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#### EDITORIAL NOTES.

The rumor that Corea had become a Russian Province lacks confirmation. The Shanghai News, of July 22nd, reports that the alleged treaty between Russia and Corea, whereby the latter was virtually absorbed in the Czar's dominions, has been 'capsized" The King of Corea refused to ratify it, or withdrew the ratification first given, declined to put his army under the management of Russian officers, and has returned to the Chinese suzerainty.

It is now eighty-four years since the memorable discussion in the British Commons took place relative to the legal right of Rev. John Horne Tooke to take a place as the people's representative upon the floors of the house. But history repeats itself, and we now have the Rev. J. R. Diggle, chairman of the finance committee of the London School Board, offering as an independent candidate in the coming elections. Clergymen are frequently possessed of talents which would make them eminently successful as politicians, but we believe that the peace and good government of the community can the better be secured by the reverend gentlemen using their influence within the parishes or districts in which they are located, and we trust that the example of Mr. Diggle may be followed by few of his brother theologians.

In very truth we live in a wonderful age, in an age in which effects are traced to causes with scientific accuracy. The scourge of cholera which has been decimating the population upon the coasts of Spain, has been attributed to many causes, but it has been left to scientific investigators to call the attention of the public to the true origin of this terrible epidemic. Cholera, says a writer in the "Problems of Nature," follows earthquakes just as surely as night follow- day. The scourge is sure to be found where an earthquake of considerable extent has taken place in the Old World. A comparison of the chronology of these puffs of electricity from the earth with the ravages of cholera, will prove what is stated. To-day the disease is still produced where a few months ago the whole coast of Spain was disturbed by a sweep of this influence out of the earth. The small extent of disturbance on the coast of Italy a few months previously gave an equal extent of cholera in that country. Only a cold season of more violent winds allayed the disease in Spain for a rhort time. The disease is decreasing in extent in proportion to the acquirity. The disease is decreasing in extent in proportion to the acquirity. The disease is decreasing in extent in proportion to the acquirity of an appropriate condition of atmosphere. Let every doctor and scientist examine the cholera record and the earthquake record, and deny the statement that the earthquake produces cholera. When it is decided, let them give the records of the occurrence of disease and earthquake. When an earthquake takes place a great puff of electricity is passing out of the ground and it sweeps through the atmosphere, decomposing all the small and unseen creations in it.

It has frequently been asserted that British emigrants, in seeking a new home, prefer to settle in the United States or in a country independent of Britain. Statistics by no means verify the assertion, on the contrary, they prove that the largest proportion of emigrants from the mother country settle in British colonies. Between the years 1879 and 1883, 1,752,416 emigrants left the shores of the British Isles; of these, 718,956 settled in the United States, 99,576 in foreign lands, and 933,884 in the colonies.

The Anglo-Chinese Alliance has completely checkmated Russia in her territorial designs on Central Asia, and the Russian press has not been slow in acknowledging the advantages which Britain has gained by this carefully studied move. French diplomats are deeply chagrined at the fact that such an alliance has been brought about at such a critical time in European affairs, and regard it as a menace to French domination in Annam. Germany and Austria applaud the move, and are evidently well satisfied that Russian aggression and French duplicity should thus have been checked and outwitted.

The Malthusian doctrine, respecting the press of population upon subsistence, may find favour in the eyes of the modern pessimist, but its truth is far from being proven. The ability to increase the productiveness of the earth far outstrips the growth of population; indeed, so apparent is this fact that strenuous efforts are now being made to prevent overproduction in subsistence, by lessening the hours of labour. So long as the supply exceeds the demand, so long will there be depressions and hard times. If the equilibrium is to be restored by shortening the hours of labour, the mechanic and the artisan, the farmer and the labourer, will share in the blessings which improved appliances and modern machinery have brought to mankind.

It is somewhat amusing to read in American journals of the harsh and cruel treatment meted out to the Indians by Canadian authorities. The criticism might have some weight were the aborigines of Canada more cruelly used than those of the American Republic, but as a matter of fact the red man in Canada has been petted and pampered to such an extent as to render him almost incapable of providing for his own wants, while in the United States the rights of the Indian have been ignored, and he has been left to the tender mercies of grasping and unscrupulous agents. No doubt we have much yet to learn with respect to the treatment of our Indians, but it ill becomes our brother Jonathan to pull out the mote from the Canadian eye, before removing the beam which now obscures his own vision.

Massachusetts has probably fewer natural advantages than any State in the neighbouring Republic, nevertheless the enterprise and pluck of her people have made her one of the greatest manufacturing and industrial centres in the United States. Her factories, mills and other manufacturing establishments now number 14,352; 30.13 per cent. of all employes in Massachusetts are women, 80 per cent. of the establishments in Massachusetts make ten hours a day's work; 16 per cent. run less than ten hours; 4 93 per cent. of the workers are children. The average daily earning is \$1.23, the yearly earnings \$35\$. This may be considered a small average, but it must be remembered that included in this are the wages of the women and children. There is no State in the Union where the per cent. of working women is so large as in Massachusetts.

Late advices from Sierra Leone confirm the reports of the extraordinary movement among the Mahometans of the Nigritian regions, extending from Timbuctoo to the west coast. It appears that in 1880 a Mandingo named Samudu, of extraordinary intelligence and energy, conceived the idea that he was called of God to wage a war for the suppression of paganism and the opening of the roads to he coast, which in certain districts have been for generations subjected to excessive blackmail and to the plundering of vagabond tribes. During the past five years Samudu has collected an army, consisting of foot and horse of about 100,000 men. Mahometan youths, wherever he goes, flock to his standard, anxious not only to secure the reward in the hereafter promised to those who fight for their religion, but to carry off the rich spoils of time which these expeditions that battle for the faith are sure to win. Samudu's army is now, according to the New York Tribune, only a few miles from the coast northwest of Sierra Leone. It is said to be his purpose to deal with the Timuck and Sheibro countries, whose constant wars have kept the maritime regions in such a state of ferment that Samudu proposes to settle these districts or to seize the professional warriors who are the chief causes of disorder and transport them to the distant interior, where there will be no opportunity for the gratification of their warlike proclivities. It is not known what steps the Government of Sierra Leone will take in view of the proceedings of this force from the interior, but it is believed that a judicious co operation on the part of the British authorities would effect great good for the freedom and permanent security of trade in the regions neighboring to the colony.

#### OUR BLUENOSE CLUB.

· I see," remarked the doctor one evening, "that it has just been made known that during the great volcanic disturbance at Krakatoa telephonic communication was almost impossible in Singapore, 500 miles away. On a subterranean cable, of about two miles in length, words were drowned by peculiar sounds resembling pistol shots. The phenomenon appeared to be of an electric nature, rather than acoustic."

"Doctor, will you gize me a receipt to provent nails growing in t" said

Test-tube.

"Thom are several ways. A correspondent writes to the Boston Journal of Commerce as follows: 'A remedy which I have found effective is to seek the feet in warm water, which will soften the nail and make it more warm water. pliable; with a knife or other suitable instrument mise the ingrowing portion and press under it as much grocer's cotton twine as can be done without too much pain; change as often as necessary for cleanliners. This relieves the pressure on the flesh, allowing it to heal, and at the same time so changes the form of the nail that in a short time the string will not be necessary.

"What is a simple means of relieving the pain of flesh wounds, doctor?"

asked Rod.

"Snoke from burning brown sugar will relieve the pain of flosh wounds."

"What is the process of metalization of wood?" asked the chemist.

"I saw it mentioned in a paper the other day."

"Rubennick's process," said the superintenden, "is to steep the wood in a caustic alkali for two or three days, according to its degree of puruability, at a temperature between 164° and 197° Fah. The wood is then placed in a second bath of hydrosulphate of calcium, to which is added, after 24 or 38 hours, a concentrated solution of sulphur. After 48 hours the wood is immersed in a third bath of acctate of lead at a temperature the wood is immersed in a third bath of acctate of lead at a temperature between 95° and 122° Fah., where it remains for from 30 to 50 hours. After a complete drying, the wood thus treated is susceptible of a very fine polish, especially if its surface is rubbed with a piece of lead, tin, or zinc, and finally finished with a burnisher of glass or porcelain. It then looks like a metallic mirror, and is completely protected from all the deteriorating effects of moisture."

"Test-tube, can you teil me how to get a copy of writing without a copying press?" asked the doctor.

"Mix white sugar with the ink, 1½ drachms of sugar to one ounce of ink. Use this with an ordinary peu, and place over the writing a moistened sheet of unsized paper; lay both leaves between two layers of cloth; put the whole under a piece of board large enough to cover them; then put a heavy weight on the board for a few seconds, and an excellent impression will be found on the copying paper."

"I see here in the Scientific American that a new wood filler has been patented suitable for light and dark woods," temarked the superintendent,

as he looked over the paper.
"What is it?" asked Rod.
"Mr. Herry Hales, of Ridgewood, N. Y., has recently patented a composition of a transparent nature for use on all woods indifferently comprises finely powdered soapstone or tale, finely powdered glass, and a suitable liquid vehicle of oil or varnish, the soupstone enabling the operator to obtain a better polish than could be obtained with the glass alone. The patent points out the proportions and manuer of mixing and applying the composition, which is intended to impart only sufficient voluur on light woods to fully develope the grain, while sufficiently transporent to leave no perceptible mark of its presence on dark woods."

Rod picked up the paper, which the superintendent had just laid down,

and glanced through it.

"Hello! doctor," he cried, presently, "here is something in your line."
"What is it?" said the doctor.

"Powdered crab as a medicine," replied Rod. "Listen while I read it. 'A Russian paper says: During the last fifteen years the inhabitants of a malarial locality in the Kharkoo Government in Russia have used the crab punder with great success against the fevers. The powder is prepared in the following way: The ordinary whiskey is poured over live crabs until they get asleep, then they are put on a bread-pan in a hot oven, thoroughly dried and pulverized, and the powder passed through a fine sieve. One dose, a teaspoonful, is generally sufficient to cure the intermittent fever; in very obstinate cases, a second dose is required. Each dose is invariably preceded by a glass of aloe brandy, as a purgative powder is used in that locality in preference to quinine."

"I see it is said," remarked Test-tube, "that glass fish-globes, paper

weights made of a pyramid of glass balls, and lenses of stereoscopes have been found to act as a burning glass in the sun, and to set fire to paper, cloth, etc. Brightly tinned or nickel wash dishes have been known to do

the same. Such things in a house will hear watching."

"What is the standard of safety for lubricating oils?" asked the doctor,

turning to the superintendent.

"The standard of a perfectly safe lubricating oil from spontaneous combustion is as follows: A mineral or parafine oil bearing a fire test of combustion is as follows: A mineral or paraline out pearing a nire was of 300° or more; an evaporation of five per cent. or less in twelve hours, and a constant heat of 130°; the greatest degree of fluidity consistent with keeping the oil on the bearing. High grade neats foot oil is sometimes mixed with mineral oil, and so long as the oils remain thoroughly mixed, as much as 25 per cent. of neats foot oil may be safely used. But five recent cases of spontaneous combustion have called attention to a tendency are the second oil has apparently been applied. in these oils to separate, so that the neats foot oil has apparently been applied nearly free from mineral oil, and in such cases fire has ensued Great care should therefore be taken that mixed oils are kept in safe condition by frequent agitation or stirring."

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Among pipelson young gentlemen who received the degree of Regular

Among nineteen young gentlemen who received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in August at the Urban College, Rome, were Messrs, Degire, of Quobec, and Daniel A. Chisholm, of Guyaboro Intervalo, Nova Scotla. In the same institution, Mr. C. last year, distinguished himself in Greek and Mathematics. Three years ago, he was a student in the St. Francis Navier College, Antigonish.

Mr. A. McD. Thompson, of Antigonish, who is a graduate of the St. Francis Xavier College, and who lately obtained a "grade A" Provincial diploma, leaves this month for Rome where he intends to take a six years

course in Philosophy and Theology in the College of the Propaganda.

According to a recent consus, the number of Catholies in the Arch-diocese of Halifax (which embraces the Maritime Provinces) is 285,000; in Quebec (in the "Lay" Province) 1,300,000; in Ontario, 335,000; in Manitoba and N. W. T., 58,000. In all British North America, the number of Catholics is slightly above two and a quarter millions.

#### METHODIST.

On Tuesday, the 1st inst., a large assembly gathered to witness the laying of the corner stone of the new Methodist church, which is being erected on the corner of Cobourg Road and Robie street. The usual services were rendered by the Roys. Messrs. Brecken, Teasdale, Batty and Wier. Lieut. Governor Richey was to have laid the stone, but being unavoidably absent, the Chairman of the Building Committee performed that part of the ceremony. Addresses were given by Mossrs. Smith and Huestis. In the evening, a meeting was held, at which Rev. Dr. Burns, W. H. Cline, and others, took part. The estimated cost of the building is about \$10,000. Some months ago, the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States

addressed itself to the task of raising one million dollars for the Home and Foreign Mission work for the ensuing year. The work has been systematically carried on with such success that it is expected that the whole amount will be collected within a short time. The amount represents fifty cents a

#### PRESBYTERIAN.

Dr. Talmage, who is spending his vacation in Great Britain, has preached to large crowds there. He conducted service in the celebrated Wesleyan chapel at Finsbury, on the 16th ult. The chapel was crowded to suffication, while outside several thousand people were striving to obtain an entrance. After the regular service, he addressed the crowd from the church perch.

Probably the largest staff of office-bearers in connection with any Presbytorian church, is that of St. George's Edinburgh. There are 46 elders and

42 deacons.

There were added to the church within the bounds of Truro Presbytery last year 346. Of these, over two-thirds were received into three congrega-

The Rev. A. McDougall was inducted into the pastorate of Calvin church, St. John, last week.

A call from St. Mathew's church, Wallace, has been received and accepted by the Rev. H. B. McKay, of River John. He will be inducted on Tuesday next.

We regret to learn that the Roy. Allan Simpson, of North Park Street Church, was severely bitten by a dog last week, and was unable to occupy his pulpit last Sunday. We are glad to learn that the wound is not considered dangerous.

#### CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

The many friends of Rev. F. R. Murray, of St. Luke's Cathedral will be glad to learn that he is quite restored to health, and will return shortly from Newfoundland.

Rev. Jchn Partridge was inducted to the Rectorship of Jeddore and Ship

Harbour, on Wednesday last, by the Rural Doan, Rev. W. Ellis.
Rev. N. R. Raven, now temporarily officiating at the Garrison Chapel, will, it is said, be appointed to the Parish of Londonderry, vacant by the removal of Rev. Isaac Brock to the Professorship of Divinity at King's

#### BAPTIST.

The Rev. Dr. Kendall Brooks has resigned the presidency of Kalamazoo College, Mich.

There are thirteen students at the Baptist Indian University, studying for the ministry. They intend working among their own people.

Last Sunday, the new Baptist church at Economy was dedicated. There

was a very large attendance at all the services.

Considerable discussion has taken place in the denomination regarding the right of the ladies of the church to form themselves into societies for the purpose of carrying on Mission work, many being of the opinion that they should not work except through the ordinary channels. Some clever articles in vindication of the action of the ladies have lately appeared in the Mossenger and Visitor.

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The future greatness of this Dominion depends upon the developement of her varied natural resources, and the intelligence and industry of her people.

HALIFAX, N. S., FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 1885.

#### THE METAL OF THE FUTURE.

The discovery of aluminum, which is one of the metals found in clay, granite, and other rocky and earthy substances, has been attributed to Wohler, but it was not until Deville pointed out its great utility, that Wohler, but it was not until Devine pointed out its great unity, that scientific investigators directed their attention to what promises to be one of the greatest discoveries of the 19th century. Aluminum is a white metal resembling silver, but possessing a bluish hue, which reminds one of zirc. It is very malleable and ductile, in tenacity it approaches iron, and it takes a high polish. When heated in a furnace it fuses, and can then be cast in molds into ingots. It is lighter than glass, being only one fourth as heavy as silver.

A prominent mechanical engineer says the metal of the future is aluminum, and that in a few years it will displace iron and steel and revolutionize the industrial arts. He says the world contains ten times as much of it as of iron—every clay bed being an aluminum mine. It is three times stronger than Bessemer steel, will not corrode, is very ductile, is a third lighter than cast iron, and the raw materials for making it are not worth \$20 a ton.

#### A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

The Federal Government have done well in recognizing the importance of the agricultural interests in this Dominion, and the appropriations which they have made towards the establishment of a Dominion Agricultural College and Experimental Farm should prove advantageous to the farmers

in all sections of Canada.

For years the Federal authorities of the United States have paid special attention to agricultural questions, and by experimenting on tree culture and by distributing seeds among the farmers, have opened up new classes of cultivation and new sources of profit. As an illustration of the results of this watchful care it may be pointed out that prior to 1857 it was not known that the Chinese sugar cane would grow in the United States. The cane was, however, made the subject of experiments, and now it is growing profitably as for neath as Major. profitably as far north as Maine.

Russia, which in many respects is far behind the age, fully recognizes the importance of improvement in her agricultural system, and the Goverment is now making strenuous efforts to better the position of those engaged in farming. France, foremost among nations in that which concerns the prosperity of her people, provides facilities for the education of those adopting the profession of agriculture, and her fruitful fields and smiling vineyards bear testimony to the value of the instruction imparted. Germany, Switzerland and Holland have likewise made ample provision for the thorough training of those engaging in agricultural pursuits, and Britain has also dealt fairly with this important class in the community.

We trust that the Agricultural College and Experimental Farm may prove of great service to Canadian farmers, enabling them to reap the full reward of their labour. With a good soil and a fine climate such as we have in Canada, the Dominion should soon take a high rank among the great agricultural nations of the globe.

#### THE FRENCH IN CANADA.

In these days, when the destiny of Canada is made the subject of so In these days, when the destiny of Canada is made the subject of no much discussion, it will, doubtless, be of interest to notice a theory which some hold as to the future of the French Canadians. An article, setting forth this theory, which recently appeared in the Catholic World, has been copied and enlarged upon by several French Canadian papers, notably La Verite and L'Etandard. The writer of the article maintains that Quebec is Verite and Editamenta. The writer of the afficie maintains that Quebet is only attached to England by the bonds of a political union, not by the ties of affection or gratitude. Only a small proportion of the population are enthusiastically English. Whither do the sympathics of the remainder tend? None of them wish to see their allegiance to France restored. While preserving a loving attachment for the France of the distant past, the home of serving a normal attachment of the ranks of the distance of the their remote ancestors, they have no affection for the France of the eighteenth century, which abandoned them in their hour of need; and they are too devout Catholics to seek an alliance with the enemy of their church, the infidel France of to-day. Nor can the French Canadian ever become reconciled to the idea of annexation to the United States. They know too well that they would be liable to sink to the position of political nothingness, in which the French of Louisiana find themselves at present.

Mr. Fleming, the writer of the article in the Catholic World, predicts that one day there will be an independent French State on the banks of the

St. Lawrence. Should the Dominion of Canada become disintegrated, this prediction would be in a fair way of fulfilment. But so long as the English Provinces of the Dominion remain united, the people of Quebec will prohably remain in their characteristic, we had almost said chronic, state of contentment. It is true that their numbers are increasing with what may

Province of Quebec, and 1,490,000 in the Dominion. It is claimed that they increase, even without the aid of immigration, more rapidly than their English-speaking fellow-citizens. Mr. Fleming draws this startling inference;—"The fact is, that the Canadian confederation is silently but surely becoming French.

Municipalities are changing English names of the control of the contro ence; —"The fact is, that the Canadian confederation is silently but surely becoming French. . Municipalities are changing English names of streets and localities into French names, and everything indicates that the English must go," More slowly, Mr. Fleming, if you please. Even granting that your wish is not father to this thought, that your figures are not exaggerated, or your facts partially stated, we demur to your conclusion. Leaving many other considerations out of the question, there is a single sthundariest principal in which we find sufficient ground for confidence. It Leaving many other considerations out of the question, there is a single ethnological principle in which we find sufficient ground for confidence. It is well known to the student of history that some races are so adapted to govern others that they are called dominant races. The Osmanli Turks in Europe number only 700,000, yet they hold sway over 10,000,000 of other races. The English belong to the most pre-eminently dominant race of all. Their ruling power is sufficiently apparent from the fact that 150,000 English in India rule over 240,000,000 of divers religious and races. Now, the French are not a dominant race, and the French Caundians are roo. the French are not a dominant race, and the French Cauadians are no improvement on their European cousins. Their political position will always depend on circumstances which they have no hand in creating.

"Their level life is but a smouldering fire, Unquenched by want, unfanned by strong desire."

Of this we may feel sure, that whatever the future of the French Canadians may be, it will not be of their own making; that the formation of a French State on the banks of the St. Lawrence will follow, not precede, the breaking up of confederation; and that in any event, we have little cause to fear French Canadian supremacy in Canada.

#### A PAYING BUSINESS.

We referred in a recent issue to the poculiar advantages offered by Nova Scotia to those engaged in the wood pulp industry, and as our reference to the subject attracted the attention of many persons throughout the Province, we think it well to subjoin a few facts respecting the growth of this industry in Narray as the man area to illustrate the growth and of this industry in Norway, as they may serve to illustrate the growth and magnitude of the wood pulp industry now being carried on in that country.

Tons.	Value.
8,540	\$ 753,600
12,200	1,098,000
14,866	3,189,270
	1,410,433
	1,389,111
36.055	2,344,950
	2,652,298
	3,361,848
	3,920,000
82,000	4,100,000
	8,540 12,200 14,866 19,321 20,773 36,055 42,779 60,033 70,000

These returns are most satisfactory for Norway, but they prove that we in Nova Scotia have for years been neglecting a business for which the country is admirably adapted, and which could not fail with good management to be a safe and profitable enterprise.

#### BRITAIN'S MILITARY POWER IN INDIA.

The military strength of Britain is too frequently measured by the size of her standing army, which has, during the past decade, fallen below 200,000 men, actually in service. When, however, the native armies of size of her standing attary, and a coordinate of the nature at mice of 2000,000 men, actually in service. When, however, the nature at mice of the sound that Britain takes a leading India are taken into account, it will be found that Britain takes a leading India are taken into account, it will be found that Britain takes a leading India are taken into account, it will be found that Britain takes a leading India are taken into account, it will be found that Britain takes a leading India are taken into account, it will be found that Britain takes a leading India are taken into account, it will be found that Britain takes a leading India are taken into account, it will be found that Britain takes a leading India are taken into account, it will be found that Britain takes a leading India are taken into account, it will be found that Britain takes a leading India are taken into account, it will be found that Britain takes a leading India are taken into account, it will be found that Britain takes a leading India are taken into account, it will be found that Britain takes a leading India are taken into account, it will be found that Britain takes a leading India are taken into account, it will be found that Britain takes a leading India are taken into account, it will be found that Britain taken into account, it will be found that Britain taken into account in the India are taken in place among the great military powers of the world.

World says:—

"The strength of India in war time is at present a subject of much interest and attention. There are now in the Indian peninsula about 60,000 British and 140,000 native troops. These comprise the usual standing army. But in addition to these forces the Maharajahs or native princes maintain large armies that could be made available in an emergency. The three great Mahratta states of Gwalior, Indore and Baroda can turn out 59.600 infantry and cavalry and 116 guns. At least one-half of this force of 60,000 men could easily be spared for a war with Russia. Then there are ninety-three Hindoo States possessing 188,000 infantry and cavalry and 3,096 guns, one-half of which would be immediately available.

"The state of Cashmere alone has 27,000 troops and 160 guns. while

"Ine state of Cashmere alone has 27,000 troops and 100 guns, while the twenty-two Hohammedan states, possessing 74,760 troops and 865 guns, would no doubt be largely utilized against Russian aggression. Then there are 3,048 European volunteers in Bengal, 1,100 in the Panjaub, 3,500 in Bombay, and 2,340 in Madras, who would relieve the British garrison of a considerable portion of their duty, so that the greater portion of them could be spared for the frontier. The Afghans have an army of 60,000 which, in the event of war, it is said could be raised to 200,000. Taking all together—the Afghans 200,000. Cashmere 20,000 the Mahratte States which, in the event of war, it is said could be raised to 200,000. Taking all together—the Afghans 200,000, Cashmere 27,000, the Mahratta States 30,000, the Hindoo States 98,000, the Mohammedan States 40,000, and the British troops 50,000 out of the standing army, we have a grand total of 437,000. If Nepaul joined, there would be probably 50,000 more, bringing up a total of 487,000 men. These troops could be thrown on the Afghan frontier from the furthest point of India in little more than a week. The military system of railways in India enables the Government to concentrate the troops from all parts in the shortest space of sime. The science of railway stratery has been brought to a greater degree of persecuence. contentment. It is true that their numbers are increasing with what may science of railway strategy has been brought to a greater degree of perappear an alarming rapidity. There are at present 1,200,000 of them in the fection there than in any other country."

#### MINING.

To Miners sculing us their Post Office address, we will forward a copy of the URITIC, Free, for one month.

thir attention has been called by those interested in mining to the fact that those persons to whom mining properties are lessed by the government, receive no official notification of the expiration of their leases. True, such notices are given by advertisements in the daily papers; but unless the miner happens to see a copy of one of these journals, he may unwittingly forfeit his property. Many miners in this province have, through failure to renew their leases, thus lost valuable mining areas, which, had they received an official notice that the lease was about to expire, would have remained in their possession. The matter is a small one, but it is of great importance to the mining fraternity, and we refer to it in order that the gentlemanly officials in connection with the Mines Department may give the subject their consideration, and see if they cannot improve upon the present system of advertising the expiration of leases.

MR. EDITOR,—Gold mining in this province seems to have just emerged from its infancy. The crude methods of mining which were in vogue in its infant days, have yielded to modern methods and more anitable appliances for extracting the precious metal, and it now seems evident that capital may be used in mining with a full assurance of success, if the right men can be

obtained for managing the operations.

Although many of the mines which were worked in the early days of mining proved rich and remunerative to the miners, yet there are many of the old mining gold fields in which mining has been carried on for years with little success, and in many instances at a less to the proprietor, more from want of skill on the part of those mining and lack of better appliances for extracting the gold, than for lack of gold in the quartz. This is now being proved by the fact, that a lead which gave one ounce to the tou will now give nearly two, and that which would formerly yield but three ounces, will nearly double that amount, which increase is alone produced by modern appliances and a better knowledge of the business on the part of those operating.

Mn. EDITOR,—I see that, through your valuable paper THE CRITIC, you are endeavouring to do something to promote the welfare of our people, and are endeavouring to do something to promote the wellare of our people, and that you have made a speciality of mining, recognizing that in the mines of this Province lies hid untold wealth. Within a few months some excellent gold bearing quartz has been found in Pubnice, which has been tested and found to contain gold in good paying quantities. In one place three leads have been exposed, two of which are about thirty inches in thickness, the leads not being more than 20 feet apart. Other leads have been found in East and West Pubnice and Pubnice Head, which are said to contain gold. The mineral wealth of Pubnice, though as yet underglound, anguant to be The mineral wealth of Pubnice, though as yet undeveloped, appears to be

Soveral years ago, two practical miners who passed through the place, predicted that coal and lead would yet be found in this locality. Not long since a man in digging a cellar found a vein of black material resombling coal, it burns well. The vein was found upon a hill, and below it towards the water is a spring, the waters of which are so black as not to be considered fit for use, and upon the surface of the water is a light substance which resembles parafine oil. Lead has recently been discovered in Pubnice, and a material resembling other abounds in this vicinity.

One Interested in Mines.

Mr. Glalwin brought to town this week from the Caribou Mine, a neat brick of gold weighing 54 ounces. Six men are constantly employed at the mine, and the brick, which was valued at \$950, was the result of three weeks labour.

The famous gold mine at East Rawdon, under the management of Mr. McNaughton, continues to yield a splendid return. During the month of August, gold to the value of \$8,359 was taken out.

The returns for the month of August received up to date, are as follows :---

	Tons Quartz	ez. Gold.
Salmon River	960	725
Sherbrooke	112	. 16
Lako Catcha, Yarmouth Co.	214	217
last linwdon	136	420 <u>3</u>
Uniacke	76	12

Miners will notice by Austen Bros., advertisement on this page, that they are prepared to meet all demands for supplies.

In 1860 our metal industries employed about 35,000 hands, consumed \$100,000,000 worth of material, and turned out about \$180,000,000 in annual profits; to-day these same industries employ 300,000 hands, consume \$380,000,000 of material, and their annual product amounts \$60,000,000.

In 1883 nearly 24,000,000 pounds of block tin was imported into the United States, costing more than \$6,000,000, and of tin plate and other

manufactures of tin nearly 500,000,000 pounds, worth nearly \$20,000,000.

The Drum Lumon Mine, in Montana, is turning out \$80,000 worth of bullion a month .- Mining Review.

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SEND FOR PRICES AND TERMS.

The Centrel Board of Agriculture of Nova Scotia have made arrangements for the visits of Mr. Jakeman, Provincial Veterinary Surgeon, as follows:

August 15th - Picton August 15th - Varmouth.

18th - Kentville. September 1st - Truro.

19th - Bridgetown. 8th - New Glasgow.

20th - Annapolis. 9th - Picton.

20th - Diglay. 15th - Winder.

Those who have demestic animals suffering from disease or accidents or requiring operations to be performed, would do well to note the date upon which Mr. Jakeman visits their locality

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#### THE LONELY FOREST LAKE.

The clear September days awake With ruddy sky, and fresty breeze, That murmum blithely through the trees Around the lonely forest lake;

Whose water shows a silvery blue,
Before the place of emrald shade,
And maples while and tall, arrayed
In robes of timest scarlet line.

Beneath this water's mirror face,
Where weedland walls keep lock the wind,
A view of earth and sky we find,
With perfect forms and added grace.

And while I gaze upon the scene, From youder cove a bantman steers; And o'er the tide so swiftly nears He seems a sprite of morning's sheen.

His paidle flades back the light; His figure, sturdy as an oak, Is swaying with the steady stroke, And tells me of unconscious might.

At length, the Indian passing by, (For such the loatman proves to be) Sweeps onward fast and silently, Beyond a headland towering nigh.

So once again the regions rest
Within the arms of Solitude,
And jaing sound or vision rude
No'er breaks the concord here expressed.

NORTH STAR.

#### PROHIBITION vs. LICENSE.

We have decided to open our columns for a limited time to the discussion of the question of Prohibition vs. License, and have made arrangements with two represents the writers to contribute each alternate week a communication upon the subject. We believe our readers will be interested in a fair and manly discussion of this burning question, and we trust the writers will deal with the subject in a manner becoming broad and liberal-minded men.

#### THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

To the Editor of the Critic:-

Sir,-Your correspondent, I think, does not quite understand the sources from which the temperance cause derives its strength, or he would not waste so much of his time in vain endeavours to show that the Hon. J. B. Finch, one of our prominent leaders, has been guilty of a grave offence, in applying the term "blackguard" to Goldwin Smith, because, like all true referms, the evils to be redressed, the sorrows inflicted upon the people, the consequent tears and pleadings of the helpless, the prayers ascending to God from tens of thousands of afflicted homes, in whose closets are the skeleton products of this cursed traffic, are continually vatering and fertilizing the soil, which produces the Goughs, the Dows, Murphys, Bains, Willards, Finches, etc.; hence to strike down any of the leaders, would no more retard the progress of this great reform than the assessination of Lincoln or Garfield interfered with the progress of the American nation. The strength in each case is in the people, not their leaders: the forces of Christianity, vitalized by the prevers and team of the American nation. The strength in each case is in the people, not their leaders; the forces of Christianity, vitalized by the prayers and tears of the suffering, will ever supply leaders to step into the places made vacant by those who may be struck down by the hand of an assassin, or an honorable foe; so that F. T. should direct his artillery at our principles, not our leaders. But Mr. Finch did not by any fair construction of language call Mr. Smith a blackguard, nor should an impartial man cognizant of the facts say so. Respectable controvertialists should be careful how they deal with the characters of their equals.

The temperance question like Christianity, cannot be circumscribed by

The temperance question, like Christianity, cannot be circumscribed by national bounds, hence Mr. Finch, or any other American, has as much right to discuss the question of compensation to the liquor dealers in Canada as in his own country, or as any other principle, question or result involved in the temperance reform. The twaddle reproduced from the Week is too puerile for full-grown men to waste time over, and I am surprised that a gentleman possessing the undoubted literary attainments of your correspondent would reproduce it. Neither did Mr. Finch call any man or class of men in Canada criminals, as far as I know. He did, however, characterize the liquor traffic a crime, as do all the prominent advocates of the temperance cause, and all others who are acquainted with its criminal

results.

If your correspondent cannot, as he says, see any difference between the "Stewart laws" "and those which the Prohibitionists seek to impose," I think almost everybody else can, the difference being radical.

My demand for proofs of affirmations made by my opponent are mere demands that the well-known and universally conceded laws of evidence and of discussion shall be complied with and I beg to say to F. T. that he who ignores these laws is considered out of court, and I would respectfully urge upon him again the absolute necessity of keeping within these lines, or I will be justified in charging him with using the same tools that Mr. Finch said Goldwin Smith used.

The assertion of the Week, reiterated by F. T. as to the conduct of certain friends of Prohibition in Canada, have all been most effectually disproved: and those who still use them are circulating spurious coin which have been nailed to the counter by the parties concerned long ago. a fact the Week does not of course tell its readers.

If the letter published in the Week over the signature of C. Rico was their conquerors.

refused by any portion of the press in Canada, I presume the cause can be traced to the unreliability of his statements, the principal stimulating cause of lunacy and insanity being too well understood all over the world

to admit of any modification from Canada's limited experience, evan if correctly stated, as it was not in that letter.

Of the remarkable influence of alcohol in producing institute in Varia during the late war, M. Lunier has given abundant proof. "During May, 1871, 55 per cent. of the admissions were due to alcohol alone." "Persons in whom the nutrition of the brain is disordered by the use of alcoholic in whom the nutrition of the brain is disordered by the use of alcoholic bevenges, are more liable than others, to the moral and physical causes to which insuity is attributed." (Alcohol and Science, Dr. Hargroves, p. 200.) Lord Shuttsbury at Manchester Nov. 21, 1851, said, 'Here I speak of my own knowledge and experience, for having acted as Commissioner of Lunacy for the list 20 years, and having acted as chairman of the Commission during 16 years, and having had therefore the whole of the business under my personal observation and care, having made enquiries into the matter, and having fortified them by enquiries in America, which have confirmed the enquiries made in this country—the result is, that fully sex-tenths of all the cases of insanity to be found in these realms and in America, axise from no other cause than from the habits of intemperance in which the people have indulged."

No better authority can be quoted upon this subject than the following: Dr. Carpenter in the Contemporary Review of Jan., 1873, says: "We have a far larger experience of the results of habitual alcoholic excess than we have in regard to any other 'nervine stimulant;' and all such experience is decidedly in favor of the hereditary transmission of that acquired perversion of the normal nutrition of the nervous system which it has induced. That this manifests itself sometimes in a congenial ideay, sometimes in a predisposition to insanity, which requires but very slight exciting cause to develope it, and sometimes in a strong craving for alcoholic drinks which the unhappy subject of it strives in vain to resist, is the concurrent testimony of all who have directed their attention to the inquiry"

#### RECONQUEST OF ADANAC.

"It seems strange that the conquered should be the conquerers. If Riel had been other than a Frenchman," etc.—Dr. Burns on Dr. Grant's late Lecture

When Germany, at the close of its last struggle with France, obtained, in addition to war indemnity, a large slice of fair territory of the Teutons' bellicose neighbour, the far-seeing Chanceller who had extinguished the petty German Principalities and welded them into a powerful whole—a united Teutonia—was not content with mere occupation of the ceded Provinces of Alsace and Lorraine. No. The work of Germanizing the newly acquired country was commenced, and regardless of the outery of loolers on against what they were pleased to call the tyranny of conquerors, the work was prosecuted with vigour and thoroughness until a huge slice of what was once France was converted by grafting into part of Germany. But in Adauac was beheld a different state of affairs. The flag that waved over Adamac was one to be found in all corners of the world, and its colours were teasted in song and story as having braved for a thousand in addition to war indemnity, a large slice of fair territory of the Teutons

its colours were toasted in song and story as having braved for a thousand

years the battle and the breeze.

And yet under that one flag in Adanac lived two separate and distinct nations, each retaining its own language, laws, and customs; and in the Parliament and Law Courts one could witness the curious spectacle of a mixed assemblage discussing the national affairs, and adjusting the legal

difficulties of Adanae in two languages.

In the early days of the cession of Adanae to the hardy compatriots of the Queerboro militia, the evil results of such foolish concessions as were then allowed to a beaten enemy were not foreseen, and when wise men ventured to predict that in years to come the agreement to respect the laws, customs, and national feeling of the Crapaudians would work some mischief in the land, the seekers after power and influence even laughed in scorn and derision, and in their anxiety to secure the support of the Crapaudian vote, would slap their once despised and beaten neighbour on the back, and accord to him greater privileges than were ever dreamed of by the framer of the ancient and musty agreement which was flaunted in the face of any Adanac who ventured to draw attention to the growing arrogance of the Crapaudians.

Allowed an inch the wily Crapaudian took many an ell. By vapouring about the national glory of Adamae, he lulled to rest his good-natured conqueror in many a hard-fought battle, and induced that ease loving soul to overlook the growth of Crapaudian interests.

But from a blissful condition of peace and an inordinate belief in his superior strength when aroused into action, the true owner of Adamse was

destined to be rudely awakened.

And when the shrill shrick of rebellion was heard from a remote corner of the Adanse Dominion, its people noted with growing uneasiness that the fairest slices of its principal cities were the property of the once despised Crapaudians; that the choicest lots of land were exempt from taxation and a source of revenue only to the owners; that the language of Crapaudians were beard exempted by the principal cities in the language of Crapaudia was heard everywhere in the principal cities, in the law courts, churches, Parliament house, stores, and barracks, and that in the Club House of the citsdel itself Crapaudian influence was becoming paramount, and the Crapaudian vote determined its membership and ruled its bill of fate. And in addition to this, the Adanae people noted with increasing dismay that Crapaudians by birth, who had been permitted to publicly keep alive all the traditions and natural instincts of their race, who had been allowed for a century after defeat to retain their hold upon the country which had been wrested from them in fair fight, and as the reward of victory, were wearing uniforms and carrying arms supplied by

And what was it that had so suddenly awakened the true owners of Adapase to the necessity for a change of policy and a sweeping alteration in the terms of the agreement which enabled the Crapaudiars to retain a hold upon the land they had lost. It was the language of the cry of the The clamorous shrick for greater freedom and further privileges came from Crapaudian throats And giving a deeper sound of warning to hitherto sleepy and trustful Adanses came the shouts of the same savage allies of the Crapaudians who in former years had added such horror to border warfare, that even the buildog spirit of the Adanae almost despaired of any other method than annihilation ensuring peace and safety for settlem in Adamao.

However, when the people of Adamso were called upon to forsake the pen and the plough and again handle the knife and the rifle, the wish to ensure future poace and safety for their distant kindled led them to look

around for means to suppress all further trouble.

It was a gigantic task the Adanacs found awaiting them. voins ran the blood of men who had nover yet in the world's history failed to make good their foothold in countries won by hard toil and accured by

conquest in days when Might was Right.

And so the wise men of Adamse proceeded to strangle the Crapaudian cry of rebellion. It was work which an age of peace had rendered distasteful and strange to the sons of Adanae, who were called to the task, and many of them fell by the way wounded and dying-victims to that spirit of toloration which endowed the men of Adams with the belief that under one flag could live in peace, harmony, and on terms of perfect equality two separate and distinct races, perpetuating different languages, each grasping the pillar of power, and one of them endeavouring to 'serve two masters' by hip loyalty to the flag of Adamac and heart worship of old Crapaudia.

And when the struggle was over, and the men of Adanac saw their old enemies once again at their feet and the savage allies of their hereditary foo cowed and besten back into submission to the onward march of civilization, there still remained the stern necessity of putting the house of

Adanac in order.

They uncarthed the musty agreement with the Crapaudians of long ago, and expunged the clauses which gave to the vanquished the right to share in the government of the Adames. They decreed that in the Courts of Law and the Italis of Parliament the tongue of the Crapaudian should be silent save when it spoke the language of those who had fought the bittles of the flag the forefathers of Adamse had died for.

It was also resolved to make an effort to Adanacize the Crapaudians in the same way that the Chanceller of an Eastern Empire had Germanized

certain French Provinces.

And it was decided that even this gigantic task could be accomplished by the exercise of patient will, by cheerfully recompensing Crapaudians for the commercial value of any lost privileges, and by the force of a purpose strengthened by past events and made righteous by the blood of young Adamacs slain in defense of law and order.

At the same time it was deemed prudent to proclaim that, if necessary, the new code of Adamac constitutional law would be presented at the sword's point to unruly Crapaudians living under the shelter of the Adanae

ilag.

And as the years rolled by, the Adanac nation grow and prospered, no

longer disturbed by frequent dissension and rebellion.

The Crapaudians became quiet and peaceable under the rule and

guidance of their conquerors, and these conquerors, seasoned by past trials and adversities, and alive to the importance of purity in political life, ceased to traffic and barter with the wily Crapaudian for his vote.

And as out of evil cometh good, so from the troubleus days of the reconquest of Adanac the people emerged into an era of peace and prosperity. The restless spirits among the Crapaudians ceased to believe in and prate of their ability to obtain concessions from Adamses by force of arms, and were quelled by the more sensible and law-abiding of their race who, discovering that no man can serve two masters, became in time true Adanacs, their children being taught the one language of the Adanac Parliament—upon the floors of which Crapaudians stood not as the representatives of the former owners of Adanac, but as good and loyal supporters of the honour and glory of the Adanac Commonwealth.

VAGRANT.

#### RIEL.

It is not easy to vigorous, old-fushioned common sense, to enter into the state of mind which can influence a man like Dr. Grant, to advocate mercy to Riol. To that old-1 suppose expluded-kind of common sense, there appears but one view of the case of that most miserable mi creant; namely that his life was forfeited fifteen years ago for the murder of Thos. Scott, under power which could not have been usurped by so poor a pretender to a leadership of men except amongst an ignorant and uncivilized people His immunity after the transactions of that time is a disgrace to both the political parties of Canada.

Had Dumont been captured, mercy to him would not, I take it, have been ill thought of. For Dumont is a man whose courage in defending what he no doubt thought a just cause (for he is a far less educated man than Riel) commands a cortain respect.

But Riel can only be fitly described as a mean and crafty mongrel. His craft cannot be dignified even by the ideas associated with the cunning of the fox; for the fox, pushed to extremities, dies biting and lighting to his last breath. The French of course advocate his cause from race-feeling. The same feeling should, one would imagine, keep Dr. Grant silent at least. But we are becoming in these days so ultra-refined in every sort of had repeatedly been made to him?" casuistry that manhood seems tending to a vanishing point, and the greater Pizarro was beheaded.

the ruthen the more persons will be found to carry bouquets to his cell and beslaver him with a sickly sentimentalism on his path to the gallows he

The same sickliness of mind provents the revolting legalization of

tlogging for brutality.

It is a disgrace, even to the French, to uphold this wretched bound. For no one, who is neither fool nor partizan, can doubt that the very least worthy of the fifty or sixty more lives of which his miserable vanity has caused the loss, was of tenfold the value of his own worthless existence. Not even, then, taking into account the calamitons loss of property, the extensive misery, the enormous expense, and the deterrence of settlement, due to Riel, (for the aprising seemed incipable of finding another leider, a fact which aggravates his guilt) on the score of life alone, his own is forfeit, over and over again.

A doctrine which may (or rather should) vary with circumstances has of late years gained ground indiscriminatively of circum-tances, i.e., the doctring that political offences should not be capital. In the circumstances of many European States, it is a beneficiant doctrine. In the case of the United States, even with the evil principle of slavery at its lack, the extent of the Secession raised it to the rank of legitimate civil war. none of the considerations involved in the convulsions of 1818, or in the Civil War in America, give the slightest sanction to the altogether gratuit-ously assumed position of Riel. We all understand that, when the Government is indicted for grounds of grievance, it is a party accusation. We all know what party accusations are worth. Falsehood and exaggeration are so interwoven with party tactics as to constitute an infellible nemesis. Even where an Opposition is conscious of truth, it finds it has lost its legitimate power from its inveterate habit of cilling "wolf," when there is nothing stirring but a chipmonk. But no one but an idiot (or a worse person) will contend that any dereliction of the Government in regard to the North-West was oppression of a kind to condone effusion of blood. Let as see in the light of History how causeless rebellions have been treated of old.

We are accustomed to connect the Government of Spain under Charles V. with his edicts against European heretics, (and they are certainly atrocious enough), with the oppression of the Netherlands, and with highhanded measures generally Yet Charles was far from being a cruel or an ignoble monatch, as monarchs went in those days; and, especially with regard to the American conquests, the court of Castile, in spite of its inveterate tendency to legal delays involving frightful injustice, was animated by a singularly just and beneficent policy. This policy it is true, animated by a singularly just and beneficent policy. the lust and cruelty of the conquerors neutralized to a lamentable extent. Yet a succession of viceroys, appointed with admirable judgment both to Mexico and Peru, did their best, and that not a little, to mend colonial

The events which succeeded the actual conquest of Peru were of an import extending so far beyond the local and colonial interests directly involved, as to form matter not unworthy of consideration in the future affairs of the world at large. It happened that, at critical periods, two mon were sent out from Spain with powers commensurate to their remarkable characters, which were such as to rank them with Hampden and Washington. These were the Licentiate Vaca de Castro, and the Priest Pedro de la Gasca. By a happy stroke of precaution the commission of De Castro empowered him to assume the government in the event of the death of Francisco Pizarro. On his arrival in Poru he learned the assessination of that leader. The leader Almagro having been previously sacrificed to the ambition, the hatreds, and the interests of the Pizarros, De Castro found his son Diego Almagro in arms. The latter was speedily defeated and captured His personal qualities, and considerations of provocation, sufficed to influence a considerable minority of the council of war which sat on his case in favor of morcy. But the majority considered his death necessary to the tranquility of the country. Altho, from the circumstances of the case, no torms were offered by De Castro to the rebels, his known moderation

rufficiently indicates the general sense of a necessity for severity.

The case of Genzale Pizarro, however, is, in all its particulars, of more marked application. The court of Castile had sent out a Viceroy charged with ordinances exceedingly obnexious to the colonists. His character and matheda heart a pursual anticothy in addition. Genzale, the last of and methods begot a personal antipathy in addition. Gonzalo, the last of the Pizarros, personally popular, took arms against the Viceroy, who was defeated and slain. Meanwhile his imprudence and incapacity became known in Spain, and Pedro de la Gasca was despatched with absolutely unlimited powers-even to send home the Viceroy if he judged fit. Perfect purity, unchangeable moderation, imperturbable self reliance, together with benevolence, modesty, vigor in action, and a faultless sagacity, combined to form a character such as to justify any powers with which a sovereign could entrust its possessor.

Twice, if not three times, Gaser held out the olive branch, but pride and evil counsels held Pizarro to his fate. After one bloody victory over a lieutenant of Gasca, Gonzalo's forces in the final struggle melted away like snow, and pared over in bodies to the representative of the Crown. The triumph of order was almost bloodless. Pizarro rode into the royal camp, and gave himself up. But mercy had been at least twice sourned, and

gratuitous bloodshed called for a just soverity.

"As he approached," says Prescott, in whose "Conquest of Peru" all the details may be found, "he made a respectful obsisence to the President, which the latter acknowledged by a cold salute. Then, addressing his prisoner in a tone of severity, Gaser enquired 'Why he had thrown the country into confusion, raising the banner of revolt; killing the viceroy; usurping the Government, and obstinately refusing the offers of grace that

And what was Gonzalo Pizarro ! A gallant knight; liberal and kind-hearted, it somewhat vain and hasty; a brave and devoted leader; who was not only influenced by the fact that the conquest may be said to have lain in his family, but was warmly supp, ted by the real affection of the larger portion of the Spanish inhabitants, until it became apparent that his continuance of the struggle was unjustifiable robellion.

And what is Riel?

FRANC-TIMEUR.

#### THE FRENCH DRAMA.

#### (Continued.)

Jan Racino, the favourite trigic poet of the court of Louis XIV., and the most admired of all the French dramatists, was born at Forte Milen on the 21st December, 1039. He was educated at the College of Beauvals till the age of sixteen, when he was transferred to a school in the Abboy of Port-Royal-des-Champs, where his grandmother and aunt were leading a recluse life. Lovable as he was, the affectionate seriousness of his character, as well as his amiable disposition endearing him to all around him, his friends yet trembled for him, fearing that his strong sensibilities and vivid imagination would lead him into trouble. Here his love for the Greek poets, of which his favourite was Euripides, was first developed, and his teachers, fearful for his spiritual welfare, thought it necessary to condomn, and even to punish their favourite when they learned that he actually himself indulged in the "sinful practice of verse-making!" The Sacristan Lancelet, finding him one day deep in the "Loves of Theagenes and Charieleus" (a Bysantine romance, by Heliodorus) immediately throw the book into the fire; but the youthful poet only smiled; he already had the contents firmly fixed in his memory, and no burning of the book could take it from him.

After residing for three yours at Port Royal, Racine proceeded to the College of Harcourt, where he completed his studies, and saw more of the world than was pleasing to his old friends at Port Royal, whose feelings were eadly hurt at his writing in one of his letters a burlesque on the pious phraseclogy of the inmates of the Abboy.

Racine's first production was an Ode on the marriage of Louis XIV. for which he received a present of 100 louis d'or, and a pension, which however was not sufficient to maintain him. In 1661, having held out to him, by an uncle in Languedoc, the hope of a benefice, should be take orders, Racine attempted to study theology, but he soon found it an impossibility. While striving to fix his mind on the deep questions of the church, his heart was with Ariosto and Sophocles; so giving up the attempt in disgust, he returned to Paris, and having acquired the friendship of Boileau devoted himself to poster.

of Boileau, devoted himself to poetry.

The first tragedy which issued from the pen of the young author was "Les Frères ennemis," which, though far inferior to his later pieces, gives promise of the genius afterwards developed; in this play he imitates Comeille, later on he shews more independence. In 1666 appeared "Alexandre," but it was not till 1668 when "Andromache" was given to the public, that his evident genius attracted marked attention; from that time for ten years Racine's career as a dramatist was unsurpassably brilliant. In 1669 or 1670 appeared "Brittannicus," and in 1671 "Berenice." Corneille attempted this subject at almost the same time, but not with the same success: it is the picture of two hearts struggling against a noble and blameless love, and required something more than Corneille was able to give. "Bajazet" which followed in 1672 was founded on an event in Turkish history, and though in beauty of style it must be reckeded below some of Racine's other tragedies, yet the characters of Rajazet and Atalide, the principal figures in the play, are two of the finest and noblest portrayed by the poet. "Mithridate," "Iphigénie" and "Phedre" followed in quick succession, appearing at intervals of two years. Then in 1677, at the age of 37, Racine suddenly withdrew from the theatre, and would have become a Carthusian monk but for the intervention of some of his friends, who of 37, Racine suddenly withdrew from the theatre, and would have become a Carthusian monk but for the intervention of some of his friends, who suggested that instead of doing as he wished, he should marry some pious woman and cultivate domestic virtues. Racine accepted this strangely-placed alternative, and a pious, though not over intelligent female being procured, the marriage took place in 1677. Racine was shortly after appointed historiographer to the king, and in 1689, at the request of Madame de Maintenon, wrote the play of "Esther," to be performed by the young ladies of St. Cyr. This play, though beautiful in its expression, does not rank high as a drama, but it is deserving of praise, in that it prompted the author to write "Athalie," his last, and undoubtedly finest work. work.

Racine's tragedies may be divided into three classes:

Those whose subjects are drawn from the Greek theatre, as Andromache, Iphigénie and Phèdre.

 Historic tragedies, as Britannicus, Berénico and Mithridate.
 Religious dramas as Esther and Athalie. The great singer of Love in the early and brilliant part of Louis' reign, sounds in the ears of the old king the grand echo of the Divine Word.

From the days of Corneille and Racine to the present hour, critics of all nations have compared the two great dramatists; great upholders of Corneille have striven to condemn Racine; admirers of Racine, to detract from Corneille. They represent two different styles of dramatic writing prompted by two very different souls. Corneille is sublime, exalted, noble; Racine, natural, passionate and pathetic. Corneille shows us men as they should be; Racine, men as they are; one forces us to adopt his characters and his ideas; the other adapts himself to ours; one uplifts, astonishes, teaches; the other touches, moves, penetrates; one attracts admiration, the back there." other feeling. Whatever there is of beauty, nobility, or grandour, is

handled by the former; by the latter whatever in passion is delicate and lovely; Corneille is more moral, Racino more natural; the latter gains in truth what he loses in grandour. Racine's characters are not annobled as Corneille's by their moral perfection, but by the free development of their natural qualities. In tonderness and elegance, grace of style, and delicacy of sentiment, Racine is without a rival. 1... faults may be ascribed chiefly to the influence of national tasto; a certain stiffness and coldness; a strict adherence to rules which forbids an remarkie colouring,—these a strict adherence to rules which forbids an remarkic colouring,—these instead of detracting from Racine's merit, make us admire him the more. Working within the scauty limits allowed to French dramatists, he managed with the utmost skill to raise the tone of feeling. His delineation of the passion of love is unsurpassed in tenderness, and none before or since has as well depicted the conflict of contending passions. Racine's style is exquisite. To quote from La Harpe in his Elogo de Racine, "His expression is always so happy and so natural that it seems as if no other could have been found; and every word is placed in such a manner that we cannot fancy any other place to have suited it as well."

In my nos' I will proceed to give a sketch of the plot of "Athalie," and the closing scene in the life of the great poet.

#### MEDICAL NOTES.

The writer of "Medical Notes," like many others in Halifax, has been taking a holiday in the rural districts, which will account for the absence of

said Notes in THE CRITIC.

Dr. McDonald's truthful remarks about diphtheria and the necessity of legislation, has passed without remark from any one in the profession. doctor will have to dip his pen in gall and wormwood, if he wants the average doctor to be up and doing. Some persons with-hold comment, because it is the Secular Press which deals with the question; very few of these people, however, pass a sleepless night when they find themselves commented upon by the same Press.

The distinguished Dr. Sands, of New York, is again visiting us, the doctor must find something attractive, socially as well as physically, to visit dult old Halifax, so often and so regularly. We are quite pleased to have him with us, and hope he may come to see and be seen many summers in the

Small-pox is slowly extending its loathsome lengths over this country, but will have to move more rapidly to cause much have before Cauadian frosts will kill it, with the more useful germs of vegetation.

Poor Spain excites the pity of the civilized world, if the scourge should bring her people out of their mental and physical lethargy, or produce another "Jenner," it would be a blessing to herself and the world, instead of a national curse.

Dr. McKeen, of Sydney, was in town last week; as usual with Cape Bretonians, he is a fine specimen, physically.

A " Medical Journal," started by some of our wealthy physicians, (somebody please count them, he will not lose much time), would break both hearts and pockets of those hardy enough to undertake it.

Dr. Cameron, of this city, is a good sample of west hard work, ambition, and strong common sense will do. The doctor is rapidly climbing the professional ladder, and he is doing it good-naturedly

Dr. Carritto, of Amherst, left home for a milder climate last week; he is but a shadow of the once stalwart frame. He left home with the kind wishes of hundreds of his old patients and friends. We hope he, who has brought health and pleasure to so many others, may return is jolly-hearted and robust as ever.

"Medical Notes" carries two shooting irons, a poisoned dagger, a bottle of vitriol, an ounce of cayenne pepper a sling-shot, a Philadelphia blackjack, and is accompanied by a lighting man and a bull dog; he intends hereafter, now that he has his full equipment for defence, to criticise where, when and whom he pleases. Spiel !

Assegais.

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATION.

To the Editor of the Critic:-

It is well sometimes to "see ourselves as others see us" A correspondent, who has more than once spent sometime in Halifax, writes from Bournemouth, a small English town by the sea side:—"The hotel matter seems so vital to Halifax that one wonders the people do not see it. Here is Bournemouth completely artificial, even the very pine trees exotic, and the soil so poor that spruces will hardly grow in it, and yet the town has palatial hotels; population only 18,000. Halifax, with its unequalled advantages. would aftract visitors from all parts of Britain and America. But the old place is sleepy-sleepy!"

Another correspondent writes from the United States, after this summer's experience in Halifax:—"Could not the want of first-class accommodation for visitors to Halifax be made known by advortisement in ine United States, so that some of the surplus money in the States could be pressed into the service? It is really a shame there should not be a well-kept boarding house in Halifax; it is such a delightful place. We shall never forget our summer there, and all the kindness we received, and shall hope to go Yours, etc.,

PROGRESS.

#### THE ROLL OF FAME!

It is a welcome office to chronicio successes and honors won by Nova Scotians and by those nearly connected with our Province. In the London Gazetta of 25th August, 1885, we notice the following:—

"Arthur Lawrence Haliburton, to be Ordinary Member of the Civil Division of the Second Class Knights, Commanders of the Most Honouralle

Order of the Bath.

Colonel Francis Duncan, R. A., to be Ordinary Member of the Military Division of the Third-class or Companions of the Most Honourable

Order of the Bath. Colonel Duncan has also just received from His Highness The Khedive of Egypt, the decoration of the third order of Osmaniel.

Capt. Frederick Ross Boardman, R. N., is also made C. B. Third-class.

Rev. W. II. Bullock, to be Chaplain of the Forces. First-class."

Sir Arthur L. Haliburton is the youngest surviving son of the late
Judge Haliburton, the well known author of Sam Slick, and other works
He has been many years away from his native Province, but left hosts of
friends of those days who rejoice in this evidence of his advancement.

Calonel Duncan, also an author of several able and interesting works.

Colonel Duncan, also an author of several able and interesting works, was long in this Garrison and elsowhere in Canada; his wife is a daughter of the Rev. William Cogswell, so well known in connection with Saint Paul's Church, Hulifax; and the Colonel has made his mark still more recently in Egypt.

Captain Boardman, also married a Halifax lady, daughter of the late James C. Cogswell, and a cousin of Mrs. Duncan. He returns from Egypt

with honors freshly won there.

Rev. W. H. Bullock is the roungest sor of the late Rev. Dean Bullock, of Saint Luke's Parish, and brother of the Rev. Dr. Reginald Heber Bullock, so well known and estcemed in Halifax.

We lately noticed the Knighting of our distinguished countryman, Sir

Adams G. Archibald.

#### FRENCH AND GERMAN IN ENGLISH SCHOOLS.

#### (Continued.)

"House" is in German spelled 'haus" says the Grammar and no more about it, as if it were more accident that the two consonants in both words are the same; but even this fact is entirely overlooked there, and consequently also not pointed out by the teacher. Yet it is not in the least unimportant to know it, for there are a good many German words whose consonants are exactly the same as in the corresponding English expressions,
—for instance: breast, brust; knee, knie; fist, faust; stick, stock; stream, strom; beer, bier; wine, wein; storm, sturm; oil, ol; stone, stein; turf, torf; hair, haar; guest, gast; bread, brod; wreck, wrack; wonder, wander worm, wurm; noso, naso; master, moister; otc.

Is this not a most interesting group of corresponding substantives in daily use? You see here altered only the vowels, changed in various ways; but the consonants are here and there alike, precisely the same,—a new and very strong proof of the intimate relationship between the capital words of both languages. But let us look at some other group. As you know, the English idiom shows a multitude of vocables containing the letter k; now at least 50 per cent. of them are of Gorman origin, and still in their present shape and figure very resembling to the corresponding G. terms, which must therefore, if arranged in the proper way, easily be learned.

example:

English. German dock.....dock English. Gern buck.....bock Germau. English. Cerman. king..... konig deck.....deck luck .....gluck kernel .....kern block .... block wreck .... wrack kiss ......kuss lack ..... lack kettle....kessel stick .....stock knot.....knoten eack .....eack sock .....socko

In many of these words the English k is replaced by the German ch; nevertheless the mutual resemblance is still a striking one,—for instance:

English. German. English. German. German. English. milk.....nilch stork.....storch brook.....bach book.....buch lark .....lerche to speak .... sprechen week .... woche yoko.....joch " mako...machon sako .....sacho " break .... brechen mouk .... monch cako .....kuchen '" wako ....wachon cook.....koch

On the other hand you find a large number of German words beginning with k, where this letter is substituted by the c, (sometimes by ch); but in spite of this substitution and some other alteration the corresponding terms

look very similar. For example: English German. collar...keller English German. Englieh. English. German. card .....karto cramp....krampf anchor...anker cart .....karro crumb .krume crop .....kropf chin.....kin chest ....kisto cripple..kruppel crust...kruste comb.....hamm church ..kirche coals ....kohlon crown..krone cow .....kuh claw ....klauo cau....kanno coffer ....koffer cheeso ...kaso clear...klar to come .kommen " can....konnen. cool .....kuhl cold.....kalt costly.kostlich

Indeed we could let follow here some twenty different lists, each of them showing in another way the close connection between the chief terms

of either language.

Seeing the most important vocables lined up in this manner, the Allent will soon become familiar with them, will take far more interest in their learning than otherwise: the matter appears simplified to him and at the same time in resting, attractive. And that must always be our leading principle in the difficult linguistic teaching: simplification of the matter and its presentation in a manner suitable to make it as far as possible interesting and attractive to the school.

(To be continued.)

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## VANNINIS ARDENT LOVER.

(Continued.)

In those old days, from which she has become so widely and utterly In those old days, from which she has become so widely and unterly removed, Annunciata Vannini was a beautiful, laughing, happy, and goodnatured girl, whom everybody was fond of, and whom some (notably Luigi Ratta) loved so much that they would fain have taken her, all poor and dowerless as she was, to gladden their homes permanently with her bright presence. Nowadays her beauty has lost something of its freshness, as is but natural after fifteen years of constant labor and excitement and contact with the world; her laughter is perhaps neither to frequent nor so hearty as it used to be; and it is proverbial that wealth does not of necessity confor happiness on its possessor Good natured the Vannini has always been, and always wil be, one may suppose, till the end of the chapter.

The peasants of Sorrento gave her the solviquet of La Bella Sorrentina after the well-known song that bears that title-whether from her remarkable beauty or from the fact that Luigi, who played the guitar a little, was fond of trolling out the air at her garden gate I do not know. The name

was, at all events, a sufficiently appropriate one.

Lovers, as has been said, were not wanting to her; but at the age of eighteen she had as yet declined to have anything to say to any of them— even to Luigi Ratta, whom, perhaps, she liked the best of all, and who had been constant to her ever since the time when, as children of ten and eight years old respectively, they had broken a small coin together, each promising to keep a half in sign of eternal fidelity.

Luigi, like herself, was, at the time our story opens, an orphan. His father had died about two years before, leaving him a small sum of money carefully locked up in a cash-box, a share in a good-sized fishing boat, a couple of nets, and a little cottage just outside Sorrento. With this property Luigi, though not precisely well-to-do, felt himself in a position to support a wife; nor need he have sought long or far to find a willing partner, for he was steady, handsome, hard-working, and as strong as an ox. But there was only one girl in the v orld that Luigi felt any inclination for; and she, when one spoke to her of love, would only laugh; and if one mentioned marriage, was apt to retire into the house and slam the door in one's face. It was provoking; but Luigi was of a long suffering and persovering nature; he doubted not but that, in the end, his hopes would be fulfilled, and in the meantime possessed his soul in patience, and got what comfort he could from long intervious with the girl of his heart, on fine nights, after work-hours, at the end of old Marta Vannini's garden, which overlooked the sea He used to take his guitar on such occasions, and station himself by the low, lava-built wall, singing love songs till such time as it pleased Annunziata to become aware of his presence, and come down and talk to him.

Now it chanced that as he was thus employed, one fine November even ing, a stout, elderly gentleman came sauntering towards him from the direction of the hotel smoking his after dinner cigar, and stopped to listen to the rustic serenade. The air was deliciously soft and warm; there was just enough of gentle southerly wind to set the olives and evergreen oaks sighing; the moon was streaming down full upon the white walls of Marta Vannini's cottage; Luigi, with wide-open jaws and chest well thrown forward, was bawling out "La Bella Sorrentina" with all the power of a magnificent pair of lungs; and, presently, an exquisitely formed little head was thrust at from Annunziata's window into the moonlight. The olderly gentleman was so pleased with the whole scene that he thought he would sit down on the wall and watch it for a few minutes while he finished

his cigar.
"Che bella ragazza!" he ejaculated, under his breath, with a fat, approving smile, as Annunziata nodded and waved her hand to her tuneful swain. He sat and looked and listened till the song had been gone through down to the last word of the stanza, only giving vent to an occasional shuddering "Ah-h-h!" when Luigi sang flat—as, to tell the truth, he pretty frequently did—and then got up to return to his hotel.

But why does that elderly gentleman suddenly whisk round upon his heels with an exclamation of delight? What causes him to tear off his white Leghorn straw hat, as if in a frenzy, and dash it upon the ground? And why does he presently pounce upon it again, and scamper off towards the hotel as fast as his fat little round legs will cary him? It is only that Annunziata, by way of reply to her lover, has begun to sing one of the songs of the country. Everybody in Sorrento has heard her sing; everybody knows that she sings well, and has a sweet voice; but upon no one have her vocal powers produced such an effect as this before.

The old gentleman clatters noisily up the wooden staurcase of the Albergo della Sirena, and bounces into the sitting-room, where his wife, who is twice as fat as himself, lies dozing in an arm-chair.

" My dear !" he gasps. " my dear-"

"Well, Sassi, what is it now?" says she, still only half awake.
"My dear, I have heard the voice of an angel?"
"Che che! There would not be room in heaven for all the angels you

have heard, Sassi."

" Carissima mia, como and hear! You shall judge for yourself-you who know what a voice is. It is but two steps from here—a little cottage, not a hundred yards off." And the enthusiastic Sassi seized his ponderous partner by the arm, and attempted to drag her to her feet.

"Decidedly," shricked that lady, struggling violently, "I do not leave this chair till I go to bed! Let me alone, Sassi; you are causing me great pain and discomfort." And, being released, she flopped heavily back into her former position, with a grunt,
"Signor Sassi sighed. "Well, well," he said, "I will bring her here contented!"

in the morning. You will hear her and be convinced. I will make the

fortune of that girl !"

"Bah!" said the signora, shrugging her shoulders and depressing the corners of her mouth. "You are always going to make somebody's for tune—and what is the result? Remember that girl at Venice whom you took to live with u for six months, and who, as I had already prophesied, turned out to have no more power of understanding music than that table. Remember the tenor, as you called him (though he was really nothing but a barytone), who stole my rings and your cash-box at Ancona. But what is the use of wasting breath on those who will not hear? I suppose this new angel will come and stay with us from to merrow. I only beg you to notice that I prophesy she will prove to be a failure, and that she will run away with all our clothes into the bargain."

'You will see—you will see," replied old Sassi, nodding his head and closing his eyes with an aspect of serone certainty.

The next morning, while old Marta Vannini was hard at work over the washing, by means of which she lived, somebody rapped at the door with the handle of a stick, and on going to admit her visitor she was somewhat surprised to see an elderly stranger of benevolent aspect, who took off his straw bat and bowed down to the ground.

"Signora," said he, "let me, first of all, felicitate you."
"Your excellency is very good," replied the wondering Marta, "but with times as hard as they are now, I don't know..."

"You possess a treasure, signora."

"Santa Madonna! a treasure! I can assure your excellency that this is the first I have heard of it."

"You possess a treasure, I was about to say, in your nicce."
"Oh!" said Marta, with a longthened countenance. "Well, yes; she is a good girl—one cannot complain; but she scarcely pays for her keep; and we poor people have to think of that"

"Not pay for her keep! Woman! is not a voice like hers payment enough for the keep of a whole regiment? Does not your heart leap into

your mouth when you hear her sing?"

"But, caro signor mio," said old Marta, lar shing a little (for she began to suspect that her interlocutor was not quite right in his head), "she is one of those who must work and not sing. One may sing all day long, like a cicala, but that will not bring in money."

"That is precisely where you are mistaken, my good madam; singing will sometimes bring in money enough to buy up the whole of Sorrento. Did you ever hear of Alboni, and Grisi, and Malibran?"

No; Marta was unacquainted with any of these names. "Well, they were ladies who made more money by singing one night at the opera than I suppose you would earn by washing in a couple of years. What do you think of that?"

"It is extraordinary," said Marta, with a sigh; "but surely, excellenza,

you do not mean that our Annunziata could do that ?"

"Who knows? I should be better able to tell you if you would permit me to see her and hear her sing for a few minutes."

'Annunziata!" shricked the old woman, in her shrill, nasal accounts, "leave the washing and come here. Here is a gentleman who wishes to

speak to you."

Annunziata made her appearance, smiling and surprised, and was eted with much cordiality by Signor Sassi. Like the generality of greeted with much cordiality by Signor Sassi. Like the generality of Italians, she was wholly free from shyness, and, though somewhat taken aback by the visitor's request, she made no difficulty about obliging him with a specimen of her musical capabilities. She sang him first one song, with a specimen of her musical capabilities. She sang him hist one song, then another, and finally, repressing a strong inclination to burst out laughing, consented, for the first time in her life, to be put through her scales. Higher and higher rose the clear, full, true notes, till Signor Sassi could no longer contain his delight. He seized Annunziata by both hand, and went near to embracing her in his exultation. "Signorina," he exclaimed, "the world is open to you! A little work- a little perseverance—and everything you touch will turn to gold!" Then he twirled round, and faced the older woman. "And now, signora," he said, "for a few words with you! I am Signor Sassi—you may perhaps have heard me spoken of?" 1 em Signor Sassi-you may perhaps have heard me spoken of?"

But Marta was as ignorant of the fame of Signor Sassi as she had admitted herself to be of that of Grisi and Alboni. "Hum!" grunted the old gentleman; "I am not altogether obscure, for all that If chance over old genticinal; "I am not allogether obscure, for all that II chance over takes you to Paris, London, or Vienna, you will find that Alessandro Sassi, the singing-master, is pretty well known in all those places. Not that I am a singing master now, I made money enough, years ago, to keep my wife and myself in comfort, and I have no children. Music and Art occupy the place of children in my affection," said the little man, drawing himself up and tapping his breast. "Now this is what I propose to you" he continued. "During the western winter which I intend to was at he continued. "During the present winter, which I intend to pass at Sorrento, the signora shall come to me for singing-lessons twice a day—two hours in the morning, one in the afternoon. In the spring I take her, under the care of my wife, to Paris, where we reside; I continue her instruction there, and in the autumn I hope to introduce her to the public: In three years, or two years, perhaps—who can say !- she will be carning if I am not mistaken, a considerable salary."

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"But, signor," gasped Marta, rather bowildered by the rapidity with which this programme was announced, "who is to pay you for all this?"

Sassi reddened a little. "I do not want money," he answered, in a slightly injured tone; "but you may feel at ease without incurring any obligation from me. The signorine shall repay me all I have spent upon her as soon as she is in a position to do so. And there is another thing. You will want some one to replace her in helping you with your work. will pay what is necessary to secure you an assistant; and that also can be returned to me in due time. Now, what do you say? Are you

What could Marta say but that she accepted so liberal an offer with What could Marta say but that she accepted so liberal an offer with willingness and gratitude, and that Annunziata should begin her lessons as soon as the gentleman pleased? "But what if it turns out a mistake, after all," she suggested, "and all this expense leads to nothing?"

"There will be no harm done," replied Sassi, who had now quite recovered his good humor. "I am well enough off to afford myself a caprice—it will not be the first time." And so Annunziata's destiny was sattled.

sottled.

Luigi Ratta, passing down towards the shore with his cars over his shoulder, caught a glimpse of the group through the open door. He saw the little fat man, in his black alpaca coat and white jean trousers, talking and gesticulating; he saw Annunziata, standing leaning against the table, with her beautiful bare arms hanging down and her hands lightly clasped, gazing out into the sunshine with a pleased, dazed look in her eyes; he saw old Marta grinning from ear to ear with satisfaction; and a cold, undefined feeling of dread, which he often afterwards recalled, crept over him. Nobody noticed him, and he went on his way without his usual morning salutation.

The winter that followed was one of almost unalloyed happiness to Annunziata. Every day she spent three hours at the Albergo della Sirona, working hard at the drudgery of learning to get out her voice, under the auspices of Sirnor Sassi and his wife, the latter of whom, having been completely vanquished by the beauty of the young peasant girl, as well as by the undoubted excellence of her clear soprane, had now taken up her cause with as much enthusiasm as her more easily moved husband had Toiling at the washtub till one's back was like to break was now a thing of the past; Aunt Marta was always gracious; dinners at the Sirena, accompanied by unheard of luxuries in the way of strange wines, were of frequent occurrence; good natured Madame Sassi had gone into Naples one day, and returned with a present of two beautiful dresses; every body was complimentary, polite, and kind. Already some foreshadowing of the glory of success was beginning to make the world brilliant for the

young aspirant.

Luigi, on the other hand, was cast down almost into the depths of despair by the changed order of things. He seldem saw Annunziata now; pair by the changed order of things. He seldem saw Annunziata now; she was forever running over, on one protext or another, to see her new friends; and although she was always kind and pleasant to Luigi, and seemed glad to see him, he could not but feel that a gulf had already begun to open between them. And if this were so thus early in the business, how would it be when she should have visited distant lands, and sung before vast audiences, and become a great lady—as they said she would do? There were times when Luigi felt that if he could induce the fat little singing-master to accompany him on a sail to Capri, and if he could contrive to unset the boat at a reasonable distance from the shore, it would be trive to upset the best at a reasonable distance from the shere, it would be a satisfactory and an excusable thing. But Signor Sassi had been to Capri, and had been grievously sick on the way; insomuch that he had sworn by all he held most sacred to tempt the sea no more.

As for speaking of marriage to a young woman who was all exultant at the thought of quitting her native place and seeing the wonders of the great world, that was clearly out of the question. At the bottom of his heart Luigi nourished a faint hope that the cold and misery of these unknown foreign lands might prove insupportable to one who had been brought up in the warmth and color and sunlight of Sorrento, and that, after a few months of struggling against the burden of cloudy skies and barbarian habits, Annunziata might gladly and repentantly return to her native Italy. In such an event how willingly would be throw open the door of his

cottage to receive her!

It was not much of a hope to build upon; but, such as it was, it served to sustain him when, on a bright April morning, he stood sorrowfully watching the departure of the travelling carriage that bore away Signor and Signora Sassi and Annunziata on the read to Castellamare. The carriage disappeared in a cloud of dust, taking with it Annunziata and her fertunes to Castellamare—to Naples—to the unknown. Would she ever come back again? Luigi wondered sadly, as he turned to go down to his boat on the shore.

When Luigi saw the last of Annunziata, on that spring morning, he determined that he would think about her as little as possible throughout the summer, that he would expect to hear nothing of her, and that he would devote all his time and energy to the saving of money and bettering of his position. He knew that there was no probability of the return of the wanderer before the autumn; and, indeed, it was to the storms and rain of that season that he principally trusted to bring about the fulfillment of his wishes. Even in the South autumn is often a dreary time; north of the Alps Luigi supposed that the snow and wind began then, and only ceased with the return of spring.

But, notwithstanding all his resolutions, he found that he could in no wise succeed in banishing the image of his absent love from his mind. .Whether he was fishing, or mending his nets, cating or drinking, sleeping or waking—in every hour of the long blazing days, and throughout the sultry nights, the same sweet, kind face was always before him; and as the reflections that arose therefrom could scarcely be of a cheerful nature, Luigi became silent and morose, and sometimes even, as his companious remarked with surprise—for that had nover been usual with him—a trifle

quarrelsome.

Nor could he keep himself from going every now and then to get what news he could from old Marta Vannini, who did not receive his visits with much cordiality. Marta had begun to dream ambitious dreams with regard to her niece's future, and was disposed to look upon the young fisherman as a decided nuisance.

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#### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

PRIZE—TWENTY DOLLARS.—In order to secure for the Christmas Number of The Chiric first class reading matter, we have decided to offer a prize of twenty dollars for the best story, with the understanding that we are at liberty to select and publish the contributions of those who may compete for the prize. The story must not exceed three thousand words, nor be less than fifteen hundred. The regular staff contributors for The Critic will not compete for the prize. The stories will be submitted to a committee of three gentlemen, and the prize will be awarded by them to the person sending the last. The new development of the person sending the last. sending the best. The nom de-plume of the writer should be forwarded with the manuscript, the writer's real name being withheld until the nom-de-plume of the prize winner is announced in The Critic. Stories to be forwarded to the Editor of The Critic, 161 Hollis Street, Halifux, not later than Oct. 15th.

The Studley Quoit Club gave a farewell luncheon to the Admiral last Saturday. The festivities were held in the open air, and were sandwiched in between games of quoise. Graceful speeches were made by Sir J. E. Commerell, Lord A. Russell, and others, and the best of good fellowship was the order of the day. The sword, the gown, the lancet and the ledger were largely represented on the grounds.

Strikes appear to be the order of the day. Ten thousand persons employed in the jute mills of Dundee went out this week on account of a proposition to reduce their wages by 10 per cent. There should be some means by which employers and employees could adjust matters without resorting to such extreme measures.

Canada is the land of magnificent distances, but the Board of Health of New Bedford, Mass., have failed to realize this fact, since they have ordered all vessls from the British Provinces to be quarantined on account of small pox. France might, with as good reason, quarantine British ships, were small-pox to break out in Madrid.

Dr. J. R. McLean, who is said to be the strongest man in Halifax, has just returned from a trip into the country. He reports the people in and about Amherst in a prosperous condition, and confident that the pretty shoretown of Cumberland will yet be the capital of United Acadia. The doctor's many friends in the city will be glad to see him again among us.

It is pleasing to note that the proposal to confer medals upon the Canadian Militia engaged in queling the North-West rebellion, has been cordially approved of by Queen Victoria. Certainly the men who so nobly responded to their country's call are entitled to this small but pleasing recognition of their loyalty and patriotism.

Professor Westendorf is doing his best to improve the musical taste of our people. He trains his choirs with care, and has proved himself a good conductor. The popular cantata of "Esther," which has been tendered under his direction in several of our provincial towns with success, will be performed in Lunenburg next week. The German element in Lunenburg should have the effect of making the concert in that place a marked success.

As tabor feels the first blow of adversity, it should also feel the first fruits of the business revival. Surely capital and labor can be honest with each other and honest with themselves, and if they act with honesty and ordinary intelligence, disputes will be arbitrated and satisfactorily adjusted, and labor will join heartily with capital to welcome and profit now by the irresistible and, we believe, permanent revival of prosperity. - Philadelphia

The Redmund-Barry Co., completed their engagement at the Academy on Saturday last. Their performances throughout were marked with the same good taste and excellence which characterized their earlier performances. The season will long be remembered by Halifax theatre goers as a most enjoyable one, and should the company again return to the city, they may anticipate a cordial reception.

It is now stated that the disarmament of the Indians by the force at Fort Pitt was most incomplete. The wiley red men knew the value of fire arms. and they took good care to secrete the best of them before they could be secured by the white men. The savages displayed much cunning by taking their weapons to pieces, and bringing in their refles in such a condition, that being considered useless, they were allowed to keep them.

The citizens of Havana, who have always ovinced a loyal determination to preserve the connection between Cuba and Spain, are much incensed at the recent seizure by Germany of several groups of the Caroline Islands. On Monday last a public meeting of citizens was convened, 5,000 persons were in attendance, and vigorous speeches were made condemnatory of the action of Germany. It was unanimously agreed to aid the Spanish government in upholding her dignity in the event of a war with Germany. One onthusiastic merchant offered in the name of the merchants of Havana, \$500,000 towards purchasing a ship of war.

Next week we shall have in the city upwards of 200 prominent mining Engineers, and our citizens have resolved to give them a most cordial welcome. At the close of the meetings of the Institute, the members will visit in detachments the principal mining centres of the Province. No doubt the attractions of Cape Breton and the knowledge of her great mineral in Nova Scotia.

It is smdually coming to be recognized, as the Week long ago prophesied would be the case, that the electric light is a failure as a general illuminant. A motion, practically endorsing this view, and tantamount to the proposal to revert to the use of gas, was submitted to the Toronto City Council the other day, and it might be politic for Quebec-in which city there is a feeling in favor of the electric light—to await developments before ommitting herself to a change There is a growing impression that gas, where there is enough of it, gives a much more satisfactory light, does not throw such uncomfortable slindows as the rival illuminator, and is withal cheaper. Moreover, it is apparent that the hideous poles from which electric lamps are suspended are a chief contributing cause to the increasing unsightliness of our public thoroughfares .- Toronto Week.

The Windsor Courier expresses disappointment at the emptiness of 5,000 beer bottles, lately purchased from the inhabituats of that town by a bottle dealer. The disappointment of the Courier is no doubt shared by many in the community, but it is probable that Messrs. A. Keith & Son, and the other browers in Halifax, will have the bottles refilled without unnecessary delay.

The British Veterans colobrated their Anniversary on Wednesday evening last by a dinner in the spacious dining hall in connection with the London Fruit Store. The menu was extensive, and did credit to the culinary don Fruit Store. The menu was extensive, and did credit to the cumuary department of the establishment. Among the members were several Crimea veteruns, as well as those who had taken part in the more recent campaigns, in Afghanistan, Zululand and Egypt. The chair was occupied by Isaac Sallis, Esq., Vice-President of the Society, the President, Major-General Laurie, being unavoidably absent. Among the guests were His Worship the Mayor, the Presidents of the St. George's, the North British and Charitable Irish Societies, etc. The customary toasts were proposed and responded to in a most enthusiastic manner, and were interspersed with stirring some relative to the Crimean war. stirring sougs relative to the Crimean war.

Year by year Halifax is offering increased advantages to those desirous Year by year limitax is offering increased advantages to those desirous of obtaining a knowledge of the fine Arts. As will be seen by advertisement, Messis. Grove & Wells have established themselves in this city, having opened up a fine studio in Sichel's Building, in which they display specimens of their work in oil, crayon and india ink, which the public are invited to inspect. Messis. Grove & Wells are prepared to give instruction in the various styles of painting and we bespeak for them a liberal patenger. patrouage.

THE LATE EMIL VOSSNACK—We regret to have to chronicle this week the death of Emil Vossnack. Civil and Mechanical Engineer. Mr. Vossnack returned on Thursday last from a trip to New Brunswick and complained of not feeling well. The next day he grew worse and towards evening became unconscious, and medical aid was summoned. The doctors pronounced that he was suffer ng from congestion of the brain, and did their utmost to relieve him but without success. He passed away at 4 o'clock Sunday morning without having regained consciousness. The deceased was a German, born at Remscheid near Cologne. His father was a prominent school teachar in that town. He received his technical education at the Dusseldorf School of Art and the Carlsruhe Polytechnic Institute. At the age of eightcon he emigrated to the United States and was employed there by the Il inois Central Railroad, Danforth and Book Locomotive Works, and during the civil war worked for the late E. B. Hotchkiss and the Federal government in the manufacture of ordinance. In 1871 he came to Ilalifax and took charge of the works of William Montgomery, who was then building locomotives for the Dominion Government. In 1877 he was on gaged by the Starr Manufacturing Co., and a little later built Moir's flour mill and gmin elevator at Bedford. About four years ago he began to devote himself to the introduction of the manufacture of wood pulp into this country He recently formed a partnership with Augustus Von Earber. the special representative of Eugen Baron Ritter and Mr. Charles Kellner, the proprietors of the Ritter-Kellner Sulphito Wood Fibro Process. At the time of the establishment of the Technological Institute in this city, Mr. Vossnack took a lively interest in it, and worked for it during its short lifetime. He was an engineer of acknowledged ability, and a most persevering man, genial and open hearted. He leaves a wife and six children, the youngest aged two years.—Con.

EMMA THURSEY.—This great singer so well and favorably known all over the musical world will pay Halifax a visit next Thursday, assisted by the famous composer and pianist, Chevalier Antoine de Kontski, Miss Pardee, Mr. Tyler and Mr. Pratt, under the direction of the renowned impressrio, Mr. Max Strakosh. Two concerts will be given at the Academy of Music by those artists, and if our city has really music within itself the hall will be crowded as a fine programme will be presented. Our visitors, the mining engineers, could not be better entertained than to invite them to one of these concerts.

WINNIPEG, Sept. 9.—Chief Justice Wallbridge, presiding in the full court to-day, gave judgment in the Riel case, dismissing the appeal and confirming the conviction obtained in the lower court. Justices Taylor and Killam followed, concurring with the chief justice. All three upheld the constitutionality of the court which tried Riel.—Chronicle.

The Dominion Annual Register for 1884, adds unother valuable volume wealth, will induce many of the distinguished visitors to extend their tour to the record of Canadian political history. Within its covers the litterate to that charming Island. The travelling facilities between Halifax and Sydney, C. B, are now so perfect, as to make the trip one of the most enjoyable of interest. The work is a credit to its promoter, Mr. Henry Morgan, of Ottawa.

#### SHIPPING NEWS.

LATEST MOVEMENTS OF NOVA SCOTIA VESSELS

SCOTIA VESSELS

ANTIGUA Aug 11—Ar brigt St Michael,
Porter, Barbadoes (and sid 5 for St Martin's).
BABBADOES 13—Ar barque Geo E Corbett. Weaver, Montevideo (and sid 20 for
Trinilad to load for Polawaro Breakwater).
Sid 15—barque Anna, Kitchin, Montreal;
Venice, Vaughau, do. 17—brigt M J Brady,
Brady, Hayti.
In port 20—barque Icarus. Gormley, for
Montreal; brigts Zingara, Hammet, from
Demerara ar 14, wtg. Ailsa, McLeol, for
Lucca and Halifax; Edith, Woods, from P
E Island, ar—; 21—Terra Nova, McDonald,
uno

Boston Sopt 3—Ar brigt Edward D, Doucette, Buctouche, N B; schrs Orient, Liebke, Guayanilla, P R; Hawld, Lohnes, St John's, Nfld, Lord Mayo, Torpia, Bear River; Pereaux, Nicholson, Cornwallis; Dexter, Dexter, Liverpool, N S.

Cld 3—banquo Magnolia, Pettipaw, Sydney, C B; brigt Anglo, Lave, Barbadees; schrs Bilythe, Messenger, Bolleveau Cove Althea, Melanson, Port Gilbert; schrs E M Brown, Atwood Miramichi, N B; Etta, Fash, Hahfax; Willie A, LeBlanc, Meteghan.

BRENEN 1 -- Sld ship Arbella, Smith, New

York.
BORDEAUX Aug 31-Ar brigt A McLeod,
Foote, St Pierro Mart.
CAPE HATTIEN Aug 23-In port brigt
Isabell, Balcom, Bonnell for New York
DEAL Sept 2-Passed barque Alpheus
Marshall, McFadden Mobile for London.
DEMENARA ar Aug 10-brigts Mary Freeman, Mayfield, Barba-loes, 14-Edith,
Hawes, Halifax, NS;—schr Narciasus, King.
Halifax. Halifay.

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LIVERPOOL 3 - Ar ships Charlie Baker,
Hibdert, Bombay; Mary I. Burrill, Eldridge,
do; Ruby, Robbins, Philadelphia.

LYNN, Mass 3—Ar schre North America.
Boudrot, Cow Bay 3—Annie Simpson, from

MAYAGUEZ P. R. Aug. 21—Ar brigt Wil-helmina. Crasso, Lunenburg. New York 2—Sld ship Kareo, for Ant-

NEW YORK 2-Sid snip Raice, and weep.

Ar 3-schr Blanche, Marsters, Windsor.
Deleware Breakwarer 2-Passed up ship Herbert, Beech, Killam from Antwerp for Philadelphia.

Point du Galle 3-Ar ship Thomas N Hart, Blauvelt, Rio Janeiro
Porro Rico 4 Ar brigt Bessie Gracie, Lovegrove, Halifax.
Portland O Aug 25-Ar barque Sulitjelma, Graham, Nagasaki [to load wheat].
Rotterdam 3-Ar barque Hugh Cann, Philadelphia.

ROTTERDAN 3-Ar oscipio
Philadelphia.
St Pierne Mart Aug 1—Ar schr Arthur,
Goodwin Lockeport via Barbadoes.
Baltinore4—Ar barque Strathome, Hall,

Antwerp.

BANGOR Me 3—Ar schr Endeavor, Martin,

Joggins.

Bosron Sept 4 - Ar schr Gazelle, Warner.

BOSTON Sept 4 - Ar schr Gazelle, Warner, Port Gilbert.
Clid 4-Steamer Durham City, Lund, London; schr Robert J Lennard, Conley, Thorne's Cove.
DOVER 3-Passed Isrque Lillian M Vigus, Morine, New York for Leadon.
HAVRE 3-Ar barque Moss Glen, Morris, New York.

New York.

ILOILI July 16—In port ship Lennie Bur rill, Murphy, from Yokohama, arrived 12th, takes about 1,900 tons sugar; barque Eudora, Fulton, from do, arrived 4th for United States, takes about 1,700 tons sugar.

LONDON 3—Ar barque Alpheus Marshall, McFadden, Mobile.

PENARTH ROADM 2-Ar barque Sacramento,

PENARTH HOAIM 2—At the property of the Reid, Pictou.
Rio Grande do Sul. July 31—Cld brigt Kathleen, Cook, Buston.
Rio Janeino 10—Sld ship Algoma, Vero,

ew Orleans. Cld 6-Ship D H Morris, Morris, Barba-

In port 10—barque Blue Bird, Shaw, from Ilha de Maio, ar 6th, unc.
VALTARAISO July 18—Ar barque Flora, Holman, Montevideo.
AMOT July 11—Sld barque Billy, Simpson, for Chafee.

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DEAL Aug 27—Passed barqt Angara, for Lunenburg, N.S.

DUNGENESS 27—Passed barque Edith, of Yarmouth, bound west,

ILOLLI July 4—Ar barque Endora, Hiogo.

LUMDY Aug 25—Passed ship Ellen A, Reid,
Cardiff for Hong Kong.

MANILA July 18—Ar ship Iolanthe, Scott,
Shanghai.

Newtort Aug 25—Cld brigt Advance.

Shanghai.

NEWTORT Ang 25-Cld brigt Advance,
Molællan, St John's Nfld.

PENARTH Ang 25-Sld Ship Vendome, for
Rio Janeiro.

STRAITS OF SUNDA July 16-Passed New
Auler ship. Northern Empire, Vance, New
York for Nagasaki.

TABLE BAY Ang 1-Ar ship Annie Bingay.

Eridge, Cardiff via Falmouth.

BARRADOES Ang 12-Ar brigt Swiftsure,
Stuart, Wilmington, N C.

Boston 4-Ar schrs Alphatetta, Warner, Port Gilbert; Carrie, Anthony, St John N B.

N. B.

Cld 3—schrs Lord Mayo, Turpin, Weymouth; Percy H. Read, Anthony, Bear River; Gondola, Martin, Vallace
Doven 3. Passed barque Emma Payzant, Dexter, New York for Dunkirk.
FASTNET 4—Passed ship Bonanza, Doty, Philadelphia for Antwerp.
FLEETWOOD Sept 3.—Ar barque Amsterdam, Christensen, Parraboro.
Liventood, 3. Ar barques Livio Curry, McCulloch, Savannah; Oxo, Dahl, Parraboro, N.S.
Sld 3—barque Kate Canu, Eldridge Quebee

bee LONDON Sept 4-Ar barques Lillian M. Vigus, Morine, New York.
New York Sept 4-Cld schrs Maggie Willett, Ham, Picton; Phoenix. Pettis

Windsor.
Sld 4-barque Douglass, Campbell, for

Sid 4-barque Douglass, Campuell, for Hamburg. Pontland Mo 4-Ar steamer Acadian McGrath, Sydney QUEENSTOWN 4 Ar brigt Lily, Mitchenor, Parrsboro, NS Sr John's Nfld 7-Ar steamer Portia, Dawson, Hallfax.

#### REPORTS, &c.

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Captain McIntosh, of the schooner Bucophalus, at Provincetown, Sept 3rd, from Grand Banks, reports he fell in with the derelict schooner John M. Ferris, of Ellsworth, August 31st, 100 miles E. S. from Cape Sable. The schooner was dismasted and abandoned, with her masts along-ide and running rigging attached. He bearded her and found she had been previously boarded Her deckload of lumber had been washed to the port side, and the vessel lay in a very dangerous position for shipping to and from the provinces. He found it impossible to sink or destroy her with the means at hand. Barque Sulitelma which arrived at Astoria O. Aug 24, from Nazasaki, had lost her maintoggallantmast and mizzentopmast during a gale.

Baranquilla Aug 13—This port is practically open to commerce, as the revolution is over.

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BUCKSPORT Me—Schr Annio G. Quiner. Nicholson from Grand Banks, reports Aug 28, 1st 42-55, 1on 64-45, packed up derenct schoner Precursor, of Yarmouth N. S. Isaien with fish and oil, rudder and forefoot gone, and towed her into Bucksport.

HAVANA, Aug 29—Brig C. S. Packard, from Annapolis, N. S., [before reported aground at the entrance to Sagua and got off after having been discharged under the viril lance of a Spanish gumbart, entered the port of Sagua Aug 22 entirely dismaste! [Her hull was apparently in good condition and made no water. The crew had returned to the brig.

LONDOR Ang 31—Steamer City of Chester at Queenst win from New York, reports Aug 19, lat 50, lon 26, passed an abandoned, dis-masted and waterlogged vessel apparently about 30 tons, with bowspit and three stumps of masts standing. Could not dis-

Quebre Aug 29—Barque Heela, which arrived from Montreal this evening, has got into trouble with the tugboat men. It seems that the captant engaged the tug Rival to tow him down from Montreal, while the agent of the tug Conqueror, which took him up, had the preference of doing the work, and sent the William up to do it. In the meantime the vessel had come to anchor here.

Ship Mary Stuart was successfully docked at Davies' this morning. A survey was held in the afternoon. The vessel had lost a par-tion of her keel and sustained other consid-

in the afternoon. The vessel had lost a partition of her keel and sustained other considerable damage.

Shakhar, Aug 26. The Wallace has lost rudder, mizzenmast, and fore and main topmast. Vessel is leaking hadly and must discharge for repairs. Repairs required may be considerable. Captain awaits orders by telegraph from England. Salvors have been settled with for £2,000.

SAVANNAH, Aug 30—Yesterlay a board of survey visited barque N. Mosher, ashore at Tybee She was found to be a complete wreck, bilged and full of water. The rud derpost is broken off, bulwarks gone forward, and house and cabin washed out. Her keel has sunk cight feet in the sand, and at high tide the deck is completely submerged. The board recommended that the wreck be sold by public auction for the benefit of all concerned. Crew still remains on Tybee Island.

#### SPOKEN.

Ship Lydia, Doty, from Flushing for Philadelphia, July 31, lat 48, lon 25.
Barque Stillwater, 51 days from Bombay for New York, May 29, no lat, etc.
Ship Athlon, from London for New York, Aug 26, lat 41 34, lon 64 59.
Barque Forrest, Cunningham, from Java for Falmouth, May 22, lat 34, lon 27 E.
Barque McLeod, Fulton, from Liverpool for Richibucto, Aug 22, lat 50 15, lon 18 25.

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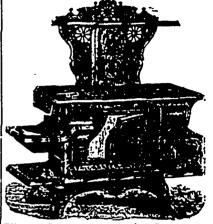
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## FURTHER DOINGS OF THE MAJOR.

By F. BLAKE CROFTON.

(Author of "The Major's Big Talk Stories," "The Bewildered Querists," &c.) THE PROPHECY.

At last the cup of the cruelties of King Pip was quite full.

It was the annual "custom," or annual butchery, at Lotoli. The tyrant had feasted on horrors all the forenoon. Then he had dined luxuriously in the open air, surrounded by some caged cannibals whom his warrors had contracted in a mid-Their house. captured in a raid. Their hungry faces, he said, improved his appetite, just as the sound of rain on the roof of his royal hut made him appreciate the dryness and comfort within.

The crowning attraction of the festival came last. The conquered rebel chiestnins, Tookee, Hookee, and Tohee, were ushered into the royal presence, stepping proudly and defaulty, though they were chained together. They had been sentenced to fight a huge gorilla that had been provoked into pursuing a canoe on the Gaboon, and soon captured in a net and towed to shore half drowned. Now it was caged, and ready to minister to the ven-

geauce and amusement of the king.

A choice of weapons had at first been offered to the prisoners. But that vory morning a famous soothsayer, a seventh son of a seventh daughter and born with an odd number of toes, had said ominously: "The national weapon shall slay the great ape, and the slayer shall die a king"

In consequence of this alarming prediction the superstitious despot forbade the use of the bow, for all his councillors agreed that it was the national weapon of the Lotolies. After the robels should have been slain, Pip purposed winding up the sport, and securing himself for life upon the throne in accordance with the prophecy, by shooting the gorilla with arrows from his safe and comfortable scat above the walls of the arena.

Meanwhile he was in fine spirits, and in a pleasurable state of expectancy, for he had never seen a gorilla killing a human being. It would be a new sensation, and he expected to enjoy it as much as Squeers enjoyed his first opportunity of thrashing a boy in a cab. He had already rewarded the courtier to whose suggestion he owed so agreeable a prospect.

Tookee, Hookee, and Teheo were finally given only three weapons-

sword, an assegoi and a lasso.

They drew lots for first choice. Hookee, who won, selected the assegai, thinking it might be the national weapon. For the same reason Tookee, who drew the second longest lot, chose the sword, which was of native manufacture. The lasso only remained for Tehee, and he had never used one in his life!

They were to encounter the gorilla one after the other.

Tookee who was himself of royal blood, entered the arena determined not to give his cruel kinsman Pip the extra pleasure of seeing him quail. He rushed straight towards the gorilla's cage, which was not yet opened, evidently hoping to gain an advantage before the brute could get out. But the door was pulled up from above a moment too soon for the brave Tookee, and the huge ape bounded into the open arena, beating an echoing note of defiance upon his ample boson. The undaunted chief lunged swiftly at the creature's heart, with such force that the worthless blade, encountering a rib, snapt in two. One crushing blow on his forehead from his enemy, and Tookee had died like a warrior of Lotoli.

Hookee had been dragged into the rebellion against his will, and had vainly begged the king to pardon him on that ground. However, he entered the lists with some appearance of courage, and brandishing his assegni. But the fate of his friend had unmanned him a little, and destroyed his trust in his weapon. When the hideous brute renewed his deep, augry roar; Hookee trembled and fled, prodding blindly behind him at his pursuer. But Hookee might as well have tried to check a tornado with a paper fan. In a moment the gorilla had broken the spear's shaft. In another moment he had felled Hookee with a blow that was less effective than the one which had finished poor Tookee, only because the latter chief had been advancing gamely against the stroke, while Hookee was running away from it as fast as his legs would carry him. He who fights and runs away, may live to fight another day.

Before the gorilia had time to make a sure end of his motionless foe, Tehee bounded from the prisoner's door with the agility of a harlequin, and waved his hand gracefully to the audience. He carried no lasso, and was armed only with an inspiration. His supple frame glistened in the sunk having been freshly anointed; and his new, purple-bathing-drawers struck having the prostators as showing too frivelens. some of the spectators as showing too frivolous a regard for style in one about to die But the medicine man who had made the prophecy in the morning, muttered "Mumbo," which afterwards increased his credit very much; for "Mumbo" was a learned word, unknown to the Lotolies, and which, as afterwards interpreted by the soothsayer himself, meant "appropriate." It was, in fact, a cabalistic term, whose meaning varied a good deal according to circumstances, making it quite handy for an anti-vernacular, highly oracular, feather-his nest old man.

Teheo answered the apo's angry challenge with a loud and defiant Ethiopian chuckle, as the man and his deformed image rushed swiftly at each other. Not a woman there but trembled and prayed for the graceful and intropid Tchee. At the decisive moment that active chieftain projected himself into the air, in a horizontal posture and head foremost, as a swimmer takes a header into the water off a spring-board. In fact, no converted himself into a human missile. His head flow safely through the terrible arms of his surprised antigonist, and struck the latter full butt just under the breast bone. The gorilly fell without a groan—not because he felt no pain, but because he had not a single breath left in his body. His mighty right hand, which had fractured Tookee's skull, came down on Tohee only in a Bass & Co.'s Pale

tremendous spank, so that it broke no bones, if it did detract somewhat from the glory of the victory, and remind the victor unpleasantly of his nursery days.

At this point in the proceedings Hookee opened both eyes. He had half-opened one a few seconds earlier, but, the contest being then undecided, he had closed it again, and resumed his judicious inaction. Now he sprang fearlessly to his fact, and, picking up the head of his broken assegai, buried it in the neck of the fallon gerilla. Then he looked proudly and victoriously around the audience.

"Stand against the wall!" shouted Tohee to the posing Hookee.
No sooner had the latter wonderingly obeyed this mandate, than the aspiring Tehee bounded on his shoulders, and, grasping the top of the wall, drew himself up out of the moun. He enatched a sword from the captain of Pip's body-guard, and dealt a death-blow to the cruel king. Then he seated himself upon the throne, and nominated a friend of his own captain of the guard.

There is a tide in the affairs of men, Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune."

So thought the medicine-man. And before the soldiers had decided how to act, he started to his feet.

"Teheo hath overcome the gorilla with the national weapon," he cried, and he shall die a king. The head is the national weapon of the African and the ram. Long live the great King Tehee!"

"Long live King Tehee!" echoed the late Pip's Carolinian interpreter;

and, in his enthusiasm, forgetting he no longer wore such an article, he raised his hand to toss his hat into the air. He chucked up a wisp of his wool instead, and the expression of his face was not blissful when he felt his mistake. A few minutes later he was arrested on a charge of tearing his hair in spite and mortification at the change of dynasties, and he lost his valuable post of interpreter in consequence.

"Long live Tehee!" shouted the spectators with one accord, dazed at his

audacity.
"Your laajesty will remember that I said 'Mumbo!'—that is to say 'fit and meet '—the moment I saw your Majesty enter the arena clad in purple,

"We shall not forget it," answered King Tehee; "and we herewith appoint you our Prime Minister. The design of your seal of office shall be a serpent embracing an owl with the motto 'Mumbo,' which, I believe, means fit and meet.

Teheo was not ungrateful, but he was a wee bit satirical.

There was one incident of the revolution at Lotoli that I did not choose to look at. The starving cannibals who had been forced to witness Pip dining were uncaged, and, after kissing the feet of their liberator, were allowed to eat their tormentor, Pip. Old Mumbo said this was poetic justice, but I could not see the poetical part of it myself.

Next morning the gallaut Tookee was buried with great pomp, Tehee

himself being chief mourner.

"He was a splendid fellow!" sighed Hookee, strutting home from the fureral with the mien of a hero; "but he wanted discretion, or he might have lived to see the glorious victory that WE won !"

(To be continued).

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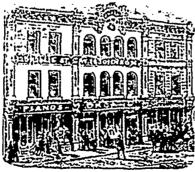
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