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### A LEGEND OF THE HEMLOCKS

The hands are already up out of the wood!

Is the table cloth on, Mary, dear?

The table is waiting, and so is the food; Let them come, mother mine, never fear

The men stoutly walked to the cabin's rough place.
That backed neath the blue dome of June.
And one came along with a sullen, low face.
And one sang a gay woodland tune.

The bark peelers sat by the savery food;

The maiden poured featly the ten.
The moody one glanced to the place where she stood.

With a dark, furtive motion looked he.

And he saw 'neath her lashes a half-concealed gleam, On her warm lips a shy smile of grace. That tenderly answered the amorous dream On the rollicking fellow's free face.

And the smile and the gleam, in a ripening grace With the maiden adorningly stayed As she hurried the afternoon work of the place As her ribbouless tollette she made.

And she thought, as her tresses fell brightly about Her glorified shoulders, how sweet To love one so merry, so brave, and so stout, Whose whole heart was east at her feet?

And in through the door came the fresh forest air.
And the crash of a ponderous tree.
And she said, "Ob, my lover is chopping down there,
And thinking, and thinking of me!"—

A staggering footstep she heard at the door, 'I was the boor with a burden—and what t She saw her dead lover's face hung in its gore, And suddenly fell on the spot.

The wordmen docked in ; and their keen questions made More surly the barbarous churl.

He was felling a tall, crooked hemlock, he said,
And it tipped to the wind with a whirl.

And rushed on his mate, who was working intent, Pretting bark from a close, fallen tree. Like sharp axes swung were their eyes on him bent; He flinched; from the cabin skulked he.

And deep in the dark of the night the still maid And deep in the dark of the negative sort man.
Arose with a suffering cry.
And ded by them all to the thick-folded shade
Of the hembocks' wide wilderness nigh.

And though hasting for weeks there from lone spot to spot,
With torches adaine in the night,
And horns loudly blown, they discovered her not,
Nor a trace of her agonized flight.

But they say, when the high hemiock brauches are tossed.

In winds of a dark northern sky,

That they hear hershrill voice for the one that was lost-Hersuffering, desolate cry.

C. L. CLEAVELAND.

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## SPONTANEOUS RESTLESSNESS.

# BY NICHOLAS FLOOD DAVIN.

The discussion of annexation, the formation of republican clubs, the sage forecasts of Canada's future, and the brilliant calculations of the advantages which would follow the severance of the gentle links which bind us to Great Britain and Ireland, and make us part of the great imperial chain of free governments, strike me as hardly worthy of the attention which they have excited. A leading newspaper has been made as anxious by these local superficial eruptions as an excitable mother, of little experience, by the appearance of a few pimples on the body of her only child. "'Tis surely the small-pox," she "Or, doctor, do you think it is scarlet fever !" She is naturally auxious on the subject of scarlet fever because the dear child's grand grand annt died of searlet fever in her fortieth year. In vain the doctor assures her that it is only a rash not worth noticing. Having indicated the light in which I regard these local, these individual, manifestations of restlessness it may seem inconsistent on my part to write about them. Grave political doctors, however, having discoursed learnesly on these political pimples they have been lent for the moment a fictitious importance; and though it is difficult for me to snatch a half hour from a laborious profession, I see no reason why, magnifying glass in hand, I should not examine the portentous phenomena.

An occasional expression on the part of some obscure person that annexation is our manifest destiny, a sensational account by a New York Herald reporter of an interview with a callow Canadian politician, a few gentlemen bent on Our Civil Service professes to model itself on political speculation forming themselves into a Politico-Economical Club in Montreal, a republican club of seven dire rebels in Toronto, in the whole portion length in the United States letter or two from some crazy nobody protesting against the plunder of Canada by all-grasping Britain-such are the dreadful tocsius which it should seem ought to frighten Canada from her propriety. An alarmist might find much more food for terror by conversing confidentially with some leading merchants both east and west. The fact that these prudent, substantial men do not openly express their opinions is conclusive as to the prevalence of contrary views in the community generally, and, perhaps, even among their own class. It would be impossible to start a proposition which would not find hospitality in certain minds, and as annexation, independence and imperial confederation are among the possible alternatives of the future it is not surprising that each should have a few advocates. That these are so few is the best of all proof that our situation is singularly happy. Independence would, I suppose, mean a republic. Hence, independence being at the threshold, the need of republican clubs to frame the new republican constitution and fix on the first president. Imperial confederation is mere political birthright to ask whether the new order of fiddlestick. If Canada made a change it things would have the quality of permanence?

would be to add to rather than contract her franchise, and imperial confederation would mean making a pool with the lion and the lion would have the lion's share. If we want a new departure there are only two roads before usindependence or annexation.

What we should gain by independence at present it would be hard to say. We should certainly find setting up for ourselves more expensive than living under the parental roof. It is said Canada offers no careers. But to have careers what you want is political difficulties and troublous times. When everything is happy around you, to go and invent necessities for change, in order to make a career, is worse than Quixotic. It is not the happy lives which furnish themes for the romancist, nor happy epochs in a nation's history which call forth striking characters and crowd the pages of the historian with interest. But the members of republican clubs may console themselves with the reflection that if they have no Capitol. neither have they a Tarpeian rock. One would pay a good deal to get rid of the moral narrowness of private and public opinion in Canada, the vile jealousies, the cowardice, the slander, or mendicity. But as this monstrous hatred of excellence is rather a republican than a monar-chical virtue, we could hardly look to independence for improvement.

Those who timidly suggest rather than advo-

cate annexation, do so on the ground of self-interest, meaning by self-interest money interall become what John Stuart. Mill said the peo-ple of the United States had long ago degraded to-dollar-getters and breeders of dollar-getters. Annexation would perhaps add to the tide of capital in Cauada and impart a new stimulus to Canadian enterprise. No doubt in the articles ratifying our effacement there would be clauses guarding against an unjust proportion of the burden of the debt of the Union falling on us. But who or what would guard us against the interpretation that power would place upon the accomplish is to inspire an adaptation in Grip instrument! After ten years had clapsed 1 of Cauning's "Needy Knile Grunder." venture to think that man for man the Canadian people would not be as well off as they are to-day. A few rich men would have become richer; our shoddy aristocracy would have received some new accessions shouldier, and it may he wealthier, than those composing the body they had reinforced; the tone of opinion regarding foreign politics would be tremulous with a new note. Then perhaps the vilest slave to wealth, the most sordid worshipper of gold, would discover that even he could not wholly divest himself of his British instincts in a moment. Sir Leonard Tilley can make all the capital we need flow into the country for investment in manufactures by protecting those industries which need forcing, not by means of ariff regulations but by bonus. An English or United States capitalist may naturally shrink from investing large sums on the security of the existence of a Ministry which, however strong and however certain to last, be judges by English parliamentary analogies and by the theoretic possibilities of Constitutional Government; but a measure guaranteeing to the manufacturer of iron such protection as would bind the Government of Canada, whatever might be its political complexion, would joake capital come in abundance across the Atlantic and from the United States. The Finance Minister has wisely gone among the manufacturers and if he intouds to perfect his N. P. policy he may find it to his account to take this suggestion into con-bigration. The bonus system was the mode of protection for a new country which recommended itself to the sagacious mind of Mill.

But to return. The annexation bargain would involve very much more than a question of finance. The constitution of the United States is different from ours. Under it the people have not as much direct power over the executivas they have in Canada. It is wholly wanting in the noble elasticity of the British Consti tution. The consequence is, that, as recent and not very remote history proves, they have sometimes to submit for four years to a ruler unlit for the position and sometimes to endure the Government of a President chosen by fraud. and which will, it may be hoped, soon disappear from amongst us. We have received from our neighbours the pest of the caucus system, but the pest of universal suffrage has as yet kept at bay. A Canadian who visits the House of Commons, at Ottawa, has sometimes cause to blush. If he visits Congress he will remember the Parliament at Ottawa with something like

If the United States possessed creat advantages, instead of betraying to the most superli-cial glance glaring defects, the question whether it was stable would surely be asked by any prudent trafficker in nationality. If the historic fame of a great empire whose walls and bul-works are cemented with the blood and raised by the skill and courage of our heroic fathers is nothing; if we can turn our back in a moment on the flag we have been taught to love from our childhood; if the most ample and at the same time most orderly law-abiding liberty is a trifle unworthy of consideration : common fore. thought would lead a bloodiess linekster of his birthright to ask whether the new order of

But it may be doubted whether the United States, in its present state, has that quality. Diverse conflicting interests are growing larger every day. The South and the North are not yet one. The West and the East must soon clash, that is to say if the principles of pure selfinterest, on which the annoxationist proceeds are to prevail. Annexation having taken place then we should still find ourselves discussing our future. We should be in a state of far greater uncertainty as to what a day might bring forth than we are now. The "Bystander" is the first number of a review which every lover of thoughtful writing and pure English will welcome, sees rising above the peril of the "Irish element" and the "foreign element" the peril of faction. The only thing he seems to think which can prevent the monster Faction swallowing up the Union is the re-election of Gen. Grant who "will bring with him the men who for eight years carried on a Government of corruption and intrigue, and established at the South a dominion of somunitels," a re-election which "would probably end in his Presidency for life." So that annexation would unite us to a country, so torn by faction-ominous word which recalls the decline and downfall of the Roman Republic that according to an acute critic its only hope lies in something like a perpetual distator.

Instead of deprecating discussion on the subject of annexation and independence we ought to encourage such discussion as sure to issue in est. No account is taken of any other senti-ment than that of the vulgar desire of material well being. It is assumed that Canadians have active in the community. How often have English republicans discussed an English republie, but the Queen's throne is as hear to-day as over it was. Canada's Cuture may be discussed in London without exciting odium, and why not in Toronto or Montreal ( So long as why hat in function of the philosophers is no higher than that of material well being they are not only harmless but contemptible. There is no grievance to complain of. The utmost the virtims of spontaneous restlessness can hope to eccounties it is transce an adaptation in this

#### THE GLEANER.

Lieu XIII contemplates publishing the various catalogues of the Vationa Library.

The Lon Monitment Association of Virginia have raised \$20,56% for a morement to the Confederate leader.

THE President of the French Republic reserves 600,000 france a year, and a like same for househobi expenses.

THE instorical area of has Cucharas, in Grenada, has been destroyed by a fire which raged there for two days.

THE Germans in Paris, who are estimated at 50,000, have established a weekly poper in their own language.

IMMENSE quantities of ice are being hervested at Ottawa this winter, in the expectation of a large demand from the United States.

THE Empress Eugenie will start for Natal on March 26th, and by her wish no special state of ceromony will be observed on the journey.

The fast month was the coldest December in Loudon thes contary, and, in fact, since the year 1796. The mean temperature was 32.4

CALIFORNIANS claim that there are millions of noises in their State in which grapes can be raised, and which may be bought at prices ranging from \$2 to \$200 an acre.

THOMAS BLACKWELL, the head and founder of the great house of Crosse & Blackwell, has died at a very advanced age, leaving his ans and grandsons to carry on the business.

In the months of May and June, 1889, an xhibition of clocks, watcher, bijonterie, musical boxes, and particular fabrications for which Geneva is formus is to be opened in that city

A statt a isto be taked in Italy to the memory of De Flatte, the French Republican who was killed while assisting in thatibulda's passage of the Straits of Messins, in 1869.

Since the Prince Imperial's death his mother

MR. SAMUEL SMILES has received from the King of Italy a valuable decoration as a mark of the Royal appreciation of his books, "Self-Help," translated, has been sold in Italy to the number of 50,000 copies.

Mr. GLADSTONE has 242 entries under his name in the catalogues of the British Museum Library -the largest unmber of the eight Prime Ministers of the Victorian epoch. Next in number of outries comes Sir Robert Peel, under whose name are 192 titles.

COMMANDER CHEVNE, and a few adherents, have waited on the Lord Mayor of London in order to callst his Lordship's sympathy and support in connection with their scheme for reaching the North Pole by means of ship, sledge, and balloon.

The death is announced of another Waterloo veteran - Sergeant Leonard Simons, living at Corby, in Northamptonshire. He was born at Bedford in 1798, calisted in the 69th Regiment in 1813, and served in the attack on Bergen an-Zoom, the siege of Antwerp, and the Battle of Waterloo, for which he received a medal.

## VARIETIES.

Tom Josss .- We are told of Fielding's "Tom Jones' that when the work was completed the author, "being at the time hard pressed for maney took it to a second-rate publisher with a view of selling it for what it would fetch at the moment. He left it with the bookseller, and called upon him the next day for his decision. The publisher hesitated, and requested another day for consideration, and, at parting, Fielding offered him the manuscript for £25. On his way home Fielding met Thomson, the poet, whom he told of the negotiation for the sale of the manuscript, when Thompson, knowing the high merit of the work, conjured him to be off with the bargain. To the author's great joy the ig-norant trafficker in literature declined and re-turned the manuscript to Fielding. He next ser off with a light heart to his friend Thomson, and the no elist and poet then went to Andrew Millar, the great publisher of the day. Millar, as was his practice with works of light reading, handed the manuscript to his wife, who, having read it, advised him by no means to let it slip through his tingers. Miliar now invited the two friends to neet him at a coffee-house on the Strand, where, after dinner, the bookseller, with great caution, offered Fielding £200 for the manuscript. The novelist was unazed at the largeness of the offer. Then, my good sir, said he, recovering himself from this unexpected strake of good fortune, give me your hand t the back is yours; and water,' continued he, 'bring a couple of bottles of your best port.' I Millar died he had cleared £10,000 on Jones, out of which he generously made kielding various presents to the amount of £2,000; and when he died he bequeathed a handsome legacy to each of Fielding's sons.

A PARIS CLEB. - The clubs of Paris in January, that is to say when the Carnival is at its height, indulge in Thespian delights. They organise amongst themselves semi-amateur theatricals, and Count Kickenstiff, of the mirlitons, has the infinite delight of playing in a one act comedy with Mile. Resalie Blowitout, of the Palais Royal. No club in Paris that respects itself is without a miniature stage, and the management of it is no sinecure. But in a club you will always find a public spirited man who will put himself out of the way and make a few enemies in order to make the rest of the memless happy. First of all, it is no easy matter to choose a piece. The ultra retued clubmen are always ready to find it turecte, or else that it has no leas. Then the actresses won't come and rehearse unless the weather be so very bad that they can find nothing better to do. The Palais Royal ladies are absolutely out of the question. The Palais They have such magnificent fore and such swell" carriages that they never will come to rehearse. The model club actresses are Broissat. Samary, Biancat, Baretta, all of the Comedie Françoise, and all punctual as rent-day. These ladies are very much in demand for representations of this kind. As only those members of the chib who have played a rôle have a right to take part in the final support there is generally a struggle for the minor parts. Last year one club played a piece in which four fremen appraised. Everybody wanted to be a fireman. and as the author of the piece was not Corneille, liberties were taken with the text, and the fire-men were so numerous that not half of them would appear on the stage. The other half played in the wings, but they all took part in the supper, and they were all delighted. This year the Mirltons will play a little act of Offenboch, L. Theretier de Cros formerly played at the Bouffes.



## SALMON ${f ANGLING}$

DEPARTMENT OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. FISICERIOS BRANCH.

Offawa, 31st December, 1879.

WRITTEN OFFERS will be received to 1st April next, for the ANGLING PRIVILEGES of the ing rivers :---

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Aggranns
Magpie
Trout
St. Marguerite
Pentecret
Mistassini
Hacuria do

Beoncie do Little Caragnetia (Baia des Chaleurs). Nonvolle

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Jupiter (Anticosti Island) : Salmon do Rent per annum to be stated : payable in advance.

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