

IF we clearly catch Mr. Blaine's meaning in the seal controversy his position is this: that Behring Sea being a *mare clausum*, it is *contra bonos mores* that pelagic fishing should be allowed, because it is not *pro bono publico*, and moreover, it is *infra dignitate* for the Government of the United States to allow it. This may be sound diplomacy and all that, but what is the reason the English language isn't good enough for correspondence purposes between the two great Anglo-Saxon nations?

THE Supreme Court of the United States having decided that no State has a right to prohibit any article of commerce from being brought within its borders and sold in the "original package," the whiskey dealers are now setting the laws of prohibition States at defiance, by setting up shops in which all manner of liquid ruin is sold by the bottle, which represents the "original package." Rum sympathisers are shouting that prohibition is thus reduced to the condition of the traditional door-nail, but they overlook the fact that it is equally fatal in the meantime to all license laws, as the imported original packages are legally sold without the payment of any fee. Prohibitionists, so far from feeling down-hearted about this decision are inclined to be jubilant, because it has made prohibition a national issue—the very thing they have striven many years in vain to do. It will prove a boomerang for the rum trade.



doubt, take well in the cities across the way, and as the famous actress goes through the thrilling scenes it will make the Free Traders over there wish they had a heroine of the same inspired sort to lead her enthralled countrymen to the overthrow of McKinley and his gang of high-tariff monopolists.

#### THE USEFULNESS OF ORANGEISM.

**SENSIBLE MAN**—"Where's the sense of all this procession tomfoolery? Orangeism may have been a necessary institution at one time but now it has outlived its usefulness."

**ORANGEMAN**—"That's all you know about it, you blamed fool! Outlived its usefulness, has it? Not much!"

**SENSIBLE MAN**—"Can you tell me of any good it has done lately?"

**ORANGEMAN**—"Yes sir! I'm just the man that can. Three years ago I wasn't making more than a dollar a day. I joined our noble order and now I've got a posish in the City Hall at \$800 a year—and there's lots more than me too. What d'yer say to that, now?"



#### RIVAL STARS.

**FIRST STAR** (*rehearsing a new play*)—"In this scene I am supposed to leave the stage at the rear, while you stand in the front facing the audience. What will be your cue to resume your lines?"

**SECOND STAR**—"The look of satisfaction on the faces of the audience."—*Pick-me-up.*

#### PIGSNUFFLE'S FONETIK FILOSOPHI.

**T**HARE iz onli 1 absulootely sertain wa tew tell wether a man iz a filosofher or a krank, an that iz tew wate till abowt 2 hundred yeres after hiz deth. Ef hiz reputashun haz survived til then he waz a grate filosofher—e knot yew bet he waz onli a krank.

A man wich pretens that he doant gnaw the meanin ov the wurd "jagg"—like sum fellers wich hav ben writing intew the papurs laity—isnt the man that I'de trust to go owt tew change a phive \$ bill. Heez tew inner sent altoogether.

Fur pewel disintrestid benevolents thare iz no klass more notid than distillers an saloonists. Tha gno that prohibishun wil inkreese the amount ov wiskey konsoomed an sew put munny intew thare pokets—an yet tha oppoze it tooth an nale.

A kwestshun in politercal ekonermi wich iz givin a wurthi klass ov offshals around the City Hawl sum trubble iz wether the cost ov jining numerous sossietis—such as Orinjemen, Sonz uv England, &c., is not fully ekwal tew the inkreased saleries they git bi making their selvez solid this wa.

It's awl nonsense 2 sa that collige educashun iz no good on a noospaper. Lattin an Greak an algibrer mite nawt bee mufch yuse but ef he has pade doo attenshun to athletik sportz the gradooate kan lick the man wich wants to gno "hoo rote that peace" in tew sekonds, wile the unkultered man wood hav tew maik his sneek or git powndid.

Thare is allways hope four the yung man hoo haz phaled in literatoor. Rite it over agen, yung feller, put in sumthing about the Maple an the war uv 1812; kall it "Canadian Literattoor" an it will go.