



## OFF TO WASHINGTON.

SIR RICHARD—"Well, good bye, old man, and may the worst possible luck attend you!"  
LAURIER (*sotto voce*)—"Hear, hear!"

account of other engagements. "Then next time you come to town!" With a Chesterfieldian grace I accepted the courteous invitation, and departed with a better idea of Mr. Van Horne, and with the means of doing him more justice pictorially in the future. J.W.B.

## "WHAT CAN WE DO FOR THE POOR?"

THE above question forms the title of an article by Dr. W. S. Rainsford in the April *Forum*. It is a question which is being forced to the front in these days by the growing social unrest of the masses, and many well-disposed people of wealth and education are trying to find the answer. The following are some of the most popular solutions of the conundrum:

- Educate them.
- Enfranchise them—or if that has been done already, give them the Australian ballot.
- Get them to go to church.
- Build nice airy well-ventilated houses for them.
- Provide penny readings and free lectures for them.
- Stop their beer.
- Give them free tickets to soup kitchens and old clothing.
- Tell them to be industrious, patient, thrifty, virtuous, etc., and by and by they will become self-made men.
- All these and many similar schemes have been warmly praised by philanthropists of the wealthy class, but

although these methods have been tried the problem of poverty seems to remain as far from solution as ever.

The benevolent rich don't seem to realize that there is a far simpler plan than any of these which would obviate the need of anybody "doing" anything for the poor, because it would effectually abolish poverty and that is merely to

*Quit stealing from them.*

## L'AFFAIRE NEW ORLEANS.

THE New Orleans affair has not been Baron of material for the jesters. It is said that Italy's hasty action was taken merely for the purpose of removing the representative at Washington, who was not in Fava with the new Italian Premier. Reports have been going the rounds to the effect that Italians are drilling with a view to avenging the lynching. We beg to suggest to them a more terrible form of vengeance. Let them mobilize all the hand-organs in America, send them to New Orleans and play out that city.

## A MARK OF DISTINCTION.

SPACER—"Oh, I tell you what, they are great publishers."

LINER—"What makes you say so?"

SPACER—"They have stolen more books during the past year than any publishers in the country."