

### "Ezeroum for a Million?"

An esteemed friend of ours who "peddles dock mud," and thereby coins ducats, by the barrel (we mean the "dock mud," not the ducats), took it into his head, during a recent tour through this section, to see the beauties of the St. John river. He took the river boat for Fredericton—but let him tell the story himself, we only adding that if he had the good luck to have taken along some "Worcestershire Sauce," he could have mixed up "something" to melt that icicle. But, he wasn't "Sharp." We hope he took as many orders as there are bones in a "pig's foot."

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DEAR H—, I made the trip, saw the river and was almost frozen. Felt all day as if an icicle about eight feet long and four feet broad was down the centre of my back. The thought struck me if "I had a brudder in New York," I would like to have him steal it, and I would pay the "freight."

Coming up on the steamer two of your St. John fellows got into a dispute about the Eastern war, and fought quite heavily—with their tongues—about the possible capture of Ezeroum and Plevna, and these two names of cities were quoted quite extensively. Finally one of them shouted that the "Russians could never take Ezeroum." This disturbed a "rooster" from this section, who had imbibed enough to keep out the rain of Friday, who woke from a sound slumber and replied: "Is there room? By jove, there is room on this boat for a million. Wot's ze mazzer wiz you?" and the St. John fellows went to the other end of the boat.

Remember me gently to F—, and those preserved tomatoes, and when you feel as if you were going to lose a mother-in-law, remember

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### A Successful Author and Journalist.

Justin McCarthy whose death was reported from London recently, and afterwards denied, has been one of the most successful authors and journalists in the Old World. He was born in Cork, Ireland, in November, 1830. After receiving a good education he became attached to the staff of a Liverpool paper in 1853, and in 1860 entered the reporters' gallery of the House of Commons for the *Morning Star*. In the following autumn he became foreign editor of that journal, and in 1864, chief editor, which

position he resigned in 1868, in order to take a tour through the United States. He remained there for three years, visiting nearly every section of the Union. Mr. McCarthy has contributed to the *London Review*, the *Westminster Review*, the *Fortnightly Review*, and many other English and American magazines, including the *Galaxy*. While in this country he was editorially connected with the *Independent*. On his return to London, he again became a radical writer for the daily newspapers. Mr. McCarthy is the author of several novels, the most successful of which are "My Enemy's Daughter," "Lady Judith," "A Fair Saxon" and "Linley Rochford."

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