Oddities.

a Scranton paper, in giving an account of a shooting affray, A Scramon person is expected to recover, as the pistol-ball says the wounded man is expected to recover, as the pistol-ball

lodged in his dinner-pull. lodged in his dinner-pair.

A young man in Texas recently bought a fine orchard of two handred apple trees, and tapped every one of them in order to handred a supply of cider!

secure a supply of cider ! score a supply of them.

Tras night. A warm couple stood in the pale, cold moon-tras fight. Their lips touched, and there was a sound like a cow teams. Their lips touched, and there was a sound like a cow teams. hading her hoof out of the mud.

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"How does your husband get along?" asked a neighbour of
an anderiaker's wife. "Nothing to complain of; he had twelve
fanerals yesterday; thanks be to goodness," was the reply.
The Denver News gave, a short time ago, an account of a raid
of three hundred elergymen" on the frontier, carrying their
scaps and plunder with them." It meant three hundred Chey-

remes.

The editor of the Huntsville, Mo., Herald pops the question in his paper in this public fashion: "There's a certain girl in this fown who can carry our smoke-house keys for life if she'll only have a gent."

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say the word."

The Oxfensburg Journal states that "a Wayne county stage The Oxionships soon has sentered that what which county stage giver who charged a blind woman double fare, and then cheatdiver where course, has received an earnest appeal from yagara Falls to come there and jog a team for visitors."

Yisgam rans senior asked a freshman to tell him the difference between a fac-simile and a sick family; but the laugh was on between a fac-simile and a sick family; the senior, for the freshman instantly replied: No difference. the school star family that is sick, and fac-simile means the

 $\frac{a_{\rm min}}{A \log a}$ beer house in Hudson county, N. J., was formerly a chircle The shrewd Teuton who now keeps it was about to constant the control of the door, but on second thought heleft the last line untouched. It is: "Let him who is athirst

Chicago wants to have the next world's fair held there. "In the first place," says the Boston Post, "It isn't certain that the next world will have a fair, and in the second place those who'd belikely to attend it will prefer a more plous town in which to

The St. Louis Republican puts it this way: "An English jury mean mass reproducts pure it this way: "An English jury brought in the following verdict in a criminal case: Guilty, with some little doubt as to whether he is the man." The Poland Committee's verdict was: Not guilty, though there is no just that these were the men."

Interthing passion strong in death was characteristically illustrated on the occasion of a clergyman's prayer for a dying follows. The poor man had not many hours to live, and the degrama was in the middle of his prayer. "Whist a wee," wilthe toliman, "I think I hear a cairt,"

A London photographer advertises as follows; "In conse-pance of the daily increase of accidents by railway, the public greatestly requested to call at the studios of the Blank School of Photography, to have their portraits taken, that they may have some memento of departed friends."

The editor of a Western paper once gave a notice of a bail, and imposed incidentally to mention that the dancing of Major fiscler's better half was like "the cavorting of a fly-bitten cow is a field of cucumbers." The fact that the editor had not been axied to the ball may somewhat detract from the value of the smalle, while at the same time it accounts for his establishing the figure. The major accompanied by his better half and a sixshorter, called on the cultor to complain of the poetical nature of the image. On learning that the lady was the one he had described, the editor becought her to raise her veil. She did so, saying, "Now sir, I expect you to apologise." "Apologise! I should rather think I would," was the answer, as he seized his bat and rapidly left the room. The astounded major rushed to the window: "Stop, you sir! you have not apologized!" "All eight; I'm going to do it in a minute!" "What do you mean?" monted the major, accentuating the note of interrogation with a The answer was wafted back from round the next water-" Can't you see I'm looking for that cow?

Courrier des James.

THE FASHION PLATE.

Fig 1.—Cigar case in embroidery on leather. This is worked in grey cord, cordonuct slik, and gold cord, on dark grey leather morocco. O

Figs. 2 and 3.—Black velvet Paletot, lined with black silk. The trimming consists of guipure lace 21 in. deep, 11 in. bead buttons sewn over imitation button-holes 2 Inches in length edged with a narrow piping, a rep ribbon loop arrangement in front, with revers and cuffs.

The remaining figures show various new shapes and trimmings for fall bonnets.

FASHION HINTS.

A spécialité of this month is the tight sleeveless jacket, of the same colour as the trimming of the dress. One very pretty costume, recently shown to us, was of grey soft cloth, trimmed with brown frish poplin; the front breadth was trimmed with a deep fold, fastened on the one side by a row of oxydised buttons, on the other, at intervals of six inches, it was cut and turned back, lined with brown, and the corners fastened down with buttons. Sleeves are no longer worn open, excepting for full dress, and then only in thin materials. The most stylish and dress, and then only in thin materials. The most stylish and becoming jacket is of velvet, but the dress trimming must in that case be of the same material.

Round skirts are again the fashion. " No lady in Paris walks out in a dress that touches the ground," is the report of leading modistes just returned from abroad. The Bazar has said this repeatedly while deploring the draggled skirts of American women, and is glad to chronicle the fact that it has become the fashion here to walk in the trim French skirt, round, short, and The new skirts are "round," inasmuch as they appear to be of the same length all around, instead of training slightly behind; short, because they escape the ground; and narrow, because their greatest width is from three yards to three and a quarter. The usual number of narrow gores is used for these skirts, and they are made to cling flatly in front and on the sides by tapes attached to the second side seams, and tied behind the person, or else by wearing them over the new sloping

For the most part it is well that elderly ladies should wear black dresses; or, if they prefer coloured, various shades of grey or violet should be adopted. Soft time cashmere or French merino is most suitable for morning wear, made with a plain skirt to touch the ground; if the wearer be stout, a small pelerine of the same material as the dress may be worn, edged with Yak lace or fringe. The cap is the chief ornament of this period; for the morning it should be made of fine clear muslin, richly embroidered; from Paris may be procured the "raw material" traced for working, and no more appropriate birthday or Christ-mas present can be prepared by the young people for grandmother than a cap worked and daintily trimmed with bows and knots of pink, blue, mauve, green, or amber ribbon; in fact, any colour which has suited the complexion in youth will remain becoming to the end of life. As old age always meets with respect, or at all events should do so, grandmothers may wear moderately long trains for evening dress; the skirts full and trimmed with flounces, entablier or quite plain; the most appropriate materials are rich silk, Irish poplin, moiré antique, and satin; silver grey or mauve are suitable colours for festive occasions, but for general use black is preferable; a Honiton lace, Brussels, or old point cap with a large collar or small cape to match always looks elegant, and although these laces are somewhat expensive to buy, they last for ever, and in some cases are family heirlooms. Here again the skilful young fingers of grandchildren can arrange pretty bows and trimmings of bright-coloured velvet and ribbon, and place them in a more becoming manner than strangers could ever do. It is very easy to make a young girl look pretty, but, "when we are old and grey," ordinary folks think it not worth their while to take any pains about There is no more beautiful sight than a dignified elderly gentlewoman, and contrariwise none more saddening than an old lady tottering about dressed like a girl.

Aleus of the Week.

THE DOMINION.—The formal opening of the International Railway Bridge took place on Monday. A train of cars with Lieutenant-Governor Howland, Mr. Potter, President of the Grand Trunk Railway, Mr. Brydges, and the principal officials of the railways, crossed from the Canadian to the American side, returned, and were afterwards entertained at a lunch given by Messrs. Growski and McPherson, the contractors. An immense traffic is immediately expected. Regular passenger trains commenced crossing on Monday.—The village of Hull has passed resolutions of sympathy with Riel.—Toronto is to have a new Opera House, the stock for which has been nearly all sub--News has been received at Ottawa of the death of Mr. Dixon, Chief Emigration Agent in London, which took place on Tuesday week. His death must have been sudden, as letters written by him were received at the Department of Agriculture

on the day on which news of his decease reached Ottawa.

UNITED STATES.—The public debt of the United States shows an increase of \$303,900 for the month of October.

Gekat Britain.—A telegram from London reports that Sir Garnet Wolseley, Commander of the Ashantee expedition, resolved instructions to fact offer terms of pages to the Ashantee. ceived instructions to first offer terms of peace to the Ashantees.

The marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh to Princess Maria of Russia is to be solemnized according to the Church of England, and the Dean of Canterbury goes to St. Petersburg to perform the ceremony.——At a meeting of national labourers held at Leanington it was stated that the General Agent of New Zealand would give free passages to all labourers who would emigrate to that colony, and that there was room there for 20,000 families.

[FRANCE,-President MacMahon has issued an address to the army, in which he alludes to the insubordinate conduct of one of the generals, and appeals to the soldiers to maintain disci-pline, and support the laws.——The Comte de Chambord, in a letter written to a member of a delegation who recently waited on him, explains his present position, and recapitulates his intentions should be succeed in gaining the throne of France.

The monarchists in the French Assembly talk of proclaiming a

monarchy, and making the Prince de Johnville Lieut. Governor of the Kingdom when the Assembly opens.——On Monday, President MacMahon received a delegation from all sections of the Right. It is believed after prolongation of the Prosident's power has been voted, the Ministry will be re-constructed and a series of strongly conservative measures be introduced in the Assembly. The deputies of the entire Left have agreed to question the Government on its participation in intrigues for a Monarchial coalition.——Several Republican candidates have been returned in France in the elections for municipal officers. The Bonapartist organ at Paris has published a document signed by many depattes, protesting against the restoration of a monarchy without consulting the country.——One of the witnesses in the Bazaine trial has been arrested for writing a letter to the Dake d'Aumale, in which he stipulated what questions should be asked him at the examination.

SPAIN.—Four hundred men left Cadiz on Saturday for Havana,

to reinforce the Spanish troops operating against the Cuban Insurgents.——Several Carlist bands were defeated and scattered surgents .-by the Republican troops on Saturday and Sunday .gram from Cartagena to the Times says the insurgents have arrested a Prussian subject named Girard, and refuse to surrender him on demand of the German Consul, declaring that he is a spy from Madrid. A serious complication with the German Government is probable.—The Spanish Government has addressed a note to the foreign powers, complaining of the interference of a French gun-boat at Cartagena, and thereby precipitating a late maval combat.

GERMANY .- Prince Bismarck has been appointed President of

the German Ministry in the place of General Von Roon. Russia.—A despatch from St. Petersburg brings intelligence of a revolt in Kniva upon the evacuation of the capital by the Russians. The town was plundered and destroyed, and 1,600 emanetpated Persian slaves fell victims to the fury of the

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