TOUT SORTE DE CHOSES.

The capital required to build the proposed ship canal to Manchester, England, is £8,000,-

DR. LOW'S WORM SYRUP WILL TO move Worms and Cause, quicker than mmy other Medicine.

The quantity of ice shipped from Norwegian ports in 1882 was 227,000 tons, the lar-

The most discouraging Cough, as well as Bronchitis and Hoarseness, yield at once to the influence of DOWN'S ELIXIB. Pamphlets free. Send address to Henry, Johnsons & Lord, Montreal, Que.

The city authorities of New Orleans are discussing the propriety of texing telephone poles \$5 a year spiece.

MATIONAL PILLS purify the Blood regulate Stomach, Liver and Bowels. The export of dismonds from the Cape netween Aug. 1 and Nov. 30, inclusive,

amounted in value to less than \$5,000. Holloway's Pills The stomach and its more unhappiness than is commonly supposed. The thousand tils that settle there may be prevented or dislodged by the judictors use of these purifying Pills, which act as a sure, gentle anti-acid aperient, without annoying the nerves of the most cusceptible er irritating the most delicate organization. Eclloway's Pills will bestow comfort and confer relief on every readachy, dyspeptic and sickly sufferer, whose tortures make him a burden to bimself and a bugbear to his friends. There Pills have long been the popular remedy for a weak stomach, for a dis-

purifying, and tonic qualities. Last year, in the United States, there were on an average two murders and one suicide a day, and two hangings and one lynching a

ordered liver, or a paralysed digestion, which yield without difficulty to their regulating,

FOR NETTLE BASH, Itching Piles Ringworm Eruptions, and all Skin discases, use Prof. Low's Salphur Scap

A traveler remarks that he knows " lots of American ladies that happen to prefer Paris without a husband, to any American city with one.' The sudden change in temperature from a

to account for many serious pulmonary allments. European physicians have recommended JOHNSON'S FLUID BEEF, and it is now the correct thing at fashionable parties to have it served bot in the ball as guests

At Dayton, Ohio, Daniel Saunders cut a cherry tree and took it into the house for a Christmas tree. The warmth inside brought ent but and flowers, and the tree is still a beautiful show of blossoms.

DESTROY THE WORMS or they may destroy the children. Use Freeman's Worm Powders, they expel all kinds of

Two weeks more and the cemet of 1812 can be seen with the naked eye. It is now mearly as bright as a sor of the fourth magmitude, and is rapidly growing brighter.

Pleasant as syrop; nothing equals it as a worm medicine; the name is Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator.

In Salt Lake the sidewalks are twenty feet wide. This, the Troy Times thinks, is to permit a man's widows to walk abreast instead of n couples when going to his foneral. Give Holloway's Corn Onto a trial. It re-

moved ten corns from one pair of feet without

"American bars" are ct " 'ere taking ordinary cafe in Paris, ju-...os have taken the place of aristocratic costs.

Alexis Cyr, of Grant Isle, Aroostook Co. Maine, writes :- "Having used Northrop & Lyman's valuable Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil with Hypophosphites of Lime and Soda, and derived great benefit from it, I take the libwity of asking you for quotetions, and also whether you would be willing to give me the agency for this place, as I am confident there would be a large sale for it in this vicinity when its merits were made known.

A Maine priest was made to pay duty the other day on his cassock, which he bought in Unnada. Had his church ordered it, it would have come in free.

TROSE Twin Fors to bodily comfort, Dyspepsia and Biliousness, yield when war is waged against them with Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Oure. Its use also insures the removal of Kidney and Uterine maladies, and promotes unobstructed action of the bowels. The purity of its ingredients is another point in its favor. As a blood purifier it has no equal. It is also a great favorite with the ladies. *_*

Strawberries are in the market at Savannah, Ga., at \$1 per basket, and the basket doesn't hold a quarter peck, either.

To lessen mortality and stop the inroads of disease, use Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure. For all discases arising from Impure Blood, such as Pimples, Blotches, Bilioueness, Indigestion, etc., etc., it has no equal. Mrs. Thomas Smith, Eim, writes: "I am using this medicine for Dyspepsia; I have tried many remedies, but this is the only one that has done mae any good."

More than 3,000,000 tress were planted in | phe Fund, now amount to \$3,305. Froat Britain during the season of 1881-82.

W. W. McLellan, Lyn, N.S., writes: "I was afflicted with rheumatism, and had given up all hopes of a cure. By chance I saw Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil recommended. I immediately sent (filty miles) and purchased four bottles, and with only two applications I was able to get around, and although I have not used one bottle, I am nearly well. The other three bottles I gave around to my neighbors, and I have so many calls for more, that I feel bound to relieve the affiloted by writing 29,000 head of cattle and 400 horses for \$600,to you for a supply."

Paris is again enjoying Italian opera after an interval of several years.

C. A. Livingstone, Plattaville, says: " I have much pleasure in recommending Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oll, from having used it myself, and having sold it for some time. In my own case I will say for it that it is the best preparation I have ever tried for rheu.

A woman, of Sharon, Ga., has actually

laughed herself to death. the hair and promotes its growth. It imparts an attractive appearance, a delightful and lasting perfume. While it stimulates the roots, cleanses the scalp and adds olegance to luxuriance, its effects are enduring, and thus it proves itself the best and cheap. est article for toilet use.

Two things, says King Alienso, are deeply rooted in the Spanish character. They are

antipathy to France and hatred of the Moore. The "four-mile law" is being enforced in Tennessee. It seems that a saloon shall not be operated within four miles of a schoolhouse, and is a virtual prohibition.

The Denver newspapers have opened war on the Chinese there.

One voice all over the land goes up from mothers, that says, "My daughters are so feeble and sad, with no strength, all out of breath and life at the least exertion. What can we do for them?" The answer is simple and full of hope. One to four weeks use of Hop Bitters will make them healthy, rosy, sprightly, and cheerful.

A Birmingham (Conn.) factory Equecase out 2,000 corsets per day.

The most recent scientific discoveries have shown that Fruit ! uices are beneficial, ii not necessary, to the human system. The GOLDEN FRUIT BITTERS act as a wonderiul tonic, making pure blood, clear brain, and healthy working of the entire nervous system. Sold by all druggists.

Osoar Wilde is said to have met his affianced at one of his lectures in Liverpool, she being one of the dozen people in attendance.

CAUTION. We advise all who are afflicted with a cough or cold to beware of opiates and all medicines that smother and check a cough suddenly, as serious results surely follow. Hagyard's Pectoral Balsam loosens and breaks up coughs and colds in a safe and @ effectual manner.

It is charged in New York that frauds have been perpetrated in the grading of wheat, both at that city and at Toledo.

From the published reports of the various asylums in the United States, it appears that within the last ten years the number of insane persons has nearly doubled.

A GREAT SOURCE OF EVIL.

Every farmer will admit that one of the most destructive evils to good crops is that of worms or parasites that prey upon vegetable life; other species of worms inject the human system and are productive of much enffering and ill health. Freeman's Worm Powders will effectually rid the system of this trouble, are pleasant to take and contain their own cathartic.

A millionaire Calliornian died the other day just as he was about to start a new daily heated ball room to the chill midnight air has in San Francisco and thereby saved his for-

TRIED IN TORONTO.

Mrs. Mary Thompson, of Toronto, reports the removal of eight feet of taps worm by the Worm Syrup. This medicine is reliable for all kinds of worms that afflict children or adults.

The "homeless metropolis" is the name given New York by the Pittsburg Dispatch.

NEW BOOKS.—THE LIFE OF MARTIN LUTHER, by Rev. Wm. Stang, 2 mo. 112 pp Price, free mail, 25 cents.

SHORT MEDITATIONS to aid plous souls in the BHORT MEDITATIONS to the process of the process of

The capital required to build the proposed ship canal to Manchester, England, is £8,000,-

THE HON. BILLA FLINT, Life Senator of the Dominion Parliament

Belleville, Ontario, Canada, writes: "I tried St. Jacobs Oil for ague in my face and toothache. It noted like a charm. A few times rubbing with it took away all soreness and she place of the wine sho. ... even of the pain; far better than having them drawn at the age of seventy-seven."

> which was included in the programme of the recent tenants' ball at Sandringham.

> A REMARKABLE RESULT. W. A. Edgars, of Frankville, was a terrible sufferer from Ohronic Kidney and Liver Complaint, and at one time was so bad that his lite was despaired of. He was cured by four bottles of Burdock Blood Bitters.

The prohibition of American bacon is producing a scarcity of the meat supply in

A COMMON ANNOYANCE.

Many people suffer from distressing att-cks of slok headache, nausea and other billous troubles, who might easily be cured by Burdock Blood Bitters. It cured Lottie Howard, of Buffalo, N.Y., of this complaint, and she hath often said the same thing to me. troubles, who might easily be cured by Burpraises it highly.

A tumult was created in the Spanish Cortes yesterday a member declaring that the Republicans would not support the monarchy.

DO NOT BE DUPED.

A recently advertised and bighly puffed remedy for deafness has lately been exposed as an unmitigated fraud. Not so with Hagyard's Yellow Oil; none name it but to praise. John Clark, of Millbridge, testifies that it and wept like a child. cured him of desiness.

The total subscriptions received by the Mayor of Toronto for the Railway Catastro-

HORSFORD'S ACID PHOS-PHATE FOR SION HEADACHE.

Dr. N. S. Read, Chicago, says: "I think it is a remedy of the highest value in many forms of mental and nervous exhaustion, attended by sick headache, dyspepsia and diminished vitality."

000 cash.

A firm in Denver a few days ago purchased

Loss and Gain. CHAPTER I. "I was taken sick a year ago With billous fever."

" My doctor pronounced me cured, but I got sick again, with terrible pains in my back and sides, and I got so bad I Could not move

I shrunk From 228 lbs. to 120! I had been doctor-Ayer's Hair Vigor improves the beauty of ing for my liver, but it did me no good. I did not expect to live more than three months, I began to use Hop Bitters. Directly my ap-bowing lowly, and kissing the very petite returned, my pains left me, they entire ground in the depths of his humble gratisystem seemed renewed as if by magic, and after using several bottles I am not only as sound as a sovereign, but weigh more than I did before. To Hop Bitters I owe my life,"

Dublin, June 6, '81. B. FITZPATRICE.
How to Get Sick.—Expose yourself day and night; eat too much without exercise; work too hard without rest; doctorall the time; take all the vile nostrums advertised, and then you will want to know how to get well, which is answered in three words-Take Hop Bitters!

It is stated on the authority of Mr. Broadley, the eminent English lawyer who defended Arabi Pasha, that Mesars. Bennett and Barnum actually offered £250,000 for him, the Egyptian rebel to get £1,000 to himself. Mr. Brunett wished the services of Arabi, first, as a correspondent for twelve months, and then to hand him over to Barnum. The offer was made to Lord Dufferin.

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OUR HABITS AND OUR OLIMATE. All persons leading a sedentary and inso tive life are more less subject to derangements of the Liver and Stomack . neglected in a changeable climato Ili purs, leads to chronic disease and ultimete : sery. An occasional dose of McGalo's Butternut Pills, will stimulate the & Er to healthy action, tone up the Star land Digestive Organs, thereby giving like and vigor to the system generally. For sale : very-There. Price, 25c per box, five boxes \$ i.00. Mailed free of postage on receipt of price in money or postage stamps.—B. E. McGale, ohemist, Montreal. 95 tf

No Norwegian girl is allowed to have a beau until she can bake bread and knit stockings, and, as a consequence, every girl can bake and knit long before she can read or write, and she doesn't have to be coaxed into her industry, either.

Carter's Little Liver Piles have no equal as a prompt and positive cure for Sick Headache, Billoueness, Constipation, Pain in the Side, and all Liver Troubles. Try them. 2 tts

The great rural park of the City of Boston will be completed by the purchase of the remainder of the 500 acres, if the Olty Council grants the Park Commissioners the \$500,000 they ask for the work. This sum will make the unimproved land worth \$1,100,000.

EPPB'S COCOA-GRATEFUL AND COMPORTING. _aBy a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of diges-tion and nutrition, and yet by a careful application of the fine properties of well selected Cocca Mr. Epps has provided our breakfast tables with a delicately flavored beverage, which may save us many heavy doctors' bills. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every tendency to disease. Hundreds of subtle maladies are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We may escape many a fatal shaft by keeping ourselves well fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished trame."—Civil Service Gazette. Made simply with boiling water or use of one bottle of Dr. Low's Pleasant wilk. Sold only in packets and tins (\$\frac{1}{2}\$ lb Worm Syrup. This medicine is reliable for and 1 lb) by grocers, labelted—"James Epps & Co., Homocopathic Chemists, London, Eng-

CHAPTER XXXVI-(Continued.) Nay, nay, responded the knight, shaking

his head, "I cannot admit the force of that reasoning-and yet, I must confess, circumstances are somewhat in its favor."

"Well, well, niver mind; we'll settle that again, sir, some other time, sir. Maybe lt's betther for me now to look about for some place to sleep in regard i' yer bein' fatagued afther this throuble."

Sir Geoffrey looked at Beddy as if he did not comprehend clearly the meaning of his worde.

"Well, I know that, sir," muttered Reddy, in reply to the old man's thoughts. It's phard thing for one to bring himself to think that he's driven out of his own house." " Houseless," whispered the knight.

land.

"And oblidiess, maybap." S Not at all sir

the throuble come over us; and I'll warrint ye tould the Blissed Virgin to take care av her for ye. So don't be the laste afeard,

"But Plimpton, thou forgettest him, I sup-

pose." "He darn't harm her, sir. There's that in her face that id save her from the greatest villate in the world."

"What's the, Reddy—her modesty?"
"I can't tell ye well what it is sir; but somehow I niver could look at her myself without feelin' the good thoughts comin' over me, jist for all the world as I ust to feel, long ago, afore the piothur i' the Blissed Virgin in the

ould chapal i' Tubbernssiggart." And indeed, Boddy, I thought myself I never saw so pure and beautiful a creature in all my life. Mayhap it's a shame for me to speak so of my own daughter, only I don't with the Earl of Lenox, I am a wanderer and claim any thing for myself, for all her beauty and goodness comes from ner mother. O dear, O dear! what shall I do now, Beddy?" he continued, suddenly changing his tone, as the thought of his wife's tomb in the burning chapel shot across his mind-it's all a

wreck and a ruin now." And the heartbroken old man buried his face in the grass, Raddy sat there for a while, suffering this first burst of grief and sorrow to exhaust it-self, and shedding many a silent tear over the prostrate body of his master.

At length when the old man's sobs had ceased, Reddy rose and truched Sir Geoffrey on the shoulder. "Ome, sir," he said, bending down and speaking to him in a whisper, "Wo must go."
"Go! and hath it come to this at last?

said the knight, turning on the grass and looking up at the burning pile. "See, the roof of the library is falling in. O, what a orash it makes! just as if it knew I was here, and felt all the weight of it on my heart. Ay, that's the last of it, Reddy. Brockton Hall is no more. Look! that shower of sparks is all that remains now of the once etately mansion of the Wentworths. But God's will be done, who doth everything for the best. I am an old man, Reddy," he added, rising slowly up on one knee and then upon the other, "an outcast and a beggar. I am driven on the world's cold charity-robbed of all the earthly goods I once possessed; but, God of Heaven, I thank thee," he cried, still kneeling on the green sod and raising up his hands to heaven-" I thank thee that one treasure yet remains, which no tyrant can reach nor persecutor violate. God, O God, I bless thee," he continued,

deer Son hath planted—the spotless lily of my faith." Reddy could no longer restrain himself. The grandeur of the old man's soul, revealing itself thus under its weight of siffiction, overpowered him, and he turned away to

tuee-"I bless thee, that in my old heart

here, there still remains one green spot.

where blooms that divine flower which thy

give vent to his feelings in tears. "Come," said the knight, rising now in his turn, and approaching Reddy; "as thou group.

sayest, let us go. But ab, how's this?-art thou weeping too?".

"Weeping-me-O, no; it was only some foolish thoughts," he replied, raising his still bleeding hand to wipe his cheeks. "And where shall we go?"

"To Upton, I suppose. There's an Irlshman there who'll take us in—one Jimmy McCarthy, on uncle's son i' mine." "Hush," interrupted Sir Geoffrey;

there's some one near the stables." "Ab, that's Houghton; he's in search iv us -come, let's steal down by the garden wall."
"But the books," whispered the knight, holding back and looking at Reddy supplicatingly.

" Niver mind the books, sir; we'll find them the morrow."

" Nay, I shall feel lonely without something to remind me of Brockton. If I had but one book-just to freshen my old memories-'twould be a kind of link, Reddy." "O. bedad, we darn't, sir; it I ventured back Houghton would see us."

"O dear me," ejaculated the old man sadly; "must every the be broken? Is there nothing left to me of all I once loved?" "Come," said Reddy, foreibly dragging the knight away; "come, sir, think of Misthress Alice, and don't be lookin' back that way. Shure it's God's will, and it can't be helped now." And thus saying he disappeared, leading the broken-hearted old man into the deep shadow of the garden wall.

eyebrowe.

CHAPTER XXXVII. As the Lord James Stewart, the far-famed Prior of St. Andrew's, advanced to the bar of the council board, with a slow and steady step, his eye was busy scanning every face in reasons advanced for these charges against the assembly, from under his grim and bushy

and square, and a chest full and round as heavy; his hair cropped to the skuli, like a monk's, and his beard, short and bristly, pointed out over the high, stiff collar of his to this protegee of France and Spain?" cless-buttoned jerkin and the narrow ruffles that overtopped it. The color of his dress, too, seemed in keeping with his charscter, being dark, rough, and without ornament, save a few patches of black braid worked on the breast and arms of his sombre the remark too insignificant for a verbal doublet. Never was there a more striking reply. picture of cold-blooded treachery than his dark, lazy, blood-shot eye, and his compress- of Murray to the French interests in Scotonce the betrayor, the avenger, and the fanatic.

Every voice in the council chamber hushed as he approached. Even those of the cabi- they awaited the termination of her manet who stood highest in the queen's con- jesty's questions and answers before they fidence, and were therefore most likely interposed to settle the difficulty; or, to be best informed of his true position and it might be, they suspected the standing with her majesty, instinctively drew queen had come to some private underback in their seats, as if they would retreat standing with the earl touching the gerous a presence. Cecil leared his elbow the council sat silent, and looked like men on the table and covered his face with his hands, and the lord admiral the Earl of Lin- the queen's own management. coin folded his arms and looked at the bold and unabashed traitor as if he could have ordered him to the gallows. The Spanish and ing lazily from face to face, as if he were cal-French ambassadors smiled and whispered to culating at his leisure the amount of support each other on the right of the royal chair, and he might promise himself from each indivi-Melville's countenance, as he glanced at the | dual round the council board. queen and then at the earl, showed how silly he regarded the conduct of Elizabeth, in the poor shift she was then making to deceive the world, as to her complicity with this infamous man. Sir Nicholas Bacon was the only one of the privy council who cared to turn an encouraging look upon the earl. In-deed, his inveterate, antipathy to the unfortunate Queen of Scots would have prompted him, perhaps, at that moment, to shake the | this affair of Dunfries, where thou hast apearl by the hand, were it even covered by the blood of his royal sister.

obelsance to the queen, the latter, turning sense of dignity, to address thee a question away her eyes as if in disgust, promptly de- in our own defence. was him put it in her heart to lave before manded his object in soliciting a private interview.

"I came an extle to crave your majesty's protection," replied Murray; "nothing more."

"And how cometh it thou'rt an exile, my

lord?" "For having esponsed the cause of God, against the powers of darkness," please your

majesty. "Ab, that should be small reason for thy banishment, methinks, and especially from thy sister's realm."

"I need not inform your majesty, that the Queen of Scotland hath ever looked on me as an enemy to her person and throne, since 1 abjured the Catholic faith; albeit she bath at times permitted me to do her service with the disaffected poblity of her kingdom. But now that I have risked my life in the cause of peace and truth, and essayed to save the country from the bloodshed and civil war which must necessarily come of her marriage a suppliant at your majesty's feet."

"Ay, marry, thou turnest rebel and traitor to thine anointed and lawful sovereign, and then fleest hither to her loving cousin and best friend for protection. By our royal word, this is strange, Bir Earl."

" Nay, please your most gracious majesty, if thon'lt only think. I meant but to coerce the Queen of Scots to sign the treaty of Edinburgh, and to abandon a project of marriage with the Lenox. In both of these measures your majesty should feel deeply interested; in the one, for the sake of a peaceful settlement of the question of the succession, and in the other for the sake of the well being of the Peotestant church, of which your majesty is the pillar and the strength. On these grounds alone do I come to seek protection under your majesty's throne." And the earl, resting his clasped hands on the table before him, bowed and awaited her majesty's pleasure.

"The grounds on which thou canst justify rebellion against thy lawful sovereign, or claim exemption from its penalty, must be stronger than these, my Lord Murray," replied the queen, turning to Sir Nicholas Bacon, as if she wished to hear his opinion of the matter. "Under your majesty's favor," observed the

latter, " I see not what higher or surer grounds your grace could expect his lordship to sue for protection." "It can never be the right of a subject to

levy war against his sovereign," contended Elizabeth; "and thou knowest that well, Sir Nicholas, for thou'st taught it in thy philesophies." 2 in Especially to levy war, at the instance and under the direct encouragement of the rival and enemy of that sovereign," muttered

a voice that seemed to proceed from the direction of the door near which Melville was standing, surrounded by haif a dozen foreign ambassadors. The words were evidently meant for the ears of the group only, but as it happened, they reached the queen's. "Hah," she ejaculated, darting a look at Melville, "who speaks there" Who dares,

in our hearing, to utter such a charge?" " I have spoken, please your majesty," responded Melville, seeing there was no possibility of escaping the difficulty, and advancing a step or two from the centre of the

"What, in our very hearing? By our reyal word, sir, thou dependent much on thy sacred

privilege." "I echoed but the general rumor, please answer was just what he had expected.
your majesty," replied the ambassador, bow"Humph! maybaps thou hast thyself ing respectfully.

" Ay, sayest thou so ?" "Truly, yes," continued Melville; " report saith, my lord earl here hath not only been encouraged to join the Lords of the Congregation, in levying war against the Queen of

members of the privy counsel. "And the presence here of the arch rebel himself, to claim a private audience of your majesty, would seem to confirm the report," persisted Melville.

"And pray what bath given rise to this ru-

mor?" demanded the queen.
"Doubtless the supposed hostility of your majesty to the Queen of Scots, and the frequent visits of Sir Thomas Plimpton, your majesty's confidential servant, to the Earl of MULTAY."

"Ab, indeed?"

"As also," pursued Melville, "the fact of the English ambassador at the Scotch court, one Master Thomas Bandolph, having been convicted of plotting the overthrow of the marriage of the queen with the Lord Darnley, that same being the very cause for which my Lord Murray is now a rebel and an exile."

"By our royal faith, this doth look someher honor. "No doubt there be letters also, and other such proofs of encouragement. He was now about his thirtieth year-a Hath report not yet spoken of such? tall and powerful man—with shoulders broad Hs, ha! thou shouldst search, sir; and square, and a chest full and round as thou shouldst search, and bring all that of a Hercules. His head was large and thy proofs of our guilt together. But what say my good Lord De Foys and the learned Marquis of Quadra, concerning my hostility

"That the intercourse between your gracious majesty and this rebellious earl bath given our respective sovereigns much cause

for evil thinking," replied De Foys. The queen nodded slightly, as if she thought

"And sincerely I regret to say, that the countenance exhibited on this occasion; his | mutual hostility of your majesty and the Earl ed, thinly-bearded lip, bespeaking him at land," pursued De Foys, "have not tended to alter public sentiment on the subject."

During all this by play, no one seemed disposed to interrupt the speakers. Perhaps

as far as possible from so awsome and dan- matter. Be that as it may, the members of who were quite satisfied to leave the affair to Murray, the while, stood before them firm and collected—his dark, dreamy eye wander-

At last, after a dead silence of a few seconds,

ing lazily from face to face, as if he were cal-

the queen suddenly turned to speak to Mur-"My lord earl," she said, "we would fain terminate this foolish display of questions and answers; first, because it fatigueth ue, and secondly, because it seemsth hardly respectful to our royal self. And yet, much as we are dissatisfied with thy conduct in peared in open arms against thy lawful sovereign, the which no earthly cause can As the burly Purltan made his protound justify, we nathless must prevail over our

The earl bowed his head reverently and

listened. "The answer I expect from thee, my lord. is not intended to prejudice thy suit, for on that point we have already decided .-but rather to free our royal self from the charge of complicity with thee and thy lawless associates in the hearing of these three gentlemen, of France, Spain and Scotland. We therefore command thee to declare at whose instigation thou hast taken up arms against Mary Stuart, our royal cousin of

Scotland." "At that of my conscience alone, please

your majesty," replied Murray.
"What! hast had none to advise or coun-

sel thee to this step? "I myself, your grace, was the first to conceive the project. Others, whom I may not here name, have afterwards become my associates and abetters."

"From whence didst thou obtain money for the expenses of this unjust and most wicked undertaking? Listen, my lords, and weigh well his answer," she added, looking towards the foreign ambasssdors.

"We needed not much store of gold, please your grace, the country itsel most willing to eustain so holy a cause." "Nay, answer me roundly, Sie Earl. Bath

this rebellion received foreign and la money, and from whence?" "From the Netherlands, your majesty." "Hast received aught of encouragement

from the Queen of England?" "None whatever," replied the earl, with out the slightest change of countenance.

"Neither in gold, nor by letter?" "Neither." Here there was a general movement amongst the members of the council; and their long-drawn breaths were distinctly heard, as if each one had just felt the orisis had passed. The queen looked about her for an instant, to see what impression the earl's words produced, and then leaning her elbow on the table, she pressed her handkerchief

a minute or two. m" My good lords," she said at length, look. ing up tearfully, "we are but a woman, and must naturally feel aggrieved by such foul charges against our honor. Pardon us.

to her eyes, and kept it there for the space of

casting his eyes down upon the table, as if he felt ashamed of the queen for humbling herself so far as to olear her honor of so absurd an imputation - "I would earnestly brave your majesty to dismiss this assem-

"Nay, nay, Bir William," she replied smilour royal cousin's youthful enjoy, will charge us, mayhap, with making pretexts to evade

inquiry into this ungracious affair. ports,) that thou hast received neither gold divinity-or a painter, exhibiting some flamnor other encouragement from us, to further

this rebellious rising."
"I have declared it," replied the earl," and do again most solemnly declare it in this Harlow, standing on a wagoner's cart, and presence."

"What sayest thou to that, Sir James Melville?' demanded the queen.

The latter bowed, and said the earl's Humph! mayhaps thou hast thyself some questions to put to his lordship," she observed, with a triumphant sucer, which all her efforts to affect the humble and injured woman could not entirely suppress.

"Nay," responded the young but crafty courties. "I did think of begging the Scots, but hath also been supplied with gold from her majesty's coffers, for that purpose."

"A right weighty charge, my lords,"said Elizabeth, smiling, and looking round at the many weeks ago, and if he hath many weeks ago, and if he hath yet recovered a straying letter addressed to him by a good friend at Hampton Court, touching the arrest and imprisonmens of one Mary Stuart, and intrusted to this same messenger, Sir Thomas Plimpton; but I fear me the questions would so discomfit the noble earl as to make him trip in the anewering."

"I know of no gold conveyed to me by Sir Thomas Plimpton," replied the earl, "nor heard I anght of letters from a good friend at Hampton Court. And I do further declare, that her majesty of England hath given no encouragement, directly or indirectly, to me or any other of the Scottish lords, in so far as hath become known unto me, touching this late brawl; and herein I call God and my conscience to bear witness to the truth."
This was the declaration Elizabeth longed

to slicit, but which she feared to press for, lest the earl might happen to hesitate, and thus mar her plan. From the beginning she was fully satisfied he would readily exculpate her from all direct interference; but respecting the secret overtures made him through Plimpton, she was not so sanguine.

It was therefore with a feeling of inex-pressible satisfaction she heard him boldly and unreservedly exempt her from all participation in the odious rebellion. Seeing he was now fairly caught in the trap, she suddenly rose up, and to the astonishment of all present, deliberately ordered him to quit her presence, as a traitor and a rebel. Murray stared at her in ams zement.

Melville laughed, and DeFoys and Quadra raised their eyebrows and shrugged their shoulders.

"Begone," cried Elizabeth; "we have suffered thee to remain here till we almost sicken at thy sight-away, rebel and traitor, and pollute this court no longer with thy loathsome presence."

"May it please your majesty," began the astonished and crestfallen Puritan, drawing down his bushy eyebrows, and scowling from beneath them; for, notwithstanding his instructions from Plimpton, he was entirely unprepared for this unmeasured denunciationmay it please your secred majesty ---- "

But the queen stopped him short, and, stamping with her foot, ordered him to be removed, and instantly banished the court.

"Gad's death, my lords," she cried in a passion, which she well knew how to affect, "we know not how we could so long have borne the eight of this unnatural and remorseless man. And now, in dismissing this assembly," she continued, "we must pray our good neighbors of France, Spain and Scotland to be less ready in future to credit evil reports of our dealing with our royal cousin. We give ye good day, my lords, and may fair thoughts attend ye."

She then descended from the chair of tate, and left the council room by a private door, preceded by Bowyer, Sir Christopher Hatten and others, who had entered on a signal from an adjoining apartment. Hardly, however, had she reached the private door when some thought appeared sud-

round, she commanded Sir William Cecil to attend her instantly in her cabinet. The secretary hurried to obey the royal order, and the assembly then broke up, and quitted the council chamber.

denly to cross her mind, and turning half

CHAPTER XXXVIII. The Earl of Murray was the first to leave the council chamber. He came forth leisurely, and walked at a slow pace along the hals of passage, and through crowds of gentlemen pensioners, and gentlemen of the privy chamber, who had gathered there in groups, to talk over the late events in Scotland, and speculate on the turn things were likely to take in the audience room. As he made his way to the great staircase leading to the lower halls of the palace, he drew his black cap down over his forehead, and belted his short sword,

which he had laid saide on entering the roypresence, round his waist, in manner as quiet and collectas if he had been leaving his dressing room for an evening ramble, He had just reached the foot of the first staircase, when a lady, closely veiled, came tripping down behind him, and brushing rapidly by, slipped a billet into his hand, and disappeared in an instant through an open door that led to one of the portiones of the court.

The earl thought he recognized in that vanishing form the graceful step and courtly bearing of the Countess of Harrington. Having hastily broken the silken thread. he read the billet, and smiling grimly at its contents, committed it carefully to

the breast pocket of his black doublet.

Then descending the front steps, he paced

along the area, and out through the sentinels

to the public avenue leading to the village. In front of the royal residence a number of people had assembled from the neighboring hamlets, to inquire into the truth of a report "that the Queen of Scots was marching at the head of a powerful army on the English metropolis," to which, no doubt, the escape of the Earl of Murray had given rise. These news-seekers, mingling with crowds of the better classes who had come to pay their respects to her majesty on her first public reception after her dangerous illness, formed a large and motley concourse without the walls. It was seldom such a gathering was seen before Hampton Court, particularly one of so diversified a character. The ragged peasant and the coronetted earl, the sametimonious preacher and the rolstering charges against our honor. Pardon us, sportsman, the pickpocket and the therefore, if we cannot entirely control the constable, the soldier and the sailor, the weakness peculiar to our sex." "I would carnestly crave your gracious dasher, the drayman and the dandy, were majesty," observed Cecil, rising slowly, and jumbled together in strange confusion, and all pressing forward to inquire of the last who passed the gates, the news from Scotland. At a little distance, however, other and still more busy scenes were enacting. There, perched on a barrel, or on the top of some market cart, might be seen the self-inspired expounder of ing sadly on her trusty secretary, "we must the gospel, laboring at his vocation, before a have patience, or Sir James Melville here, crowd of gaping listeners, and vociterating his blasphemous invectives against Pope and Popery, Mary Stuart and the house of Guise; here, on the opposite side, ballad singers "So thou hast declared," she resumed, again shouting the praises of Elizabeth, and holdaddressing Murray, "before this assembly, ing out their caps to receive the contributions and in presence of my accusers, (for accusers of the lovers of song; in another corner, a they are, albeit they speak under cover of re- poot, reciting long starzas on the queen's

> ing portrait of the virgin monarch. Amongst the foremost of these noisy posts was our garrulous old friend Christopher