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THE SUGGESTION ADOPTED.

"A three year old girl in New York State the other day attempted to sew up the mouth of her baby brother to prevent him from crying. Certain members of Parliament might, with advantage to the country, be treated in the same way."—*Mail, Thursday, 24th Jan.*



PARLIAMENTARY LANGUAGE.

"Piggery Cook is very likely to become a Parliamentary phrase."—*Mail, Monday, 28th Jan.*

The statement is ventured that King Alphonso will soon have to fight for his crown. But if he is wise he will pawn the blooming bauble and come over to this country to spend the proceeds. Or else he'll tie it up in a bag and take to the swamp till the trouble blows over. Don't you go into the scraping business, Alph., old boy, even if you have to crawl under the nearest barn to avoid it.

Already the agitation of the *News* is yielding real results. Here is a Barrie literary society discussing "the advisability of appointing our own citizens to the Governor-Generalship of Canada." A definite conclusion has, however, been postponed for a week. Probably there is more than one candidate for the office in Barrie, or maybe the society wants to give some other town a show. There appears to be nothing hoggish about Barrie folks.

Judges across the borders are going to adopt the wig and gown, with the idea of giving more tone to judicial proceedings. This is a move in the right direction. The bench should be surrounded by all possible dignity and *empresment*. Every wearer of the ermine in the States ought to be robed in a style appropriate to his exalted office, as is the case in this country and England. They ought also to buy their own tobacco and quit begging from the lawyers and constables.

According to an extract from the *Mail*, which is going the rounds of the press, "catarrh is a mus-purulent discharge." *Mail* editorials are illustrations in point.

Now that we have learned, through the Canadian Institute, all about "the nervous system of the catfish," it would be interesting for some able savant to give us a little on "the Nervous System of the Fisherman who undertakes to get the Hook out of a Catfish without knowing exactly how."

When the news reached Toronto that the Arabs were attacking the Copts in Egypt a No. 2 policeman suggested a convention to discuss the probability of a call on the city force to help their Egyptian brethren. "We helped the Ottawa cops," he argued, "and why shouldn't we be asked to give these other cops a hand?"

A Newspaper reporter hard up for items will take almost anything. But it isn't every one that will emulate the example of a London, England, scribe. While nosing around for news he took small-pox. And you could not find another reporter who wanted to share it with him, either. He had a clean scoop that trip. After this he can be pitted against any other man in the profession.

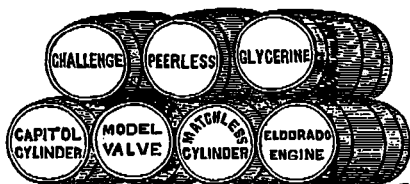
A city butcher thinks he could write an essay on "People we meat."

The most honored guest in a Swiss hotel is the courier. For him the best cigars and wines are furnished and the best food and accommodation kept. The Swiss "drummer" never enjoys his rights till he gets a job in this country.

A seeker after information wants to know "when two young men call on a young lady which should be the first to go?" We have seen the time when we and the other fellow could have gone away together and the girl wouldn't have cared which one got out of the door first. —*Salem Sunbeam.*

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