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**A CHOICE OF BONDS.**

They appear to have a free and easy way of doing things in some of the New York courts. In Brooklyn, the other day, two men were convicted of burglary and remanded for sentence. In the meantime a woman appeared on the scene with a novel and extraordinary proposition. She bore the not remarkably romantic name of DEMISEY, and wished to marry one of the convicts, who bore the ancient name of O'TOOLE. She was the daughter of a prosperous grocer of St. John's, Newfoundland, and had come all the way from that place to see her lover, with whom she had become fascinated while on a previous visit to New York. Her proposition was to marry O'TOOLE if the judge would release him.

To those who are accustomed to the matter-of-fact way in which the English courts do business, it may seem strange that the judge would listen to such a proposition, but in this case he not only heard Miss DEMISEY's petition, but granted it. This, too, was in face of the fact that O'TOOLE was an ex-convict who served five years for highway robbery, had once stabbed a man in a fight, and was known to lead a disreputable life. The girl believed he was a good man at heart, and would reform if he got a chance.

"Do you appreciate the sacrifice this girl is willing to make for you?" asked the judge.

"I appreciate it thoroughly," was the prisoner's reply.

This appears to have satisfied the court, and O'TOOLE was released on condition that he marry Miss DEMISEY and get out of Brooklyn within two days. Should he not do so, he would be arrested and get the full penalty due to him as a burglar. The party left the court happy.

Whether the judge took the view that marriage was a sufficient surrender of liberty to satisfy the claims of justice in this case, or whether he thought it better to give a man a chance instead of making him a convict, is not stated. The latter was probably the theory on which he acted. It would, however, sound odd enough in this country to hear that an ex-convict had been released on a second conviction simply because he was willing to be married and somebody was willing to marry him. Such an incident seems rather to belong to the French novel than the courts of justice as we know them.

In the meantime it will be remembered there was another man convicted with O'TOOLE, as guilty in exactly the same degree. As no woman has come to the front to marry him, he will "do time" behind the bars. It would be interesting to learn what his views are on the subject of abstract justice as dealt out by the Brooklyn courts.

It is to be hoped that Mr. O'TOOLE will reform, and also that he will never regret that he did not accept the bonds of the law rather than those of matrimony.

**BLAINE AND HIS WORDS.**

A recent Washington despatch reads: As Secretary BLAINE was entering the white house at noon today to attend a cabinet meeting, he was asked if any response had been made to his demands upon Chili. His answer was, "Not that I know of."

To the ordinary reader it might seem there was an entirely unnecessary waste of words here, and that the story might have been told by saying that "no response has been made to Secretary BLAINE's demands upon Chili." The Washington correspondent knows better than that, however, and so does any newspaper man who has ever had anything to do with BLAINE. The only safe way to report him is to quote his words and describe the circumstances under which they were spoken. He can be exceedingly evasive, especially when a newspaper man asks questions. During the presidential campaign of 1884, one of the present staff of PROGRESS was sent by a Boston paper to interview BLAINE at a point where he had to change cars on a journey east. The reporter had never

seen the statesman, but felt sure he could pick him out in a crowd from a memory of his portraits. When the train stopped, the man from Maine was one of the first to get off, and the reporter stepping up enquired, "Is Mr. BLAINE aboard of this train?" "No, he is not," was the answer, and the statesman was about to pass on when he was again asked, "Are you not Mr. BLAINE?" Then he admitted his identity, and in the course of a brief conversation made a number of statements which, viewed in the light of subsequent events, were models of diplomatic duplicity. The interview was published in his own words, but had it not been and the apparent meaning of it been given, he would have been in a position to deny that he ever made the statements imputed to him. It may be remembered that he has frequently denied what unquestionably honest reporters have credited him with asserting. In such cases it will be found that the interviewer has understood him as anybody would have understood him, but has failed to use the exact language which, by a play upon words, would have a different construction.

That is why the Washington correspondent has thought it necessary to give BLAINE's five words just as he spoke them and to use 30 words more to explain how and when they were spoken.

**WILL NOT SUPPRESS IT.**

The latest plan for the suppression of the Louisiana lottery is found in the proposal to kill it by a tariff. A bill now before Congress provides that a government tax of 75 per cent. on the face value of each ticket sold be levied, in the hope that the gigantic enterprise will find no profit in the business. This would be a good thing for the state, in any case, for it would either close the concern or create a revenue of about \$21,000,000 a year. The face value of the tickets in twelve monthly drawings is \$28,000,000, a little more than half of which is paid out in prizes, leaving a clear profit of over thirteen million dollars to the company. There is really more than this, for all the tickets issued have a chance in the drawing, whether they are sold or not. The prizes drawn by those unsold go back to the company, which is just that much more in pocket. It seems clear that the concern gets at least half of all the money, and sometimes a great deal in addition. It is the best paying enterprise of the nineteenth century, and it is very doubtful if even the enormous taxation proposed will have the effect of causing it to cease its operations.

So long as people believe there is a possibility of getting a fortune in a lottery, they will buy tickets, whether the price be one dollar or two. They are always in hopes that enough will be drawn, some lucky day, to reimburse them for all they have spent. The occasional receipt of a large or small prize by some one in the community strengthens their faith. The increased price of a ticket will no more prevent them from buying it than has the advance in the price of liquor prevented men from drinking. The consumer pays the tax on this as in other things. So long as it is permitted to have an existence it will find customers. If a tax is put on the tickets, their price may be increased to a proportionate extent, and while the state will be enriched, it will be at the expense of the people rather than of the lottery concern. The bill before congress seems to aim very wide of the mark in this instance.

The late ROBERT T. CLINCH had not reached the appointed age of man, as named by the Palmist, yet his death recalls, more clearly than the death of many an older person, the progress of the world in the last half century. The fact that he entered the telegraph service when it was scarcely more than an experiment, and saw it grow to its present proportions shows what a comparative short time has been occupied in revolutionizing the methods of business which had been unchanged for centuries before. The electric telegraph has wholly changed some of the most important conditions of life, and has made possible a thousand things of which the world never dreamed when many who are still living were young. Go back half a century, when there was not a telegraph line in existence, and see what a different kind of a world we would live in. We are so accustomed to consider applied electricity as a feature of every day life that it is only when we realize how much we have that our fathers had not. The death of Mr. CLINCH is one of the things which have a tendency to make us look back a little.

Every once in a while somebody comes to the front with a discovery that history has entirely misrepresented this man or that. The latest effort to disabuse the minds of men in regard to prominent persons of history is made by an Italian writer who asserts that NERO burned Rome from the highest of motives. He wanted to improve the city, and took the quickest way of clearing out the rubbish. Viewed in this light the Roman Emperor's fiddling on the occasion was not only pardonable but commendable. An apology is due to Nero for the gross misrepresentation of him in the current books of history.

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## PROGRESSIVE HUMOR.

**A Weight Of His Mind.**

"Thank heaven," said Johnson, fervently, "I've broken the last of my New Year resolutions."

**Will Probably Give More Details.**

Jakes—I see by the papers that a colored clergyman has discovered the exact location of hades.

Shakes—That so. I know several people who have started in that direction some time ago, but they haven't come back to report.

**She was Curious.**

"You say, Mrs. Mallison, that this fellow as we round with a tape loins this marm's, wis civil engineers."

"That's what they been, 'Mrs. Carre."

"Well, if civil ones mes such language when a decent woman tries to get a piece a chain that she didn't know belong to any ones, for her ole man's cart, begorra but o'd loike to see a uncivil one."

**All in the Same Line.**

The teacher was showing the class how members of a family might sometimes take up trades and professions entirely different from each other, while the inclinations of other families seemed to be all in the same direction.

"All an' father's family is in the same line," said the editor's little son, by way of helping the teacher out. "Uncle Jack's a iron moulder, Uncle Billy a brass moulder, and dad he's a moulder of public opinion."

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## THE PRINCE'S LODGE AGAIN.

"Historicus" Suggestion to Restore It has Opponents as Well as Supporters.

The misconception entertained by many people as to the rotunda or band-house on the shores of Bedford Basin being the veritable "Prince's Lodge" stands a fair chance of now being corrected. The *Critic* has, ere this, referred to the subject and done its little best to spread the knowledge that the Duke of Kent resided in a more roomy abode than the picturesque little band-house could ever have afforded, and it is with pleasure we note that some recent publications have also made correct mention of the matter. St. John PROGRESS has been publishing a series of articles entitled "Random Recollections of Hon. Joseph Howe and his Times," and last week's issue contained a view of the real Prince's Lodge, as it appeared in 1830 taken from a picture in the possession of a lady residing in Halifax. The article dealing with the subject of the sketch is full of interest, and we feel considerably indebted to "Historicus" for his recollections. *En passant*, we may say that the habit of jotting down impressions with accuracy as to facts and dates is one that should be cultivated by all young people.

The changes constantly taking place make but a faint impression if not committed to writing, and in course of time are entirely forgotten—at least for all practical purposes of history or entertainment—but if a few moments daily be given to making a record of important events, time to come may reap the benefit when another generation appears and asks the fathers to explain what has gone before.

"Historicus" makes the suggestion that Halifaxians should undertake to restore the Prince's Lodge and surroundings to their pristine grandeur, but we venture to remark that though doubtless it would make a charming resort, there are too many other and more important undertakings awaiting the enterprising citizen's attention, for the Prince's Lodge (not the Chinese copy of the original, and not in a satisfactory state of decay either) to absorb such a large amount of energy as would be required to restore it without serious loss to other and more-to-be-desired things.—*Critic*.

**The Howe Recollections.**

To THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: As a native of the state of Maryland may I take the liberty of correcting a mistake made by the writer of those interesting "Recollections of Joseph Howe and his Times," where he refers to "Charles Carroll, of Carrollton, (state of Delaware)." The Carroll name is one of the oldest, noblest, proudest of all Maryland names, and "Carrollton," situated a few miles from the city of Baltimore, is one of its famous ancestral homes. The first Roman Catholic Bishop of Maryland was a brother of the noted signer of the "Declaration of Independence," (that being the family faith), and his descendants have filled many high positions of trust. It is still a tower of social strength and a synonym for all that is noble, generous and chivalrous in many character.

It is a well authenticated fact, that when Charles Carroll, added the name of his house to his signature, he said as he laid down his pen, "I must answer to King George for treason I want him to know where he finds me, and that willingness to stand by his principles, and abide the consequences, makes him a representative Marylander." This is offered, with a desire, to have the mistake, respectfully pointed out to the author of the article, and with no earthly wish to bring my name before the public.

[If our correspondent will again refer to the article of last week, he will observe that the author of the Recollections, expresses a doubt as to Delaware being the Carroll abode for he places the following mark or question after Delaware (?).—Ed.]

**A Novel and Useful Calendar.**

W. Tremaine Gard attempts originality with much success in all his advertising. This time it is a calendar, neat and convenient, printed in several colors, with that well-known scene, through Mr. Gard's space in PROGRESS, showing "the placing of the ring on the fiancée's finger." Between that and the months are the names of the months, each with the name of its corresponding jewel beneath it. This adds novelty and value to the calendar.

**A New Departure.**

Mr. E. C. Cole of Moncton, is nothing if not enterprising. He has a large and growing clothing business the nature of which PROGRESS readers understand through his attractive announcements. This week he makes a departure and talks about children's clothing. What he has to say is interesting to many people, especially parents. It is money in your pocket to read some advertisements. Mr. Cole's is one of them.

**As Others See Us.**

In one of the leading railway guide books published in the United States it is stated that "the climate of New Brunswick is subject to great extremes of heat and cold, the mercury rising sometimes to 100° in the daytime and falling to 50° at night." We are also told that the Owens Art gallery "is a superb structure, and contains one of the finest collections of paintings, by European and American artists, to be found in the dominion."

**An Appreciative Paragraph.**

A valued correspondent and contributor writes:

The Howe articles grow very interesting. I hope for their continuance for a long time. They bring up many valuable things; and it is a pity men's recollections should die with them when they can dress and give them forth as can Mr.—

**Concert Programmes.**—Spring Circulars, Musical, different aims and are quite at "herculean" task and neat by "Progress Print."

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## FORMS WRITTEN FOR "PROGRESS."

**Keep Them My Feet.**

When youthful zeal bold efforts prize,  
And action rash—not always wise—  
Would lead me on to folly great,  
To be found out when quite too late,  
Let Thy kind presence, gentle, sweet,  
Be near, O Christ, keep Them my feet.

When manhood's prime shall on me rest,  
And my surroundings shall be blest,  
When strong temptation's subtle power,  
Shall close cling each day and hour,  
May firmer faith Thy presence greet,  
Jesu, Saviour, keep Them my feet.

And when I reach declining years,  
Remove all doubts, ally all fears,  
Grant strength upon the downward way,  
That from Thy paths I may not stray,  
Give counsel, aid and blessings meet,  
Redeemer, Lord, keep Them my feet.

**It Is Not So.**

"The mill will never grind with the water that is past".

I went and saw the mill myself  
That stood beneath the hill;  
I saw the wheel go whirling round  
Before the rippling rill.

I marked the merry, merry waves,  
As onward yet they flowed;  
I followed them to where afar  
The verge of ocean showed.

There I beheld a water-man,  
And Phoebus was his name,  
His golden steeds so frisky once  
Were now of ancient frame.

I saw him fill his yellow cart,  
From out the spinning mill;  
And lo! his bucket sparkled with  
The waves that turned the mill.

I saw him slowly mount aloft,  
As though to heaven inclined—  
A blif old chap called Boreas  
Came up and pushed behind.

I saw them speed with might and main  
O'er road and vale, such rain,  
With spur and bit, and whip and rein,  
They reached the distant plain.

And there the flying steeds were stayed,  
Old Boreas went to play,  
While Phoebus quickly pulled the plug  
And let the waves away.

I saw the sparkling waves again,  
With many a merry peal,  
Go hurrying, scurrying downward  
To reach the whirling wheel.

They reached the whirling wheel—and now  
I'd like a plaster cast  
Of the fool who said mill never grind  
With water that is past.

**THEY HAVE ASSISTANT HUSBANDS.**

The Privileges of Alaska's Women, and the Tricks of the Doctors.

All the people of Alaska cut their hair except the doctors. How this operation used to be accomplished is not known, but now, of course, they have scissors obtained from the white traders. They are creamationists and burn all the bodies of their dead except those of chiefs and doctors. The doctors are most mischievous and dangerous set. When they are called upon to cure a sick person or to account for any accident or mischief, they are apt to ascribe it to the witchery or devilry of some person in the tribe—usually some one whom they hate or desire to have destroyed. This they cure in cases of illness, and it was once the case that the persons they accused of secrecy were drowned or shut up and starved to death, but the power of the medicine men has been very much weakened by the white men who have come among the Indians. An efficacious way that the white men take to destroy a medicine man's power is to cut his hair. When that late overtake a doctor his medicine is gone, and he usually takes to the woods. There is a wily old doctor in the chit country who has red hair, and is so afraid of punishment for the evil he has done that he invariably disappears when a ship approaches his village. He makes it appear that he has gone out of business as a doctor he sells the paraphernalia of his calling, his drum and queer sticks of carved ivory; but the trouble is that he always has a medicine outfit to sell, but one set of carved tools. His interesting name is Spondoo.

There are many handsome men and beautiful young women among these Indians. The women up there have not only husbands, but assistant husbands. Whenever a woman marries she picks out an assistant husband, a theory being that this deputy or lieutenant is to protect her when her husband is absent and to marry her when he is dead. Sometimes it is a boy that the woman honors with this office, but sometimes it may be a man older than her spouse. Ofttimes the women select men of whom they are fond. But, alas, the observant trader declares that these women are exceedingly immoral, and that not affection or passion are at the bottom of their sinfulness, but money, from whom money can purchase anything. Some times the husbands who are thus belittled and made sport of will kill such wives; yet there are husbands who appear blind if not indifferent to their undoing.

This state of things is taken note of in one of their important laws—the one governing the right of succession to chieftainships. When a chief dies his children do not inherit, but if he has a sister her children should inherit. Should it happen that a dead chief leaves no sister, or leaves a sister who is a virgin or childless, then the child of the dead chief's aunt or female relative ascends to authority.—N. Y. Sun.

**The Police Secure a Horse.**

A horse belonging to Messrs. Manchester, Robertson & Allison, was bitten yesterday by a savage dog which has been snapping at horses lately. He was secured by the police.—Telegraph.

**His Identity a Great Mystery.**

Another business man who preferred that his name should not be mentioned, but who, it may be said, is a well known trader and largely concerned in the Exhibition association, was seen in the matter.—Saturday's Telegraph.

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## AS TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

What a Layman Would Like Mr. Paisley to Understand.

To THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: A letter to the *Sun*, signed Charles H. Paisley, criticizes a sermon by Rev. F. F. Sherman on prayers for the dead. This sermon was preached by Mr. Sherman for the congregation of the Mission church, and not for the purpose of convincing methodists, unitarians or other dissenters from the faith of our fathers. No one can question the right of Messrs. Paisley, McDougall and others to rush into print on the subject, especially as they have every reason to believe that no priest of the Anglican church will take any notice of their remarks. A good many protestants make a virtue of what they do not believe, as opposed to what a catholic does believe.

I have nothing to say as to Mr. Sherman's sermon, but I would like to explain something of what Mr. Paisley seems ignorant. He says:

Now what Mr. Sherman means by the catholic church it is difficult to say, but evidently he does not mean the Roman catholic church, as that would exclude his own, and I am told he believes the Church of England alone, as that would exclude the Church of Rome. I take it for granted, therefore, that, by the term "catholic church," he means the whole body of believers, by whatever name they are called.

The catholic church, as understood by catholics, means the "one, holy, catholic, apostolic church," founded by our Saviour and preserving through nearly 1800 years the faith of the apostles. It is the church which can trace its history in the direct succession of its bishops from the day of its foundation. It is the church which alone continues to this day the laying on of hands begun by St. Peter and John, by which its children receive certain gifts of grace. No sect has ever dared to assume such an authority, though many have grasped at an imitation of other sacramental rites. The Catholic church is a visible, not an invisible body. It has three communions—the Anglican, Greek and Roman. It does not include unitarians, unitarians, mormons, quakers and others who consider themselves part of the whole body of believers. It declares itself a visible church of divine origin, and not a man-made sect invented within the last 300 years. This is the catholic church. This is that which has always had three orders of the ministry, bishop, priest and deacon, of which the veriest "timid initiation" is the methodist assumption of episcopal authority by Wesley, when that otherwise really good man was in his dotage. I am sorry to say this much. As a catholic layman it is my duty to believe in my own church and not to attack the belief of others. I speak only for the purpose of teaching Mr. Paisley what he has apparently not known.

AN ANGLICAN CATHOLIC.

**Prayer and Protestantism.**

To THE EDITOR OF PROGRESS: Apropos of the discussion in the *Sun* by the Revs. McDougall and Paisley, of their "peculiarities" differing from "Historic Christendom" in the matter of prayers for the dead, I am reminded of the remark of a dear and genial friend of mine whom I had not seen for some years, but met on the street the other day, accompanied by another gentleman, a stranger to me. In greeting him I asked after his mother, when, with a catch in his voice, he replied: "Poor, dear old lady, she died a year ago. God bless her."

His friend remarked: "That is a prayer for the dead, and does not come from a good protestant."

His reply was: "D—n protestantism, anyhow; my heart tells me to pray for my mother, and God nowhere forbids it."

"Sweetness and Light" do not characterize McDougall, Paisley & Co. These can be found only in the faith and fellowship of the universal church. In other words, in Historic Christendom. Say, it is only three or four years ago such good men as these discovered Christmas; and now, with what smug complacency and patronage, they regard that holy season, utterly unconscious of the feelings of the Magi at the first Christmas, of historic christendom today!

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**The Trouble With Him.**

The young man twirled his hat nervously and cleared his throat.

"If I understand you rightly," he said, "you decide that the further continuance of our acquaintance with a view to closer and more intimate relations in the future is inexpedient and not likely to be productive of such result. Am I correct, Miss Jibboom?"

"You are, Mr. De Ennis," answered the young woman.

"That is your decision," he rejoined, twirling his hat the other way, "I presume there is nothing for me to do but submit. I had hoped for a different result. The reason for the ill-success that has attended my efforts to place our acquaintance on a more confidential basis," he went on, "is, I apprehend, that I have failed in some way to bring myself into full and complete sympathy with the ideas and purposes that animate and sustain you. I have not succeeded in becoming *en rapport*, if I may so express myself, with you as regards the things that go to make up what we call congenial