

THE EQUALIZATION OF ALL ELEMENTS OF SOCIETY IN THE SOCIAL SCALE SHOULD BE THE TRUE AIM OF CIVILIZATION.

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CONSERVATIVE AND LIBERAL.

(To the Editor of the Ontario Workman.) DEAR SIR,-I must confess some aston-

ishment at your definition of the political faith of the above parties. After stating the fact of a change of Government, you proceed to define the difference between the parties in Great Britain thus:

"Strangers to the politics of the Dominion are apt to be misled by the names assumed by its politicians. Liberal and Conservative have a very different meaning in England from what they have in Canada. In England, a Conservative is one who would perpetuate the government of an aristotracy, with all its monopoly of power and patronage in Church and State, its selfish appropriation of lands, its game laws, the seridom of agricultural laborers, and all the other fruits of an old feudal system; while a liberal is one who wars with the conservatism of monopoly and unjust and costly privileges, and struggles for a wider liberty for the common people, a fuller share in the legislation, a larger control over the government of the country, and the extinction of aristocratic and church

Now, sir, is that correct ! Are there no "liberals" who would perpetrate the government of an aristocracy? or are there no aristocrats among the Liberals? I think there are, and I don't think they would be a bit flattered at the faith you have pinned to them. As to "monopoly of power and patronage in Church and State"-did all the Liberals vote for the disestablishment of the Irish Church? I think not, and I make the statement, subject to correction, that one of the most important and pronounced Liberals in Gladstone's Cabinet resigned out of it on account of that measure. Now, if the Liberal party was not a unit on the Irish disestablishment question, is it probable they would be united on the English one? The logic of events leads to a totally different conclusion. The fact is undisputable that the Liberals have had a majority in the Commons in England since the last election, and an unprecedentedly large one, too, and why have they not tackled the question? simply because it can only be done through defections from the Conservative party (which is certainly not united on this matter) and, more than anything else, through the influence of Dissenters and Ritualists, (I mean no disrespect). As to its selfish appropriation of lands, its game laws, the serfdom of agricultural laborers, and all the other fruits of an old and feudal system," I certainly think it is ridiculous to assert that the conservatives are possessed of all these attributes, while the Liberals are at war with them. I don't think a landlord who calls himself a Liberal is likely to deal any more leniently with a poacher, or take more active steps to do away with the cause of poaching, then his Conservative neighbor. The chances are that they are about "sixes" on this question. Then, as to the extension of the franchise which took place a few years ago, was not that carried by a Conservative Administeration, aided, no doubt by a large number of individual members of the Liberal party, and, as undoubtedly, opposed by a large number of individual members of the Conservative party. The fact is, many of these are not actually questions of party at all, but merely matters of individual opinion, and it would take an able navigator to draw a line just where Liberalism begins and Conservativism ends, and vice versa.

No, Sir. I think the difference between Conservative and Liberal is merely abstract. In theory they are doubtless very wide apart, in practice very much the same. There are dogmas peculiar to each party, but it is beyond the range of probability-(I might say possibility) that they will ever be embodied in the laws of the country.

So much for the purely political aspect of the question; and I have only dwelt so much upon it in order to endeavor to show the mistake you have made in attributing trone party certain (to the workingman) Adverse propensities, while to the other is

The real question for us to consider, is whether the individuals composing the Liberal party are more liberal in their views on the question of Capital and Labor, etc., than are those of the Conservative party, and this is an important question because it is by the united aggregate, so to speak, of individual views that the public, or, more strictly speaking, party, policy must necessarily be shaped, without there is a total abrogation of principle for the sake of office, which is not without precedent. The answer is not hard to find. Take the City of Manchester, in England: It is well known that what is called the "Manchester School" of polities has largely influenced the policy of England for years past. It is equally true that Manchester is the hot-bed of Trades Unionism. Upon your theory one would naturally think that where so-called Liberalism so largely preponderated, there would be no necessity for trades unions. But what is the fact? Why, the most bitter struggles between capital and labor, -between social tyranny and social liberty-have taken place in that very city. Of course this argument would be ridiculous and puerile if all the capitalists were Conservatives. But such is not the case. They are all "Conservative" on these questions, and the most ultra-liberal will probably become the most ultra-tory when time or wages is being discussed.

Then again, were they all Conservative farmers who opposed the movement inaugurated by Mr. Joseph Arch! It would be little short of a phenomenon if they were; and it is just possible that both parties were represented to an equal extent, and must take an equal share of the obloquy.

Now, Sir, in canclusion I have just a few words to say on the question of party as it exists in Canada. I would say to emigrants coming amongst us, don't be too hasty in attaching yourself to any party. Things are not always what they seem. You may be solicited for your vote, when you have one, by a party calling himself a Liberal and by a party calling himseif a Conservative, perhaps by both together. If you ask them to write down the respective principles | the teeth of a saw, sharp-pointed, like I've which govern each party, and show you heard tell of in some of those pirate yarns; and wherein they differ, you will find it will Old Hardtack would have classed as an A. 1. puzzle the most astute one amongst them pirate if he had had the chance. He had the to do it. Each one will probably tell you he is the friend of the workingman, and will do all in his power to advance his interests, and both will probably be agreeable it another. Howsomever he was a good saimen to speak to, and liberal to a fault. But, for all that, don't you go and be too sanguine, and rush off and tell your friends that you have found a means of deliverance from all your woes; that the time and the man have same. No, not even if a hundred candidates should come to you solicting votes. In the fulness of time you will learn what these promises amount to. There is nothing too outrageous for a candidate for | Hamilton to go to Gananoque, on the St. Lawcivic or arliamentary honors to promise, but you will find out that they very much resemble Picksniff's horse,-full of promise, but, alas! altogether empty of performance.

But, outside of questions which peculiarly affect the social position of the workingman, there are many subjects concerning the general welfare of the country, and upon which the different political parties hold different views, that he can very properly pass judgment. I think there are very few who have not some political leaning, and this will be the case as long as our present popular and just system of government is pursued; and it is perfectly right and proper that it should be so. The more interest is taken in all public questions, the more intelligent will men become, and the less likély will they be to be taken by spurions "Liberalism" and kindred impositions.

Apologizing for the valuable space. I have occupied.

I remain, your's faternally,

A CONSERVATIVE WORKMAN. Toronto, Nov. 17th 1873.

A Federal Union of all Builders' Laborers' Societies has been suggested. The members attributed everything that is favorable. sre said to number 25,000.

REMINISCENCES.

(Written jor the Ontario Workman by W. J.) NO. IV.

THE HAUNTED SCHOONER.

"Did I ever tell you that yarn about the old Penguin?" asked Bill Slack, addressing himself to the rest of the crew as we lay at anchor one evening under Christian Island.

"Not that I know of," I replied, "but I should like to hear it."

"Just the thing!" exclaimed the mate, as he lounged forward to where we were grouped around the windlass ends. "The watch will not be set for an hour yet, and the yarn will help to pass away the time. Besides I have heard some curious talk about the old schooner and her skipper, and as you made the last trip of the old tub. yourself Bill; and was on her when she went down, you can tell what you really did see or hear, and we all know you stick to the truth !"

"Never mind about me telling the truth," said Bill, with a grin, "Just let me fill my pipe, and I'll give you the yarn."

The night was a dark one, with a smart breeze that sent the halyards "rap," "rap," against the spars, and made melancholy music through the rigging, while the regular dash of the waves could be heard as they broke on the rocky shore of the island not half-a-mile off. Time and circumstances were propitious for a ghost storm—as they would call it ashore.

We filled our pipes and settled down comfortably to hear Bill's yarn, which, when that worthy had kept us in suspense as long as he could, he proceeded to narate something after this style:

"You see it was about ten years ago now since I shipped in the old 'Pen,' as she was called, and rightly, too, for she was so old that nobody knew her age 'cept her skipper and owner, Old Hardtack. You may guess I was hard up for a ship when I threw my dunnage aboard the old hulk, and so I was. You never saw Old Hardtack, did you? No! Well if you saw or heard him once I reckon it would satisfy you. He was a tall, round-shouldered rawboned, grey-headed, squint-eyed, bow-legged old fellow, and the most accomplished blasphemer I ever heard, a man whom no one could meet and forget ; but the most peculiar thing about him was his teeth, they were like reputation of being at one time a smuggler, and that's bad enough, for as I look on it, a man man that'll break the law one way 'll do lor, and could handle his old schooner to perfection: and do you know. I believed if he loved anything on earth it was the old 'Pen.'

"And the schooner, well mate, you've seen her, and know what she was, a long, low, black hulk, heavily sparred, and could sail like a witch. I made three trips on her, and though a dirty slovenly piece in harbor, nothing could pass her outside. Well here is what will interest you, I shipped on her in rence, for a load of tan-bark for Oakville. It was the last trip Old Hardtack ever made. We had a good run as far as Falso Ducks 1sland, when the wind went to the oastward, and the 'Pen' had to be hauled by the wind. Old Hardtack began to swear, curse old Weat- look of his face was if anything more childish, her probabilities, and, as was a common fashion of his, jump on his hat. It began to blow great guns, and at eight bells, there was nothing for it but to run for Timber Island, where we could get shelter and anchorage.

low had no idea he would have to part com-

In making the Island we had to keep the schooner directly afore the wind, and for the last five miles she was "winged out," on the agreed to, having made up our minds to jump port tack. As we neared the Island Old Hardtack got up on the weather rail forward of the fore rigging, so as to see how the land lay, and give the necessary word when to jibe thoughts to sleep with. The wind was I was standing just forward of the foremast board, allowing the bright signal lamp, to il-! Charity Shoals. She struck twice very heavily, of war rolled along in the procession.

lumine his face, his devil's teeth fairly sparkling, his eyes shining like two balls of fire, his long groy locks tossing in the gale, but what exercised the most terror over me was the horrible stream of blasphemy that issued from the old sinner's mouth, as the saying is, it makes my hair stand on end, and all because he could not make out the land as plain as he

He had just sung out to the mate to have her kept away from jibing, when something caught his attention on the water, and he kept his position on the rail just long enough to be knocked off by the stay sail boom, as the vessel jibed sooner than was calculated.

"I often hear it said by people ashore, who don't know what they're talking about, 'Why didn't you lower a boat, and pick 'em up,' or why wasn't this or that done, when an accident happens on the Lakes. Well, if such a party had been aboard the old Penguin, that night they could have satisfied themselves very easily why it was not done. Talk about picking up a man knocked overboard on such a night. Pooh! just after the vessel had jibed over before she was wanted to, with everything in confusion, rain, wind, sea, and to top it all, the night was so dark that you couldn't see the length of a marlin-spike. And then we hadn't missed the old man for fully five minutes after he was gone, and by that time he must have been half a mile off.

"Well, we fetched up under the lee of the Island all night, every one thinking they had seen the last of old Hardtack. So they had, in the flesh; but he was determined to keep his word about haunting the schooner. You need not laugh, Jack," (I had ventured on a laugh of dissent), "I tell you I saw his ghost as plain as I see yon light on the shore, and this is how it came about.

We made the trip all right enough. The creditors of the old man took the schooner when we got back, and gave her to the mate to sail for them. The next trip was made to Erie for coal, and nothing happened out of the way. We got back again to Hamilton, and took timber on board for Garden Island. In the meantime nothing had been heard of the body of the old skipper, although the fishermed along Timber Island had been asked to send word if the body was found.

We started out with a fair wind, and kept it right along down by Long Point. Every body was in a good humor, and seemed rather glad than otherwise to have a new skipper. It was about eight bells in the evening when we got off Long Point light-house. The wind hauled round to south east shortly after passing the light, the sky to the castward looking very nasty, and by ten o'clock, I'm blowed if the wind was not in the east again, and the schooner just about where she was the night we bore up and when the captain was lost.

I had just been relieved from the wheel and was making forward as I heard an exclamation from Steve, who was on the lookout, I quickened my steps, and followed the direction pointed out by Steve, who, one hand grasping the weather rigging, the other pointing to leeward, looked as if ready to jump overboard. The moment I got up to the foremost, I seen what chilled the very marrow in my bones. There, standing on the lee rail, was old Hardtack, just as he looked the night he was knocked off the very spot, only the as the light of the signal lamp fell on his face. He was looking toward the land, towards which the schooner was heading, and as I stood a moment speechless he turned his face toward me, and I fancied there was a look in During all the time Old Hardtack had not his face that said, "I told you I'd fetch the ceased to pour forth a stream of blasphemy 'Pen' down with me, and I'll do it !" I could the most terrifying. He had often made not stand that sort a thing any longer, the boast that we would go down with the and ran aft as fast as my legs could carry me Penguin,' or if she survived him he would to the mate, who, when I could explain what haunt her while she floated, but the old fel- was the matter, came forward with me. But old Hardtack was gone, and Steve lay insensipany with the schooner that night, or possibly ble on the deck. The mate at first tried to he would have been more careful of his lan laugh me out of what I had told him, but when Steve came to and told his story the same as mine he had to believe it. He begged us not to tell the rest of the crew, which we the schooner the first chance we get.

> "Our watch was shortly after relieved, and we turned in, with anything but comfortable blowing quite-fresh, the night dark and foggy.

and then deepened her water all at once. Al hands were on deck in short order, and the pumps were sounded to see if she was making much water. She was leaking badly, and the best thing to do was to fetch the land as soon as possible. All sail was crowded on the old schooner, but it was of no avail.

We had got about mid-channel when it became evident that the old "Pen's" days were numbered. The water gained on us so fast, that it became necessary to take to the boat, and as we shoved off the water was almost level with her decks, giving us hardly time to get clear as she keeled over on her side, her stern sank, then rose again, she gave a violent plunge forward, and went down head fore-

Although out in an open boat, I felt a kind of relief to know that we had indeed seen the last of the haunted schooner. Old Hardtack was bound to keep his word, and the old "Pen" and her skipper could now rest together at the bottom of blue Ontario.

We were picked up next morning by a steamer and carried into port, and I do not think I have seen any of the crew since, but I'll tell you one thing, boys, although as the mate says, I do tell some pretty tough yarns, I'm willing to take my 'davy that it is all truth I've told you about the haunted schooner,"

Such was Bill's yarn, told with all the gravity possible, and I was just about to hint at it being the toughest of the kind, when the Cap? tain called out to the mate to know if he "was going to set an anchor watch to-night?" This put a stop to telling yarns; and the watches were set, and I turned into my bunk but Bill's yarn haunted my sleep even as Old Hardtack haunted the 'Penguin.'

MANUFACTURE OF SILK.

Many efforts have been made in the United States to make a success of silk manufacture. but none of them have yet brought that industry to perfection.

It was, as a writer properly states, "an object of attention and hope before the Revolution. In Pennsylvania a society was formed to encourage the importation of silk worms and the establishment of filatures. The weaving, preparing and dyeing of silk occupied the attention-of our ancestors, and they had hope of rendering it a successful branch of industry. Yet, from various reasons they failed, and the next generation took up the task, to fail again. When the protection of American manufactures became the principle of a great party, encouragement to the silk manufacture was given with no more success than on previous trials. The great morns multicaulis excitement had its origin in the hopes built upon the establishment of the silk manufacture, and, when that bubble burst, the effect upon the silk production was serious. Yet we have before us a hopeful condition of affairs in reference to this industry.

In 1860 the value of the silk manufacture was returned by the census takers in the United States, at \$3,000,000. This capital has been increased ten times in the course of ten years, and valued in 1870 at \$30,000,000. It gave employment to six thousand persons, and their earnings were up to \$8,000,000 per annum. Silk is woven in this country for many articles of use and of apparel which do not compete with the dress goods from foreign countries. Nockties, scarfs and ribbons absorb a considerable portion of the manufacture, and dress silks are woven with such tineness as to command sales.

Sewing silk is by far the largest and most important branch of this production. New Jersey has at Newark and other places, some successful factories devoted to this branch of business alone. In Connecticut a large interest is manifested in manufacture, and those concerned in it are so well satisfied with their progress, and the demand for their goods increases so gradually and surely, that in ten years more we expect the advance in this branch of industry will be more remarkable than it has been during the last decade.

A branch of the Ironfounders' Society has been opened at Portsmouth, and another is to

be opened at Burton-on-Trent.
The report that Cabello de Bloorer, the Mexican bandit, had crossed into Texas, and with a party of marauders was robbing and plundering the country has been confirmed.

A number of sailors marched in procession and I can imagine I can see the old skipper I had hardly got into a sound nap when I got on Friday, and held a meeting in the City yet, as he stood there peering into the dark- woke up pretty sharp, now I tell you. The Hall Park, to demand a repeal of the Shipping ness and ever and anon turning his face in old schooner had struck the west end of Act of 1872. A full-rigged miniature vessel

Loetry.

GO AND LEARN A TRADE.

The following is S. Hay's new song, which young ladies should learn for the benefit of such gallants who propose marriage without visible means of support, and expatiate of the delights of "love and rose leaves."

I'll sing a little song to-night, And ev'ry word is true, You'll find that every line is meant, Young gentlemen, for you! I've no intention to offend, In what is sung or said-The sum and substance of it is, To go and learn a trade.

CHORUS.

The "coming man" is he who lives To see his fortune made. Whom ev'rybody will respect, Because he learned a trade.

Your education may be good, But time is flitting by, Instead of working don't be fooled ; The old man may not die; And if he should, the chances are His will may be mislaid, Or you cut off without a cent; So go and "learn a trade."

The country is full of "nice young men," Who from their duty shirk; Who think 'twould crush their family pride, If they should go to work; Take of your coat (your father did), And find some honest maid, Who'll help you make your fortune when You've learned an honest trade.

Be temperate in all you do, Be faithful to your "boss;" You'll find the more you do for him Will never prove a loss: You'll find out fifty years from now, When fame and fortune's made, The best step that you ever took Was when you learned a trade.

WHAT IS THE USE?

What is the use of trimming a lamp If you never intend to light it? What is the use of grappling a wrong If you never intend to right it?

What is the use of removing your hat If you never intend to tarry? What is the use of wooing a maid If you never intend to marry?

What is the use of buying a coat If you never intend to wear it? What is the use of a home for two If you never intend to share it?

Inles and Sketches.

THE FAVORITE.

"Ah, my lord!" exclaimed the first gentleman of the privy-chamber of Louis XIV. to the young Count Lauzun, almost sweeping the ground with the well-powdered toupee of his enormous periwig-"ah, my lord! to what am I indebted for the pleasure of an opportunity to assure you of my profound respect, at this hour, and in this place? The king is the unally adroit courtier, with some little | the council that was then in sitting. embarrassment. "Indeed, the wheels of the and then it becomes rather boisterous in the council-chamber. Therefore, as my lord count must be aware, I may not suffer any one, except it be some unimportant servant like myself, to linger in this ante-chamber. But you, my lord, make an exception to all rules; how can a miserable door close itself against one to it. whom all hearts are open?"

"We will not attempt to ascertain how much truth there may be in what you say," answered Lauzun, "yet I must beg of you, my dear De Ryert, to bear with me a few moments at the present time; I promise you that the king will not be displeased to find me

"How can I doubt you-I, the king's first gentleman of the privy-chamber?" interposed De Ryert, with redoubled courtesy; "does my lord hold me for so great a novice in my service."

"Certainly not," answered Lauzun, "I know the just confidence with which the king therefore make to you no secret of the fact. anticipations. Our good monarch is just upon | could any of those present have been induced the point, my dear De Ryert, of bestowing upon me a great, I may indeed say, a very unusual proof of his favor. It was so tiresome | sent. Lauzun seemed a little less cheerful remaining at home, counting the minutes until the appointed hour, that you must allow me to chat away the tedious time here with you."

"Ah; count," answered De Ryert, with great humility, "how can you make sport of it was a glance which might indeed have me in this manner? I am but too happy to be the first to offer you my joyful congratulations. The fayor with which his majesty in- suffered. tends to distinguish you must surely be great and extraordinary."

"It is, indeed," answered Lauzun. "How will my friends rejoice at the splendid career which, in a few moments, will be opened to

the chamberlain.

"Yes, yes, my friend, in a few moments," exclaimed Lauzun, carried away by the intoxication of glad anticipation; and glancing with a smile in the friendly face of his humble wor hipper, in which the kindest curiosity in the world stood written in legible charactors.

"Hitherto the king's command has compelled me," he continued, "to keep silent about the matter: but he has himself fixed upon this day, before mass, to present me to the court in my new dignity. Meanwhile, as we are here together awaiting his majesty, I may venture to give you a proof of my gratitude for the friendly interest you have evinced in my behalf, by confiding to you what as yet no one suspects. So listen: Duke Mazarian really retires from all official business, and I am to succeed him as General Field-Marshal."

Congratulations, thanks for the confidence reposed, exclamations of the most lively and pleased astonishment, to which Lauzun listened with a smile of self-satisfaction, now poured forth in an uninterrupted stream from the eloquent lips of the chamberlain; yet suddenly, with every appearance of the greatest alarm, he became speechless. "Great Heaven! what have I not forgotten in my rejoicing!" he at length exclaimed, in apparent terror "after all it is only an important commission from my master; but as his majesty is nowwhy! how! ah!" groaned he, moving anxiously about and snapping his fingers; he then drew forth his watch, and a glance at the hands seemed to afford him some little consolation. "Perhaps it is not yet too late!" he sighed, wiping the perspiration from his forehead; "the council will remain yet nine minutes in deliberation; and even the impossible must sometimes be attempted in a monarch's service!" With these words and a very reverential bow, he hurried pass the count, and out of the door, which he carefully closed behind him: he then stole, like a cat upon velvet paws, silently up a private staircase, rising three stairs at every step, and in a few seconds stood breathless before Louvais, in the little cabinet in which that minister was accustomed to labor the whole day in solitude, when the court, as was the case, was at St. Germain.

That powerful minister, dismissing his faithful spy with many thanks and more promises, hastily gathered up some papers, without paying much attention to the selection of them, murmuring to himself, "The little cadet from the bank of the Garonne increases the spread of his wings with great rapidity, and will soon fly over all our heads, unless we find a way to clip them."

Ryert was again quietly sitting in the antechamber, relating to Count Lauzun, in the most free and easy manner, about the roses and orange-blossoms which he had been so lucky as to procure, just in time for presentation to Madame Montespan, as Louvaise entered, with his papers in his hand, and with a slight inclination of bis head to the two gentlemen, passed on directly to the door of the royal saloon.

In vain did the chamberlain place himself directly in the minister's way, assuring him, in a tolerably decisive tone, that his majesty was not yet visible. Louvais paid no regard to his opposition, said he had important despatches which he must instantly communicate to his majesty, and passed unhesitatingly engaged with his council of fluance," added in, although he had neither seat nor voice in

Lauzun saw the folding doors close after great government machine creak occasionally, him with a slight shrug of the shoulders and a sly smile of triumph, and then turned to listen with at least apparent attention to the chamberlain's conversation.

> In a few minutes the minister returned, passing hastily through the ante-chamber. and soon afterwards the king himself entered

The count, who in the eagerness of expectation had advanced a step to meet the king, sought to catch his eyes; but the monarch passed him by with icy coldness.

"Who knows with what absurdity Louvais had vexed him!" said Lauzun to himself by way of consolation; for he was much disturb. ed by this unusual neglect. "This mood will soon pass away, and after mass he will surely romember his promise," thought Lauzun, dismissing all anxiety, and joining the procession which followed the king to the chapel

roval. Long and brilliant rows of the most distinguished ladies already occupied the benches rewards your well-proved fidelity, and will in the chapel, their attention, perhaps, not equally divided between the visible and invisthat I am attracted hither by most delightful lible governor of the world; for, at no price to neglect the worship of God in the chapel roval, when the king himself was to be prethan usual, as, from his place in the rear of the king, he cast his eyes upon the host of beauties collected there, much like tulips in a bed; but his countenance soon lighted up as he caught a ray from the fairest blue eyes; brought upon him a far more serious disappoint ment than the one which he had so recently

> Anna de Montpensier, the fairest, proudest, most spirituelle princess at the court of Louis XIV., was the potent fairy who knew how to exercise this magic power over Lauzun. As grand-daughter of Louis XIII. and daughter But it is different when the morning sun finds of Gaston of Orleans, nearly related to the us yet waking amid these fever-born anxieties, the old bald-headed man servant stand, hat in

"In a few moments!" devoutly repeated king, she occupied the high rank of daughter of France.

> Her immense wealth, with the important titles and estates inherited from her father. caused her to be looked upon as one of the richest princesses of Europe, whose hand foreign princes, and even monarchs, had often sought in vain. Thus was she now a lady, in the fullest sense of the word—a Pallas in spirit, mind, and form, just entering upon the summer of her life. This lofty being had lost, with the fleeting brilliancy of early youth, none of her charms; for the style of her fullblown beauty needed not its aid. Men worshipped her at a distance, as they would worship an immortal spirit; and, only to a spirit, as aspiring and ungovernable as Lauzun's, could it have been possible to see not always the princess, but sometimes the beauteous woman whose occasional condescending gentle ness appeared, indeed, all the more irresistible, from her elevated rank and customary dignitied reserve. He felt that she had never looked fairer to him than this morning. His truant glances wandered until they lost themselves amid the labyrinth of pearl-strewn braids and curls, in which her fair locks were disposed. Her swan-like neck was shaded by the finest points d'Alencon lace, which was fastened in front by a large breast-knot of brilliants. A loose robe of dark chenille-lace, through which a rich golden under-dress was visible, covered her form, leaving only the bare suspicion of one of the prettiest little feet ever imagined on that side of the celestial empire. The distinguished kindness with which the princess turned towards Lauzun, on going out of the church, and permitted him to hand to her the holy water, completed the enchantment which wrapped him in forgetfulness of everything but the passing moment. Hc, did, indeed, become sensible of his folly the moment she was out of sight, and took his heart to task. endeavoring to impress it with the fate of Icarus, but without very eminent success.

> He passed the whole of the following day, as usual, near the king's person, but without hearing a word in relation to his contemplated promotion. A multitude of trifling and apparently accidental circumstances obstructed every attempt at a confidential approach towards his master, which at other times he had almost hourly enjoyed; so that it was not until late in the evening, when, according to the etiquette of those times, it became his duty to attend to the disrobing of the king, that he obtained the desired opportunity to remind him of his promise. "Yes, yes, there is a difficulty in the way; we will see at our leisure what can be done," was all that he received for answer.

Poor Lauzun walked the chamber the whole night in a state of the wildest excitement. The icy coldness with which those few words were spoken, had cast down the spoiled favorite from the high heaven of his hopes, and he became the prey of alternating rage and grief. It was not the failure of a great and brilliant expectation that moved bim, so much as it was the feeling of the never-before suspected falsehood of the royal friend; for he had attached himself to his master with really heartfelt devotion, and previous to that day would have defended him, with the chivalrous courage of a Paladin of the olden times, against any one who should have dared to hint the possibility of that, the truth of which he now felt himself compelled to acknowledge.

Reared in the solitude of retirement, educated according to the laws of that chivalry for which his native land was formerly so honorably distinguished, Count Lauzun, had Gascony, to the house of his near relative, in Paris, the then powerful Marshal de Grammont. As the portionless younger son of a noble but not wealthy family, his object was to seek honorable promotion, either in the court or in the army. His splendid form and pleasing manners won for him the favor of high and low in his uncle's house. The eccentric outbursts of his sparkling wit, his courage. his contempt for everything degrading, his truth in love and hate, made the heart of the Count de Guise, the eldest son of Marshal de Grammont, wholly his own; for, young, handsome, and brave as Lauzun himself, the Count de Guise beheld in his relative but a duplicate of himself. The zealous, true, and also power ful friend, paved the way for the advancementof the newly-arrived cadet over the heads of all who stood in his way; he presented him to the king, who was much pleased with the young southron, loaded him with favors, and kept him, as much as possible about his person. Thus rose the recently insignificant Lauzun, now the declared favorite of the king, with lightning speed from step to step, until he had reached the rank of major-general; he had hoped to mount yet higher, saw himself near the attainment of his object, and now had so suddenly fallen! It was very natural that this unexpected reverse should afflict him, and the more so from the fact that he was wholly unable to imagine the cause of his misfortune and disgrace.

During the dark and solitary hours of night our imaginations dwell upon our cares, until each assumes the most inordinate proportions, becoming more and more gigantic, until the long-desired slumber steeps our fevered senses in forgetfulness; and when morning, like an angel of consolation, attends the bedside at our awaking, it shows the objects of our cares so reduced in size and importance that we often laugh at our nocturnal exaggerations.

which every minute increase the wild rushing | hand, evidently giving her all the story of of the heated blood; senseless projects, unreasonable and impracticable resolutions, that would but accelerate misfortune, generally betoken the dawn, whose first rays are most welcome to the dry and burning eyes that have watched through such a night.

Such a night was passed by Count Lauzun, during which a thousand plans, each bolder and more dangerous than its predecessor, arose in his soul, and were again successively rejected. But there was one to which he held fast, and which he put into execution. At the proper hour he repaired to Madame Montespan, the fair, proud, all-powerful mistress of Louis. As she had always appeared to be well-disposed towards him, he thought he might venture to ask her aid in unravelling the mystery of his master's changed deportment; for it was this change of feeling that most grieved him.

Half-controled by her kindness and her sympathy, he took his departure from the audience-room of that beautiful woman. She had wondered with him, conjectured with him, complained with him, and promised to do the possible and the impossible in his behalf; what better in his situation, could be wish? But, alas! he could not long remain contented in this comparitively bappy frame of mind; his hot Gascon blood kept him in a state of perpetual agitation. He wished, above all things, that he could have invisibly hovered over the heads of the king, of Madame Montespan, of enemies and friends, and at length happened to hit upon a plan most dangerous in the execution, but which, after it had once entered his mind, he could not give up; for, to his bold, unbending nature, it was impossible to draw back when any bazardous enterprise beckoned him onwards.

(To be continued.)

UNA.

For the first time in my life-nearly seventeen years and a quarter-I was alone in the wide, wide world; to be precise, in that bit of it which lies between the Paddington station and Bath. I had all but missed the train, so that my uncle had only time to hurry me into a first-class carriage, wherein a solitary lady was already seated, and to give me a solemn injunction to get Aunt Margery to telegraph when I "turned up all right," before the train dashed away.

"All right!" Of course I should be all right! I should think, at seventeen and nearly a quarter, I might be trusted to take care of myself during a three hours' journey ; the more so as my uncle had "put me in at one end," and my aunt would "take me out at the other."

As soon as I had arranged myself and my belongings comfortably in my corner I took survey of my fellow passenger-a grim, irongray old woman in an exasperating bonnet, who was looking not daggers-that is much too pointed and brilliant a simile-but rusty nails of the jaggedest description, at my poor little hat; such an attractive one as it was, too, with the most piquant little wax-wing imaginable brooding over it with outstretched wings. For my part, I think, when one has a pretty face, it is wicked to spoil it by a dowdy hat. I should have attracted much more attention if I had worn an exasperating extinguisher like my fellow traveller's, with an aggravating bow at the top; and, besides, Tom would not have liked it.

I was rapidly losing my temper-it was too provoking. Here was somebody evidently me as anybody at home. My only comfort was a hope that she might get out at the next station, or at all events at some distance from Bath. Ah, how little I knew what was coming, or I should have felt glad to have had her glaring twice as grimly from the opposite seat!

"Travelling alone:"

" Yes."

What an unnecessary question, I thought. "You are much too young and too pretty to be permitted to do so."

I meekly answered that my youth and prettiness were "faults" over which I had no control, and hinted at the possibility that time might be expected to cure both, if only I lived long enough.

She smiled-yes, really; not a bad smile, either.

"While waiting for that, you should have somebody to take care of you."

"Take care of me!" I exclaimed, with a little shudder of disgust. "I am quite able to take care of myself—indeed, I am tired of being taken care of. I am almost worn out. Besides, I have been at two garden parties, and have long left the school-room (with dig-

"My dear, the school room would be the best place for you for the next half dozen years. I must leave you at the next station, but I will tell the guard to look after you. You will learn in time how good a thing it is to be cared for. Una without her lion would never get safely through the world."

The train stopped; I helped her to gather all her bags and rugs.

"Good-by, my dear; your little face has made the day look brighter to an old woman ; so you have my leave to keep it unchanged as long as you can," and she actually patted my cheek with a kind old hand as she passed out. I watched her take her place in a little basket carriage that was waiting for her-watched life at home in her absence, and felt sorry, as I returned her good-by nod, when the carriage moved out of sight down a shady country road. I followed her in fancy to a flowery country home, where I felt sure she lived cosily with old servants, quaint furniture, and old pet dogs, cats and birds. How little I then thought that one day I should -But I forget; we must not anticipate, as real authors say-that must come in its own place; I had not even seen Tom, then.

The train had stopped at a quiet little station, and was just beginning to move on past the roses and hollyhocks, when the door suddenly swung open, and a man jumped in. One glance satisfied me that he would not improve on acquaintance. Tom has told me since that he was a "cad;" and if a "cad" be an odious, vulgar, red-haired person, with unwashed hands covered with coarse rings, a sky blue satin tie, and an overpowering odor of bad tobacco-I know the difference quite well, for Tom never smokes any but the very best Manillas, and I quite enjoy the smellthen most decidedly he was rightly designated.

I saw all this at a single glance, as one does sometimes, and bent steadily over my book. wishing that the hour which would bring me to dear Aunt Margery was over. Presently I was reading something so amusing that I had forgotten everything beside. The train had left the little station far behind, and was going at full speed, when suddenly a horrid voice close to my car made me start, and I looked up to see the "cad's" hideous face close to mine-such a wicked leering face!

"Take off that veil, miss; I'm sure a whiff of fresh air will do you good. This carriage is awful "muggy"-that was the creature's very expression -- "muggy." "Besides, it's desperate bad for your eyes to read through that speckled stuff."

Without replying, I bent my head lower over my book, but the letters were getting confused, and my heart was beating with fright.

" Poor little thing ! Deaf, is she ?" and he took the seat opposite and leaned across, so that I had to shrink into my corner to avoid his touch. Poor little Una needed her lion

"Bad for the eyes, miss, and such shiners as yours are too good to be wasted on that stupid book. Give a fellow a peer at them." And a great red hand advanced toward my

I could only cower in my corner with a great cry of terror-one helpless call on "Uncle," knowing the while how far away he was, and how unconscious of his poor little Polly's trouble.

In putting up his hand to my veil, the man touched me, and the touch, slight as it was, roused a fury of anger such as I had never felt before, and I hope never to feel again; it gave me back my voice,

"You shall not! How dare you! You must not touch me—uncle will kill you!" The man laughed at my puny rage.

"Kill me for taking care of you! If he dees not wish others to fill his place, he should look after you better, and not let you out alone. You had better be civil, or ______

He drew out a large clasp knife as he spoke and began deliberately to open it, looking at me all the while. It was come at last; 1 should never, never see home again. One flash of thought, which seemed in a second to take in all my past, with its little discontents. naughtiness, and great happiness-my aunt's anguish when she found me lying dead; uns's opening of the telegram bring the news-the darkened home, the broken hearts which would surely carry till they died the remembrance of the dreadful fate of their wilful, but oh ! loving darlingall this occurred so vividly to me that, with a great cry for help to Heaven, I fell at the man's feet, and entreated him not to kill me.

"Kill you! I thought it was your uncle who was to kill me! Bless your little heart I am going to care for you. You look pale. Now didn't you come off in too great a hurry to have time for breakfast. Have a bit of luncheon"-stooping to take a value from under the seat. "I always go about provided with something good. I'm a soft-hearted boy, I am, and never see a fine young woman suffer. if I can help it. Peck a bit, now-do; you have a hungry look."

What should I-must I-do? I sat up, and said as steadily as I could, choking back the tears-for I would not cry before him :

"I am not hungry; I will not eat. Do notspeak to me any more. You must not-I and a lady."

"A lady! I know that. Do you think I'd be so good to you if you were not? I know a lady when I see her-and a hungry lady, too -- I knew you were. Come, peck a bit. Don't be bashful."

By this time he had unlocked the bag, and taken from it-yes, it may appear improbable. but oh! It is dreadfully true-a turnip still covered with the soil of the field from which the wretch had taken it ! He began to scrape and pare it while I looked on.

Was he mad I would try to please him, and dras he wished, and then perhaps he would not hurt me. I should soon be with my aunt now, and at that thought I felt the tears coming again, but opened my eyes widely, and bit inp lips hard-the tears must not fall. I ernshed them back, and sat watching my companion till, having peeled the turnip to his satisfaction, he cut off a thick slice and

handed it to me. Raw turnip! And touched by those fingers!

"Come, take it, my beauty-a peach ripe and downy as your own check. Peaches is dear, too this season; but I give no head to that. If so be as I find a pretty girl to cat 'em, I don't grudge the money. Come, peck away; or do you want me to feed you? No, you shan't have it without 'Thank you.' After all my trouble, that ain't manners," with a significant look at the knife.

"Thank you!" I said engerly. I took the slice of turnip-and began to cat it-yes, I ate it all, every mouthful making me feel more ill. Another slice was offered, I took it and began to cat, but my throat seemed to be closing-I could not swallow.

*'Come, finish it. Good, isn't it? The ladies are always fond of a bit of fruit. Don't be bashful-I've something here for you to wash it down. Nothing like a drop of brandy to make it agree with you," and he touched the neck of a black bottle which stuck out of his pocket.

. What would become of me? I had once seen a dreadful woman for a few moments at home—a new cook she was—who was, oh! so frightful. Nurse told me she had taken brandy and was drunk. I had thought her mad. If he had made me drink it, and if, when Aunt Margery found me, I-but no, this I would not do; he might kill me first. I went on eating the turnip, and all the while I prayed earnestly for rescue. Was my prayer answered? The train began to slacken its speed-it stopped, but there was no station in sight. I think it was a siding, or something of that kind.

At the side of the carriage where I was sitting there was a steep bank which shut out all hope; at the other side were several lines of rails; beyond was the open country. In an instant my torturer was at my window. With an oath he commanded me to "be still. and stay where I was." I heard some one pass, and, in reply to a question, I suppose, say that we had been shunted to allow a special train to go by-it would pass in three minutes. I called, but very faintly, I am afraid, for no one answered, and the "cad" turned on me so fiercely that I dare not try

The special train swept by, but I hardly saw it-my eyes, my whole soul, were fastened on the figure of a man who just then came down the green bank, which was at some distance. I pressed my face to the glass. Which way would he take? He stood up for a moment, and then slowly, lazily sauntered towards me. The glass was up-my only hope was that he would pass close and see me, for 1 was past calling or moving now. I noted every trifling detail of his figure and dress; he was a tall, broad shouldered gentleman, dressed in light gray; young, and with a long, golden beard; even the carnation in his button-hole I observed, and the strength and carcless ease of his figure as he lounged along. He stopped to whistle to his dogs, and then again strolled on, idly twirling his cane.

I do not know what kind of face was pressed to the glass on my side-it was a wild and scared one, I am sure; but in another minute a pair of great merry blue eyes glanced up in passing, and were startled into carnestness by the eyes they encountered; the whistle sounded, but, even as it did, a strong hand was on the door handle, the door was wrenched open, forms water. the train moved on-he was beside mc. I was safe.

I den't know what happened then. My de liverer says that I cried, and held one of his hands tight in both of mine; but that I don't believe. In the first place, we had never been introduced, and, in the second, two of his fingers are about as much as my two hands can contain at once. I know, when I grew calmer, that I found him taking care of me, and that I didn't dislike it 'as much as one might have expected. I don't remember how I told him all; I suppose the turnip and | must always be prepared out of doors. knife, which still lay on the seat, helped me a little; but I do know that he told me "not to be frightened, for he would not throw the scoundrel from the window, as he deserved" -and that he looked so fierce and so strong that I could quite imagine it was a habit of his to throw scoundrels from windows, and that he rather liked it. What he did was to take the creature by the collar, and force him down on his knees, in spite of his pitcous | bottom will leave the solution colorless. This protestations that "he never meant to hurt illustrates the method of preparing what are the lady—it was only a lark; he would not have done it for a ten-pound note, not if he had known."

"Hold your tongue. Swallow this, and think yourself lucky to escape six months on the treadmill. For the lady's sake, I will not prosecute you, and I'll not break every bone in your body, as I should like to do, as it might annoy her to see it done. But you'll eat this to the last morsel-mud and all! I should say it is not the only dirt you will have to swallow in your life! Down with. it!"

And when the last atom had disappeared, my deliverer, with a parting shake, flung the creature into a corner, where he lay till the train stopped, and turned to "take care" of its poisonous nature, we would advise our

I almost shrank from the stern face to which I now raised my eyes, but it softened in a moment, and I lay back in a corner and rested silently and thankfully, while he interposed his broad shoulders between me and the other

ped, and I saw aunt Margery's dear old face on the platform.

I am sure she wondered at the carerness of my clasp, at my face, which I felt was still white and scared. I made a little motion toward my deliverer, but could not speak a word. He said a few words and gave his card to my aunt, who accepted it and the situation as graciously as she does everything, and looked rather anxious to get me safely to the carriage and home, and in five minutes we were driving away.

"What did he do for you darling?"

"Oh! he was so strong and so good to me and he made him cat the whole turnip,

"The whole turnip! You are ill, Polly. Come, we wont talk or think of it now."

And she quieted and petted me, evidently thinking that I had lost my wits, until I was lying on the sofa in her drawing room able to tell her all.

Well, that was my first and only attempt at "taking care of myself." I never want to do so again. Tom takes care of me now---of course, you understand that it was he who came to my deliverance. Aunt wrote to him that very evening, and my father came down to London next morning on purpose to thank him; then Tom called, and so-and so-the end of my story, or, perhaps, I should say the real beginning of it, is that I am his wife

At first I did think it a pity that my husband should be only "Tom," when I had always intended to marry at least three syllables, as I am merely "Polly;" but now I think Tom the most charming name in the world, and would not change it.

I have only one thing more to tell. The old lady with the disagreeble bonnet is Tom's aunt. I am writing this in her house, which is just what I had fancied it, and she is the dearest and kindest old woman in England.

"Una has found her lion," she says.

I don't think I am much like Una; but Tom is a darling old Lion, with his tawny beard and splendid strength, on which his wife loves to lean. 1 hear him calling "Polly!" from the lawn, where he lies, lazily puffing his cigar under the cedar; and as he can growl on occasion, if I keep his majesty waiting too long, I had better go.

"Coming, Lion."-London Magazine.

SCIENTIFIC.

SIMPLE EXPERIMENTS FOR YOUNG CHEMISTS.

1. An easy way to prepare an invisible gas, that will burn with au intense heat, is to put some nails or strips of sheet zinc in an old bottle with a good, tight cork. The cork has a hole bored in it, and a clay pipe stem, or better, a piece of glass tubing with a fine opening at one end, is fitted into the cork. The zine is covered with water and a little sulphuric or other acid added. The effervescence is violent; and if the cork is put in, the gas will escape through the tube. After waiting several minutes, wrap the bottle in a cloth and apply a match to the end of the tube, when the gas will take fire and burn with a colorless flame. If any air still remains in the bottle, an explosion will take place. Hold a cold white saucer in the flame, and it will soon be moistened but not blackened. This gas is called hydrogen, because, when it burns, it

2. To imitate the delightful odor of rotten eggs, it is only necessary to place some pieces the sulphuret of iron in an old bottle and pour on water and oil of vitriol. The sulphuret of iron is made when iron filings and sulphur are heated together. If the bottle in which this vilely smelling gas is prepared has fitted to it a tight cork and a glass tube bent so as to conduct the gas under the water in a second bottle, much of it will be dissolved and can be bottled up and perserved for several days. This gas is called sulphydric acid and

3. To produce light, flaky clouds in a clear liquid, dissolve a piece of alum in water and to the clear solution add ammonia (spirits of hartshorn) and stir or shake it. The clouds will be colorless and almost invisible. To another solution of alum, add just enough carmine or indigo to color it distinctly, then pour in some ammonia. The clouds will now be red, or blue, and as they gradually sink to the known as "lakes." The clouds thus formed are the hydrated oxide of alumina.

4. To convert a colorless liquid to an orange red, disolve some tartar emetic in water and drop in some of the solution of the vilely smelling sulphydric acid. (See No. 2.) Next put some tatar emetic into a bottle with zinc and sulphuric acid, as described above (No. 1) for making hydrogen. After waiting long enough for all the air to be expelled, ignite the gas and place a cold saucer in the flame, when it will be blackened; and the spot thus formed, which is metalic antimony, will not dissolve in a solution of bleaching powder.

5. Analogus experiments could be performed with acid solutions of arsenic, but owing to young friends to avoid its use. The sulphydric acid would form a yellow precipitate instead of a red one, and the black stain on the saucer would be readily dissolved by chloride of lime, or bleaching powder.

6 To produce a strong smell by mixing two

verized sal ammoniae and stir in a little dry whitewash lime. A pungent ammoniacal odor is evolved.

7. In one tumbler or wine glass of water place a single drop of oil of vitriol, in a second place some carbonate of ammonia, in a third some hydro-fluo-silicic acid and alcohol, in a fourth some bichromate of potash. Drop into each of these glasses some barium chloride. In three of them a white precipitate is formed, in the fourth a yellow one. Dip a clean platinum wire in the barium chloride; then hold it in a colorless gas or alcohol flame, and a green color is produced. The green fires in theatres are made with this substance.

8. To convert a fair complexion into one of African hue, persuade some fair lady to improve her complexion with bismuth pearl powder (many do it voluntarily); then let her enjoy the perfume of the sulphydric acid, and she will gradually blacken. A curious instance of the action of water on an acid solution is noticed by dissolving subnitrate of bismuth in muriatic acid, and then pouring it into a glass of water, when it gives the latter the appearance of milk.

9. To prepare a gas heavier than air, place some pieces of chalk or marble in a deep jar, or in a bottle like that used for hydrogen, and pour some muriatic acid on them. Effervescene takes place, a taper lowered into the jar is extinguished; or if the gas, which is called carbonic acid, be collected in another vessel, it may be poured from one vessel to another like water. The substance formed when marble is dissolved in muriatic acid is called calcium chloride, and may be used for some interesting experiments: Fill three glasses with water, and to the first add a little sulphuric acid, to the second some carbonate of ammonia, to the third some oxalic acid and ammonia. On pouring the solution of calcium chloride into these glasses it will in every ease form, unless too dilute, a milky liquid.

10. To produce an intensely blue liquid, make a solution of blue vitriol, so dilute as to have but a faint color, then add ammonia, and it becomes intensely blue. To another portion add yellow prussiate of potash and it turns a reddish brown.

11. To make blue glass, bend a piece of platinum wire to a hook at the end and heat red, then touch it on a bit of borax and heat until the latter melts to a little bead. Now dip it into some nitrate of cobalt and heat, when a fine blue glass bead will be formed.

12. To form a yellow precipitate, in a yellow solution, take a weak solution of bichromate of potassium and add sugar of lead; the effect is very pretty.

13. To produce a beautiful purple, take a dilute solution of chloride of gold and add a little chloride of tin; the color formed is known as purple of Cassius.

14. To pour red, blue and black ink from one bottle, fill three glasses with water, and into one put a little sulphocyanide of potassium, in another some prussiate of potash, in a third a solution of gallic acid, or nut galls. Dissolve a small nail in muriatic acid and dilute the solution. On putting a drop of this chloride of iron into each of the glasses, the three colors will be produced.

15. Yellow and white can be formed similarly by pouring acetate of lead into glasses containing bichromate of potash and sulphuric or hydrochloric acid, respectively. The white chloride of lead dissolves in boiling water and crystalizes on cooling. Sulphydric acid black-

16. Red, yellow and black are produced as follows: put some potassium iodide in one glass, bichromate of potash in a second, and sulphydric acid in a third. Pour corrosive sublimate slowly into each, and the three colors will appear. Into a clean glass put a little corrosive sublimate and add potassium iodide, carefully; the color becomes intensely red, but on adding more it disappears entirely and can be restored by the addition of more of the sublimate.

17. One other way to make a milk-like liquid is to pour phosphate of soda into a solution of magnesium sulphate.

18. When a piece of silver is dissolved in nitric acid and some muriatic acid added, all the silver is precipitated, and the precipitate may be dissolved in ammonia, or a piece of zinc may be placed in it and acidified, when the silver will all be restored to the metallic state as a fine black powder.

We hope the above experiments will prove an amisement for many of our young readers; and when they become experts in exhibiting these "tricks of magic," as we might have called them, they will also have gained some knowledge of the methods employed by analytical chemists in testing for the common metals. Even practical men, who need sometimes to handle chemicals, will find that the above are reliable tests.

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SUN'S SURFACE.

Professor Young, in a brief extemporaneous address placed before the American Academy of Science his latest views on that subject. Every one is aware, he thought, of the fact that in the present state of science, it is impossible to regard the sun as anything but a gaseous body: the law of density, it seemed to him, could not be recordiled with the solid constitution of that body; and it is difficult to say how it could be liquid, as the liquids of which we know it must be composed are

said. The luminous surface from its appearance has something of the nature of a cloud. We find rapid changes in the appearance and constitution of the surface. It is impossible to consider it anything but flocculi floating in gas. But when we come to examine the over-

lying chromosphere with the telescope, we find evidence of violent outbursts from beneath, of extreme intensity. At first sight, it was thought that it might be only an apparent motion, or the same kind of motion that we see when a flame jumps up from a coal fire, and simply is communicated among particles already in position. But that would not account for the disturbance of the spectrum lines. It is not uncommon to find displacements of the spectrum lines indicating motion (in a line that joins the mass with the observer) of one hundred, and somtimes two or three hundred, miles per second: There is every reason to suppose that these masses, which we see-masses thrown vertically from the sun, --have really velocities of a corresponding magnitude. The question that pressed upon his mind was to reconcile that with the cloudy character of the photosphere. If anywhere the explanation, he thought, was to be found in the condensation that goes on the photosphere. If the heat of the sun is anything very great (it would melt about 40 feet of ice a minute over the whole surface), the amount that is turned from vapor into liquid, that is, the amount of condensation over the surface of the sun, is something very enormous. On the surface of the earth a shower that gives us two inches in an hour is something tremend. ous. The rain descends in buckets. But the rate is exceedingly small compared with the rate of condensation on the surface of the

Now these droplets so produced would at first descend in fillets, with an accelerated velocity, and therefore growing slenderer as they fall. But soon they would come down to a place where the atmosphere and gases are denser. The materials they would encounter in the first 300 or 400, and still more in the first 3,000 or 4,000, miles would become denser and the motion would be retarded. They would thicken in it. Besides whatever weight of liquid drops down from the clouds in a minute, that amount of gas must travel upward in order to maintain an equilibrium. That would cause the currents passing upward to be extreme in their rapidity, and the retarding effect would be still greater. It is probable that a good deal of the descending liquid would be evaporated at that point. But it seemed to him likely that the fillets would thicken and begin to coalesce, in which case they would form sheets. In that case we might get a surface something like a sheet of water at Niagara. The mass of the whole sheet would be vertical, and descend until a portion of the sun would be reached where the rapidity of the evaporation would equal the rapidity of the descent. Then it would be something like a series of descending ponds without any bottom to them. If their velocitywere retarded entirely, their whole weight would be supported by the underlying atmosphere. The pressure would be something enormous. The gases would be forced up through them, the whole being in the condition of a liquid breaing up, the gas probably taking portions of the liquid and throwing them up. This theory is compatible with that of the gaseous constitution of the sun. But we do not know what to do with the sun spots on this theory any better than on any other theory. Possibly they may be partly solid matter, as has been asserted. In that case, you might get a mass floating on the top of a more liquid portion. One element, which we are much at a loss about at present, is to determine what amount of the sun's mass is to be referred to condensation and what to dissociation .- Scientific American.

THE JOURNEY OF LIFE.

Beneath the waning moon I walk at night, And muse on human life, for all around Are dim, uncertain shapes that cheat the night

And pitfalls lurk in shade along the ground, And broken gleams of brightness, here and there,

Glance through, and leave unwarmed the death-like air.

The trampled earth returns a sound of fear.-A hollow sound, as if I walked on tombs; And lights that tell of cheerful homes, appear Far off, and die like hope amid the glooms. A mournful wind across the landscape flies, And the wide atmosphere is full of sighs.

And I, with faltering footsteps journey on, Watching the stars that roll the hours away, Till the faint light that guides me now is gone, And, like another life, the glorious day Shall open o'or me from the empyreal height With warmth, and certainty, and boundless

RELIGION AND MORALITY.

There is one city of the East, of biblical and historical renown, which is surrounded on all sides by deserts; but which, to the astonish. ment of the traveller who has been toiling for days over burning sands to reach its gates. presents to the eye, as he enters, a wonderful succession of gardens gay with the richest verdure and the most george bis blooms. largely metalic liquids. It is safe to say that Above that city—the most ancient, perhaps in ond of the carriage, till the train again stop- dry powders, each without a smell, take pul- it is mainly gaseous. Another thing might be the world-above that desert-girdled city | Street.

Damascus—towers the lofty Lebanon, with its snow clad head piercing the fleecy clouds of a summers sky. It is in its lofty summits that the secret of this wonderful verdure lies. There, in those snows that mingle with the clouds, are the inexhaustible fountains of innumerable rills of water, by which, in Damascus, the desert has been turned into a garden, and the wilderness made to blossom as the rose. All history proves that it is only from the fountain of a religion which, like Lebanon, lifts its head above the ground, and represents the aspirations of the soul after the unseen and cternal, that the sustenance which is needed for the purest and heavenliest virtues of humanity, the truest and noblest morality, can ever flow .- Good Words.

A BOY'S IDEAS OF HEADS.

"Heads are of different shapes and sizes. They are full of notions. Large heads do not always hold the most. Some people can tell just what a man is by the shape of his head. High heads are the best kind. Very knowing people are called long-headed. A fellow that won't stop for anything or anybody is called hot headed. If he is not quite so bright, they call him soft-headed; if he won't be coaxed or turned they call him pig-headed. Animals have small heads. The heads of fools slant back. Our heads are all covered with hair except bald heads. There are other heads besides our heads. There are barrel heads, heads of sermons—and some ministers used to have fifteen heads to one sermon; heads of cattle, as the farmer calls his cows and exen; bull heads, heads of families, but the worst kind of a head is the bust-head."

WANTS TO SELL.

Any body wishing to speculate in real catate can buy a house uptown cheap. It is situated between two churches that have clocks; and that's the reason Mr. Johnson wants to sell it. One of these is invariably a second or two behind the other; consequently when Johnson stops out until one o'clock, as he often does, Mrs. J. says to him as each of the clocks strike one,-

"There! A nice time for a married man to come home—two o'clock!"

Johnson, like the gay old sport that he is, thought he night as well stay out until two, inasmuch as he got the blame for it. So he stayed, and Mrs. Johnson stayed too-she stayed up until he got in, and made him listen as the clocks struck four. Then she threatened to go to her mother or get her ma to come and live with her, as it was impossible to live all alone in the house. This kind of frightened the old fellow; so he came in the next night before twelve o'clock, and as those clocks commenced a duct at twelve and jingled out twenty-four strokes, he looked at his wife with a smile, as if to say,-

"Now I've got you !"

She began to cry, and said he stayed out until " all hours." Thus it is that Johnson is grieved and wishes to dispose of his pro-

A GIGANTIC SLIPPER.

Henry has for some time been attentive to a young lady cousin, whom he has noticed on several evenings, when he called, busily engaged on a beautiful piece of embroidery, which, perhaps accidentally, or perhaps comparing it with the size of his own foot he had concluded was one of a pair of slippers that were no doubt intended for a present and Henry had once or twice allowed himself to wander into the pleasing suspicion that they were intended for him, although nothing had really transpired to justify such a belief.

Well, one evening Henry called, for the third time during the week, and, as usual, the slipper was progressing nicely. It was held up for his inspection, and he pronounced it beautiful, this being perhaps the thousandth time he had expressed the same sentiment.

But some evil genius put it in poor Henry's head to be inquisitive. He was quite sure the slippers were intended for him, but he was anxious to draw the acknowledgment from the "dear angel" who was laboring so industriously for his benefit, and he was not unwilling to draw at the same time another implied acknowledgment of her devotion for him. Of course he begin cautiously.

"Some one you are very fond of is to become the possessor of those slippers, I imagine?" said he.

"What slippers do you refer to?" inquired the fair laborer.

"Why, those you are working at so industriously," replied Henry.

"Slippers!" almost shouted his astonished companion. "Slippers! Do you mean to tell me that you took this for a slipper?"

"Why not?" returned Harry, inadvertently moving one of his ponderous pedal append-

The movement, though unintentional, drew the lady's attention to Henry's feet, at which she gazed for a moment, and then at the supposed slipper; then, raising her eyes to our hero, she said :

"Well, Henry, you are not so much to blame, after all; but this was really intended for a sofa cushion."

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LEGISLATIVE ACTION.

At the sessions of the Canadian Labor Congress held recently in this city, that body urged the necessity of taking legislative action in reference to questions of importance to the operative classes, and also recommended that active steps be taken to bring about "the repeal of that obnoxious appendage to a measure itself good (the Trades' Union Bill) and known as the Criminal Law Amendment Act." The latter question has already occupied the attention of the organized bodies of workmen throughout the Dominion, and what we might call "spasmodic efforts" have been made by them to look with confidence to an augmentation

the last session of the Dominion Parliament a large number of petitions numcrously signed, praying for the repeal of the Act alluded to, were presented by the member for Toronto East and the member for Hamilton; but unfortunately they were not forwarded to Ottawa till almost the close of the session, consequently there was no time to consider them. Parliament will shortly again be in session, and we would urge upon those who have been moving in this matter to see to it that they take more timely action now than they did last year.

Since those petitions were presented a change has taken place in the government of the country, but that fact should not deter those interested from stronuously persevering till they accomplish their purposes. It is true, the late government had repeatedly promised to take up the question of repealing the Criminal Amendment Act, or of so amending it as to meet the views of trade unionists, so soon as they intelligently placed before them their objections to the measure; and while this was no small advantage, and one that should have been taken in time, still we cannot believe the present government will show any hesitation in acceding to the wishes of a very important element of the body politic, and remove from our statute book an obnoxious and unjustifiable Act, that presses with undue sevcrity upon them.

MR. BRASSEY ON THE LABOR QUESTION.

In these days, when misrepresentations question of labor, it must be gratifying of one of the largest employers of labor in the world. Mr. Thos. Brassey, M.P., now doing the same. Mr. Thomas Brassey, like his father, is well-known as one of the largest employers in the world, and has boundless faith in the capabilities of the intelligent workman, and on every occasion has paid a high tribute, not only to the working capabilities of the British mechanic, but also

to their character as men. At the meeting of the Social Science Congress, in Norwich, Mr. Brassey was chosen President of the Economy and address, entered into an elaborate ex-"It might be easily made to appear that the rise of wages was the principal cause of the advance in coal. But my individual experience abundantly confirms the opinion, expressed by the Committee of the House of Commons, to the effect that the prices of coal which prevailed for years before the present rise commenced, were so low that they did not afford a reasonable profit to the owners of collieries in general, or such remuneration as the workmen might, with regard to the hazardous and ardous nature of their labor, reasonably expect. The rise in the rate of wages has not, under the exceptional circumstances, been unreasonable: and it is certain that the real order of events has been, first, the rise in price of iron, then a rise in the price of coal, and lastly, a rise in the rate of wages. On the other hand, though great have undoubtedly been the profits in the coal trade, it is a question whether the last two years have compensated the coal owners for the former protracted stagnation, and, in many cases, of serious loss. The period of prosperity may continue for a year, or two years at the most; but, at the end of that time, the influx of capital into the coal trade, attracted by the present high profits, will infallibly lead to some reduction in price. New coal pits are being sunk; old pits are being improved More workmen are being trained in the business of mining. Hence we may

the Legislature of the country. During | for the ordinary domands of consumers. The insufficient profits of former days cannot be attributed to the unreasonable standard at which wages were mainiained. The excessive competition in the supply of coal was the true cause of the unfortunate position of the trade. Complaints have been urged as to the effects of shortening the hours of labor; and it is certain that if a comparison be made between the amount raised and the total number of individuals employed, a less quantity is raised por man now than in former years. It must not, however, be forgotten that high wages have attracted a great number of untrained hands to the coal pits. There are some who think that a limitation of the hours of labor is in itself an evil. I cannot share in this view. Among various improvements which may tend to reduce the price of coal, we may look with confidence to the increased use of coal-cutting machinery, as a substitute for manual labor; and to the discovery of methods by which the

consumption of fuel may be reduced." Almost every day we find in some newspaper gloomy prospects about the trade of Great Britain leaving that English workmon are less easily deluded Island, and are gravely informed that Trades Unions are responsible for this state of affairs, and that they will eventually bring about the same results in America. Mr. Brassey does not seem to share in this alarm. "We are sometimes assured," he said, "that Belgium be done is, to save something from their threatens our ironmasters with serious present high wages. Forethought is an competition. But in Belgium the ore especial duty in a period of prosperity. must be carried 100 miles or more to be At no distant time the progress of our smelted. The coal pits are worked in commerce may sustain at least a temmany cases with considerable difficulty. porary check. It will be sad indeed if A Belgian workman does about half the receding tide leaves multitudes of what an Englishman can accomplish our highly-paid workmen behind, withare so common on the all-important in the same space of time. Sometimes out any provision to meet a time of adwe are told that we shall lose our posito those who wish to know the real tion in the Russian market. The truth of the matter, to read the opinion Russian Government are doing their would do well to study. It would be utmost to encourage the manufacture of iron at home, but there is little demand is the son and successor of the late Mr. for pig iron in that country. Few Brassey, the great railway contractor, Russians have any experience in pudwho has constructed railways in every dling. Skilled men and forge men are quarter of the globe, and his sons are scarce. Few of those obtainable have had any experience in the use of mineral fuel, and great difficulty is experienced in consequence of the objection of the Russians to piece-work. There cannot be a doubt as to the ultimate consequence of the comparative exhaustion of the supplies of raw material at home; but we may hope that the tariffs, which now throw obstacles in the way of legitimate trade, will in time be removed, and that, as Mr. Mrattien Williams has suggested, we may be enabled to avail ourselves of Trade Section, and, in his opening the natural resources of America, for obtaining our supply of raw material, position of the whole question of labor | just as we already derive large supplies and capital. Commenting on the rise of hermatite iron from Bilbon. The of the price of coal, Mr. Brassey said : | progress of American iron works is the more creditable because great difficulties are experienced in obtaining a sufficient supply of labor. The success with which the Americans have utilized the most costly manual labor, by the invention of machinery, give us ground for caution, lest our old supremacy be shaken by the energy and talent of the New World, while it also gives us reason to hope that the exceptionally, high rates of wages now prevailing, may be mitigat ed by substituting, wherever it is pos sible, mechanical for manual labor Looking to the present condition of our iron trade, there is nothing to justify serious misgivings. According to the last report of the Commissioner of Customs, the average rate of the value of pig irou exported in 1870 was £2 19s 2d per ton; in 1871, £3 1s 8d; in 1872, £5 0s 11d. But the demand for pig iron continued, nevertheless, unchecked. The increase in the quantity exported in 1872 over 1871 was 28 per cent. The increase in price ranged as high as 108 per cent."

> The statement here made by Mr. ignorant or interested parties who would have us believe that the Trades Unionists of Great Britain are driving the trade from it. The advice which Mr. Brassey gives is one that they ought to follow, if they do not wish to go back to their condition. Here is what Mr. Brassey advises the workingmen of that country to do: "Our artizans may be-

is but one means by which this fallacy can be exposed. The workmen must become, to a certain extent, their own employers. In co-operative establishment, created in part by his own hardearned savings, the handicraftsman will find himself called upon to apportion equitably the earnings of his business between labor and capital. In this double relation he will learn how great are the difficulties which beset the employment of capital in productive industry in a country in which competition is so keen as it is in England. The co-operative principle, in its application to the business of distribution, has been already most successfully developed. My object, however, is to encourage workingmen to create co-operative establishments for the purpose of production. The accumulation of the necessary capital is an obvious difficulty. But as wages were never so high as at present. so this obstacle can be more easily surmounted than at any former time. by tall talk and sophistry than the more excitable population of the Latin race. and I would carnestly invite them to apply their practical sagacity to the difficult yet hopeful experiment of cooperative industry. The first thing to versity." These are words which workingmen of all classes and conditions sad indeed were the present prosperity to be productive of no good result. The great poet has said there is a tide in the affairs of men which, taken at the flood, bears on to fortune. It is, however, but seldom that a second chance is given, and the opportunity once lost is lost forever; and there will be no excuse for the workingmen of all countries if they allow the present opportunity to slip without making a provision for a permanent improvement in their circumstances. With respect to those who think manual labor ungenteel, and who, instead of learning some useful trades, crowd into occupations where the supply far exceeds the demand, Mr. Brassey, in concluding his able and valuable address, gave them some good counsel, which parents and young men would do well to follow. "It is unnecessary," he said, "to dwell on the evils which must ensue from a disproportionate increase in the non-productive classes of the community. My father's advice was often sought by parents anxious for the future of their sons. His counsel always was, that a young man, whose destiny it must be to make his way, unaided, through the world, should begin by learning a trade. It is a laudable ambition in a parent te endeavor to raise his family to a better station in life. He cannot bestow on his children too high an education. But a wise man will be on his guard, lest the enjoyment of such advantages should render those occupations distasteful, which afford the most secure and ample livelihood to those whose lot it is to labor."

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LABOR.

The importance of statistical knowledge is becoming more fully appreciated every year, and some of our public journals are discussing the expediency of a national census more frequent and more thorough than is now the rule. As the basis of logislation and enter-Brassey gives the lie direct to those prise, there is no doubt of its value. Our modern civilization, to an extent before unusual, acknowledges its relations to the industrial population, and therefore all information in respect to labor and the conditions of our working people is the more highly treasured. Their welfare, their comfort and prosperity are essential to the success of our institutions and governmental sysbring their views and opinions before of the output, and to a sufficient supply lieve that the profits of former days were tem. The Old World designation of sine.

"dangerous classes" is applied with a very ill grace to that part of our population to whose labor all our wealth, raising their charges to customers. There public as well as personal, owes its ex-

> The number of working people in this country, as exhibited by the consus of 1870, pursuing specific occupations, was 12,505,923, of whom 10,669,436 were males, and but 1,836,487 were females. It is a little curious that of the women between the ages of sixteen and fifty-nine so many as 8,150,000 do not appear at all upon the table of specific occupations, although the greater portion must have some kind of regular employment. The war has increased the number of our workers. In the census of 1860 they constituted but about one-fourth of the population, whereas in 1870 the ratio is augmented to one-third, and with a proper addition for female industry, would have constituted a full half. The greatest change has been at the South, where many, women as well as men, who wore formerly regarded as beyond the reach of want, now labor for their subsistence.

> Of our working force as enumerated, 9,802,038 were born in this country. 949,161 in Ireland, 836,502 in Germany, 301,779 in England and Wales, 189,307 in British North America, 109,681 in the three Scandinavian States, 71,993 in Scotland, 58,197 in France, and 46,300 in China and Japan. These are distributed as follows: Agriculture, 5,992,471; mining, manufacturers and mechanics, 3,707,421; professions, 2,-684,793; trade and transpertation, 1,119,228. In the minor classification are 56,064 suilors, 8,975 steamboat men, and 7,388 canal men; 62,382 physicians, 43,874 clergymen, 40,736 lawyers, 136,066 teachers, 67,912 office holders, 23,935 barbers, 9,519 musicians, 5,286 journalists, 2,286 army and navy officers, 94,170 employed in hotels, and 26,090 in livery stables.

> Complaint has justly been made that the statistics of our laboring and producing population are so imperfect that they can only be elaborated so as to give proximate results. The machinery for taking them is clumsy and antiquated, and should be overhauled and reconstructed. It has been suggested, in view of the approaching century, that an intermediate census be taken in 1875 to exhibit what has been achieved by the United States during a hundred years of national existence. As in most of the States an enumeration is made so as to alternate with the Federal census, we can have substantially the same thing by procuring the adoption by the legislatures of a uniform system.

> The Bureau of Statistics of Labor in Massachusetts has been engaged for four years, under much embarrassment, in obtaining and elaborating the statistics of that State, and exhibiting the condition of the laboring population. The results are not flattering nor acceptable in many quarters, but they have aroused great interest abroad and in other States. It is hardly to be supposed that other States or countries would bear a like scrutiny with more gratifying disclosures. But the condition of the industrial population is now engaging the attention of the civilized world, and workmen in the different countries are taking the matter into hand themselves. Suppression is, therefore, out of the question, and the future statesmen must take this subject more earnestly into account in his calculations.

> The statistics are pregnant with conclusions of vital importance. We could wish that like data were at hand clsewhere. The labor question is agitating the entire community, and the controversy can be adjusted permanently only in accordance with a policy that shall be alike fair to employers and employed. That policy must be the fruit of experience and careful observation. A national census in 1875, taken with a direct view to a full presentation of the subjects here alluded to, would accomplish much toward an elucidation of the problem. Legislation could be more judiciously employed, and those directly concerned would be enabled to act more intelligently.-Harper's Maga-

CO-OPERATIVE MANUFACTORIES.

(To the Editor of the Ontario Workman.) Sir.-Co-operation when accomplished will make a complete revolution in society. The great evil of modern society is the accumulation of too much wealth in the hands of a few, and the consequent dependence, degradation and often extreme poverty of the masses of the people. The capitalist classes are too rich and the industrial classes are too poor. It is vain for political economists and hireling writers of the old school to tell the people that the interests of the employer and the worker-of the rich and the poor-are one. The object of the employer is to get labor at the very lowest rate of remuneration-the object of the capitalists is to get the highest profits upon his money. While on the opposite side, the object of the worker is to get the highest profit on his labor; to keep to himself as well as he can the wealth he creates, by the unsatisfactory struggle of unions and strikes; is it not manifest that contention and ill feeling must always exist under the present system? The idea of the interests of the employer and the employee being one, is only realized when Co-operative Joint Stock Companies are formed, in which the entire capital is owned by the employees, -and interest is allowed on capital and on wages. The next approach to the realization of this idea is seen in those companies which, while consisting of a few capitalists, the sole owners of the business and the estate, give the regular rate of wages to their employees, and wisely, for their own interest, add a per centage of interest on wages, or admit the employees to the privileges of share-holders, with profit upon their shares. In either of these instances, but beyond all measure more in the former than in the latter, the idea is realized that the interest of capital and labor are one. Then the laborer is as anxious about the preservation of the general property and the quality and excellence of the goods produced as the employer; and then the best feeling and harmony prevail, because it is not the interest of one to get the greatest amount of labor at the lowest rate nor of the other to give the least and get the most.

in its consequences, that it is no wonder it would be opposed, discouraged, and denounced by one class, and doubted and neglected by the other. It would have the same effect upon the political economy of a people as democratical institutions have on governments. It would distribute and equalize power. The doctrine of the socialists failed and was mocked and despised by the wise ones who have no faith in pro gress. But the principle was only wrong in its details. Socialism, whether Owenism or Fourierism, really aimed at a juster distribution of labor and wealth. But it failed only because it aimed at too much. Co-operation interferes with no law or opinion, assails no rights or just privileges. It only carries out a business principle, most successfully carried out by the moneyed classes. Wealthy men put their money together and build railways, or telegraphs, or establish large manufactories, or carry to themselves all the profits. Co-operation encourages working men to follow that example, to club their savings together, to for# Joint Stock Companies, and secure the profits to themselves instead of working, as they now do, at the lowest fixed wages given by a capitalist class, which monopolizes and enjoys the immense profits which under the co-operative system would remain the property of the industrial class.

But the revolution is so vast, so grand

Co-operation has done all this-is doing it now also, most successfully. All over Europe co-operative societies have been established, and are carried on with complete success by the industrial classesveritable working men-for their own benefit; successfully competing with old established capitalists; getting their full share of employment—the shareholders being the employees; and managing and controlling with admirable prudence, skill and business tact their own affairs. They are in France, in Germany, in Switzerland, in fore, I will not occupy your space by at-Russia. But it is in England that the principle is carried out with the greatest success-probably because, as here and in the right use of all other power; and although your successful business man announces himself with a great flourish of drums and tries to impress you with a very profound idea of his wisdom and ability, a little experience soon convinces the novice that business success is due simply to the exercise of common sense, prudence and industry. In England there are now in successful operation about 100 co-operative

manufactories. But every department of productive incustry is represented by successful co-operative societies. In London, Liverpool and Manchester there are large shoe and clothing factories. Many of the societies have been in existence for more than twolve years, and some upwards of twenty years; and although there have been failures—these failures, whother due to mismanagement or fraud, bear no comparison to failures due to the same causes amongst the race of capitalists-" business men" as they like to be called.

A will conclude this letter with an outline of the plan for the division of profits. Interest is first allowed upon capital, say 5 per cent.; but as each man's shares are limited, it is impossible for any single wealthy capitalist to get the control of the company. After this payment and an allotment for the depreciation of fixed stock, the declared capital of the society and the total amount of wages paid during the previous half year are added together and the balance of profits is equally divided on both capital and wages. "Here is a plan," said John Watts at the Glasgow Social Science Meeting, 1861, "by which a workman who has never been able to save a penny out of wages may yet become his own employer; nay, there is even a gentle coercion, to make him a partaker of profits, (delightful coercion), and to invest such profits for him, so that by the time he is unable to work, the interest and profit of a capital which has cost him no effort beyond what would have been necessary elsewhere to earn average wages, may support him in old age. For assuming the society to divide 15 per cent. on capital, and 10 per cent. on wages per annum, then a man may commence work at 20, getting and spending his 20s, per week of wages as at another establishment, and simply allowing his share of profits to accumulate, and he would at the end of 20 years find himself credited with £536, which if left in the concern at 15 per cent., would enable the workman to retire at the age of forty, on £80 per annum."

Trades Unions are now powerful both in number and wealth. The Amalgamated Engineer's Society has more than 25,000 members with an income of more than £100,000. The Canadian societies are growing in the same direction. Will their members not learn wisdom? Will they not learn that if they wish to control wages they must become their own employers, and use their capital in production.

GRACCHUS.

CO-OPERATION.

(To the Editor of the Ontario Workman.) SIR,---In those days when the social problem of the proper relations of Labour and Capital, is being so freely discussed by all the possessors of sums varying from \$1,000 classes of the body politic; when learned surants, political economists and literateurs. are promulgating fancy theories, and members of Social Science Congresses fulminating threats against Labor and indulging in dismal forebodings and prophecies respecting the probable outcome of the present agitations, it becomes increasingly beginnings, dogreat results spring, and I on great mercantile operations and secure necessary that Labor should make its voice can see no valid reason why the same kind heard, and contribute its quota to the solution of the problems at which the friends of Capital have so long been tinkering, and which, with a few exceptions, such as the idea of sharing profits with workmen adopted by some few firms in the old country,are no nearer solution than before they commenced their interminable discussions.

To this end, I was, as a workingman, especially pleased to find your notification that you would be glad to have the opinions of workingmen on the important subject of co-operation, and propose, with your permission, and following in the wake of your correspondents "Gracchus" and "Henry Robinson," to offer a few remarks, which; if not erudite or brilliant, may, I hope, be found to have the virtue of being practical and based on common-sense founda-

I apprehend, sir, that none who will read these lines, needs to be told what constitutes co-operation in the abstract; theretempting to give an exposition of its principles. But, as many of your readers may not know what results have been produced the States, the political power the people by a careful and systematic application of enjoy disciplines and exercises them for them, I propose to give some few co-operative facts that have come under my own somewhat limited observation.

Every ordinary reader knows that Oldham, Lancashire, England, is one of the busiest hives in the cotton manufacturing industries, and that in addition to manufacturing that staple itself, it manufactures and exports annually, an immense quantity cotton machinery. But every one who knows this does not know-and many will companies with capital varying from £5, be surprised to learn—that, in that particu-900 to upwards of £100,000. The largest lar town nearly all the largest mills, and cuted with promptness at the Workman two hands, and brought the working time to number are in connection with cotton certainly all the best paying ones, are work- Office, 124 Bay Street.

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ed on a slight modification of the pure cooperative principle, and are owned by the workingmen of the town, and in many instances by the operatives who work them. Amongst others there are "The Sun," "The Melbourne," "The Central," "The Greenacres," and "The Royton" Spinning Companies, each of which are gigantic and increasing concerns, and each employing from 400 or 500 to 1,000 hands, and paying —just think of it—quarterly dividends on capital invested, of from 15 to 35,-and "The Sun" has even paid 40 per cent.

In addition to these there are the gigantic Cotton Manufacturing Machinery Works of Messrs. Platt Brothers & Co.—at which from 7,500 to 9,000 hands are employed and at which each workman receives a monthly dividend, in addition to his ordinary wages, varying, in the different departments, from 15 to 45 per cent, on every shilling earned,-also "The Oldham Co-Operative Iron and Engineering Works," which is purely co-operative. And in addition to, and crowning all, because it is the fountain from which all the others sprang, there are co-operative stores having head-quarters consisting of a magnificent block of buildings in the central part of the town, and 7 or 8 distinct branches in the outlying districts. The head branch is fitted up in such a manner, that groceries dry goods, boots and shoes, butcher's meat, clothing and in fact, everything that conduces to man's physical comfort can be obtained readily and without confusion or mixing-up of departments. All this on the ground and first upper floors. The second upper floor is devoted to Committee and Reading Rooms and Library, and the top floor is a spacious hall capable of accommodating from 1,500 to 2,000 people. In addition to this there is in connection with it, a Co-Operative Corn and Flour Mill at which all the flour sold is manufactured. And this is all freehold property, and this society pays a quarterly dividend of from 8 to 12 cents on every dollar expended in its

Now, sir, what I am trying to get at, is this. If this town of Oldham, can carry on these gigantic concerns, and make them pay so well, why cannot the workingmen of Toronto, and indeed, of every other city, do the same? The shares in these concerns vary in value; some are worth \$5, some \$15, some \$25. Only a small per centage is paid on allottment of shares, and the rest at stated periods, of which periods the shareholders receive due notice. The directors and managers are all practical men, and in the choice of managers efficiency is not sacrificed on the altar of economy, and the result is that good profits accrue to the shareholders. The benefits derived from co-operation in this town are strikingly exemplified in the facts that in it, there are many bona-fide workingmen who are to \$5,000 and many of the richest men in the town trace their success to the benefits of co-operation. And there are probably more workingmen living in their own houses in this town, than in any other in the

United Kingdom or out of it. Thus, sir, from small and insignificant of experiment should not be made in this Dominion. Why counot co-operative Carpenter's, Bricklayer's, Blacksmith's, Bootmaker's, Tailor's and Dry Goods Societies be organized here, and thus, instead of the employers pocketing the lion's share of the profits, let those who produce them, have the full benefit. What though the number of co-operators be small! The Rochdale Equitable Pioneers were small in number, yet I hesitate not to say, that could the most inveterate opponent of co-operation survey, as I have done, the truly magnificent block of stone buildings in which the business of this society is now transacted. they would, as I was, be truly amazed at the thought of what can be done by honest persevering efforts even though against great odds.

In conclusion, sir, let me say, that I can verify every statement I have made in this communication; let me express the hope that the Trades Unions of Canada will take up this mater in right good earnest; that numbers more of your subscribers will ventilate their views on the subject, and though my remarks be crude and ill-put together, they may be received as the contribution of one who has an earnest desire to see the social, moral, intellectual, and political condition of his fellows ameliorated, and the cause of humanity triumphant.

As a guarantee of good faith, I subscribe my name and address, and beg to reman in the bond of faternity.

Yours, &c.,

JOHN FOSTER. 47 Dundas St., Nov, 15, 1873.

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ST. CATHARINES.

(From our own Correspondent.)

PRESENTATION TO A. C. MAXWELL, ESQ.

A few nights ago a number of the Caledonians of this town, waited on the above gentleman, and presented him with a splendid family album on the occasion of his marriage. The album was presented by J. B. McIntyre, Esq., President of the Caledonian Society in a brief and touching speech, which elicited applause. Mr. Maxwell in replying, stated that he received the handsome gift with much pleasure. not so much for its intrinsic worth, as for the kindly feelings of which it was the exponent. The album bore the following inscription, 'Presented to A. C. Maxwell, from a few Ualedonians—1873.''

After drinking to the health of the newlymarried couple, and wishing them long life and prosperity, the happy company separated after singing "Auld Lang Syne."

THEATRICALS.

Jennie Casrall's selected company opened in the Town Hall for a four night's season, on the evening of Wednesday last; the piece selected for the opening night was from the prolific pen of Wilkie Collins, and entitled the "New Magdalene." All the artistes who took part in the piece acquitted themselves very creditably, but special mention must be made of Miss Casrall, and Miss F. Vincent, who in their respective characters exhibited talent of a high order. The audience on the occasion was large and appreciative. We must not omit to mention the cornet solo executed by Mr. Henry, which showed him to be a master of the instrument. Mr. H. Bulkley danced a jig which was well received. Altogether, the company are well worth a visit, we understand the company intend paying Hamilton a visit next week.

MOULDERS' UNION.

It gives us much pleasure to state that the moulders who are a numerous body in St. Catharines, have organised a protective union. We have not got sufficient information on the subject to allow us to give you particulars, but we believe we are safe in saying that a large number have joined the society; we shall make enquiry and give particulars in our next communication. We congratulate the founders of the movement, and bid them persevere.

TRADE.

Trade in all its branches continues good so far as we have enquired, 'tis well it is so, for winter is now upon us, and the working man requires all he can possibly gain.

COAL AND WOOD SOCIETY.

Fuel of all kinds in St. Catharines has risen enormously during the last few years, so much so, that the question is now being discussed whether it is not desirable to form a society under the the above title. For ourselves, we believe that such a society is not only practible, but highly desirable, wood (hard) could be produced in large quantities at from four and a half to five dollars per cord, while at present we have to pay from six to seven per cord; as regards good household coal, it can be purchased in large quantities at from five to five and a half per ton, while at present we have to pay the large sum of eight dollars per ton. We hope to hear of such a society being organized, which will certainly demonstrate that at last, the working men are alive to their own interests.

St. Catharines, Nov. 15, 1873.

GENT'S FURNISHING STORE.—We would di rect the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Mr. George Rogers, who has opened out a very select stock of every description of articles needed for gent's furnishing. Not only is the stock very choice but the prices are such that it will pay to give him a call. A choice assortment of goods, pleasing manners, and fair prices cannot fail in drawing custom.

The Mechanics Quadrille Class, finding their late hall too small for their increasing numbers, have removed to the Agricultural Hall, where on each Tuesday evening, they hold most successful social gatherings.

We direct the attention of our city readers to the card of Mr. J. Edwards, who is in the field as candidate for Water Commissioner for the ensuing year. Mr. Edwards places his qualification for the position before the public. and they are such as will render him an efficiont member of the board.

Mr. F. H. Medcalf is a candidate for the office of Mayor for the ensuing term. Mr. Medcalf very successfully served the public in that position some years since, and is again desirious of placing himself at the service of he people.

J. J., UTICA.—Unavoidably left over again till next week.

D. W. T., St. Catharines.—Next week.

The Smithfield Monfactuing Company of Hyde Park, a suburb of Boston, has placed its help on half time.

The Hopkins & Allen Manufacturing Compauy, of Norwich, Conn., has discharged fiftynine hours a day.

ELECTION OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

FOR 1874 & 5.

To the Electors of West Toronto: GENTLEMEN. -

I have been asked by many Property Owners and Ratepayers of West Toronto to offer myself as a Candidate for your suffrages as Water Commissioner, at the Ensuing Elections, (to be held January 5th, 1874.)

In cheerfully acceding to the request, I assume that the duties of the position call for some practical knowledge of the sanitary laws by which dense populations should be guided in obtaining unlimited and readily available supplies of water, and that the duties also demand from your Representatives an honest determination to so act and vote that you shall have undoubted security that the monies to be expended shall be scrupus lously guarded and the disbursement thereof so faithfully managed that no reproach may rest on the shoulders of your Commissioners.

Having the privilege of personal acquaintance with leading Engineers of Great Britain and Ireland, and having had different opportunities of examining the thoroughness of their work. Careful observation of their efforts has guided my judgment in matters that will of necessity be decided by your Representatives.

To the second requirement, I base my claim to general support on the fact that I have been for twenty-three years a resident ratepayer in Toronto, during which term I have so acted in your and my own interests, in the varied positions of Mechanic, Tradesman, and Ratepayer, as to entitle me to your confidence.

I am at liberty to state that my candidature has the approval of at least three gentlemen to whom the Citizens have heretofore given their confidence for the planning and execution of the work now to be done in our City.

Lshall make it my duty to call on as many of you as possible. Should the limited time between the issue of this and "Election day" prevent me from seeing each voter in the West at his place of business or residence, I request that for this reason I may not be the less confideut of your vote and support.

I am, Gentlemen,

Yours most faithfully, J. EDWARDS.

то тнк ELECTORS OF TORONTO.

GENTLEMEN :--

The time having now nearly arrived, when (by the Act of the Legislature) you will again have the privilege of electing from amongst yourselves one to fill the important office of Mayor. I have been requested, by a large number of citizens, to offer myself as a candidate for that position. In compliance with their request, and with a desire to see our common city prosper, I now ask for your suffrages at the coming election.

Let my former conduct be a guarantee for my future

I remain, Gentlemen,

F. H. MEDCALF. Toronto, 17th November, 1874.

1874—ST. JAMES' WARD.---1874

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JOHN KELLY,

WM. MAIR, Secretary. 77-tf

Toronto, Nov. 17, 1873.

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SECRETS IN SLIPPERS.

BY MAYDEW.

Den't you tell him, pretty slipper, All in crimson glow. What I've woven with my needle Flitting to and fro. Many hours we've spent together, And you know full well, Many secrets-but, ah ! traitor, Don't you dare to tell.

In this lily, softly sleeping, Hides a hope from view ; And sweet memories nestle under Heliotropes of blue. In this vine, with graceful tendrils, Hangs a happy sigh; And beneath a tender tear-drop, Shall I tell you why?

Once, in wicked, wilful spirit, Did I try his heart; Vexed him with unkind reproaches-Love's most cruel dart. All in sad suprise ho listened, Drew my face more near; Saying, in his accents tender: "Do you doubt me, dear?"

Then I felt there lurked a chiding In his gentle tone, And in silence proudly listened, Cold as marble grown. More and more I tried and vexed him, Till with saddened eve. Close he clasped my passive fingers In a mute good bye.

Ah! my heart was sad and lonely All those dreary days Till he came, nor chidings uttered For my wilful ways. On his sweet forbearance pondering, Lo! there fell this tear ; And I wove it with these blossoms. Brightly blooming here!

Do not tell him !-he might fancy I was sad, you know, When instead through all my being Thrills a happy glow. By the tear-drop in this tulip Laughs a merry jest, And another in the astar, Told with mirthful zest.

In this pansy hides a promise Which I gave to him, And a wager in this fuschia, With its purple rim; And, oh, slipper, in this rose-bud (Let me breathe it low) Hides a blush, with vows he whispered, All in rosy glow.

Yes, and here a sudden heart-beat And a tender thrill Are imprisoned, as I saw him Coming o'er the hill. Ah! a thousand fitful fancies, Tinged with purple glow, And sweet hopes and memories tender Whisper soft and low.

From these blossoms I have broidered In the summer hours, & When the zephyrs all were laden With the breath of flowers. But 1 charge you, don't betray me-Don't you ever tell! He will think them mellow tinklings From some fairy bell.

Now, at last, oh, pretty slippers! Loved and trusted so, Having ended my confessions, I will let you go. Bear with you a birthday greeting, And glad wishes tell; Make him smile with joy-but slippers, Guard my secrets well!

SENTIMENT.

It is the fashion in this philosophic day to laugh at romance, and cut all acquaintance with sentiment; but I doubt whether these same philosophers are not making themselves "too wise to be happy." Wordsworth has called "fancy the mother of deep truth," and perhaps the time will come when the learned will acknowledge that there is more philosophy in romance, than their sagacity has dreamed of. Mysterious aspirations after something higher and holier—the gladness of fancy that come upon the heart in the stillness of nature-impatience under the tyranny of earth-born passions—and the pure and joyous light of truth, reflecting his own innocent brightness on a corrupted and selfish worldall these belong to the young and romantic.

What does increase of years and knowledge teach us? It teaches us to seem what we are not, to act as if the world were what we know it is not-and to be cautious not to alarm the elf love of others, lest our own should be wounded in return. And is this wisdom? No. I do believe the young mind, that has not reasoned itself into skepticism and coldness. stands nearer heaven's own light, and reflects it more perfectly, than the proud ones who laugh at its intuitive perceptions. Do not all the boasted results of human research and human philosophy vary in different ages, climate, situations, and circumstances? Are not the deep immutable, and sacred sympathies, that Carlos should aver be compelled to raise an they are courteous to strangers, liberal in hos- their husbands' heroics; and the Truth that Office, 124 Bay Street.

bind mankind in the golden chain of brotherhood, instinctive? Yes, I do believe the influences of a better world are around youthful purity, teaching it a higher and more infallible morality than has ever been taught by worldly experience. Man must wonder from the school of nature before he can need to look for his duties in a code of ethics.

The Egyptians had a pleasant fancy .with regard to the soul. They thought that the minds of men were once angelic spirits, who discontented with their heavenly home, had past its boundry, drank the cup of oblivion suspended half-way between heaven and earth, and descended to try their destiny among mortals. Here, reminiscences of what they had left would come before them in glances and visions, startling memory into hope, and waking experiences into prophecy.

Various philosophers have supposed that our souls have passed, and will yet pass, through infinite modes of existence. It is a theory I love to think upon. There is something beautiful in the idea that we have thus obtained the sudden thoughts, which sometimes flash into life at the touch of association, fresh as if newly created, yet familiar as if they had always slumbered in the soul. How the beautiful things of creation arouse a crowd of fitful fancies in the mind. Is not the restlessness produced by their indistinct levelinoss strangely like a child's puzzled remembrance of its early abandoned home?

But all this is not to the point. My question is, not how romanti: ideas came into the soul-but whether it be true wisdom to drive them thence?

Observation of the world will convince that it is not wise to expell romantic ideas, but simply to regulate them. All our nicest sympathes, and most delicate perceptions, have a tinge of what the world calls romance. Let easly passions breathe upon them, or experience touch them with her icy finger, and they flit away like fairies when they hear the tread of a human foot.

There are those who laugh at love, imagination, and religion, and sneeringly call them "dreams-all dreams;" but the proudest of them cannot laugh at the lover, the poet, and the devotce, without a smothered sigh that their aerial visitants have gone from him for ever, and the dark mantle of worldly experience fallen so heavily over their remembered glories.

It is wise to keep something of romance, though not too much. Our nature is a union of extremes; and it is true philosophy to keep them balanced.

To let the imagination sicken with love of ideal beauty, till it pines away into echo, is worse than folly; but to cheek our afflictions, and school our ideas, till thought and feeling reject everything that cannot see, touch, and handle, certainly is not wisdom.

Do not send reason to the school of theory, and then bid her give a distinct outline of shadowy fancies-she will but distort what she cannot comprehend. Do not by petulance and sensuality, frighten away the tenderness and holy reverence of youthful love-philosophy may teach you a lesson of resignation, or scorn, but your heart is human, and it cannot learn it. Do not reason upon religion till it becomes lifeless; would you murder and dissect the oracle to find whence the voice of God proceeds?

Be, then, rational enough for earth: but keep enough of romance to remind us of heaven. We will not live on unsubstantial fairyground-but we will let the beautiful troop visit us without being scared from the scene of their most graceful and happy gambols.

A CARLIST AMAZON.

A strange discovery (says a correspondent) has been made in one of the battalions accompanying the Royal headquarters. The regiment was being paraded for inspection, when a country priest happened to pass along the line, and pausing before a soldier, gazed on him searchingly, and then rode up on his mule and said, "Elora, what are you doing here?" For an instant there was no answer, and the question was repeated. "I am not Elora," replied the soldier, with some confusion, "I am Elora's brother." But the priest would not be deceived. "It is false, thou art Elora. I have had thee to mass and confession a hundred times. Oh! women art thou not ashamed to be in this position?" And it was satisfactorily proved by competent authorities that the lad was a lass, and the matter being brought before the King, the hero-heroine was sent for "How long have you served with the battalion?" demanded his Majesty. "Thirteen months, sire." "And you have been in | in movements. Their language is pleasant to every engagement with it? "Yes, senor." "Without your sex being suspected?" "Yes senor." "Well," said his Majesty, "though you have been indiscreet, you are neverless a brave women, and I desire to be of assistance to you, what do you wish?" Without hesitation Elora replied "send me back to the battalion." Now this would have been scarcely correct, considering the discovery which had been made, and so the King explained, and after a short pause Elora suggested that if she | claims of pity; but they do not brood over their might not return to the ranks, she might at least be permitted to attend the sick and wounded in the hospitals. This was at once accorded, and the Signorita Soldado left the

Amazonian corps. Elora should be presented with a captain's commission. The King proposed that, as the hospital was close by, I'd pay the heroine a visit; and, acting upon the suggestion, I was ushered into the visitors' room by two Sisters of Morcy, one of whom went in search of the female warrior. A soberly and neatly dressed young woman made her appearance. She might have been twenty or twenty-two years of age, by no means badlooking, though the features were cast in somewhat of a masculine mould; besides she was not wanting in those attracions of form which are considered indispensible in the daughters of Evc. I risked the observation, with becoming modesty, that she must have found it difficult to conceal her sex, and explained my meaning by a glance. "Ah!" said Elora, in no way disconcerted, "If his Majesty would permit me to resume my uniform, you should judge for yourself." Like Joan of Arc, she was eager to array herself in harness again. The elder Sister of Morcy, who, seen sideways, was as flat and as thin as a sandwich, quite agreed with me that there must have been a difficulty in disguising the womanly form, remarking that in her case it might be possible to assume male attire without attracting attention. To this observation I bowed assent. Well there was no doubting the genuineness of Elora's story. A thousand of her old comrades were ready to 'swear to her brave and modest service in their midst, and to the fact that one and all up to the last were ignorant of her sex.

HAPPINESS.

Plato declared happiness to consist in the contemplation of abstract ideas of beauty and excellence. This may be a good definition of the word, as understood by men, with such minds as this great philosopher had; but it would apply to but few persons. Indeed ninetenths of the race would be miserable in any pursuit or mental occupation. A young lady defined happiness to consist in the possession of a true, and beautiful lover, and no doubt she spoke the truth as far as she could speak it; but her grandmother at seventy would give her quite another definition. To her it would consist in the contemplation of a well spent life and the hope of joy in the world to come. The truth is, each individual will define happiness in his own way. One man finds it in the pursuit of wealth, another in the pursuit of culture, another in the pursuit of religion. The philauthropists finds it doing good. The hungry man seeks it in food, the cold man in warmth and shelter, the man of poverty seeks it in wealth. Probably, however, perfect health is the fountain-source of more happiness than any other. With a good digestion, tough skin, and a sound mind in a splendid body, who could not be happy? There are probably more happy men and women than unhappy ones-far more joy than sorrow. Many people think they are unhappy when they are not. Real unhappiness cannot exist without a cause. It is a shame and a disgrace to complain of being unhappy when we are only lazy and unoccupied. Such people are like the fox who had a deep wound somewhere on his body, but he could not tell where. Let them be ashamed to own it, unless they can show a good reason. Happiness consists in loving and being loved. There is enough to love in the world; but to be loved is to deserve it. We may be admired for our beauty or talent, courted for our influence or wealth, but can only be loved as we are good. Therefore, happiness consists in goodness.

THE SONS OF HAM.

Though the negro is an African, all Africans are not negros. There are the same varieties to be observed in the decendants of Ham as in those of Shem and Japheth. All are distinctly African, but the retreating forehead, prominent jaws, and illformed body which the negro is generally credited, are not common. It is not only the Manyema, of whom we have lately heard from Dr. Livingstone, who are beautiful in form and features, for I have met with counterparts in regions less unknown. In South Africa there is a remarkable illustration of the physical and mental differences which may exist in tribes that are almost contiguous. The Bosjesman are dwarfed in body and stunted in mind. The language ir its utterances seems not to be far removed from the unintelligent giboering of the ape. Their habits are those of wild beasts rather than those of human beings. They occupy about the lowest position in the scale of humanity. Yet we shall look in vain for finer specimens of the genus homo' than the Zulu Kafirs. They are tall in stature, manly in bearing, and graceful the ear, and capable of expressing almost any thought the human mind is capable of conceiving. They are logical in reasoning, patient in argument , and acute in observation. They are warlike, for they are pastoral in their pursuits; and since the days of the Hyksos, the old shepherd kings who were the terror of Egypt, the lovers of flocks and herds have been fond of fighting. When their blood is up their angor rages unchecked by tender regard or the wrongs, and they readily forget and forgive. 'They fought us like men, and during a truce they behaved themselves like gentlemen," was said by a friend of mine who had been engag-Royal presence, with the promise that if Don ed in a war against them. In times of peace

pitality, and to the trust reposed in them they respond with an Arab like fidelity. When once the host has kissed the hand of his guest there need be neither guards or weapons, for his life and property are perfectly secure. It is quite true that they, in common with all Africans, are black or nearly so; yet you cannot be with them, or with other of the higher races of Africa, long without feeling that the affinity between them and the fair skinned man is perfect in every material point; and the sympathies of a common nature soon bridge over a chasm which at first seems to exist between ourselves and them on account of the difference of colour. Indeed, I soon nearly forgot that they were black; and when I recoilected it was sometimes to their advantage, for in Africa black is a far better colour than white, inasmuch as a white man's complexion, after he had two or three touches of fever, is apt to turn into a dirty looking yellow; and then as my glass assured me more than once, he is not a pleasant object to look at. As a matter of taste I should not like to see the skin of my own country-folk darkened, but as a matter of fact I now find it impossible to regard the Africans with any feeling of repugnance because of the sable hue of their epidermis; and I have never met with anvone who has had personal knowledge of them in their own native wilds who could.-Cornhill Magazine.

A BEAUTIFUL INCIDENT.

The intelligent horse, says the "Turf, Field and Farm," very often sympathizes with animal distress. About a year ago, a dog was set upon by a crowd of cruel boys, and pelted with sticks and stones. The poor dog had given no offence, but this mattered not. He tried to escape from the tormentors, and had nearly succeeded in doing so, when a stone, hurled with great violence, struck him on the fore leg, bruising the flesh and fracturing, the bone. The animal howled piteously, but none of his persecuters went to his relief. Having injured him, they turned coldly away and left him to his fate. The dog limped into the stable of Mr. Edward Kilpatrick, moaning piteously. In one of the stalls of the stable was a wellbred young horse of more than ordinary intelligence. The distress of the dog seemed to move the heart of the horse to pity. He bent his head, 'caressed the canine, and inspected the broken leg, then with his fore feet he pushed some clean straw into one corner of his stall, and made a soft bed on which the dog was induced to lay himself down. A close and affectionate intimacy was at once established between the horse and the dog. The horse was being largely fed on bran mash, and one day when receiving his feed, thinking the dog might be hungry, the equino bowed his head, caught the canine gently by the skin of the neck, and with his teeth lifted him into the trough or box. The dog fell to with a hearty will, which showed that his hunger was great, and gratitude was equal to his appetite. Days and weeks passed, and the dog and the horse continued to be firm friends. The bran mash fed them both, and the invalid grew strong and fat on the wholsome diet. At night the two animals thus strangely brought together, slept in the most loving manner. The horse would arrange a soft bed for the dog. and then lay down and tenderly encircle the canine form with one of his fore less.

It is seldom that such a beautiful and anthentic incident is brought to our notice. The horse showed for the unfortunate more of that feeling which we term humanity, than did the dozen youths who were presumed to walk in the image of their God. Nay, it took the poor victim of man's persecution to its heart and home, and tenderly nurse I the same back to health and strength.

AT HOME AND ABROAD.

"Company manners should be abolished." says some one, "and home ways and conversation be the ways and conversation always adopted." A very good idea if practicable. As a rule, society men and women do not shine at home; they lack the incentive to action. The man, say, who is pre-eminently "good company" abrood, who keeps a dinner-table alive with his quick wit and keen repartee, and who has always on hand a store of unbackneyed anecdotes, and the newest information, but who hangs up his fiddle at his own fireside, and in the bosom of his family is as silent as the vocal Memnon at midnight, is not neces sarily a cheat. He is an actor without a part to play or a stage whereon to play it, a here without a flag, a bit of brute matter without an energizing force. The excitement of applause, the good wine and pleasant dishes, the bright eyes of pretty woman, and half-concealed jealously of clever men, the sensations of shining-all these things, which are spurs to him abroad, are wanting at home; and he has not the originating faculty which enables him to dispense with these incentives. So, at home he is inclined to be "dull." He likes his wife well enough, as wives and liking go; but she does not stir him up intellectually, and her applause is no whetstone for his wit. Put the veriest chit of a girl as bodkin between them and he will waken into life and become a conversational hero. His wife probably does not like it. and she laughs, as wives do, when she hears his praises from these who know him only at his best, letting off his fireworks for the ap plause of the crowd. But then wives are proverbially unflattering in their estimates of

used to live at the bottom of a well has changed her name and abode in these latter times. and has come to mean the partner of your joys, who gives you her candid opinion at home. Still, our good company abroad who sits like a dumb dog at home is not pleasant, though not necessarily a sham. He is no hero all through, but he may be nothing worse than one of those unfortunates whose intollect lives on drams and does not take kindly to domestic pudding. And, after all, if hypocrite he be, he is not the only cheat which society accepts and smiles upon.

PROGRESS OF A PICTURE.

I often think what interest there is in a picture, quite independent of its subject, or its merit, or its author. I mean the interest belonging to the history of it, as a work of some man's labour. I can imagine he was so joyous in the beginning of it; the whole work was already done, perhaps in his mind, where the colours are easily laid on, while the canvas yet was white. Then there were the early sketches. He finds the idea is not so easy after all to put on the canvas. At last a beginning is made: and then the work proceeds for a time rapidly. How often he draws back from the canvas, approaches it again, looks at it wistfully, as a watching mother at a sick child. He is interrupted, tries to be courteous and kind, as the occasion may require, but is delighted when the door closes and leaves him alone with the only creature whose presence he cares much for just now. All day long, his picture is with him in the background of his mind. He goes out; the bright colours in the shops, lines of buildings, little children on the door steps, all show him something; and when he goes back, he rushes into his paintroom, to expend his fresh vigour and his new insight upon the work of his heart. goes on. Let us hope that it prospers. Then there comes a time when the completion of the picture is foreseen by him, when there is not much room for more to be made of it, and yet it is not nearly finished. He is a little weary of it. Observe this, Ellesmere, there is the same thing throughout life, in all forms of human endeavour. These times of weariness need watching. But our artist is patient and plods on. The end of the drama approaches, when the picture is to go in a gilt frame, and be varnished, and hung up-like the hero of a novel upon whom a flood of good fortune is let in at last.—Ruskin.

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THE CURSE OF DRINK.

The appetite for strong in man has spoiled the life of more women-ruined more hopes for them, scattered more fortunes for them, brought them to more sorrow, shame and hardship than any other evil that lives. The country numbers teas-nay, hundreds of thousands— of women who are widows to-day, and sit in hopeless weeds, because their husbands have been slain by strong drink. There are hundreds of thousands of homesscattered over the land, in which women live lives of torture, going through all the changes of suffering that lie between the extremes of fear and despair, because those whom they love, love wine better than they do the women they have sworn to love. There are women by thousands who dread to hear the step that once thrilled them with pleasure, because that step has learned to reel under the influence of the seducive poison. There are women groaning with pain while we write these words, from bruises and brutalities inflicted by husbands made mail by drink. There can be no exaggcration in any statement in regard to this matter, because no human imagination can create anything worse than the truth. The sorrows and horrors of a wife with a drunken husband. or a mother with a drunken son, are as near the realization of hell as can be reached in this. world at least. The shame, the indignation, the sorrow, and the sense of disgrace for herself and children, and poverty, and not unfrequently the beggary—the fear and the fact of violence, the lingering, life-long struggle and despair of countless women, with drunken husbands, are enough to make all women curse wine, and engage unitedly to oppose it everywhereas the worst enemy of their sex.

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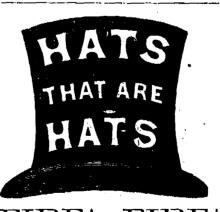
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THE EARL OF DERBITAND THE LABOR WAGES PROBLEM.

13**0**16<u>16-14</u>5 There was a great banquet given recently by the Mayor of Liverpool to a number of distinguished gentlemen. amongst whom was the Earl of Derby -a nobleman who, besides being talented and learned, possesses that invaluable blessing to public men-a large fund of common scuse. He is thoroughly independent, and may be said to have no political opponents, from the peculiar advantage he enjoys of being able to say plainly what he means without offending anybody, and without mineing matters in any way. At the Liverpool banquet in reply to the toast of his health, amongst other good things, he said one of the problems which just now is most exercising the minds of thinking men is the question whether, considering the enormous increase of wages in almost every kind of labor, and the consequences which that increase involves, we shall be able to keep up permanently the industrial superiority which we have hitherto asserted, and which was supposed mainly to rest on cheap coal, cheap iron, and cheap labor; and undoubtedly that is a problem which everybody is competent to state, and which nobody is competent to solve. (Hear, hear.) I do not find fault with those who are alarmists in this country. They are crying out before they are hurt; but, after all, that is the more sensible alternative, inasmuch as erying out after you are hurt does nobody any good. (Hear, hear and laughter.) But I am sceptical, for my own part, as to the reality or the imminence of the dangers which are apprehended for the future. Put it at the worst who is going to undersell us? Is it the Americans? Their economical conditions are the same as ours, with this important difference, that with them the laboring man has all the soil of a vast continent to settle upon, and by that inducement is constantly being drawn off from manufacturing employment. Is it the Continental competition that we have to affect labor here affects it there also; of the comparison, the superiority of ing hand are raised beyond what the market will bear, orders fall off, busi | Grapes." ness grows slack, and, by a natural adjustment, the demand for labor being | well-known master bootmaker of Stirless, wages of labor in that business | ling, is looked upon as one of the best drop again as certainly as they rose. I grape growers of the kingdom. Well know it may be answered, "No, that done again, and we will say a bit more won't happen, because rather than sub- in his praise if he will condescend to NEW mit to fall back upon old rates, the men would emigrate or take to some other employment." Well, I have my doubts as to either of these results occurring. The mass of men do not easily turn to new work, especially if it requires skill and practice, and they are not easily | ing will be read with interest: wrenched away from home and country. If they are to go, I do not, of course, deny that temporary inconvenience may follow, yet, even in that case, there are limiting causes, which will operate. It is very questionable whether, in the long run, emigration has very materially lessened population. Greater prosperity in the working class means early marriages in this country. Children are better fed and better cared for, more of them grow up, and so the gap fills permanently raised by any artificial scarcity of hands has led to cheaper production by improved mechanical agencies, and who knows but even the coal famine may be a blessing in disguise. instead of being compelled to swallow not contributed six months. As Lanit, and generally to economise our supafraid to repeat the calculations which that of Forestry, one district alone. I have heard from competent men as to the saving which might be made in the production of steam power. Many ments that the least criminal portion of will tell you—I believe it is not an extreme estimate—that, by taking the societies is well borne out by a reference

country through, the same result as now might be got by the burning of onehalf, or even two-fifths, of what is actually consumed. Is not that a subject worth going into more thoroughly than we have gone into it hitherto. (Hear, hear, and cheers.)

THE SHOEMAKER GRAPE GROWER.

It is not generally known that : shoemaker living in a garret in Soho bore off the prize for grapes at the Crystal Palace Exhibition, despite the fact of Baron Rothschild and many of the nobility being exhibitors. On examination it was found that he had produced the largest and the heaviest bunch, which moreover wore the most perfect bloom. On enquiry we find this is how he did it. First we will state that his father being a gardener, he had full knowledge of the vine's requirements. Noticing that the roof was suitable for the purpose, he next took stock of a chimney that faced his garret window, and soon decided that the plant should be so placed as to escape the north and east winds. Then having obtained a slip from his father, he purchased a butter tub, which, having sawn in two he filled the selected half with bullock's blood and suitable soil, and therein planted the slip. His ambition extended no farther than to grow a few green leaves to look at; but behold the result. The slip grew and sent forth leaves, and then appeared signs of a single bunch of fruit. Now, it will be asked, how is it possible that a tree, under such apparently adverse circumstances, could grow fruit surpassing that from the best regulated hothouses? Well, here at least are the shoemaker's reasons, and to our mind they seem conclusive. In the kitchen of the house lived a poor cabdriver for whom on leaving the ranks or streets at 12 o'clock at night, his wife was wont to prepare supper, an operation that necessitated a fire. In another apartment a baker and his wife dwelt. It was the custom of this man to leave about four, and before fear? But the same causes which | leaving a fire was lit and food prepared, and then, ere the chimney could get and if you look to the other elements | cold, the other occupants lit fires, and so the chimney always produced England in point of capital and of the necessary warmth to protect and natural resources remains untouched nourish the vine that climbed up its (Applause.) If in any business, be it sides. Well done, Crispin: long may what it may, the demands of the work. the tree continue to grow, and never, like Mr. Neville, produce "Sour

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On the 1st December last the order consisted of 254 districts, separated into 4,080 courts, containing 421,998 members. Of these members 400,217 were resident in the United Kingdom, again. To put it in one word, I am not | and the remainder distributed in our much disposed to believe in wages being | colonies, the United States, Peru, &c. Within the last five years no less than combination beyond their level. (Hear, 205,419 new members have joined the 45 and 46 Jarvis, Corner of King St. East hear.) Up to this time again every society, but as a set off to this 19,309 have died, and 107,207 have left. The avorage age of those who join is slightly over 24, and it is found that the majority of those leaving are very if it teaches us to burn our smoke young lives; in fact, very many have cashire and Yorkshire are the strongply of heat and power? I am almost holds of Oddfellowship, so is Middlesex the "London United," having 71,196 members. The accuracy of the statethe whole community belong to friendly

to the records of the Foresters and Oddfellows, wherein is set forth the name of every member convicted for felony. The advisability of holding friendly society meetings at publichouses is a point which has been much debated. No doubt cost and convenience often materially determine the question. A very large number of branches of these orders now meet at private places, and every year the number is increasing. During 1872 the receipts of the Foresters in Great Britain and Ireland in respect of sickness and funeral benefits were £491,558, and the payments on behalf of these benefits £376,031. The accumulated funds at the commencement of the year were £1,633,872. Beyond its duties as a pure benefit society, it has on several occasions authorized a collection amongst the members on behalf of some charitable object. It has furnished one or two Forester's lifeboats, granted £3,937 to the Lancashire Cotton Distress fund, and assisted other objects, such as the Chicago Distress fund, &c.

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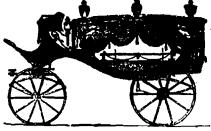
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