had been fermenting during my imprisonment for his devoted head. Happily his machinations were in vain. Another power, to whom he

had omitted notification, arrived, and I was free. I have never been wont to take much pride in my ordinary apparel, but I think it would have been hard for Count D'Orsay himself to regard with greater complacency the highest artistic triumphs of Stultz, than that with which I viewed my own humble raiment, my own once more. It was a hurried toilet but delightful, and I fled, when the doors were opened, even as a young gazelle.

First, however, they presented me with a bill, the counterpart of the ticket over my bed, but with the date inserted of my discharge, and all reference to my death omitted. Why they gave it I don't know, because they took it away almost directly. Perhaps it was expected that I should endorse it with some observations as to the character of the establishment, or some expressions of the great benefits I had derived from its gentle care. I have since regretted the omission on my part to jot down a few comments in such sense, but then the card was small, and my heart was very full. I make, in these papers, such tardy reparation as is possible after the lapse of one hundred and fifty years.

Was there ever bath big enough to satisfy the desires which animated my soul? The Atlantic Ocean might possibly have served, but I have my doubts as to the Mediterranean. How shocked would have been the Dirty Man could there have entered into his conception my revel in the one I seized! How terrified he would have been at my reckless change of raiment: how amazed at my abhorrence for my luckless hat, my loathing of my unhappy boots! I cut off all my hair, and shaved my face close. If I could readily have discovered a skilled operator, Apollo, for example, I think I should have requested to be flayed. Nothing that had touched any article of hospital furniture should again touch me, unless after many days it could be restored purified as by fumigation.

I have never been in hospital since. When I next become seriously ill and there is no help at hand, I will crawl into the bush to die in peace, far from all obscure sights and sounds; or I will drift down the St. Lawrence in a birch canoe singing, like the lady of Astolat, my own dirge. And yet it was the hospital that cured me. The terror of its "attentions," and the appalling dread of their possible prolongation alone drove the fever away.

[THE END.]

MISCELLANEOUS.

AN ASTOUNDING BILL OF FARE.—For the benefit of such of our readers as take an interest in matters gastronomic, we re-publish from *Land and Water* the menu of the last annual dinner of the British Paleontographical Society, held on the 31st of March, at the Ludgate Hill Station in London.

SOCIETAS PALEONTOGRAPHICA.

PRID. KAL. APR. 1871.

ERA.—Palæstinum. Verrum.
PISCES.—Salmo elixus omni jure astacensi. Nugae testaceae ventis levibus puras. Piscos volitantes immersis in aceto. Solace inossae. Batavorum more. Buccina undata quasi testudines. Clupeae quaedam mites, alterae diabolorum more connectae.

PAROSIODES.—Ranarum alae, modo Lugdunensi. Pullae pulvere ardenti Indico more conditae. Erinaceus elixus, cum albo jure, fungis circumjacentibus, secundum Bohemos. Podes agnini acre cocti, agricolis grati.

CARNES.—Agnina pars quarta assa. Sella ovina. Melagriss Gallopavo elixus.

FERINA.—Alaudae.—Anates assae.—Coturnices.

DELECTA.—Farcimentum modo senatorio. Jus gelatum monachorum liquore adjuvante. Placentae cereales quibus tu. Louisa, faves. Maringuae pomis repletae.

The following is the translation of this astounding bill of fare:—

PALEONTOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 1871.

SOUP.—Palestine. Spring.
FISH.—Boiled salmon with lobster sauce. *Vol au vent* of mussels. Flounders *Souches*. Filleted soles, *sauce Hollandaise*. *Whelks, en tortue*. Whitebait, plain and devilled.

ENTREES.—"Wings" of frogs, *à la Lyonnaise*. Curried fowls *à l'Indienne*. Calves' tails, *aux financiers*. Hedgehogs, with white sauce and mushr *ms*, *à la Bohémienne*. Stewed lamb's feet, *à la Jardinière*.

JOINTS.—Roast quarter of lamb. Saddle of mutton. Boiled Turkey.

GAME.—Larks.—Teal.—Quails.

SWEETS.—Cabinet pudding. Chartreuse jelly. Vermicelli patties, *à la Louisa*. *Meringues* of apples.

Needless to say that this tough *menu* gave rise to much mirth. Learned doctors were for some time puzzled to recognise a *vol-au-vent* in *levibus ventis*, and frequent laughter broke out in various parts of the room, as it gradually dawned on one another that calves' tails *cum mercatoribus cordi sunt* might possibly be cooked *aux financiers*, and that the *quasi testudines whelks* were served *en tortue*.

An amusing "printer's blunder" occurred a few days ago in a London newspaper. It had been speaking in the highest terms of a new tenor—a *rara avis* of a tenor, who had delighted and entranced all hearers. The criticism was gorgeous, but it ended with "he was sentenced to three years' penal servitude, so that society will for some time be freed of his presence!" This astounding assertion was simply due to the fact that the end of a police case had been "lifted," and left at the bottom of the critique, to which it formed such an incongruous pendant. An extraordinary blunder some years ago occurred the same way, in one of the Scotch papers. A couple of lines of a news paragraph, announcing the arrival of several soldiers in a district town, got mixed up in a notice of a birth. The result was as follows:—At — Street, on the — inst., Mrs. K—, of 1 sergeant, 3 corporals, and 15 rank and file; premature."

Mr. Halliwell (the *Athenæum* says) has had the good fortune to discover evidence that Shakspeare acted on two occasions before Queen Elizabeth, in the year 1594, in company with Kemp and Burbage, all three being described as "Servants to the Lord Chamberlain." Critical students of the biography of Shakspeare will at once appreciate the significance of these interesting facts. The poet was then in his thirty-first year. No record of his performances as an actor at so early a period has yet been produced, but the circumstance of his then being a member of the Lord Chamberlain's company is of still greater interest. We now know, what hitherto has been merely a conjecture, that the great dramatist belonged to that body before the Globe Theatre was opened, and when the company were performing at Newington the old play of "Hamlet," the predecessor of Shakspeare's tragedy.

The *Israelit*, of Mayence, derives the word German from the name of the eldest son of Japhet, Gomer. "One of the oldest Aramaic translations of the Bible, the 'Targum Jerushalmi,' falsely ascribed to Jonathan ben Uziel, speaks of 'Germania' as one of the countries in which Gomer's descendants were living. That by a simple metathesis 'Gomer' has become converted into 'German' is clear to any one who knows Hebrew. The Babylonian Talmud, too (Joma, f. 10), and the Talmud 'Jerushalmi,' in the first chapter of the treatise 'Megillah' describe 'Germania' as the residence of the descendants of Gomer. We cannot here omit to observe that the eldest son of Gomer is called in the Bible Askenas, and that in Jewish literature, as well as in the popular language, this name is commonly used for Germany. Now the Askenians are, if not the oldest, at least one of the oldest of the German dynastic families. Hence it would follow that the descendants of Gomer, called, after their ancestor, 'Gomrans' or 'Germans,' settled under the direction of Askenas, the eldest son of Gomer, in the country which they then called 'Germania.'

In the cell at Mazas in which Cluseret was confined there are inscribed these words:—"Citizen Cluseret, you have me in here. I expect to see you in a week.—Gen. Bergeret."

The great Tyrolese rifle match at Meran was opened by the Emperor of Austria on the 10th ult. Great numbers of Tyrolese riflemen in picturesque national costumes assembled from all parts of the country, and among them were two descendants of Andreas Hofer, the hero of the Tyrol. The Emperor, his son, and several members of his suite took part in the shooting.

Despatches have been received at the Foreign Office from Dr. Kirk, the acting British Consul at Zanzibar, containing information of the safety of Dr. Livingstone in October last. Dr. Livingstone was then at Manakoro awaiting the supplies that have been despatched to him; his immediate wants appear to have been met by the Arabs.



CORPORATION OF MONTREAL.


TO BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned and marked "Tenders for Fish Market," will be received at the office of the undersigned until noon on THURSDAY, the 15th instant, for the erection of a Fish Market in connection with the St. Ann's Market, according to plans and specifications prepared by the architect, J. J. Browne, Esq., and to be seen at his office, No. 210, Great St. James Street.

Particulars of the work to be tendered for may be obtained on application to the above named architect. The Committee do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any of the Tenders.

[By order.]

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,
City Hall,
Montreal, 1st June, 1871.



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ELIZABETH, QUEEN OF ENGLAND.
Saturday.—Last Night of Mrs. D. P. BOWERS.
When she will appear as LADY MACBETH.
Monday and Tuesday, June 5 and 6.
The celebrated Comedian, MR. JOHN E. OWENS, in
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SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for works, River St. Maurice," will be received at this office until Saturday, 10th day of June next, at noon, for the construction of a Retaining Basin and Piers at the mouth of the St. Maurice, and also a *Cash Pile* at La Tuque Falls.
Plans and specifications can be seen at this office and at the Office of the Superintendent of the St. Maurice Works, at Three Rivers, where other information can be obtained.
The Department will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.
By order,
F. BRAUN, Secretary.
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 24th May, 1871. 3-25a



SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Guide Basin and Piers," will be received at this office until Saturday, 17th day of June next, at noon, for the construction of a Guide Basin and two Support Piers immediately above the *Sault au Rocher Rapids*, in rear of the City of Montreal.
Plans and specifications can be seen at the Office of the Superintendent of the Ottawa River Works, where printed forms of tender and other information can also be obtained.
The Department will not be bound to accept the lowest or any tender.
By order,
F. BRAUN, Secretary.
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 22nd May, 1871. 3-25a



THROUGH Tickets to Fort Garry via Fort William can be had at all the stations of the Northern Railway and on the Steamers between Collingwood and Fort William.
By direction,
F. BRAUN, Secretary.
Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, 20th May, 1871. 3-25a



CORPORATION OF MONTREAL.
EAST AND CENTRE WARDS.
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned have completed their Assessment Rolls of the EAST and CENTRE WARDS of this City; that copies thereof have been left with one of their number, at their Office in the City Hall, where the same may be seen and examined by any person interested until FRIDAY, the 10th day of JUNE next, and that said Assessors will meet at their Office aforesaid, on SATURDAY, the 17th day of JUNE next, at TEN o'clock A. M., to review their Assessments of the Real Estate set down in the said Assessment Rolls; and that they will then and there hear and examine all complaints in relation to such Assessments of Real Estate that may be brought before them.
JAMES C. BEERS,
JEAN BTE. ALLARD,
WILLIAM DOUGLAS,
P. H. MORIN,
DAVID BROWN,
J. T. DILLON,
ASSESSORS.
ABSTRACTS' OFFICE,
CITY HALL,
MONTREAL, May 29, 1871. 3-25b