



A STAY-AT HOME TOURIST.

LONGEED—"I can understand about the labels; but—er how many times did you throw it down stairs to give it that travelled appearance?"

coming, so that it will have to remain unenforced for some time. Such a law is a disgrace to a civilized government, especially one pretending to be a democracy; and our restrictions on Chinese immigration are no credit to us. The proper way to deal with the admitted evils caused by the presence of a large Chinese population is the rigid enforcement of sanitary regulations and laws against the vices to which they are addicted. Western civilization, or what passes by that name, is more to blame than the Chinese, for permitting the abominations of the Chinese quarters in San Francisco and other Pacific coast cities.

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IT is highly desirable to obtain a purer source of water supply than we enjoy at present, but the people of Toronto should be on their guard against a crowd of greedy, pertinacious and unscrupulous franchise-hunters and adventurers, who are seeking to take advantage of the situation and put through some scheme by which the supplying of water will be handed over to a private corporation. One point ought always to be insisted on, that whatever is done to secure better water must be

done by the city and no set of private speculators allowed to enrich themselves out of a franchise which would place the citizens at their mercy for a long term. If it were understood that the work were to be a civic undertaking quite a number of the sharks and schemers who are now so vociferous in their demands for pure water would lose all interest in the subject. City water is not as pure as it might be, but there is every reason to believe that a great deal of exaggeration is indulged in by the agents or promoters of syndicates, having a big grab in view.

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THERE is no bigger blackguard in the world than the English "gentleman" as soon as his social supremacy or special privileges are threatened. Time and again have the representatives of the aristocratic and cultivated classes in periods of political excitement, when they thought their prerogative in danger, conducted themselves after a fashion of which Whitechapel roughs might be ashamed. In hooting and hissing Mr. Gladstone on his appearance at the Imperial Institute as the