Or would'st thou have it bring thee
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Touches of burning genius?
The gift of the "gouden tonguo?"
The pen by whose magic power
The world's great heart is wrung?

Ah I would'st thou pray 'twould bear thee Ah! would'st thou pray 'would ber
Love's rosy dreams?

Days when thy life with wildest
Ecstsay teems?

Momonts when lips will meet thee
Warm with a waiting kisa?

Hours that brightly greet thee
Laden wkn purest bliss?

What will the New Year bring thee?
Crowned desires?
Hope's unfulfillment? Grief's
Rivening fires?—
Riches or Love or Laureis?—
What e'er to thy lot be sent,
God grant the New Year 'll bring thee
Peace and a heart content!

Claudia Tharin.

### YOUTHS DEPARTMENT.

ABOUT WOLVES. The natural enmity which subsists between dogs and wolves is a characteristic which is recalled by the antipathy shown by every good watch-dog towards strang-ers of his own race, but that wolves should devour dogs certainly savors somewhat of cannibalism, for these friends and foes of man are in fact two branches of the same family, as is proved to the satisfaction of naturalists by their identity in various important characteristics, though sundry minor points of difference are noted, such as that in drinking a dog laps, whereas a wolf sucks, and in biting the wolf gives a rapid succession of vicious snaps instead of the firm, retaining significant resources, Lecky is led to hold which generally characterizes the bite of a healthy dog. The character of the bark also differs greatly, the honest dog-bark being replaced by a short snaping, while the wolf voice is chiefly exerted in producing dismal howls. As regards external appearance, the common of this decision as one of his great errors. wolf with his shaggy coat bears a much closer resemblance to a Collie dog than the latter does to most other branches of the dog tribe, though the cruel, treacher- Ireland, what would England have been ous expression of the obliquely-set eyes to-day? and the Continent? and the betrays how different is the wolf-spirit political world?" Mr. Lecky does not from that which looks out through the undertake to say whether in 1798 any kink, true eyes of the faithful dog. Yet there have been instances of domesticated wolves which have formed a strong attachment to their human owners, while on the other hand we have to confess that the dog-race does include both savage and cowardly individuals.

LONG LIVED PEOPLE.

When the French Ministry, some 25 years ago, issued a circular to all its prefects making inquiries as to the conditions most favorably to longevity, all the reports agreed in naming a well-to-do condition of life as most important, if not quite indispensable. It should also be borne in mind that the most wonderful cases of longevity are almost invariably reported from countries where verification of the asserted facts is impossible For instance, the Lancet some time ago quoted the case of an old man of Bogota, San Salvador, who "confessed to being 180 years old, though his neighbors believed ing cities and unsurpassed scenery. Din-him to be much more. Din-ling Cars all the way. 21-3 him to be much more.

With no possible check from authentic records, his kindly neighbors might well have given him an additional century with impunity. Something of this kind doubtless happened in the case of an old native of Bengal, who was reported by Dr. C. W. De Lacy as having attained Home Rule for Ireland was dead and the antediluvian age of 370. Dr. De Lacy that within a week certain former friends reports several cases as to which we re- in the Gladstonian party had reopened commend a due degree of doubt. A certain Thomas Whittington, who died the basis that, Mr. Parnell having renin 1804, at the reputed age of 104, never dered Home Rule impossible, they saw drank, we are seriously told, any liquor no reason why a Liberal reunion should only fault being a hasty temper. He but gin, but of that fiery compound he not be formed. To this proposal he had loved plain, straightforward dealing, far consumed from a pint to a pint and a half daily. This is probably more than any of the doctor's readers will find it easy to swa.low.-All the Year Round.

### PLAYING CARDS.

connected with a pack of playing cards than the average man is aware of, says a historical writer. The four kings originates, who might co-operate with the in such a position as now, where, I feel, ally represented David, Alexander Cæsar Unionists and Tories in the formation of you and our little ones cry out against and Charlemagne. Distinctive features a truly National party devoted to proare given these in some styles of French cards, the original names being still retained by that people. The other forms of pictures are the representation of the kings in the old Jewish costume, or even in Greek, Roman and Frankish styles. The queens in the pack are usually Judith. Palais, Esther and Argine, which letter is a mere transportation of the letters in "regina" meaning the queen by descent. In fact, history has been ransacked abroad for figures to replace the barbarous effigies which have become historical, but sooner or later the effigies are again restored. The origin of playing cards has been and still is a disputed point. Some historians accredit their N. Y. first use to the Chinese, who, in spite of the bad names they enjoy to-day, were parents of the most useful and ingenious things of the earth, if the antiquarians Jim Webster, who was under arrest for do not perjure themselves. By others stealing chickens. "I dunno," said the the Hindoos are sustained as being the darkey. "When were you born?" "What creators of the game. However this may am de use ob me tellin' you bout my be it is known that to this day the Hin-doos play a fantastic game with packs buffday present."—Texas Siftings. which number 96 cards; 8 suits of 12 each. The story that cards were introduced in Europe for the amusement of the mad King Charles II of France has hear?" "A very interesting conversation long since been disproved. They were between two ladies and a dude in one of known in that country long before the the boxes."-Life. demented monarch was born.

### THE RACES OF CASTLEBAR.

Humbert's Campaign in Ireland in 1798.

We cannot attempt to follow Mr. Lecky's account of the United Irish rebellion of 1798, for this part of the narrative, traversing ground never before snrveyed by an authoritative historian. is replete with carefully verified details. and covers some two hundred pages. We should not entirely pass over, however, the French epilogue of the Irish tragedy the Humbert expedition—to which, considered as a proof of the courage and capacity of the French revolutionists in the paid

By an interesting coincidence this expedition has just been made the subject of stanley's Expedition Criticised-A Mysapains taking monograph published in terious Affair.

this country by Mr. V. Gribayedoff, and it is satisfactory to find his conclusions, which were highly flattering to the French invaders, confirmed by Mr. Lecky. The it lasted long enough to reveal the irre-sistible effect of the "French fury," and demolish the tradition that one English-man could beat three Frenchmen, the me." In his diary, under date of April heavy fire of musketry, the little Frenchmen (supposed to be utterly worn out by

A NIGHT MARCH of fifteen hours) stormed the steep ascent and, with fixed bayonets, rushed upon the bewildered foe. The flight of the British soldiers was long stigmatized as "the race of Castlebar." An English contemporary wrote that the surrender of Burgoyne's army at Saratoga had not affected or surprised him so much as the Castlebar catastrophe. "Never," says Lecky, "was there a rout more abject or more complete, and those who witnessed it must have asked themselves what would have happened if at any time within the two preceding years 12,000 or 15,009 French soldiers like those of Humbert had been landed." Apropos of what Humbert accomplished with inconsider how fraught with insignificance was Bonaparte's abandonment of his projected Irish expedition and his departure for Egypt only a few days before the Irish rebellion. He recalls how Napoleon, reviewing his career at St. Helena, spoke 'On what," he said, "do the destinies of empires hang? If instead of the expedi-tion to Egypt I had conducted one to large expedition could have succeeded in reaching the Irish coast, but no one, he thinks, can question that had it succeeded in landing at the beginning, or in the middle of the Irish rebellion, its effect would have been most serious. If, he adds, the outbreak in Ireland had taken place a little earlier, or if the Egyptian project had been postponed a little longer, Ireland would probably have become a central object in Bonaparte's military policy, and the whole course of events might have been changed.

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### A Strange Report.

made a remarkable speech at a private Unionist cause in Birmingham to-night. Among other things he said the cause of Home Rule for Ireland was dead and records the cannibal incident, as already negotiations with him for a reunion on replied that such a course was impossible too much even to get on well with the because Gladstone fondly clinging to the Arabs. He hated their crafty, rounddesire of his old age, retained Home Rule about manner and showed it, and was in the forefront of his programme. Mr. Chamberlain then said he doubted, anyhow, whether a reunion would ever be There is more mystery and history possible with the men forming the Gladstonian majority, but recent events had did I think when I spoke to you of my opened the eyes of Gladstonian moder- feelings of duty that I should be placed opened the eyes of Gladstonian modergress in the truest sense.

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JAMESON'S DIARY.

London, Dec. 24.—Jameson's diary was

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dead man's brother, in a preface to the latter does not stint his praise for the work, bitterly attack Stanley for making absolute control maintained by Gen. Jameson the scapegoat for all the trouble Humbert over his soldiers, and for the which occurred, and claiming they were admirable order enforced throughout the due to Stanley's own bad judgment and districts which he traversed. He regards neglect. They also suggest that Stanley as one of the most noteworthy feats in and Bonny are not telling the truth. The modern warfare the French commander's cannibalism episode, as it appears in the defeat of Gen. Hutchinson at Castlebar, diary, is substantially identical with the where about 700 Frenchmen routed account of it contained in the letter to some 1,700 British soldiers occupying a the Emin committee. Jameson adds to position so strong that it seemed madness his statements of the facts: "I would for a tired and inferior force to attack it. I never have been such a beast as to have The affair was over in a few minutes, but | witnessed the act of cannibalism, but fact on that day demonstrated being that 10, 1888, Jameson complains that Stanley one Frenchman of the revolutionary rejects his advice to give the sick a period epoch could beat three Englishmen. In of rest, and compels them to continue the face of a deadly cannonade and of a the march, "with the result," he adds, that the camp regards me as a brute and Stanley as a sort of guardian angel. The diary is a record of the daily progress and adventures of the expedition, interspersed with disputes between Stanley and his followers. For instance, he says: "While marching to Ukalama, after ordering that a hundred lashes be given a man for losing a box of ammunition, Stanley accused me of losing three boxes and said: "If this happens again we must part." If this continues and Stanley reproaches me before the men I shall not be sorry when we do part." The diary records that Stanley degraded three chiefs, the best men Jameson had ever seen among the natives, and only released them from their chains on the intercession of Tippoo Tib. In a letter to his wife Jameson complains that he has no time for the pursuits of a naturalist. He declares his whole time is occupied beating and loading niggers. While at Leopoldsville, he writes, they all had disagreeable moments with Stanley, but they think they are ended for the present. "I cannot heip admiring him immensely." he says, "for his great strength of will power in overcoming difficulties, but there are some points in his character which it is impossible to admire. Again, when Stanley discards his reserve, he is most agreeable and full of animation." Later he describes "the most disgraceful row I ever heard betweeen Stanley, Jephson and Stairs in reference to the complaint of the Zanzi baris, whose word Stanley takes in preference to that of his officers." Jameson "On June 6, having by his also says : own mistakes

LOST THE OFFICERS,

while steaming to Arumwhi, Stanley said if he had failed to find the steamers he would have treated us all as deserters. He used hard and unfair words and appeared to distrust us if a yard from him. Yet except myself, who was seedy, the officers have worked the hardest in the most horrible swamps to procure wood. This distrust sickens us and is frightfully disheartening." Being encamped at Yambuya Jameson again writes to his wife: "I can't get over the disappointment of being lett alone with Barttelot. Stanley left us seventy-six of the very worst men under one worthless chief. The camp is pitched in a frightfully damp place." In numerous entries Jame son expressed dislike to the necessary flogging of sentries caught asleep, and sets forth the difficulty of suppressing London, Dec. 17.—Joseph Chamberlain | mutiny among the natives, who were weary of waiting for Stanley. He describes stirring intventures on the journey to Kassonga. On May 8, 1888, he published. In the final chapter he expresses deep sorrow at the death of Barttelot, and says: "The closest friendship existed between us. He was a straightforward, honest gentleman, his

disliked in turn. He was far too good a man to lose his life in this way. God knows what I will do without him." In a subsequent letter, Jameson says: "Little you and our little ones cry out against what I must do as an officer of this expedition. With one word or even a show of weakness on my part, I could stop the whole expedition, which seems fated to meet nothing but reverses, and return to you; but God knows such a thought has never entered my heart, although I could easily defend such a course." Later he writes: "As said stories are a tissue of falsehoods, it is awful that such a scoundrel is allowed to traduce one behind one's back when there is no chance of defend-

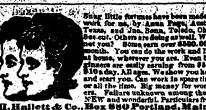
ing one's self." Ward, in describing Jameson's death, says that the drums were sounding to cease the day's work. "He opened his eyes, started and clutched my hands, saying huskily, 'Ward, Ward, they're com-ing. Listen, now; let's stand together.'" Ward explains that Jameson was thinking of the drums calling the savages to light while they were drifting on the river.

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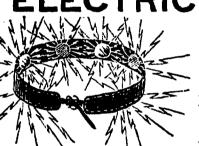
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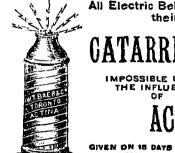
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PROVINCE OF QUEBEC. DISTRICT OF MONTREAL. Superior Court. Dam Olivine Lessard, of the Oby and District. Montreal, wife of Stanislas. Payette, trader, the same place, has this day taken an action separation of property against her said his band.

Montreal, 9th December, 1890. BERARD 4 BRODEUS
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