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#### THE LAW'S DELAYS

Amongst the " thoman i natural illa waich firsh is heir to," Shakes, care gives a prominent place to " the law's delays," and they certainly rank amongst the greatest ills with which poor humanity is burthered. It is no uncommon thing to see ca es drawn out for years, dozuns of years sometimes, trials postponed, actions deferred, motions denied and the whole legal paraphernalia and ingenuity called into force, and when the case does come into Court and its real merit- are got at, it turns out to be no case at all and is " dismissed with costs," or the Judge orders each party to pay his own costs Law, like everything else, is of course practised by lawyers to make mone, and partly for that reason they spin out cases as interminably as possible so that the costs and damages may " increase and multiply.' We do not say that lawyers spin out cases solely for the pur ose of adding to the cost of th suit, but it very often looks so, and in many metances is undoubtedly the cause of " the law's delays" Other fruitful sources of the great length of lawsuits are the immense amount of legal red-tape n-cessary to be used; the great quintity of "legal courtesy" practised by the legal fraternity towards each other, and the great jealcusy existing in the profession. There is no surer way to run up a big bill of costs, no matter how good your case is, than to en gage a " great gun" of the prof-ssion to plead for you, and to have your opponent engage another "great gun" to plead for him. These two great guns will fire away at each other just as long as there is any ammunition, s. c. money left, and you will come out of the contests poorer and probably not much wiser man. The delay of the law appears to have become a chronic disease and we fear there is no remedy for it; unless clients make time bargains with their attornies when they give hem a case ; so much if the case is settled in thirty days, so much less if it continues sixty, and se on gradually getting it down to nothing, so that if the lawyer does exceed h.s fullest limit of time the cli-nt will have the proud satisfaction of knowing that he has done so at h zown expens; and not at his (the clients'). No sensible man would give out a contract for building a hous- without-stipulating on its being completed by a certain time, and we think thsame principle applied to lawyers would tend very greatly to diminish " the law's delays.

## THE WRECK OF THE ATLANTIC

The Commissioner appointed to investigate into the causes of the wreck of the Atlantic has given his verdict which, on the whole, seems to be a just one. The course of Captain Williams in putting to Halifax is commended, and the Company confermed for not provid-

sound.ngs, and failing to have a look-out at the mast head. The Commissioner concludes from all the facts that he is justified in censuring Captain Williams and would be justified in cancelling his certificate, but in consideration of the \*praiseworthy and energetic efforts made by him to save life after the ship struck has mitigated the penalty to suspension of his certificate for two years. The fourth officer Brown, is suspended for three months. We could have wished that the Commissioner had 10 00 ; been a little more severe in his remarks about Those desirous of forming larger clubs or the Company, who are certainly the most to otherwise to obtain subscribers for THE | blame in the matter; but, perhaps, the matter may yet be brought before the Civil Courts and justice awariou the niggardly skinflints who would rather save fifty or a hurdred tons of coal than five hundred and forty-six human

#### "HATS OFF IN FRONT P

Nothing tends to make a man more inclined to " punch" another man's head, than to have that other man sit in front of him at a place of public amasement with his (the other mar's) The mere fact of having to dedge around that hat to get the slightest glimpse of what is going on is aggravating enough . but, there is always the consciousness of their being other people behind you trying to look over your head, or to one side of your head, and wondering why that head can't be kept still Now we defy any man to look through a beaver hat-unless there is a hole in it, other than the one for the head to go into : -- but hard as it is to try to look through a hat, it is still har for to try to look over it, or to one side of it, when it is on a good lively head. We never saws man at a theatre, or concert, with his hat on, but his head appeared to be strong on wires, like a toy spider, so persistently would it bob up and down, to the right and left, and always managing to get in your line of vision just at some interesting point, when you specially wanted to see the stage. They seem to take pride in obstructing the sight of persons sitting behind them, and it frequently nords a good many vigorous calls of " hats off in front," accompanied by a few judicious pokes in the bick with an umbrella or a stick, to secure the removal of the obnoxious tile; but still a man's hat can always be managed; if he won't take it off, there is always the alternative of knocking it off for him, or crushing it over his eyes, but with women it is different; we cannot very well call out " hats off in front" to them, or knock their hats off, or bonet them, in their case we can only grin and bear it, and try to dodge and fail, and growl softly to ourselves, and get cross ' 10 prevailing style of rigging up a three story structure of false hair, putting on a two ctory Mansard roof in the shape of a hat and capping it with a steeple in the shape of a feather, has caused us to think ceriously on this matter, and we feel almost cross enough to process, as a Chicago paper has done, that ladies wearing gigantic head gear be forced to take back seats at places of public amusement; but we won't; we will simply recommend that they either stay at home or take off their gorgeous head gear, hat and feather, and deposit them under their chairs until the performance is over.

# ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

MASTER, Portamouth, -We make to extra deduction to school-teachers. Anyone sending us a club of six subscribers, accompanied by \$10, may keep \$2 and receive a copy of the paper free for one year.

WIT AND HUNGE.—Some cocentric genius has sent us the following questions, under the foregoing caption, which he, no doubt, thinks very fundy, we fall to see the point; we give them verbalins et literatim:

If a yard of Wheky cost 50 cents a barrol how long Will it take a black walnut Harber to Shave a paper Jack-ass. With a leather raisor. HAWKIMS.

eyed Potatoes in a second how long will it take him to eat his Great Grandmother SHOOPLY

If a wooden mankey can eat an iron peaut ow long will it take him to eat the shadow of a tow legged flapjack

AND NEXT WEAK Canada ontario

A RRADER, Montreal,—Thanks for your kind forehoding of the FAVORITE's early decease. Instead of mining me the story you refer to has added several hundreds to our circulation, and was put in at the special request of a large number of readers who desired to finish it.

AUTHOR, Peterboro'.—The leading Pralish magnatines pay about \$5 a page—equal to half a column of the Favorite—for contributions, Dickens only got \$2.50 a page for his "Sketches by Box" in the New Monthly, Charles Lamb was paid about \$8 a page for the "Essays of Ella;" and Macauley received \$15 a page for his Essays. The American weeklies frequently pay very high prices for agrical stories by well-known authors. Canadians over too found of pay very high prices for serial stories by well-known authors. Canadians are ton fond of patronising foreign repers to allow a Canadian publisher to pay high rates for contributions; the majority of Canadian papers cannot afford to pay anything to contributors entitle of t'eir regular staff; and \$2 a column—nbout the matter in one column of the Favoaira is against seed good-pay;

E. A. S., Quebec.—The Editor will hiswer rour letter in a few days. Please excuss delay.

PAULPTY, Oftawa.—We don't know, and we don't care a cent whether he cicke his teeth with a gold tooth-pick or a pitchfork.

n gold tooth-pick or a pitchfork.

PRETTY POLL, Toronto,—We shall always be pleased to hear from you, provided you detyour "a cross our t's, and don't wipe your inky finger on the paper. We cannot see that the new skyle of dress for ladies is any improvement on the "Dolly Varden"—bad as that was, The present fashion looks as is the wearer had had a bad fall and braken her back bone, and a please of it was sticking outbahind, s little above her him.

Errin R. St. John's O .... The letters P. P. C. at ETTIE R., St. John's, Q....The letters P. P. U. at the bottom of an ordinary calling card, at and for power pressure congétio take have .....and are frequently used by persons about to leave a place and who, not having time for a formal call, send, or leave, a curd.

What Indian, Port Hope,—The Island of Martinique was formally surrendered to the British on February 25th, 1809, and restored to the French at the close of the war in 18 1. It is still a French possession. Population about 125,000. It is a flourishing colony, but we think you can do quite as well in Canada as by going there.

LITTLE MELL, Ciarenceville, Q., wants to know if it right for a young lady to kiss a gentieman triend when he is going away for a few mosks. We think it is dangerous—for the gentieman. He might want to go away too

MARTHA, Fredericton, N. B.—You will find he receipt you ask for in No. 19 of the Favor-

T. F. R., Montreal, -" Poker" f T. F. R., Montreal..... Poker" is purely an American game. The best authority on any rules of the game is the N. Y. Ottoper. Astraight flush does not best four of a kind, unless a special arrangement to that effect has been made before the commencement of the game.

Mrs. Jones. Hallfax, wants to know the best way to get rid of rats. We are not very well posted in the "at-killing business, but bolieve that two or three good steel traps are strong persuaders to any well-disposed rat to quift the premises; a cat and a terrier dog are also useful, provided the dog don't worry the cat, nor the cat pull all the hair off the dog.

SPECTATOR, Mount Forrest, Ont.—We believe the first record of snything approaching an eye-glass is of the Roman Emperor Nero, who, being near-sighted used a larger emend hollow-ed on both sides through which he viewed the sports in the mi-hithestre. Fancy our modern swells, who after the example of the excuse for carrying a piece of glass in one eye, wearing s, hollowed emerald t

TOMMY DODD, Cannington, Ont.—State beer may be partially restored by bottling and putting in a small lump of sugar, two or three raisins, or a few grains of rice. But we would advise you to abstain from beer whether state or "Au How

Inquisitor, Barrie, Ont., wants to know why an apple is called an apple; this is all we know about it. In the Zend or old-Persian language, and in the Sanscrit, the name for water is "ap," and for fruit "phelis," hence elymologists think that the name is compounded of these two words, "water fruit," or "julce fruit." This corresponds with the Latin name "pomum," dorived from "po," to drink; which is a somewhat enrious coincidence. In Weish it was formerly called "apelis," now "apfel;" in High German, "apfel;" in German, "apfel;" and in Lithuanian, "obolys," or "obelis."

A MAN not accustomed to literary composition or letter-writing, having jost a new hat an accounty meeting, and inquired into its possible and the Company confermed for not providing sufficient coal and provisions, but the conjugate sufficient coal and provisions, but the Conjugate sufficient coal and provisions, but the Conjugate sufficient coal and provisions, but the Shave a paper Jack-sss. With a leather raisor.

HAWKINS.

If a yard of Whaki cost 50 came a barret suppose I possessor in Misching, addressed the following note to its suppose I possessor: —"Mr. A, presents his compliments to Mr. B., I have got a hat which is not his. If he have got a hat which is not yours no doubt they are the missingone."

### PASSING EVENTS.

THE Prince of Wales has gone to Vienna. THE Sultan, it is rumored, is priously ill.

Fora cases of cholera are reported in Vienna. THE Shah of Persia had departed on his wes-

TWENTY thousand miners have struck work

Fire Hollness the Pope has had a relapse and is confined to his bed.

THE death of the wite of Henri de Rochefork If reported from Parla.

An amalgamation of the different Cable Companies is apoken of.

Tim trial of the Tichberns claimant for per-jury, began on Wednesday.

A nann of Cuban insurgents have been defeated by the troops opposed to them.

THE Modo , after a seven fight, have been benten, and the troops are in pursuit.

THE Postal Treaty between France and the United States is still under consideration,

BIDWKIL has been handed overto the British authorities by the Cantain General of Cuba.

THE Carrewitch of Buzzla and his wife, the Princess Daymar, will visit London next month.

Ar the request of Spain, France has permit-ed the transport of war material through her territory.

THE Vienna exhibition will be opened on the lat of May, although the building will not then be complete.

CARLE rates will be advanced after the Islof shillings sterling, or one dollar and a

PRINCE ALBERTHY, nephew of the Emperer of Germany, was married to Princess Mary of Saxe Altenburg a few days ago.

THE two banks at Liverpool, Nova Scotia, which suspended, are expected to resume built ness immediately.

The beer riote at Frankfort have not broken out aftenh, the rioters being overawed by a strong display of military force.

A MASS meeting of Democrats will be held in London to protest against the non-recognition of the Spanish Republic by England.

EDOUARD MAINVILLE, the munierer of the little girl Robitalile, he been caught at a place salled Deschenes, not far from Aylmer. SEVEN hundred sons of St. Crispin struck work at Cincinnau, because their Society is not formally recognized by their employers.

Prissia having complained of the violation of her frontier, the Russian troops have received orders to respect Persian territory in future.

THE Dutch, who are at war with the natives in Sumatra, have met with a repulse in which they lost 200 men and the officer commanding.

An Englishman has been arrested by French officers on the frontier and sent to Perpignan, charged with holding a commission in the Car-

BISMARCE, in a debate on a bill to regulate ecclesiastical appointments, denied that he had prompted the occupation of Rome by the Italian

PREDATORY bands of Carlists were atill cut-ting the railways in the north of Spain, and killing such passengers as were so unlucky as to fall into their hands.

A GERMAN professor has disuaded the Ja-ponese Embassadors, now in Europe, from re-porting in favor of making Christianity the state religion of Japan,

JUDGE DAVIS has granted the District Attorney's motion to set aside the writ of errorin the Stokes case, which decision of course leasens the prisoner's chances of a new trial.

THE violence of the earthquake at Ban' Salvador has been greater than at first reported, the entire city being descroyed as well as sur-rounding villages. Loss of life, 500.

TURERY is taking rapid strides in civilization. The railway between the chief city of the empire and Adrianople, the next in ranks, has been completed and trains are now running.

A PRIGHTFUL railrout accident occurred on Saturday, on the line between Stonington and Providence, R. I., by a train going through a bridge. Fifteen to twenty persons were burnt to death and many were injured.

O'KRLLY, the N. Y. Heraid correspondent, is in no immediate danger, as even in case of his conviction by the Court, the Capitin General will, according to his expressed intention, extend to him a free pardon. In the meantime his trial will go on.

It is stated that over 200 immigrants arrived in New York who had been promised employment immediately on their arrival shere by Immigration Agents in Landon, a promise which was not fulfilled. This is a form of deception which is deserving of the severest consure.

The village of Berthier, opposite Serel, is completely inundated, the river having risen to within thirteen inches of the level attained by the great flood of 1865. Happily, however, the jew, which was much feared, has moved away. At Riviere du Loup (en haut) the lee is still firm and the avater (susea much damage, sweeping way houses, barne and other buildings,