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We observed with pleasure on the 4th the Stars and Stripes floating from the main of the "Bellerophon" and "Pylades," indicating that the display of bunting with which they were adorned was in honor of the American Anniversary. This courtesy, in the presence of the American man-of-war which arrived on that morning, is as it should be.

We are glad to notice in the *Nova Scotia Gazette* the authorization of the Stillman Woollen Company (Lim.) at Eight Mile Brook, in the County of Pictou. The establishment of home manufactories should, we think, conduce to a little of that kind of patriotism which gives a preference to our own manufactures over those of other countries. The resources of Canada for home production are practically almost unlimited. Why should we import, and pay high duties for, articles we can ourselves produce?

Again we notice complaints of the disgusting behaviour of boys, some of them quite young, not ten years old, a contemporary says—smoking drinking, and using abominable language at the N. W. Arm on Sundays. When will common sense prevail to sanction and enforce the use of the whip to these young scoundrels? For all indecencies, whether of men or boys, flogging will be found the best remedy. The cowardly ruffian who maltreats women, is always the man who shews the white feather and howls under the cat.

Recent visitors to Paris note with regret—at least those who have been familiar of old with the glories, attractions, and refinement of Lutetia—a great decline in style and character. The newspapers have dropped the rapier of the keen-edged and delicate French wit, and have taken to bludgeons. The fair Parisiennes even, it is said, have lost the unerring taste in dress, which almost made every Frenchwoman charming. Literature has deteriorated, and nothing is said to remain the same but the worst features of Parisian conceit and braggadocio.

"Harper's" for July comes to us as attractive as ever. The article on "West Point" is full of interest, we should suppose not only to soldiers, but to ladies, for, apropos of accomplishments in general, we find the following passage:—"For years dancing was an elective accomplishment. Observant officers noted that, as a rule, only those cadets who danced were apt to seek the society of ladies, and everyone knows that, in forming the manners of a gentleman, association with refined and cultured women is indispensable. Hence the now inflexible rule that every cadet must learn to dance, as he does to ride, fence, shoot, spar and swim, and, before he begins his long tussel with mathematics and science, the embryo soldier is turned over to the daily ministrations of a 'Turveydrop.'"

King George of the Tonga Islands, who seems to be somewhat of a reformer, having embraced Christianity, desires to persuade his subjects to the same step. His ideas of persuasion, however, seem to be modelled on those of Charlemagne and St. Olaf of Norway. Wesleyan Methodism having commanded itself to his taste, His Majesty ordered all his subjects to become Wesleyans. They rebelled, and the dusky monarch was only deterred from a war of extermination by the intercession of the Commander of an English gunboat, to which, to his credit, he yielded.

Civilization is turning many things topsy-turvy in the South Sea Islands. The Hawaiian Sovereign also seems to have brought his kingdom to the verge of a revolution. His Majesty's ideas are likewise said to be spiritual, but not quite of the same kind of spiritualism as those of his brother sovereign. Perhaps they might more correctly be termed *spirituous*. The King is allowed to enter liquors without duty, and is thought to be a silent partner in certain Hawaiian grog shops. Here would appear to be a field for the energies of some of our enthusiastic prohibitionists.

We cannot refrain from reproducing the following touching appeal of Sir Arthur Helps, for consideration of our dumb fellow-creatures in their helplessness under the irresistible power, too often harshly wielded, of man:—"I can hardly express to you how much I feel there is to be thought of, arising from the use of the word dumb as applied to animals. 'Dumb Animals.' What an immense exhortation that is to pity. It is remarkable that this word 'dumb' should have been so largely applied to animals, for in reality there are very few dumb animals. But doubtless the word is often used to convey a larger idea than that of dumbness, namely, the want of power in animals to convey by sound to mankind what they feel, or perhaps I should rather say the want of power in men to understand the meaning of the various sounds uttered by animals which are mostly dumb, such as the horse, which, except on rare occasions, or in extreme suffering, makes no sound at all, but only expresses pain by certain movements indicating it. How tender we ought to be of them, and how observant of these movements, considering their dumbness. The human baby guides and governs us by its cries. In fact it will nearly rule a household by these cries, and woe would betide it if it had not this power of making its afflictions known. It is a sad thing to reflect upon, that the animal which has most to endure from man, is the one which has the least power of protesting by noise against any of his evil treatment."

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

We have received the Calendar and Catalogue of Mt. Allison College for 1887. It is very creditably got up, and contains every necessary information.

Fashionable female idiots in London are now said to be adopting a mode of coiffure called the "Indian," which is an imitation of the Squaws of the "Wild West Show," and is said to be "delightfully barbaric!"

Lovers of Shakespeare, and indeed all friends of English philology, will be glad to learn that Mr. John Bartlett, of Boston, is about to bring out a Shakespeare "Concordance." It will cover about 1600 pages of 8x11 in. Mr. Bartlett has previously done very valuable work in this direction in his Shakespeare "Phrase Book," published four or five years ago.

Says *Texas Siftings*:—"It seems strange that the Irish in America, who claim the largest liberty in holding public meetings and making parades, should exhibit such intolerance toward other nationalities attempting the same thing, as was the case in Boston when the English residents were celebrating the Queen's Jubilee at Faneuil Hall. Such exhibitions will not do for the Irish cause in this country."

The collapse of the Chicago wheat-rings must be regarded with satisfaction. All rings and corners are bad, but that which tries, for its own greed, to raise the cost of the staple of life is peculiarly iniquitous. Corners are almost as bad as boycotting and trades-union tyranny; and, as the London *Jobe* puts it, they "are speculations for the enrichment of the few at the expense of the many, which latter have, therefore, every excuse to rejoice when they collapse."

The *Times*, apparently with undue precipitation, has charged Cardinal Manning and Archbishop Walsh with being Separatists. The venerable Cardinal replies with spirit and effect, both for himself and the Archbishop, denying the truth of the accusation in well chosen terms, and concludes as follows:—"If, sir, I have written with unusual warmth, I confess that I hold that resentment is sometimes a duty, and this is such a time, when our words touch our highest responsibility, and inflame more the heated condition between two peoples whom justice and truth would still bind in peace and unity. I ask you, sir, as an act of justice, to give this as prominent a place in the *Times* as you have given to the unhappy imputations."