

children, and husbands from wives, some of whom have not to this day met again."

579. The GYPSIES were a strange wandering tribe which appeared in Europe about 1417, and which is now found all over the world. GYPSY is a corruption of "Egyptian," as the tribe was first supposed to come from Egypt. Later investigation has proved, however, that the Gypsies speak a dialect of Sanscrit and are really an outcast tribe from Hindostan. They are nomadic, living largely in tents.

LEAGUER. — A camp. Used in this sense by Shakespeare and Tennyson.

580. Note the construction.

584. The flats in the Basin of Minas extend in places half a mile from the shore when the tide is out.

597. See Acts xxviii.

605. A usual form of blessing.

613. From the direction of Grand Pré.

618. ROADSTEAD: — Literally, an anchorage where there is no sheltered harbour.

621. GLEEDS: — Glowing cinders. An archaic word, used by Chaucer. A. S. *g'ed*, a glowing coal.

Governor Lawrence to Colonel Winslow: "You must proceed by the most vigorous measures possible . . . in depriving those who shall escape of all means of shelter or support, by burning their houses and by destroying everything that may afford them the means of subsistence in the country."

657. The "passing-bell" was rung at the moment of death, the "book" was the service-book. Cf. Scott, *Lay of the Last Minstrel*, vi. 400: —

"And each St. Clair was buried there
With candle, with book, and with knell;
But the sea-caves rung and the wild waves sung
The dirge of lovely Rosabelle!"

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668. HOUSEHOLD GODS, the Lares and Penates of Roman mythology, were supposed to preside over private houses. In its modern adaptation the phrase means "family treasures, — all those things which endear the home."

669. WITHOUT . . . STORY: — The statement is too sweeping; there are several historical occurrences similar to, if not worse than, the expulsion of the Acadians.

673. No special provision was made for their reception in the various Colonies.

676. This fine metaphor is hardly an exaggeration. Every year, it has been estimated, the Mississippi carries in suspension down to the Gulf enough solid matter to make a prism one mile square and 263 feet high.

677. "Bones of the mastodon or mammoth have been found scattered