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WORLD, Toronto.
The World's Telephone Call is 528. MONDAY MORNING, APRIL 6, 1885.

A Little War for "Uncle Sam," The Central American question is getting to be a troublesome one, and "Uncle Sam" finds himself with a little war on his hands, and of which he may possibly get some such experience as John Bull has had in the same line. The town of Colon, or Aspinwall, counts about 10,000 inhabitents, and is the Atlantic terminus of the railway across the isthmus, Panama being the Pacific terminus of the

a thing as having a quiet time there is practically unknown. Recently somebody got up a revolution, or an attempt at one, in the free and independent Republic of

The Senate of the United States adjourned sine die on Thursday last, having een in session since March 4th for the purp se of acting on nominations to office by the new president. On the last day a being that of Henry G. Pearsen as postmaster of New York. Mr. Pearson was appointed by the republican administration preceding, and that he should be re appointed by a democratic president is considered something extraordinary. But the general verdict is that he is a man exceptionally well qualified for the position; and friends of civil service reform hail his reappointment as a sign that President Cleveland is making a start in the right track. The ion in the senate. in which there is at pre-

The man who shakes his head and talks of "hard times," and "money tight" generally gets credit with the multitude for being a very wise and far seeing individual; while he who ventures the opinion that the than that, and he has not counted this, however, it is not always a safe thing ahead again is among the impossibilities. For a present instance take the following. which we find in the Montreal Herald of a recent date: "Edward J. Brais, broker, anneunced by letter to the presisident of the stock exchange yesday that he was temporarily embarrassed and unable to meet his financial obligations amounting to \$1,700. It appears that he sold Bank of Montreal and City Passenger short, and these securities has lately appreciated very considerably. Me Brais is only a short time a member of the

board, having been previously cashier of Banque d'Hochelaga. It is stated that the we members of the Exchange with whom he has had transactions will give him time to liquidate, and he will therefore save his seat. It has been very hard of late

counted more than a straw carried by the wind or a chip floating on the water. But it helps to show how the current sets.

The American anti Chinese law is getting very strict interpretation put upon it. he secretary of the treasury has just decided an interesting point arising under the Chinese Emigration act. Joe James, a Chinaman residing in the country, and . who has embraced the Christian religion, applied for permission to bring his wife. who lives in China, to the United States.

the immense preparations the Fenians are

making and the wonderful things they are going to do, but it is perfectly disgusting for Canadian papers to copy them. If the papers ceased noticing these wretches their organization would melt away. They are simply kept allve by gratuitous advertising. Of one thing we may feel assured. If they could not succeed in 1866 when there were half a million discharged soldiers ready for mischief to draw from they cannot do so now. I hope Canadian papers will stop givmischief to draw from they cannot as giv-now. I hope Canadian papers will stop giv-ing the Fenians dead-head advertisements as the Evening Telegram does to day by pub-lishing nearly a column of silly bombast about the "cold glitter in the eyes of Pat-rick Joyce," his blood curdling tones, his sealed lips, etc. Gammon & Spinach.

Gedsen Was Not Wrong.

Editor World: If you will look again at my letter of Thursday last, you will see that the mistake in distance was your own. distinctly stated about 13,000 feet or 23 miles. So Godson was not wrong. Will you make the correction? A. W. Godson

Editor World: Thanks for your suggestion in Saurday's paper about going up stairs. I will try it. MOUNTAINEER, stairs. I will try it.
Hamilton, April 4.

Fully 110,000. Editor World: What is the population of Toronto, including its new wards?

POPLAR.

The Half-Breeds not all in the Right. From the Chicago Morning News, April 3. ama being the Pacific terminus of the same. The railway is operated by an American company, the Pacific Mail, which runs steamers along the Atlantic coast between New York and Aspinwall, and along the Pacific coast between Panama and San Francisco. During the time of the great rush of gold seekers to California, and before the overland all-rail route across the Rocky meuntains was opened, the Panama route was the principal one between the sast and the Golden state. And it still does a large carrying business, more or less hampered, however, by fights with its great railway rivals.

Central America is a region of disturbance in more senses than one. Between earthquakes and political revolutions, such a thing as having a quiet time there is resectionly unknown. Recently somehold. There is a government side to the halftheir title by occupancy. But just here trickery stepped in to render the action of the government difficult. Scores of half-breeds who obtained free grants under the Manitoba act have sold them to white in the free and independent Republic of Colombia, across whose territory the Panama railway runs. The beginning of last week, however, the insurgents appeared to be getting the worst of it, and on Wednesday they played Moscow with the town Colon, firing it in a number of places at once. Their leader, General Aizpurn, then set out for Panama, threatening that he would shoot every American there.

Both the British and the American consulates were burned, and the town was left a smouldering ruin, the Pacific Mail wharf being the only structure of any importance that escaped. The American government has already ordered a naval force to the spot, but a naval force will scarcely do much in the way of pursuing over-land those who did the damage. And American interests may come into collision, in which case trouble more serious than an ordinary Central American revolution may ensure.

of the watchdog.

This is the view of the outbreak presented on behalf of the government, and undoubtedly it is not devoid of force in both fasts and reason. Politics has undoubtedly much to do with the sensational reports received as to the wrongs of the half breads and any one acquinted with what

breeds, and any one acquainted with what the p.liticians of the dominion are capable of will be very sparing of sympathy for any outbreak which has Louis Riel at its head in Manitoba, and a bitter opposition using it as a balt to badger the government at

From the Winnipeg Times of April 1. So far from being a lunatic, Riel is a cool, calculating and able man. He has the capacity to plot with great intelligence, and he inspires confidence in his followers. He is a natural leader. There is no doubt now that every step taken since his return from Montana was deliberately calculated. The consummate ability he displayed in concealing his hand and averting suspicion is sufficient in itself to prove how danger is sufficient in itself to prove how danger out a republican majority. Some nominations sent in by the president were left over, and will not be acted upon until next December.

A Warning to Speculaters on "Hard Times."

is sufficient in itself to prove how danger out a sufficient in itself to prove how danger out as unitself to prove how danger out as developments of the next few weeks will demonstrate how well he is prepared for it. He is much too clever to expect that

situation is really improving all the time in a quiet way is apt to be looked upon as not being a practical man or one much versed in money matters. In spite of all this, however, it is not always a safe thing to speculate on the theory that everything in the business world is going to the devil, and that for a young and progressive country like this to take a fresh start and go ahead again is among the impossibilities. and let slip the dogs of Indian war. What the consequences may be will be nothing to him; he will provide for his own safety by

flight when the worst comes to the worst, and leave the volunteers and Indians to

From the Varsity.

The corps of scouts which is now being organized in our university is likely to prove a valuable auxiliary to the volunteer forces in their operations against the in surgents in the Northwest. J. R. Gordon the probable captain of the corps, is peculiarly fitted for the service. He is a young man, full of energy and determination, and has had considerable experience in warfare of this nature both on the Texas frontier and in Abyssinia. The students dargraduates who will serve under him are as vigorous and enthusiastic as their leader. Many of them have been their leader. Many of them have been assistant engineers in the surveys in the Northwest, and they have consequently not only became inured to the hardships of camp life, but are fully acquainted with the country where the war is going on. The work they propose to undertake is a desperate one, but they will doubtless give a good account of themselves.

Newspaper Opinions. Flesherton Advance: Personally Riel's financial resources are such that he conid scarcely give his followers one day's rations; therefore it is reasonable to infer that he is only the tool of designing villaria.

cans are willing or not to permit our troops to be carried on American railroads, we The department decides, under a recent ruling of the United States circuit court of all the more for having, in a matter of this California, that she cannot be allowed to kind, decided to depend solely upon their

own resources.

Bracebridge Gazette: Now, "Old To-Mostering the Feminas.

Editor Wolrd: It is bad enough for the American papers to publish rubbish about the American papers to publish rubbish about the American papers to publish rubbish about the Papers and the Papers and the Papers are the Papers are the Papers and the Papers are the Papers are the Papers are the Papers and the Papers are the Pap

SPLENDID ASSAULT OF ARMS BY THE FENCING CLUB.

The Canadian Association of Amsteur Oarsmen - Dismissal of the Charges Against O'Connor, Enwright and The name of the Toronto Fencing Club although before this public for a comparatively short time, has come to be a syno-

nym for everything that is excellent and

tics. The very best exponents of fencing,

mmendable in the way of in-door athle.

boxing, single stick, rapier, sword feats, club swinging, etc., are always associated with the Club's assault-at-arms. One of the most enjoyable of its entertainments was given in the handsome rooms of the club on Saturday evening last, the occasion being a farewell benefit to Prof. Reid, the fareurs master. An emissely respectable being a farewell benefit to Prof. Reid, the fencing master. An eminently respectable audience filled the place to the doors. The assault opened with a fencing bout between Ed. Currie—the club's gold medalist—and Bruce Brough, and an exceedingly nest bout it was. They were followed by Prof. Reid, who proved a revelation even to the club members. His ventrilequy, his tricks and his sword feats were clever. Next in order were Mesers. Sewall and Phillips, who sparred three three minute rounds. They were pretty evenly matched and did some good clean hitting. Then came a single stick engagement be tween Mal. Macpherson and Ed. Currie. The former's favorite blow was simed at Edward's vest pattern, and when he "got The former's favorite blow was simed at Edward's vest pattern, and when he "got it there" it reminded one of the sound made by beating a carpet. "A model shall attract your view, discreet in gesture," the program said. This was Frank Smith, the club swinger, whose poetry of motion earned for him an encore. For an admirable display with the foil commend us to E. R. Parkhurst, the president, and Louis Bacque. From the graceful salute to the "last point" it is safe to say, as fine an exhibition of femoing as could be shown by any two amateurs in America. Everyone knows whas Harry Gilmore and shown by any two amsteurs in America. Everyone knows wha: Harry Gilmore and Bob Maopherson can do with the gloves. The cheers that greeted their three rounds were continued until they added a fourth. As some one remarked: "Old man Pope had a pretty level head when he wrote that about the boys." Good, hard, scientific work was done with the rapier by Prof. Reid and Mr. Meyerfey, then the assault was brought to a successful close Prof. Reid and Mr. Meyerfey, then the assault was brought to a successful close by Herculean John F. Scholes and plucky Sam Bittle, the latter being urged by Harry Piper to "go for John's wind." They clipt into it roundly for fifteen minutes. P. D. Ross, sporting editor of the Mail, acted as master of ceremonies, and it was agreed on all hands that the quotation from Much Ado was most applicable to him.

Oarsmen.

A meeting of the executive committee o the Canadian Association, of Amateur Oars men was held yesterday afternoon in the regatta committee for this year, and consideration of the evidence as to the ama teur standing of O'Connor and Eneight, of the Toronto Rowing Club, and Joseph Lang, of the G. I. boat club. The following Hamilton men were appointed the regatta committee for the C A. A. O. for 1885, it being

the C. A. A. U. for 1889, it being almost a certainty that the regat a will be held there: Messrs. Lucas, Stewart, Harris, Jaryis and Monk.

With reference to the scullers, the following resolution was unanimously passed, after all the evidence in the case had been with the control of the control of the case had been stated in the case had been seen as t arter all the evidence in the case had been fully gone into—"That this committed having fully considered the evidence in the case of O Connor and Enright and Joseph Laing cannot find that either of the parties named have been guilty of practices which in any way effect their standing as amaranes."

The members of the committee present were A. R. Boswell, Hume Blake, J. Brown, O. Morphy and W. A. Littlejohn, all of Toronto, and Æ. Jarvis and Frank Wilson of Hamilton. Messrs Monk (Lachine B. C.) and Fairweather (Ottawa) sent regrets. J. J. Toomer Grand Trunk B. C., was delayed with the train from the east, and came to hand after the meeting was over.

Sullivan Drunk Again. PHILADELPHIA, April 5 .- Daniel D. Daw son, who entered security for John L. Sullivan, the pugilist, in \$5000, to keep the peace for thirty days, to day took out a bail piece for the surrender of the pugilist to the court. Dawson has been informed that Sullivan is on an extended debauch the past few days, and, fearing that he might commit a breach of peace by assault and battery, he (Dawson) was desirous of being relieved of his responsibility.

A Big Purse for Scullers, New York, April 5 .- Apurse of \$500 has been offered by Richard K. Fox to be competed for in a scull race, open to all-comers. The purse will be distributed in four prizes, viz., \$3000, \$1250, \$500 and \$250. The course will be rour miles with a turn. Should William Beach, the Australian, not compete, the winner will be allowed \$500 extra for expense, to meet the champion at his home.

General Notes The ex-secretary of the O J.C. will be rejoiced to hear that the Prince and Princess of Wales have promised to visit the celebrated steeplechases at Punchestown during their visit to Ireland. Requefort, the winner of the Grand Na-

tional steeplechase, was bought as a 3 year-old at the disposal of the late Mr. Gret ton's horses for 30 guineas and was sold just previous to the race to his present owner for 1275 guineas. John S. Prince, the champion bicyclist,

raced five miles at Pensacola, March 28, against Col. Farble's fast trotter, Douglass around his belt. He won by five yards, The time was announced at 16:28. The spectators carried Prince on their shoulders. Owen Dove is an actor at the Avenue Owen Dove is an actor at the Avenue heatre, London. He has the misfortune to be lame. Henry Sampson, or one of his employes, brutally said in the Referse that he thrust his affliction before the public. Dove entered an action for libel and recovered \$1500 and costs. Smart people

ometimes get left. Johnny Scholes leaves to-night for the New England Kennel club show at Boston New England Kennel club show at Boston on April 7, 8, 9 and 10, with the champion block and tan bitch Bessie, the Bedlington dog Blucher, Bedlington bitch Little, champion pug dog Echo, King Charles apaniel dog Toronto Charlie, King Charles apaniel bitch Princie and two pug pups.

Johnny will doubtless as usual come back well laden with prizes and diplomas.

Twenty thousand dollars worth of tickets had been sold for the McCaffrey Sullivan fight at Philadelphia, April 3rd. McCaftrey's friends are louder on the blow than over. One alleges his desire to back the Pittsburger for \$25,000, and others, with McCaffrey himself, insinuate that Sullivan was not in condition, that he did not want to risk his repuration, as it would damage. was not in condition, that he did not want to risk his repuration, as it would damage his prospects in England, and that Sullivan put up the authorities to prosecute and have the affair prevented.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL GOSSIP. TORONTO, April 4.

The New York bank statement shows a decrease in reserve of \$1,293,000, reducing the surplus beyond legal requirements to \$47.000.000 Oil at Petrolia opened at 85 and closed

at 841; the highest was 85 and the lowest

at \$4\frac{1}{2}; the highest was \$5 and the lowest \$4\frac{1}{2}. American oil opened at \$0 and closed at \$7.8\frac{1}{2}. British consols opened at \$7.13-16 for money and closed at \$7.11-16.

Con & Co. were cabled that Hudson bay and Northwest land remained naccauged at £16\frac{1}{2} and \$7\frac{1}{2} 6 d respectively.

The following departs was received by Cox & Co. over their private wire from Milmine, Bodman & Co, of Chicago: Markets ruled higher through the list; large buying wheat early by our heavy local operators, but early by our heavy local operators, but think principally covering stocks; consols were lower and some war talk caused nervousness among stocks. Crop reports generally continued unfavorable; however rain is reported on Pacific coast; feeling quite firm, wheat gaining friends; provisions and coin very tame, fraction higher, but decidedly neglected and featuerless; closing prices: May wheat 80%, corn 41%, pork

prices: May wheat 80fc, corn 41fc, pork \$11.72fc.
Busness troubles reported to-day: Geo.
Carrathers, grocer, Kingston, assigned;
W. T. Rutherford & Co., cigar manufacturers, London, assigned; S. muel Arthur, general store, Strabane, assigned; W. P.
Nolan, grocer, Winnipeg, assigned.

Local Produce Markets. has been easier this week. Wheat sold at 800 to 81c for fall and spring, 67c; to 70c for goose to 81c for fall and spring, 67c; to 70c for goose. Barley sold at 60c to 65c. Oats brought 30c. Peas 57c to 60c. Timothy sold at \$12 to \$17.50; clover at \$9 to \$12. Straw, \$9 to \$11. Potatoes are selling by the load at 40c; single begs 50c. Apples may be had at \$1.50 to \$4 per barrel.

St. Lawrence Markett —Beel, roast, 11c to 15c; sirlon steak, 12½c to 16c; round steak, 12½c to 15c; inferior cuts, 8c to 10c; lamb, per lb., 12½c to 16c; inferior cuts, 8c to 10c; lamb, per lb., 12½c to 16c; inferior cuts, 8c to 10c; lamb, per lb., 12½c to 16c; inferior cuts, 8c to 10c; lamb, per lb., 12½c to 15c; inferior cuts, 8c to 16c; inferior cuts 8c, to 10c; pork, chops and roasts, 9c to 10c; boto, 10c to park, chops and roasts, 9c to 10c; boto, 10c to 12c; cheese, 18c to 15c; bacon, 10c to 12c; cheese, 18c to 15c; bacon, 10c to 12c; cheese, 18c to 15c; bacon, 10c to 12c; cags, fresh, 18c to 20c; cooking, 12c to 15c; turkeys, \$1 to \$2 : spring chickens, 65 to 80c per pair; ducks, '0c to \$1; geese, 70c to \$1; heavy hogs are selling at \$6.00 and light hogs from \$4.50 to 86; forequarters of beef bring from \$4.50 to 86; forequarters, from \$5.50 to \$7. Mutton sells at \$5.50 to \$7 per cwt., and lamb at \$7 to \$8. Spring lambs, per carcase, \$3.50 to \$5.

Grain and Provision Markets by Telegraph Flour-Receipts 37,000 brls., common grade irm; choice stock in buy e's favor; sales 13, ,000 brls; unchanged. Rye flour and corn-meal unchanged. Wheat - Receipts \$4,000 bush.; spot 1c to 1jc and options 1c to 1jc higher, closing steady; sales 2_192,000 bush, futures; 190,000 bush, spot; exports 27,000 bush; No. 2 spring slc, No. 2 red 99jc to 90jc cash, 90jc April, 91do May, No. 1 red state 97c No. 1 white 91c. Barley and rye steady, Malt du'l. Corn—Receipts 401 000 bush, shade higher; sales 560,000 bush future, 230,000 bush, spot; exports 265,000 bush, : No. 2 49jc cash and April, 50c May. Oats—Receipts 18,600 bush, higher; sales 290,000 bush, thure, 250,000 bush, spot; exports 250,000 bush, inchure, 250,000 bush, spot; No. 2 29jc to 37c cash, 37ko May and June, mixed western 34c to 39jc, white state 38c to 49c, Hay firm; shipping 70c to 75c. Hops, coffee, sugar, molas es, rice and petroleum unchanged. Eggs higher; at 15jc to 15jc. Pork dull, mes spot \$13. Beef, cut meats and middles du'll and unchanged. Lard dull at \$7.10. Butter and cheese unchanged. rush.; spot 1c to 11c and options 1c to 11c

changed. Lard duli at \$7.10. Butter and cheese unchanged.

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to 31c. April 28to May 31c. Rve steady; Fo 2624. Barley nommai. Pork steady; cash \$11.65 to \$11.70. April \$11.69 to \$11.65. May \$11.70. Lard steadher; cash and April \$6.75. May \$5.80 to \$6.824. Boxed meats steady. Whisky firm. Receipts—Flour \$2.00 blush., cont 250,000 bush., casts 75.000 bush., per 4.000 bush. barley 38.000 bush. Shipments—Flour \$2.000 bris., wheat 53,000 bush., rye 4.000 bush. barley 58.000 bush. barley 58.000 bush. corn 175,000 bush. oats 78.000 bush. barley 16.000 bush. barley 16.000 bush. barley 16.000 bush. corn 175,000 bush. oats 58.000 bu h. rye 1.000 bush. barley 16.000 bush. barley 16.000 bush. Corn 175.000 bush. oats 58.000 bu h. rye 1.000 bush. barley 16.000 bush. Corn 175.000 bush. oats 58.000 bu h. rye 1.000 bush. barley 16.000 bush. Corn 175.000 bush. Oats 66 dit or 116 to 78.3d; No. 2 California, 68.6d to 78.1d; Corn, 48.6d. Barley, 58.6d. Oats, 68.6d. Peas, 68.10d. Pork 61s. Lard, 38s. 3d. Bacon, 31s to 32s. Tallow 32s. Choese, 59s. Cheese, 58s. Bacon, 18to 5s. Panow 3s.

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THE FRAXINELLA

BY CHES. DOHERTY Of all the dreary things on the face of the earth, I believe there is nothing which excels the dresriness of a rainy day in Venice. Rainy days are uncomfortable everywhere, but in Venice they are simply dispiriting. In the highlands the rain may have been a peculiar fascination, when, in white, gauzy clouds, it hovers round the rocks, until their sharp and jagged edges suddenly seem to tear them into tatters' whirling them in every direction. In the lowlands it often produces a refreshed feet. ing within us, when we gaze upon the pearly drops, sparkling in the grass and upon the bright green leaves. But in Venice, when it moistens the gray, crumb, ling walls of the palaces, changing them into dismal looking ruins, when it drizzles down upon the quiet, stagnant waters of the lagoons, when the gondolas seek pro-tection beneath the bridges and porticos and the pigeons in the crevices of the walls, then a foreigner falls into despair, and from the recesses of his trunk draws forth "The Book of Martyrs" or something similarly exhilarating, places it upon the window sill, and, with his chin resting upon his el bows, stares into vacancy. Nothing consoling about you, you feel cast from the world upon a terlorn, gloomy island, and as though never again green fields, bright flowers of the happy sunshine were to delight your eyes; and after half an hour of this sort of thing, there is but one wish slive in your crushed bosom, and that is—

alive in your crushed bosom, and that is to die.

And on such a day, such a disconsolate, wretched rainy day, a star and a genius sat opposite one another in the Palazza Ginstiniani. They sat upon the balcony of the paazza, and the star gazed upon the gray lagoons toward San Georgio, which surrounded with long, flowing weeds, upon which the rain trickled with monotonous regularity.

The star was a lively, slender little woman, with flashing black eyes, her hair saucily arranged in silken ringlets on the forehead, dressed in plain white muslin, sprinkled with pink ribbons and orange puds. Every nerve and feature vibrated in the brows little face, which was ene of Spanish perfection, and her fingers drummed impatiently upon the rug hanging over the balustrade of the balcony.

The genius, her vis-a-vis, was a slenderly-built young man, with pale, smoothly-brushed, perfumed hair, round languishing eyes, wan countenance, a very thin straggling little beard, a suit of such perfect fit that the young man found it impossible to bend either, knee or elbow. To judge him by his outward appearance, you would pronounce him a most brainless, intolerable dude. His voice was very high and weak, another disagreeable addition to his already effeminate and foppish exterior, and he apoke in a whining, doleful tone, somewhat like the rain drizzling down before him.

The star was Marie Marlilan, and the

his "Sonnambula" last evening. And on this wretched day he had expressed to her

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And Marie had laughed, She could not help it, the passionate, wild, childish, gifted little Spanish woman. She had known it long ago, and secretly amused herself about it. But when Bellini, with the most poetical and select phrases, with many sighs and a sentimental casting up of his eyes upoke to her of his undying, invincible, unbounded love and passion, she could not help it, she broke into a merry peal of laughter. And when Bellini showed her his startled, perfectly miserable countenance, she took up a small looking glass that was lying on the table beside her and held it before him.

"Why my dear Bellini, just look in here!" she said, hardly knowing what she was doing, but following her first childish impulses. She thought that the best answer and an excuse for her mirth.

Bellini turned yellow with rage, but nevertheless looked into the glass. He saw a smoothly-osmbed young man with heartshaped mouth, mild forget me-not eyes and an irreproachable necktie.

"Well," and he looked at her as though he meant to say? "I think I am a rather fair representative of the sex, I'm sure."

Then Marie seemed almost embarrassed, She could not tell him that it was on account of his looks that she did not care for him, but on account of his silly effeminate, soft way of behaving. She could not say: "Look at yourself, you lackadaisical, lifeless cresture, and then look at me, the wild, passionate Spanish girl, with overflowing heart and—"she checked her thoughts, and simply said: "My dearest Bellini, don't you see that it is all nonsense?"

"Nonsense that I love you?" he asked, lifelessiy, yet plaintively.

"Certainly—"

"Don-because "she answered demograte.

"Certainly-"But why?" "Certainly—"
"But why?"
"Oh—because?"she answered, desperatedly, and looked out on the dismal rainy lagoons. And she felt weary and bored.
"Well, if it is nonsense, it is such from which I never can free myself," he said, dolefully, and he looked more languishing and foppish than ever. "And if you mean to say it is nonsensial because you do not return my love, then this nonsense is simply my misfortune, for I must love you. I loved you, Marie, from the first time I saw you. Have you not felt that in every sound, every note of my new compositions? Alas, new you will laugh, and that will break my heart!" He said this so mourn fully, as he carefully streked a strey hair from his forehead, and turned his seyes so piteously, that little Marie was about to laugh; but to her surprise, found she was almost crying. She arose, placed both of her hands upon his shoulders, and seriously looked at him, saving: "My dear, dear Bellini, I don't laugh because you love me—dear me, no—only because I think it would be so funny for you and me to be engaged, or probably married. It would be just too ridiculous for anything, and I could not do it with an honest conscience: it would be a farce, don't you see? Why, I am real fond of you, but not so fond as you would like me to be. Why, I could not—"

"Then you can't love at all!"
"I really don't know; probably not, dear Bellini; at least I have never tried. Some-body wanted to marry me once upon a time, and papa wanted it too, but when I managed to escape I danced for joy and shed tears of happiness. Probably you think I am heartless, but I am at least candid, honest. Now see: You wrote the Sonnambula' for me, and 'Norma;" that is, not directly for me, but for Mme. Patti—but that makes no difference. These two is, not directly for me, but for Mme. Patti—but that makes no difference. These two roles made of me what I now am, and your music is as dear to me, so sympathetic, yes, at times it seems to have flown from my own heart, my very soul, and so I suppose in this sublime art our souls are united; but you see, art is a thing apart from life; it is different, or rather art is my intire life, and that is enough for me. So et it content you that in it you and I are lorever united."

"But never in life, Marie! Consider well!" he exclaimed, and his voice seemed

Il!" he exclaimed, and his voice seemed bre earnest and mady, and for a moment r well, Marie, what you say, You She smil d softly, and going to the man-ipiece took from one of the vases a beau-ful fragrant flower and showed it to Bel-at. "Look upon this Fraxinelia," she id, "it is a wenderful flower. During