

who loved to look upon the wine when red. The party passed pleasantly; the time for departure drew near; the wife descended from the upper chamber to join her husband. A pang shot through her beating heart as she met him, for he was intoxicated; he had broken his promise. Silently they rode homeward, save when the drunken man broke into snatches of song or unmeaning laughter. But the wife rode on, her babe pressed closely to her grieved heart.

Give me the baby Millie, I can't trust you with him, he said, as they approached the dark and swollen stream.

After some hesitation she resigned her first-born—her darling babe closely wrapped in a great blanket—to his arms. Over the dark waters the noble steeds safely bore them; and when they reached the bank the mother asked for her child. With much care and tenderness he placed the bundle in her arms; but when she clasped it to her breast no babe was there! It had slipped from the blanket and the drunken father knew it not. A wild shriek from the mother aroused him, and he turned around just in time to see the little rosy face rise one moment above the waters, then sink forever, and that by his own intemperance. The anguish of the mother and the remorse of the father are better imagined than described.

Murder of Thirty-Seven Infants.

New York, Sept. 24.—The feeling of horror occasioned by the discovery of a baby farming establishment in this city is intense, and if the facts already reported are fully established, the most fiendish horrors will have been brought to light. The complaint is supported by the affidavits of a number of respectable citizens, and has been filed in the Courts, charging Mrs. Ellen Roberts with driving a lucrative business in baby-farming. At present it cannot be positively ascertained how many children she has been the means of killing, through inattention and starvation. There is a good reason for believing, however, that within the last four months as many as thirty-seven children, placed in her care by the commissioners of Charity and Correction, have met their death wholly by reason of their criminal neglect and inhuman cruelty. A thorough search of her dwelling revealed a most shocking spectacle. One girl, aged about thirteen months, was found to be in a fearful state from starvation, filth and ill-usage. The poor child was almost naked, had almost sucked one of its thumbs off; and had become so weak that even the means of sustenance had to be abandoned. The little sufferer was sent at once to the Almshouse, but it is feared that she cannot survive. After all the other children found in the house were properly cared for, Mrs. Roberts was conveyed to the police station house, and yesterday morning she was arraigned. The affidavits say that Mrs. Roberts exposed the babies left with her in her back yard, without shelter from rain or sun, in an almost nude state; that she habitually drank; and that on one occasion she nearly suffocated two infants by lying or falling upon them while intoxicated, the interposition of neighbors saving them from death; that owing to her cruelty thirty children died between the first of January last and June 4th; that the bodies of several who died on her hands were housed in a stable opposite her residence, kept by an undertaker, and were finally buried mysteriously; and in view of these and other accusations the affidavits who are Mrs. Roberts' neighbors say she is guilty of infanticide. Mrs. Roberts stoutly denies all knowledge of the ill-treatment of the children, and expresses a desire for speedy investigation. She was held in \$1000 bail to appear for further examination to-morrow. The feeling against her in the vicinity of her residence is very strong, and it is feared that she may suffer violence at the hands of some of her neighbors.

Spain.

A correspondent gives the following *aperçu* of the present position of the Carlist forces in Spain:—There are now about 45,000 armed Carlists in the Peninsula, of whom 25,000 are in the northern provinces and 10,000 in Catalonia. There were lately in the east of the province of Santander and in the north of that of Burgos from 400 to 500 men at Ampuero and others near Reynosa, threatening the line from Madrid to Santander. Other bands, detachments from the forces of Biscay, are in sight of Frias (Burgos). These unorganized bodies are under the orders of Velasco, Captain-General of Biscay for Don Carlos. Biscay is entirely occupied by the Carlists, with the exception of the town of Bilbao and the port of Portugalete. Guipuzcoa is subject to the forces of Lizarraga, except St. Sebastian, Oyarzun, Irun, and Fuentarabia. Navarre belongs to the Carlists, all but Pampluna and Tafalla. Dorregary commands here. Alava is also occupied, with the exception of Vittoria. In the north of Saragossa, and in that of Haesca, there are only bands as yet unformed, commanded by Genundi, the comrade of Cabrera. The provinces of Lerida, Tarragona, Barcelona, and Gerona are, with the exception of their capitals and some towns such as Manresa, Vique, Cervera, Salsona and Figueres, the domain of Prince Alfonso's army, commanded by Saballs, Miret, and Tristany. South of the Ebro there are partidas in the provinces of Palencia, Logrono, Soria, Toledo, and Cuenca. Cuenca has assembled more than 3,000 men; and in Alicante and Murcia four troops of from 300 to 500 men hold the open country. In short, there are Carlists in twenty-one provinces out of the forty-eight of which the Spanish Republic is composed, including the Balearic Islands.

Swimming Match.

The New York papers report a "ladies swimming match," in which a number of

young women competed for a silk dress. The betting was all in favour of Miss Meenan, when, a young man falling in the water, the chivalrous girl abandoned the race, and with it all hope of the silk dress, for the sake of saving his life. The spectators, touched by her self-denial, got up a subscription for her on the spot, and enough money was collected to purchase her a gold watch and chain. It has been significantly announced, however, in reference to future swimming matches of the same kind, that gentlemen falling into the water during the progress of the race will be allowed to take care of themselves.

THE STAR.

HARBOR GRACE, OCT. 22, 1873

THE arrival of our Labrador fleet has been the occasion of some little stir in business circles, and the general activity prevailing would seem to indicate a decided improvement in the trade of this town. The fishery, we have reason to believe, will show a fair average, and a good fall's business may be anticipated.

By reference to the new advertisement of Messrs. Geo. C. Rutherford & Co.—in another column of this paper—it will be seen that a stock of superior provisions, groceries, &c., is now offered to the public, "at as low a price as can be sold in town."

On Friday, the 10th inst., an Inquest was held at the Court-house in this city, before Dr. Renouf, Her Majesty's Coroner for the central district, on view of the body of James Lawlor, laborer, aged 66 years, whose death was caused by the severity of burns received on the previous evening. It appeared in evidence, that he was a very industrious, sober man, and never smoked; that, being very tired after his day's work, retired at an early hour in the evening to bed, and while asleep his bed took fire, through an opening in the partition from an adjoining bedroom occupied by his son, a lad about 14 years old, who declared some time before the alarm of fire, he was reading by the light of a candle, having occasion to snuff it with his fingers, might have accidentally thrown a hot snuff on some shavings, which were in the corner of his room.

The jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts elicited.—*Chronicle.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

[TO THE EDITORS OF THE STAR.]

SIRS,—I notice in the *Standard* of Saturday last a column of twaddle, purporting to be the production of "A Middle Man." The writer, after exhausting the patience of his readers with a superfluous description of a trifling attempt at a public demonstration in honor of an equally trifling event, launches forth in the vain effort to contradict certain truthful assertions recently made through the columns of your independent and highly esteemed journal. Now, in my opinion, the *Standard's* correspondent is no other than one of the trio whose unhallowed proceedings he strives to justify. No, one else, I feel convinced, could have the audacity to attempt a vindication of the contemptible conduct of the firm to which especial reference is made. Who, but one entirely lost to every feeling of humanity, would dare to pervert his pen by using it in defence of a few insolent and despotic traders, who do not scruple to wring from the hands of our hardy fishermen the fruits of their industry, by every indirection? Miserable recreant! unworthy the land that gave him birth, and thrice unworthy the land of his adoption! what venal motive impelled him forward in defence of tyranny so base, and injustice so apparent? Surely the love of lucre must have steeled his breast to every humane feeling, or his heart could never become so callous and indifferent to the sufferings of his fellow-men, as to allow him to publicly attempt the justification of a system of extortion and oppression almost beyond the power of endurance. Does the writer of the article in question imagine that our people will longer submit to treatment so reprehensible? If so, I fancy he has underestimated the character of my hardy countrymen. Bent—broken—manacled as they are, I mistake their manly and independent spirit, if they longer consent to bow to the mandate of a trio of slaves to lucre and self-aggrandisement. For my own part, I trample to the earth such an audacious and despicable usurpation of a people's rights; and for our fishermen, as free and independent men, the time is come to give that calumny the lie which represents them as content to remain subservient to the wishes of two or three petty tyrants. Let our people bear in mind the fact that the law does not sanction the "truck system," and let them, in all cases, demand cash for their labor and produce. They will then be able to purchase at the cheapest stores, and thus save a shilling or a dollar on every article of food and clothing, and receive the generous and equitable treatment that many of our business men so readily extend to their patrons.

In conclusion, I would just inform "A Middle Man"—if not aware of the fact already—that "the die is cast," and the disreputable "truck system" is fast tot-

tering to its fall, and must soon give place to a system that will do justice to every man—namely, THE CASH SYSTEM.

Yours, &c., HOMO.

Oct. 21. [TO THE EDITORS OF THE STAR.]

SIRS,—Will you inform me why it is that the Public Dock at the foot of Bannerman Street—recently "completed by order of the Board of Works"—is not in a condition to be of service to the public. Having arrived from Labrador on Friday night, I endeavored to effect a landing at the dock, but found it so blocked up with floating spars, &c., that I was compelled to seek a landing place in another quarter. The weather being stormy at the time, and the boat loaded with passengers, in our efforts to find a suitable place to disembark, we ran the risk of being upset and drowned. If public improvements are made, why not the people be allowed to avail themselves of the advantages they afford? I think the height of injustice for any public property to be occupied by private individuals. *Fiat justitia ruat cælum.*

Yours, truly, JUSTICE.

Oct. 21. We beg to assure our correspondent "Justice," that we have frequently called the attention of the proper authorities to the nuisance complained of; but so far, nothing has been done to remedy the evil. We hope, however, the Board of Works will take the matter in hand, and order the immediate removal of all obstructions.—EDS. STAR.

TERRIBLE SCENE IN A MENAGERIE.

A painfully exciting scene took place at Mander's Menagerie, on Saturday night, at Witby. The place was crowded with people, who were struggling with each other in order to get a full view of the animals, when one of the elephants set up a roar. Shortly after a cry got up that one of the tigers had got loose. The people became greatly excited, and there was a general rush to the door. Men shouted, women screamed, and the animals in the cages howled and yelled frantically. It was during this scene that a little boy named Langley was caught by one of the tigers. It would appear that in the confusion which prevailed he had been knocked against the bars of the cage containing a couple of tigers, and that one of them seized him by the arm. The poor little fellow screamed with pain, and the excitement among the crowd became more intense. Several men ran to the boy's assistance, and beat the animals with their sticks. Eventually the brute was made to leave loose, and the poor boy half fainting with pain and fright, was borne to his home. Here he was shortly afterwards attended to by Dr. Tinley, by whom the wounds were dressed. The injuries inflicted are of a very serious character and mayhap result in the boy's death.—Another accident, has also occurred, in connection with the same concern. While at Hinderwell, travelling to wards Whiby, one of the keepers annoyed one of the elephants, when the beast dealt him a violent blow. The man was dashed against some shutters, and was picked up in a helpless state. He was taken on to Whiby, and afterwards placed in the workhouse, under medical treatment. Several of his ribs, it is said, are broken, and it will be months before he is likely to recover.

THE betrothal of Prince Alfred and the Grand Duchess Mary of Russia will (it is stated in a Berlin telegram) shortly be celebrated at Livadia, according to the rites of the Orthodox Church. Lord Loftus will be present. The marriage is fixed for January. The Duke has been appointed Commander of the 2nd Battalion of Marines of the Russian Black Sea Fleet. The battalion will bear the name of the 'His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh's Second Black Sea Marines.'

THE QUEEN'S KINDNESS.—One of the gardeners at Balmoral Castle was seized with illness, and died in the course of five minutes. Her Majesty, having heard of the circumstances, called on the widow, who has been left with three young children. The Queen remained for some time in the widow's cottage, and before leaving handed her the sum of £10. Acts of kindness such as these are not uncommon in the dealings of the Queen with her tenantry on Deeside.

The British frigate "Niobe" has bombarded Omoa, Honduras, because, according to a telegram from Kingston, British subjects had been imprisoned, the flag insulted, the Consulate gutted, and British warehouses sacked. The authorities were obstinate. The "Niobe" being challenged, the bombardment was a necessity. The prisoners were delivered, and compensation has been guaranteed.

An Admiralty circular has been issued forbidding the solemnization of marriage on board ships on foreign stations by the commanding officers, such marriages being invalid.

Latest Despatches.

LONDON, Oct. 14.—The Pope and Emperor William are discussing German Church matters. The latter has his mind made up to show his people the way to heaven as well as to Paris. Preparations are making for a general attack by land and sea on Cartagena.

NEW YORK, 14.—Visiting Evangelicals were publicly received by Grant and Cabinet. The Republicans carried Pennsylvania and Iowa yesterday. Several failures to-day, including Gilman & Sons, bankers. Gold 108 3/4.

OTTAWA, 15.—Commission at work on their report to-day. LONDON, 15.—Rumoured trouble between France and Italy. The Right centre, acting in union with the ministry, intend to prolong McMahon's tenure. The Left centre will wheel into line if a plan be devised for the definite organization of the republic.

Bullion in the Bank of England decreased £1,293,000 during the week. NEW YORK, 16.—Democrats carried Ohio. Gold 108.

OTTAWA, 16.—South Huron elected supporter of Sir John A. McDonald. The Pacific scandal was the test question. South Huron being a grit county, the result is significant.

LONDON, 17.—The general opinion is that the bank rate will advance before Thursday next. Ardverike Castle, former residence of the Duke of Abercorn was burned. Many art works and etchings by Landseer were destroyed.

OTTAWA, 17.—John Crawford, M.P. West Ontario, will be appointed Governor of Ontario. Lord Dufferin and lady arrived to-day. Riel was elected by acclamation for Provencer and is on his way to Ottawa to take his seat.

Lepine sent to trial for the murder of Scott. LUNENBERG, N. S., 17.—Mailman's trial for wife murder commenced to-day. Feelings strong against prisoner.

NEW YORK, 17.—Gold 108. LONDON, 18.—Special to the "Times" gives the following additional points in the chamber programme: Eligibility of all persons to civil employment, universal suffrage, reasonable liberty of the press, tri-color to be the flag of France. The Assembly called to meet not later than the 27th.

Emperor William arrived at Vienna yesterday. NEW YORK, 18.—Stokes' trial continues; nothing new transpired. Gold 108 3/4.

OTTAWA, 18.—Members are pouring in from all quarters. It is rumoured that the Minister of Justice was sent to intercept Riel, and induce him not to come to Ottawa. Mr. Rossin, of Quebec, was appointed Flour Inspector by vote.

LUNENBERG, N. S., 18.—Mailman's trial not yet finished. Court in session all day. Evidence against the prisoner most conclusive, he is unmoved, but looks haggard.

NEWS & ITEMS.

A VERY UNSEAWORTHY SHIP.—Fortune says the "Manchester Guardian" has again favoured Mr. Plim-soll. It would be hard to find a case in point more after his own heart than one furnished recently by certain proceedings at Hull. Four seamen were summoned for refusing to go to sea in the brig Expert. They alleged in defence that the brig Expert was rotten, and that daylight could be seen through her bows. The Board of Trade Surveyor went further, and gave the following account of her:—"Certain timbers were rotten and water passed through the deck on to the men in the fore-castle. It was possible her masts might roll out and leave the vessel at the mercy of the sea; and her windlass was in such a state that she might drive from her anchorage and go ashore." These slight defects were discoverable at a first glance, the Surveyor having examined the noble craft above water only. It is hardly necessary to say that the seamen were discharged. They may thank Mr. Plim-soll, if not for that, at least for the just encomiums their conduct received from the bench. Magistrates are not likely to be enthusiastic about even the most allowable breaches of contract without a strong public opinion to back them. As for the owners of the Expert, it is gratifying to think that, had the vessel gone to sea, and gone to pieces too, they would have suffered no serious loss, for she was only "bound in ballast for

Norway to fetch ice." There would have been the lives, it is true; but fortunately they belong to a kind of merchandise which is always carried at owner's risk.

FLOGGING A GAROTTER IN NEW-GATE.

George Pollard, who was convicted at the last session of the Central Criminal Court, with William Ives, of a highway robbery accompanied with violence upon a man named Smith, the driver of a tramway car, at Holloway, was flogged on Saturday morning, in Newgate, in presence of the officers of the prison. The prisoner, who bore a very bad character, was sentenced by Mr. Commissioner Kerr to receive forty lashes, the first twenty at the commencement of his sentence of seven years' penal servitude, and the other twenty within a period of six months. The offender was a young man. He did not flinch in the slightest degree while the stripes were being inflicted, and he bore the whole punishment with the greatest firmness. When the whole number of stripes had been given, the prisoner was released, and he laughed. He was taken down, and he exclaimed in an impudent tone, "I could stand as many more." He was then removed to his cell. The whole operation did not occupy more than five minutes.

On Monday morning last, after a short illness, William, eldest son of Mr. Stephen Breaker, aged 13 years.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN'S.

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Oct 15—Silva, Martins, Guadaloupe—Stabb, Row & Co
Ariel, French, Bahia—Bowling Bros
16—Georgine, Bittencourt, Trinidad—W Grieve & Co
Hawk, Jackman, Sydney—J & R Kent
Queen of Beauty, Dunne, Sydney—J & R Kent
17—New Dominion, Jones, Montreal—J Murray
Austrian, Ritchie, Liverpool—A Shea
Blackwood, Palfrey, Sydney—S March & Sons
Delta, Keay, Antigonish—J & W Pitts
Mary, Burnam, Sydney—Job Brothers & Co

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Oct 15—Tiger, Hagan, Sydney—W Kelli-grew
Maranee, Archibald, Oporto—E Duder
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16—Nimrod, Cummins, Cape Breton—Job Brothers & Co.

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Whole and Ground Ginger
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