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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Many French expressions have found their way into our language, and we now accept without comment such words as *cabled*, *banquetted*, *encored*, *guaranteed*, but the latest introduction can be pleasing neither to ourselves nor to the nation from whom we have borrowed the phrase. In an account of the recent Homestead riot some intrepid reporter actually states that the detectives had been "*rendezvous'd*." Next!

The electric crane which will shortly be in use at the World's Fair is a most ingenious invention. Chairs are attached to the cranes, and the sight-seer by seating himself in one, will be immediately lifted far above the heads of the crowd, and carried the length of the great Machinery Hall. The bird's eye view that can be obtained in this way must be most interesting. The cranes are also of great practical service, as they will be used in placing various heavy articles in the exhibition.

In the United States each state legislature elects two senators, but this system does not work altogether satisfactorily, and a widespread movement is now on foot having in view such an alteration in the Federal constitution as will place the election of senators beyond the control of state legislatures. The Canadian system of government appointments to the senate for life has no attractions for the citizens of the United States, and it is probable if any constitutional change is made that it will be in the direction of the French system of election for a term of years by senatorial districts.

When Halifax gets its big summer hotel we may look for the influx of a class of visitors such as now fill the great hotels at Newport and Saratoga. These are people with long purses, who take their summer outings in families, and who take their rooms at the hotel for a period extending over weeks. This makes it an essential that the hotel should be situated in a locality where the boating and bathing are easily accessible. At the same time, in view of the hotel being utilized by our citizens during the winter season, it should not be at too great a distance from the business portion of the city.

Pasteur's treatment for hydrophobia has hitherto been preventative in its nature, that is, his inoculations have been set to run their race with the virus deposited by the rabid animal, and the great majority of his cases have

had a successful issue. For the last six weeks, Italian doctors have been much interested in a young peasant at the Pasteur Institute, Bologna, whose treatment was begun four days after the date of injury. Notwithstanding all efforts, the disease of hydrophobia having obtained a head start, could not be overtaken by the ordinary methods. Prof. Murri, a young professor at the Institute, as a last resort, injected the Pasteurian virus directly into a vein, and, for the past two weeks, the patient has been on the high road to recovery. The whole medical world are interested in the novel cure.

Mr. Gladstone has been returned to power by a fair working majority, but it will require all his skill and ability to hold together the incongruous elements of his party. The Grand Old Man now has probably his last chance to give to Ireland a fair measure of home rule, and his judgment will be severely taxed in defining to a nicety what the limit of the measure shall be. If it falls short of the McCarthyite programme his majority will quickly be reversed. But if its limit goes beyond the outline he has already made public, there will be dissonances among his Liberal followers. Gladstone's great age, the importance of the questions to be solved, and the composite nature of his support, make the position of the G. O. M. one of the most critical during his life.

There is a lot of kindly human feeling in this good old city by the sea. Any appeal for help finds a response from our many rich citizens, while those less blessed with this world's goods are quite prepared to give a portion of their limited incomes. Many kindly comments have been made on the names appearing in the newspaper lists of subscribers to the fund for the relief of the sufferers by the St. John fire. One after another of our prominent men have answered the roll-call with a handsome sum—many citizens have given through other channels—and all have experienced the pleasing sense of being able to assist in some measure those who without help would be in bitter need. Charity like mercy is "twice blessed. It blesseth him that gives and him that takes."

The death of Cyrus W. Field is calling forth many recollections of the stirring life of this prince among men. In spite of disappointments which would have daunted a weaker man he carried out successfully his scheme for uniting America and Europe by means of the Atlantic cable. The lad who was once glad to accept a position as clerk in A. T. Stewart's dry goods store at the princely salary of \$2.00 a week, had, at a later date, his millions to invest as he pleased. He has been known as a paper-merchant, as a founder of the elevated road of New York City, but, far above all, he has been known as a wise and just steward of the wealth entrusted to him. Last year the crime and arrest of his son, Edward W. Field, cut the old man to the quick. Since then "the world has been too bitter for him," and he has been seen but little in public, but for generations the silent usefulness of his great brain will be felt.

The Christian Endeavor Societies of Canada have been petitioning the House of Commons that the Canadian sections of the World's Fair shall be closed on Sunday. The Government, while in full sympathy with the request, has been unable to give a definite answer, as the Managing Committee at the Exhibition will have power, under Congress, to open and close the Fair. If the Sunday closing proviso in the "World's Fair Appropriation Bill" is accepted by Congress the many societies will have gained their point, but if the Fair is to be closed on Sunday some provision should be made for the attendance of the workmen of Chicago and neighboring cities. Many laborers would attend on Sunday who would not be able otherwise to afford losing a day's wages. By all means some arrangement should be made for the benefit of the workmen, for it is not likely that such an opportunity will again come so nearly within their reach.

The results of the recent elections in Ireland proved pretty conclusively that Parnell's name has been relegated to a secondary place, and that the people of Ireland have resolved not to let the great cause which they have espoused be overshadowed by even the name of Parnell. For every Parnellite elected, seven McCarthyites have been returned to Parliament. This result is attributed by the Parnellites to undue clerical influence, but due or undue, it is a well-known fact that the Irish home rule movement has had the sympathy and support of the clergy of the Roman Catholic Church. In fact much of the success of the Parnellite party has been due to that support, and it ill becomes the followers of Parnell to raise a hue and cry about clerical influence when they and their dead leader owe so much to that influence. If the Parnellites have forfeited the confidence and support of the Roman Catholic clergy in Ireland, they have no just reason to complain when that confidence and support is extended to Justin McCarthy and his followers.