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long, and where the piston of the steam-engine workel monotononsly up and down, like the head of an elephant in a state of melancholy madness. It contained several large streets all very like one another, inhabited by people equally like one another, who all went in and out at the same hours, with the same sound upon the same pavements, to do the same work, and to whom every day was the same as yesterday and to-morrow, and every year the counterpart of the last and the next.

These attributes of Coketown were in the main inseparable from the work by which it was sustained; against them were to be set off, comforts of life which found their way all over the world, and elegances of life which made we will not ask how much of the fine lady, who could scarcely bear to hear the place mentioned. The rest of its features were voluntary, and they were these.

You saw nothing in Coketown but what was se-verely useful. If the members of a religious persuasion built a chapel there-as the members of eighteen religious persuasions had done-they made it a pious warehouse, of real brick, with sometimes (but this only in highly ornamented examples) a bell in a birdcage on the top of it. The solitary exception was the new church; a stuccoed edifice with a square steeple over the door, terminating in four stunted pinnacles like florid wooden legs. All the public inscriptions in the town were painted alike, in severe characters of black and white. The jail might have been the infirmary, the infirmary might have been the jail, and the town hall might have been either, or both, or anything else, for anything that appeared to the contrary in the graces of their construction. Fact, fact, fact, everywhere in the material aspect of the town ; fact, fact, fact, everywhere in the immaterial. The M'-Choakum-child school was all fact, and the school of design was all fact, and the relations between master and man were all fact, and everything was fact betreen the lying-in hospital and the cemetery, and what you couldn't state in figures, or show to be purchasable in the cheapest market and saleable in the dearest, was not, and never should be, world without end. Amen.

A town so sacred to fact, and so triumphant in its assertion, of course, got on well? Why, no, not quite well. No? Dear me.

No. Coketown did not come out of its own furnaces in all respects like gold that had stood the fire. First, the perplexing mystery of the place was-Who belonged to the eighteen denominations? Because, whoever did, the laboring people did not. It was very strange to walk through the streets on a Sunday morn-ing, and note how few of them the barbarous jangling of bells that was driving the sick and nervous mad, called away from their own quarter, from their own close rooms, from the corners of their own streets, where they lounged listlessly, gazing at all the church and chapel going, as at a thing in which they had no magnee of concern. Nor was it merely the stranger who noticed this, because there was a native organisation in Coketown itself, whose members were to be heard of in the House of Commons every session indignantly petitioning for acts of Parliament that should make these people religious by main force .--Then came the Teetotal Society, who complained that these same people would get drunk, and showed in tabular statements that they did get Jrunk, and proved at lea parties that no inducement, human or Divine, (except a medal) would induce them to forego their custom of getting drunk. Then, came the chemist and druggist, with other tabular statements, showing that when they didn't get drunk, they took opium .-Then, came the experienced chaplain of the jail, with more tabular statements, and showing that the same people would resort to low haunts, hidden from the public eye, where they heard low singing and saw low dancing, and mayhap joined in it; and where A. B., aged twenty-four next birthday, and committed for eighteen months' solitary, had himself said (not that he had ever shown himself particularly worthy of belief,) his ruin began, as he was perfectly sure and confident that otherwise he would have been a tip-top moral specimen. Then, came Mr. Gradgrind and Mr. Bounderby, the two gentlemen at this present moment walking through Coketown, and both eminently practical, who could, on occasion, furnish more tabuar statements derived from their own personal expetience, and illustrated cases they had known and seen, from which it clearly appeared - in short it was the

created a great sensation when I came. In fact, until you came I was reckoned the first man in the colony. sublime rascal. The overwhelming idea-that I should supersede a Swindler of Forty Thousand pound power, was too much for me. So. I said, graciously bowing, "Oh, sir, you do me too much honor, I am sure you are far more worthy of the post of distinction. For me, I never saw so much money in all my life, as forty thousand pounds." "My dear sir," said my friend, bowing back again-" My dear sir ! but then you are a prisoner of state, patriotic martyr, and all a concern of State too, Lord John Russell, since I came out here, had a private application made to me, offering to remit my whole sentence if a would disclose my method—the way I had done it, you know : they want to guard against similar things in other lines, you understand." "I trust, sir," quoth I, respectfully, you treated the man's application with the contempt it deserved." The miscreant winked with one eye. I tried to wink, but failing, bowed again. "You may be sure of that, sir," said he-" 'tis very little I care for any of them : I enjoy myself here very muchhave never had a day's illness-very often go across to this nearest island to look after Dr. Beck's ducks: Ah! sir, there are two or three splendid colored girls on that island: then I sometimes correspond with the newspapers-have a private way of getting anything I please sent out without these people knowing anything about it-should be most happy to have any document sent for you in a quiet way, you know; of course you will want to show up those rascals now and then."-" No, Garrett," said I, getting tired-" there, that will do, you may leave the room." The old monster looked a little blank, but walked off at once, and as I requested to be protected from such intrusion for the future, Dr. Hall fook order with him, and I saw him no more.

Now, this railway-swindler is a man of rather good uddress-far better than Hudson, the head of his sect, I believe, can boast of; a portly man, a respectable man, one who understands his own high position in society and his claims to the respect and consideration of the world—he has "done" the world out of Forty Thousand pounds; and it is a claim which amongst true-born Britons is always admitted instantly. I shall not be surprised to hear of Mr. Garrett representing, a few years hence, some great commercial constituency in that majestic assembly the British parliament, and making "laws" there. But no, I err-it is only your unconvicted felon who can aspire to that honor. If I had the ordering of the matter, however, I would transport Garrett to St. Stephens to represent York there, and return Hudson to Bermuda to serve as member for the North Junction Railway; or else (what would be better still) I would hang them both.

SUBMARINE NAVIGATION.-The great invention of the day-the submarine navigation of Dr. Payerne-is about to be put in practice at Cherbourgh, the company purchasing the invention having volunteered to cleanse the harbor free of expense to the Government. The secret consists in the discovery of a means whereby artificial air may be produced in sufficient quantity to enable a crew of fourteen men to breathe freely beneath the water for the space of four hours. A curious experiment has been made at Marseilles, where Dr. Payerne, in company with three sailors, went to the bottom in presence of hundreds of spectators, and rose at a considerable distance, and climbed the portholes of a man of war without being perceived by the crew. Many experiments are about to be tried of the efficacy of this novel means of attack. A submarine fleet of small boats, each to contain a crew of twenty men, is already talked of as being about to be organised for the Black Sea. It seems that no intimation whatever is given by the slightest ruffle on the surface of the approach of one of these vessels. The apparatus invented by Dr. Payerne enables the wearer, moreover, to move about with perfect case at the bottom of the sea, and great anticipations are formed of the immense benefit to be derived in submarine history from the adoption of this new method of becoming acquainted with the hitherto unknown mystery of the ocean. However, it is not a bad reflection on the spirit of the age, in which we live to remark, that the first application of this tremendous power, which should take rank with the electric telegraph, a proof of the wondrous perseverance and ingennity of man, has been made use were a bad lot altogether, gentlemen; that, do what of for the supply of oysters from Granville for the halles of Paris .- Paris correspondent of the Atlas.

Stuart, says that "the re establishment of Poland, Forty thousand pounds, sir, not a farthing less. But independent and sufficiently strong, is indispensable now you have cut me out." I rose and bowed to this as a social and military barrier, and an essential eleindependent and sufficiently strong, is indispensable ment of the equilibrium of Europe.

ABDUCTION OF GERMAN GIRLS .- The customs' officers of Biberich, in the Grand Duchy of Nassan, on visiting a steamer which was descending the Rhine four days ago, were surprised to find not fewer than 21 young girls, aged from 14 to 17, accompanied by three men. They gave information to the Director of Police, and he made inquiries, from which it appeared that. Indeed, for my part, my little affair was made that the men were taking the girls out to New York to place them in houses of prostitution. The girls had been recruited in the unral districts near Wiesbaden, Kreisnach, Uringen, and Weilbourg, and some of them had left unknown to their parents. Orders were given to arrest the men, but only two of them could be taken, the other having run away. The girls were ordered to be sent back to their homes.- Galignani's Messenger.

> POLITICALLY DAMNED .- McVicker, Yankee Mack, " Comedian to the born Republicans," related the following good story to us during his stay in this city. It will serve to give some idea of the "principal ingredients" of success in political life away down South: It will be remembered by many persons about this neighborhood that Mr. G., an Alabama Marshal, arrived at Cleveland about two years ago, in search of a fugitive from justice. He put up at the Waddell House, and during his stay there he had "a difficul-ty" with a "person" who roomed with him one evening, in which Mr. G. shot three times at his antagonist, only slightly wounding him the third time. He was immediately arrested and put in jail, and on the morning after the arrest, the following scene took place in the prison :- A friend of the Marshal entered his cell, and found him seated his head resting on his hands, and looking like one who had entirely given up to despair. "Come Mac," said the friend, "cheer up; the man is but slightly wounded; and the matter will not be prosecuted.²⁵ " Ruined ! mined ! ruined ! ruined !" groaned the Marshall, without even changing his position. "Ruined, bah !" returned his friend, " don't be a child ; I tell you the wound is bet slight ; besides it is an oggravated case, and had you killed him you would not have been ruined !?? " I know it," says the Marshal, suddenly starting up-" but three times ! only think of it-shoot three times at a man and not k !! him ! I am politically damned in Alabama !" -Detroit Times.

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