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Grand Orange Lodge of B. N. A., together with biographical notices of the same. We hope also
to be able to lay before our readers a historical sketch of the progress of Orangeism in British North America.

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## MONTREAL, SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, 1874. <br> THE MINISTERIAL CRISIS IN QUEBEC.

After several weeks of hesitation, there seems now no doubt that the Ouimet Ministry will be disrupted. It is no longer one or the other Minister who has resigned, but the Premier himself will probably succumb, and when the head goes, the body ceases to exist. These being the facts, the question arises : what shall be done? Two courses naturally suggest themselves. The Conser vatives hold that another Ministry can be reconstructed out of their own party. The Liberals urge that the care of forming a new Government must be entrusted to their leaders. In support of their view, the former refer to the precedent of the late Chauveau Administration, which was remodelled by the retirement of several members and the accession of several others in their stead. In behalf of their claim, the latter urge the invariable British constitutional practice. The question is an interesting one, and deserves a few lines of consideration.
It may fairly be assumed that there are two points on which a Government can suffer shipwreck-one of admin. istration, the other of public policy. In the first instance the party which the Government represents may or may not be responsible, according as it approves or otherwise of the maladministration. A case in point is the "Pacific Scandal," where the Government drew the party with it, because the party sustained Sir John. In the second instance, the party is always and very naturally responsible. Now, the case of the Ouimet Ministry is clearly one of maladministration. The Conservative party, it is only fairness to say, has condemned it almost unanimously, the only recalcitrants being a timid French journal in Quebec and a prominent French organ in Montreal, whose editor-in-chief was deeply involved in the transaction. But from the honourable fact of their non complicity does it follow that the Conservatives should remain in power, under another administration?
British Parliamentary and Constiutional practice is fortunately so abundant and precise that an answer to this question is comparatively easy. Whenever governments in England have resigned, thus confessing their inability to carry on the affairs of the country, whether this was through maladministration-of which there are several examples, though never of the character represented by the "Pacific and Tanneries Scandals"-or on questions of public policy, which is most frequently the case, it has been "" customary for the Sovereign to send for the recog. nized leader of the Opposition, or for tome other person of known weight and influence in either House of Parlia. ment, who is capable of leading successfully the political party to which he belongs (i. e. the Opposition), and to authorize him to undertake the formation of a new administration." (Todd, vol. I. p. 224). In the long list of administrations given by Todd, from 1782 to 1866, there is only one instance which may appear to deviate from the rule and apply to the Ouimet Ministry, that is the resignation of the Addington Tory Cabinet in 1804 and its replacement by the Pitt Tory Cabinet. But the reason of the change was neither maladministration nor any ques
tion of public policy. It was merely the personal weakness of the Ministry in the House of Commons, a majority of which was Tory and preferred to be led by the great Pitt rather than by the medioere Addington. There are several instances also, in the same list, of remodelling of Cabinets by the death, illness, or resignation of the Premier, just as was the case inth the late Chauveau Administration, but in neither of them was there a general resignation, much less an absolute disruption under the blighting verdict of public opinion. From these authorities it is difficult to escape the conclusion that the duty of the Lieut. Governor of this Province lies in calling upon Mr. Joly to form a Government.
Under the circumstances, there are difficulties in Mr . Joly's way. At the last session the Conservative majority was considerable, and there is no positive ground for presuming that that majority has been materially diminished by the Land Exchange. Would Mr. Joly care to face this majority? If he did, he would have plenty of examples in late British history. In 1834, Sir Robert Peel carried on a minority government for six months. Earl Derby, in 1852 , in 1858, and in 1866, assumed the reins of government with an adverse majority in the House of Commons. Upon each occasion, as we are informed by Todd, the new Ministry was treated with the greatest forbearance by the House and permitted to remain in office without molestation until they had developed their policy and had shown themselves to be decidedly at issue with Parliament upon some great public opinion. If Mr. Joly was assured of such honourable and patriotic treatment from his adversaries, he might consent to try the experiment; but, of course, to expect such in Canada would be a huge joke. He may, therefore, take another course. He may ask for a dissolution, a course the less objectionable that general elections are to be held next year, any how. Among the occasions on which a Minister is justified in advising a dissolution, Todd (vol. II. p. 405) gives the following: "for the purpose of ascertaining the sentiments of the constituent body in relation to some important act of the Executive Government." The only caution he is subjected to is that "no Minister of the Crown should advise a dissolution of Parliament unless he has a reasonable prospect of securing thereby a majority of members in the new House who will honestly and cordially concur with him in great political principles; in other words, unless he entertains a moral conviction that a dissolution will procure him a Parliament with a decided working majority of supporters " (id. ibid. p. 407). If Mr. Joly has not this assurance, there is a third course open to him. He may refuse absolutely to accept office, as Mr. Disraeli did when the Gladstone Government attempted to resign in the spring of 1873. What would happen on that contingency it is needless to discuss further, as from the tone of the Rouge papers there is no chance of such a contingency occurring. If they are offered office, they will seize upon it.

## QUEESTIO VEXATA.

It is truth to say that there is no $q u$-stion before the present Government so trying, because so bristling with sectional complications of race and creed, as that of am nesty for offences in the late Red River insurrection. At the last session a committee was appointed with the spe cial duty of enquiring whether or not this amnesty had been promised. If it was not promised the Government remained free to pursue its own course, subject to the exigencies of party. But if it was promised, as Mr. Dorion declared to Archbishop Taché, that he believed it was, then the Government was relieved of a quandary by proclaiming its obligation to fulfil the plighted faith of the country, spite of tis own feelings of opposition, and the burden of blame fell on the bowed and bruised shoulders of Sir John A. Macdonald and colleagues. In view of this dilemma the report of the Committee became a document of exceptional importance, and we have made it our duty to read it carefully from cover to cover. The principal deponents-those who had official cognizance of the question of amnesty, from its mooting throughout all its ramifications-are Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir George Cartier, Mr. Langevin, Archbishop Taché, abbé Ritchot, Lord Lisgar, Sir Clinton Murdoch, Governor Archibald, and Mr. Donald A. Smith. The testimony of these gentlemen is given in full in the volume before us. Archbishop Taché states that, on his return from Rome at the request of the Canadian Government, in the spring of 1870, he was arked to proceed immediately to Fort Garry to bring about a pacification of the people, and for that purpose was furnished by Hon Mr. Howe with a letter of credentials, to which was attached the proclamation of Sir John Young (Lord Lisgar), of the 6th of December. This proclamation, as is well known, promised pardon to the insurgents for offences up to that date, on condition
that they would lay down their arms and disband. The Archbishop was likewise verbally assured by Sir John and Sir George that the people of Red River would be well treated by Canada. On reaching Fort Garry the prelate delivered his instructions literally, and was at first properly received. But before his arrival the insurrection had made considerable headway ; deeds of violence had been perpetrated and Scott had been put to death. These events altered the situation materially, and the Metis felt it. They replied to the Archbishop that the prociamation which he brought was dated 6th December, while it was then the 11 th of March. His Lordship said that, according to his belief, the proclamation which had been given him on the 16th February not only covered all offences up to that date, but until such time as he was in a position to hand it to the interested parties He made the same statement again early in the month of June, and apprized the Canadian Government thereof in a letter dated the 9 th of that month. Mr. Howe, in reply on the 4th July, respectfully disavowed the act, and declared that the responsibility of the assurance given by his Lordship of a complete amnesty could not in any way attach itself to the Canadian Government. Later, in the same year, and on subsequent occasions, the Archbishop was in Ottawa, and affirms that both Sir John and Sir George gave him verbal promises of amnesty. On his complaint that he had been deceived, the latter stated that the am. nesty would surely come with time, while the former averred that on going to England, a voyage he then con. templated, he would make the case his own, and press it on the Imperial Authorities. Abbe Ritchot paid several visits to Ottawa, and was very persistent in urging the promise of amnesty on the Governor-General and on the Ministers severally. He would not be put off by verbal pledges. He must have written testimony of the same. This he acknowledges he never succeeded in getting, and, furthermore, he states repertedly that the GovernorGeneral, Siz John, and Sir George in variably told him that the matter was one for Imperial, not Cinadian, action. He returned to Manitoba with several guarantees, but none with which he was thoroughly satistied. Governor Archi. bald testifies that when he arrived at Fort Garry there is no question but that, whether rightly or wrongfully, the people believed that there was to be an amnesty. He understood that the people had got this idea either through Archbishop Taché or abbé Ritchot. As to him. self, he could not say that he had received any instruc tions about amnesty. This concludes one side of the case.
On the other hand, Lord Lisgar declares that neither in his interviews with Abbé Ritchot, nor on any other occa sion, did he give an assurance or promise of an amnesty to cover all offences committed during the insurrection. Sir Clinton Murdoch, who had been sent to Canada by the Imperial Government to arrange the terms of a joint expedition of Canadian Volunteers and regulars, if an expedi tion should becomenecessary, says thatan amnesty to Riel was one of the conditions proposed by the delegates from Red River, Ritchot, Black, and Alfred Scott, and rejected by the Government. He was present at two interviews with Ritchot, but at neither of them was there any refer ence to Riel. Sir George Cartier declares that the position he held throughout was, that the question of amnesty did not come under the attributions of the Canadian Govern. ment, hut was reserved for the Queen and the Imperial authorities. This is borne out by a long memoraudum from Sir George to Lord Lisgar dated 8th of June, 1870, and by the testimony of Abbé Ritchot himself. Sir John A. Macdonald states that he made no promise to Archbishop Taché of an amnesty going beyond events referred $t o$ in the proclamation of Sir John Young of 6th of December, 1869; that he made no promise to Abbe Ritchot covering the case of Scott, and furthermore, that neither he nor the Canadian Government held out to the delegates that the Government would use its good oftices in endeavouring to secure an amnesty. As to the expression that he would make Riel's case "his own," Sir John de clares that he said nothing to that effect, but may have raid that on going to England he would exert his personal influence to procure action in the matter by the Imperial (fovernment. Mr. Donald A. Smith knows of no actual premise of an amnesty having been made, but he understood from different members of the Government, in his frequent interviews with them, that the amnesty was delayed in consequence of the continuance of the insurrection. that is, the amnesty mentioned in the proclamation of the 6th of December, 1869.
To the careful and unbiassed reader of the whole report it will appear that the Government, being hard pressed on every side, kept making verbal promises that the am-ne-ty wruld be forthcoming from England, while the Archbishop and the Abbe Ritchot, being equally hard pressed and zealous for their people, seized upon these promi-es and interpreted them as final and binding. It
will equally appear that the Archbishop mistook the bear ing of the Governor-General's proclamation of the 6th of December, 1869, and applied it to the case of Scott, without distinct consultation with the Government. That he had some misgiving about the correctness of his own in. terpretation is evinced from a passage in his letter of June 9,1870 , in which he says: "Should my views, unfortunately, have deviated from the real tendency of the Government, I humbly beg that my promise will be considered as sacred." We notice that already partisan papers are torturing the evidence to suit their own purposes; but we believe that if the present Government has no better ground for the amnesty than that furnished by this report, it will only make a laughing-stock of itself by moving in that direction.

## THE ONTARIO SCHOOL ELECTION.

The return of the scrutineers appointed to exam ine the votes in the election of the representatives in the Ontario Council of Public Instruction has finally been published. The result of the election cannot fail to meet the approval of every right-thinking man. For some timpast the Province has been in a state of ferment over a scandal attaching to one of the candidates, whose fair fame and reputation have thereby been grievously affected; and the whole country has been looking forward with the greatest eagerness to the verdict of the teachers of Ontario in this matter. We sincerely congratulate the Province on the result. Three men of blameless morals, lofty integrity, wide experience, and large capacities, have been returned to represent the educational profession in the council. Of the two first it is hardly necessary to speak. Mr. Wood, the representative of the Inspectors, is well known as an authority and an earnest labourer in the field of education, in which he has a large and well utilized experience. He is thoroughly acquainted with the practical working of the educational institutions, and has himself had no small share in the framing of the laws bearing on education in Ontario. A better man than Prof. Wilson, who represents the High School Teachers, could hardly have been found for the position. As a scholar of bigh attainments, a profound thinker, and an honest Christian, he has long enjoyed the esteem of those who are acquainted with him. Both his character and his acquirements point him out as the right man in the right place.
The candidature of Prof. Goldwin Smith in opposition to Dr. Sangster has been the cause of one of the liveliest, but by no means most pleasing sensations that have occurred for some years past in the Province. It would be need. less to recount the history of what is known as the "Sangster Scandal." It is not a subject that one cares to handle ; and moreover, as the Globe, with a touch of grim humour, puts it, "our readers are familiar with the de tails." Under the circumstances the return of Dr. Sang. ster was impossible. It would have been little better than an insult to the common sense and moral feeling of the teachers of Ontario to suppose otherwise. Dr. Sang. ster may not be as black as he has been painted. But enough has been shown to be true, enough of the charge against him has been left absolutely uncontradicted, to demonstrate exclusively that he was not the man for the place he sought. The occupants of a position of such responsibility as clothes the members of the provincial Council of Public Instruction should be absolutely beyond suspicion. Again, if the charges against Dr. Sangster were untrue, why did he not use the privilege enjoyed by the roorest as well as the richest man in the country, of submitting them to a crucial test in the law courts? Instead of this he contented himself with a mere denial, the result being, as he surely might have foreseen, that the controversy waxed hotter and hotter. His name appeared, in no favourable connection, in almost every journal in the Province, and his case became the universal subject of village gossip. The very children, for whose educational welfare he proposed to provide, became familiar with the accusation brought against him, and doubtless wondered to themselves what the world was coming to if a man lying under such grave charges could be placed in high places to superintend their instruction. Under such circumstances the vote of the Public School teachers will give the utmost satisfaction, and; it is only matter of regret that so large a number of votes remained unpolled. Out of 5000 only 2,947 were recorded, Prof. Goldwin Smith being elected by a majority of 277 .
Although the election was professedly conducted on a non-political basis, it seems to have been accompanied by an amount of "engineering" of the finest quality, that would not have disgraced the hardest-fought party contest. As usual, complaints are made on both sides, and the journals indulge in the customary flow of recrimination which seems to be inseparable from newspaper
discussion in this country. It is very evident, from the large number of votes unpolled, that improper pressure has been brought to bear from some quarter. Several Conservative organs insist that the unwillingness of a number of teachers to record their votes in favour of Dr. Sangster was due to the threats that a list of those voting for this candidate would be made public. This strikes one as a poor argument. A teacher who honestly believed that Dr. Sangster was the best man for the place, would hardly be ashamed or afraid to let it be known that such was his opinion. It seems far more likely that the influence of the Educational Department was brought to work, and that "patronage" was the powerful gag employed to stop the mouths of the three thousand and
odd teachers who were voiceless in the election. It cerodd teachers who were voiceless in the election. It cer-
tainly would appear that during his canvass Dr. Sangster did not disdain to employ this useful instrument. Fortunately he is not in a position to carry out his promises.

## the causes of the N. W. REBELLION.

Perhaps it is not too much to say that only one person in a thousand understande the true nature of the circumstances which led to the uprising of the Metis in 1869 70. This general ignorance is owing partially to indifference to the fate of the distant Province of Manitoba and partially to the highly-coloured and contradictory accounts which were given in the name of interested parties when the passions excited by the revolt were at their height. Now, however, that time and altered circumstances have restored a comparative calm, we are onabled to reach the causes of that unfortunate insurrection which has been fruitful in baneful results, far out of proportion to its magnitude or to the character of the persons who figured in it. In the report of the North West Parliamentary Committee, just published, we find the evidence of such men as Archbishop Taché, Abbé Ritchot, Messrs. Banna. tyne, Bown, Bunn, Hargrave, Spence, Sutherland, Drs. Lynch and Cowan, all of whom are well acquainted with the Red River Country and were eye-witnesses of the principal facts connected with the rise and progress of the insurrection. Their testimony, from its singular concurrence, is invested with a certain historical importance and, on that account, deserves to be transplanted from the recesses of the Blue Book, into the popular sphere of current literature. The causes of the revolt of the Metis, as set down by these gentlemen, were threfefold. The first was the discontent of the people that no notice whatever was given them of the transactions carried on between
the Imperial Government, the Hudsons Bay Company and the Government of Canada, with reference te the transfer of the North West territory to the Dominion. Their feeling was that they were being sold by the Hudson's Bay Company and bought by the Government of Canada, without being in the least consulted. The grievance was cbiefly apparent among the French Half Breeds, but it was shared, though in a less degree, by the English and Scotch Half-Breeds. The second cause of discontent was the arrival of surveying parties in 1868-69. The intention of the Canadian Government prior to taking possession was to survey all the lands occupied and to give the parties in possession of lands Crown Deeds free, and steps were also to be taken almosi immediately to extinguish the Indian title to the lands upon equitable terms. The French halfbreeds were dissatisfied at this step, ander the foolish idea that the Canadian Government intended to deprive them of their lands. Notwithstanding that influential persons endeavoured to disabuse them and prove that the surveys were really in their favour, they forcibly prevented first Mr. Snow and afterwards, Col. Dennis, from contin. uing the work. The third cause of trouble, extending over some years previous to the outbreak, was the existence of a party in the Province of Assiniboia, which took the name of the "Canadian party." Whem it is stated that a leading member of this party was Dr. Schultz, and that its organ was the "Nor' Wester" newspaper, it will be understood that, whoever was primarily to blame, it fostered a bad feeling, one antagonistic to Canada and to union therewith, among the French Half Breeds. All these sources of discontent, however, singly or combined led to no concerted action and to no organized hostility, until the appearance of Lieut. Governor McDougall at Pembina, in the winter of 1869-70. Then, suddenly, armed men went forth to warn him off the territory, and Fort Garry was seized upon by a detachment under Riel. It seems clear from the evidence that the Canadian Government blundered in sending Mr. McDougall, as Provisional Governor, before the transfer of the Red River Ter. ritory was formally made by the Crown to the Dominion, before the Manitoba Act was passed and before the Pro vince was regularly incorporated into the Confederation
of excited feeling in the Territory, had on his way to Rome, stopped at Ottawa purposely to warn the Government and among the recommendations he made was one to the effect that, pending the transfer, the provisional administration should be entrusted to the experienced hands of Governor MacTavish, who would have quietly prepared everything for the peaceable incoming of the new regime. In the light of subsequent events, it looks as if this was statesmanly advice. Had it been followed, the costly expedition of Col. Wolseley might have proved unnecessary and Governor Archibald might have begun his administration under other than military auspices, the consequences of which are felt in Manitobs to the present day.

## THE MILLENIUM IN ICELAND.

Up in Polar Iceland a national celebration has just taken place, which cannot but prove interesting to all those who have read the adventures of the Sea Kings, the travels and discoveries of the Norsemen, and the weird romantic literature of the Scandinavians. On the first of this month was inaugurated a series of festivals commemorative of the millenial anniversary of the entrance of Iceland among the nations of the earth. Towards the end of the ninth century the Carlovingian dynasty fell to pieces, the Roman forms maintained by Clovis and the sons of Pepin melted away before the barbaric invasions of the North, and the Normans, best representatives of the new ideas of rude civilization, spread far and wide, to England, Italy, Sicily, and Scandinavia, in search of conquests. In 872, Harold, the Fair haired, after ten years of warfare against the petty princes and suzerains, founded, by a naval victory, the kingdom of Norway. In 874 the Normans penetrated as far north as Iceland, took possession of $i$, and planted therein the germs of empire. The island remained pagan till the year 1,000 , when it exchanged the primitive Gothic rites inculcated by its Sagas for the higher forms taught by the eloquence and example of Saint Olaf. For centuries, its history was linked with that of Sweden and Norway, and its children shared the fortunes of the bold marauders who preyed upon the coasts of Germany, England, and France, or hunted sea-lions along the bleak shores of Greenland and Labrador. In the fourteenth century the island was annexed to Denmark, with phich it remains to the present day. The Danish king has gone to Reikiavik for the first time in history, to preside in person over the millenial celebration, and inaugurate the important constitutional changes which he has accorded to the inhabitants of that distant colony. It appears that henceforth Iceland is to have a special constitution and a separate ministry, quite distinct from that of Copenhagen. She will regulate her own local aftairs almost exclusively, take no part in the general administration of Denmark, and pay no taxes arising out of the neeessities of the kingdom at large. The Iceland Ministry will reside at Copenhagen, hut will be represented at Reikiavik by a Governor charged with the administration of the island. The Legislature meets every two years, on the 1st of July, and is composed of thirty-six members, six of whom are appointed by the king. The main clauses of the new constitution relate to the right of assembling, the prerogative of co-operative unions, the liberty of the press, the abolition of privileges, the regulation of public instruction, and the obligation of military service. We shall soon have full particulars of all these things, along with detailed accounts of the festivities, from the pens of several American correspond. ents, such as Bayard Taylor, Murat Halstead, and Dr. Hayes, who, along with Cyrus Field, have gone to Iceland expressly for the purpose of assisting at the millenial celebration. Whatever pictorial illustrations of the aame event may reach us we shall take pleasure in placing be fore our readers.

The large number of libel suits against newspaper proprietors which are now swaiting the decision of the courts would seem to indicate either a growing hicense in the tone of the press in this country, or a proportionate in crease of tender feeling among our public men. Just now such suits appear to be all the rage, and, stranger still, even members of the press are not free from the prevailing mania. Of course, if a man's most sacred relations have been dragged out before the public in a distorted form, he is only justified in demanding an enquiry, and, where occasion requires, the summary punishment of the offender. But, ily a fagots et fagots: A criminal suit is one thing, a civil suit another. When a man has been injured in his character and his sensibilities by the false statements of an ill-wisher, no one can blame him for demanding the punishment of his traducer. But when such a man, neglecting the criminal procedure which should bring about the conviction of his traducers, delib.


erately sets to work to screw out dollars as salve for his wounded sensibilities, he at once forfeits the respect of his neighbours. The world may laugh, shrug its shoul ders, and call him a long-headed man, but, notwithstand ing. the world has but a mean opinion him of at bottom We strongly doubt if the sympathy of the country will go with the Hon. George Brown in the suits he has instituted against certain Ontario papers. Three of these journal have reflected on Mr. Brown's character to the tune o $\$ 10,000$ apiece, and a fourth to the extent of $\$ 5,000$, and this by copying the well-known statements of the National, which paper, however, has, for some inexplicable reason been, until a day or two ugo, passed over. As the National is irrepressible, and confidently repeats the tatements week after week, we presume that Mr. Brown Las been waiting until the measure of its guilt is full; that he has been nursing his injured feelings in pleasant expectancy of the tremendous damages he wil then be able to claim. Seriously, Mr. Brown has made a fatal step. If he had entered criminal proceedings against the offending.journals, the feeling of the country sympathy

The escape of Bazaine from his island prison at Sainte Marguerite, is another instance of female ingenuity and conjugal devotion such as the history of the world has frequently afforded. We have the authority of Madame Bazaine herself for saying that she only is responsible for the escape of her husband and that she only planned the means of effecting it. We shall anxiously await full par ticulars of the event which we believe will be found in vested with the romance of tenderness and heroism. But while unqualified praise is to be metel out to the faithfu wife, it is not sure that the ex-marshal himself deserve equal commendation. Our impression is that Bazaine was allowed considerable liberty of movement and a re laxation of other prison rules, on his word of honour that he would not attempt to escape from the island. Some of the Paris papers allege the same thing. If such is th fact, he has put the seal to his disgrace by his flight and France need not trouble herself to demand his extradi tion. It is presumable that he will yield no influence with the Bonapartist faction, even though he should attempt to head a politieal movement.

EXPERIENCES OF A COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER.
'Toronto, August 11th, 1874.-I left my readers last week at Penetanguishene, a name as mongrel as the population, which comprises Frenchmen, half-breeds, full-blooded Indians, Canadians, and a fair sprinklingiof the three nationalities supposed
to constitute old-country folk. Strange, that although the French element and its half-breed variety so strongly predominate, none of them participate in the mercantile transactions of the place, though the hotels, without an exception, are kept by French Canadians, and queer places they are. old billiard-table, an attraction considered sufficient to make it rank as the first-class house, and also supposed to make it particularly attractive to commercial travellers. Still, I would have dispensed with it, and not grieved much, especially as it was made to apologize for the absence of a great many real
comforts; flich and fowl seemed to me to be tabooed at the comforts; flish and fowl seemed to me to be tabooed at the
table, but fish abounded-fish fried for breakfast, fish boiled table, but fish abounded-fish fried for breakfast, fish boiled
for dinner, and cold fish for tea. Perhaps I happened then on a fast-day, or perhaps they are believers in Liebig's theory as to ish being brain-food, and being a litule doficient in brains having such a fishy diet but I certainly got very tired of it having such a fishy diet, but I certainly got very tired of it every meal lest I should choke with fi,h-bones, and have to be patted on the back to bring me to, like a gluttonous baby. And it's wonderful the implicit faith that the residents of a place have in the quality of their hotels, especially if the will mortally offend them if you suggest that the house is not just what it might be. Not long ago I was unfortunate to get stuck one Saturday at a village sonth of Brantford which shall be nameless. Being late when I got in, and a Saturday, I soon discovered that I must make the best of my quarters, and put ap there for Sunday, and as I had never tested the quality of its accommodations before, I asked a customer in a quiet
way how he thought I would fare. A smile of pity at my ignorance overspread his face. "How will you fara? Why, my dear fellow, it's the best little house west of Toronto-nothing
in Brantford can touch it," \&c., \&c., until I really began to such a "land flowing with milk and honey." But Sunday's oxperiences sadly disenchanted me. Cold rooms, poor food badly cooked, no milk, bad liquors and worse cigars-such was the dismal record. After that experience put not your express an opinion concerning their pet and, perhaps, only
But to return to Penetanguishene, or rather Barrie, for I did name. And glad enough to get back I was. Ten p.m. Was the somewhat late hour at which we reached Barrie, and afte having had a couple of reireshers in the shape of "hot Scotch," Wcnt to bed, to dream of being scalped by Indians, and of the result of my Penetanguishene experiences superinduced the resuit of my Penetanguishene experiences superinduced
by an overdose of hot 8 cotch. However, I wore ap in the
morning, and found that "my har" hadn't been "lifted," a discovery that gave me great joy, as it never was over-abun-
dant, and is already showing a tendency to premature balddant, and is already showing a tendency to premature bald Collingwood, the scenery is illustrative of the "pancake" character of the country, and the ride deeply impresses you with the strange and wonderful way in which the Northern centric curves. The train stops at one station called Utopia and it might well be asked in reference to the place " What's in a name?" Whether the man who is responsible for th rim pleasantry intended it as a satire, or whether he was on of the three residents, and really believed the place was des tined to be the Utopia, I camnot say. But if the latter is the case his Utopia will assuredly be a lunatic asylum, if he isn'
here already. If there were a place to describe, I would at here already. If there were a place to describe, I would at-
tempt a description of it, but as I couldn't see the place myself Iempt a description of it, but as i co
Collingwood reached, I found the same eagerness for cus om displayed at the station as I had been subjected to at
Orillia. Here, again, indecision is ruin. No matter what the orillia. Here, again, indecision is ruin. No matter what the hotel may be you have decided to patronize, go there in spite
of all the allurements of rival touters. Name your house, give your checks to its porter, and take its 'buss. Then you can stroll up and down the platform till your Jehu tells you he is ready to start, smoke your cigar, and gaze with a lofty pity on those poor misguided men who are listening to the

Collingwood in winter is a bleak, uninviting place to live in. On a January night, with the thermometer away down ciate the generous warmth of a big log-fire on the hearthplace that seems specially created to test the inviolateness of
the pledge of a member of the Prohibition League. For let the pledge of a member of the Prohibition League. For le
any one of that august body drive from Meaford to Colling wood on such a night, when the bitter north wind howls ove the Georgian Bay and nips his ears, and seems to try to fin chilled to the marrow, and with the long icicles hanging from his beard, giving him a resemblance to a dismal Santa Claus and when he does get there, and walks through the hall past the half-closed door of the bar, past that door just opened wide enough to let him sniff the grateful odour of a hot whiskey scruples and a glass of whiskey punch at the same time why he deserves to be canonized for his martyrdom. With the majority of us travellers we make it a rule to swallow the latter but have none of the former to swallow, for commercia travellers are neither cynics, misanthropes, nor anchorites
But Collingwood-I'm forgetting the place entirely-well whatever disaidantages it may have in inclemency of weathe during the winter are fully compensated by its delightful cli winter months froze your very marow then lends a delightful coolness to the air. Then that frightful drive in the freezin months between Collingwood and Meaford is now dispensed with, for at the latter place commerce has told its old story and compelled the advent of the iron horse. On this occasio the metallic steed had all his gear prepared and his road ready for him, so I took passage behind him for Meaford. Rushing through the country with the snow-spray beating against the windows of the car, I could not help contrasting the cosy comfort of the well-warmed and well-ventilated travelling coach with the desolate equipment of the lumbering stage in which on my provious trip, I was so unfortunate as to be a passenger
and making the comp urison I came to the conclution that all The time passed quiche
ound myself at Meaford and inside reflections, and I soon "Commercial" ever dreams of going elsewhere than to Mrs Paull's I don't want the worthy editor of the Canadian nor its host of readers to imagine that I am a hotel-advertisin agent, but really I must give a goo I word to the amisble pro prietress of the "Meaford Hotel." I know there won't be on dissentient voice among my fellow-roa isters, when I say that like Dexter's trotting-time, "it can't be beat." Such warmath such comfort, such rooms, such home-made bread, such ham such pickled fish, such coffee 1 -the climax is reached in the coffee. No weary, foot-sore Mecca pilgrim could wish for Well, I got there, and revelled in all than Mrs. Panll prepares Well, I got there, and revelled in all these things, and now relating a most ludicrous adventure which better opportunity for vions visit. As usual I was there over Sunday and Sunday not being a very fatiguing day I did not feel particularly tired not being a very fatiguing day I did not feel particularly tired
nor sleepy; so taking a book I sat at my window and read until nearly midnight. Tired at last of reading I sat and listene to the monotonous drip, drip of the rain that had been falling all the afternoon. Listlessly listening, with my thoughts far away, I gradually became conscious of another and unfamiliar sound mingling with the pattering of the rain-drops. Risp, rasp, saw, saw, now near now far, now so low as scarcely to be
heard, now so unpleasantly loud and harsh as to jar on the ear the mysterio unpleasantly loud and harsh as to jar on the eas, sciousness, till thond gradually intruded itself into my conmake what follows plain, I must tell my readers that directly opposite my room in the hotel was situated the store of Mr. ., and as the strange sound continued I became satisfied that hard substance. Cautiously turning down the lamp I put my head out of the window, but the night was pitch dark, and could make out nothing with my eyes, although the sound was now became satisfied that burglars were trying to effect an entrance into the store. Drawing on my slippers I crept cautiously down stairs, and rousing the hostler I informed him of the terrible fact. My courage was rapidly oozing out at my finger ends, but as for him-after I had taken him to the door ping outside. However, I found an immense iron boot-jack and armed myself with that, and, attired in a very incomplete costume, I crept outside. When half-way across the road I could, or fancied I could, discern figures moving about outside the building. And now-must I confess it ?-my courage failed me utterly, and I beat a hasty retreat into the house. at length screwed my courage to the sticking point again, and the side of the building till I had reached a point directly opposite , the private dwelling of Mr. S., for, thinking discretion should run a portion of the risk while sharing in the glory of
the capture of the midnight marauders. Rapping softly at the door produced no response, so 1 assailed it vigorously with of the window above me. The first intimation I had of the proximity of the head was a voice sleepily enquiring "What ho head was hastily withdrawn, and its owner made his ap pearance in a costume almost'as scanty as mine. He had armed himself with-let me see, was it an axe-handle or a gun -really I forget, but I know he had some murderous weapon Reinforced by Mr. S., but with a beating heart, I crept down the walk and out into the street. We listened, still the sound continued, and we felt that the tug of war was at kand. And now my excited imagination enabled me plainly to see figures moving with stealthy footfalls through the gloom. Visions o deadly combat fiitted through my brain; already in fancy I could hear the rapid pistol-shots, and see the ccld gleam of the assassin's kaife, and feel its keen edge entering my vitals Mr. S. pises his axe-handle in the most approved shillelah ashion we advance upon them-we are upon them to find wo peaceful cows enyaged in industriously licking Mr. S.' pile of salt-barrels! These were the midnight burglars, snd their rough tongues scraping on the barrel staves are the files . window-bars. Mr. S. laughs in his sleeve, and I retire to bed sadder and a wiser man. Such was the ignoble end of my first and only "adventure with burglars.
Next morning my customers regard me with a quizzical leer, and seem to have taken a new interest in dairy matters for they are continually making references to cows and their known fondness for salt; and I really felt relieved when I had got out of the town and was well on the road to 0 wen Sound. Since that occasion I always anticipate their anxious nquiries by asking them if the village has since been disbility of all men to be sold, I must bid them good-bye for a time.

## OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

## the new grand opera house. toronto

The new and elegant Opera House now being erected by the Toronto Opera House Company for Mrs. Charlotte he New York Academy of Music, Thomes R. Jackson, Esq i situated on Adelaide Street, West of Yonge Street, the most entral and desirable location in the city. It has a front on Adelaide Street of ninety-one feet, and a depth of two hunred and eight feet, and is perfectly isolated from surrounding buildings by a street on the west and a lane on the east side The principal entrance to the Opera House is on a level with the street, through a spacious corridor fifteen feet wide, fifty feet long, and fourteen feet high, to the main vestibule, twenty-
four feet by sixty five feet, and eighteen feel high, in which four feet by sixty five feet, and eighteen feel high, in which are the Box and Ticket Ofices, stairs to Family Circle, etc. Beyond the vestibule is the inner lobby, from which access is stairs to the Dress Circle. The Auditorium is arranged with Parquet, containing 324 Orchestra stall chairs; Parquet Bal cony, containing 275 chairs; Dress Circle, containing 324 seats; Family Circle 270, and eight Private Boxes, with tour chairs in each, making a seating capacity of 1,323 and camp. tool and standing room for 500 more, every one having a per fect view of the stage. The chairs in the Parquet and Balcony will be the latest improved folding-seat Opera chairs, upholstered with leather. The sofa seats in the Dress Circle will be
upholstered with reps. There are also ladies' and gentlemen' upholstered with reps. There are also ladies' and gentlemen's
cloak and hat, rooms, crush-room, dressing room; etc. The cloak and hat, rooms, crush-room, dressing room; etc. The
Proscenium and Arch, of chaste and ornate desiyn, will conProscenium and Arch, of chaste and ornate desiyn, will con-
tain eight private boxes. The orchestra will be depressed below the floor so as not to obstruct the view. The Stage, 53 by 65 feet, will be fitted up with all the latest improvement and equipped with a full stock of Scenery, Curtains, Properties and A ppointments. For the necessary accompaniments of the opera House and the accommodation of its attachés, there is room propuilding adjoining, in which are a spacious scene and Treasurer's offices, etc., all above ground, with windows and entrances opening on a street, and fitted up in the most comfortable manner. The facilities for egress in case of fire have been fully provided by a ways opening out of the side street and lane, and of such ca pacity that a full house with all its attendants can be emptied in two minutes. The entire building will be heated by steam at a low pressure from a safety boiler in a fire-proof cellar, out to of the main building; and ample provision will be made with hose ready for instant use, and fire extinguishers distribwited through th building The Auditorium will be brilliant ly illumingted by a dig. Sun light in the dome be brilliant under galleries, and brackets on the walls, and lighted by electricity. The construction of the building is of the most substantial character, and the decorations and farnishing will be in the most ariistic taste and style ; and, taken as a whole it will be one of the finest Opera Houses on this continent. The building will be opened for the season of 1874-5 about the middle of next month. A first-class dramatic troupe, including Mrs. Morrison and Mr. Couldred, has been e igased, and arra igements have been made with a number of first-class stars, such as Fechter, Ristori, Carlotta Leclercq, J. L. Toole, the great English comedian, etc. The Kellogg, Aimée, and Soldene opera troupes will als
these boards during the season.

We trust that Mrs. Morrison's commendable energy in catering for the Toronto public will meet with the full measure of success it deserves. Monlreal theatre-goers will have reason
to be envious of the good-fortnne that has fallen on their to be envious of the good-fortnne that has fallen on their To-
ronto brethren ; but we hope that the cause for envy will ronto brethren ; but we hope that the cause for envy will
speedily be removed by the erection of a suitable Opera House speedily be removed by the erection of a suitable operal metropolis will be relieved of a reproach that has too long rested upon its citizens.

## the carlibts at cuenca.

The taking of Cuenca by the Carlists on the 15 th ult., has been a very serious affair. The accounts given of the scenes The Carlists, enraged by the persistent defence of the besieged who, with vastly inferior forces, held out for fifty-six hours, as the occupants of all houses where arms were found. Those
who were found hidien in the houses were killed and thrown over the balconies into the streets. The Governor of the
town, after hiding in and escaping from four different houses, finally found safety in a vacant niche in the cemetery. The invaders seized all the Government funds, bes:des those of the Corporations and private associations, exacting of the inhabitants a two years' contribution. 'Ta'y took all the arms of the garrison, consisting of three thousand muskets, six cannon, a Carabineers, besides the other private property which had been hastily taken into Cuenca for refuge at the appruach of the enemy. The shops and houses have been completely stripped of every kind of provisions, as well as blankets, clothing, and all of the pillagers took and appropriated whatever money ewellery, and plate they could find in the houses. Numbers edifices were set on fire, and the building containing th archives of the Government and public deeds was burnt to the ground. Cuenca is not on any railroad, although a branch
to it was in construction, and as the Carlists had first of all cut the telegraph wires, the news brought to Madrid, by one who escaped during the first moments of the attack to the neares telegraph station, was so long coming that the troo s sent did telegraph station, was so long coming that the troo;'s sent did devastation and fled with their booty. They lost some three hundred in the assault. The partisans of cremation will be glad to learn that the Carlists have introduced into Spain this mode of rapid combustion. After au engagement they collect their dead, place them in piles, and drenching them with pe-
troleum, burn them to ashes. They were plainly seen during the disgusting operation, from the Castle of Cuenca. A letter in the Temps says:- In all the streets the from Cuenca relate Dequello $y$ saqueo, literally throat-cutting and sack whided ' Deguello $y$ saqueo, literally throat-cutting and sack When a
detachment was about to invade a house they drew lots as to who should enter first, and they went in four by four, seizing the furniture, burning, stealing women's dresses, insulting and maltreating the inmates, assassinating whoever was found hidden or gave signs of resistance. At the moment when one of the witnesses I have fallen in with, a Frenchman, quitted the ravaged town to come here, three or four days after the n uniform, and some of which were so mutilated that thei own relations did not recognize them. It was expected that
others would be found under the rains of the fallen houses, others would be found under the roins of the fallen houses,
and it was known that a certain number of employes had been and it was known that a certain number of employes had been
killed in the Government House and in the Hôtel de Ville prekilled in the Government House and in the Hôtel de Ville pre
viously to the fire which destroyed the whole interior of those viously to the fire which destroyed the whole interior of those
buildings and all the archives. When the perpetrators of all buildings and all the archives. When the perpetrators of all carts full of booty.

## ie petramct celebpation

On page 133 are given several illustrations of scenes during he great centenary celebration held at A vignon, in honour of etrarch. The fôte commenced on the 18th ult., and consisted ing the laureates; a grand reception by the civic authorities f Avignon, a procession and illumination; the celebration with much pomp, of a solemn high mass; a second processio in costumes of the time of Petrarch; a theatricel representa tion; illumination of the old palace of the Popes; a musical competition, floral games; numerous speeches, and, finally, a Venetian fête on the Rhone. Several of the most striking points of the eelebration are illusirated in the series of picture given on the page above mentioned. It is calculated that full
30,000 people were present at Avignon on this occasion

## ALF-bred and ox-cat

This is another of the series of sketches sent us from the
North West by our special correspondent with the Mounted North
Police.

## the quebec provincial, mifle-matce

pened at the Point St. Charles Range on the 12 th inst., and lasted four days. The space at our command does not allow of a list of the winners, but this has already appeared in mos of the Provincial papers. Apropos of this match, at which Herald says the result of the were present, the New York Herald says the result of the contest, in the opinion First-That the Canadians are the most as follows
in the world. Second-That Canada hasa
rst-class shots than we have.

## Third-That our best shots are as good as theirs, although

 ower in numberFourth-That the Snider is a good military rifle, and although it is surpassed by ours, yet that we have got to practice con-
stantly at Creedmoor, particulariy at 600 yards, to beat the men who shoot.
Fifth-That our long range Remington and Sharpe breech loaders are in no way inferior to the muzzle-loading Metford
Sixth-That although it is not wise to bet upon defeating the Irish team (a point which the enthusiastic should bear in mind), yet the prospect of doing so is not such up-hill work as t seemed some time ago
ber cateledral of toledo
is the metropolitan church of Spain, and was founded in th ear 587. One of its principal features is the chapel of San Alvaro de Luns and his wife. Alvaro de Luna and his wife.

This is a pretty little spring-tide scene painted by the well known French artist Mr. Bouguereau. The subject is one of
respectable antiquity but nevertheless the painter has succeeded in investing it with a charm of its own.

## oftside thi agbeybleg nationale.

This illustration shows the outside of the French Assemblr n the evening of the celebrated 23rd July, when M Casimi Perier's Bill for the proclamation of the Republic was takeu up
and finally disposed of by a majority of forty-one declari is for and finally disposed of by a majority of forty-one declari $x$ for
its rejection. The excitement at the time was immense, both in Paris and at Versailles, and at the latter place a large poske of police had to be posted around the Assembly to pres
order among the crowd that thronged aroand the building.

## DICKENS DESCRIBED.

In a volume of reminiscenees of Dickens and Thackeray by
R. H. Stoddard is the following interesting description of
"Boz," when yet a young man, written by a young girl who the sanctuary of the bed-room, where I was arranging my hai before the glass. I thought her a pretty little woman, with The heary-lidded large blue eyes so much admired by men small, round and red-lipped with forehead good, the mouth sion, notwithstanding the sieepy look of the slow-moving eyes. The weakest part of the face was the chin, which melted too suddenly into the throat. She took kindly notice of me, and I went down with a fluttering heart to be introduced fine chara first ideas that flashed through me were: 'What horrid taste in dress !' He wore his hair long, in 'admired disorder,' and it suited the picturesque style of his head; but he had on a surtout with a wide collar, very much thrown back, showing vast expanse of waistcoat, drab trowsers, and (apart from with patent-leather toes, and the whole effec (apart from his fine head) gave evidence of a loud taste in listened eagerly during dinner to evening dress. Of course precious things that fell from his lips, and watched, in rever ent admiration, every flash of his clear grey eyes-for I was enthusiastic, and in my teens. He did not speak much, and his utterance was low-toned and rapid, with a certain thickfterwards that this were too large for the mouth. I found habit of sucking his tongue when thinking, and at the same ime running his fingers through his hair till it stood out in most leonine fashion. When writing, if his ideas got entangled he would work away with his left hand, dragging viciously at eutain locks until the subject became satisfactorily 'evolved out of his inner consciousness, Before attering an amusing speech I noticed a most humorous scintillation gleaming in his eyes, accompanied by a comic elevation of one eyebrow, expression that I expected."

## AN INN WITH A HISTORY

A writer on the recent Luther Festival, held at Sonneberg in nuringia on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd inst., describes a quaint old has had the honour, more than once of and top-heavy-which Reformer. The inn stood in the mountaipous village of Judenhein, near Sonneberg, two thousand feet above the level of the sea. It has, however, been transferred in its old shape o new ground, and was by no means one of the least attractive eatares of the celebration The committoe of arrangements have very naturally collected all the information they could period tert ing four visits of Dr . Martin Luther. In 1457 we are told that Duke Wilhelm the Brave passed Judenbach with his train and spent eight groschen" (about eightpence !) On "Tuesday, Wurzburg passed Judenbach, on their way to visit the Elector of Saxony." Then we come to an entry of greater interest to us. On the 14th of April, 1518, Dr. Martin Luther passed Judenbach on his way to the Augustine Convent at Heidel berg. He met here the Electoral Councillor Pfeffinger of Saxony, who paid for him and his companion (Urban). Luther riding." He had already nailed his ninety-five theses to the church door at Wittenberg, and had then accepted the invitaberg. In the a general convention of the Augustines at Heidel berg. In the same year we are told in the "Cronica" that the his way to Rome." On the 26th of October of the same year Luther again soaght the hospitality of the host a Jume year He arrived weary from the flight from Auguburg, where as he Hells us himself, he had-" by night, without hose, boots, spurs or sword "-mounted the horse furnished him by Dr. Staupitz, on which he rode to Wittenberg. Twelve years later, on the 14th April, 1530 , is an important entry in the "Cronicas." Luther's doctrines had now gained frieuds and supporters among the people and the princes, and the time had come for burg, the recognition of Protestants and Protestantism. The record reads: "Elector John the Steadfast came here with Dr.
Martin Luther, on his way to the Dirt at Augsburg. In his Martin Luther, on his way to the Dirt at Augsburg. In his
train were the Electoral Prince Johann Friedrich, Prince Wolfgang of Anhalt, Duke Franz of Luneberg, Counts Albrechtand obst, of Manstid; Count Ernst, of Gleichen ; five electora counchlors; Chancellors Brueck and Baïer; besides Dr. Lunobles, with one hundred and sixty mounted body-men (al party reached Coburg on the 15th of April, where Dr. Luther remained in the fortress. On the 5th of October of the same year the Elector and his train returned, bringing with them Luther from Coburg," all of them convinced that they had nothing to expect from Carl V., and determined to stake their cause in the issue of war. Then follow some entries of less importance to us, but still interesting. On the 28th of June, cuarded by twenty-fcur sthe Magnanimous passed Judenbach, emperor Carl V. In 1584 the lightning struck the building and killed seven persons. "From 1598 to 1698953 children were born in the village." "1705-The present church was Augsburg for which reason by merchants of Nuremberg and passed the village at New Year, the school children caravan passed the village at New Year, the school children met them
and welcomed them with songs of thanks." "Oct. 6 and 7 , 805, the two French army corps of Lannes and Augereau bivouacking here, and nine houses and four barns were were troyed." The last entry in the "Cronica" tells us that, in the Fear 1870, fifteen young men of Judenbach took part in the wounded, and the remainder returned home safe and sound So end the "Cronica of Judenbach"

THACKERAY AND DICKENS.
From the recollections of Mr . Hodder, at one time Thacker. ay's private secretary, contained in the reminiscences in tracted: "At the time of the publication of 'Vanity Fair' tracted: "At the time of the publication of 'Vanity Fair'
Thackeray's great contemporary, Charles Dickens (forin spite
of all remonstrance it has always been the fashion to place the two writers in the same category, and often to sacrifice one at
the shrine of the other according to the particular taste of the person addressing himself to the subject), was producing, in the accustomed monthly form-the green cover in the one in Dombey and Son,'and it was Thacteray's delight to read each number with eagerness as it issued from the press. When it had reached its fifth number, wherein Mr. Charles Dickens described the end of little Paul with a depth of pathos which produced a vibratory emotion in the hearts of all those who read it, Mr. Thackeray seemed electrified at the thought that there was one man living who could exercise so complete a control over him. Putting No. 5 of 'Dombey and Son' in his pocket, he hastened down to Mr. Punch's printing office, and on present editor's room, where I chanced to be the only per the table with startling vehemence, and exclaimed : 'There's no writing against such power as this - one has no chance Read that chapter describing young Paul's death ; it is unsurpassed that I acted as his amanuensis, I went into his chame ber one morning, as usual, and found him in bed (for, lest it ber one morning, as usual, and found him in bed (for, lest it
should be supposed that Mr. Thackeray was what is commonly called a late riser, I should state at once that my visits to him were somewhat early, that is to say, before nine oclock), a little pot of tea and some dry toast on a table by his side. I therefore remained at a distance from him, but Mr Thackeray called me forward, and I discovered that he had passed a very restless night. 'I am sorry,' sai, I, ' that you do not seem very well this morning.' ' Well,' he murmured no, I am not well. I have got to make hat he was to preside at to-night.' I immediately recollected that he was to preside at taking which I well knew was entirely repugnant to his taste and wishes. 'Don't let that trouble you, Mr. Thackeray,' said I; 'you will be sure to be all right when the time comes.'
 for this ! Why don't they get Dickens to take the chair? He can make a speech, and a good one. I'm of no use.' I told him that I thoroughly appreciated his remark in regard to Mr. Dickens. but at the same time he was giving little credit to those whose discernment had selected him as the chairman of the evening ; and they could not very well ask Mr. Dickens, as he had only a y+ar or two since occupied that position at an anhow nervous I am,' said Thackeray, 'and Dickens does not now the meaning of the word.
In confirmation of this remark I observed that I• once asked Mr. Dickens if he ever felt nervous on public occasions when called upon to speak, and his instant reply was: 'Not in the least. The first time I took the chair at a pablic dinner I hundred times before, "The result of Mr
The rewlt of Mr. Thackeray's chairmanship on the evening in question may here be recorded, with all respect to his himself would have been the first to encourage. True to his ongagement he took the post assigned to him, and commenced his dutieg as if he had resolved to set difficulties at defiance and to show that the task was not quite impossible with him, but, unhappily for his nervous and sensitive temperament, Mr. Charles Dickens, as the president of the institution, sat at his right hand, and when he came to the all-absorbing toast of the vening, the terrifying fact rushed across his mind that his great contemporary would witness all his shortcomings and his aad inferiority. He had prepared his speech, and he commenced with some learned allusions to the car of Thespis, and ne early history of the drama, when he suddenly collapsed, and brought his address to a close in a rew commonplaco ob. painfully felt the weatness of his position and, notwithstend ing a particularly kind and complimentary spech in which Mr. Dickens proposed his health as chairman, he could not recover the prestige he believed he had lost, and he left the room in company with an old friend at as early a moment as he could consistently with the respect he owed the company."

## DISRAELI AND GLADSTONE.

It is a study, says a writer in the Court Jollnal, to watch the cut and thrust of the two Parliamentary gladiators. Prferential, saluting his courteous to each other; Disraeli deferential, saluting his rival as "the most eminent of Englishas if he were still, as Mr. Disraeli called him across the table as if he were still, as Mr. Disraeli called him the other day by
mistake, Prime Minister ; but the whole game of English politics is now a game of chess between those two men and is played! A' Session is ive their prize. And how that game one great advantage over Gladstone. He is a man of societs man of wit- man of letters. Gladstone is nothing but a statesman. With Gladstone distance lends enchantment to the view. But the more you know of Disraeli the more you like, admire, and love the man. The Lord Mayor expressed this feeling very well in his speech at the Mansion House ; but it is a common experience. But D'sraeli's forte, like Lord Palmerston's, is Parliamentary finesse. Gladstone's is eloquence. Disraeli is at home everywhere-in the house of Commons-in the Club-room-at a fancy dress ball-at the Mansion House
-at a quiet dinner. Gladstone is at home nowhere but in the House of Commons; and yet, if the business of the House is House of Commons; and yet, if the business of the House is
not in his hands, he must be thinking of Homer or Strauss, or not in his hands, he must be thinking of Homer or Strauss, or see it in Disraeli, Lowe, or Bright. But Gladstone brings reads, with a pencil in his or a packet of leter paper, and writes for hours together, pulling himself together for his book or a pen in the hes before he rises. You never see a Gladstone, they are both literary men. Disraeli makes up for this in other ways-spending six or seven hours in the House of Commons-for instance, on Wednesday disappearing from there at six o'clock to go home and dress, sitting down to dinner with the Lord Mayor in less thin a couple of hours afterwards, and at ten, after a couple of speeches, asking permission to withdraw in order to go the ball at Marlborough
House. Yet with all this the man is alwayd fresh, alwaya House. Yet with all this the man is always fresh, alway
genial, always piquant.

THE LATE HON. CHAS. J. LABERGE
By the death of the late Editor of $L_{e}$ National Lower Canada has lost one of her brightest stars. One by one the phalsux of Fry, Prpin, Daonst, Lenoir, Eric Dorion, amay, Papin, Daonst,
Papinean, and Cassidy have one after anPapineau, and Cassidy have one aiter angles and their trinmphs, and have now been rejoined by their yoonger, though equally brillinnt colleague.
Mr. Laberge was born in Montreal on the 20th October, 1827. His father Fas a merchant, but without fortune; and his mother was a sister of Gabriel Franchere, the author of an attractive volume of travels in apon his collegiate course in 1838 at St. Eyacinthe, where ke distinguished himself by his intelligu nce and assiduity, and gave no empty promise of future success in life. On one occasion he received a most flattering, but well deserved compliment from the late Louis Joseph Papinean, who had been requested to present the prises to the pupils. Lalorge was to be "crowned" for ing to receive the honour, he wres addresed as follows by Papinean:-"Frankly, sir, I must say that I have never made so good a speech as that you have just delivered : if I have the tille of Speaker, you have the talent." While still at St. Hyacinthe roung Laberge began to develop his taste for journalism. At the college he founded a journal which he called the Liberal, and which he devoted to attacking those of the proincar the dislike of the pupils.
On leaving college Mr. Laberge deroted himself to the study of the lam, and was admitted to practice in the year 1848. But,
like a great many young French Canadians, he was strongly imbued with a taste for political discassion, and he became one of the contribators to L'Arenir, the Liberal journal of that day, then under the management of Mr. J. B. E. Dorion, commonly Enown as L'Enfant Territhe. In 1854 Mr . Laberge was elected for Iberville, making one of the nineteen colleague of the Dorions, of Papin, of Daoust, and of others who during that Parliament represented the party for whom the Liberalism of Lafontaine and Morin was as rank Toryism. Among them all, and they were nearly all men of ability, none stood higher as a Parliamentary speaker than Mr. Laberge. Excepting a sight check in his utterance, the rescit of some affe tion of the throat, he was by all odds the most correct and


THE LATE HON. CHARLES JOSEPH LABERGE.
polished speaker in that Parliament. He spoke bat seldom, but when he did he alrags commanded the attention and decially forcible, all the mouse. In power of satiry he was erpewas due to the, all the more forcible as his keen sense of what rented him fromurksies of a borly of gentlemen, alwaya preoften dangerous gift. Among friends and opponents alike he waz emplatically the farourite of the House
In 1558 , on the formation of the short-lived Brown-Dorion citor General for Lower Canada. He contin, the ofice of Solias member for Iberville, until 1862, and during the later years of his Parliamentary career took a nore prominent part in the
diacussions of the House, although he never became a frequent speaker. He was appointed Assistant Juage for the district of irmed by the new administratiou. ounded the Frimeo Cithadien publinted St. Jobn, and which is now couduated be Ir. Marchand. He also raised a volunteer corpa, of which be became Lient.-Colonel and in which poxition he was also suc. ceeded by Mr. Marchand. On the estal. ishment of le Nutionulin thiscity, the was selected as ite chief editor and has since occupied that position. Few hen had more. Few men have better succur Lapreserving the amenities and courtenion of ocial life amid all the asperitics of politi cal controversy. The press loses it tis death one of its most accomplifhed and scholarly contributors, and hoste of fricude mourn he sad event which we are called upon to chronicle; as depriving them of a dear and valued friend.
Mr. Laberge married in 1859 a daughter
of the Hon. J. O. Turgen of the Hon. J. O. Turgeon, member of the cegislative Council, by whom he had fir children

THE POPULATION OF THE WOMID.
A report from the Burean of Statistice, at Washington, just issued, contains an interestiug table of the popmation of the esrth The aggregate population of the earth i given at $1,391,032$, ,000. Asia twing the most populous section and containing 5 millions, while Europe bas 3 ned millions, Aralia and Polynesia 4A millions, and Austhe leading nations nre credited with the following numbers: Russia 71 milliune the German Empire, 41 millions; Fianct 36 millions; Austro-Hobsary, 36 millions; Great Britain and reland, 32 millions; Italy, nearly 27 milione; Spain, $16 \%$ millions; and Turkey nearly 16 millions. The other countrie do not exceed fire milltons cach. In Asia, China, which is hy far the most populons nation of the earth, is credited with 425 millions; Ilindoostau, with 240 milliona -Japan, 33 millions; the Last India lslands, 3 millious: Burmah, Siam, and
farther India, nearly 26 millions; Turkey, $13 \frac{1}{2}$ millionf; and Rusxia nearly 11 millions The Australian population is rive. at $1,674,500$, and the Polynerian Imlinds at $2,763,50 \mathrm{n}$, New Guinea and New Zeraland being included in the later, I Africa the chief divisions are West Soudan and the Central African region, with 89 millions: the Central Soudan rericu


UONTREAL.-THE PROVINCIAL GIFLE MATCH AT POINT ST. CHARLES: SHOOTING OFF TIES,-DRAWA BY W. GASOABD.


THE N. W. MOUNTED POLICE EXPEDITION : HALK-BREED AND OX-CART CARRYING STORES.-AFTER A SKITG BY H. JULIM.
39 millions; South Africa, $20 \perp$ millions; the Galla country the following: London, 3,254,260; Sutchan (China), 2,000,000; trina, Mozart, Chernbini, and others bronght to him. Project

 where the United States has nearly 39 millions, Mexico over 900,000 ; Vienna, 834,284 ; Berlin, 826,341 ; Hangkav, o00,000; is proprietor of nearly the whole of his native commune of 9 millions, and the British Provinces 4 millions. The total Tehingtu-fu, 800,000 ; Calcutta, 794,645 ; Tokio (Yeddo), 674, Buseto. His numeroas farms brar the names of his most population of North Amer ca is given at nearly 52 millions, 447; and Philadelphia, 674,022 . Of cities smaller than Phil- famous operak, such as "Traviata," "Rigoletto," "Ernani," \&o. aud of South Ametica 25 milhions, of which Brazil contains adelphia, the leading ones are-St. Petersburg, 667,963; Bom- He is a modest, almost a timid man, and in conducting his 10 millions. The West India lalands have over 4 millions, bay, 644,405; Muscow, 611,970; Constantinople, 600,C00; mass, at the Opera Comique, displayed none of that nervor and the Central American States not quite 3 milltons. Ac- Glaggow, 647,538 ; Liverpool, 993,405 ; and Rio de Janeiro, temperament which characterises his compositions. He used cording to these tables London, with $3,254,260$ inhabitants, 420,000 . the baton sparingly.
is the moat popul, us city in the world, while Philadelphia, It was at Paris that Verdi first sketched his requiem mess. M. Jules Verne is preparing his " Round the World in Eighty with $67+, 022$ inhabitants (in 1870 ), is the eightecnth city in He was at Paris of pophation. These eightecn cities, in the ir order, are he bad a collection of the most celebrated masses of Pales- Days" for the Paris stage.


FRANOE,-OUTSIDE OF THE $\triangle S S E M B L E E$ NATIONALE ON THE LVENING OF THE 23R JULY.

## "REJECTED ADDRESses."

## AN idyll louts-quinze.

Réveillez-vous, belle endormie."-DUFRESNY
Scene.-A Corridor in a Chateau.
the marquis
con tip-toe, and carrying a rose).
This is the place. Lisetle sald here.
"Throngh the Diana rom, and near
The fifth Venetian chandelier--"
The jade! There are but foar.

## (Humming.)

Tra-la, tra-la. If Bijou wake, So much the worse-she'll spoll my shake.
S'll tap, 1 think. One can't I'll tap, I think. One can't mistake,
This surely is the door. (Bings soflly.)

- From the dark reign of Sleep and Night
turn, Marquise, to bless our sig
Relurn-redawn, Aurore :"
"Llke Cy therea from the sea,
From your white couch arke
Our Queen of hearts, Aurore!"
No (Aside.)
No sound? I'll tap once more.


## (Slngs again.)

" Love brings you beie a gift-a Rose, wed as your eyes that now unclo
Pink as y ur llps, Aurore :-"
(A rustling within.)
Coquette! she heard before. (Sings.)
Like you, more sweet from sleep reborn,
Its breathing beanty flls the morn
So flll our healle, Aurore !"
(Aside.)
That merits an Encore.
an enfrgetic voice.
Tis thon, Antoine? Ah Thlef-ath Bete-
Ah Scoundrel valet, always late--
Have I not told thee half-past eight, A hounand times! But wait-but, walt -
Rogue-Pig-Rogue-Pig-
the marquis (recoiling stupefled.)
What hiteous roar,
Just skies ! The infamous noubrelte !
Here is $\boldsymbol{r}$ turn I shan't forget :-
Here if a turn I shan't forget:-
To make mesing my chansonnette
Before old Jourd tin's door !

## FOR EVERYBODY.

A New Mitrailleuse.
A new mitrailleuse has just been tried at Coire, in the Grisons. The barrels instead of clustering around a centre aro placed horizontally, thus delivering the balls like a platoon of infantry instead of in a cluster. Twenty rounds were fired in a minute, but the inventor, Colonel Albertini, of the Austrian army, maintains that forty-five rounds can be fired each minute and that his mitrailleuse will cost one-sixth less than the one

## Caution T'o Critics.

Recently in the river Clyde was found the body of a young man who is supposed to have committed suicide in concequence of haviug seen in the "Answers to Correspondents"
the following cruel notice of a poetic effusion which he had the following cruel notice of a poetic effusion which he had
sent to a local journal :-"We are afraid, or rather we have no sent to a local journal :-"We are afraid, or rather we have no
hesitation in saying, that the gods have not made you poetical. But what of that? You say you 'seldom go out at night.' Therein you make a mistake; you ought to go out regularly -to an evening school."

## "Prison Editor" Wanted

The post of editor in Switzerland is by no means an enviable one if we are to judge by the following advertisement quoted
by the Continental Herald from the Confedét de Fribourg, which by the Conlinental Herald from the Confedere de Fribourg, which is annoyed by the new Press laws:-"In the critical situation in which we are placed, that of being condemned to imprisonment at any moment, we find ourselves under the necessity of opening to competition the post of responsible editor of the journal.-Occupation : to pass a part of the year in prison, and

Points Of Cats.
A few words in regard to the prints of a cat, for this animal has points as well as a horse or a dog. Of all colours, says an English writer, we infinitely prefer the tortoiseshell, with white
feet and breast. Cats of this colour are slways docile, feet and breast. Cats of this colour are always docile, affectionate, tidy, and good monsers. They are always long-lived. Grey cats are quickest tempered. Black cats are slowest.
Maltese cats are not so cleanly in their habits as those of other Maltese cats are not so cleanly in their habits as those of other
species. Large ears denote sagacity. A long tail is a sign of species. Large ears denote sagacity. A long tail is a sign of
a hunter. Yellow eyes with very small sights are not so desia hunter. Yellow eyes with very small sights are not so
rable as greyish eyes, half covered by the black pupils.

The Rival Managers
A Rowland-and-Oliver conflict took place between two Scotch managers, whose establishments were both in the same building-one having a theatre on the basement. The basement manager got up the "Battle of Waterloo" as a spectacle, with plenty of gunpowder, and very nearly blew up, whilst he
all but suffocated the audience overhead. Nothing daunted, all but suffocated the audience overhead. Nothing daunted,
the manager on the first floor produced the grand historicothe manager on the first floor produced the grand historico-
aquatic drama of the "Battle of Trafalgar," with real water, with a view, as he candidly confessed, of "drowning the auld
deevil underneath."

## Duelling Authorized In High Places.

The German Emperor has issued a strange edict to his oficers, enjoining their implicit obedience to a code of honon draws a line between duels in which German officers are to be compelled or permitted to light a outrance and others in which compelied or permitted io iggt a outrance and others in which
they are to be drawn off after their honour (l) has been they are to be drawn off after their honour (l) has been
avenged by flesh wounds. And yet the Sovereign who draws up this code of military honour does 80 in open defiance of the civil law, which prohibits duelling. The Emperor authorizes -nay, insists tha

A Vindictive Queen.
Henry Carey, cousin of Queen Elizabeth, after having $\in$ n. joyed her Majesty's favour for several years, lost it in the folin the garden of the palace, under the Queen's window sh perceived him, and said to him in a jocular manner, "What does a man think of when he is thinking of nothing $?$ " "Upon a woman's promise," replied Carey. "Well done, cousin," answered Elizabeth. She retired, but did not forget the answer. Some time after he solicited a peerage, and reminded the Queen that she had promised it to him. "True," she said, "but that was a woman's promise."

Outwitting An Audience.
A conjuror at Novara having announced his intention of audience assembled to witness the act. As soon as he ap peared and asked if any one was ready to be eaten, three young men jumped on to the stage. Thereupon he said although he had promised to eat a living person he had not promised to eat him with his clothes on. Twn of the volunteers disap peared forthwith, but the third remained and proceeded to undress himself. When this operation was completed the conjuror remarked that it would be remembered if he promised to rat a man alive he had not underiaken to eat him raw. The and the unlucky trickster had to escape by a side door with the assistance of the police.

A Novel Plaster
In the Paris flower markets may now be seen countrywomen offering bunches of white lily flowers for sale. A grea number of these are purchased - the reader may think as political emblems-not so, they are to preserve in brandy. Th petals are pulled off one by one and put into wide-mouthed pickle bottles containing ordinary eau-de-vie. They are kep in this way from year to year. When any one receives a ru or wound a bran lied lily-petal is produced, applied to the place, and fastened there with a bandage. Very powerful eral is the belief, that many grocers' shops keep in stock \& glass jar of lily petals, which they retail at a sou a piece. But it is more probable the benefit proceeds rather from the sti mulating action
from the flower

Practising What He Preached.
This story is told of Rev. Mr. Herrick, once settled at Worthington, Mass. : He collected his owu salary, for which ever blacksmith, one day, he said: "I have a small bill D., the you." "And for what ?" "For have a small bill against ing?" said Mr. D. "I have heard none of your preach ing" "The fault is your own," said Mr. H. "The doors hav been open, and you might have come in." Not long after, as Mr. H. was one day passing the blacksmith shop, Mr. D., hail ing him, said, "I have a small bill against you." "And for what?" said Mr. H. "F"r shoeing your horse," replied M D. "For shoeing my horse? I have had no horse shod here," said Mr. H. "The fault is your own," replied Mr. D. "The doors have been open, and you might have come in." Mr. H. paid the bill and passed on.

## Photographing Sea-Depths.

Dr. Newmayer recently exhibited before the Berlin Geography to determ an apparatus designed by the aid of photogra the bottom of the ses Therature and set of the carrents a box, containing a rudder to be acted on by the current, a compass, and a thermometer. Sensitized paper is put in the box, in such a position that when light is introduced into the box shadows of the radder, compass, needle, and mercury column will be thrown on the paper. When the box reaches the bottom of the sea an electric current is sent down to the box to produce sufficient light to act upon the sensitized pape and fix the shadows of the indicators. The shadows of the set of the current, and the when compared, will show the position at the time light was introduce mercury column it

An Ornithological Babbage.
The Baltimore American says: "A wonderful performance is done by a paroquet in a street exhibition of trained birds now being given here. This bird walks to the centre of the chair near a bell. To the clapper of the bell there is attached a small cord, and anyone in the crowd is allowed to ask the bird to strike any number of times upon the bell. If asked to strike ten times, he leaves the chair, seizes the bell rope, and pulls it ten times, after which he bows and returns to his seat. This was repeated a great many times, and with one exception the bird but after that take. times, but after that he refuses, and his owner states that he but it appears that his memory gives ont at that point, and he is unable to count further.'

## An Erring Pastor.

It is a common practice among the people in the country parts of Scotland to have something special to set before th nell was then they know he is to come visiting. Mrs. O'Connell was unprepared-for visit. "Well, Mrs. O'Oonnell, how
do matters stand with you to-day ?" said the minister
"Well, sir," she replied, "I have just red herring." "Oh! you have read ' Erring;' I am so delighted at that!" exclaimed the minister, a newly published religious book of his bearing the title Erring: Its Cause and Cure. Seeing the minister delighted at what she had said, she fortbwith proceeded to put a couple of the herrings upon the fire. The sight, the sound the smell, soon made his reverence take to his heels; while the astonished housewife ran after him, exclaiming, "Parson parson! parson! Hypocrite ! hypocrite! Say one way, act another!

The Locomotive Music Of The Future.
The performances of the locomotive whistle, we are told, have been systematized on a Western railway. Seven whistles
are to indicate "down breaks "" 32 whistles, "up breaks;" 40 whistles and two snorts, a "back up." The instructions add : "In case of doubt, whistle like the d-l ;" at street crossing whistle "considerably." Again: "Always whistle before dinner. Require the fireman to keep the whistle valve open during dinner. After dinner, whistle and squirt water; then back up. Then go ahead with a whistle, a squirt, and a ring." "This sibillant meth $\times$ d being achieved, may we not hope," says a writer in the New York Tribune, "that the scream of the engine may in time be modined into something melodions? Then, indeed, 'down hars' pley the chromatic acale for 'up breats' the salo in C' 'for s ' back up, the first six bars up breaks, the scale in ; in case of doubt, a double trill and at street crossings, a series of significant runs. This, with some wild adagio to be performed after accidents, should the locomotive be well enough to appear, would render the signal system very complete.'

## The Income Of The Royal Family.

The Prince of Wales has $£ 40,000$ a year, plus the revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall, which now amount to over $£ 100,000$ per annum. The Duke of Edinburg had $£ 15,000$ yearly granted him on reaching his majority, which was made up last year Russis. Prince Russia. Prince Arthur, now Duke of Connaught, has $£ 15,000$ Princess Victoria was granted an annuity of allowance. Th her marriage with the Crown Prince of Prussia, plus a dower her marriage with the Crown Prince of Prussia, plus a dower and the Princess Louise, had each a grant of $£ 6,000$ a year and dowers of $£ 30,000$ on their marriages. Thera remains the Princess Beatrice, now 17 and unmarried, the expense of whose support is borne by her mother. Taking no account of the Cornwall revenues, but including only the sums actually disbursed yearly to the Queen's children out of the public Treasury, the total is $£ 121,000$, which is the interest on $£ 3$ 630,000 . The dowries the girls have had amount in all to $£ 130,000$, which is a mere trifle to add to such a total. The
Queen has $£ 360,000$ or it may be only $£ 340,000$-a year or Queen has $£ \mathbf{£} 360,000 \rightarrow$ or it may be only $£ 340,000-$ a year, or
the interest on over $£ \mathbf{£} \mathbf{0}, 000,000$.

## The Quaker And The Hackmen.

The Boston Bulletin gives the following ludicrous account of the experience of a Quaker with New York hackmen: "A tall, portly, dignifi d citizen of the Quaker persuasion, wel and, having no ba gage but a light travelling satchel, was utterly oblivious to the appeals of the hackmen as he emerged from the railway station.
"' Fee-thsvanoo Hotel! Fifth Avenoo-goin' ritup! Fifth Avnoo!'
"Broadbrim stalked right on withont a word. Another knight of the whip charged down upon him.
"'Say Nicholas Hotel! Say Nicholas Hotel coach? This " for the $\mathbf{S}^{\prime}$ Nicholas!
his ap response from the passenger, and nota muscle moved at "'Kerridge, sir, kirridge? Wanter ride up?"
"' Kerridge, sir, kirridge ? Wanter ride up ?'
"' Winsur House! Whose going up to the Winsur?
""Astor House, sir?'
Right down Broadwey!, Brevoort?' 'Metropolitan Hotel ?' 'Right down Broadway!' 'Ere you are ; kerridge, sir ? "The traveller loomed up like a ten pin among vinegar cru'ts and, with face as placid as a pan of milk, was calmly and fter him with something like amazoment when audden thought seemed to strike one who running a ther haden hold of one of the handles of his travelling bas hold of one of the handles of his travelling bag-
"if and Dumb Asylum, sir! Going right up
"This was too much. Dignity relaxed into a laugh, and the driver got a fare for a downtown hotel."

## A Disconsolate Brahmin.

A curious tale of a pious Brahmin is told by the Sumsher Bahadoor:-One day a Brahmin accidentally touched some unclean object with his little finger. The Brahmin though that now his little finger having become unclean any suband thus make him an unclean man. Seeing no-other way to get out of the scrape he resulved to get the offending member amputated. Forthwith he went to a carpenter's and explained to him that unless the finger was cut off he (the Brahmin) wa ansble to take food. The carpenter tried to dissuade the devotee, and urged that an application of a litile cowdung and some drops of water from the sacred river Ganga would mak said that the finger was of no to him any persisted. He said that the finger wae of no use to him any longer, and that he would not resplar to play his awk ward customer a trick He told the Brahmin to put his finger on an anvil and to look to the sky while the wound was inflicted. The Brahmin did so. The carpenter took up a hatchet, and gave the finger a smart blow with the back of it. This elicited a cry of pain from the patient, who at once put the finger into his mouth to allay the agony. The carpenter langhing explained to the Brahmin that the blow had missed and the little finger wa still entire; and, worst of all, that the Brahmin had defiled himself by putting the finger into his mouth. The obliging operator, moreover, offered to perform the operation once more but the Brahmin had had enough pain for the nonce, and de-
clined with thanks.

## A SUPERSTITIOUS STRUGGLE

A writer on "Saperstitions" in the Chicago Tribune says "If a light goes out onexpectedly or you extinguish it acci dentally you must speak no word until you have relighted it. until some are found and utilized, or fire and fearfal troubles will follow. An incident of this kind occurred not long ago. A well-known ancient maiden lady, well up in all super-reli-
gious commandments and articles of faith, suddenly pat out gious commandments and articles of faith, suddenly put out
her odorous kerosene-illuminator. Not a match was seen, not a spark of fire, as from parlor to kitchen she wended. What should she do? A mile to the nearest store and a quarter of a mile to her nearest neighbours. She had just lighted her lamp
to see about finding her sun-bonnet, that she might carry to see about finding her sun-bonnet, that she might carry
the news that she had just learned from a neighbour of a little unpleasantness between two other neighbours, when a gust of might be the fearfal result. Grasping a pencil, she rushed to the neighbour's, and on a hage piece of brown paper wrote in Brobdingnagian characters the word 'matches.' Her face
worked convulsively: her tongue protruded : she clasped one worked convulsively : her tongue protruded : she clasped one
hand over her mouth. They implored her to speak, and the convulsions of her features were frightful to witness. She waved her hand hysterically. She wote 'matches in characters of all sizes; and at last, in letters which, had they been
the sounds they represented, would have been stentorian. want matches! They brought them to her, and she rushed back. The good friends were alarined. Was she insane? Had
she any unformed purpose of cremation? They followed her. She first match was damp and refused to ignite. A groan, a gasp, an invisible convulsion. The secoud lighted and went top. The fourth was a fraud and had no igniting principles top. The fifth burned steadily; and the struggie which had evidently been yoing on in darknenes, the fearful spasm which
might be hydrophobia, perhaps, passed off as the wick flamed might be hydrophobia, perhaps, passed off as the wick flamed
up, and she hoarsely gasped out to her terrified and sympathetic neighbours who had followed her home, 'They say Deacon Jones and Mrs. Jones are goin' to get a divorce.' Could
any deity demand greater sacrifice of a devotee than this good any deity demand greater sacrifice of a devo'
lady's offiring at the shrine of the occult ?"

## A MODEL.

Matilda Fletcher thus describes a farmer's wife who is not only beautiful and wise, but possesses several cardinal virtu =s in addition: "The most beautiful woman I have ever knuwn
was a farmer's wife, who uttended to the household duties $f$, was a farmer's wife, who attended to the honsehold duties for
a family of four, and also assisted in gardening and the light farm work; and yet I never saw her hands rough and red, and never even saw a freckle on her nose. Impossible I you say;
how did she manage? I never asked her, but she had some how did she manage? I never asked her, but she had som envious neighbours who went slouching around with red, scaly hands, sunburnt facee, and hair matted with dust and oil, who
let me into the dreadful secret. They informed me with many let me into the dreadful secret. They informed me with many minx that ever lived; that she actually wore india-rubber minx that ever lived; that she actuasy wore she the broom and scrubbing.brush and always when she worked out-doors ; that she also had a bonnet made of oil-silk, completely covering the head, faç and neck, leaving only apertures for seeing and breathing, thus securing perfeet freedom from sun, wind, and dust. Did you ever hear of auch depravity? She also fastened her dish-cloth to a stick so that she need not put her hands in hot-water. For the same reason she accomplished her laundry work with a ma-
chine and wringer. And then to see her in the afternoon chine and wringer. And then to see her in the afternoon
tricked out in a fashionable white dress, with a bright-coloured tricked out iu a fashionable white dress, with a bright-coloured
ribbon at her throat, and a rose in her hair, entertaining in the ribbon at her throat, and a rose in her hair, entertaining in the
parlor, as though she was the greatest lady in the land, was parlor, as though she was the greatest lady in the land, way
more than thuir patience could endure. And her husband ! more had such a satisfied expression that it was a perfect aggravation to ordinary people to look at him. He deserved to
be happy, becaus $\rightarrow$ he encouraged and helped her to cultivate beauty in herself, her family, and her home ;and I don't know but her success principally belonged to him, because he brought all the new inventions that could lighten her lajours and all the delicate and pretty things she needed to adorn her home, and when she was sick he wouldn't let her touch work until she was well and strong. Strange as it may seem, at such
times he actually devoted himself to her with as much care times he actually devoted himself to her with as much care
and tenderness as he would if she had been the most valaable and tenderness as
horse on the farm."

## DRAMATIC GOSSIP.

Ristori is at present in Brazil.
Barry Sullivan is about to visit the States.
Luccia returns to this continent in October.
Rubinstein is to produce his oratorio "The Demon," in Paris next winter.
The opening of the new Opera House at Paris is definitely fixed for the list January next.
Charlotte Thompson has made here re-appearance at the Union Square Theatre, New York, in " Jane Eyre."
Lotta (Miss Crabtree) has purchased a residence in Oakla d,
California, and intends settling down there in the intervals of her "career."
Miss Edith Winn, report has it, will soon leave the stage to fulfill an engagement of marriage with an English gentleman, whither she will return with him.
Leon Vassear's new opera bouffe, "La 'limbale d'Argent," with Marie Aimee in the leading role.
Miss Lottie Montal, a prima dunna from Australia, has appeared at the Alhambra, London, in the place of Miss Kate
Mr. Julius Perkins, the young American basso of Her s Mlle Marie Rose, recently. They sing together in Londo in the fall.
Di Reschi, a Polish singer now appearing at the Drury Lane Italian Opera, is a mere boy, voice, and picture
one of these days.

Mr. J. L. Toole, the well-known English comedian, made his first appearance on the American stage on the 17 th inst.
at Wallick's Theatre, New York. "Wig and Gown" was the piece of the evening.
The tenor Nicolini has made an ongagement for the next carnival at Rome to sing in Verdi's "Aida." He has signed an agreement for three months, from the 20 th of December part of the same company.
Vieuxtemps, the violinist, who had long been unable to make up his mind to leave Brussels, and whom the Belgian Government, in accord with the director of the Conservatoire, taking up his residence in Paris definitively. His successor will be Henry Wieniawski, the celebrated Polish virtuoso.
The Popolo Romano announces that Verdi has been named by Marshal McMahon a Knight of the Legion of Honour, but order, having received the first grade at the time of the per rder, having received the first grade at the time of the per
formance of the "Vêpres Siciliennes," written for the Paris Opera, and having been promoted to the grade of officer when Don Carlos" was brought out on the same stage.
The New York opera season opened yesterday, the 28thAmong the pieces that will be mounted are Gounod's "RR", moo
and Juliet," Verdi's "Requiem," Marchetti's "Ruy Blas," and Wagners' "Flying Dutchman;", there are also to be revivals
of the "Prophet," the "Star of the North," and "William Tell," and the successes of last season, "Lohengrin," and "Aida, will be again put upon the stage. The company is of great
excellence, including Mlle. Albani, Mlle. Heilbron, who has
triumphantly passed the ordeal of both London and Paris triumphantly passed the ordeal of both London and Paris; Mme. Polentini, a "dramatic " soprano from La Scala; Mlle. Aaresi and that prime favoorite and advancing artiste, Mios
Annie Louise Cary, prime donne ; Carlo Carpi, Dコbassini, and Devillier, tenors; Tagliapietra and Del Paente, baritones Florini and Scolara, basees; and Signor Muzio chef d'orchestre.
A Paris correspondent of The Daily Graphic says that two American girls are studying masic in that city, both of whon bott, of New York, and Miss Montague, of Baltimore. Miss Abbott sang a few weeks ago in the American church in Paris, and produced a most remarkable effect. Although a delicate little girl, she has a most powerful voice, and sings with sin gular power and expression. She has six masters a day, teaching her elocution, vocalization, dramatization, to play the
drum, and the innumerable other things an opera singer must drum, and the innumerable other things an opera singer must
know. Her Maestro is Wariel, Nilsson's instructor, who teaches know. Her diecstro is Wariel, Nilsson's instructor, whother-if
the old Italian method of planting one note on ano anybody knows how that is done. She expectts to make her
debut in Paris the coming winter. The Baroness de Rothschild debut in Paris the coming winter. The Barone8s de Rothschild has taken a great fancy to her, given her ten thousand francs, and tells her she may continue her studies as long as she likes,
and she will pay her bills. Miss Montague is also a Wartel pupil, or was, until she exchanged him for a real Italian. She pupil, or was, until she exchanged him for a real titaliar. She tial in a the three requisites that Rossini declared to be essen man who heard her sing at one of Colonel James Fairman' artistic soirese, declared in his enthusiasm that she had a revenue of 500,000 francs a year in her throat.

## THE LITERARY WORLD.

Bret Harte's last story was written in a single night, and he got $\$ 500$ for it.
Mme. Proudhon has written to the papers asking for the loan of any letters written by her late husband, with the object of making the volume of his correspondence, which is to appear shortly under her editorship, as complete as possible.
Two of the Paris communists will have articles in next month's London magazines. Henri Rochefort will write in
the Fortnightly Reviev on "The Revolution of September, the Fortnightly Review on "The Revolution of September, 1870", and Camille Barriere in Macmillan on "Victor Hugo's Dramas."
M. Ernest Renan has written a new book, "La Mission en Phénicie," an acconnt of the scientific researches in Syria during the sojourn of the French army in 1860-1. The work is an interesting record of the various Phoonician monaments,
and contains some excellent illustrations.
Mr. Hepworth Dizon starts this autumn for a business tour in the United States. He is to lecture in the large cities, to revisit Utah, and to push on to California. Another intending visitor to the States, but not until next year, is Mrs. Ross
Church, the noveligt. She is to give readinge, for which she Church, the novelist. She is
is said to possess great ability.
Yet another Biblical theory has been started by a litterateur of Cairo, Henry Brugsch Bey, who declares in a pamphlet, cross the Red Sea at all in their pere, that the Israelites did no cross the Red Sea at all in their exodus from Egypt, but a por-
tion of the Mediterranean Sea, which during high tides covered tion of the Mediterranean Sea, which during high tides covered
Among the not too numerous interesting works publishe lately is S. Campanella's "My Life, and What I Learnt in It." the author was formerly a monk at Rome, and took part in the
attempt to liberate Italy twenty-six years ago. He has long attempt, to liberate italy twenty-six years ago. He has long
since thrown off his cowl, and is now a married $m$ in well advanced in years. The book is a very instructive one.
Mr. Wilkie Collins"'s new story, "The Frozen Deep," which is about to appear simultaneousiy in an Eaglish and an American magazine, will be published in complete book form early
in October by Messrs. W. F. Gill \& Co., of Boston, and Mr. Collins has communicated to his friends in the United States an account of the history of his novel, which will be embodied in the preface to its complete form. The tale is founded on his play, which will be remembered as having been performed seventeen years ago by a famous company of amateurs, under
the management of the late Mr. Charles Dickens, and "in re. the management of the late Mr. Charles Dickens, and "in re-
membrance of the late Mr. Douglas Jerrold." In the cast of membrance of the late Mr. Douglas Jerrold." In the cast of
the piece, which was described as a romantic drama, and had the piece, which was described as a romantic drama, and had names of Mr. Dickens himself, his brother Alf, and his bills as "Mr. Young Charles"), Mr. Shirley Brooks Mr. Aubills as "Mr. Young Charles"), Mr. Shirley Brooks, Mr. Au-
gustus Egg, Mr. Charles Collins, and others. It was played gustus Egg, Mr. Charies Collins, and others. It was played
at the Olympic, under Mr. Horace Wigan's management, and last winter the author tried the experiment of reading a narrative version in Boston. This was a great success, and he
the enlarged story which is now to be given to the public.

## ODDITIES.

The fool seeketh to pick a fiy from a mule's hind leg. The wise man letleth out the job to the lowest bldder. of Petrarch in a morning journal says "he was born of a rich but honest father."
Rector's daughter to Sunday schoolboy: "Ob, you have an
elder brother; well, how old is he?" Sehoolboy_"Dunno, elder brother; well, how old is he ?
miss, but he has just started o'sweariug."
miss, but he has just started Liscoln made when sixteen yerrs
The log cabin which Mr. Lincole
old, stands in seven different countles in Ilinois, and they haven't got through counting yet.
The first mosquito of the season was captured near Newark N.J., recently, after killing two dogs and biting off nine inche of his captor's ear.-N. Y. Mail.

Sam, why don't you talk to your master and tell him to lay
treasures in Heaven!" "What's de use of him to lay up up treasures in Heaven!" "What's de use
treasures up dar? He never see um again."

Milwaukee woman, far gone with consumption, begged the doctor to give her something that would keep
the verdist of the Beecher Committee was pubished.
"My son, now that the boys have won at Saratoga, and there by shown the mental superiority of the college facuity, I would like to send you
near Brooklyn."
A young woman at Trenton, who was sleeping with her feet hanging out of the chamber window, was struck by lightning
and almost torn to pieces. The other Trenton women have taken their feet in.
The Zlonsville giris don't spend " all their time trging to climb the holy hill of Zion," for on their way home from pic-nics they Indianapolis Herald
Andianapolis Herald. to the State prison for horse stealing, applied to his employers "to be continued on the journal as penitentiary correspoadent. At Niblo's, the other evening, when "Catherine Gaunt" pre At Niblo's, the other even ag, whage of letters with the speech, "These will prove my innocence," a gallery god shouted shrilly Give 'em to Moulton !
The boy who, when asked to what trade he would wish to be brought up, replied, "I will be a trustee, because ever since papa child in his generation.
The Buffalo Express cannot understand how eo large a paper asks where the boys stand to fold it. The folding is probabl asks where the boys stand to fore the plenty of room.
done on the mall trains where
An Ottumwa boy charged a stump with blasting powder, at tached a fuse to blow it up, and got on the fence to see ths fun He isn't collected enough yet to tell how funny it was, although he citizens are collecting him in different parts of the suburbs A Pennsylvania boy got so homesick that he walked seventy-
eight miles, without eating, in order to sit down once more at eight miles, without eating, in order to sit whe warth recelved with such warmth by his male parent that he was several days before bo could sit down anywhere.
A rustic couple, newly married, marched into a drug store and ca. led for soda water. The obliging clerk inquired what syrup they would have in it, when the swain, delliberately leanige
over the counter, replied: "Stranger, money is no object to me; put sugar in it."
The MIlwaukee Sentinel is authority for the statement that the grasshoppers on their way South stopped a rallroad train,
and got coples of St. Paul papers. When they read that only a and got copies of St. Paul papers. When they read that only a
small portion of the crops had been destroyed, they started back to finish up the job.
"Can you tell me where the wicked boys go who fish on Sunday ?" asked a sober-looking gentleman of a little chap who had worms and a rod. "Yes; some of 'em goes to the river, and them as is very wlace at the lake."
"It is a beautiful sight to attend an Arizona wedding. The bride in white-the happy groom-the solemn minister-the smiling parents, and from twenty-five to forty shot guns standing against the wall ready for use, make up a panorama not soon forgotten."
A pretty American woman sailing to Liverpool a year or two ago with her baby, fell into a pensive mood one day on ship-
deck, and was asked by a friend what she was thinking about. "I was thinking." she replied with frank nxivete, "of something mean to say to those English."
A Burlington man and his wife visited a soda fountain. He said he would take "crusade" syrup in his. Much to his horror
nis wife said that she would also try "crusade." But the drugnis wife said that she would also try "crusade." But the drug-
gist knew his business, and the woman wlaced ander the torgist knew his business, and the womas
tures of hot ginger. Her husband was saved.
"Papa, do you think Beech-" "Hush, Johnnie." "But, papa, don't you think Beech-" "Dinn't you hear me tell you
to stop your noise, sir ? I won't have you talking about these things. Go in and get your face washed." And Johnnle, with tears in his eyes, wants to know why papa won't tell him whether beechnuts are ripe
A pompous village ciergy man felt his dignity mightlly offended by a clubby-faced lad who was passing him without moving
his hat. "Do you know who I am, sir, that you pass me in that his hat. "Do you know who I am, sir, that you pass me in that
unmannerly way? You are better fed than taught, I think, sir." unmannerly way ? You are better fed than taught, I think, sir."
"Whew I may be it is so, for you teaches me, but I feeds my-
A small boy, telling bis "pals" how he came to be detected stealing apples in a grocery store, proceeded thus: "Woll, I didn't care so durned much about beln' seen, but the clerk was cross-eyed, an' I thought he was watchin' a dorg fight 'cross
street, but he was lookin' square unto me, an' he helped me clean into the gutter !

Prof. Braun is a man whose name is frequently mentioned in
he Southern newspapers with such personal remarks as the following: " He is an undersized German teacher of languages, disunguisied by his unparalleled cheek and his remarkable unfamiliarity with truth as an abstract principle; indeed, it may sald that with him truth sish
A stuinp orator out West, wishing to describe his opponent as
soulless man, did it in this wise: "I have heard," sald be, a soulless man, did it in this wise: "I have heard," said be,
"some persons hold to the opinion that just at the precise in. stant after one human bein. dies another is born, and that the soul of the deceased enters and anlmates ihe new-born babe Now I have made particular and extensive inquiries concerning my opponent there, and I find that for some hours previous to his nativity nobody
This is how it happened down in South. West Missourl
He found a rope, and picked it up,
And with it walked away
It happened that to t'other end
A horse was hitched, they say
They found a tree, and tied the rope
Unto a swlinging limb
Unto a swinging limb,
Wappened that the other end
womehow hitched to him



## GROWING UP.

Oh to keep them still around us, baby daringgs, Presh and pure,
" Mother's " smile their pleasures crowning, "mother's " kiss their sorrows' cure;
Pattering feet, and eager proet, sunny curis, and radiant eyes, One bright head above the other, tiny hands that clung and Little forms,
Little forms, that close enfolding, all of Love's best gifts were grasped;
Sporting in th
Bidding all the bright world e
mirth.
Oh to keep them; how they gladdened all the path from day to What gay, d
What gay dream + we farhloned of them, as in rosy sleep they
thought was huiled,
As each bark went floating seeward, love-bedecked and fancy-
sailed
Gllding from our joalous watching, gliding from our clinging hold,
Lo ! the bra
buds unfold;
Fast to lip, and cheek, and tresses steals the maiden's bashful
Fast the fra
boy.
Neither love nor longing keeps them ; soon in other shape than
ours
Those young hands will seize their weapons, build their castles,
soon a fresher hope will brighten the dear eyes we trained to
see ;
Soon a closer love than ours in those wakening hearts will be.
So it is, and well it is so; fast the river nears the main,
Sackward yearnings are but idle; dawning never glows again; slow and sure the distance deepens, slow and sure the links are
rent;
Let us pluck our autumn roses, with their sober bom content

## NINETY-THREE.

BY VICTOR HUGO.

## PART THE THIRD. in vendee.

## BOOK THE FIRST.

## II.-Doz.

Although very difficult to astonish he was stupefied. He had not been prepared for anything of the sort. Who could it be? Evidently it was not Gauvain. No man would attack a force that numbered four to his one. Was it Lechelle? But could he have made such a forced march ? Lechelle was im-
probable, Ganvain, impossible. probable, Gauvain, impossible.
countered the flying inhabitants; he questioned them he encountered the flying inhabitants; he questioned them; they
were mad with terror; they cried, "The Blues! The Blues!" When he arrived the situation was a bad one.

This is what happened.

## III.-Small Armirs and Grmat Baftles.

As we have just seen, the peasants, on arriving at Dol, dispersed themselves through the town, each man following his
own fancy, as happens when troops "obey from friendship"a favourite expression with the Vendeans-a species of obedience which makes heroes but not troopers. They thrust the artillery out of the way along with the baggage, under the arches of the old market-hall. They were weary; they ate, drank, counted their rosaries, and lay down pell-mell across the principal street, which was encumbered rather than guarded.
As night came on the greater portion fell asleep, with their heads on their knapsacks, some having their wives beside them, for the peasant, women often followed their husbands, and the robust ones acted as spies. It was a mild July evenThe ; the constellations glittered in the deep purple of the sky. The entire bivouac, which resembled rather the halt of a caradenly, amid the dull gleams of twilight, such as had not yet deniy, amid the dull gleams of twilight, such as had not yet
closed their eyes saw three pieces of ordnance pointed at the entrance of the street.
It was Gauvain's artillery. He had surprised the main guard. He was in the town, and his columin held the top of the street. his musket ; a cannon shot replied. Then a furious discharge of musketry burst forth. The whole drowsy crowd sprang up with a start. A rude shock, to fall asleep under the stars and wake under a volley of grape-shot. The first moments were terrific. There is nothing so tragic as the aimless sweariny of a thunder-stricken crowd. They flung themselves on their arms. They yelled, they ran; many fell. The assaulted peasants no longer knew what they were about, and blindly shot each other. The townspeople, stunned with fright, rushed in and out of their houses, and wandered frantically amid the bat, in which women and children wore mingled. The balls, as they whistled overhead, streaked the darkness with rays of light. A fusillade poured from every dark corner. There was nothing but smoke and tumult. The entanglement of the baygage-waggons and the cannon-carriages was added to the confusion. The horses became unmanageable. The wounded were trampled under foot. The groans of the poor wretches, helpless on the ground, filled the air. Horror here-stupefaction there. Soldiers and officers sought for one another. In the midst of all this could be seen creatures made indifferent to the a wful scene by personal preoccupations. A woman sat nursing her new-born babe, seated on a bit of wall, against
which her husband leaned with his leg broken; and be, while
bis blood was flowing, tranquilly loaded his rifle and fired a lat on the ground fired him into the darkness. Men lying lat on the ground fired across the spokes of the waggon then the great voices of the cannon drowned all. It was awful.
It was like a felling of trees; they dropped one upon another. Gauvain poured out a deadly fire from his ambush and suffered little loss.
Still the peasants, courageous amid their disorder, ended by putting themselves on the defensive; they retreated into the market-a vast obscure redoubt, a forest of stone pillars. There they again made a stand; anything which resembled a Lantenac as best he could. Imânus supplied the absence of cantenac as best he could. They had cannon, but, to the that was owing to the fact that the artillery officers use of it ; with the marquis to reconnoitre Mont Dol ond the peasants did not know how to manage the culverins and demi-culverins; but they riddled with balls the Blues who cannonaded them They replied to the grapeshot by volleys of musketry. It was now they who were sheltered. They had heaped together the drays, the tumbrils, the casks, all the litter of the old market and improvised a lofty barricade, with openings through which they could pass their carbines. From these holes their fusillade was murderous. The whole was quickly arranged. In a
quarter of an hour the market presented an impregnable
front. This
This became a serious matter for Gauvain. This market suddenly transformed into a citadel was unexpected. The
peasants were inside it, massed and solid Gauvain's peasants were inside it, massed and solid. Gauvain's surprise
had succeeded, but he ran the risk of defeat. He got down had succeeded, but he ran the risk of defeat. He got down his arms folded, clutching his sword in one hand, erect, in the glare of a torch which lighted his battery.
The gleam, falling on his tall figure made him visible to the men behind the barricade. He become an aim for them, but he did not notice it.
The shower of balls sent out from the barricade fell about him as he stood there, lost in thought.
But he could oppose cannon to all these carbines, and cannon always ends by getting the advantage. Victory rests with him who has the artillery. His battery, well manned, insured hira the superiority
Suddenly a lightning-like flash burst from the shadowy market; there was a sound like a peal of thunder, and a ball broke through a house above Gauvain's head. The barricade was replying to the cannon with its own voice. What had happened? Something new had occurred. The artillery was no longer confined to one side.
A second ball followed the first and buried itself in the wall These balls were of a heavy calibre. It was a sixted. pounder that fired.
"They are aiming at you, commandant," cried the artillerymen. picked up his hat The marquis had in fact aimed at Ganvain-it was Lantenac. opposite side

Imánus had hurried to meet him.
" Monsieur, we are surprised."
"I do not know."
"Is the route to Dinan free?"
"I think so."
"We must begin a retreat."
"It has commenced. A good many have run away."
"We must not run; we must fall back. Why are you not
making use of this artillery?" making use of this artillery?
"There"
"I am come."
"Monseigneur, I have sent towards Fougères all I could of the baggage, the women, everything useless. What is to be "Ah, those children !" prisoners?
"Ah, those children!"
"They
"They are our hostages. Have them taken to La Tourgue." arrival of the chief the whole face of affairs changed the barricade was ill-constructed for artillery ; there was only room for two cannon; the marquis put in position a couple of sixteen pounders, for which loopholes were made. As he leaned over oue of the guns, watching the enemy's battery through the opening, he perceived Ganvain.
"Is it he!" cried the marquis.
Then he took the swab and rammer himself, loaded the piece, sighted it, and fired.

Thrice he aimed at Gauvain and missed. The third time he only succeeded in knocking his hat off.
"Numbskull!" muttered Lantenac; "a little lower, and I should have taken his head.
fore him "So be it," said he
Then turning toward the peasant guuners, he cried, "Now let them have it."
Gauvain, on his side, was not less in earnest. The serinusness of the situation increased. A new phase of the combat develuped itself. 'The barricade had begun to use cannon Who could tell if it was not about to pass from the defensive to the offensive? He had before him, after deducting the killed and fugitives, at least five thousand combatants, and he had left only twelve hundred serviceable men. What would happen to the Republicans if the enemy perceived their paucity of numbers? The rolles were reversed. He had been the assailant-he would become the assailed. If the barricade ere to make a sortie, everything might be lost.
What was to be done? He could no longer thine
ing the barricade in front; an attempt at main force of attackfoolhardy ; twelve hundred men cannot dislodge five would be To rush upon them was impossible ; to wait would be fatal To rush upon them was impossible
He must make an end. But how?
Gauvain belonged to the neighbourhood; he was acquainted with the town; he knew that the old market-house where th Veadeans were entrenched was backed by a labyrinth of nar row and crooked streets.
He turned toward his lieutenant, who was that valiant Cap-
tain Guéchamp, afterwards famous for clearing out the forest of Concise, where Jean Chouan was born, and for preventing
the capture of Bourgneuf by holding the dyke of La Chaine "Guéchamp".
"Guéchamp," said he, "I leave you in command. Fire as fast as you can. Riddle the barricade with cannon bails. Keep "I understand," said Guéchamp.
"Mass the whole column with their guns loaded, and hold them ready to make an onslaught."

## He added a few words in Guéchamp's ear

"I hear," said Guéchamp.
Gauvain resumed : "Are all ourdrummers on foot?"
"Yes."
"We have nine. Keep two and give me seven.
The seven drummers ranged themselves in silence in front
Then he said : "Battalion of the Bonnet Rouge!"
Twelve men, of whom one was a sergeant, stepped out from the main body of the troop.
"Here it is" replied the sation," said Gauvain.
"Here it is," replied the sergeant
"You are twelve!"
"It is well," said of us left
This sergeant was the good, rude trooper Radoub, who had adopted, in the name of the battalion, the three children they had encountered in the wood of La Saudraie.
It will be remembered that only a demi-battalion had been exterminated at Herbe-en-Pail, and Radoub was fortunate enough not to have been among the number.
There was a forage waggon standing near; Gauvain pointed "Sergeant with his finger.
"Sergeant, order your men to make some atraw-ropes and twist them about their guns, so that there will be no noise if they knock together."
A minute passed; the order was silently executed in the
"It is done," said the sergeant.
"Soldiers, take off your shoes," commanded Gauvain.
"We have none," returned the sergeant.
They numbered, counting the drummers, nineteen men;
Gauvain made the twentieth.
He cried :" Follow me ! Single file! The drummers next to me-the battalion behind them. Sergeant, you will commacd the battalion."
He put himself at the head of the column, and while the firing on both sides continued these twenty men, gliding along like shadows, planged into the deserted lanes. The line marched thus for some time, twisting along the fronts of the hidden in their cellars. Every door was barred, every shutter closed. No light to be seen anywhere.
Amid this silence the principal street kept up its din; the alist barricade spit forth their volleys with undiminished fury.
After twenty minutes of this tortuous march Gauvain, who kept his way unerringly through the darkness, reached the end of a lane which led into the broad street, but on the other side of the market-house.
The position was altered. In this direction there was no intrenchment, according to the eternal imprudence of barri-cade-builders; the market was open and the entrance free, among the piliars where some baggage-waggons stood ready sand Vendeans before them, but their backs instead of their sand
faces.
Gauvain spoke in a low voice to the sergeant; the soldiers posted themselves in from their gans; the twelve grenadiers the seven drummers waited with their drumsticks lifted. The artillery firing was intermittent. Suddenly, in a pause between the discharges, Gauvain waved his sword, and cried, in a voice which rang like a trumpet through the silence: "Two hundred men to the right-two hundred men to the left-all the rest in the centre."
The twelve muskets fired, and the seven drums beat.
Gauvain uttered the formidable battle-cry of the Blues"To your bayonets ! Down upon them!"
The effect was prodigious.
This whole peasant mass felt itself surprised in the rear, and believed that it had a fresh army at its back. At the champ commanded at the head of the street began to move sounding the charge in its turn, and flung itself at a run on the barricade. The peasants found theng itself at a run on fires. Panic magnifies; a pistol-shot sounds like the report of a cannon; in móments of terror the imagination heightens every noise; the barking of a dog sounds like the roar of a lion. Ad'1 to this the fact that the peasant catches fright as easily as thatch catches fire, and as quickly as a blazing thatch becomes a conflagration a panic among peasants becomed a rout. An indescribably confused flight ensued.
In a few instants the market-hall was empiy; the terrified rustics broke away in all directions; the officers were powerless; Imânus uselessly killed two or three fugitives ; nothing was to be heard but the cry: "Sava oursolves!" The army poured through the streets of the town like water through the rapidity of a cloud carried along the open country with the rapidity of a cloud carried along by a whiriwind Some fled Autrain.
The Marquis de Lantenac watched this stampede. He spiked the guns with his own hands and then retrested-the last of all, slowly, composedly, saying to himself: "Decidedly the

## IV.-"It is the Sacond Time."

The victory was complete.
Gauvain moved toward the men of the Bonnet Rouge battalio :, and said, "Yon are twelve, but you are equal to a thousand."
Praise from a chief was the cross of honour of those times. Guéchamp, despatched beyoud the town of Gauvain, pur Torches were lighted and the to n number.
Tould not wesce lighted and the town was searched. All who could not escape surrendered. They illuminated the principal street with fire-pots. It was strewn with dead and dying. The root of a combat must always be torn out; a few desperate
groups here and there still resisted-they were surrounded, and threw down their arms.
Gauvain had remarked, amid the frantic pell-mell of the re-
protected the flight of others, but had not himself fled. This peasant had used his gun so energetically-the barrel for firing, the batt-end for knocking down-that he had broken it now he grasped a pistol in one hand and a sabre in the other No one dared approach him. Suddenly Ganvain saw him reel and support himself against a pillar of the broad street. The man had just been wounded. But he still clutched the sabre
and pistol in his fists. Gauvain put his sword under his arm and went up to him.

Surrender," said he
The man looked steadily at him. The blood ran through pool at his feet.
"You are my prisoner," added Gauvain.
The man remained silent.
The man answered, "I am called the Shadow-dancer.
"You are a brave man," said Gauvain.
And he held out his hand.
The man cried, "Long live the king!"
Gathering up all his remaining strength be raised both arms at once, fired his pistol at ciarvain's heart, and dealt him a He did it with with his sabre.
He did it with the swifiness of a tiger, but some une else had been still more prompt. This was a man on horseback, who had arrived nnobserved a fow minutes before. This man, him and Gauvain. But for this interposition Gauvain would have been killed. The horse received the pistol-shot the would received the sabre-stroke, and both fell. It all happened in the time it would have needed to utter a cry
The Vendean on his side sank upon the pavement
The sabre had struck the man full in the face; he lay sense ess on the stones. The horse was killed.
Gauvain approached. "Who is this man?" said he.
ounded man, and spread a red mask over his face ind the mpossible to distinguish his features, but one conld see tha his hair was grey
"This man has saved my life," continued Gauvain. "Does any one here know him
few minutes ago. I saw him enter; he came by the read from fow minutes
The chief surgeon hurried up with his instrument-case. The wounded man
"A simple gash. It is nothing. It can be sewed up. In eight däys he will be on his feet again. It was a beautiful
The sufferer wore a cloak, a tri-coloured sash, pistols, and a sabre. He was laid on a litter. They undremsed him. A
bucket of fresh water was brought ; the surgeon washe i the bucket of fresh water was brought; the surgeon washe i the
cut; the face began to be visible. Gauvain studied it with cut; the face bega
"Has he any papers on him ?" he asked.
The surgeon felt in the stranger's side-pocket and drew out The wounded man, restored by the cold
The wounded man, restored by the cold water, began to come to himself. His eyelids moved lightly.
of paper, folded four times; he opened this and read: "Committee of Public Safety. The Citizen Cimourdain"
He uttered a cry: "Cimourdain!"
The wounded man opened his eyes at this exclamation
Gauvain was absolutely frantic.
" Cimourdain! Is it you! This is the second time you Cimourdain looked at him. A gleam of ineffable joy lighted his bleeding face.
"Thavain fell on his knees beside him, crying : "My master!"
"Thy father," said Cimourdain.

## V.-Tbe Drop or Cold Water.

They had not met for many years, but their hearts had never been the evening before. An ambulance had
Dol. Cimourdain was placed on a bed in a the town-hall of the great common chamber of the other wounded. The surgeon sewed up the cut and put an end to the demonstrations of affection between the two men, judging that Cimourdain ought to be left to sleep. Besides, Gauvain was claimed by the thousand occupations which are the duties and cares of victory. consumed by two fevers, that of his wound and that of his joy. He did not sleep, and still it did not seem to himself.that he was awake. Could it be possible that his dream was real-
ized? Cimourdain had long ceased to believe that such happiness could come to him, yet here he was. He had refound found him great, formidable, intrepid. He found him triumphing for the people. Gauvain was the real support of the revolution in Vendee, and it was be, Cimourdain, who had given this tower of strength to the Republic This victor was face his own thought; his, Cimourdain's. His disciple, the child of his spirit, was from henceforth a hero. and before lung
would be a glory. It seemed to Cimoardain that he saw the would be a glory. It seemed to Cimoardain that he saw the
apotheosis of his own soul. He had just seen how Ganvain apotheosis of his own soul. He had just seen how Gauvain
made war ; he was like Chiron, who watched Achilles fight There was a mysterious analogy between the priest and the centaur, for the priest is only half-man.
lessness caused by his wound, filled Cimimourdain with the sleeplessness caused by his wound, filled Cimourdain with a sort of
mysterious intoxication. He saw a glorious southul mysterious intoxication. He saw a glorious youthful destiny rising, and what added to his profound j'y was the possession
of full power over his destiny; another success like that which of had jower over his destiny; another success like that which single word to induce the Republic to confide an army to Gau vain. Nothing dazzles like the astonishment of complete victory. It was an era when each man had his military dream each one wanted to make a general ; Danton wished to appoint Westermann, Marat wished to appoint Rossignol Hébert wished to appoint Rousin, Robespierre wished to put all these he dreamed. All possibilities were before hi:n. he passed from one hypothesis to another ; all obstacles v . nished; when a man puts his foot on that ladder he does not stop; it is an
infinite ascent; one starts from earth and one reaches the stars. A great general is only a leader of armies; a great
captain is at the same time a leader of ideas; Cimourdain for reverie travels swiftly-Gauvain on the ocean, chasing the English; on the Rhine, chastising the northern kings; on the Pyrenees, repulsing Spain; on the Alps, making a signal to one tender the other. There were two men in Cimourdain orable was his ideal, and at the same time that he saw Gauvain noble, he saw him terrible. Cimourdain thought of all that it was necessary to destroy before beginning to build up and said to himself, "Verily, this is no time for tendernesses Gausain will be'up to the mark' "(an expression of the period). Cimourdain pictured Gauvain spurning the shadows with his foot, with a breast-plate of light, a meteor-glare on his brow rising on the grand ideal wings of Justice,Reason, and Progress, but with a sword in his hand; an angel-a destroyer likewise In the height of this reverie, which was almost an ecstacy, he heard through the half-open door a conversation in the grea ognized Gauvain's voice; through all his chamber. He re tion that voice had rung ever in his ear, and the voice of the man had still a tone of the childish voice he had loved the listened. There was a sound of soldier's footsteps; one of the men said :
"Commandant, this is the man that fired at you. While nobody was watching he dragged himself into a cellar. We ound him. Here he is."
Then Cimourdain heard this dialogue between Gauvain and
the prisoner. the prisoner.
" 1 am well enough to be shot."
"Lay that man on a bed. Dress his wounds; take care of "im ; cure him."
"You must lie." You tried to kill me in the I show you mercy in the name of the Republic."
A shadow passed across Cimourdain's forehead. He was like a man waking up with a start, and he murmured with a sort of sinister dejection-
" In truth, he is one of the merciful."
VI.-A Healed Wound; A Blemding Hzart.

A cut heals quickly; but there was in a certain place a person more seriously wounded than Cimourdain. It was the
woman who had been shot, whom the beggar Tellemarch had picked up out of the great lake of blood at the farm of Herbe-en-Pail.
Tellemarch Fléchard was even in a more critical situation than Tellemarch had believed. There was a wound in the shouldersame time that the ball broke her collar-bone breast; at the versed her shoulder, but, as the lnngs were not touched, she might recover. Tellemarch was a "philosopher" a peasant phrase which means a little of a surgeon, and a little of a sorcerer. He carried the wounded woman to his forest of a laid her upon his seaweed bed, and treated her by the aid those mysterions things called "simples," and thanks to him she lived.
The collar-bone knitted together, the wounds in the breast and shoulder closed; after a few weeks, she was convalescent Ong morning she was able to walk out of the carnichot, leaning on Tellemarch, and seat herself beneath the trees in the sunshine. Tellemarch knew little about her; wounds in the breast demand silence, and during the almost death-like agony which had preceded her recovery she had scarcely spoken but she kept $u_{0}$ an obstinate reverie; Tellemarch stopped her, the sombre going and coming of poignant thoughts in Bur eyes morning she was quite strong ; she could almost walk alto this a cure i- a paternity, and Tellemarch watched walk alone; light. The good old man began to smile. He said to her :
"We are upon our feet again. "We are apon our feet again; we have no more wounds." She added, presently."" Then you

## "Who are' they'?" demanded Tellemarch.

"My children."
This "then" expressed a whole world of thoughts; it sig-nified-"Since you do not talk to me, since you have been so stop me each time I attempt to breat your mouth, since you seem to fear that I shall speak, it is because you have nothing to tell me."
Often, in her fever, in her wanderings, her delirium, she had called her children, and had seen clearly (for delirium makes its observations) that the old man did not reply to her. The truth was, Tellemarch did not know what to say to her It is not easy to tell a mother that her children are lost. And then, what did he know ? Nothing. He knew that a mother had been shot, that this mother had been found on the ground by himself, that when he had taken her up she was almost a corpse, that this quasi-corpse had three children, and that Lantenac, after having had the mother shot. carried off the little ones. All his information ended there What had become of the children? Were they even living? He knew, because he had inquired, that there were two boys and a little of questions concerniug this more. He asked himself a hos of questions concerniug this unfortunate group, but could he had interrogated contented themstlves with heads. The Marquis de Lantenac was a man of whom they did not willingly talk.
They did not willingly talk of De Lantenac, and they did not willingly talk to Tellemarch Peasants have a species of suspicion peculiar to themselves. They did not like Tellewas he always studying the sky? What was he doing, an What was he thinking in his long hours of stillness? $Y_{\text {es }}$, indeed, he was odd! In this district in full warfare, in full conflagration, in high tumult; where all meu had only one buecould burned a house, ont work-carnage ; where whosoeve an outpost sacked a village. there of a family, massacred thing but laying ambushes for one anobody thought of any other into snares, killing one another. This solitarg one auin nature, as if submerged in the immense peacefulness of its beauties, gathering herbs and plants, occupied solely with the flowers, the birds, and the stars, was evidently a dangerous man. Plainly he was not in possession of his reason; he did not lie in wait behind thickets; he did not fire a shot at any one. Hence he created a certain dread about him "That man is mad," said the passers-by,

Tellemarch was more than an isolated man, he was shunned eoplo asked him no questions and gave him few answers ; so be had not been able to inform himself as he could have wished. The war had drifted elsewhere; the armies had gone to fight farther off ; the Marquis de Lantenac had disappsared rom the horizon, and in Tellemarch's state of mind for him to foot on him foot on him.

## (To be continued.)

## AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Ava. 18.-It is sald Gov. Dix intends to dismiss the chargen Mrainst Mayor Havemeyer Mr. Thomas Bird Harris, Grand Secretary of A. F. \& A. M., ind in Hamilton on the 18th inst. after a month's illness of M . Victor H
serious to a person of his age it is hoped accident which, though serious
ous.
The
The Japanese still occupy a portion of the Island of Formosa, and it is feared that China will take steps to make the Japanese Gonzalez, who made himself.
Gonzale, accomplice, have been tried by Court the Magee affair, tenced to five and three years' penal servitude respectively. The Carlist chieftain Tristauy has captured General D'Urgel 67 miles north-east of Lerdea. The fighling was desperate, and
losses heavy on both sides. An immense quantity of stores fell losses heavy on both sides. An immense quantity of stores fell
into the hands of the Carlists. Aug. 19.-A food at Austin,
Aug. 19.- $\$ 1,000,000$. Austin, Nev., has caused damage to the The American tea
nnings and 31 runs.
Tilton's solicitors have notified their cllent's intention to comIt is announced semileecher.
the is announced semi-officlally that Barnard has been awarded Pacific Rallway Telegraph.
It is offfially announced tbat three assaults of the Carists on Alicantz have been repulsed, with a loss to the garrison of 60
killed and wounded.
China has given Japan ninety days to withdraw its troops from the Island of Formosa, and is meanwhlle maxiug extensive preparations for war
Acting on instructions
Spanish Consul at New Yore package shipped for Spanish ports.
A report is current in New York of Spuln being about to cede to Germany the Island of Ports Rico, in the West ludies, in return for the recognition of the Spanish Republic.
It is understood that writs bave been
Cstizen and the Brant Union, claiming $\$ 10,000$ damages from each for scandal.
Carlist advices report a second engagement at Oteisa between Moriones and Dorregaray, in which the former was defeated with heavy loss and driven back to Longreo.
Aug. 20.-Russia has at last consented to

## AUG. 20.-R

Two German men-of-war, the " N
have sailed for Spaln from Plymouth
Professor Goldwin has been elected
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The report of the proposed cession of Porto Rico to Germany contradicted on the authority of Secretary Fish. ceedings in
re purench Government have officlally notified the press that rights is prohibited.
Information recelved at the British Foreign Office says that some officers of an English man-of-war, cruisitug ofr the North on by the Republican troops. Judge Blatchford, of New York, has decided that the United
States Dlstrict Attorney and the Clerk of the Unat States District Attorney and the Clerk of the United States Dis-
irlct Court are respectively entitled to 2 and 1 per trict Court are respectively entitled to 2 and 1 per cent. on all moneys recovered in Custom House seizure suits.
such grave apprehension as to lead to the belief states excites such grave apprehension as to lead to the belief that the issues
at the next election will turn upon the quesuon of race. Bolh sides appeal to the Government for protection.
Official information has been received from the International Boundary Survey. Mr. Camerou and his party have reached the
Rocky Mountains in safety, without meeting with any umiculy Rocky Mountains in safety, without meeting with any difficul-
ties with the Indians, who were friendly ties with the Indians, who were friendly throughout. The party The German Minister to the United Stales says
the cession of Porto Rico is a monstrous absurdity ; that or many's sole ambition is to establish itself on a foundation of lasting peace ; and that his Government had no wish to lucrease their domain, and were specially opposed to the acquisilion of an island so remote from Europe.
Ava. 2s.-Tilton is pre paring
New York Tribune acd World and the Brookign Eagle The papers in the Beecher-Tliton nuit wert served on
lawyer on Friday. The damages are laid at $\$ 100,000$. Legal proceedings have ween instituted by ine French Govern-
ment against Le Temps, National, aud Bien Public for the pub ment against Le Temps, National, aud Bien Public for the pubIfcation of a letter fropn Bazaine.
Russia bas refused to recound
Russia has refused to recosnize the spanish Republic, which
has caused other powers to hold back. Germauy and however, are said to have torwarded credermany and Austria, however, are said to
sentatives at Madrid.
At Lanster, in Kentucky, fiyhting has been going on for several days between the whites and blacks, and both partien
fred on the United States troops who altempted to quell the fired o
Despatches from Custer's expedition say the exploration of the in suck Hills has been completed, and gold and silver are found can take out one bundred doilars within a day pan a single miner Aug. 24.-The people of Madrid refuse to

## conscription. The War D

The War Department of Spain has signed a contract for 130,000 American breech-loading riftes.
Austrian and Germais charges d'affaires at Madrid have been pective Governments.
Tue King of Denmark, accompanied from England by hy daugbter, the Princess of Wales, has returned home from his
Journey to Iceland. Five hundred pe
the burning of a scockinge been thrown out of employment by monetary loss on which is half a million dollaram, England, the t'be Spanish Goverument has made a claim.
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