

ALL THE WORLD OVER.

THIS surely is a great advertising age, and if the world does not know the merit of Dr. Smith's Pink Pills and Brown's Sarsaparilla, it will not be want of its being made known. To assist the general public, there continually appears wood cuts of those various sufferers who have been benefited—of how they looked before treatment and the wonderful improvement after. Our dry goods traders are also unsparing in their efforts in making known how they can supply their customers. Even ministers of religion have caught the fever and with the view of attracting an audience advertise the subjects of their morning and evening discourses; indeed, one need not be surprised if on some emergency there should be announced that "the Rev. So-and-So will preach (D. V.) on the subject of 'the Author of Satan's Being.'"

History tells us that the Jews, God's chosen people, when they were oblivious of Divine favors, and went astray, as punishment for such transgressions they received chastisement from the Assyrians, the Egyptians and other nations. Now, there are many who believe that our own country has been blessed with such especial favors from the Almighty, and that not having been sufficiently mindful of the fact, she is now suffering chastisement, like the Jews of old. Never was our country in greater peril—perils from without and perils from within—from without by the combination of Russia and France threatening her national existence, and which threatening at any moment may break into actual war; from perils from within, by the powerlessness of a defeated government dragging its slow length like a wounded snake, and, to add to these troubles, the National Church, that ought to be a tower of strength, by its undue attachment to Ritualism, to forms and ceremonies, ignoring the solemn fact that "the letter

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killeth, but the spirit only giveth life."

If the recent visit of the French fleet to Toulon had done else but just this mere visit, it has furnished no end of comment by the antics and theatrical extravagances of the French people. On some occasions it appears that their enthusiasm reached such a pitch that the women, nay even the ladies, hugged the Russian soldiers, and pressed them to their embrace. In connection with these eccentricities there is also the bombastic bearing of the Parisians resulting from this Russian alliance. Verily Voltaire was right when he said of his countrymen, a Frenchman was a compound of the monkey and the tiger.

The *Colonist*, in its last two Sunday issues, has furnished its readers with notices of what Bill Nye's imagination in his American home pictured out as having occurred while visiting in England. Doubtless these manufactured jokes and vulgarities must have brought down many a laugh and broad grin, and more especially to that class who patronize the *Colonist* by getting a cheap sight of it when posted at Campbell's Corner when looking over the shoulders of others thus similarly engaged.

THE BOHEMIAN.

The author of "After the Ball" has been married in Milwaukee. This is a case where the bawl will come after—the event.

The next Government House function is looked forward to with great eagerness. The curious want to know what constitutes second-class society in this great city of Victoria.

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