

acter. Policemen are especially liable to these assaults, which at times assume an epidemic character, and occasionally the cruel and disgusting form of biting. It is not at all unusual to see cases of this kind occurring before the magistrates, and the surgeons to the police have frequently constables rendered unfit for duty from bites on the arm and fingers. One who had the curiosity to note the fact observed that these "biting cases" generally followed a debauch in which rum had been the intoxicant. It would be interesting to know whether this maniacal result is due to the rum or the noxious ingredients with which it is so frequently adulterated.—*Lancet*.

THE number of dram-shops in Germany increased by 12,261 (about 10 per cent.) in 1881-82, and the ratio of increase in drunkenness, lawlessness and pauperism, was much larger. The Emperor and members of the Reichstag are considering how to restrict the curse.—*Reformer*.

UNITED STATES DRINK BILL.—For the year ending June 30, 1882:

<i>Spirits.</i>	<i>Gallons.</i>	<i>Taxes Paid.</i>
Number of gallons of spirits distilled from fruit.....	1,216,850	\$ 1,095,164 60
Number of gallons of spirits distilled from other materials.....	70,758,584	63,683,592 37
	71,976,434	\$64,778,756 97
<i>Fermented Liquors.</i>	<i>Barrels.</i>	
Ale, beer, lager beer and porter.....	16,952,085	\$13,237,700 63

Total taxes..... \$78,016,457 60

The above table represents only the liquor bill paid by the people of the United States to the Government, which, of course, is only a small part of the whole cost of liquors.—*Alliance Year Book*.

[NOTE.—The cost of liquor to the consumer is about five times the duty.]

FIVE hundred saloon keepers of Buffalo, N. Y., have organized against the Citizen's Reform Association in their efforts to enforce the Sunday laws. The saloonists have raised a fund of several thousand dollars, and swear by everything that they will sell whisky any time and anywhere, law or no law, fanatics or no fanatics.—*Monitor Journal*.

BISHOP IRELAND, in a recent address in Chicago, said that eighty per cent. of the crimes committed by Irishmen were directly traceable to drink. Nearly every Irishman brought before the police magistrate on any charge, was the victim of alcohol.—*Morning and Day of Reform*.

### General News.

There is no change in the aspect of the telegraph operators' strike. Both the companies and the employees are still firm and determined. Public sympathy seems to be mainly with the latter, who are certainly holding out courageously, and acting in a very orderly manner.

### CANADIAN.

The past week has been unusually marked by fatal disasters. Two young men, sons of Senators McInnis and Allan, have been drowned in Kempenfeldt Bay. Mr. Jonathan Graham, a farmer in Blenheim, has lost his wife and five children by diphtheria. A colored girl named Ada Byard, who was deaf, dumb and blind, has been murdered near Guysboro, N. S. On Saturday a young married man, named Saul, was drowned at Picton. Joseph Limery, driving across the railway track between Chatham and Windsor on Sunday, was struck by a locomotive, and so injured that his life is despaired of. On Monday Ira Nelles, a carpenter, working on the C. S. R. was killed at St. Clair Junction, by a heavy piece of timber falling upon him. The same day, near the village of Arthur, a young man by the name of Dunn accidentally shot his step-sister, who is not expected to recover. Richard Worth, a policeman, was drowned in Toronto Bay, and George H. Borlasse, a lawyer at Sherbrooke, Que., committed suicide by drowning, while temporarily insane. On Tuesday night, in Toronto, a drunken rough, from the western States, shot an inoffensive young man named James Maroney, killing him almost instantly—one more of

the many sad cases in which drink has robbed a family of its main support. Wednesday afternoon a young girl was drowned while bathing at Cacouna, and two young men, sons of Mr. Paradis, Chief of Police, were drowned along with a little child named Lafleur, while out on a fishing excursion at Yamaska.

Last week, in Pickering township, a terrible hailstorm did great damage to orchards, crops and buildings.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Press Association was held at Montreal on Tuesday. The same evening the members started down the St. Lawrence river for their regular yearly holiday trip.

The Grand Encampment of the Independent Order of Oddfellows has just closed an interesting session at Ottawa, and the High Court of the Independent Order of Foresters has held its annual meeting in Toronto.

The men arrested at Rat Portage by Manitoba officials have been committed for trial at Winnipeg.

The track is now laid on the main line of the Canada Pacific Railway to a distance of 830 miles beyond Winnipeg.

The first conference of the Canada Methodist Church in Manitoba and the North-West has just been held at Winnipeg.

The Ontario Provincial Teachers' Association will hold its annual convention in Toronto next week, as will also the International Congress of the Shorthand Writers of the United States and Canada.

Gilmour's saw-mill at Hull was burned on Wednesday night.

### BRITISH.

Gladstone has reiterated the statement, that the Government does not propose a permanent occupation of Egypt.

Grain crops in England are considerably below the average.

A sad accident occurred in Lincolnshire on Monday. A pleasure-boat was upset and nine persons drowned.

Two Norwegian vessels collided near Dover on Wednesday. One sank, drowning thirteen persons.

### UNITED STATES.

A fire in San Francisco last Saturday destroyed thirty houses. Some lives were lost.

Yellow fever in the South is increasing and causing much anxiety.

A brutal prize-fight between Sullivan and Slade took place in New York on Monday last. About 12,000 people were present, including a number of city officials. The police were on hand to preserve order among the spectators.

Captain J. D. Rhodes proposes to perform the feat that Captain Webb attempted. He has patented a rubber life-preserving armor that he intends to wear during his swim.

The labor troubles still continue. The cigar-makers have returned to work, having made arrangements with the manufacturers, but serious strikes have taken place among journeymen coopers in Missouri, and railway laborers in Pennsylvania.

### FOREIGN.

The deaths from cholera in Egypt are becoming fewer. It is estimated that the total number of those that have occurred is about 11,000. The disease among the British troops is still serious.

There was another earthquake at Ischia on Saturday. A number of houses were destroyed.

A revolt among some Spanish troops took place at Badajoz. About 700 soldiers took part in the rising. They proclaimed a republic, but were soon put down.

Venezuela is scourged with locusts.

O'Donnell, the assassin of James Carey, will be taken to England for trial.

A nest of pirates has been discovered, who have been operating for two years in the Straits of Kertch. Their plan was to pay pilots to let vessels run ashore, then they plundered the wrecks.