



ORDERS HIS HALO.

Tammany Clerk: "What size halo do you wear?"

Officer: "Well—Oi wear a twelve-and-a-half shoe."

Tammany Clerk: "All right. You take a six-and-a-half halo."

—Harper's Weekly.

virtue than ever before. But this must be taken "cum grano salis"—and a very large grain, too. The clever cartoonist in Harper's Weekly thus depicts some of the imaginary results of this new regime. The burly policemen will all wear halos of sanctity. They will scorn the very idea of a bribe, loudly rejecting the offer of a cigar, or even a peanut. Mr. Stead is the author of one of the grandest conceptions ever entertained—the organization of a society embracing policemen, bootblacks, all sorts and conditions of men, in "a union of all who love for the service of all who suffer." Punch represents the burly London policemen with cherub-like wings, but without the halo; the American cartoonist gives them both.



"Oh horrors! A bribe!"

"YELLOW PERIL" IN THE TRANSVAAL.

The Transvaal is threatened with a "yellow peril" problem. It is one of the burning questions in connection with the campaign against the Chamberlain fiscal proposals. The mine-owners of the Transvaal are looking toward Chinese labour as cheaper and free from the inconveniences of trades-unionism. But, say the advocates of free trade, "The Transvaal was to have been opened as a paradise for the British working-man." This, they claim, has been made a delusion by the introduction of the Chinese. It is not believed the Government will refuse its assent to the ordinance admitting Chinese labour in the Transvaal. So the strife waxes hot.



Officer: "I thank you very much for your kind information, officer. May I offer you a weed?"
Officer: "Oh no, thank you; the smoke would tarnish my halo."

THE ORDER OF THE VICTORIA CROSS.

In the month of February past, the Order of the Victoria Cross may be said to have celebrated its jubilee. It was in February, 1854 that the first Victoria Cross was conferred. Rear-Admiral Lucas, the recipient, is still alive. The Admiral was but a young man when the honour was conferred upon him for throwing overboard a live shell that had dropped on deck during the course of the campaign in the Baltic against Russia. At the present time, 208 persons possess the Order, of whom 68 represent the late war in South Africa.