



THE LAST SCENE OF THE FARCE.

The Political Coon kills the Chicken at the bidding of his Boss.

and town for the summary punishment of minor offenders.

Mr. Foster intends to introduce a law for the suppression of witchcraft, under which clairvoyants, spirit mediums, astrologists, fortune-tellers, weather prophets, dabblers in electricity and inventors of new motors—in fact, pretty nearly anybody suspected of knowing more than the law allows, can be put to the reliable old test of being thrown into a pond with the hands and feet tied. In case the victim floats, he or she will be condemned to be burned.

Mr. Cockburn proposes an act reviving the go-as-you-please system of spelling as practised in the time of Chaucer for all official and legal purposes, and to provide that all documents, statutes, etc., shall be printed in the antique black letter.

Mr. Carling, with a shrewd eye, no doubt, to the increased consumption of beer, intends introducing a bill for the erection of Maypoles, around which a contented and happy peasantry can dance on the first of May, thereby developing a healthy thirst.

It is understood also that in view of the probable stimulus given to the exodus to the States among those

having a singular prejudice in favor of Nineteenth-Century notions, the writ of *ne exeat regno* will be revived after a long period of disuse, under which all suspected of such a treasonable design can be forcibly prevented from expatriating themselves.

The mediæval revival has extended to the Grit party. Mr. Mowat, feeling the necessity of meeting the Tories on their own ground and showing that he can be just as old, foggy and antiquated in his notions as any of them, has under serious consideration a bill legalizing perpetual pensions to the sons and descendants of Cabinet Ministers. This, if carried, as of course it will be, will accomplish in a direct and straightforward fashion and on a large scale, what is now done indirectly in a roundabout way, entailing much trouble and not a little scandal, by securing the beneficiaries fat offices and Parliamentary nominations.

ON DIT.

WE understand that Mr. S. H. Blake will address his Bible class next Sunday from the text, "Cast off the Old Man, with his works."