Mr. Keener being quite drunk, officer Slasher thought it best to bring him to the station-house, which he forthwith proceeded to do. He brought with him also a basket which he supposed was Keener's, containing about a dozen Bibles and about the same number of pieces of crockery made in imitation of books.

Judge-"Mr. Keener, what have you to say for yourself for getting drunk?" Mr. Keener—"I guess the least said, the sooner the matter is mended."

"Where did you get your liquor?"
"Perhaps: yew mean, Squire, from what passage in the book I got my spiritual inspiration."

"Any way you please, Mr. Keener." Mr. Keener here held up one one of the crockery books and pointed to a cork in one of its ends.—He drew the cork and handed the bottle (for such it was)

to the Judge.

Mr. Keener—"There Judge, smell that, and if yew don't come to the conclusion that a man can get the spiritual consolation from that passage, then yew

ain't much posted up in Scripter." What do you mean, Sir? (smelling the mouth of the bottle). This is liquor in this crockery

"Vaal Judge, if you ain't 'cute, only yew hain't learned to call things by their new names. Its what I call spiritual consolation."

"Are you engaged in peddling these?" "Are you engaged in jecture as it tew be sneezed at by folks that hain't got no noses for cuteness."

"Well, sir, you are amenable for a violation of the prohibitory law, provided the witnesses can be found, who have seen you sell these."

"But you hain't heer'd the hull story yet, Judge I sell both kinds: Here, Judge is the rale ginconine Bible. King James' version, which I carry along with me, and I allers offer that for sale first; if they buy it, well and good; if they turn up their noses at the unadulterated Gospel, I take the cork out of one of the hard shells, and let 'em smell of the counter-feit, and I ask 'em whether I can't still sell them some sort of a Bible; they sing a different tune then, and if they don't buy, they treat me with proper respect."
"Which kind do you sell the most of?"

"I am sorry to say, Judge, for the morals of the people, that I sell twenty copies of the counterfeit Gospel to one of the genooine. But I never offer the counterfeit until I see positive evidences or their being given over to hardness of heart, by their refusin' to buy the rale Scripters. You see, Judge, if they are bound to be sinners, it don't make much difference if they do become a little more so."

"Sir, I shall have to fine you ten dollars, for

"Well, Judge, I guess I can pay it. In one day, with good luck, I kin make it up again. So here's the tin." Mr. Joshua Keener passed over a \$10 bank note, and left the premises with his basket and Bibles.

THE LETTER OF A LONDON THIEF .- The following very curious letter, written by a thief in London to his chum, was found on the person of an English pickpocket or swell mousman, who is now, or was the other day, in the hands of the Glasgow police. It is a curious peep behind the scenes of blackguardism. We are not so well up to Newgate literature as fully to understand the document of ourselves; but a gentleman whose official position renders it necessary that he should know something of the phraseology current amongst thickes, has enabled us to supply a brief commentary, purenthetically, or in the form of notes. The letter is as follows:-"London, July 0, 1850.

"Dear George,-I did not get your letter before this morning, owing to my having moved from Gran-by Street to 17 Herbert's Euildings. Matthews is not lagged [transported], but got 18 months with Harry Moss. Murty is out [liberated]; Roman, 6 years; Bull, 6 years; Chick, 8 years; Jessop, 6 years. [This cvidently refers to a group of associates who have been convicted]. Me, Munro, Big George, and Tom Richardson got an iron Peter on Christmas Day, and we all got a run in a month afterwards for another thing, when they brought it against us; but they rapped [swore] to them, and would not rap to me; so they gave me a drag for what we was nailed for, and sent them to Newgate. So they have all three got 15 years. Foolish Johney has come home; so has Rebecca; and your old woman Nance come home last week. [This, no doubt, refers to a batch of convicts returned from transportation, or liberated on ticket-of-leave]. George Bristow has come home: he is looking after you with a pair of pistols. [It is perfectly possible that the recipient of this letter may have been the means of convicting the said George Bristow by turning "Queen's evidence"-hence the threat of the pistols]. Alleys got £200; why, he is chatty. Poil Gardener got 6 years, but she did not like it; so one day she put on the matron's clothes. and then walked out; but she got nailed again in Liverpool, and was brought to London-pulled to Newgate for getting away; but, when she was walking away from the Magistrate to be locked up, she turned round and walked into the Borough; so she is away now—all rite. I have done two drags since I see you last [possibly been twice imprisoned]. All new guns [new set of thieves] in London; ladon't know half of them. All tripers up or else cracksmen [housebreakers]. Cheese the coppers is on. [This is a phrase which thieves make use of at the approach of dauger]. I have not seen your Brother since you have been away. No more from " MUGGERAGE THE TRIPE DRESSER.

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. Our Counsel is rather at fault as to the proper meaning of this sentence. An "iron Peter" is believed to be a brief term of imprisonment and hard labor. "Drag," however, means that when a well known thief is apprehended on a charge which is found cannot be substantiated, he is sent to prison for three months for being a rogue and vagabond.

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"Perhaps your Honor would like to go a V on it," insinuated the counsel.

"Go a V? Yes, and double it, too, and here's the rhino. It's under the middle cup."

"I'll go a V on that," said the Foreman of the Jury. "And I, and I," joined in the jurors one after the

other, until each one had invested his pile.
"Up " said his Honor.
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And a portion of the GOODS in the 3rd and 4th Stories, they have determined to pack up the same in CASES, for disposal during the dull Season, and to OPEN for Inspection and Sate on Monday First, the 25th instant, ASSORTMENT OF NEW GOODS!

Comprising the choicest variety of FANCY AND STAPLE DRY GOODS.

EVER OFFERED IN THIS MARKET. AS OUR NEW GOODS

Have come to hand so late in the Senson, we have determined to mark them at a very SMALL PROFIT.

In order to effect a speedy Sale, so that GREAT BARGAINS WILL BE OFFERED. M., C. & E. beg to state, that the ENTIRE STOCK

though large, will be Sold by Private Sale,

and not by Auction; and that the doors will be OPENED EACH MORNING, punctually at NINE o'clock:
All Goods marked in Plain Figures; at such a LOW RATE that no Second Price need be offered.

MORISON, CAMERON & EMPEY, 288 Notre Dame Street, (late No. 202.) Montreal, June 23, 1855.