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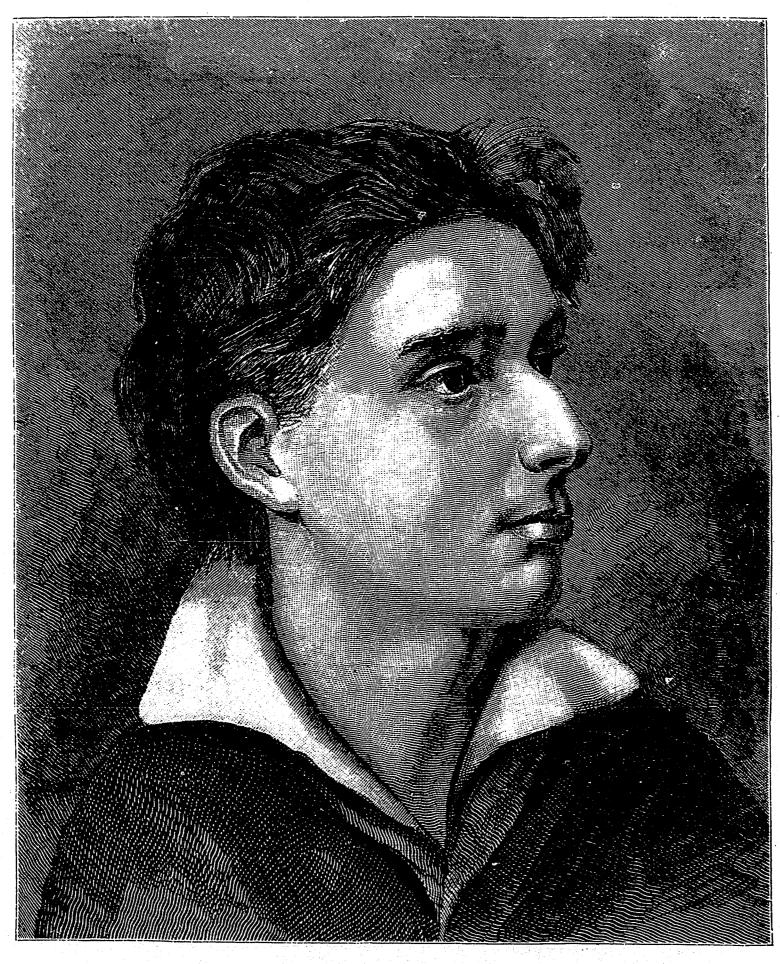
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CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS

Montreal, Saturday, Dec. 22, 1883.

THE WEEK.

"LACLEDE," in the Gazette, continues to urge the bestowing of Imperial honors on Sir John Macdonald, on the occasion of the fortieth anniversary of his entrance into public life.

An Annamite devoted to the Chinese policy will possibly be nominated for King of Annam to succeed 'King Hiephama, who was recently poisoned. The new King, if necessary, will reside at Bac-Ninh or Sontay, surrounded by Chinese soldiers. China has taken the Black Flags into Ler pay.

FURTHER native accounts of the battle between El Mahdi and Hicks Pasha state that Hicks' hands were cut off and he was afterwards cut to pieces. Three thousand of Hicks' men were taken prisoners. Two Europeans and twelve Egyptians, who were trying to reach Khartoum via Darfour, have not yet arrived. They have probably lost their way. It is believed that the Europeans are Edmund O'Donovan and Frank Vizettelly.

THE Chinese Ambassador, in an interview, said he wished to distinctly affirm that China would break off official relations with France if she took possession of Bac-Ninh or Sontay. He should rejoice to see M. Ferry go to London and talk with Earl Granville on the Tonquin matter. There was not much time left, and he sincerely trusted M. Ferry would find a disinterested party who is entitled to ask of each nation concessions they are inclined to make directly.

Too much attention cannot be called to the following noble tribute made to the Provinces of Canada, by the Marquis of Lorne, in a lecture lately delivered at Birmingham: "Together they form a grand country, for there is not any cause for discontent and quarrel among any of the members of this great family. They have a population of about five millions, and soon will possess a far greater number; indeed, it has been calculated that in all probability within the next hundred years they will have more people than we have in these islands to-day. They are thoroughly devoted to the connection which exists between them and the mother country, a parent land which has allowed to its children the utmost liberty. If it had not been so they would long ago have cast off the allegiance of which they are now proud, and which is so useful to them, and will in the future be of such value to ourselves. It is our duty to cherish and to foster to the utmost those feelings of regard and loyalty which they cherish for us. only because the union with us is one of perfect freedom. We must remember at home what a strong nation their descendants must become, and how it is for our interest to make them satisfied to be under the flag we serve, for commerce always follows the flag, and a greater commerce, both for them and for us, will be obtained by an adhesion to the sentiment which made them one with ourselves. Their countries offer to our youth, unable to find a proper outlet at home, an unfailing field for success. There is hardly a man who has left these shores and has cast in | merry Xmas of welcome. Dont forget the number | Drug store was a thing totally unknown until | the corner of Victoria square and Craig street.

THE CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS is printed his lot with them who has not found it to his of the Street, 1387. It is a newly opened store benefit. With the single exception of the although the proprietor has long been known in comparatively few Chinese upon their Pacific the 5 and 10 cent store on Notre Dame Street, comparatively few Chinese upon their Pacific coast, a number certain to decrease because the friend advent of the Celestials is not encouraged, their population consists of the elements which have made our own so strong, and exhibits the blended blood of the strongest European races. Almost everywhere our own tongue predominates and our own customs are observed. With the Dominion of Canada and the Australian continent in close relation to England, she never need fear that the proud position she has gained in the world can be shaken or even questioned.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

WE wish all the readers of the CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS a merry Christmas. As the labours of the year are rounding to an end, and the festive season approaches, wherein most men meet in brotherhood, we take a special pleasure in greeting those numerous and faithful friends who have been in communion with us during the year, and who have kept up their acquaintance with the NEWS, both in its literary and pictorial departments. The work of the editor and publisher is often strewn with difficulties, and it is by the sympathy and co-operation of his readers that these troubles are softened. Christmas presents itself this year under favorable auspices, and we are therefore more encouraged to extend its welcome to all the patrons of our

OUR COMMERCIAL HOUSES.

As there are many of our respected citizens who experience great difficulty in deciding as to where to purchase their Christmas presents, our reporter took a walk around the city, visiting our advertisers' Steres with the determination to give our Subscribers an opportunity of making up their minds at home, without the trouble of travelling all over the town looking for the mest suitable place to buy.

Every where he was met with an exceedingly lavish display of goods of all description from the two cents Christmas card up to the five hundred dollar Seal Skin Dolmans or the twelve hundred dollar Piano.

Well the first question our ladies' friends will ask is "Where can we get a nice present for the children without going down town." First of all we may step into

R. N. MCCALLUM'S

Fancy Goods and Toy Store in the Queen's Hall Block, on St. Catherine Street, just two doors from University Street, being perhaps the most conveniently situated warehouse of the kind in the city. It would be useless to attempt to give anything like a list of the various beautiful goods here displayed, but the selection has evidently been made with great care and taste. The lines in Xmas and New Year's cards are really exquisite and the designs very numerous. Leaving this grand array of Rocking Horses, Toy Ex-press Carts, Albums, Writing Cases, Fancy Photographs, Vases, Purses, Toy Books, &c., &c., we will next visit

MR. WILLIAM DAVIDSON'S

Toy and Fancy Goods Store, No. 1367 St. Cathroy and rancy Goods Store, No. 1807 St. Catherine Street. Here you can scarcely get a word in edge ways with the genial proprietor, he is so busy selling Children's Carriages, Boy's Sleighs, Toboggans, Fancy atticles of all kinds, including one of the most wonderful inventions of the present age in the shape of a Webber Singing Doll. This strange little lifelike creature actually favored the writer with the "Blue Bells of Scotland," while another little fairy sister finished up with "God save the Queen." Leaving Mr. Davidson, the next visit was to

H. F. JACKSON'S

Drug Store, No. 1369 St. Catherine Street. One might say well a druggist's is a strange place to go to buy a Xmas or New Year's present, but any one conversant with the style of our city drug stores would know better where, instead of uniting the old hum drum look of the ancient medicine vendors, we see everything in the brightest lights showing to the best a wantage an array of Fancy Flower Baskets, Toilet Sets, Hand Mirrors, Bath Sponges, Fancy Combs and Brushes, together with hundreds of just such articles as the dear friends at home would receive with a "Thanks just the very thing I wanted." Next we call on our friend

The 5cts., 10cts., 25cts. and One Dollar Store, No. 1387 St. Catherine Street. Now this is the Store par excellence for the little ones. Scarcely an article you can mention but what may be found on the shelves' counters and show cases. Dear old Santa Claus may come along here and fill his spacious basket with thousands upon thousands of such little articles as will brighten and gladden and make merry the sweet faces of our little children at home. Buy your lovely Xmas cards, wonderful toys, Picture Books, Albums, bric a brac articles of vertu, things of grace, beauty and utility here. The proprietor will be most happy to meet you and give you a

near Place d'Armes Square. Now we must visit

Of the Beehive, near the corner of Metcalfe and St. Catherine St. Well this is "Westward Ho" with a vengeance. Trade uptown as it is. Christ-mas times at the Beehive beggars description. Such a hum and buzz of hurrying cierks and eager buyers. Mr. Brown has been fortunate in the adoption of such a name for his establish-ment as it gives a true idea of the place at once. The past year has been an exceptionally busy one and has kept him increasing the staff almost every mouth as well as necessitating the enlarge-ment of the store. The stock comprises a full assortment of Gents' Furnishings, embracing all the needful as well as ornamental articles for men and boys' wear at really wonderfully low prices. Hosiery was always a favorite department with Mr. Brown and in the Beehive he has given it a special attention, having Socks for the wee'st tot up to hose for the largest of womankind, such an endless variety of Plains and Ribbed in self mottled and fancy. France, Germany and England have contributed to complete the assortment and with the Canadian and American Hose fill the shelves and load the tables. Smallwares musi, of course, for years to come, be a large part of the trade uptown and the Beehive has led the van in introducing all the novelties in Dressmakers' Furnishings, Toilet articles nichacks and Fancy Goods, Ribbons, Laces and Frillings in a surprisingly great variety of shades and styles are being shewn and in demand at the Beehive. Velveteens are more and more worn every year and this season some levely beds are being shear and the season some levely shades are being shewn. A full range of prices are always on hand and judging from the number of buyers we saw in this department, the Beehive does the uptown trade in that line. A very great show room in the rear of the store contains Corsets, Skirts, Mantles and Shawls of all the very latest varieties and to suit all putses. One feature which is a novelty in Dry Goods stores in Montreal is the plaque and fancy goods department. All the very latest things just out from the Chromographic Press of New York and Boston can be got at from five to ten cents each -wonders of artistic art and a boon to the public. We would advise those who are on the look out for fullvalue for their money to pay a visit to the West End Broadway Emporium of Fancy Goods, Dry Goods and Gents' Furnishings at 1397 St. Catherine St. kept by our old friend R. G. Brown, formerly of the Recollet House. Our next visit

MR. S. D. STEWART'S

New Auction Rooms, next to the Erskine Presbyterian Church, No. 1410 St. Catherine St. Here may be found a class of goods to suit all tastes and pockets, from the finest plated ware and jewellery to the cheapest toy for the children of the poor. There are also some very choice Oil Paintings, including a copy of the celebrated picture by Leonardi da Vinci. All these will be sold by auction during this and New Year's week and a visit will repay any one looking for presents useful and cheap. Leaving Mr. Stewart we pay a visit to

MR. R. H. BRYSON,

Proprietor of Bryson's Medical Dispensary, No. 1427 St. Catherine Street, corner of Poel Street. This gentleman is so well known by the residents of the locality to which he principally dispenses, and so long and favorably known in other parts of the city, that a word from us here seems almost out of place. Sufficient be it to say that his stock at present is laid out showing to the very best advantage and the variety of his Perfumes, Toilet Sets, Toilet Soaps, &c., &c., together with such a large number of articles, that are really indispensible in every family, cannot be but profitable and satisfactory to any one visiting this establishment. Our next visit is to

MR. WATT'S

Grocery Warehouse, 1645 St. Catherine Street. Here the immense display of good things was a surprise to the writer and the immense variety of Canned Goods in the shape of Peaches, Pears, Plums and all kinds of sugared Fruits, just suitable for this season, gave the establishment more of the appearance of a Wholesale Emporium than a Retail House. Next door to Mr. Watt we visit

MESSES, A. P. SCOTT & CO'S

Drug Store, No. 16431 St. Catherine Street. This is a well appointed dispensary and must be a great convenience to the residents of that locality, saving many a weary tramp to more distant establishments. Coming back to town again we visit

MR. C. W. LINDSAY'S

Piano warehouse, No. 1312St Catherine Street. Here we are treated to a musical feast on the celebrated Miller Piano as used by Dr. Louis Naas, the same style as used by Miss Thursby on her visit to this city in the early part of the month. Next we call on our old friend W. A. Dyer of the firm of

MESSES, W. A. DYER

of the Medical Hall, corner of Phillip's square and St. Catherine Streets. This store is such a credit to the city that we are tempted to take a sketch of the interior and in this issue produce a 1 page picture of it. Such a large and spacious retail

within the last few years. Messrs. Dyer & Co. enjoy a very liberal share of the uptown patronage and well deserve it as a harder working and more obliging firm cannot be found in the city. Next we step into

MR. JOHN ROBERTSON'S

Grocery warehouse, 12 Phillips' square, where there is such a rush of customers, clerks and bustling around that it is almost impossible to get an interview with the busy proprietor. Three or four doors further down we find

MR. W. B. DAVIDSON

The florist, No. 2 Phillip square. Here is a very neat display of fancy straw baskets of almost unmentionable designs together with all kinds of decorations suitable for Xunas or New Year festivities. Then we visit

MR. M. F. CAHILL,

Picture Framer and Gilder, 668 Dorchester Street, where we find supplied a long felt want in that locality and on examination of the work liscover it to be first class in every particular. Our next visit is to

MR. W. J. CLARKE,

Corner of Beaver Hall square. His immense variety of cheap as well as expensive presents is so well known that a passing notice is all that is required.

MESSES. HENRY GRANT & SON,

No. 26 Beaver Hall Terrace, is also so long and favorably known that the same may be said of their establishment. Our next visit is to

MR. ARLESS,

The Photographer, 251 St. James Street, where the excellent specimens of art on view will at once convince visitors that this is the Studio in which their Picture Photo can best be taken.

MR. JOSEPH TORTIER'S

Stationery Establishment, 258 St. James Street, is next in order and will well repay a visit where an immence display of useful presents delights the eye.

MESSES, WM. DEVSDALE & CO.

Booksellers, 232 St James Street, is another of the well known down town establishments and the display of Fancy Goods, Books and Stationary there this season is ahead of any of former

MESSES, HY. BIRKS & CO.,

Jowellers, 222 St. James Street, show a magnifieent assortment of all kinds of jewellery and are doing a well deserved rushing business.

MESSES. H. A. NELSON & SONS.

Nos. 57 to 63 St. Peter Street, has such an immense variety of Fancy Goods, Woodenware, Clocks, Dolls, Baby Carriages, &c., &c., that to particularize here, would be utterly impossible.

MESSRS, WM. SCOTT & SON'S

Fine Art Gallery, 363 Notre Dame Street, was our next stopping place and the superb works of art on view there cannot be equaled in the Dominion. Persons of taste will be charmed with a visit to this gallery.

MR. L. E. S. PRATTE.

Organ and Piano dealer, 280 Notre Dame Street, has a very large assortment of imported American, European and Canadian Pianos and Organs and the beautiful show room is well worth a

MR. A. BRAHADI,

Proprietor of the First Premium For Establish. ment, 249 Notic Dame Street, having been established since 1848, needs little additional commendation. He has an immense stock of valuable furs on hand, in expectation of a rushing business during the coming caraival week as well as for New Year's presents. Our American cousins will find a good opportunity for opening their purse strings in this old established

MESSES, MILLS & HUTCHISGS.

Wholesale Canadian Woollen Merchants, have permitted us to give a half-page cut of their magnificent new building on the corner of Craig street and Victoria square. This firm is entering upon its tenth year in business, during which time it has devoted itself exclusively to the sale of Canadian manufactured woollens, embracing tweeds, flannels, blankets and knitted goods; the only house in the Dominion devoting itself exclusively to this speciality. Its success and expansion may be fairly taken as an index of the progress and development of our Canadian industries. Occupying the front rank in that trade, their business extends (to use a somewhat hackneyed phrase) from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and even beyond these limits, as they are doing quite a trade in the West Indies. There is, perhaps, no Canadian industry that has made more solid and rapid advancement than that of the manufacture of tweeds and coatings. A clance at the crude styles and fabrics of

ten years ago, as compared with the beautiful designs and fabrics now turned out, would satisfactorily demonstrate this.

In their new warehouse, Mesers, Mills & Hutchison will have increased facilities for extending their business, as it contains all the latest requirements of a woollen warehouse, not the least of which is plenty of light, occupying, as already mentioned, the prominent position, [For the NEWS.]

DAN DARBY

How oft I think of childhood days, And tricks we used to play Upon each other when at school, To pass the time away!—Irish Ballad.

O life! thou art a galling load, Along a rough and weary road, To wretches such as I!

Lord, man! our gentry care as little For delvers, ditchers an' sie cattle; They gang as saucy by poor folk, As I wad by a stinking brook.—Bucas.

CANTO I.

Who were my parents, matters not to know,
Yet if you will, inhabitants of earth;
Suffice it, that in ages long ago
Their grand—my greatgrand—sires were of high
birth.
And knew of all the luxury and mirth
Of life, as well as of its wars and woes:
In revely anon, anon in dearth,
As fluctuating fortune fell or rose.—
Now hand in hand with friends, now hilt to hilt with
foes.

11.

This was in Erin: there in olden time
Held chiefs and claim dominion by the sword;
But foreign pertitles, treacheries and crimes
The sway of native chiefs could ill afford.
They worked, and lorded every rightful ford,
A nation's greatness trampled in the dust,
Made freemen slaves, and left on dark record
The ravished maiden's shame, the marderer's lust,
The patriot's blood, or doom in chains for life to
rust.

ш.

So fell my sires of old, but not in vaiu.

They left a name and fame which will not die,
But will as long as Erin self remain.

And in her Amais rank 'mong worthies high—
But I, (tiod help int) from my theme I fly:
My purpose was, and is, my own sad fate
And line to paint as well's I can, and try
To single out what I disast or afte,
But I person, place or thing, poor, rich, in church or

state.

IV.

IV.

To say I am the friend of all mankind,
And wemankind in general, and the foe
Of tyrants, willing slaves and such as grind
Poor wights, and make this life a life of wee,
To say my country is where er I go,
No matter what its government or laws,
To say, the torone land my soul's arglow,
And the I fain would sound her sons applause,
I am no partial whelp,—mine is all mankind's cause

To say I am of ancient Irish blood,
And that that blood to me as life is dear.
To say in Erin I was born, and would
Resign my breath, could it but wipe a tear
From Erin's eye; to say that I this year
Am twenty-one, and therefore am a man,
Will be enough to introduce me here
To the knot reader who my page may sean
Impartial, as I write, to country, creed or chan.

My early days—a fistless time I ween—
Were spent in a diversity of ways;—
First, in the mud, on fours, I crawled between
The byre and farm-house, and was bulled by lays
Of milkmaids, sing to some tond lovers' praise,
White the white milk was frething in the pail,
And splashing round with that peculiar haze
So tich, so mild, so picasant to inhale;
Like breath of Eastern dawn in Bendemeer's green
vale.

VII.

I ran and played as children play.

Did as much mischief as a child could do:

Now had on fire a cock of straw or hay.

Anon, I broke old granny's pipe in two;

Or with a pin or spike or knife pierced through

The flesh of some poor animal or child.

I cared not which, small matter what or who

I pinched or punctured,—I was young and wild,

And knew not what I did, but at my gambols smiled.

I was a plague on glass and Chinaware
And sundry things too long, too dull to name.
I was a forment on young ladies' hair,
And in bad mood would pull the head of dame:
"The wicked brat" they called me,—by the same
Well I remember how the wicked brat,
Off with a more than a merit share of blame,
Perchance for ear of dog or tail of eat,
Was flogged and whipped and scourged and beaten,
and all that.

IX.

There was no doubt I was a funny child.
(In sooth, I never lacked a source of fun.)
As ever cried or laughed or sighed or smiled
Or lived or breathed underneath the sun.
There's nought a child can do I have not done—
But this is nonsense,—wheretere do I dwell
On childhood days, on hours that long have run?
It is because to me a tale they tell
Of man and of the world,—Sweet Childhood, fare thee
well!

V.

X.

The child, they say, is father to the man;
He is, and I say, father to the boy—
Boyhood! Oh merry season of short span,
Dear, reckless state of pastime and of joy,
How fleeting art thou!—how thou dost destroy
Our being by consigning us to ace.
And thought, and toil, and trouble, that annoy
And torture thro'life's dreary pilgrimage
Our captive souls, until they fly this carnal cage!

Again to be a boy, who would not wish?
Thus sang some bard whose name I now forget:
My brain is not quite clear,—'tis like a dish
Of thousand things promisenously set;
Therefore, it I should quote, which I may yet.
I am as likely to be wrong as right,
And beg the patient reader will not fret
At blunders which may sour or shock his sight,
Nor think that I have lost already mem'ry's light.

XII.

I have not: and the bard hath warbled well, And true to nature, and I feel as he Felt, and thus I could forever dwell On dreams of boyhood, and those dreams to me

Bring recollections, thoughts of things that be Woven in our nature, not, as some suppose, Received from or by means,—I flee Backward to pluck the Shamrock and the Rose, To chase the bounding ball, to charge, to press and close.

XIII.

Around my youthful, sprightly, mimic foes,
Who stand in ready file for tournament:
Little we know of how the world goes,
Save that we feel we're something of and in't.
Yet do we deem we are for pleasure meant,
And pleasure follow, till we tire us down
With our own wantonness. By stranke intent
Or accident there be, perchance, to crown
The sports, some bloodshot eyes or black ones.—
There's a clown

Upon the dancing ground, and round him sit
A rustic audience, not o'ermuch refined
In modern finery, learning and false wit:
Plain youths and maids; more noble, pure of mind,
More worthy of themselves and of their kind,
Than the unworthy things where now I tread—
Earth's refuse,—dwellers in this land of wind
And rain and snow; beaux of Saturnian head,
And belles,—unsightly snows of pride and paint! I
said.

XV.

-What said I? I remember not--who does?

"Tig fancy all.--mere thoughts of what has been.
Yet be it so. The merry laughter goes
Around among the rustics on the green,
As the apt comic mixes wit and spleen.
And love and and anger, eloquence and song,
Or casts his glances at some fair colleen,
Whoso large, bright eyes grow shy and look among
Her cloak's or kirtle's folds to 'scape a light so
strong.

XVI.

The burlesque is ended, and the dance
Commences, and the nimble toe and heel
Of youth and maid beat time, retreat, advance
To the bold notes of Ireland's native Reel:
See how they trip it,—round and round they wheel,
"Health to yer sowls, my sons!" some grand dam
eries

eries, Brave hearts, bold hearts, free hearts, young Hearts of Steel.

To it!" some bent and rusty sire replies.

And waves his stick in air as warring with the skies.

XVII.

These were but hours of pleasure which, of course, Came between hours of work and business, which Had in themselves a certain moral force,—An equalizing power of poor and rich.
The dancing maids could only spin and stitch,
And make the fabric which gay gaudies buy:
The lively youths equal also ruise the ditch,
Mow, guide the pough, the swamp or marsh drain dry: dry: There are no youths more brave, -- no maids of brighter eye.

XVIII.

I had to work, and did in my young days
More work than serves a strippling's health to do;
In fact, rough toil too carly clogged my ways.
And clogs me still, and will my whole life through,
If I not burst the monster's head in two,
Spurn my place among the menial crowd.
Bid to servility a long adieu,
And hie me to where cringing knee ne'er bowed.
And think me portion of the lightning and the cloud.

XIX.

These are wild words,—It can't be helped,—I must Needs take from past to present times a flight To vent feelings,—but no more I trust;
They drive my verse out of its measure quite.
Could I with regularity indite
And give my thoughts in proper place and time.
In well-considered words, and in clear light,
How much more free, more graceful were my rhyme! rhyme! Not thus should, it drag on,—A snail in its own slime.

XX.

But, I cannot make method nor arrange
Things as they should be; and so am content
With my dull lay such as it is. No change,
The sages say, lends, will lend, or has leut
A force to Nature or to what she meant:
Nature has been, and will be till the Power
Which gave withdraws her essence. I am bent
On following her the way she leads, nor tower
Aloft with gilded crest one artificial hour.

This is my nature, and to it I cling:

I'll bave my views, have others what they will,
Of life and men, myself and everything,
And as they strike my mind, so shall they fill)
My page. I'll be my own sole centre still,
Condemn who choose, appland you who think fit;
What reck it me it toolish, good or ill
You deem me? if a stold ass or wit
Should damn or bless my name, what of it?—Not a
whit.

XXXII.

It was thought prudent I should go to school
When I became of understanding age,
That is at ten,—In Ircland, as a rule.
Children too young and raw do not engage
In study, for it brings an after rage,
A chronic (so the dear mammas believe)
Derangement, which no magic can assuage,
Or spell dispel until life's darkening eve
Calms down the troubled head,—death's arms the
wretch receive.

XXIII.

This in itself should be a guarantee
That, as in body, I am sound in mind,
If any doubting Thomases there be;
If I should have an epithet unkind
From, or be to dull doltishness consigned
By the politoness of some fair she-tool.
Half on her stretch on easy seat reclined.
I beg to say, remember Ireland's rule.—
I was full ten years grown ere first I wont to school.

My progress was at any time not much in the abstruse definitions of books:

I was both farm and school boy—being such.

Small wonder I found hard to make pot-hooks figures and letters, strokes and legs and crooks. Botherod me, wherefore marvel if I did Contrive at times, by gostures and odd looks, To make a little fun,—what if I hid Some other poor gorsoon or girl beneath the lid

Of master's desk, or burned his rules and rods,
Listened to what he said with seeming zeal,
But when he saw not mimicked all his nods
And wished his crueltyship little weal.
I could—who could not?—reading glances steal
At mister master's sleepy morning face,
Which used with nice exactitude reveal
His temper for the coming day, and place
Me on my guard to act with good or evil grace.

XXVI

Much did I love Cayenne pepper as perfume:

'Tis a sweet incense no one can deny,
But its effect partakes somewhat of gloom—
A sort of tendency to grin and cry:
Of have I witnessed weeping every eye
At school, and oft the master's nose upturned
Salting to 'see whence came the steam; and why
This fiery fragrance? What I thus rules are
spurned?
Or shall I have my optics, nose and muzzle burned?',

XXVII.

Twas in my time compulsory to brings
Each morn in Winter, two substantial and
Well-dried sods of the old year's tarf—a thing
I did abbor and could not understand
The justice of, when I made no demand
On having fire at school: so I bethought
Me of a most praiseworthy, sleight-of-hand
Invention which I kept dark and said nought,
But put it into force, and this is how it wrought:—

XXVIII.

I hollowed out two sods and put a charge
Of blasting powder thorough-packed in each:
The quantity of course was noto'erlarge,
I did not mean it to effect a breach
In the old walls,—I only meant to teach
Explosion on a small and homely scale,
'To make—What d'ye call that part of speech?—
An exchamation: Master, hail all hail!
Long last the Irish boys! hurrah for Clan-na-ghael!

XXIX.

My worthy master sat before the fire.

The girls' class sat round him in a row;
Their fine, white legs (white legs I much admire)
Were at full length, because they sate them low;
I saw each shin and incely turned to:
And ankle, but respective distance kept.
I grieved the fair ones should fare ill, when—Ho!
A blast!—the fire in all directions leapt,
Upset the master, scorched the beauteous legs, and
swept

XXX.

The school into confusion such as took
Two days to re-arrange things, which when done,
We had a learned lecture showing by luck
It was we were not to the beavens spun.
"Shan," said the master, "on your lives, boys, shun
Wet turi on fire,—take turi not by its crust:
Select your sods most extefutly, bring none
In which there's vapour, gas or red-bog rust:
Bless tied we were not blown to undivided dust!"

XXXI.

Here was a glorious theory.—But enough!
That is—what verse?—the thirty-first, my tale
Drags to unwieldly length, this school-boy stuff
Ships thro' my head as thro' a stork a snail:
I catch and will withhold it. What a gale,
A passion-storm 'twould raise if master had
Read it! 'twould make his heart and heart strings

Read it: twome many 1.15
nil
With indignation, or, what is as bad,
'Twould make his cranium ache and drive old
Philomath mad.

Did I not know how serious is to be
What is not writ. I might go on and puff
My rhyme with mirth and drollery and glee
And school and schoolboys, 'backey, beer and snuff.
Resides, I have some fears of being thought rough;
Which I am not, was never, and they lie
Who say so,—I but simply played the chuff
During the few half-reckless hours which I
Have had in my sad life. Yet why sad call it?—
Why?

XXXIII.

Wait, and anon I'il tell thee—'tis too soon,
Yet not too soon, but still 'tis well to 'wait
A wee' in all things, even when to the moon
We dream to fly at night when rather late
We find ourselves outside the garden gate,
With eye and ear avigil, when the key
Is turned by Jessie, Mary, Jane or Kate,
And a soft whisper breathes, "Come on, love,
flee"—
Yes, even then 'tis well to think and wait a wee.

But thought or forethought in the present song
Is wanting, or dispensed with, if you please,
So is delay; then let it jog along
In its own freedom, artlessness and case.
It is not meant to torment or to tense
Any one person, or to give offence
At large,—its purpose being, by degrees,
In simple words, plain talk and common sense,
To show the how, the why, the wherefore and the
whence

XXXV.

Tam the wretched mortal that I am.
Of this in time hereafter.—I became
As calm and meek and quiet as a lamb.
And in good scriousness began to blame
Myself, and to my feelings whisper, shame
On me for all those golden hours of time
Misspent, or not spent well, which is the same;
How sad, methought, if to some distant clime
My lot should lead me yet, to be in manhood's prime

A booby! This reflection was too much To be withstood by me: and so it fired My faculties thay, start not) at first touch. And at that touch my follies all expired. Books which before I hated I admired, Study henceforward was even unto me As the "discarded" is to Miss whon, tired Of angling for him who may hers not be. She offers, he accepts grace, favor, compromise.

XXXVII.

Now was a period ne'er to be forgot:
I knew not how. I found myself within
Collegiate walls, where students and what not
Kept up a nearly never-ceasing din;
Like to the noise of distant roaring linn,
And most unlike the sound of human throats,
Yet was it music. Toby said, wherein
(Good faith, thought I, old doctor dreams or dotes)
Were jarred and blended all the most harmonious

XXXVIII.

I saw the world before me, and I saw
Objects and ends in their true colors shine;
I started, shuddered, and I gazed with awe—
No one fixed end, no goal I could call mine!
To what attained I?—what was my design?—
What could I do. and do the most I could?
Nothing, and why? for cach, ye gods benign!
Was wanting, and assist none was who would;
How, therefore, end or aim or hope could I make
good!

XIXXX.

Yet did I not despair: I had a soul,
And have, which was not, cannot be subdued,
Which will not bend beneath misfortune's whole
Weight, which will stand the shock, however rude,
Of purpose crossed, hope blasted, life pursued
By discontent still urging on—on—on!
What if I'm cast amongst the lowly brood
Of lewd things of which I am not one,
Shall my bold spirit yield?—Despondency begone?

I stood within these walls where for the first
Time in my life I saw the many ways
In which men differ, here it was I nursed
That sour dislike to persons who by praise.
Or compliment, or flattery, nowadays,
Are movable; here was it that I felt
I was not just exactly what obeys
The world—a form of common clay—there dwelt,
And dwells within me still, that which has never
knelt,

And will not kneel to lick the paws of pride,
Of monster pride begot of weaith, begot
Of dirt and nothingness. Away and inde
Yourselves, you buiky creatures, ere you rot!
Thick you that I adore you? I do not,
Far be it from me,—no, nor even respect;
Your name to me is wormwood, lazy lot.
I am your foe—your friendship I reject—
And as your foe my task I never will neglect:—

XLII.

Down with the great. O Lord, by all means down!
Down with the proud the lowest of the low!
Down with corruption! down with those who frown
On underlings!—Ye heaven work their woe
Who with an air of hatred by us so.
Regarding us as less than rotten dogs:—
Up brother wretches! say why erouch you so?
Are ye on earth dead, soulless, liteless loss,
Gorillas, apes or toads or large reptilian trogs?

XLIII.

Dash to the obedience when it lowers
You to a rank below the unthinking brute;
Was it for this you left your native shere—
Was it to cringe with awe and terror mate
Before a nameless set? Up, slaves, and to't!
Fear not to speak,—be forward, tree and bold;
Strike—life or death—subordination's root.
Assert your rights like men, and be not sold
Into lifelong contempt for pattry gain of gold.

Better by far to never have been born
Than born to live a life as I do new:
A life of gall, hate, bitterness and seorn.
Rancour and wrotchedness— How long wilt Thou.
O Mighty Majesty! be pleased allow
To bind my spirit this tormented clay?
Thy will be done,—"Its written oa my brow—
Earth is my purgatory, of biss norty
Shall light my path until the close of life's dark day.

XLV.

What pity 'tis I have not some command
Over whatever inpulse 'tis that sends
My thoughts confused,—what pity that my hand
Obeys the impulse! At my ingers' enas
I have an itch which irritates, or tends.
If I not seratch, irritable to be,
Saving your presence; then, my honest friends,
You are in justice bound to pardon me
For this my regular irregularitie.

I am—good faith I am a pretty boy.

A soft and tender soul Lord knows I am,
A sweet young fellow, an angelic toy,—
I swear it by the queen of hearts or pam.
Did I not tell you I was like a lamb?
I think I did—but whether I did or not,
You are to know that I would not say "damn"
Or any curse if I were to be shot.
Nor would I tell a lie if you killed me on the spot.

XLVII.

Don't you think I who am all this and more
Am to be pitied when I tell you I.
For want of funds, outside the outmost door
Saw myself ere a twelve-month had gone by
In this elysium?—The dark blue sky.
The Winter's sow! the hardy, bracing breeze,
The dreariness around me, the shrillery
Of birds, the flowerless, grassless, herdless leas.
Affected me and chilled and lett me none at ease.

XLVIII.

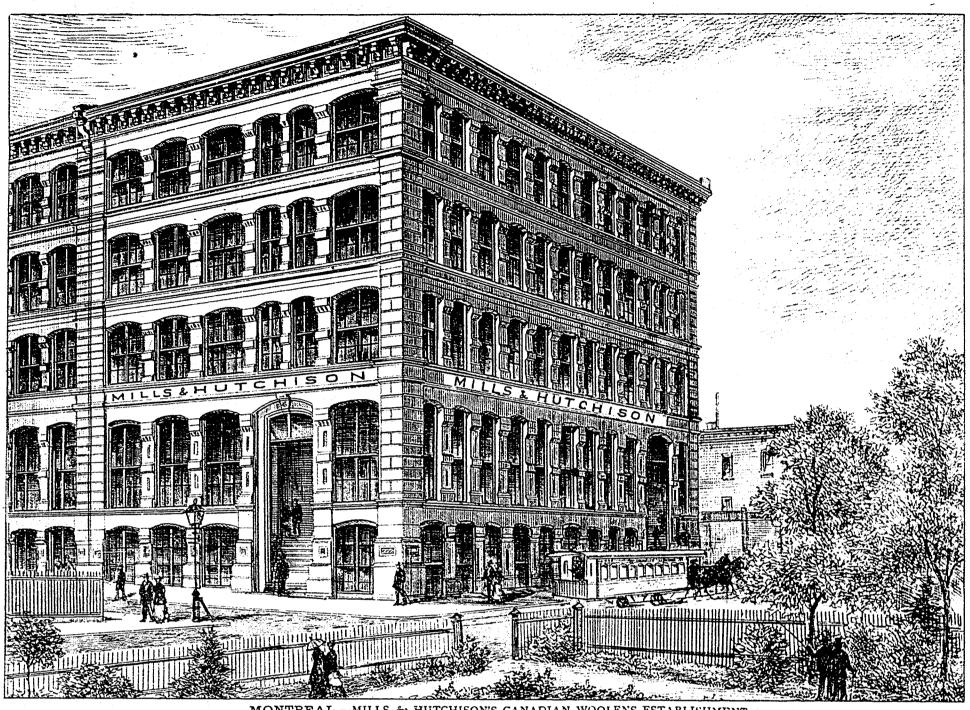
Loose on the world, at large without a home, Without a prospect, with a pretty fair Knowledge of men and business, than to roam Abroad and seek my fortune what was there Other for me? there was nought but despair, Of which I was meapable. I took The notion in my head, at least to dare Upon a more extensive scale to look On manners and on men; and as I cannot brook

Procrastination when I once resolve
To act, I acted little deeming that
I flew from misery but to involve
Myself to torment, wretchedness, or what
You wish to sall it—that which waits on Pat
In lands 2:ar; that which we deem the curse
Of all misfortunes,—life which coat or hat
Affordeth not: hard work, lean dot, slack purso,
Contempt and degradation which than death is
worse.

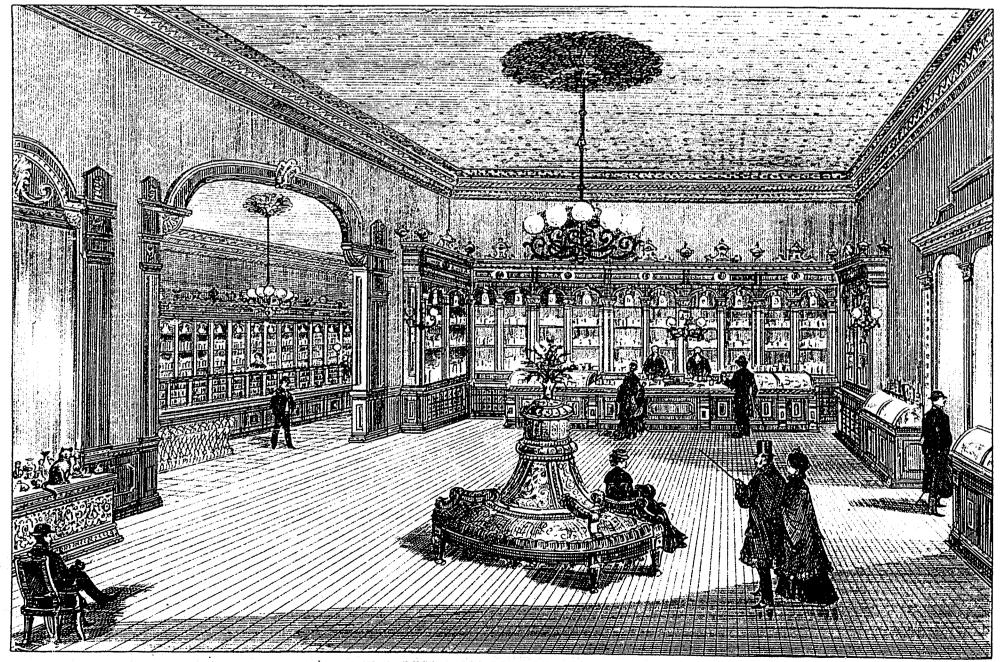
Bright were my dreams, as merrily and free Bright were my dreams, as merrily and free
The exile ship shot out upon the main,
Of the half-Eden land beyond the sea.
The home of Freedom where but Freemen reign.—
Alas! that after pleasure should come pain
As after sunshine showers;—once more alas!
That sunniest hopes should also be most vain,
That hypocrites for semi-saints should bass.
That lying tongues should pierce thro' walls of steel
and brass!

"DUNBOY."

Montreal, Dec. 7th, 1883.

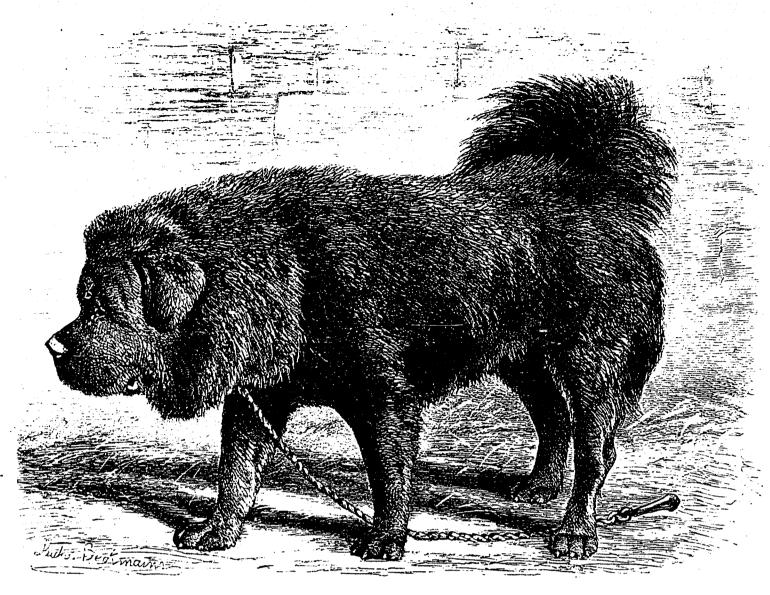


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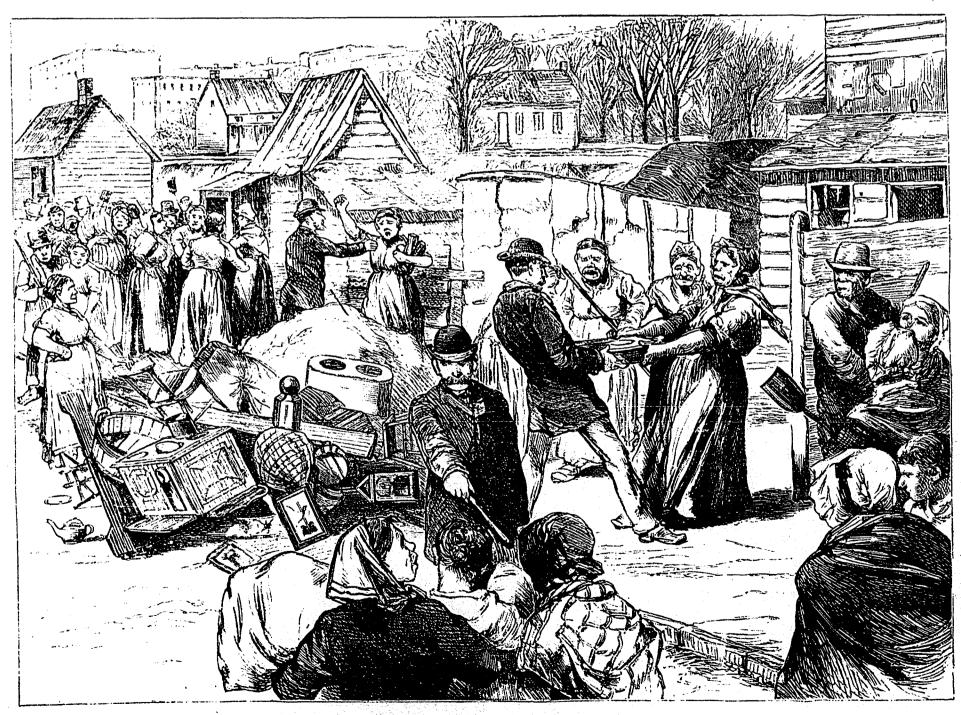


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MAGOG RIVER.

A flood there is that flows and falls, Where clus their pendant branches lean, Or high above its rocky walls The firs are ever green.

From Memphremacog's burnished skein Of silver, tangled in the hills. Its downward leaping course is ta'en Amid the roar of mills.

Not thus, of old, the red man knew The happy Magos, wild and free, When floed to flood the waters grew, Rejoicing to the sea.

The rise of trout, the dip of wing, Its own glad song to rock and glen, Or stealthy trend of some wild thing Alone disturbed it then.

And yet the River seems to feel, Though bound in traffic's prosy ways, And harmessed to the creaking wheel, The joy of Savage days.

And ever more the poet stream,
That chopes like Pegasus in pound,
Renews its old, delightful dream
While all the mills go round,

And laughs from rock to rock along. Or rests within its little lake, Fair as the iris loy of soug The mists of echo make.

And thence again with eager shout Takes up its winsome, bonnie way, As graceful as the bream and trout That in its waters play;

Till, leaping down from higher lands, It joins St. Francis' broader tide, Where Sherbrooke in her beauty stands The wedded streams beside.

With spindle's hum and shuttle's noise, The foundries clang, the forges flame; Here toil is king and men rejoice And bless the Magog's name.

"Even thus," I cry, "the humble bard, Who, fain would only shout and sing, Must turn, to win the world's regard, And do some useful thing."

"Nor yet withhold his tuneful voice, But sweeter labor with a strain, Whose tones shall linger and rejoice When he forgets his pain."

Sherbrooke, Dec. 10th, 1883.

BENJ. S. PARKER.

THE SILVER HATCHET.

A TALE OF THE BLACK ART.

On the third of December, 1861, Dr. Otto von Hopstein, Regius Professor of Comparative Anatomy of the University of Buda-Pesth, and Curator of the Academical Museum, was murdered within a stone-throw of the entrance to the college quadrangle.

Besides the eminent position of the victim and his popularity among both students and townfolk, there were other circumstances which excited public interest very strongly, and drew general attention throughout Austria and Hungary to this murder. The Pesther Abendblatt of the following day had an article upon it, which may still be consulted by the curious, and from which I translate a few passages giving a succinct account of the circumstances under which the crime was committed, and the peculiar features in the case which puzzled the Hun-

"It appears," said that very excellent paper, "that Professor von Hopstein left the university about half-past four in the afternoon, in order to meet the train which is due from Vienna at three minutes after five. He was accompanied by his old and dear friend, Herr Wilhelm Schlessinger, sub-curator of the museum and privat-docent of chemistry. The object of these two gentlemen in meeting this particular train was to receive the legacy bequeathed by Graf von Schulling to the University of Buda-Pesth. It is well known that this unfortunate noble-man, whose tragic fate is still fresh in the re-collection of the public, left his unique collection of mediæval weapons, as well as several priceless black-letter editions, to enrich the already celebrated museum of his Alma Mater. The worthy professor was too much of an enthusiast in such matters to intrust the reception or care of this valuable legacy to any subordinate, and, with the assistance of Herr Schlessinger, he suceeded in removing the whole collecti on from the train, and stowing it away in a light cart which had been lent by the university authorities. Most of the books and more fragile articles were packed in cases of pine wood, but many of the weapons were simply done round with straw, so that considerable labor was involved in mov ing them all. The professor was so nervous, however, lest any of them should be injured that he refused to allow any of the railway employes (Eisenbahn- diener) to assist. Every article was carried across the platform by Herr Schlessinger, and handed to Professor von Hopstein in the cart, who packed it away. When everything was in, the two gentlemen, still faithful to their charge, drove back to the university, the pro-fessor being in excellent spirits, and not a little proud of the physical exertion which he had thown himself capable of. He made some joking allusion to it to Reinmaul, the janitor, who, with his friend Schiffer, a Bohemian Jew, met the cart on its return, and unloaded the contents. Leaving his curiosities safe in the store-room and locking the door, the Professor handed the key to his sub-curator, and, bidding every one goodevening, departed in the direction of his lodg-

ings. Schlessinger took a last look to reassure himself that all was right, and also went off, leaving Reinmaul and his friend Schiffer smoking in the janitor's lodge.
"At eleven o'clock, about an hour and a half

after von Hopstein's departure, a soldier of the Fourteenth Regiment of Jäger, passing the front of the university on his way to barracks, came upon the lifeless body of the professor lying a little way from the side of the road. He had fallen upon his face with both arms stretched out. His head was literally split in two halves by a tremendous blow, which it is conjectured, must have been struck from behind, there remaining a peaceful smile upon the old man's face, as if he had been still dwelling upon his new archaeological acquisition when death most mysterious part of the affair is that the professor's purse, containing forty-three guiden, and his valuable watch, have been untouched. Robbery, cannot, therefore have been the incen-

turbed before they could complete their work. 'This idea is negatived by the fact that the body must have lain at least an hour before any one discovered it. The whole affair is wrapped in my-tery. Dr. Langemann, the eminent medico-jurist, has pronounced that the wound is such as might have been inflicted by a heavy sword-bayonet wielded by a powerful arm. The police are extremely reticent upon the subject, and it is supected that they are in possession of a clew which may lead to important results."

tive to the deed, unless the assassins were dis-

Thus far the Pesther Abendblatt. The researches of the police failed, however, to throw the least glimmer of light upon the matter. There was absolutely no trace of the murderer, ner could any amount of ingenuity invent any reason which could have induced any one to commit the dreadful deed. The deceased professor was a man so wrapped in his own studies and pursuits that he lived apart from the world, and had certainly never raised the slightest animosity in any human breast. It must have been some fiend, some savage, who loved blood for its own sake, who struck the merciless

Though the officials were unable to come to any conclusions upon the matter, popular suspicion was not long in pitching upon a scapegoat. In the first published accounts of the murder the name of one Schiffer had been mentioned as having remained with the janitor after the professor's departure. This man was a Jew, and Jews have never been popular in Hungary. A cry was at once raised for Schiffer's arrest; but as there was not the slightest grain of evidence against him, the authorities very properly refused to consent to so arbitrary a proceeding. Reinmual, who was an old and most respected citizen, declared solemnly that Schiffer was with him until the startled cry of the soldier had caused them both to run out to the scene of the tragedy. No one ever dreamed of implicating Reinmaul in such a matter; but still, it was rumored that his ancient and well-known friendship for Schiffer might have induced him to tell a falsehood in order to screen him. Popular feeling ran very high upon the subject, and there seemed a danger of Schiffer's being mobbed in the street, when an incident occurred which threw a very different light upon the matter.

On the morning of the twelfth of December, just nine days after the mysterious murder of of professor, Schiffer, the Bohemian Jew, was found lying in the north-western corner of the Grand Platz, stone dead, and so mutilated that he was hardly recognizable. His head was cloven open in very much the same way as that of Von Hopstein, and his body exhibited numerous deep gashes, as if the murderer had been so carried away and transported with fury that he had continued to hack the lifeless body. Snow had fallen heavily the day before, and was lying at least a foot deep all over the square; some had fallen during the night, too, as was evidenced by a thin layer lying like a winding-sheet over the murdered man. It was hoped at first this circumstance might assist in giving a clew by enabling the footsteps of the assassin to be traced; but the crime had been committed, unfortunately, in a place much frequented during the day, and there were innumerable tracks in every direction. Beside, the newly-fallen snow had blurred the footsteps to such an extent that it would have been impossible to draw trustworthy evidence from then

In this case there was exactly the same impenetrable mystery and absence of motive which had characterized the murder of Professor von Hopstein. In the dead man's pocket there was found a note-book containing a considerable sum in gold, and several very valuable bills, but no attempt had been made to rifle him. Supposing that any one to whom he had lent money (and this was the first idea which occurred to the police) had taken this means of evading his debt, it was hardly conceivable that he would have left such a valuable spoil untouched. Schiffer lodged with a widow named Gruga, at 49 Marie Theresa strasse, and the evidence of his landlady and her children showed that he had remained shut up in his room the whole of the preceding day in a state of deep dejection. caused by the suspicion which the populace had fastened upon him. She had heard him go out about eleven o'clock at night for his last and fatal walk, and as he had a latch-key she had gone to bed without waiting for him. His object in choosing such a late hour for a ramble obviously was that he did not consider himself safe if recognized in the streets.

The occurrence of this second murder so short ly after the first threw not only the town of Buda-Pesth, but the whole of Hungary into a terrible state of excitement, and even of terror. Vague dangers seemed to hang over the head of every man. The only parallel to this intense feeling was to be found in our own country at the time of the Williams murders described by De Quincy. There were so many resemblances between the cases of Von Hapstein and of Schiffer that no one could doubt that there existed a connection between the two. The absence of object and of robbery, the utter want of any clew to the assassin, and lastly, the ghastly nature of the wounds, evidently inflicted by the same or a similar weapon, all pointed in one direction. Things were in this state when the had overtaken him. There is no other mark of incidents which I am now about to relate ac-violence upon the body except a bruise over the curred, and in order to make them intelligible I left patella, caused probably by the fall. The must lead up to them from a fresh point of de-

Otto von Schlegel was a younger son of the old Silesian family of that name. His father had originally destined him for the army, but at the advice of his teachers, who saw the surprising talent of the youth, had sent him to the Univer-sity of Buda-Pesth to be educated in medicine. Here young Schlegel carried everything before him, and promised to be one of the most brilliant graduates turned out for many a year. Though a hard reader, he was no book worm, but an ac tive powerful young fellow, full of animal spirits and vivacity, and extremely popular among his fellow-students.

The New-Year examinations were at hand, and Schlegel was working hard-so hard that even the strange murders in the town, and the general excitement in men's minds, failed to turn his thoughts from his studies. Upon Christmas eve, when every house was illuminated, and the roar of drinking songs came from the Bierkeller in the Student quartier, he refused the many invitations to roystering suppers which were showered upon him, and went off with his books under his arm to the rooms of Leopold Strauss, to work with him into the small hours of the morning.

Strauss and Schlegel were bosom friends They were both Silesians, and had known each other from boyhood. Their affection had become proverbial in the University. Strauss was almost as distinguished a student as Schlegel, and there had been many a tough struggle for academic honors between the two fellow-countrymen, which had only served to strengthen their friendship by a bond of mutual respect. Schlegel admired the dogged pluck and never failing good temper of his old playmate; while the latter considered Schlegel, with his many talents and brilliant versatility, the most accomplished of mortals.

The friends were still working together, the one reading from a volume on anatomy, the other holding a skull and marking off the various parts mentioned in the text, when the deeptoned bell of St. Gregory's church struck the hour of midnight.

" Hark to that !" said Schlegel, snapping up the book and stretching out his long legs toward the cherry fire. "Why it's Christmas morning, old friend! May it not be the last that we spend

'May we have passed all these confounded examinations before another ones comes!' answered Strauss. "But, see here, Otto, one bottle of wine will not be amies. I have laid one up on purpose;" and with a smile on his honest south German face, he pulled out a long-necked bottle of Rhenish from among a pile of backs and boxes in the accret

books and bones in the corner.

"It is a night to be comfortable indoors," said Otto von Schlegel, looking out at the showy landscape; "for 'is bleak and bitter enough outside. Good health, Leopold!"

"I obe book!" realized his companies. "I obe book!"

"Lobe hoch !" replied his companion. "It is a comfort indeed to forget sphenoid bones and ethinoid bones, if it be but for a moment. And what is the news of the corps, Otto ! Has Grant's fought the Swabian!

"They fight to-morrow," said Von Schlegel.
"I fear that our man will lose his beauty, for he is short in the arm. Yet activity and skill may do much for him. They say his hanging guard is perfection."

And what else is the news among the students !" asked Strauss.

"They talk, I believe, of nothing but the murders. But I have worked hard of late, as you know, and hear little of the gossip."

inquired Strauss. look over the books and the weapons which our dear professor was so concerned about the very day he met his death ! They say they are well worth a visit "

"I saw them to-day," said Schlegel, lighting his pipe. "Reinmaul, the janitor, showed me over the store-room and I helped to label many of them from the original catalogue of Graf Schullings's museum. As far as we can see, there is but one article missing of all the collection.'

"One missing!" exclaimed Strauss, "that would grieve old You Hopstein's ghost. Is it anything of value I"

"It is described as an antique hatchet, with a head of steel and a handle of chased silver. We have applied to the railway company, and no doubt it will be found."
"I trust so," echoed Strauss; and the con-

versation drifted off into other channels. The fire was burning low and the bottle of Rhenish was empty before the two friends rose from their chairs and Von Schlegel prepared to depart.

"Ugh! It's a bitter night!" he said, standing

"Why, Leopold, you have your cap on. You

are not going out, are you?"
"Yes, I am with you," said Strauss, shutting the door behind him. "I feel heavy," he continued, taking his friend's arm and walking down the street with him. "I think a walk as far as your lodgings, in the crisp frosty air, is just the thing to set me right."

The two students went down Stephen strasse together and crossed Julien Platz, talking on a variety of topics. As they passed the corner of the Grand Plats, however, where Schiffer had been found dead, the conversation turned naturall upon the murder.

That's where they found him," remarked

Von Schlegel, pointing to the fatal spot.
"Perhaps the murderer is near us now," said
Strauss. "Let us hasten on." Strauss. They both turned to go, when Von Schlegel

gave a sudden cry of pain and stooped down. "Something has cut through my boot!" he oried; and feeling about with his hand in the snow, he pulled out a small glistening battleaxe, made apparently entirely of metal. It had been lying with the blade turned slightly up-

ward, so as to cut the foot of the student when he trod upon it. "The weapon of the murderer!" he ejaculated. "The silver hatchet from the museum!"

cried Strauss in the same breath. There could be no doubt that it was both the one and the other. There could not be two such curious weapons, and the character of the wounds was just such as would be inflicted by a similar instrument. The murderer had evidently thrown it aside after committing the dreadful deed, and it had lain concealed in the snow some twenty mètres from the spot ever since. It was extraordinary that of all the people who had passed and repassed none had discovered it; but the snow was deep and it was a little way off the beaten track.

"What are we to do with it?" said Von Schlegel, holding it in his hand. He shud-lered as he noticed by the light of the moon that the head of it was all dabbled with dark-brown

"Take it to the commissary of police," suggested Strauss.

" He'll be in bed, now. Still, 'I think you are right. But it is nearly four o'clock. I will wait until morning and take it round before breakfast. Meanwhile I must carry it with me to my lodgings."

That is the best plan," said his friend; and they went on together talking off the remarkable find which they had made. When they came to Schlegel's door, Strauss said good-bye, refusing an invitation to go in and walked briskly down the street in the direction of his own loigings.

Schlegel was stooping down putting the key into the lock, when a strange change came over him. He trembled violently and dropped the key from his quivering fingers. His right hand closed convulsively round the handle of the silver hatchet and his eye followed the retreating figure of his friend with a vindictive glare. In spite of the coldness of the night the perspiration streamed down his face. For a moment he seemed to struggle with himself, holling his hand up to his throat as if he were sufficiently. Then, with cronching body and rapid noiseless steps, he crept after his late companion.

Strauss was plodding sturdly along through the snow, humming snatches of a sculent song and little dreaming of the dark figure which pursued him. At the Grand Platz it was about forty yards behind him; at the Julien Platz it was twenty; in Stephen strasse it was ten, and gaining on him with panther-like rapidity. Already it was almost within arm's length of the unsuspecting man and the hatchet glittered coldly in the moonlight, when some slight noise must have reached Strauss' cars, for he faced suddenly round upon his pursuer. He started and uttered an exclamation, as his eye met the white set face, with flashing eyes and clenched teeth, which seemed to be suspended in the air behind him.

"What, Otto!" he exclaimed, recognizing his friend. "Art thou ill! You look pale. Come with me to my—Ah! hold, you madman, hold! Drop that axe! Drop it, I say, or by heaven I'll choke you?"

Von Schlegel had thrown himself upon him with a wild cry and uplifted weapon, but the student was stout-hearted and resolute. rushed inside the sweep of the hatchet and caught his assailant round the waist, narrowly escaping a blow which would have cloven his head. The two staggered for a moment in deadly wrestle, Schlegel endeavored to shorten his wea pon; but Strauss with a desperate wrench managed to bring him to the ground, and they rolled together in the snow, Strauss clinging to the other's right arm, and shouting frantically for assistance. It was as well that he did so, for Schlegel would certainly have succeeded in freeing his arm had it not been for the arrival of two stalwart gendarmes attracted by the uproar. Even then the three of them found it difficult to overcome the maniacal strength of Schlegel, and they were utterly unable to wrench the silver hatchet from his grasp. One of the gendarmes, however, had a coil of rope round his waist, with which he rapidly secured the student's arms to his sides. In this way, half pushed, half dragged, he was conveyed, in spite of furious cries and frenzied struggles, to the central police station.

Strauss assisted in coercing his former friend. and accompanied the police to the station, protesting loudly at the same time againsi any un-"Ugh! It's a bitter night!" he said, standing necessary violence, and giving it as his opinion on the doorstep and folding his cloak round him. that a lunatic asylum would be a more fitting

place for the prisoner. The events of the last half-hour had been so sudden and inexplicable that he felt quite dazed himself. What did it all mean? It was certain that his old friend from boyhood had attempted to murder him, and had nearly succeeded. Was Von Schlegel then the murderer of Professor von Hopstein, and of the B-hemian Jew? Strauss felt that it was impossible, for the Jew was not even known to him and the professor had been his especial favorite. He followed mechanically to the police station, lost in grief and amazement.

Inspector Baumgarten, one of the most energetic and best known of the police officials, was on duty in the absence of the commissary. He was a wiry little active man, quiet and retiring in his habits, but possessed of great sagacity and a vigilence which never relaxed. Now, though he had had a six hours' virgil, he sat as erect as ever, with his pen behind his ear, at his official desk, while his friend, Sub-inspector Winkel, snored in a chair at the side of the stove. Even the inspector's usually immovable features betroyed surprise, however, when the door was flung open and Von Schlegel was dragged in with pale face and disordered clothes, the silver hat-chet still grasped firmly in his hand. Still more surprised was he when Strauss, and the gendarmes gave their account, which was duly entered in the official register.

"Young man, young man," said Inspector Banngarten, laying down his pen, and fixing his eyes sternly upon the prisoner, "this is pretty work for Christmas morning, ; why have

you done this thing?"

"God knows?" cried Von Schlegel, covering his face with his hands and dropping the hatthet. A change had come over him, his tury and excitement were gone, and he seemed utter-ly prostrated with grief.

You have rendered yourself liable to a strong suspicion of having committed the other mur-ders which have disgraced our city."
"No, no, indeed?" said Von Schlegel carnest-

ly. God forbid?"

"At least, you are guilty of attempting the life of Herr Leopold Strauss."

"The dearest friend I have in the world," ground the student. "O, how could !! How

"His being your friend makes your crime ten times more beinous," said the inspector se-verely. "Remove him for the remainder of the night to the—But steady! Who comes

The door was thrown open, and a man came into the room, so haggard and careworn that he locked more like a ghost than a lauman being. He tottered as he walked, and had to clutch at the backs of the chairs as he approached the inspector's desk. It was hard to recognize in this miserable-looking object the once cheerful and rubicund sub-curator of the museum and privat docume of chemistry, Herr Wilhelm Schlessinger. The practiced eye of Dattingar-ten, however, was not to be builted by any

"Good morning, mein herr," he said, "you are up early. No doubt the reason is that you have heard that one of your students. Von Scidegel is arrested for attempting the life of Loopold

"No: I have come for myself," said Schles-singer, huskily, and patting his Land up to his throat. "I have come to ease my soul of the weight of a great sin, though, God knows, an ful heavens! there it is the horrid thing! O that I had never seen it!"

He shrank back in a parexy m of terror, glaring at the silver hatchet where it bay upon ne floor, and pointing at it with his emaciated

"There it lies!" he yelled. "Look at it! It has come to condenin me. See that brown rust on it! Do you know what that is! That is the blood of my dearest, best friend, Professor Von Hapstein, I saw it gush over the very handle as I drove the blade through his brain. Mein

Gott, I see it now!"
"Sub-inspector Winkel" said Baumgarten, endeavoring to preserve his official austerity, you will arrest this man, charged on his own confession with the murder of the late professor. I also deliver into your hands. Von Schlegel here, charged with a murderous assault upon Herr Strauss. You will also keep this hatchet"
here he picked it from the floor-"which has

been used for both crimes." Wilhelm Schlessinger had been leaning against the table with a face of ashy paleness. As the inspector ceased speaking, he looked up

excitedly. "What did you say?" he cried. "You Schlegel attack Strauss! The two dearest friends in the college! I slay my old master! It is magic, I say; it is a charm! There is a spell upon us It is - Ah, I have it! It is that hatchet -that ! thrice accursed hatchet I' and he pointed convulsively at the weapon which Inspector Brumgarten still held in his hand.

The imspector smiled contemtuously, "Restrain yourself, mein herr," he said.

"You do but make your case worse by such wild excuses for the wicked deed you confess to. Magic and charm are not known in the legal vocabulary, as my friend Winkel will assure

you."
"I know not." remarked his sub-inspector, shrugging his broad shoulders. There are many strange things in the world. Who knows but

that-"
"What !!' roared Inspector Baumgarten furiously. "You would undertake to contradict me ! You would set up your opinion! You would be overhauled the old weapons and cleaned them. the London Daily News, an original miniature

the champion of these accursed murderers. Fool, miserable fool, your hour has come !" and, rushing at the astounded Winkel, he dealt a blow at him with the silver hatchet which would certainly have justified his last assertion had it not been that, in his fury, he overlooked the lowness of the rafters above his head. The blade of the hatchet struck one of these, and remained there quivering, while the handle was splintered

into a thousand pieces.

"What have I done?" gasped Baumgarten, falling back into his chair.

"You have proved Herr Schlessinger's words to be correct, said Von Schlegel, stepping forward, for the astonished policemen had let go their grasp of him. "That is what you have done." Against reason, science, and everything Against reason, science, and everything else though it be, there is a charm at work. There must be ! Strauss, old boy, you know I would not, in my right senses, burt one hair of your head. And you, Schlessinger, we both know you loved the old man who is dead. And you, Inspector Baumgarten, you would not willingly have struck your friend the sub-in-

spector?"
"Not for the whole world," groaned the inspector, covering his face with his hands.

"Then is it not clear ! But now, thank Heaven, the accursed thing is broken, and can never do harm again. But, see, what is that?"
Right in the centre of the room was lying a

thin brown cylinder of parchment. One glance at the fragments of the handle of the weapon showed that it had been hollow. This roll of paper had apparently been hidden away inside the metal case thus formed, having been introduced through a small hole, which had been atterward soldered up. Von Schlegel opened the document. The writing upon it was almost illegible from age, but as far as they could make

out it stood thus, in mediaval German:
"Diese Waffe behutzte Max von Erlichingen um Joanna Bodeck zu ermorden, deshalb beschuldige Ich, Johann Bodeck, mittel-t der macht welche mir als mitglied des Concils des rothen Kreuzes verliehan wurde, dieselbe mit dieser unthat. Mag sie anderen denselben schmerz verursachen den sie mir verursacht hat. May Jede hand die sie ergreift mit dem bluteines freundes gerichet sein.

"Immer fibel-niemals gut. Geröthet mit des freundes blut."

Which may be roughly translated:

"This weapon was used by Max von Erlichingen for the murder of Joanna Bodeck. Therefore do I, Johann Bodeck, accurse it by the power which has been bequeathed to me as one of the Council of the Resy Cross. May it dead to others the grief which it has dealt to me! May every hand that grasps it be redden-ed in the blood of a friend!

"Ever evil, never good, Reddened with a loved one's blood,"

There was a dead silence in the room when Von Schlegel had finished spelling out this strange document. As he put it down Strauss

haid his hand affectionately upon his arm.
"No such proof is needed by me, old friend,"
he said. "At the very moment that you struck at me I forgave you in my heart. I well know that if the poor professor were in the room he would say as much to Herr Wilhelm Schlessin-

Gentlemen," rewarked the inspector, standunmeditated one. It was I who - But, merely ing up and resuming his official tones, "this affair, strange as it is, must be treated according to rule an i precedent. Sub-Inspector Winkel, as your superior officer, I command you to arrest me upon a charge of murderously assaulting yon. You will commit me to prison for the night, together with Herr von Schlegel and Herr Wilhelm Schlessinger. We shall take our trial at the coming sitting of the julges. In the meantime take care of that piece of eviden. ce," pointing to the piece of parchment, "and while I am away, devote your time and energy to utilizing the clew you have obtained in discovering who it was who slew Herr Schiffer, the Bohemian Jew."

The one missing link in the chain of evidence was soon supplied. On the twenty-eighth of December the wife of Reinmanl, the janitor, coming into the bedroom after a short absence, found her husband hanging lifeless from a hook in the wall. He had fied a long bolster case round his neck and stood upon a chair in order to commit the fatal deed. On the table was a the plan, and the fact is recorded in these words, note in which he confessed to the murder of written in 1797:—" In the course of the next Schiffer, the Jew, adding that the deceased had been his oldest friend and that he had slain him without premeditation, in obedience to some uncontrollable impulse. Remorse and grief, ho said, had driven him to self destruction; and he wound up his confession by commending his

soul to the mercy of heaven.

The trial which ensued was one of the strangest which ever occurred in the whole history of jurisprudence. It was in vain that the prosecuting counsel urged the improbability of the explanation offered by the prisoners, and depre-cated the introduction of such an element as magic into a nineteenth century law court. The chain of facts was too strong, and the prisoners were manimously acquitted. "This silver hatchet," remarked the judge in his summing up, "has hung untouched upon the wall in the mansion of the Graf von Schulling for nearly two hundred years. The shocking manner in which he met his death at the hands of his favorite house steward is still fresh in your recollection. It has come out in evidence that, a few days before the murder, the steward had

In doing this he must have touched the handle of this hatchet. Immediately afterward he slew his master, whom he had served faithfully for twenty years. The weapon then came, it conformity with the count's will, to Buda-Pesth, where, at the station, Herr Wilhelm Schlessinger grasped it, and, within two hours, used it against the person of the deceased professor. The next man whom we find touching it is the janitor Reinmaul, who helped to remove the weapons from the cart to the storeroom. At the first opportunity he buried it in the body of his friend Scheffer. We then have the attemptand friend Schener. We find have the attempted murder of Strauss by Schlegel, and of Winkel by Inspector Baumgarten, all immediately following the taking of the hatchet into the hand. Lastly comes the providential discovery of the extraordinary document which had been read to you by the clerk of the court. I invite your most careful consideration, gentlemen of the jury, to this chain of facts, knowing that you will find a verdict according to your consciences without fear and without favor.

Perhaps the most interesting piece of evidence to the English reader, though it found few supporters among the Hungarian audience, was that of Dr. Langemann, the eminent medi-co jurist, who has written text books upon metallurgy and toxicology. He said:

I am not sure, gentlemen, that there is need to fall back upon necromancy or the black art for an explanation of what has occurred. What I say is merely a hypothesis, without proof of any sort, but in a case so extraordinary every suggestion may be of value. The Rosierucians, to whom allusion is made in this paper, were the most profound chemists of the early middle ages, and included the principal alchimists, whose names have descended to us. Much as chemistry has advanced, there are some points in which the ancients were ahead of us, and in none more so than in the manufacture of poisons of subtle and deadly action. This man, Bodeck, as one of the elders of the Rosicrucians, possess ed, no doubt, the recipe of many such mixtures, some of which, like the aqua tolana of the Medicis, would poison by penetrating through the pores of the skin. It is conceivable that the handle of this silver hatchet has been anointed by some preparation which is a diffusible poison, having the effect upon the human body of bringing on sudden and acute attacks of homicidal mania. In such attacks it is well known that the madman's rage is turned against those whom he loved best when same. I have, as I remarked before, no proof to support me in my theory, and simply put it forward for what it is

With this extract from the speech of the learned and ingenious professor, we may close the account of this famous trial.

The broken pieces of the silver hatchet were thrown into a deep pond, a clever poodle being employed to carry them in his mouth, as no one would touch them for fear some of the infection might still hang about them. The piece parchment was preserved in the museum of the university. As to Strauss and Schlegel, Winkel and Baumgarten, they continued the best of friends, and are so-still for all I know to the contrary. Schlessinger became surgeon of a cavalry regiment, and was shot at the battle of Sodowa, five years latter, while rescuing the wounded under a heavy fire. By his last injunctions his little patrimony was to be sold to erect a marble obelisk over the grave of Professor von Hopstein.

A. CONAN DOYLE.

VARIETIES.

CHARLES NICHAUS, the successful competitor for the statue of President Garfield, to be placed in the Capitol at Washington, has also been commissioned to execute a bronze statue of the late President of Cincinnati. The model for the statue for the Capitol is now in Italy, whither Mr. Niehaus will soon go to put it in marble; and the work of modelling the monument for Cincinnati will probably be done there, though the casting will be done in this country, which can now turn out as fine bronze work as is executed in Munich.

Ir seems that M. de Lesseps had, after all, only a second-hand idea when he propounded the cutting of the Sucz Canal; the first Napoleou, according to history, is credited with decade I shall sail to the canal which is now cutting across the Isthmus of Suez. The Polytechnic School and corps of geographical engineers are employed in devising means for conveying my heavy artillery across the great desert. Soon shall Indi . hail us her deliverers, and those proud islanders, the tyrants of Calcutta, shall full before the heroes of Arcola.

There has recently been developed in Paris an idea for the use of glass instead of boards as flooring. The whole of the ground floor of the headquarters of the Credit Lyonnais, on the Boulevard des Italiens, has been paned with large squares of glass about eighteen inches square by one and a half inches thick, embedded in iron framework, and a similar floor has been laid in the centre hall of the offices of the Comptoir d'Escompte. The glass is of a bluish tinge, but this we are told is agreeable, rather than otherwise, to the clerks who work beneath it, and who can transact their business, even on dull days, without the use of gas.

HAVING carefully examined, says a writer in

of the reign of Queen Elizabeth, beautifully painted on copper, I am in a position to state that we have now a new likeness of the immortal dramatist at a period of his life when his earlier plays were produced and before his popularity at the English court rendered him of European interest. It is full face, age about thirty-five years, bearing the well-known, deep-eyed, pensive expression of countenance, massive high forehead and falling collar so familiar to us, but with the additional attraction of exact portraiture from the life itself by evidently a first-rate artist, when Shakespeare was in his prime as regards physical appearance and intellectual vigor.

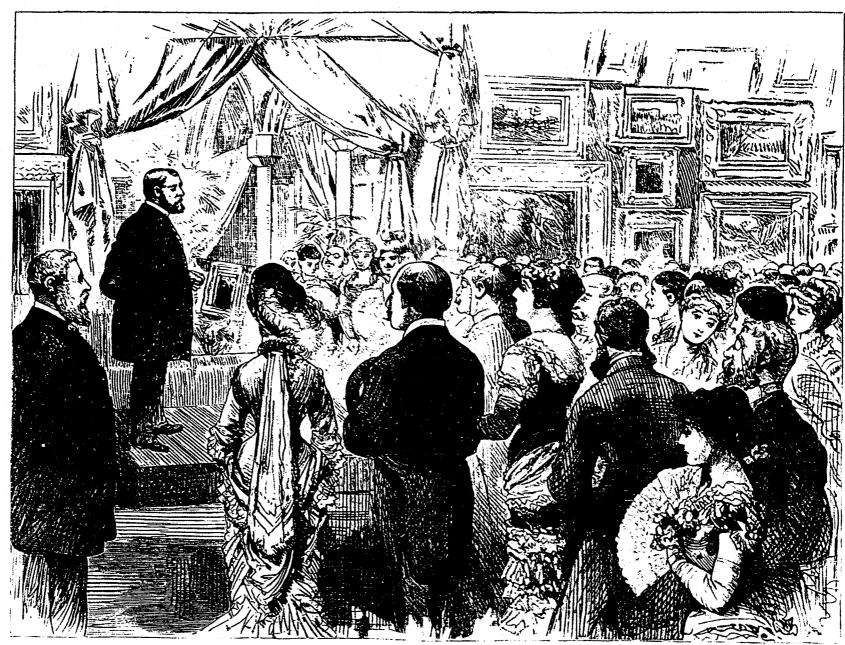
DUFF House, where the Prince of Wales has been recently entertained by the Earl of Fife, was built one hundred and forty years ago by William, Lord Braco, after a design by William Adam, the first of the celebrated architects of that name. The cost was about seventy thousand pounds. Dust House, as is well known, contains a valuable collection of paintings, embracing fine specimens of the works of Vandyke, Velasquez, Murillo, Rubens, Domenichino, Correggio, Quintin Matsys, Holbein, Sir Godfrey Kneller, Sir Peter Lely, Sir Joshua Reynolds, Jameson, Raeburn, Sir Francis Grant, Sir John Watson Gordon and others. The house stands in a magnificent Park, which contains many fine old trees. It is intersected by the river Deveron, here a broad stream, which about two miles from the house is spanned, at a point where the river bed narrows between two cliffs, by a romantic bridge. The park is traversed by spacious drives extending many miles.

It is at last announced that the exhibition at Nice will be officially opened December 24. On the occasion will be performed a new cantata composed by Leo Delibes, words by Philip e Gilles. There will be no theatre or theatred performances in the exhibition building, but two concerts will be given every week, on Friday and Sunday evenings. The concerts on Fridays will be given by the Municipal Band and the orchestra of the Italian Opera, and there will be a charge for admission to the atrium, where the concerts take place; the concerts on Sunday will be given by the bands of the Conservatoire and St. Roch, and will be free to the public. greatest activity is shown at the Exhibition building, nearly a thousand laborers being employed. At night electric lamps are placed in various parts of the palace and grounds, and the work is continued without interruption. At the cascade the masons have constructed large troughs which will be filled with aloes, Barbary and other plants, which will make a mass of foliage. A hundred tall bamboos are expected to arrive. Twenty of these caues, each nearly fifty feet high, will be planted on the right and left of the cascade. The internal decorations are progressing rapidly. THE festival of St. Hubert-patron of sport -

was celebrated in grand style at Chantilly last month, when the three G and Dukes of Russia, brothers of the Czir, Wladimir, Paul and Alexis, were the guests of the Due d'Aumale. At four o'clock in the morning St. Hubert's mass was celebrated at the Chantilly Church, the eighty staghounds, held in leash by piqueurs and valets wearing the blue and silver livery of Orleans, being mustered in front of the church, whence the priest, in accordance with custom, blessed the whole throng, man and beast combined. The meet was at the Stone Table, in the heart of the noble forest of Chantilly, and the scene was picturesque in the extreme. There were fully a couple of hundred carriages, including the Princess Radzivil's calèche, drawn by four superb roans harnessed à la Daumont, and with postilions wearing gorgeous yellow and silver liveries, while on harseback appeared the Orleans princes, the Russian Grand Dukes, and fully three hundred noble cavaliers and ladies: The Grand Duchess Wiadimir was in a shor. black riding habit, cut like those which the Empress Elizabeth of Austria usually wears. The Duchess de Chartres and her daughters and the Princess de Joinville were in russet hued habits, harmonizing and blending, so to say, with the prevalent shades of the surrounding foliage. Their horses' trappings were adorned with the traditional silver medals of St. Hubert, in accordance with past century custom. The Viscomtesse de Chezelles aud the Countess de Clinchamps were the blue and silver uniform of the hunt, and Madame Renard was in a scarlet prease with a black skirt. Mourning bands of black crape were worn by nobles and ladies alike on the right arm — in honor, of course, of the Comte de Chambord's memory. The stag (à dix cors), being found near the Stone Table, tarted for the lakes by way of the Butte-aux-Gendarmes, and, after a capital run through the forest, was finally brought to bay at St. Sulpice, and killed in proper style by M. Quiclet, cap-tain of the hunt. The right torefoot was then presented by him to the Grand Duchess Wladimir, who smilingly accepted the honors of the day. The imperial party afterward partoos of a collation at the Chantilly château, tha Prince of Joinville doing the duties of entertainer in the unavoidable absence of the Duc d'Aumale, unfortunately laid up with gout.

How to GET SICK .- Expose yourself day and night, cat too much without exercise, work too hard without rest, doctor all the time, take all the vile nostrums advertised, and then you will want to know

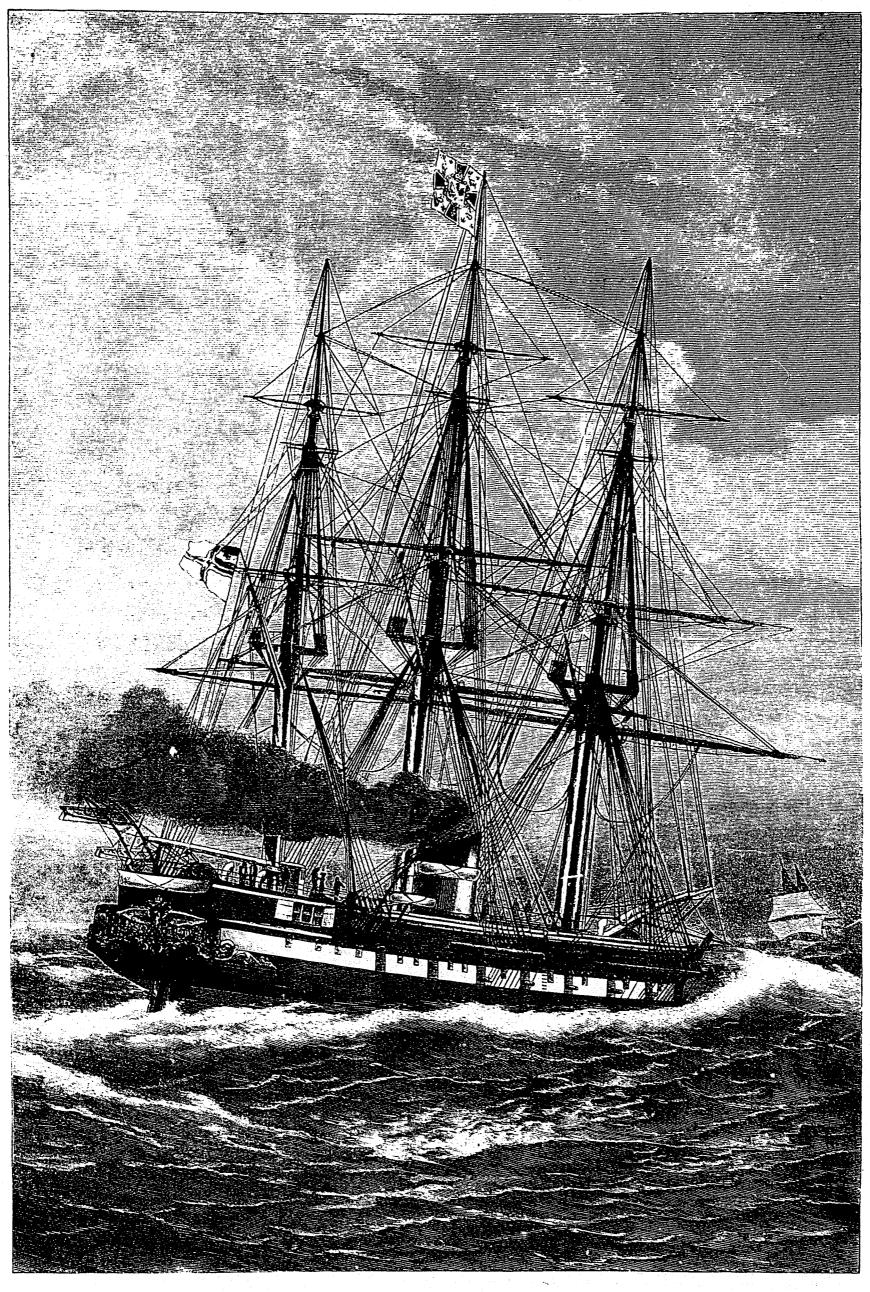
How to GET WELL .- Which is answered in three words-Take Hop Bitters!



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FALCONRY.

Red banners stream out from eastle wall,
The cavaliers gather in lordly hall,
They are gay with plumes and appared bright.
With gilded baldrick and doublet white,
Ever ready for tourney or border-fray
For falcon-flight or stag at bay.
Twas a grand old hall where pennoncelles wave
From oaken ceiling and crypt and nave;
Where ancient statues with lance and brand
In armer complete in niches stand.

Tripping lightly down from each spacious stair Come matrons graceful and maidens fair, Fair damsels—a rosy and sparkling band. With gauntlet and jewell'd whip in hand. In flowing riding-robes array'd To fly the falcon in forest glade.

Sirloin and venison-haunch on the board Are deftly carv'd and the red wine pour'd. Beakers of claret, flazons of beer. Then forth down the granite steps they pass To the court-yard esplanade of grass. Ostler and groom from memor and stall Lead forth the thoroughbred chargers tall. The cavaliers quick to their saddles spring. With jugle of spur and bridle-ring: Fair madens are raised with knightly care To their palfreys, equipt in housings rare: Then the rough gamekeeper and dainty page Bring forth the faicons from perch and cage. The strong-wing if merlins to sweep the wood, Equipt with jesses, and bell and hood. Then forth down the bowery vale they ride To marshy mere or to river side. For there, annid sedges and tuffed reed, The long-limb'd herons seeluded feed.

The buzzard, the gos-hawk and the kite Are but mean assassins in their flight. But the shapely falcon of noble fame is the royal hunter of forest game. On, on they ride; resound horn and hound, While beaters explore the coverts round. The falcons from wood and jesses are treed. When partridge and qualit spring up at speed. But loud resound cheerings when herons rise From cory marsh to useend the skies.

With frichten'd cry he expands his wings. With outstretch'd neck from his ambush springs. Springs upward in searing and steady flight Until lost in the skies to human sight. But I mante and cruel the faicon still Pursues the fugitive, eager to kill. He follows the prey, he soars on high. Like an arrow he cleaves the upper sky. Then swings with a downward swoop on his prey. And the heron fails dead in the forest way.

Greenport, I. I.

ISAAC MCLELLAN.

WILLIS' SKETCHES OF LIT-ERARY LONDON.

A friend in Italy had kindly given me a letter to Lady Blessington, and with a strong curiosity to see this celebrated lady, I called on the second day after my arrival in London. It was "deep i' the afternoon," but I had not yet learned the full meaning of "town hours." "Her ladyship had not come down to breakfast." I gave the letter and my address to the powdered footman, and had scarcely reached home when a note arrived inviting me to call the same evening at ten.

In a long library lined alternately with splendidly bound books and mirrors, and with a deep window of the breadth of the room, opening upon Hyde Park, I found Lady Blessington alone. The picture to my eye as the door opened was a very lovely one. A woman of remarkable beauty, half buried in a fauteuil of yellow satin, reading by a magnificent lamp suspended from the centre of the arched ceiling; sofas, couches, ottomans, and busts, arranged in rather a crowded sumptuousness through the room: enamel tables, covered with expensive and elegant trifles in every corner, and a delicate white hand relieved on the back of a book, to which the eye was attracted by the blaze of its diamond rings. As the servant meutioned my name, she rose and gave me her hand very cordially, and a gentleman entering immediately after she presented me to her son-in-law, Count D'Orsay, the well-known Pellham of London, and certainly the most splendid specimen of a man, and a well-dressed one, that I had ever seen. Tea was brought in immediately, and conversation went swimmingly on.

Her ladyship's inquiries were principally about America, of which, from long absence, I knew very little. She was extremely curious to know the degrees of reputation the present popular authors of England enjoy among us, particularly Bulwer, Galt, and D'Israeli (the author of "Vivian Grey"). "If you will come to-morrow night," she said, "you will see Bulwer. I am delighted that he is popular in America. He is envied and abused by all the literary men in London, for nothing, I believe, except that he gets five hundred pounds for his books and they fifty, and knowing this, he chooses to assume a pride (some people call it puppyism) which is only the armor of a sensitive mind afraid of a wound. He is to his friends the most frank and gay creature in the world, and open to boyishness with those who he thinks understand and value him. He has a brother, Henry, who is as clever as himself in a different vein, and is now publishing a book on the present state of France. Bulwer's wife, you know, is one of the most beautiful women in London, and his house is the resort of both fashion and talent. He is just now hard at work on a new book, the subject of which is the last days of Pompeii. The hero is a Roman dandy, who wastes himself in luxury, till this great catastrophe rouses him and develops a character of the noblest capabilities. Is Galt much liked?"

I answered to the best of my knowledge that he was not. His life of Byron was a stab at the Italy.

dead body of the noble poet, which, for one, I never could forgive, and his books were clever, but vulgar. He was evidently not a gentleman in his mind. This was the opinion I had formed in America, and I had never heard another.

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"I am sorry for it," said Lady B., "for he is the dearest and best old man in the world. I know him well. He is just on the verge of the grave, but comes to see me now and then, and if you had known how shockingly Byron treated him you would only wonder at his sparing his memory so much."

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"Nil mortuis nisi bonum," I thought would have been a better course. If he had reason to dislike him, he had better not have written since he was dead.

-' Perhaps—perhaps. But Galt has been all his life miserably poor, and lived by his books. That must be his apology. Do you know the D'Israelis in America?"

I assured her ladyship that the "Cariosities of Literature," by the father, and "Vivian Grey" and "Contarini Fleming," by the son, were universally known.

"I am pleased at that, too, for I like them both. D'Israeli the elder came here with his son the other night. It would have delighted you to see the old man's pride in him. He is very fond of him, and as he was going away, he patted him on the head, and said to me: 'Take care of him, Lady Blessington, for my sake. He is a clever lad, but ne wants ballast. I am glad he has the honor to know yon, for you will check him sometimes when I am away!' D'Israeli the elder lives in the country, about twenty miles from town, and seldom comes up to London. He is a very plain old man in his manners, as plain as his son is the reverse. D'Israeli the younger is quite his own character of "Vivian Grey," crowded with talent, but very soigné of his curls, and a bit of a coxcomb. There is no reserve about-him, however, and he is the only joyous dandy I ever saw."

I asked if the account I had seen in some American paper of a literary celebration at Canandaigua and the engraving of her ladyship's name with some others upon a rock, was not a quiz.

"On, by no means. I was equally flattered and amused by the whole offair. I have a great idea of taking a trip to America to see it. Then the letter, commencing 'Most charming Countess—for charming you must be since you have written the conversations of Lord Byron'—ob, it was quite delightful. I have shown it everybody. By the way, I receive a great many letters from America, from people I never heard of, written in the most extraordinary style of compliment, apparently in very good faith. I hardly know what to make of them."

I accounted for it by the perfect seclusion in which great numbers of cultivated people live in our country, who, having neither intrigue, nor fashion, nor twenty other things to occupy their minds as in England, dependentirely apon books, and consider an author who has given them pleasure as a friend. America, I said, has probably more literary enthusiasts than any country in the world; and there are thousands of romantic minds in the interior of New England, who know perfectly every writer this side the water, and hold them all in an affectionate veneration, scarcely conceivable by a sophisticated European. If it were not for such readers, literature would be the most thankless of vocations. I, for one, would never write another

line.

"And do you think these are the people who write to me? If I could think so, I should be exceedingly happy. People in England are refined to such heartlessness—criticism, private and public, is so interested and so cold, that it is really delightful to know there is a more generous tribunal. Indeed, I think all our authors now are beginning to write for America. We think already a great deal of your praise or censure."

I asked if her ladyship had known many

"Not in London, but a great many abroad. I was with Lord Blessington in his yacht at Naples, when the American fleet was lying there, eight or ten years ago, and we were constantly on board your ships. I knew Commodore Creighton and Captain Deacon extremely well, and liked them particularly. They were with us, either on board the yacht or the frigate, every evening, and I remember very well the band playing always 'God save the King!' as we went up the side. Count D'Orsay here, who spoke very little English at that time, had a great passion for "Yankee Doodle," and it was always played at his request."

The count, who still speaks the language with a very slight accent, but with a choice of words which shows him to be a man of uncommon tact and elegance of mind, inquired after several of the officers, whom I have not the pleasure of knowing. He seemed to remember his visits to the frigate with great pleasure. The conversation, after running upon a variety of topics, which I could not with propriety put into a letter for the public eye, turned very naturally upon Byron. I had frequently seen the Countess Guiccioli on the Continent, and I asked Lady Blessington if she knew her.

"No. We were at Pisa when they were living together, but, though Lord Blessington had the greatest curiosity to see her, Byron would never permit it. 'She has a red head of her own,' said he, 'and don't like to show it.' Byron treated the poor creature dreadfully ill. She feared more than she loved him."

She had told me the same thing herself in

It would be impossible, of course, to make a full and fair record of a conversation of some hours. I have only noted one or two topics which I thought most likely to interest an American reader. During all this long visit, however, my eyes were very busy in finishing for memory a portrait of the celebrated and bean-

tiful woman before me.

The portrait of Lady Blessington in the "Book of Beauty" is not unlike her, but it is still an unfavorable likeness. A picture by Sir Thomas Lawrence hung opposite me, taken perhaps at the age of eighteen, which is more like her, and as captivating a representation of a just matured woman, full of loveliness and love, the kind of creature with whose divine sweetness the gazer' heart aches, as ever was drawn in the painter's most inspired hour. The original is now (she confesses it very frankly) forty. She looks some thing on the sunny side of thirty. Her person is full, but preserves all the fineness of an admirable shape; her foot is not crowded in a satin slipper for which a Cinderella might long be looked for in vain; and her complexion (an unusually fair skin with very dark hair and eyebrows) is of even a girlish delicacy and freshness. Her dress of bine satin (if I am describing her like a milliner, it is because I have here and there a reader of the Mirror in my eye who will be amused by it) was out low and folded across her losom in a way to show to advantage the round and sculpture like curve and whiteness of a pair of exquisite shoulders, while her hair, dressed close to her head, and parted simply on her fore-head with rich ferroniere of turquoise, enveloped in a clear outline a head with which it would be difficult to find a fault. Her feature are regular, and her mouth, the most expressive of them, and a ripe fullness and freedom of play, peculiar to the Irish physiognomy, and expressive of the most unsuspicious good-humor. Add to all this a voice merry and sad by turns, but always musical, and manners of the most unpretending elegance, yet even more remarkable for their winning kindness, and you have the most prominent traits of one of the most levely and fascinating women I have ever seen. Remembering her talents and her rank, and the unenvying admitation she receives from the world of fashion and genius, it would be difficult to reconcile her lot to the "doctrine of compensation."

WILLIS AT THE OPERA.

Went to the opera to hear Giulia Grisi. I stood out the first act in the pit, and saw instances of rudeness in "Fop's-alley" which I had never seen approached in three years on the Continent. The high price of trekets, one would think, and the necessity of appearing in full dress, would keep the opera clear of low-bred people; but the conduct to whith I-refer seemed to excite no surprise and passed off without notice, though, in America, there would have been ample matter for at least four duels. Grisi is young, very, pretty and an admirable actress—three great advantages to a singer. Her voice is under absolute command, and she manages it beautifully, but it wants the infusion of Malibran. You merely feel that Grisi is an accomplished artist, while Malibran melts all your criticism into love and admiration. I am easily moved by music, but I came away without much enthusiasm for the present passion of London.

The opera house is very different from those on the Continent. The stage only is lighted abroad, the single lustre from the ceiling just throwing that clair-obscur over the boxes, so favorable to Italian complexions and morals. Here, the dress circles are lighted with bright chandeliers, and the whole house sits in a blaze of light as leaves no approach, even to a lady, nuseen. The consequence is that people here dress much more, and the opera, if less interesting to the habitué, is a gayer thing to the many.

I wept up to Lady Blessington's box for a moment, and found Strangways, the traveller, and several other distinguished men with her. Her ladyship pointed out to me Lord Brougham, flirting desperately with a pretty women on the opposite side of the house, his mouth going with the convulsive twitch which so disfigures him, and his most unsightly of pug-noses in the strongest relief against the red lining behind. There never was a plainer man. The Hon. Mrs. Norton, Sheridan's daughter, and a poetess, sat nearer to us, looking like a queen, certainly one of the most beautiful women I ever looked upon; and the gastronomic and hump-backed Lord Sefton, said to be the first judge of cookery in the world, sat in the "danly's omnibus," a large box on a level with the stage, leaning forward with his chin on his knuckles, and waiting with evident impatience for the appearance of Fanny Elssler in the ballet. Beauty and all, the English opera house surpasses anything I have seen in the way of a

WILLIS' CRITICISM ON ENGLISH SOCIETY.

An evening party at Bulwer's. Not yet perfectly initiated in London hours, I arrived, not far from el ven, and found Mrs. Bulwer alone in her illuminated rooms, whiling away an expectant hour in playing with a King Charles spaniel, that seemed by his fondness and delight to appreciate the excessive loveliness of his mistress. As far off as America, I may express, even in print, an admiration which is no hereav in London.

heresy in London.

The author of "Pelham" is a younger son and depends on his writings for a livelihood, and truly, measuring works of fancy by what they will bring (not an unfair standard perhaps),

a glance around his luxurious and elegant rooms is worth reams of puff in the quarterlies. He lives in the heart of the fashionable quarter of London, where reuts are ruinously extravagant, entertains a great deal, and is expensive in all his habits, and for this pay Messrs. "Clifford," "Pelham," and "Aram"—(it would seem, most excellent good bankers. As I looked at the beautiful woman seated on the costly oftoman before me, waiting to receive the rank and fashion of London, I thought that old closefisted Literature never had better reason for his partial largess. I shall forgave the miser for starving a wilderness of poets.

One of the first persons who came was Lond

One of the first persons who came was Lord Byron's sister, a thin, plain, middle-aged woman, of a very serious countenance, and with very cordial and pleasing manners. The rooms soon filled, and two professed singers went intentiously to work in their vocation at the piano; but, except one pale man, with staring hair, whom I took to be a poet, nobody pretended to listen.

Every second woman has some strong claim to beauty in England, and the proportion of those who just miss it, by a hair's breadth as it were — who seem really to have been meant for beauties by nature, but by a slip in the moulding or pencilling are imperfect copies of the design — is really extraordinaty. One after another entered, as I stood near the door with my old friend Dr. Bowring for a nonaenclator, and the word "lovely" or "charming" had not passed my lips before some change in the attitude or unguarded animation had exposed the flaw, and the basty homage (for homage it is, and an i lolatrons one, that we pay to the beauty of woman) who coldly and unsparingly retracted. From a goddess upon earth to a slighted and mattractive trap for matrimony is a long step, but taken on so slight a defect sometimes, as, were they marble, a sculptor would etch away with his nail.

I was surprised and I have been struck with the same thing at several parties I have attended in London) at the neglect with which the female part of the assemblage is treated. No young man ever seems to dram of speaking to a lady, except to ask her to dance. There they sit with their mammas, their hands hung over each other before them in the received attitude: and if there happens to be no dancing as at Bulwer's), looking at a print, or eating an ice, is for them the most enlivening circumstance of the evening. As well as I recollect, it is better managed in America, and certainly society is quite another thing in France and Italy. Late in the evening a charming girl, who is the reigning belle of Naples, came in with her mother from the opera, and I made the remark to her. "I detest England for that very reason," she said frankly. "It is the fashion in London for the young men to prefer everything to the society of women. They have their clubs, their horses, their rowing matches, their hunting and betting, and every thing else is a bore! How different are the same men at Naples! They can never get enough of one there! We are surrounded and run after.

Our poodis dog is quite adored, Our sayings are extremely quoted.

and really one feels that one is a belle." She mentioned several of the beaux of last winter who had returned to Eugland. "Here I have been in London a mouth, and these very men that were dying for me, at my side every day on the Strada Nnova, and all but fighting to dance three times with me of an evening, have only left their cards! Not because they care less about me, but because it is 'not the fashion's it would be talked of at the club, it is 'knowing' to let us alone."

There were only three men in the party, which was a very crowded one, who could come under the head of beaux. Of the remaining part, there was much that was distinguished, both for rank and talent. Sheil, the Irish crator, a small, dark, deceitful, but talented-looking man, with a very disagreeable squeaking voice, stood in a corner, very earnestly engaged in conversation with the aristocratic old Earl of Clarendon. The contrast between the styles of the two men, the courtly and mild elegance of the one, and the uneasy and half-bred but shrewd earnestness of the other, was quite a study. Forblanque, of the Examiner, with his pale and dislocated-looking face, stood in the door-way between the two rooms, making the amiable with a ghastly smile to Lady Stepney. The "bilious Lord Durham," as the papers call him, with his Brutus head, and grave, severe countenance, high-bred in his appearance, despite the worst possible coat and trousers, stood it the pedestal of a beautiful statue, talking politics with Bowring, and near them, leaned over a chair, the Prince Moscowa, the son of Marshall Ney, a plain, but determined looking young man, with his coat buttoned up to his throat. unconscious of everything but the presence of the Hon. Mrs. Leicester Stanhope, a very lovely woman, who was enlightening him, in the prettiest English French, upon some point of na-tional differences. Her husband, famous as Lord Byron's companion in Greece, and a great liberal in England, was introduced to me soon after by Bulwer; and we discussed the bank and the President, with a little assistance from Bowring, who joined us with a prean for the old general and his measures, till it was far into the morning.

ROBERT BOWLES, the popular American Exchanger of London, is about to bid farewell to that city and resume his residence in Roston.

ROMANCE OF THE CARPET.

BY R. J. BURDETTE.

Basking in peace in the warm spring sun.
South Hill smiled upon Burlington.
The breath of May! and the days was fair,
And the bright motes dunced in the balmy air;
And the sunlight gleamed where the restless breeze
Kissed the fragrant bloom on the apple trees.

His beardless check with a smile was spanned And he stood with a carrigge whip in his hand; And he langhed as he doffed his hob tailed coat. And the choing folds of the carpet smote; And she smiled as she leaned on her busy mop. And she smiled as she leaned on her busy mop. And she said she would tell him when to stop. So he pounded away till the dinner-bell dave him a little breathing spell; But he sighed when the kitchen clock struck one. And she said the carpet wasn't done. But he lovingly not in his biggest lieks. And nounded like mud till the clock struck six: And she said in a dubions kind of a way That she guessed he could finish it up next day. Then all that day, and the next day, too. The fuzz from the dirtless carpet flew. And she,' Now beat on the other side.' And say, 'Now beat on the other side.' And the new days came as the old ones went, And the healthest carpet fields at the tricless broom. And his face was shadewed with clouds of gloom. Till at last one cheerless winter day He kicked at the expect and slid away Over the fence and down the street, Speeding away with footsteps fleet.

And never again the morning gold.

Smiled at him beating his fold on fold.

And South Hill often said with a yawm.

"Where is the carpet martyr gone?"

Years twice twenty had come and passed,
And the catpet swayed in the autumn hiast.
For never yet, since that spring so fine
Had it ever been taken down from the line.
Over the fence a gray-haired man
To clinh, clone, chem, clinh, claub began.
He found him a stick in the old wood-pile
And he gathered in up with a sod grim smile.
A flush passed over his face forlorn
As he gazed at the carpet tattered and forn.
And he hit it a most resombing thouck;
Till the startled air gave its cohoes back;
And out of the window a whote face leaned,
And a polsicel hand the pale face screened.
She knew his face —she gasted and righed,
"A little inside on the under side."
Right downcon the ground his stick is throwed
And he shivered and said, "Well, I am blowed!"
And he turned away with a heart full sere,
And he never, no never, was seen there more.

Burlington Harckeye

Burlington Hawkeye.

THE LATE SOJOURNER TRUTH.

Sojourner Truth one of the notable characters of American history, is dead at last, at the more than patriorchal age of 168 years. She was born in Uister County, New York State, in slavery, Her name was Isabella, and by it she was known during her years of captivity. When she was nine years old she was sold on the auction-block with a lot of sheep, the whole lot, the sheep and the child, bringing \$104. Her owner was Colonel Hardenburgh; but in 1827 she was eman cipated, being then over hilf a century old. At an early age she experienced religion, and in her, as upon all the colored race, it manifested itself in great enthusiasm. She never missed an opportunity to attend a camp-meeting or religions exercise. After her emancipation she became dissatisfied with her name, and it is said that she went out into a wilderness and prayed to the Lord to give her an appropriate name. After praying for some time she heard, she said, the name "Sojourner" whispered to her, and she was to travel "up and down," and afterwards "Truth" was added to it to signify that she should preach nothing but truth to all men.

This decided her mission, and for over half a century she travelled over the country lecturing on slavery, temperance and woman's rights. She never learned to read or write, and her business affairs were managed for her by her grandson. She was tall and masculine-tooking, with a deep and powerful voice, so much so that many would not believe that she was a woman, but insisted that she was a man masquerading in woman's clothes. Previous to the war she held a series of meetings in Northern Ohio. At the close of one of these meetings a man came up to her and said: "Old woman, do you think that your talk about slavery does any good? Do you suppose people care for what you say? Why I don't care flea!" "Perhaps not," Sejourner said "but the Lord willing, I'll keep you scratching!"

During the war she served as a hospital nurse and gained much notoriety. But she did not see the applause of her fellow-beings, but ever did conscientiously what she thought to be her

She knew many statesmen, but in Sojourner's estimation Abraham Lincoln was the "fore-most man of all this world," and in October, 1864, she went from Michigan to the White House to see him. "I said to him," to quote her own words, ""Mr. President, when you first took your seat I feared you would be torn to pieces—for I likened you to Daniel who was thrown into the lions' den; and if the lions did not tear you to pieces, I knew it would be God that would save you! And I said to myself, if He spared you I would come and see you myself before your term of office was out; and He has done so, and here I am to see you. Mr. Lincoln congratulated me on my having been spared. told him that I thought he was the best President that had ever lived, as he emancipated the slaves. He showed me several nice presents of his; and before I went away he wrote in my Book of Life,' in a big, bold hand, and with the same fingers that signed the death-warrant | case." - Chicago Tribune.

of slavery: 'For Aunty Sojourner Truth.' Octtober 29th, 1864. A. Lincoln.

Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe had many years ago written the book known as Sojourner Truth's "Book of Life," a volume that had an extensive sale among anti-slavery people. In 1876 this book was enlarged and reprinted at the expense of Mrs. Francis W. Titus, of Battle Creek, Mich., where Sojourner lived for many years.

During the last ten years, her object in travelling around has been to obtain names to a petition which she intended presenting to the Government, asking that a portion of the public lands in the West be set apart for the establishment of a negro colony, where she proposed that the negro youth be educated.

She has been very feeble of late years, and in 1876 she was reported to have died, but she lived until the morning of November 26th, in her old home of Battle Creek, Mich., when her night of rest came after her very long day of

THE SWEET GIRL GRADUATE.

"Is this the place !"

A prepossessing young lady stood in the doorway of the editorial rooms and was gazing around the apartment in a friendly but some what mysterious manner.

"It depends on what you want," replied the horse reporter. "If you are on a wild and fruitless search for a piece of plum colored satin to match a dress, or a new kind of carpet sweeper that will never by any possibility keep in working order three consecutive days, you are joyously sailing away on the wrong track, but if you would like an editor—"
"That's it," said the young lady. "I want

to see an editor; I guess it is the literary editor, I saw such a sweet verse in the Tribins the other day. It went like this:

The bloom on the heather is fading, darling. The moorlands are crimson gold. Gol grant we may live together, darling. Together till we grow old.

"Well," said the horse reporter, "our bloom on-the-heather editor is out just now, but maybe some of the rest of us could attend to your case. What is it you want?"

"I am going to graduate next month, sir," said the young lady, "and I've got to read an essay. Isn't it funny?"
"It will be very," responded the personal

friend of St. Juiien.

"And I thought," continued the young lady,
"that perhaps the literary editor would give
me some advice about the subject of my essay and the general manner in which it should be treated. But possibly you could do it just as well," and the coming graduate smiled a sweet

encouraging smile. "I guess likely I could," was the reply. "You've got your white dress made, I sup-

"Well, that's a good deal. What were you

thinking of writing about ?"
"I didn't exactly know, sir. That was what

"The Bud of Promise racket is a pretty good

one," said the horse reporter. "The what !" "The Bud of Promise racket. It's a daisy

scheme for girl graduates."
"Could you tell me," asked the young lady in a hesitating manner, "about this—"

"Racket!" suggested the horse reporter. "About this racket."

"Oh, certainly. You want to start the essay with a few remarks about spring being the most beautiful season of the year—the time when the tender blades of grass, kissed by the dews of heaven and warmed by the kindly rays of the sun, peep forth, at first timidly; and then in the royal splender of their vivid colors, from the bosom of the earth that was such a while ago wrapped in the mantle of snowy whiteness and fast bound in the chilly arms of hoary-headed old winter. Then say that as the glad sun-hine leaps through the bits of foliage that begin to come out and east their graceful shade upon the earth, they fall upon the bads that are leading the fruit trees, and soon on every branch the buds ripen and burst forth in a wealth of floral loveliness. Then compare the maiden, just stepping forth from the precincts of the school, and gazing with wistful, eager eyes out into the world with the little bad upon the tree, and say that she, too, by the aid of the sunlight which comes from education, will soon develop into a woman, that priceless gift of God to man, and ever cast about her the holy light of love. That ought to fetch 'em."

'It sounds nice, doesn't it?" said the young

"You bet it does, sis. There is nothing so sweet and alluring as a palpable lie. Of course, you and I know that when a girl graduates she is as useless as a fan in a cyclone, but it won't do to say so. You just give it to 'em the way I told you and you'll be all right."
"Thank you very much, sir," said the young

lady, starting for the door.

"Don't forget to tie your essay with a blue ribbon," said the horse reporter.
"No sir, I won't."

"And tell your papa to buy a bouquet to fire

"Yes, sir. Good bye."
"Bon soir. Come around when you fall in love and I will put you up to a great scheme for making Charley declare his intentions several months earlier than would otherwise be the

A DANGEROUS POSITION.

"So you were not re-elected," said a man to s gentleman who has served as judge in the Indian territory

"I don't know, for I didn't stay until the returns came in. When I was out there, I was elected without opposition. I didn't know anything about the law customs of the country, and I thought that the office of judge was full of

honor and interest, so, gladly consented to an election. It happened that I didn't have but one case, and that was just before the expiration of my term. Two Indians became involved in a law suit concerning the ownership of a steer. I was much interested in the complicated testimony, and listened with rapt attention. Presently one of the lawyers got up to begin the argument, and was promptly shot by the friend of his opponent's client. I was called upon to appoint a lawyer to continue the case. I did so, and he was shot. I saw that this wouldn't do, and I suggested that it might be a good idea do, and I suggested that it might be a good idea to wait awhile, but a big Indian bounced up, whipped out a pistol, and asked what I had to do with it. I very quickly replied that it was no business of mine, and that as a friend, to all concerned, I merely made the suggestion. Then another lawyer, who was concerned in the case, came up and said:

"You decide this thing my way, or I'll kill "If you do, I'll kill you," said a lawyer on

the other side.

"This is a very important case, gentlemen,' I said, 'and I must demand time for consideration. I know the arguments have not been delivered yet, but in a case of this kind I hold that a great deal of thought must be given to the subject by the the judge before the argument

is begun.'
"The election will come off to-morrow,' said one of the lawyers. I reckin you are a candidate for re-election?

"'Well, no,' I replied.
"'You ain't, eh !" and he put a pistol to my
tr. 'Going to shake us in that way?"

ear. 'Going to shake us in that way.'
"Oh, if my constituents again demand my will give me great pleasure to comply.

"I adjourned court, when it was made known that I was a candidate for re-election. At night while I was brooding over my misfortunes, one

of the lawyers entered and said . "I don't want any foolishness about this case. Give me a piece of writing setting forth that you

have decided in my favor."
"I can't do that."

"Can't you?" and he drew a pistol.

"Oh, yes, I can.'
"I give him the paper. Pretty soon a law ver from the other side entered. Then I thought was gone. He demanded an immediate decision and I gave him a piece of paper. After everybody had gone to bed, I slipped out and mounted my horse, when one of the lawyers ran p and shot at me, and I had gone but a short distance when the other lawyer blozed away. They followed me and kept up the racket nearly all night, but when morning came they were not in sight. I expect the returns are in by this time, and as there was no other candidate, I can reasonably count on my election, but I don't think that I'll ever go back to discharge the duties of the office .- Ark. Traveller.

THE South Kensington Museum, London, has recently been enriched by the setting up of the interior of a Turkish room and its furniture. The ceiling is finely carved and beautiful, while the walls are panelled and decorated with conven-tionalized patterns, which are colored in fine and sober, if not sombre, tints and tinted gild-This interesting work cost, without the furniture, five hundred pounds. It is set up in a compartment adjoining the better-known Damascus Room, which has been in the museum a long time. Near the western entrance to the museum has recently been erected part of a eventeeth century house brought from Cairo, and remarkably carved and perforated woodwork, panels and pierced work in balconies of great elaboration. It is made up from two or more sources. A fine closed balcony with wooden panelling, very delicately perforated and carved, has been erected near the more important example of the same class.

CHAPTER II.

" Malden, Mass., Feb. 1, 1880. Gentlemen-I suffered with attacks of sick headache."

Neuralgia, female trouble, for years in the most terrible and excruciating manner. No medicine or doctor could give me relief or

cure until I used Hop Bitters.
"The first bottle

Nearly cured me;"

The second made me as well and strong as chen a child.

And I have been so to this day." My husband was an invalid for twenty years with a serious

"Kidney, liver and urinary complaint. " Pronounced by Boston's best physicians-"Incurable!"

Seven bottles of your bitters cured him and I know of the Lives of eight persons "

In my neighborhood that have been saved by vour bitters. And many more are using them with great

benefit.
"They almost Do miracles !

-Mrs. E. D. Slack.

OUR CHESS COLUMN.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. S., Montreal.-Letter and paper to hand. Thanks. Have posted a letter to your address. Solution of Problem No. 462. Correct.

In the November number of the British Chess Magazine is an article on the "Delights of Book Play," by which title the author means, that amusement and instruction which a chessplayer attains who plays over the games that appear in chess magazines and chess columns, or in works especially devoted to the publication of some great master's achievements, such as Lowenthal's Games of Morphy. We heartily agree with the writer, when he says that the lover of the game who is deprived by circumstances of meeting as often as he may wish with an annagonist over the board, may by the means he speaks of secure a "pleasure little short of that derived from actual practice." We feel inclined, indeed, togo a good deal further than this, and say that even when a player finds himself possessed of unlimited opportunities of meeting with antagonists of every grade, it would be injudicious for him to force go the benefits secured by one who never neglects to study the invaluable specimens of the highest order of chess play which have been left us by such players as Philidor, La Bourdonnais, McDonnell, Boden, Buckle, Andersen, and others of the same class. We are also inclined to think, from what we have observed after years of connection with chess clubs, because, in the first place, better play than their own is rarely brought before them, and, secondly, because they do not seek for advancement. An occasional visit to a club of a professional player may be heneticial to some extent, but it is necessarily short, and invariably too exciting. An accidental trial of strength with a fornichable visitor from the club of a neighboring vity may open a player's eyes to his own weakness, but the effect is soon forgotten. What is wanted is systematic study. Repeated intercourse with the skill which profuced the beautiful games that have been left to us by the players whose names we have just repeated is not only a source of the purest pleasure but, at the same time, it is the only means to produce steady advancement in day in contest over th

Play them slowly, and understand them. The notes at the foot of many games are aids to some extent, but in some exists they are isleading. It is not difficult to say that such and such moves are had, when we know the result of the contest. The losing player always makes great blunders, according to annotators. Try to find out the motive which led to each move, whether good or had, and, if possible, form your own estimate as to its ultimate effects on the game before you. In this way, there are delicits in book play far greater than those preduced by thousands of contests daily played in clubs, many of winch, however, might not improperly be called chess skittles.

We have seen it stated that Mr. Zukertort is expected shortly to go to the West. At the time of his arrival on this continent it was rumored that he intended going South, and a day or two ago we were told that several chess clubs in Canada were desirous of having him travel North. As far as the East is concerned it is all right, for he is there now. Should the anticipations for the future be realized Mr. Zukertort before returning to Europe well travel over a large part of North America, and increase his knowledge of the people of the New World at the same time as he will be adding considerably to their benefit and gratification.

Mr. Blackburne is giving in different parts of England his usual exhibitions of simultaneous play. As usual, also, he rarely loses more than two or three games even when his opponents number eighteen or twenty. It would be interesting to know what his opinion is of the skill of his present opponents as compared with those of five or six years ago.

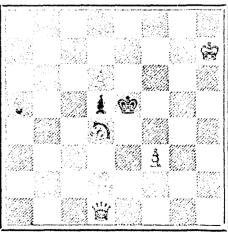
We learn from Twee, Floid and Farm that the return match between the Philadelchia and Manhattan Chess Chibs took place on Saturday. Nov. 21th, and resulted in a sweeping victory for the New York players by a score of ten games to four. One of the games lost was a forfeit, as the New York players were unable to carry but fourteen players with them.

The match between Max Judd and Wai Haller, for the possession of the challenge cup of the St. Louis Chess Club, is ended. The final score is: Judd, 2: Haller. 1. The former gave the odds of knight, pawn and two moves, and pawn and move, to the latter, who wen the second game. The contest although of short duration, has excited considerable interest, from the fact that there were some triends of the challenged gentleman who thought that the present holder of the cap could not give him seah odds. Mr. Judd is now open for challenges from the members of the old St. Louis Chess Club on the same conditions of the above match. We think Mr. R. Koerper would make a good fight with his old enemy.—St. Louis Olds-Democrat.

PROBLEM No. 464.

By A. Barrier.

BLACK

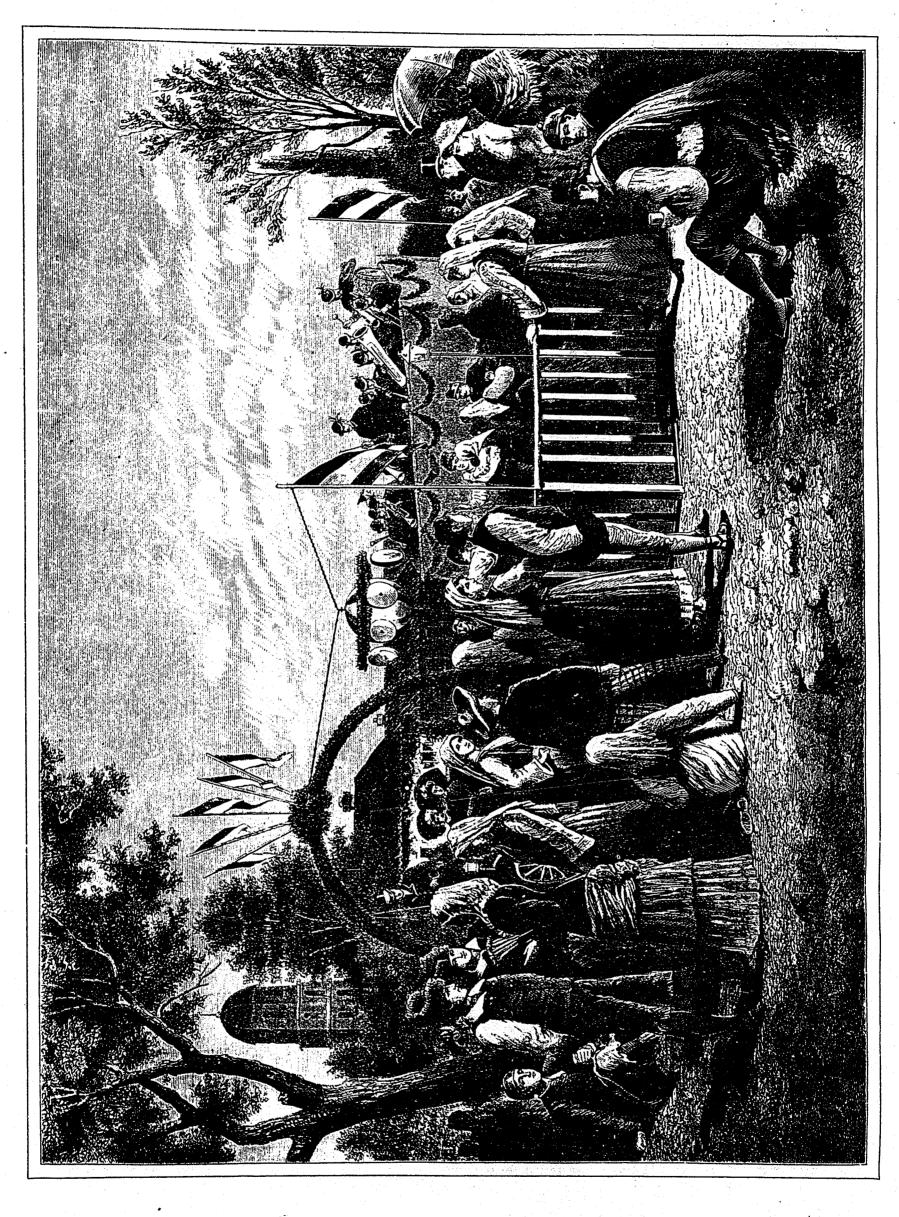


WRITE. White to play and mate in two moves.









SOLUTION OF PROBLEM NO. 461.

White.

1 Any

BLACK.

M. De Rivière.)

to R B 3

1 Q to Q R 6 2 Mates acc:

GAME 501st.

The last game in the match between Messrs, Tsohi gorin and De Rivière.

(French Opening.)

WHITE. (M. Tschigerin.)

1 P to K 4 2 P to Q 4 3 Kt to K B 3 4 B to Q Kt 5 5 P to K 5 (a) 6 B takes B 7 Kt to Kt 5 (6 8 P to Q R 4 9 B to Q 3

to K Kt 2 (h)

Notes by C. E. Ranken.

(a) The continuation favored by le ading experts is 5 B takes Kt, and 6 Kt to B 3.

(i) This must be a lost move if properly answered, which however Black fails to do; he should have played 7 Kt to B sq. and then P to Q R 3.

(c) Much better than P to Q R 3, which would give White the advantage, e.g. 8 P to Q R 3, 9 P to R 5, P takes Kt, 10 P takes Kt, R takes R, 11 Q takes R, P to Q B 3, 12 Q to R 8, &c.

(d) We prefer K_1 to R 3, in order to follow with B to Q 2.

(e) There seems no valid objection to his Castling here.

(f) Black has a most uncomfortable position, and loses no time in bringing his Kt back from where he ought never to have gone; it would clearly be unsafe now to Castle, and neither P to K B 4 nor P to Q B 4 would be of any avail.

(9) Finely calculated: if P takes P. White exchanges his Q for the two Rocks, and afterwards wine back the P, with an overpowering game.

(h) Preferring a speedy dissolution to a lingering struggle, for of course there was no chance of a per-petual check.—British Chess Magazine.

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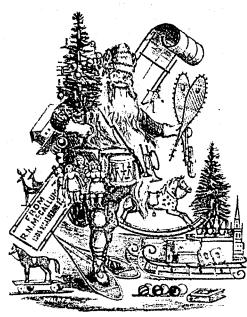
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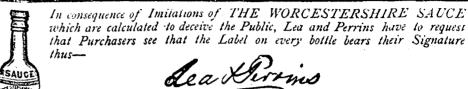
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