



IRELAND'S EVIL GENIUS.

(F. Graetz in Puck.)

stingy in money towards Napoleon there would have been no *coup d'état*.

All these great events of history were due to the merest accidents—so the chroniclers go on to prove beyond a doubt. Of course, going further back it might also have been nicely pointed out that (1) If Columbus hadn't gone skirmishing around there wouldn't have been any America to enjoy the little unpleasantness of a civil war. (2) If India had been traded off for a chunk out of Europe the

colored troops might never have been created and drilled up into capital condition for killing the white forces. (3) If Nap. had gone into partnership with some such firm as Ward & Grant he would not have known what it was to be hard up. But of course this is not strictly keeping the idea sought to be conveyed right in front. That everything which happens is a matter of accident and might or might not transpire, as the case may be—just as the wind happens to blow, or your note falls

due at the bank, or country friends call on you, or someone steals your dog. Everything's chance, of the commonest brand.

Let us illustrate:

Suppose James Beaty had sold out his *Leader* there would never have been any *Mail* building and consequently Hon. Mr. Fraser would never have got off his incomparable and immortal denunciation of "the Brawling Brood of Bribers hatched out under the eaves of the *Mail* building!"