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### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Italy is determined to keep her prestige for the largest iron clads. The Re Umberlo, just launched at Castellamare, is of 14,000 cons displacement, 2,000 cons more than that of the Trafalgar and the Note, and 3,400 more than the Benbow. Her horse power is 19,500, and it is expected that, in spite of her enormous size, her engines will give her a speed of 18 knots.

The Chronicle had a paragraph last week pointing out the nuisances that are not permitted in Paris, Berlin, Philadelphia, and other cities, and remarks in conclusion, "in Halifax you can hardly hear yourself speak on account of some of these noises." The very worst in this city is the trotting of empty trucks and coal carts, and it is one of the disgraces of our City Council that they are aimid to put a stop to it.

formation, noise and anger on the part of officers of every rank, bad alignments, unsteadiness of the men, officers badly mounted and riding poorly,
resources of his country. The advice is pertinent and timely. No doubt
pace too rapid for the men, cavalry badly mounted and horses not well there are plenty of Liberals who have a political conscience, and many who the Emperor three fourths of an army corps.

It is an extraordinary instance of indiscretion that Lord Sackville, the British Minister at Washington, should have fallen into the despicable trap laid for him by the Republican party, and have replied to a letter, asking his advice as to voting on the Presidential election. No doubt, Lord Sackville's action was that of a frank and unsuspicious gentleman who had no idea that the confidence solicited could be violated, but the autre meanness and falsehood of the violator is no excuse. Of all embassies that to Washington should be filled by a shrewd and astute diplomatist, whose first principle should be absolute neutrality to United States politics. Lord Sackville has furnished the party most immical to Great Britain with a peculiarly welcome cry, and Lord Salisbury will be as wanting in determination as his subordinate, if he does not at once recall him,

The ALTERNATIVES.

The next point taken up by the Globe in analyzing the annexationist letter of its correspondent "Algoma," is the bugbear of the "ambassadorial and consular services." This, and the naval and military forces they suppose to be necessary, are put forth as matters of alarming expense by those who are determined to see nothing but Imperial Federation or Annexation.

With regard to the former, the Globe points out that the Diplomatic servants of the United States receive allogether \$354,000 a year. "The consuls are paid mostly by fees, those who receive salaries generally collect more than enough fees to pay them, and the service actually appears to pay the United States instead of being a burden on the Treasury. To allege that the cost

The steady and rapid rise of Mr. Balfour from a position of obscurity to a foremost place in parliament, has of course set affoat a good deal of speculation concerning him. Among other things, it has been supposed that, if not agnostic, he was somewhat indifferent to moral and religious questions. He has, however, recently published an article on the "Religion of Humanity," in which he not only stigmatizes that vague sort of creed as "condemned to failure as an effective stimulus to high endeavor," but does so in a remarkably lucid and polished literary style.

The Montreal Witness deprecates the demand for a faster transatlantic line of steamers, and somewhat begs its question by saying "the operating expenses of an 18 or 20 knot ship are not very far from being as much again as that of a 14 or 15 knot vessel" We very much doubt if an Allan Liner ever yet accomplished 18 knots under any circumstances. We believe their average to be far below 15 knots, or 360 in the 24 hours; we do not, in fact, believe it to be 12 knots, and we should like to be informed whether they have a single vessel with triple-expansion engines?

We are glad to note the increasing determination of University and College authorities to suppress the obulitions of rowdyism which so frequently disgrace our educational institutions. Trinity Medical School at Toronto has recently expelled two students for disgraceful conduct at a public meeting in connection with the opening of the College, and President Adams, of Cornell University, in his annual address, warned the students found guilty of intoxication, gambling, immorality, or any interference with the personal liberty of any student, that they would be removed from the University, in fact, expelled.

At the recent church conference at Manchester, the Rev. H. R. Howeis read a very able and outspoken paper in favor of cremation. The Bishop of Nottingham demurred, asking "what Christian man or woman could dare to take the responsibility of destroying at once what must indeed be destroyed for a time," etc., etc., as if it could possibly matter in what manner what is doomed to disintegration is "destroyed." There is a good deal more twaddle for which we have no space, but we cannot resist the conviction, that clergymen who show no comprehension of logic and the advance of the age, are answerable for any loss the churches may experience of their hold on cultivated minds.

In pursuance of the intention intimated in a recent issue, we now publish the authentic account, from "James' Naval History." of the affair with the American Privateer General Armstrong in Fayal Roads. It will be seen how different is the caim, historical version from the spread-eagle one which has been going the rounds. It may here be remarked that James' work is one of mestimable value, and that without it the American accounts, always sarbied, of the actions of the 1812-14 war, would probably have passed into instory but little questioned. The suggestion of the St. John Gazette, that the portion of the last volume which relates to that war should be reprinted as a separate work, is an excellent one. It ought to be a Canadian school

The following is reported as the utterance of the Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education of Ontario, in a recent political speech.—"There were three questions to which the Liberals should direct their attention the cultivation of a political conscience, the encouragement of the spirit of Canadian nationality, and the development of our material resources. He A French Staff Officer writes to the Avenur Militairo a severe criticism dwelt particularly on the need of a strong, hopeful national spirit. Canaon the recent Italian review before the German Emperor. Slowness of dians, he said, were pessimists beyond all the nations of the world; there formation not a and appear on the vert of effects of the great that the great trained, and artillery badly horsed, are among his strictures, and it seems have the spirit of Canadian nationality, but there is quite enough of the conthat an enormous effort was required from the Italian Staff to oring before trary feelings apparent in sections of the Liberal Press to give point to the trary feelings apparent in sections of the Liberal Press to give point to the dictum of Mr. Ross, who, as a Liberal himself, ought to know.

of a Canadian diplomatic and consular service is a bar to independence, in unadulterated nonsense." So far the Globs. We may add that, under arrangements involving but a minimum of expense, Great Britain would, no doubt, cheerfully permit the interests of Canadians on the continent of Europe to be confided to her own consular agents, the chances being very small that such a charge would ever be a troublesome one.

As regards army and navy, our present organizations would not require to be increased beyond, in the Militia, that slow augmentation of the permanent corps which is now going on by very gradual degrees, and undoubtedly ought to go on till there are either schools established convenient of access from all parts of the Dominion for each arm of the service, or, in accordance with a recent proposition which has much force in it, until a sufficient force of each arm for purposes of instruction can be attached to the existing schools. The present strength of the regular corps, horse, foot and artillery, is only 940; an addition of, say 300 men, would do all that could possibly be required for the next twenty years.

The fisheries question once settled, there would be nothing to make it necessary for Canada to maintain a naval force much larger than she does at present. Half a dozen cruisers—somewhat more efficient vessels than those now employed—would be sufficient. If we cannot exist beside the United States without a powerful army and navy, how is it that Mexico and the weak states of Central America are permitted to do so? It is said that the quarrels of relations are more bitter than those of strangers, and there is a danger in the mania of unworthy envy and uncharitableness which has seized on the "baser sort" of Americans, but there are also temptations in the South, such as the absolute possession of the territory through which the canal must pass, which shall eventually relegate Cape Horn to a "terra

incognita."

"Algoma," the Globe goes on to criticise, "says that Annexation would mean for England and the United States perpetual amity. So would Canadian Independence. It would leave England free to occupy her true position in Europe. So would Independence." "Algoma" waxes very inconsequent as he goes on, and gives a number of results of annexation which are of no force whatever, and are shown up by the Globe accordingly. The most forcible of them is the abolition of the frontier Custom houses, "but if," says the Globe, "we can obtain continental Free Trade without Annexation, as we believe we can," all the advantages supposed to inhere in annexation would be gained without disturbance of our own Federal institutions, which we entirely agree with the Globa in "believing to be better than those of the States, less cumbrous, safer and better worth paying for, to say nothing of the ignominy of giving them up solely to escape the dignity and responsibility of managing our own affairs."

We shall, from time to time resume this subject, meanwhile, we are of opinion that the Globe deserves the thanks of all true Canadians for its belief in Canada, and for setting forth its faith in unmistakeable terms. Everyone ought to read the correspondence on the future of our country which it is

now publishing.

### RAISING THE STANDARD.

Progress (St. John) in its issue of 20th Oct., noticing the few lines in which we adverted to the fourth Anniversary of THE CRITIC, congratulates us on our success. In these few lines we happened to say-" Our efforts not to lower the standard of the Press of Nova Scotia have been rewarded," etc. Our enterprising contemporary remarked on these simple motes. "Instead of striving 'now (sic) to lower' it should try to raise the standard," etc. Of course the word "now" is a misprint.

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We thank Progress for its friendliness with all sincerity, but when the fashion of what we "should" do is prescribed to us after a manner which does not commend itself to our judgment, we are under the necessity of saying that we are the best judge of our own business. In order to make this clear to our contemporary, it would appear to be necessary to explain that, if we had said "our efforts to raise," instead of "our efforts not to lower," we should have thought ourselves guilty of a presumption which we are far from feeling, and which, even had we been conceited enough to feel, it would have been a gross impertinence to express.

Progress continues: - "The CRITIC occupies a field somewhat similar to Progress. The fact that in four years its circulation has touched 5,000, while Progress, though not six months old, has as large a constituency, shows that Nova Scotians are not as appreciative of a good thing as New Brunswickers. Beyond that the standard of New Brunswick newspapers is

higher than that of Nova Scotia."

We are glad that our allusion (which was almost a chance mention, as it had nearly slipped our memory altogether) to THE CRITIO's birthday has been the means of affording our contemporary an opportunity of acquainting the public with his own far more rapid success; but if—to revert to our first point—"the standard of New Brunswick newspapers is," as Progress avers, "higher than that of Nova Scotia," it is, no doubt, this fact which makes it difficult to *Progress* to comprehend that THE CRITIC is precluded by self-respect from an offensive vaunt which might at any moment be justly challenged.

### ENGLAND AND HER COLONIES.

The indifference shown a few years ago by English politicians, and echoed by a large portion of the English Press, as to the retention and support of the Colonies, went very near to attain the end of separation. That indifference is a thing of the past. England is now aroused to a thorough appreciation of their vast importance, and that by no means on what some people delight to call "sentimental" grounds. Lord Roseberry, addressing the Leeds Chamber of Commerce recently, has attempted to show the Gladstone.

business community of Great Britain the value to her of her Colonies, and the risks she runs of losing them. The late Foreign Secretary is, as we all know, an ardent Imperial Federationist, and perhaps no living statesman is better worth listening to on such topics. Lord Roseberry adduced, in the course of his speech, many facts which must have appealed to his audience as of high value and significance. He appears to have deprecated a view of the Colonial connection sometimes taken in England, though less preva lent than a few years since, that all the Colonies wanted from the Mother Country was to borrow British capital at as cheap a rate as they could, and burthen her with the cost of their coast defences, giving her in return the sort of shadowy allegiance represented by acceptance of a Governor nominated by the Crown. The sting of this reproach, whatever amount of truth it may have contained, has been modified to a considerable extent, in the case of Australia by the agreement lately entered into by which the great Southern Colonies concede a substantial aid to the Imperial squadron in their waters, and, it should be considered, in the case of Canada by the construction of the C. P. R., though this latter should not be allowed to blind us to the fact that, if we desire to maintain our Home Connection on honorable terms, some such compact as that entered into by the Australian Dependencies is incumbent on our self-respect.

Some of the facts stated, however, are considered in England sufficiently startling to convince the most sceptical that the price paid by her for the

allegiance of the Colonies is by no means too large.

Lord Roseberry reminded his hearers that, while the United States took from Great Britain during the last ten years an average of £24.350,000 of her produce, which, for a population of nearly 60,000,000, is at the rate of only eight shillings sterling per head, Canada, with but 5.000,000 has taken for the same period an average of £7,300 000, or nearly 30 shillings per head. It was pointed out that of course the hostile tariff of the United States accounts for much of this difference, but that, if Canada were to cast off her allegiance, she would be certain to adopt the tariff of her great neigh bor, and English exports would fall off in proportion. This prediction might of course be falsified, as, whatever may occur, it is more than probable that the endeavors of Canada in the future will be in the direction of removing the restrictions of a high tariff so far as may from time to time be found feasible. We are, to a great extent, driven to a system of high duties by the United States' protective, and if Mr. Cleveland is re elected the tariff reforms, which may be expected, will, no doubt, have an influence on Canada that cannot as yet be accurately estimated.

Australia is instanced by Lord Roseberry as a striking case in point.

She takes from England on an average about 24½ millions, or about the same as the whole of the United States, though her population is only about 3½ millions, or at the rate of £7 per head, being seventeen times more in proportion than the United States, with its population of 60.0 20,000. It is further remarked that the loss of Canada and Australia would probably involve that of the smaller Colonies adjacent to them.

The case of Australia does not, of course, illustrate that of Canada, but it is evident that, even as things stand now, the upholding of the Colonies is a matter of such vital importance to Great Britain that the elaborated opinion of Sir Richard Cartwright, in his recent speech at Ingersoll, Ont., that she will take no "very active part" in the defence or protection of Canada, entirely lacks the sanction of the hard facts of commerce

### SIR RICHARD CARTWRIGHT'S SPEECH.

The Liberal party affects to consider the speech of Sir Richard Cartwright, at Ingersoll, as a very important and a very able exposition. Without in the least wishing to disparage it, we must confess we do not see very much in it. In the first place, we cannot think Sir Richard justified in his assumption that the policy pursued by the Dominion Government has been of a nature willfully to irritate the United States, if the Ut ited States had allowed any sense of the just rights of her neighbor to influen :e her policy. In fact, Sir Richard's speech deals chiefly in assumptions, one of which is that to which we have alluded in another article, as to the attitude of Great Britain in any controversy with the States respecting Canada.

Sir Richard's panacea for all the ills to which he considers Canada is heir, such a mode of insuring free intercourse with the United States as is found in the resolution submitted to the Parliament of Canada by the Reform Party last session." "Such," he says, "is the method we propose"; and Sir Richard considers that this "method" can be carried out "without any sacrifice of our independence or legislative power." This would be all very well, but that there remains the simple but stubborn and ugly fact that the United States will listen to no overtures which do not tend to actual annexation. How does Sir Richard propose to get over this? He professes in one part of his speech "to have disposed of it already," but we utterly fail to

discover any such disposition.

This "method," Sir Richard acknowledges, "would result in our ing to raise our taxes in a different way." * * * "A certain porhaving to raise our taxes in a different way." * * "A certain portion of the customs taxes would lapse." This can scacely point in any direction but that of direct taxation, and we are not disposed to quarrel with Sir Richard on that point. We, as we have frequently said, believe that direct taxation, for sound reasons, would be one of the greatest blessings any party could persuade the country to adopt, and we could wish the Liberal party could see their way to take it boldly up; but we have no hope that they would be supported by a people as yet unable to see the hold they would have on the purse strings.

Sir Richard Cartwright is an able man, but the fact is, the circumstances of the moment do not admit of the formulation of a definite opposition policy, and every opposition orator finds himself driven to talk round his subject in language of that nebular grandeur ascribed by Macaulay to Mr.

### CHIT-CHAT AND CHUCKLES.

### UNHEEDED GIFTS.

They placed rare lilies in her hands -Poor hands that scarce had touched a flower; And creamy resoluds whose perfume Embalmed her for her funeral hour.

They wrapped her form in lustrous silk And draped soft folds of filmy lace About the slender pulseless wrists And underneath the patient face.

At last she lay in perfect rest, While voices—late so slow to praise Rehearsed her many virtues o'er And spoke of all her pleasant ways.

The sleeper heeded not the wealth Of bloom that lay within her hand And not a word of love or loss Her scaled cars could understand

Strange, we so often keep the flowers
To lay in folded hands at last:
And little luxuries of life
Withhold till care for them is past.

Strange that we do not oftener praise
The willing toller by our side!
Why keep the full-blown flower of love
Until our friend we loved has died!

You can't expect a man to reason when he's in love, and the object of his affections realises that it is better so.

The Arab who invented alcohol died 900 years ago, but his spirit still lives, and, like John Brown's soul, "goes marching on."

Belva Ann Lockwood has been married twice, is a graduate of two colleges, and has twice run for the Presidency. Altogether she seems quite two two.

"Suppose you should run out of bread at sea, Mr. McFinnegan, what would you do?" "Live on the mate, madam." (The proper answer would have been: Get a roll from the ocean.)

Dr. Bergmann intimates that he will not object to fight a duel with Si^R Morell Mackenzie. If they can agree upon surgical instruments as weapon the meeting will probably be fatal to both.

An Irishman, in describing America, said: "I am told that you might roll England thru it, an' it wouldn't make a dint in the ground; there's fresh-water oceans inside that ye might droun Ould Ireland in; and, as for Scotland, ye might stick it in a corner, and ye'd never be able to find it out, except it might be by the smell o' whiskey."

An eccentric, but much respected old minister in the North of Scotland, while preaching, was greatly annoyed by some of the farmers who slept during the sermon. One Sabbath afternoon he became so exasperated by the snoring of a man just below the pulpit, that he lifted up the big Bible and let it drop on the sleeper's head, exclaiming as he did so:—"Gin ye'll no listen to the Word, by my faith I'se mak' ye feel it."

American girls who desire to marry titled Europeans should not neglect their French. Ex-Minister Lothrop's daughter, who married a Russian Baron a few days ego, was courted in French, as she could not speak Russian and her lover was anskilled in English. Miss Virginia Knox, of Pittsburg, Pa., who married Count di Montercole, of Italy, on Thursday, had a like experience. She was unable to speak Italian, and the Count couldn't count on his English. French thus became the language of last resort. But why shouldn't Volapuk be used in such cases? Volapuk has some startling terms of endearment.—N. Y. World.

A SLIGHT MISUNDERSTANDING.—A tectotal minister, who was very particular about his toilet, went to preach one Sunday for a brother minister in a parish church in Kinross-shire. On arriving at the vestry he looked around in search of the mirror to see that his toilet was all right before entering the pulpit, but, failing to find one, he said to the beadle:—"John, can I not have a glass before entering the pulpit?" "Certainly, sir," replied John. "Jist bide awee, and I'll get ane for ye immediately," and left the vestry. On his return the minister said:—"Well, John, have you succeeded?" "Yes, sir," replied John. "I've brocht a gill; that'll be a gless for the forenoon and anither for the afternoon."

The negro, when left to himself, has never progressed. There is not the shadow of proof that the negro described by Sesostris is not precisely the same as the negro described by Stanley, Baker, Livingston, and others. And yet the negro has inhabited a magnificent region. He has had access to the Nile, and thus to the Egyptians, the Romans, and the Greeks, as well as to the Oullantee by the Congo, and to the East by way of Zanzibar. And yet, not only has there been no negro philosopher or inventor, or artist, but there has been no negro conqueror, nor, unless we class Said Mahommed's slave as one, and Toussaint l'Ouverture as another, any negro general who rose above the rank of a guerilla chief. Add to this that the free negro settlement of Liberia, on the West coast of Africa, is a total failure. Its inhabitants are fast relapsing into barbarism.

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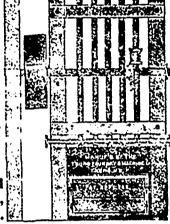
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### NEWS OF THE WEEK.

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Those who wish to secure pleasant and profitable reading matter for the winter even ings should note our exceptional offer which appears on page 15. For \$2.50 in cash we undertake to send The Chitic to any subscriber for one year, supplying him in addition with seventy-nine of the most readable of readable books. Those who are renewing their subscriptions, as well as now subscribers, should take advantage of this offer.

The Halifux Philatelist for October contains matters of interest to collectors and connoisseurs of postage stamps. It is a well got up little publication.

The Militia Gazette urges the transfer of the B. Infantry School Corps from St. John's, (P.Q.) to Montreal, and there is no doubt the change is a very desirable one.

The Montreal Gazette is of the opinion that hanging is going out of fashion in Canada. There have been fourteen murders since the year opened, and only one execution.

It is reported that the invention of Captain Greville Harston, of the Royal Grenadiers, of Toronto, for converting the Martini rifle into a magazine weapon, has been adopted by the small arms committee for the British

The official count in the E. Northumberland, Ont., local election gives Dr. Willoughby (Cons.) a majority of three. There appears to have been a good deal of dodging and shuffling about this count, the returns having been kept back an unnecessary time.

There is every sign of activity in pushing forward the Chignecto Ship Railway. Mr. Ketchum, C.E., arrived at St. John last week, and every preparation seems to have been made to expedite the work, which was already more advanced than the Engineer expected.

The following paragraph appears in the local press: -" Viscount Vanbrook, one of the oldest members of the British Peerage, prides himself on never having read a novel." Who is meant by "Viscount Vaubrook?" We are at a loss to remember any such title.

There are rumors of a fresh outbreak on the Railway in Cookshire, owing to what would appear to be a gross breach of faith on the part of the company. If the Italian riot breaks out again it is thought it will be a very determined effort. The militia is said to have been again called out.

H. M. Ships Bellerophon, (Flag of Vice-Admiral Lyons,) Capt. Bouverie Clark; and Comus, Capt. T. S. Jackson; sailed on Wednesday for Bermuda. Halifax will rather regret that the genial little Admiral will not be seen again in her social circles, as he will change his flag in December, on the retirement of Admiral of the Fleet Sir Chas. Eliiot.

A large emigration of crofter fishermen to British Columbia is probable next spring. A number of the leading cannery owners are arranging to emigrate 120 families, about 600 souls, to take the place of Indians and Chinese in the canneries at fixed wages. The movement is regarded as an important one, in view of the drawbacks of the Chinese element in the Province.

A Canadian official report on the great Yukon River shows that for 600 miles it is in British territory. This includes about 200 miles of the gold mining region, where the chief camps are situated. The river is 2300 miles long, of which 2000 are navigable, without a rapid or portage. Its breadth is six to seven miles in some places. Little of the region traversed is fit for agriculture.

The Bank of Nova Scotia recently mentioned as being liable to a heavy fine for notes in circulation exceeding the amount prescribed by law is not, it appears, a transgressor in this respect. It has the privilege of issue accorded by charter to the Union Bank of P. E. I., which is amalgamated with the Bank of Nova Scotia. This Bank was permitted to irsue notes to the value of three times its capital.

Lieut-Governor Schultz, of Manitoba, refuses to summon a special session of the Legislature. The provincial programme provided for a special session of the house at which legislation would be enacted getting over the difficulty presented by the determination of the C. P. R. not to allow the Red River Valley railway to cross its track. The provincial ministry threaten to resign. All is quiet at the crossing.

Says the St. John Sun: "There is a war of rates between Halifax and Boston, the first result of placing the new steamer Halifax on the route. The old company have reduced their fare to Boston from \$7 to \$3, and it is said they are prepared to come down to one dollar." The accommodations of the Halifax are so superior—the second-class being about equal in comfort to the first-class of the old line—that the new boat is not at all likely to be affected by any measures of this description.

The Moulton-Bennett Company, though not the best that has occupied the Academy, has given some very acceptable performances. "Boccaccio" and "The Black Hussar," especially the former, gave much satisfaction, and Balle's still popular old opera, the "Bohemian Girl," was yet more decidedly appreciated on Wednesday evening. It has, no doubt, been better sung before, but it was, on the whole, very well rendered. Miss Greenwood in "I dreamt that I dwelt in marble halls," and Mr. Annand in "Then you'll remember me," were deservedly encored, and Mr. Richard scored a decided success in "The heart bowed down." Last night, the "Beggar Student" was to be on the boards, but we are unable to notice anything that takes place so late as Thursday evening.

Wenham, Mass., has a monument to the memory of a cat that lived to the age of 20 years and two months.

The session of Congress just ended is the longost on record, having lasted 323 days.

The yellow fever maintains its hold on several localities in Florida with unusual tenseity, though it does not seem to be quite as malignant as at first.

It is reported from Buffalo that conversation through the Telephone has been carried on with perfect case, audibility and success, over a distance of 800 miles.

Patrick Egan is said to deny the authorship of the disreputable "Murchison" letter which imposed on the softness of Lord Sackville the denial of this worthy is worth a row of pins is another question.

The New England potato crop will be an average one, but the short crop in Europe will probably send prices up to 75 cents a bushel in Boston and New York. This means 40 to 50 cents a bushel for provincial farmers

Another couple in Ohio have been murdered, and their homestead set fire to, because the man was idiot enough to keep large sums of money in his house. And yet these Yankees are looked upon as so extra smart. The fact is, there is far grosser ignorance in rural districts in the States than in

The Herald's Washington special is reported to say that the President is about to issue a proclamation putting in force the Retaliation Act against Canada. This would be a nice outcome of Lord Sackville's gullibility, and a strong instance of the necessity of Canada being more directly represented at Washington.

The startling intelligence has reached San Francisco that 13 whalers are shut in by ice on the coast of Siberia. As they were only victualled for a cruise which was to end by the 1st of November, the gravest fears are entertained for the survival of their crews. One vessel had been already crushed at the date of the sad news.

The Etruria has again beaten her own record by five minutes, having reached Sandy Hook Bar from Queenstown in six days, one hour and fifty minutes. Best day's run 400 knots. On her trip in June she mace on one day 503 knots under sail as well as steam. On the last trip she was delayed thirty minutes taking a pilot on board.

The Babylonian Expedition of the University of Pennsylvania, which left this city for the Orient last summer, has been shipwrecked in the Algean The expedition was to have reached Palestine about the beginning of October, and would have proceeded thence directly to the site of Babylon and Nineveh to begin archeological excavations.

The American Magazine has passed into the hands of a new editor, Mr. John Gilmer Speco, a gentleman whose attainments and ample experience leave no doubt of this excellent Magazine maintaining its high standing. The November number will contain another of the very interesting histories of "America's Crack Regiments," and one on the Theatres, a subject of perennial interest to people of taste.

It is said that the telescope which Mr. Alvan Clark, of Cambridge, Mass., is to construct for the new California Observatory will be powerful enough to bring the moon within 60 miles of the earth. Mr. Clerk's last triumph, now in operation in the Lick Observatory, brought our satellite within 200 miles. If the present anticipations turn out to be correct, there will be a promise of fresh strides in astronomical discovery.

A diabolical piece of vengeance was recently reported from South Carolina. A young man named Harris, said to be of good social standing, finding his attentions to a young- lady named Hammond unacceptable, deliberately rode her down, and trampled her under his horse's hoofs. young lady is not likely to recover, and the ruffian fled. Armed bodies were in pursuit, and, if caught, he will no doubt be lynched.

It is not unnatural that Washington rumor should have pointed " to a prominent Canadian official" as the probable successor of Lord Sackville. Of course Sir Charles Tupper is the man referred to, and it is pretty certain the British Government could not do a better thing than appoint him. Sir Charles, at least, would not have been duped as Lord Sackville has been. It is a splendid chance to give Canada her due weight in foreign considera

For three weeks a band of gypsies were encamped near Littlestown, Pa., and on Wednesday Jacob Felker, an old farmer, conferred with them and was told that any money he might hide on a certain spot on his farm would double itself in a night. Fo test the matter he placed \$10 on deposit and the next morning found, as predicted, \$20. This so elated him that he went to the Littlestown Bank, drew out \$800, and made a like deposit, but next morning, to his dismay, the \$800 were gone, and so were the gypsics.

Mr. Bayard has curtly dismissed Lord Sackville. The churlish tone of the Secretary's letter may be only an offset to the Republican advantage afforded by Lord Sackville's lamentable indiscretion, but it is conclusive that nothing short of direct insult and brutality will satisfy the ferocious rabble which controls the elections. It was not enough for the refined American instincts that Lord Salisbury had already conceded the recall of Lord Sackville. The electoral campaign of 1888 will be memorable for the disgrace of the United States among civilized nations. And this is the country with which some among us desire to be incorporated!

The stoppage of the sale of Sir Morrell Mackenzie's book in Germany has been declared illegal, and the decree prohibiting its sale has been rescinded.

A train, returning from the recent fêtes at Naples, was crushed by a landslide of about 500 cubic metres of rock. About 100 persons were killed, and as many injured.

The native porter, who shot Major Bartelotte with a revolver from personal revenge for some severity, has since been hanged at Stanley Falls.

The royal family of Wurtemburg is as imbecile and insane as that of Bavaria. The King is consumptive, as well as weak in mind, and the heir to the throne, his nephew, exhibits similar symptoms.

There are reports that the gallant Stanley and his command have all been massacred; there is no confirmation of the intelligence, and some experts are yet confident of his safety, but it is all absolute uncertainty.

Lord Dufferin has received a recognition of his services and merit in being created Marquis of Dufferin and Earl of Ava, which latter will, we presume, now become the courtesy title of his oldest son, Viscount Claudeboye.

The visit of the German Emperor to the Pope does not appear to have been entirely satisfactory to the Vatican. As His Holiness is said to have raised the question of the restitution of the temporality, it was hardly to be expected it could.

An attempt has been made by incendiaries to destroy the Fontainbleau Forest. Fires were storted in five places and were extinguished with diffi-culty. A large quantity of forage was consumed. The loss is 1,250,000 Two men have been arrested on suspicion of having started the francs. fires.

The autumn manœuvres of a portion of the German army under the immediate eye of the Emperor, profoundly impressed the Times correspondent present with their perfection. The material and handling of the immense body of cavalry got together was especially magnificent, and the powers of endurance of both men and horses were conspicuous.

That ill-assorted couple, the King and Queen of Servia, have succeeded, it appears, in getting apart. The King, it is said, is to make Queen Natalie a large allowance, but the Queen is herself rich, and has betaken herself to St. Petersburg. It appears that the Patriarch of Constantinople did not object to the proceedings of the Servian primate in the matter of the divorce.

King Mivanga, who rules over the black Province of Uganda, is not a pleasant man for a next-door neighbor. He rules over 10,000,000 subjects, and is as ferocious as he is powerful. He has 1,500 wives, and kills five of them every day for his amusement. He is the largest slave dealer in Central Africa, supplying the Mohammedan dealers annually with about 150,000 slaves.

A curious state of things is reported from the district of Oloncz in Rus-The bears are said to be completely masters of the situation. Having eaten all the horses, cattle, sheep, dogs, and poultry, the hears have arranged themselves into corps for a siege of the several villages. The pea sants do not dare venture out of their houses, starvation is imminent, and the unfortunate moujiks were anxiously awaiting relief from the nearest gar-

H. M. S. Benbow, one of the last ironclads completed and sent to sea, has joined the Mediterranean squadron. The Benbow carries 12 guns, two of which are 111 ton guns, whose shot weighs 1800 lbs. With a charge of 850 lbs. powder this projectile is capable of penetrating 3 ft. of 1701 armor. These guns are 43 ft. 8 in. long, and the projectile is 41 in. long and 17 in. in diameter. The Benbow is of 10,000 tons displacement, and 11,500 horse power.

We have not even yet heard the last of the dangers of the O'Leary raft of December last. The logs are all over the Atlantic to Madeira and the Azores. They are weighted down with barnacles, and water soaked, and are consequently more dangerous than ever. A German captain reports that his ship was five days among the logs, which tore the copper and damaged the rudder, and a Spaniard passed great fields of logs in lat. 35, long 18, on the 4th of September.

The Prince of Wales is the first English Heir Apparent who has never allowed his differences of opinion with the Crown to become public gossip. In all such matters he has the infallible instincts of a gentleman and a thorough man of the world. Nevertueless it is understood that he has strong views on the Irish question, and they are not the views of the court. Prominent among them is his opinion that there should have been a royal residence in Ireland. This has been the Queen's grestest mistake, and it is satisfactory to know that, in every direction, the Prince's views are infinitely more liberal and advanced.

The United States, on the eve of a Presidential election, and the public of London, in a murder scare, are alike contemptible. Because the police have not been able to catch a phenominally adroit murderer, whose immunity is very likely due to the preternatural cunning of lunacy, every sapient idiot vents his shallow speculative wisdom on them. Bloodhounds are procured, and take an early opportunity for an extended absence without leave The public attacks the Chief Commissioner, and Sir Chas Warren (somewhat irrelevantly, but with more truth than poetry,) "goes for" the G. O. M. for encouraging mobs, and a broad review of it all leads to the inevitable conclusion of Carlyle—" principally fools."

Among the maids of honor who receive bequests from Lord Sackville are Harriet Phipps, Frances Drummond, Evelyn Paget, Ethel Cadogan, Evelyn Moore, Rosa Hood and Marie O. Deane. The furniture, pictures, and bric-a-brac alone of Knowle House, to be sold for the benefit of the maids, will certainly fetch £50,000. A lot of guessing is done as to what induced Lord Sackville to make so queer an addition to the list of queer English wills. It is surmised that, deeply indebted to some maid of honor to whom he did not wish to call special attention, he hit upon this plan of making them all rich. Lord Sackville had quarrelled with his elder brother, Earl Delaware, about the possession of Knowle House, and in the course of the quarrel fell out with his whole family.

### MARKET QUOTATIONS.

### WHOLESALE RATES.

Our Price Lists are corrected for us each week by reliable merchants, and can therefore be depended upon as accurate up to the time of going to press.

GROCERIES.	١	ĺ
SUGARS		l
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" Choice	31 to 33	١٠.
" Extra Choice	35 to 36	
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Antigua	31 to 35	
Tobacco, Black	38 to 44	
" Bright	42 to 58	เเด
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Boston and Thin Family	613	R
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Fancy	8 to 15	ı
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The above quotations are carefully prepared by a reliable Wholesale House, and can be depended upon as

### PROVISIONS.

Beef, Am Ex Mess, duty paid 11 00 to 11.50
" Am. Plate. " 12 50 to 12 75
" Ex. Plate, " 13.00 to 13 50
Pork, Mess, American " 26 00
" American, clear 22 00
P E. I. Mess
" Prime Mess 13.25 to 13.75
Lard, Tubs and Pails 13
Cases 13.50 to 14.00
Hams, P E I, green none
Duty on Am Pork and Beef \$2.26 per bbl. Prices are for wholesale lots only, and are hable to change daily

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### FISH FROM VESSELS.

MACKERRL-	
Extra	none
No. 1	21.00}
" 21arge	17.00
4 2	none
' 3 large	12,50
** 3	12.00
HERRING. No. 1 Shore, July	4.75 to 5 00
No. 1 Shore, July	4 25
No. 1 August, Round	4 25
" September	3 50
Round Shore	
Labrador, in cargo lots, per bl	4.50 to 5.00
Bay of Islands, Split	2.25 to 2.50
Round	2.00 to 2 25
ALBWIYES, per bbl	5.00
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Hard Shore, new	4.23 to 4 41
New Bank	N 80
Ray	4 10 to 4 15
SALMON, No. 1	15.50 to 16.00
HADDOCK, per qt'	2 75
HAKE	2.35
Cusk	1.75
Pollock	1 25
HAKE Sounds, perlb	30
HAKE SOUNDS, PET TO	26 to 27
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ble firm of West India Merchants.

### LOBSTERS.

Per case 4 doz. 11b cans. Nova Scotia (Atlantic Coast Packing) 5 00 to 5.40
Tall Cans 4.80 to 5.00
Flat 5.00
Newfoundland Flat Cans 6 25 to 6.50

The above quotations are corrected by a reliable dealer.

### LUMBER.

1	Pine clear, N . 1. per m	25.00to 28.00
١	Pine, clear, N. 1, per m	14.00 to 17.00
1	" No 2, do	(0.00 to 12 UV
1	Small, per m	8 00 to 14 00
1	Spruce, demension, good, per m	9 50 to 10.00
7	" Merchantable, do. do	8.00 to 9.00
	" Small do. do	8.50 to 7.00
	Hemlock, merchantable	7.00
	Shingles, No 1, sawed, pine	3,00 to 3.50
	No 2, do do	1 00 to 1.25
١.	spruce, No 1	1.10 to 1.30
	Laths, per m	2.00
•	Hard wood, per cord	4.00 to 4.25
l	Hard wood, per cord	2.25 to 2.50
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### BREADSTUFFS.

Since our last there has been a rming up in the price of breadstuffs, articularly in Western Canada and he United States, and importers here cem less anxious to sell, believing hat in the near future prices will be onsiderably improved.

We are just in receipt whilst writng this of a telegram from Harriston, Ontario, holding an ordinary 90 per cent. patent at \$5 90 at the mill equal to \$6.60 Halifax. The same grade can be bought at 6.40 in Halifax.

We do not make any change in our questions though our report is that

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ı	Superior Extra	6.15 to 6.	
ı	Extras from Patents	5.25 to 5.1	
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Į	Oatmeal, Standard	4.50 to 4.	
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	"Granulated		
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	Corn Meal-kiln dried	3.25 to 3.	
	Bran, per ton	X) 00 to 21.	00
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Ì	Middlings"	6.00 to 27.	00
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### BUTTER AND CHEESE.

1	Nova Scotia Choice Fresh Prints 23 to 39
1	" in Small Tubs 25 to 28
ı	Good, in large tubs 21 to 24
1	Store Packed & oversalted 14 to 16
1	Canadian Township 22 to 24
1	Western 17 to 19
	Cheese, Canadian
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	Cheese.

# WOOL, WOOL SKINS & HIDES.

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Wool—clean washed, per pound unwashed Salted Hides, No 1	15 to 20
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The above quotations are furnish by WM. F. FOSTER, desler in Wool and Hides, Connors' Wharf.

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ı	Gravensteins 2.50 to 2.75
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1	Oranges, per bbl. Jamaica (new) 6.00 to 636
1	Cocoanuts, per 100 5.00
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	American Silver Skin 21/2 to 21/2
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	Bananas, per bunch2.00 to 2.00
Ł	Grapes, Almeria, kegs
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Turkeys, per pound	16 to 18 none 70 to 80
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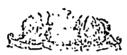
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### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for St. Lawrence Canals," will be received at this office until the arrival of the eastern and western mails on Tacaday, the 30th day of October instant, for the construction of two locks and the deepening and enlargement of the upper entrance of the Galops Canal.

A map of the locality, together with plans and specifications, will be ready for examination at this office and at the Lock-Keepers house, Galops, on and after Tucaday, the 16th day of October instant, where forms of tender may be obtained by Contractors on personal application.

In the case of firms there must be attached the actual signatures of the full name, the nature of the occupation and residence of each member of the same, and further, a bank deposit receipt for the sum of \$6,000 must accompany the tender for the works.

The respective deposit receipts—cheques will not be accepted—must be endorsed over to the Minister of Italiways and Canals, and will be forfeited if the party tendering declines entering into contract for the works at the rates and on the terms stated in the offer submitted. The deposit receipts thus sent in will be returned to the respective parties whose tenders are not accepted.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

A. P. BRADLEY,

A. P. BRADLEY,
Secretary.
Department of Railways and Canals,
Ottawa, 11th October, 1888.



### SAULT STE. MARIE CANAL. NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

The works for the construction of the canal, above mentioned, advertised to be let on the 23rd of October next, are unavoidably postponed to the following dates.

Tenders will be received until

Wednesday, the 7th day of November next.

Plans and specifications will be ready for examination at this office and at Sault Ste. Marie on and after

Wednesday, the 24th day of October next

By order, A. P. BRADLFY,

Department of Railways and Censls, Ottawa, 27th September, 1888.

### FOR THE CRITIC. FIRST SNOW.

The snow falls through the velvet dark,
Yet spite of snow the night is soft.
And he whose cars are keen may hark
Elf-voices singing far aloft;
The snow-flakes singing as they drift
That summer's reign is over-past;
Through leafless boughs they softly sift,
And cover poor cold earth at last.

The winter comes, the summer goes,
And nature shifts her livery,
Takes snow-bloom in the place of rose,
And winds for thrushes' minatrelsy.
Grey snow-birds gather round the door
And twitter, grateful for the crumbs;
"King cold is conqueror once more,
But only, dear—till summer comes."

J. ELIZABETH GOSTWYCKE ROBERTS.

FOR THE ORITIO. REPOSE.

(Continued.)

A writer, considering "The Relations of Insanity to Modern Civilization," speaks of the loss of sleep as a prominent cause of it. He says:—"During every moment of consciousness the brain is in activity. The peculiar processes of cerebration, whatever they may be, is taking place; and thought after thought comes forth; nor can we help it. It is only when the peculiar connection or chain of connections of one brain cell with another is broken, and consciousness fades away into the dreamless land of perfect sleep, that the brain is at rest. In this state it recuperates its exhausted energy and power, and stores them up for future need. The period of wakefulness is one of constant wear. Every thought is generated at the expense of brain cells, which can be fully replaced only by periods of properly regulated repose. If, therefore, these are not secured by sleep; if the brain, through over-stimulation, is not left to recuperate, its energy becomes exhausted,—debility, disease, and finally, disintegration supervene. Hence, the story is almost always the same; for weeks and months before the indications of active insanity appear, the patient has been anxious, worried, and wakeful, not sleeping more than four or five hours out of the twenty-four. The poor brain, unable to do its constant work, begins to waver, to show signs of weakness or aberration; hallucinations or delusions hover around like floating shadows in the air." Dr. J. G. Holland observes:

—" leep is a thing that bells have no more business to interfere with than with preyers and sermons; God is recreating us. We are as unconscious as we were before we were born; and while He holds us there, feeding anew the springs of life, infusing fresh fire into our brains, and preparing us for the work of another day, the pillow is as sacred as the sanctuary."

The desire for action may become as morbid a passion of the soul as that which most degrades and demoralizes mankind. A woman who cannot take a minute's repose is to be pitied as much as condemned. She interferes with the health, happiness, and prosperity of all around her. Her children are ceaselessly worried, and her husband eventually succumbs to the inevitable. Such unfortunates do not know repose, and, what is more, they dread it. They are immense workers, not that they do any more than other people, or work harder, but they make a great fuss about it, and are always at it. They rise early and sit up late, whether they do anything or not. For the life of them they cannot sit still. Nothing makes them so uncomfortable and so restless as leisure. They cannot visit a friend for an hour or two but they must be doing comething. must be doing something. If a woman, she must be at her knilting, darning, or sewing. If a man, he must be moving his legs or his feet, or laying his hands upon whatever is within his reach. Don't do any of these things. Cultivate a calm, quiet manner. Better be a ctaue and a jumping-jack. There are much worse habits than these to be sure, and we are speaking only about little things, but they are annoying when persisted in. As a writer says:—"There should be cultivated such habits as tend to quiet and calm the over excited nerves. The tension must be diminished all along the line of life; haste and hurry and worry abandoned, and repose of mind cultivated." Who sedulously attends, pointedly asks, calmly speaks, coolly answers, and ceases where he has no more to say, possesses some of the best requisites of man; and is the one

"Who, when great trials come, Nor seeks, nor shuns them; but doth calmly stay, Till he the thing and the example weigh."

Persons who have influence upon the minds of others, maintain constantly a degree of repose. We repeat that a certain degree of mutual repose is necessary to influence. One person always talks in a hurry, of a thousand things, and is easily excited. Another, carefully avoiding the causes which ruffle him, and preserving the poise of his faculties, insists on his point quietly, and carries it.

"But ills of every shape and every name.
Transformed to blessings, miss their cruel aim,
And every moment's calm that soothes the breast,
Is given in earnest of eternal rest."

The repose of equanimity is a charm which dissolves all opposition. The mind which shows itself open to influence from every quarter, and 13 swayed by them, is not its own master. The mind that never rests is invariably full of freaks and caprices. The mind that has no repose shows its dependence, and its lack of self-control. If a man wishes to have influence of a powerful character upon the minds about him, he must have repose. "Unstable as water thou shalt not excel." If a captain, engineer, minister, physician, lawyer, teacher, or oretor, as well as those who are in

less responsible situations in life, wish to excel, and to attain power over the minds of others, to succeed in everything, to possess that

" Central peace, subdisting at the heart Of endless agitation,"

they must think and act calmly, quietly, deliberately, and reasonably; in other words, their minds must be full of repose. "He that ruleth over his own spirit," etc.

If there is anything on earth that we would shun almost as we would a pestilence, it is an anxious, fractious, worrying, restless, excitable, impatient, scolding man or woman. They are a terror, as well as a pest, to society. Nobody relies on them; they are as flighty as the wind. Where there is no repose, there is no reliableness of character. Saint Peter was a rash and impatient man; he was ready to by down his life at any time for his Lord and Master; but his impulsive zeal failed to prevent the denial. John, reposing on the breast of the Saviour, was "the one whom Jesus loved." Martha, cumbered with much serving, chose a part inferior to that of Mary, who reposed at the feet of Jesus. If we are to be engaged in great enterprises, the powers of the mind must be reposed. A military commander without repose fights without order, struggles for no definite end, and is defeated and disgraced. Why? Simply because he has never planned in терозе.

Says the Sanitarian :- " He who strives after a long and pleasant term of life must seek to attain continual equanimity, and cirefully to avoid everything which too violently taxes his feelings. Nothing more quickly consumes the vigor of life than the violence of the emotions of the mind. Anxiety and care destroy the healthiest body; we know that fright and fear, yea, excess of joy, become deadly. They who are naturally cool and of a quiet turn of mind, upon whom nothing makes too powerful an impression, who are not wont to be excited either by great sorrow or great joy, have the best chance of a long and happy life. Preserve, therefore, under all circumstances, a composure of mind which no happiness, no misfortune, can too much disturb. Love nothing too violently; hate nothing too passionately;

fear nothing too strongly."

Where there is repose, there is dignity. How can a restless, uneasy man be a dignified character. Can a woman who fumes, and frets, and fusses, and is full of caprices and freaks, be called a dignified lady? We admire a dignified person in any station in life, in man or in woman. A dignified person speaks and acts calmly, quietly, sweetly, and all acknowledge their influence. The moment a man surrenders himself to his passions, he loses his dignity. There can b no dignity where there is no repose. It is in the repose of the passions the: we find the happiness, the influence, the power, and the dignity of our life.

" The happiness of human kind Consists in rectitude of mind,
A will subdued to reason's sway,
And passions practiced to obey."

Great enterprises have failed for want of repose. Great men have failed others have yielded their lives at their prime, and before, for want of repose Who are those that easily govern others? They are generally calm, and consequently govern well. They are prompt and resolute, but steady and mild. Let us cultivate repose.

Come, peace of mind, delightful guest, Return and make thy downy nest o co more in this sad heart." W. D. S.

NEW GLASGOW.

### THE AMERICAN PRIVATEER "GENERAL ARMSTRONG."

On the 26th of September, 1814, the British 74-gun ship Plantagenet, Capt. Robert Lloyd, 38-gun frigate Rota. Captain Philip Somerville, and 18-gun brig-sloop Carnation, Captain George Bentham, cruising off the Western Is is, discovered at anchor in the road of Fayal the American privateer schooner General Armstrony, of seven guns, including a long 24 or 32 pounder on a traversing carriage, and about 90 men, Captain Grey R. Champlin. Captain Lloyd sent Lieutenant Robert Faussett, in the Plantagenet's pinnace, into the port, to ascertain the force of the schooner, and to what nation she belonged. Owing to the strength of the tide, and to the circumstance of the schooner getting under way and dropping fast astern, the boat drifted nearer her than had been intended. The American privateer hailed, and desired the boat to keep off, but that was impracticable, owing to the quantity of stern-way on the schooner. The General Armstrong then opened her fire, and before the boat could get out of gun shot, killed two and wounded seven of her men.

As the captain of the American privateer had now broken the neutrality of the port, Captain Lloyd determined to send in and endeavor to cut out the schooner, which had since come to again with springs close to the shore. Accordingly, at 8 p. m., the Plantagenet and Rota anchored off Fayal road, and at 9 p. m. four boats from the Plantagenet and three from the Rota, with about 180 seamen and marines, under the command of Lieutenant William Matterface, first of the frigate, pulled in towards the road. The Carnation had been directed to cover the boats in their advance, but, owing, as it appears, to the strength of the current, and the intricacy of the navigation, the brig did not arrive within gun shot et the American schooner, and therefore, was not of the slightest use. At midnight, after a fatiguing pull against a strong wind and current, the boats got within hail of the General Armstrony, and received from her, and from a battery erected with a portion of her guns, on the commanding point of land under which she had anchored, a heavy five of cannon and musketry. In about half an hour this fire sank two of the boats, and killed or disabled two thirds of the party that had been detached in them. The remainder returned, and at

man,) one midshipman, and 31 seamen and marines killed, the Rota's second lieutenant, (Richard Rawle,) first lieutenant of marines, (Thomas Park;) purser, (William Bongo Basdon;) two midshipmon, and 81 seamen and marines wounded. Among the langridge which the Americans fired were nails, brass buttons, knife blades, etc., and the consequence was that the wounded, as on former occasions recorded in this work, suffered exeruciating pain before they were cured. Soon after daylight the Carnation went into the road to destroy the privateer, but the Americans saved the British the trouble by setting fire to her themselves .- James' Naval History.

### INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

DEAR CRITIC,—In your issue of 12th inst. it is stated that Upper Province travellers offer "alleged woollen goods at very low prices." In your comments you say, "the goods referred to are simply cotton fabrics, with a good in the state of small percentage of wool in them, consistent with preserving a woollen appearance."

Those cloths are probably sold for all wool fabrics, and rightly, for all wool shoddies can be procured at about sixty to eighty per cent. cheaper than scoured cape wool, and some of the Canadian mills are making all wool

fabrics that contain eighty per cent. of this cheap shoddy or "all wool," the remaining twenty per cent. is fine wool, or possibly, and probably, cotton. The shoddy is as cheap as, or cheaper than, the cotton.

I hold that it is right to make shoddy fabrics, and every buyer should know that cheap price goods are inferior in quality; but it is passing strange how people will pander to a cheap all wool article, even though it is really a dear article. The middle men must have low priced goods. One manufacturer explains himself as being astonished that he can no longer sall a really good article event to local customers. sell a really good article except to local customers.

While I favor shoddy manufacture, I am persuaded that the all wool

cheap cry has become a snare, and hope that the day is near at hand when it shall be better understood, and the genuine all wool article or fabric receive a greater demand.

Yours, etc.,

KNIT GOODS.

Rhodes, Curry & Co. have been awarded contracts for all the buildings to be erected on the Short Line, from Oxford to Tatamagouche, at a cost of about \$45,000.

A Buffalo paper records some interesting experiments in long distance telephoning conducted the other day between that city and Boston, Springfield, New York and Troy. The wires worked well, and conversations were carried on over a distance of 800 miles with as much ease as if the parties were only a few blocks distant, every word uttered being clearly and distinctly heard. The line was constructed by the Bell Company, and is owned by the New York telephone and telegraph company.

The total world's production of raw silk in 1887, according to statistics recently published in Lyons, France, was 11,710,000 kilos, equal to about 25,762,000 pounds, against 23,386,000 pounds in 1886, 20,497,400 pounds in 1885, and 21,837,200 pounds in 1884.

In the matter of putting the telegraph and telephone wires under ground, Chicago is setting other citics an example. In the business district of Chicago not a wire is to be seen, although there is something like five thousand miles of wire beneath the surface, and all working to everybody's satisfaction.

Most of the Lancashire cotton mills are running on short time. The mill owners calculate that they will have to run on short time two months before the ring is broken. Liverpool brokers attribute the increase in prices not to ring operations, but to natural causes. Mills spinning Egyptian cotton are not affected.

The California lumber trade is said to have revived considerably of late, owing to a boom through the southern portion of the state, which has enlivened the real estate market, and increased building. The hope is that the improvement will not prove ephemeral.

About fifty vessels of various sizes are under charter to load lumber at Portland, Me., for South America. Freights have taken a sharp rise the past few weeks, and are still advancing. Fourteen dollars per thousand feet of lumber to Buenos Ayres is the ruling rate. The shipments of lumber from Portland to South America the present year bid fair to exceed 50,000,-000 feet, the largest year's business in the history of Portland.

The London, Eng., market for American woods is showing better tone. The trade in walnut has improved materially, and higher prices are anticiand trade in wainth has improved materially, and higher prices are autorpated, owing to an advance in freight rates, which is also expected to check importations of stocks already in over supply. Good grades have been in active demand, and inferior have been disposed of at weak prices. The improvements have covered both logs and lumber, but the latter has been most in demand. Prices are firm on good stock. The trade in whitewood has been more satisfactory, and lumber stocks have been much reduced. Plank and inch boards are scarce. Logs have been in large supply, but the latest report is that they have advanced slightly, and are likely to advance further. All prices are now well maintained, and the demand keeps up well.

about 2 a. m. on the 27th reached the Rota

The loss appears to have been of the following limentable amount: the Rota's first and third lieutenants (William Matterface and Charles R. Nor-

Germany imported during the year 1887 forty-one thousand nine hundred and fifty tons of leaf, and one thousand two hundred and fortyzine tons of manufactured tobacco, an increase of two thousand seven hundred and sixty-four of the former, and four tons of the latter over the year 1886.

Last year the United States imported foreign products as follows. Leather...... 11,965,000 Woollen goods..... 44,725,000 Lumber...... 10,524,000 Brondstuffs...... 8,755,000 Vegetables, potatoes and beans..... 7,365,900 The total imports for the year amounted to \$723,875,813.

### OFF FOR BOSTON!

(From our Special Correspondent.)

Many are the families represented on board the good ship Halifax, or among the watching crowd gathered 'long shore. Even the rain has not the effect of dispersing the men, women and children who have assembled to see the Halifax start on her bridal journey. From deck, the scene is a curious one—hundreds of upturned types of "the human face divine"—a collection of "all sorts and conditions of men." All around is a murmur of good-byes, the kindly threadworn parting words—"now, do take care of yourself;"
"be sure not catch cold"; all set, as it were, to an accompaniment of the more affectionate as well as conspicuous method of saying farewell.

The twelve o'clock gun is fired. A few minutes of delay. The gangway

is pulled off-

"And seet she stirs!
She starts, she moves, she seems to feel
The thrill of life along her keel
And spurning with her foot the ground,
With one exulting joyous bound,
She leaps into the occurs arms.

But no; she stops! The cause, a belated genius who strides down the wharf, waving his banjo frantically. Such respect has the Halifax for talent of this description, that with a murmured apology to her passengers concerning the disadvantages of a musical mind, she allows her gangway to be made fast, and welcomes another child to her capacious bosom Such a bright, morry crowd as they are who enjoy the laugh at the musician's expense.

Informal introductions abound. Many in this wise—a friend on the wharf spies two mutual but unacquainted friends standing near each other on deck. Immediately his whole energies become bent on making an introduction, for

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Soon these ravings attract the attention of his friends. They eye him intently, with a vague notion that he should try "Mount Hope" air as a restorative. Suddenly, by a common attraction, they turn to one another—the idea of an introduction penetrating slowly the density of the masculine man. A delightful uncertainty as to names is evident, but the friend is satisfied, wearied but triumphant. The Critic made its best bow on a couple of these pleasing but trying occasions.

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Steadily and smoothly we steam down the harbor. A few unfortunate individuals below gramble that we have not left the wharf We point triumphantly to the fast retreating end of George's Island in disproof of this

The dinner-bell rings out a cheery welcome. THE CRITIC having breakfasted at 7 a m., repairs most willingly to the substantial repast awaiting in the dining saloon. Many are the jokes about the advisability of sitting next a director, and so securing the constant service of a waiter. The dinner is excellent. A few little incidents lending it the peculiar piquancy of a meal on ship-board. The soup suddenly develops an ebb and flow tide so that it requires a mathematical mind to determine an effectual adjustment of the spoon. A bright bit from George Eliot strikes us with new meaning—"Unwonted circumstances make us all rather unlike ourselves; there are conditions under which the most majestic person is obliged to sneeze, and our emotions are liable to be acted on in the same incongrous manner'

A few passengers leave the table. Son-sick? Oh, no! The ladies have suddenly remembered that they "must speak to the stewardess," while the gantlemen, with less originality, are leaving "for a smoke," or "to see" the

inevitable "man."

As the sea grows a trifle rougher, a new phase of human nature presents itself. Straugers, who, if travelling by rail, would have remained unknown to each other, discuss the still unso tled question of sea-sickness-"a touch of Nature that makes all men kin." Many preventatives and remedies are suggested. A man who places his faith in the efficacy of alcohol amuses the walkers on deck. Approaching as best he may the crescent shaped head-

light, he inquires politely:—
"Can any lady or gentlement tell me if this is the moon?"

To which another traveller makes this highly intelligent answer.

"Looks like it. But I dunno. I am a stranger in these parts."

Towards night, our friend of the banjo gives some selections "The singing of the sailors" arises through the hatchway. The exquisite finishings of the saloon and pander show to great advantage under the Incandescent Light. A cheery good-night is said by all.

with wraps and books. It did our heart good to see some of "our solid men" of, Halifax, whose chief interest lies in the rise and fall of stocks. promonading the deck, examining the far horizon for sails, guessing as wildly as any schoolboy as to probable distances, pointing out to less keen oyes a distant line of smoke, or watching with a keen delight the sweep of the white gulls.

But all good times must come to an end. Reluctantly the Halfar touches the American shore. Slowly her 200 passengers scatter through Boston and its suburbs. Owing to the accommodating length of the excursion, we may not all meet again on ship board, but come we back singly or together, there can be only the most pleasant recollection of the courtesy and kindness met with on board the initial steamer of the Canada Atlantic S. S. Co. With such a ship as the Halifax upon the route between Charlottetown, Halifax and Boston, the already large passenger and freight traffic will be largely increased. In fact it is already ovident that a sister ship will be required, in order to adequately provide for the trade. Of the courtesy of Captain Hill and the officers of the Halifax it need only be said that they are untiring in their efforts to look after the comfort and well-being of the passengers, and travellers by this route may rest assured that nothing will be left undone that should be done to make the trip enjoyable. The record of the Halifax, in the two trips she has already taken, proves beyond a doubt, that despite adverse weather and newness of machinery, the speed of this pride of the occan is in every way satisfactory.

### COMMERCIAL.

The course of trade has been even and regular, and has presented no new features worthy of attracting general attention. Distribution in the leading lines has been fair, although in some quarters the uncertain and broken state

of the weather has been esteemed a drawback.

Payments have been as promptly met as it was expected that they could As the agricultural produce of the country has been satisfactory both in quantity and value, there ought to be an average circulation of money in this province and city. However, merchants here, although reporting trade fair, are not disposed to extend more credits than they can avoid, and we learn that a number of country dealers have been notified to that effect. At the present moment it looks as if Nova Scotia farmers in many instances would rather hold their produce—be it butter, cheese, apples, grain, etc.—under a hopeless anticipation of a hypothetical advance in prices-and thus allow the merchants on whom they depend to supply them with what they and their families require for their daily use "to go to the wall." It is the old story of "killing the goose with the golden egg." Of course, if the farmer finds his family pinched with hunger or wanting in any other way the comforts of life he can call what he has for what he can obtain any proceed to forts of life, he can sell what he has for what he can obtain, and proceed to feed and clothe those dependent upon him with the proceeds. Or, if he has re-crve funds or resources upon which he can fall back he may "hold till spring," and then find, in nine cases out of ten, doubtless to his satisfaction he has obtained practically less than he would if he had sold what he had to offer when it was fresh and in its best marketable state.

The Winnipog Commercial says:-"Last week did not show any improvement in trade activity, but rather the contrary. This was owing to the unfavorable weather, which was certainly of such a nature as to put a damper on business activity. Several days' rain, followed by a heavy snow-storm, put the roads in a bad state, and made travelling very uncomfortable. The natural result was that all business that could be postponed was left over until it could be transacted with greater comfort. Changes in prices were few and unimportant, with the exception of the hardware and metal

branch, which continues to show appreciation in values.'

The many changes that have taken place of late in the wheat, pork and lard markets in Chicago, demonstrate most forcibly that many of the fortunes lately acquired in speculative dealing have been the result of the most stupid flukes imaginable. A case is mentioned of a party in Montreal who sent an order to Chicago to buy a large quantity of wheat. Soon after the message left, however, the market took a sudden tumble, and the party making sure that his order had been filled and his market wiped out, wired immediately to close the deal. To his surprise, however, he was soon made aware of the fact that he had scored a good quick profit. It seems that the message was somehow delayed, so that when the Chicago firm received it, the wheat was bought at about the lowest point of the break, when the market immediately shot up again, and was closed by instructions of the second message at a handsome profit. Here then is a case in which the operator had made up his mind that he had lost by going "long" instead of "short," instead of which, as he afterwards discovered, he hit it right, just in the nick of time by a pure accident. What judgment then can there be in such trading? None whatever!

Bradetrect's report of the week's failures:

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Oct. 26 week ——Oct 26——
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ited States. 208 195 213 216 166
lada....... 28 31 25 10 24 Failures for the year to date. 1888 1887 1886 1885 8,074 7,718 8,312 9,390 1,410 1,052 991 1,067 United States. 208 Canada. . . . . 28

The following are the Assignments and Business Changes in this Province during the past week: - Falconer & Dunning, general store, Acadia Mines, partially burnt out, most of their stock being saved; Kenny, Towards night, our friend of the banjo gives some selections "The singing of the sailors" arises through the hatchway. The exquisite finishings of the saloon and parlor show to great advantage under the Incandescent Light. A cheery good-night is said by all.

Morning finds all in the best of humors. The passengers have become used to the motion of the ship. Ladies come timidly up to try the fresh air on deck, decide they like it, and proceed to mak; themselves comfortable in the saloon and parlor show to great advantage under the Incandescent Kenny, and Lewis C. Johnston continue the business under the same name; E R Mosset, general store, North Sydney, succeeded by James W. Gordon; Gilbert W. Walker, general store, Milsord, assigned to George Musgrave, in trust for benefit of creditors, preferences \$775; McKay & Co., general store, Baddeck, Kenneth J. McKay and Ewan G. Mac vskill, co partnership registered Oct 17, '88, dating from Sept 24, '88; Leander Keddy, shoomaker, Aylesford, assigned to T. R. Harris, in trust for benefit of creditors, liabilities reported about \$4500, assets nearly \$2500; Clifford Heskin, furniture, Halifax, reported left the city; A. Mellougall & Son, Halifax, wholesale grocers and liquors, sold out wholesale grocery business; Acadia Organ Co., manufacturers organs, Bridgetown, dissolved, E. P. Raymond retires, A. E. Sulis continues under the old name.

DRY GOODS.—A fair business for the season is reported in general dry goods, chiefly in sorting up orders, as regards the wholesale trade. Retailers express themselves as satisfied with the volume of business accomplished. In short the dry goods trade in this city and province, though just now not rushing, is fair and affords reasonable but not large profits to those engaged in it. West of us the situation may be regarded as upon the whole improving. The Montreal Trade Bulletin, reviewing the dry goods position in its last issue, says:—"Prices however in some lines are still being cut most frightfully, especially in flannels, certain kinds of grey having been cut down 15 to 20 per cent. in order to place orders, according to the statement of a traveller for one of our largest houses. In cotton goods a most demoralizing state of affairs is said to exist, as the great aim of some of the large mills seems to be a determination to sell below card rates. There can be no doubt that the Canada Cotton Company has been an incorrigible sinner in this respect, although we learn that it has seen the error of its way and will reform. Quite a number of country failures have taken place recently, many of which have turned out the veriest wrecks. Still the outlook for trade is not as gloomy as some of our merchants try to make out, as remittences have improved and greater confidence appears to be manifested."

IRON, HARDWARE, AND METALS.—The firm tone previously noted in the

iron and hardware trades has been fully maintaized with prices at the full level. Stocks carried in Canada are reported to be light which is probably largely due to the increased carrying charges arising from higher duties. The indications are that prices will rule higher during the coming winter. Warrants in Glasgow are cabled at 41s. 8d. London cables are:—spot tin £102 12s. 6d.; three months £103; market dull Chili bars, spot £78 7s. 6d.; futures £78 15s., G. M. B copper £78 2s. 6d.; market firm. Spanish lead £13 12s. 6d.

BREADSTUFFS.—The demand for flour has been fair and the market more active with a reported larger volume of business. The feeling has been firm at unchanged values. Beerbohm's cable says:—" Cargoes off coast—wheat and corn quiet but steady; do. on passage and for immediate shipment, wheat and corn firm with little movement California wheat off coast 42s. 3d.; promptly to be shipped 42s. 6d. Liperpool, red American spring wheat 8s. "2dd. Minnesota first bakers' flour 29s... English country markets wheat 8s 2½d.; Minnesota first bakers' flour 29s., English country markets firmer. Wheat in Paris slow at 47s. 6d. November. Flour in Paris slow at 39s. 9d. November. At Antwerp spot wheat quiet." In Chicago wheat fluctuated for a time, but the final result at latest reports was a slight advance m figures and quotations were \$1.15\frac{1}{2} December, \$1.15\frac{1}{2} January, \$1.15\frac{1}{2} May. Corn was firmer and moved up a little to 41\frac{1}{2}c. November, 39\frac{7}{2}c. December, 38% May. Oats have been quiet and steady at 24gc. November, 25lc. December, 294c. May. In New York one report says that there has been a strong tone to the wheat market, and prices advanced 1 c. to 2c. to \$1 11\forall November, \$1.13\forall December, \$1.18\overline{length} May. Corn was firmer and advanced to 49\forall c. November, 50\overline{length} c. December, 47\overline{length} c. May. Oats were 30\overline{length} c. November, 31\overline{length} c. December, 32\overline{length} c. January Another report says:—"The alleged inherent weakness of the speculative market for wheat is manifesting uself in the dragging condition of business and the downward (in the main course of prices. New York is looking on with curiosity rather than with a partnership interest as to the speculative relations in Chicago, while the seaboard markets are unable to take a step as to cash wheat. The export seaboard markets are unable to take a step as to cash wheat. bulletin has not had a scratch upon it for a week and a half at New York, and still the outlook for business with foreign countries is as remote as ever. The stuff don't move. Exporters have been hit hard in the contract market this year, and are very cautious how they short the market. The locals run at first loss. The country buils have enough bought to make a 16c break if they commenced to unload. Now York believes some such break is not far off. The break in corn does not help wheat any. Trading here is very light."
Provisions — The local demand for provisions has been good, and the

carket active with a considerable volume of business in a jobbing way. The demand for pork has been as good as could be expected, and sales were heely made at firm prices. For lard the demand was good, and prices were simly maintained. The demand for hams and bason was smaller than was expected, and did not keep pace with that for other provisions. In the Liverpuol provision market for bacon a weaker feeling prevailed, and prices declined 6d. to 46s. to 47s. 6d. Pork was steady at 78s. 9d. Lard was resker, and fell off 3d. to 46s. Tallow remains unchanged at 28s. 6d. The Chicago provision market was active but weaker, and pork declined 21c. to lic., quotations being at \$14.40 December and January, and \$14.721 for May. Lard was also weaker, and fell off 5c. to 121c. to \$8.10 December, \$121 January, \$8 20 May. There was no change in the hog market.

BUTTER.—The market for butter has continued to be quiet under merely is a consumptive demand for really good qualities. We note that in Montreal and Toronto prices have taken a sudden upward turn, which is said to be in consequence of a demand by shippers, who want to send off if the goods that they can to England before the season of navigation theses. If this statement is true, the movement can be only ephemeral, and

fgures will soon revert to their former level.

CHEESE.—Though there has been no specific change in the cheese market, the tone is firm, with no disposition on the part of holders to sell, except at fall prices. The reports of the short October make throughout Canada and to United States are being confirmed, and many factories show a heavy

Eminkago. The cable is unchanged at 51s. A year ago it was 50s. 6d. APPLES.—Cables from London report the market very bad, owing to APPLES.—Cables from London report the market very bad, owing to Besides other small Groceries which are upplies largely exceeding the demand. Still it is thought that the present offered at reasonable prices on usual terms.

glut in England will only be temporary, and that as soon as the poor offerings of fall stock are worked off, winter kinds will meet with bottor enquiry.

Sugar has weakened a little of late, and refineries are reported to be illing to shade prices for round lots. London quotes cane stoudy at 16s. 41d. for Java, with beet dull and lower at 14s. 11d.

Tea.—The market has been fairly active and steady, and the undertone

is firm, and holders are confident in the future of the market, and unwilling

to accept hids below asking rates.

Fish Oils .- Our reports on fish oils are :- Montreal, Oct. 30.market continues to gain strength in cod oil, sales heing reported at 38c to 39c. for Newfoundland, with holders now asking 40c. Gaspe is quoted at 38c. to 39c., and Halifax at 36c. to 37½c. Steam refined seal oil is firm at 473c., pale seal ordinary at 422c., and straw at 37c. Cod liver oil, slow sale at 60c. to 70c." Gloucester, Mass., October 30.—" We quote cod oil 30 to 32 cts. per gal.; medicine oil 60 cts.; blackfish oil 55 cts."

Figure This week opened with an improved enquiry for nearly all kinds

of fish, and prices are much firmer, though no actual advance in figures has been accomplished, except in regard to dry fish, where they have improved. The scarcity of hard shore cod has caused the value of Bank to advance 10c. to 15c. There is also a demand for split herring, of a grade somewhat cheaper than those taken on our own shores. Hake and haddock remain stationary, but, if the advance in other lines is sustained, these fish must follow them. We may remark here that the present improvement in the tone of the market is not so much due to any unusual demand for fish, the tone of the market is not so much due to any unusual demand for fish, but nearly altogether to the fact that the catch of herring, macketel, cod, bake, haddock, etc., has been far smaller than for some years past. Our outside advices are as follows:—Montreal, October 30.— Labrador herring are in good demand, with sales at \$5.12½ to \$5.25, but holders are now asking \$5.50 for round lots. We quote Labrador \$5.50, and shore herring \$5.25. Dry cod steady at \$4.75 to \$5 per quintal, and green cod at about the same ligures per bbl. Labrador salmon, \$14 to \$15 per bbl." Gloucester, Mass., October 30 .- "The market remains active, with unfavorable weather for curing cod, but little difficulty in filling orders. We quote large Georges codfish at \$4.75 to \$4.87½ per qtl., and small at \$4.25 to \$4.37½. Bank, \$4.25 and \$4. Shore, \$4.50 and \$4.12½ for large and small. Dry Bank, \$5 and \$4.50. Cured cusk at \$3.50 per qtl.; hake, \$2.30; haddock, \$3.25; \$5 and \$4.50. Cured cusk at \$3.50 per qu.; nake, \$2.30; haddock, \$3.20; heavy salted pollock, \$2.50; and English cured do., \$3 per qtl. Labrador horring, \$6 per bbl.; medium split, \$5.50; Newfoundland do., \$6: Nova Scotia do., \$6.75; Eastport, \$5; round Shore, \$3.50; pickled codfish, \$5.50; haddock, \$4.50; halibut heads, \$3, tongues, \$7; sounds, \$12; tongues and sounds, \$10; alewives, \$5; trout, \$14.50." Boston, Cctober 30.—"The catch of mackerel up to date has been only 35,200 barrens. Most of the vessels coming in now haul up, and the fishing season is virtually over Recent sales of shore mackerel have been at \$19 to \$19.50 for small, and \$27 for large, the latter of superior quality. P. E. Island unculled, \$24 for good lots late caught; No 2's. \$23; No 1's. \$25; and extra No. 1's. \$26 to \$28, the latter price for fish running 160 or less to the barrel. Late caught Nova Scotia mackerel are selling at the same price as the Island's. We hear of 1,000 bbls. on the way from Ireland. Some good catches of mackerel have been made there lately, and the season will lest till the middle of December. The fish are large and fat, but are poorly taken care of, a good many soft and rusty fish being among them. We think mackerel are about as high as they will go. Large split herring, \$6.50 to \$6.75. Dry Bank codfish are solling at \$4.50 to \$5 for small and large." Havana, Nov. Bank codfish are setting at \$4.00 to \$5 for small and large.

4 (by cable via New York.)—" Codfish, per 100 lbs., \$7; haddock, do., \$6; hake, do., \$5.75. Market decidedly improved." St. John's, Antigua, October 9.—"The market is barely supplied with dry and pickled fish. All the old stock has been cleared off, and dealers must pay fair prices for next direct arrival. We value cod at \$18, haddock \$14, hake \$12, split herrings \$4.75, No 3 mackerel \$8.50, alewives \$6, smoked herrings 18c. per box." For Market Quotations, see page 5.

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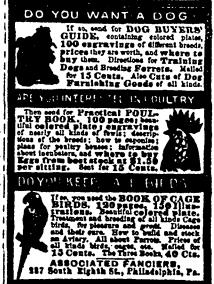
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## AT CROSS-PURPOSES.

Stuyvesant was at a loss to account for Charley's early visit to his mother's house, where of late he had not been a frequent visitor at the best | Finally he made up his mind that something had to be done in a hurry, so of times. Just now one would have supposed that he had enough to think of and to do, under present circumstances, without making morning calls. But Charley's conduct in this crisis had been systematically unaccountable. It was impossible to predict what he would do or say, what he would leave undone or unsaid.

The door opened, and Miss Vaughn entered. She looked very dainty and winsome in a fresh morning gown; her eyes were dancing with happiness and health; and she had a bewitching smile on her lips. She tried to frown as Paul arose, but the smile was rebellious and would not down, so she gave up her vain assumption of displeasure and broke into a merry laugh.
"Well, Bear," she said, "have you come to apologize for your rudeness last night?"

This was just the reception Paul wished for. He was willing to apologize. Metaphorically speaking, he asked nothing better than to grovel at her little feet. All he was unwilling to do was to explain; and Kitty did not ask for an explanation.

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He managed even to say, with a fair attempt at a light manner,—

"If you call me a bear, you must expect to be hugged.'

"Hands off!" she cried, retreating behind a chair "I haven't forgiven you yet for being cross."

"I throw myself on your mercy," he said, "and I beg you to believe that I was the greatest sufferer by not being on hand to walk home with you yesterday evening."

"Yesterday evening."
"Of course you were," she answered. "People who let their tempers get the best of them are always the greatest sufferers in the long run. But, now you have come back in a proper frame of mind, you shall be forgiven, and I'll let you take the kiss of peace '

And he took it at once. It seemed to refresh him.
"The fact is," she went on, "I have just heard something so interesting and so exciting that it has driven everything else out of my head, and it is impossible for me to bear malice. You shall guess what it is."

Paul could not guess. He had not the spirits for badinage, and, after

one or two futile efforts under pressure of her insistence, he gave it up.
"Well, then," she said, "be prepared. Catch hold of something.
Charley has been with me all morning, and he has made a full confession."

Kitty's recommendation to catch hold of something had not been unnecessary. Paul fairly reeled under her announcement. Charley had told her, about the Mary Magdalen, and the manner in which I secured it seems to and now, instead of Stuyvesant's finding her crushed and spirit broken by have jarred with his fine sense of honor." the confession, she met him with a laugh on her lips and referred to it as something "exciting and interesting."

"He has told you all?" he gasped.

"Yes, everything. Isn't it just too lovely?"

Paul stared.

"It accounts for all that has been puzzling us in his ways of late."

It certainly did account for Charley's change of habits; but Stuyvesant could not share Miss Vaughn's satisfaction.

"You don't seem pleased," she said more coldly. "Perhaps you're jealous. Oh, I haven't forgotten how you raved about Gladys Tennant's beauty yesterday when you met her in the street-car,—though you pretended you didn't know her"

window, just as Kitty answered,—

"Well, you knew, Charley, I did not think it exactly nice myself."

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At any other time Paul would have asked no better pastime than to combat this pretty, unreasonable pique, but now all his faculties were absorbed in a boundless bewilderment. What Miss Tennant had to do with

"Oh, yes, you look very innocent and unconscious," pursued Kitty.
"But there, I am too happy; I can't be angry with you even when you deserve it. Why, you dear old stupid, when you met Gladys she was on her way to take the 3 30 train home to Yonkers. She had very good reason be?" to suppose Charley might happen to be on the same train, and sure enough he was on it; and the whole thing was settled as they walked from the city of Paris," answered Charley. "Haven't you read the papers yet? station to her house; and he dined and spent the evening at Mr. Tennant's You were up early enough this morning." in the character of—in what character, do you suppose?" No; I have—I have been thinkin

Paul could not hazard an opinion.

"How perversely stupid you are this morning!" she said, with a frown of impatience. "Haven't I told you as plainly as words could say it that Charley proposed to Gladys Tennant yesterday, and was accepted, and-What's the matter now?'

"Is that all Charley told you?" he asked.

"Yes, that is all; and a very sufficient piece of news it is, too, for a rainy morning, I should think," she retorted.

Paul breathed again. The fatal secret was still unsuspected by Kitty.

"You are not very profuse in your congratulations," she went on, after a moment's pause. Then she looked at him more closely. "What's the matter, Paul?" You look tired and troubled; you are not yourself this morning. Apply you wall dear?" morning. Aren't you well, dear?"

There was a note of infinite tenderness and feeling in her voice, and

Paul caught the hand that she passed caressingly over his brow and pressed

"There's nothing the matter with me," he said "I had a rather disturbed night, that's all. Some—something's nappened to worry me. Tell me, though: this engagement,—it is rather sudden, isn't it? I didn't know

love quite a while. As far as I can make out, she took him into camp on the boat,—you know they came back from Europe on the same steamer last fall,— and he has been sinking deeper and deeper into love ever since, until now he is over head and ears. But he had an idea that Gladys was fond of some other fellow, and it has made him very miserable. He never hoped that anything would come of it, so he never told a soul a word about it. he took the plunge yesterday, and he found out that Gladys has been signing for him as long as he has been dying for her, and now everything is lovely."
"I see," said Paul, slowly. He understood now the nature of the com-

munication which Charley had intended to make to him that morning. He saw they had been at cross-purposes. He thought that the young artist had chosen a very inopportune moment for his wooing. The selfishness which Charley displayed in drawing a young girl's bright life into the shadow of his own struck Paul painfully. It was of a piece with the incomprehensible indifference and levity with which he had treated the whole transaction.

"Well, you are not very enthusiastic," said Kitty, after a pause.

"Of course I wish him all possible happiness," said Paul, with an effort, for the words seemed to stick in his throat.

"You shall say it to his face, then," said Miss Vaughn, running to the door. She was out in the hall in an instant, and calling with her clear, high-pitched voice:

"Charley, Charley, -come here a minute: I want you."

"Kitty, I beg of you—"Paul cried, springing to his feet.
But the summons had already gone forth. It was impossible to check this young lady in any course she had resolved on; and Paul had no possible excuse for his unwillingness to meet her brother. It was evident that Charley had told her nothing of their quarrel in the morning. Stuyvesant could only remain passive and let things take their course.

Presently Charley entered, light-hearted and lively as ever, without the trace of a care on his face. Paul, in his embarrassment, had withdrawn

into the recess of the window.

"Well, Kit, what is it?" said the young fell or as he came in.

"Oh, I just called you down to receive Paul's congratulations: I've told him all about it—— Why, where is he?"

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"Thanks, I'll take Stuyvesant's felicitations for granted," said Charley, coolly. "You see, they probably would not be exuberantly overflowing. He's been engaged long enough himself to have found out that it isn't a subject for unmixed congratulations!"

Kitty's quick eye detected something strained in the situation. "What's the matter with you two?" she said. "Have you " Have you been quar-

Well, it's this way," said Charley. "Stuyvesant has just found out

Paul nearly fainted. So her brother had told Kitty the whole business, after all. There was nothing more to conceal. He came forward from the window, just as Kitty answered,-

"Well, there's something in that," said Kitty, appealing to him.
"Perhaps there is," said Stuyvesant, stiffly. "I can't see it mysel. To take away Mr. Sargent's picture, without his knowledge, is in my eye nothing more nor less than a theft."

"Since Mr. Sargent has been lucky enough to recover his Titian," sad Charley, "I think he will be charitable enough to find a milder word for my

very petty larceny."
"Recovered his Titian?" cried Paul, in amazement. "How can thu

" By the exertions of the very intelligent and efficient police of the good

"No; I have—I have been thinking of something else," said Parl, producing the Gotham Gazette from his pocket, still folded as he had take it from his table.

Charley took the paper from him and opened it. "Read tnat," he sad, indicating a paragraph in the cable news.

With growing amazement Paul read this despatch:

### A PICTURE RESTORED-TO ITS OWNER!

### MR. SAM SARGENT RECOVERS HIS MARY MAGDALEN!

Paris, January 3.—The Parisian police have done a bit of detection work worthy of the real Vidocq or the fabled Lecoq. They have cause the man who cut Mr. Sargent's Titian from its frame yesterday, and they have got back the picture itself. As I telegraphed you last night, they have a clue, and so adroitly did they follow it up that they laid hands on the the within twelve hours after the robbery had been discovered. committed by a single man, an employee of the low euriosity-shop when the picture was discovered two years ago. He bribed the concierge of Victoria. Sargent's apartments yesterday morning, and the painting was cut from that Charley was paying attention in that quarter."

"Neither did I. None of us did," answered sho. "The dear boy has been most preternaturally shy about it. You see, it seems he has been in Mary Magdalen to ransom and to strike the American owner for a hundred thousand francs. Luckily, a sharp-eyed detective remarked the uneasiness of the concierge when Mr. Sargent announced his loss. Unde. pressure, the concierge supplied a description of the thief, and the police ran him down at once. Mr. Sargent has sent ten thousand francs to the Hotel-Dieu to endow a special bed for the detective department of the police.

"So, you see, Mr. Sam Sargent is in far too good a humor this morning to be very angry with me," said Charley, when he had finished "The Mary Magdalen recovered? In Paris?" Paul was stupefied with amazement. "Then what was it I saw in your room yesterday?"

Charley stared at him blankly. Gradually a light seemed to dawn on his mind, and the hard lines of his face thawed out. Finally the whole situation burst upon him at once, and he fell back on the sofa, where he rolled helplessly in uncontrollable merriment.

"Why, you don't mean to say you thought that was the original?" he gasped, as soon as he could recover his breath.
"I certainly did," said Paul, gravely. The humor of the affair had not

yet dawned upon him.

"Oh, this will be the death of me!" said Charley, in the intervals of his merriment. "Here is an unlooked-for testimonial to the merits of my medium. I shall publish it, Paul, I certainly shall, and then I'll take a big studio and turn out old masters by the gross." He was obliged to stop, cboking with laughter.

"I do not understand," said Kitty.

"Why. it's this way," continued Charley, who had temporarily regained command of his voice. "As I told you, I bribed the concierge and made a copy of Sargent's Mary Magdalen. As I always do, I primed my own canvas, and I used my famous medium; and really it made a very respectable old master indeed. It would pass muster anywhere: wouldn't it, Paul?' There was a fresh explosion of laughter, and then the young fellow resumed:

"I kept it as shady as I could, for I intended it as a wedding-present for you two, but Master Paul, here, must go hunting after a mare's nest and find one with an addled egg in it. When he got pitching into me about the theft, and so forth, I supposed he was referring to the underhand way in which I secured my copy,—and for which my conscience has pricked me more than once, I can assure you; but I've written the whole story to Sargent, and I'm sure he'll say it's all right. But Paul actually thought I had gone in with a crape mask and an ink-eraser and cut the picture out of the frame! Oh, I shall die of this, I know I shall!"

"And did you think my brother capable——" began Kitty, indignantly.
"Oh, don't, Kit. Don't scold him," said Charley. "The poor fellow has had the worst of it all through.

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"Tell me, Paul," Charley continued, "how did you ever get on the track of the Mary Magdalen at all? Did you find it by accident?"

"No," said Paul. His mind was still whirling with the astonishing

developments of the morning, and he could not force his ideas out of the beaten track "No," he said; "I learned that you had been paying money at different times to a man named Zalinski, who turned out to be—"
"A pawnbroker," interrupted Charley. "One by one my most cherished

secrets shrivel up under the eagle eye of my future brother-in-law. I have dealt with Zalinski; I buy most of my curios and studio-properties from him. I got that guillotine knife that hangs in your sitting room from Zalinski, and the bowie-knife too. I have even left him a standing order to let me know whenever he comes across anything that may appeal to my outlandish taste, but I don't tell people of it. For one thing, it looks shady to deal at a pawn-shop; and for another, if the rest of the boys got on to my racket, Zalinski's prices would go up, and there wouldn't be so much left for me."

"Charley," said Paul, advancing with outstretched hand, "I have made a great fool of myself, and my doubt of you was an outrage. Can you for

give me?"

"With all my heart, old boy, especially as you've given me the best hugh I've had for years."

"And you, Kitty?" said he, turning to Miss Vaughn.
"I don't know. I'll consider it. You've no business to be so suspicous," she answered, putting her hands behind her.
"I'll try and be less so in the future," he answered, humbly.

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"And you'd better look out and walk the matrimonial chalk line without wobbling, Miss Kitty," said her brother, "for you'll have a husband that could give Vidocq long odds and beat him."

"I think, on the whole, as you are penitent, I'll forgive you," said Kitty, gravely, wholly ignoring her brother's irroverent observation. "Now I'm going out to Yonkers with Charley to kiss Gladys Tennant. You can time if you want."

ame if you want."
"You can come, but you can't kiss," interjected Charley.

"I'd like it of all things, said Paul, eagerly.

"You'll see how nice she is to talk to when you know who she is," said Joing Vaughn, mischierously, "and when you get back you can sit down and write a nice long chapter on the fallacies of circumstantial evidence, as emplified in the personal experience of the author."

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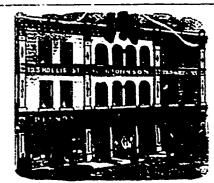
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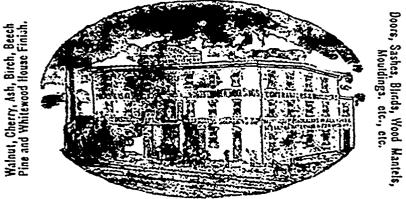
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Gold mining is in a most flourishing condition, and if capitalists meet with fair play, there is little doubt that money to develope mines will continue to flow in freely. Still it should be remembered that dishonesty or misrepresentation will work great harm, and every miner having his own good and the welfare of the Province at heart, should unflinchingly expose any trickery that may come to his knowledge. There are some very damaging stories being told about a so-called clever mining swindle, in truth, a contemptible confidence game, which we hope are untrue. Still the matter needs investigation, and we shall do all in our power to get at the facts. While we always endeavor to advance, by every means at our command, the interests of honest miners, we always have been, and still are, equally prepared to expose any trickery or unfair dealing. Of late we have generally had only to commend, and in the matter of these rumors, there is still room for a satisfactory explanation.

The case of Putnam vs. Taylor, which excited so much interest amongst mining men, was brought to an abrupt termination after the plaintiff's side of the case had been closed, the defendants moving to amond their pleadings. This will necessitate a new trial, the costs so far incurred to be borne by the defendants.

A gold discovery, which promises to prove very valuable, has been mide at Mitchell's Bay, in Halifax County, near Smith's Cove. A belt of leads has been opened up, which range in width from 10 to 20 feet. The belt has been opened in three places, and for a total length of 800 feet, and gold was found in all the trial pits. Men are now at work developing the property, which is only 15 miles from the Dufferin mine. A large sample lot of the ore has been sent to the crusher at Goldenville, and the results of the test are anxiously awaited. The property is most advantageously situated on a peninsula, with good harbors at each side. The great width of the leads, the large amount of gold found in all the ore so far mined, and the convenient situation of the property for development, assure the fortunate owners and discoverers of the property that they have a magnificent property. J. H. Whitman, of Salmon River, who has been pluckily prospecting for some years past with small success, is one of the owners, and his partners are Messrs. A. & W. Smith, the well known wholesale grocers of Halifax. Mr. Whitman's property, near Salmon River, in which the Messrs. Smith are also interested, is reported as looking up. The owners seem bound not to be troubled by neighbors, as they have secured the mining rights over the whole of the peninsula.

Salmon River.—Latest reports confirm the value of the discovery at the Dufferir Mine reported in our last issue. The lead however is near the South lead, and is about in the centre of the property.

Mr. C. H. Cox. of Birkenhead, England, who visited Nova Scotia is July last, and completed the purchase of the Lichaber Mines, from John Anderson and others, for the Liverpool Syndicite now operating here under the management of Mr. J C Ashton, arrived out last Siturday in the Pirzvian. Rumors prevail to the effect that more Liverpool capital will flat this way as a result of Mr. Cox's visit.

AMBER MINING.—The only place in which amber has been found in piging quantities, says R. Kaldenburg in the Swiss Cross, is in the Biltic Secand the vein extends from western Russia to Denmark, Norway and Sweden. In former years the production of amber depended principally upon the storms occurring in the winter time, for when the sea was exculsed the number lying on the bottom was thrown upon the shore be human enterprise stimulated by the demand for the article has changed at this, and for the last twenty five years various engineering appliances him been used for gotting out the amber in the quickest and cheapest way.

The most profitable strata have been found in the Courischer llui, which is located in the vicinity of Memei, and there are twenty large disking boats constantly at work day and night for eight months in the year. There are large strings of iron pails that are constantly dragging along to bottom of the sea and bringing up the sand and what ambor there may be it. This is emptied on the deck of the ship and there it is washed, and the

amber picked out from among the sand and stone.

The little village where this industry is carried on is called Schwarzs. It is situated on a narrow strip of land that extends about ten miles bereit the mainland, and is perhaps a mile wide at its widest part. At one we this strip of land was covered with a forest, but the wood was sold off by Prussian king in the beginning of this century to the Russians. Thelechas become barron since stripped of its sheltering forest, and now it nothing but a sandy waste; and, were it not for the amber industry, the beautiful pennisula would be desolate. About ninety miles further were another little village, called Palmnicken, and here the amber is obtained and the divers go out in rowboats, each of which is fitted with an air parallely go down into the sea, where some of them remain as long as four five hours. Each diver has a little bag around his neck, and a peculiar box with which he pulls up sand, and every piece of amber that he had a thrown into his bag. An encouragement to the diver is that if he field piece of amber he is entitled to a prize of ten, twenty-five or fifty expected in the size.

While the divers are below in the sea, engaged in hunting for the andsethe miners are just as busy on land, for it seems that the same stratum of the green sand runs, perhaps for thirty miles or more, into the land. It opening of the mine is perhaps a thousand feet from the shore, and it

necessary to go down about one hundred and fifty feet, which is some thirty or forty feet below the level of the sea. To keep the mine as dry as possible there are several pumps working day and night; and to prevent the earth falling in, the passages are propped up by logs of weed. There are about forty miles of passageway in these mines, and there are about seven hundred men employed for the various departments. As soon as a passageway is opened, a track is laid, and on this track there runs a little truck, which holds perhaps half a ton of sand. The miners simply cut out the sand and fill the truck. It is then brought to the surface, where the whole contents are thrown into a long trough filled with rushing water, which separates the sand from the amber, which is caught by nots of various sizes. The amber is then cleaned by machinery, and assorted according to its quality and purity. The writer believes himself to be the first American who ever went down into the amber mine.

MINING PUMP.—What is to be the largest mining pump in the country, if not in the world, is at present in course of construction at Providence, R. I., for the Calumet & Hecla copper mining company of Michigan. plungers are 34x48 inches, and the pump has a daily espacity of 25,000,000 gallons. The weight of the pump and stand will be 172 tons, the heaviest section, of which there are twelve, being twenty-two tons. The castings are made of gun metal.

BRITISH COLUMBIA .- William Glover, of French Creek, in the Big Bend country, has struck the pay streak again, with better prospects than ever.

Norleam & Jackson are making \$5 a day to the man in their placer

ground on Smith Creek, Big Bend.

Hall Brothers, of Salisbury, have shipped twenty four tons of ore from the Silver King, one of the Toad mountain mines, merely as a trial ship-

The Selkirk Mining Company still continue development work on the lanark, one of their great properties at Illecillewaet, it being their intention to employ fourteen men all winter.

A great ledge has been discovered on Toby Creek, it being traceable for a distance of ten miles. Its ore is a cube galoua, carrying gold and silver, and assay3-from \$115 to \$300 a ton.

Out on Porcupine Creek, some of the boys are sluicing, others sinking shafts, and others digging drain ditches. The Discovery Company and the

Spragge Company are sluicing.

At Field a company with ample means is developing a property that will undoubtedly do much to prove to outsiders that British Columbia is a good field in which to invest mining capital.

ELECTRICAL PRODUCTION OF DIAMONDS. - The Hon. C. A. Parsons describes in an interesting communication to the Royal Society, which is published in abstract in Engineering, a number of experiments which he has recently made on carbon at high temperatures and under great pressures, and in contact with other substances. The primary object of the experiments was to obtain a dense form of carbon for use in arc and incandescent lamps, for, as it is well known, could the life of the carbons of either variety of hmp be prolonged, a considerable economy could be effected in electric lighting. Looking at the experiments from this point of view, it may be stated that the experiments were not entirely successful, though a very dense form of carbon was in one case obtained, but nevertheless some results are of very great interest, as, though the author expresses himself very cautiously, i would appear that he has succeeded in producing diamond dust artificially. The arrangement of the experiment was as follows: A massive cylindrical steel mold of about 3 inches internal diameter and 6 inches high was placed mder a hydraulic press; the bottom of the mold being closed by a spigot and asbestos rubber packing—similar to the gas check in guns; the top was closed by a plunger similarly packed, this packing was perfectly tight at all pressures. In the spigot was a vertically bored hole, into which the bottom end of the carbon-rod to be treated fitted; the top end of the carbon-rod was connected electrically to the mold by a copper cip, which also helped to import the carbon-rod in a central position. The block and spigot were inulated electrically from the mold by asbestos, and the leading wires from the dynamo being connected to the block and mold respectively, the current passed along the carbon-rod in the interior of the mold. The free space in the mold was filled in turn with different hydro-carbons and with other materials. Amongst the liquids acted on were benzine, paraffin, treacle, chloride and bisulphide of carbon, and the solids included silica, alumina, arbonate, and oxide of magnesia and alumina. The pressure employed naged from 5 to 30 tons per square inch. In the experiment with silica the density of the carbon was increased 30 per cent, and in no other case. The most interesting set of experiments was when the mold around the rod ms filled with a layer of slacked lime about a 1 inch thick, surmounted by 2 inches of silver sand, followed by a layer of lime of the same thickness, and finally by a layer of coke dust. The pressures used ranged from 5 to 30 tons, and the current from 200 to 300 ampères, the carbon being in different experiments from \(\frac{1}{2}\) inch to \(\frac{1}{2}\) inch in diameter. Under these conditions there was obtained on the surface of the carbon-rod a powder of a may color, harder than emery, and capable of scratching the diamond. This powder is, therefore, very probably the diamond itself.

The Crescent Mining Company, of Utah, has paid dividend No. 7, of three ants a share, due Oct. 25th, aggregating \$18,000, making \$228,000 paid withat date.

The New York and Honduras Rosario Mining Company, of Honduras, C. A., paid October 29th dividend No. 4, of ten cents a share, aggregating \$15,000, making \$45,000 paid this year, and \$72,500 paid to date.

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### HOME AND FARM.

It is again incumbent upon us to emphatically warn our agricultural friends against the operations of fraudulent pedlars. It might be thought that so much has been written on this subject that every farmer in the country ought to have acquired the caution requisite to guard him against barefaced imposture. This does not, however, appear to be the case, and so long as any of our rural population are liable to be duped, it is our duty to reiterate our warning even to "seventy-times-seven," and to afford information of any new set of swindlers we hear of.

It now appears that two men have been travelling in the neighborhood of Parraboro, representing themselves to be agents of J. J. Walker & Co., of Halifax, and representatives of the Dominion Grange. As there is no firm of that name in Halifax, the presumption is the other statements made by these men are equally untrustworthy, and they are not what they profess to be. They pretend that their object in travelling through Parraboro is a semi-philauthropic one, to buy produce from the farmers on behalf of the Grange at the highest price, and to sell goods to the farmers at the lowest possible rate They carry with them large quantities of cloth, and samples of brown and white sugar. They offer to sell the brown sugar at the rate of twenty pounds for a dollar. No sugar has, however, been sold at these prices; but it is said to be sold at some unnamed period in the future, when they come round to buy potatoes. In the meantime they are very desirous to dispose of their cloth, and in exchange for this they require notes from the farmers. bundles of cloth they sell consist of three or four different kinds, including some factory cotton. This they profess to sell at 8 cents a yard, and this fact enables them to make the unwary farmer believe that the rest of their cloth, of whose quality he knows nothing, is equally cheap. Several farmers have bought bundles of cloth from them, and giving notes in the following form :-\$10

Twelve months after date I promise to pay J. J. Walker or bearer forty dollars at the Halifax Banking Company, Parreboro.

It will be seen by this that the inconvenience of having to indorse over this note to another holder by a fictitious payer is got over by making the note payable to bearer. The cloth for which this note was given may be worth \$20, but is probably worth considerably less. As an inducement for the party to sign the note, he was told that he might pay it in butter at 22c. per lb, wool at 30c., or cordwood at \$3 75 a cord. The following document written in blue pencil was handed to the innocent victim:

Pay to John Jones \$3.75 per cord for wood delivered at the shore below his house. II. LESPENARD & CO.

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Now, no one man ought to be green enough to be taken in by so transparent a swindle, but it is a sad fac. .hat there are persons possessed of the requisite verdancy. As a broad rule, we would say, whenever any sort, size or description of peddler whatever, produces a note for you to sign, turn him off your premises, and, if he "stands upon the order of his going," expedite

him with your dog, if you have a good big fierce one.

Very likely the notes, where given, may be found to have been dated back so as to fall due almost immediately. As they are payable to bearer, the holder, whoever he is, can sue on them, and as the goods for which they were given have been delivered, the farmer will be quite helpless, and as only pay the note which he was foolish enough to sign.

A good deal has been made of the supposed fact that the farmers of this Province and of New Brunswick are prevented by the American duty froz exporting dairy produce to the United States. As a matter of fact, however, the United States are very small importers and very large exporters of dairy produce. On the other hand, the New Brunswick people, at all events, do not make enough butter to supply the demand of their own Province. The total exports of New Brunswick butter last year was 7,869 pounds, valueds \$1,516 Most of this small amount went to New England, though if the quantity had been snything worth while, and the quality had been better, it would have gone to old England. Quebec sold 4,398,467 pounds, and only 11,687 pounds went to the United States. Great Britain took four-fifths of the whole quantity, and Newfoundland ninety-five per cent of the remainder. It can scarcely be the duty that prevented larger sales to the United States for the latter country exports to Great Britain four or five times as much u

That similar conditions exist in Nova Scotia, we cannot doubt, the supply of butter in Halifax, if not absolutely deficient in quantity, is inferior a quality, and the certainty of a good market in Eugland, if quality satisfies, as well as our home demand for a better article, ought to stimulate or farmers to increased production, and the utmost care in manufacture

We have again and again pointed out the great advantage Nova Soulenjoys in being absolutely the nearest Province to England—on the varieties apple growing Province, and the nature of the country is such that the ought to stand second to none in the products of the dairy. It is time to wake up, farmers! It is not the United States which is so vitally necessary to you; they are far greater experters than you are Besides fruit and dun produce, there ought to be a considerable export to England of poultr

the winter time. Turkoys, we fancy, would command excellent prices.

A remarkable fact is recorded in a New Brunswick exchange in contact tion with the butter question — "A single St John grocer recently gaven Ontario house an order for twice as much butter as this Prevince (N. B.) supplied last year to all countries, including the United States. What is

total purchase from Ontario may be it is not easy to learn, but some idea of it may be gathered from the fact that the dealer above mentioned sends from \$4,000 to \$10,000 annually to the Ontario creameries." So far, therefore, as dairy produce goes, our farmers are following a will-of the wisp when they are badgered into the belief that the United States are a necessi y to them, and that there is no trade with Ontario.

We cannot too attorally urgs on our farmers the source of profit which when, and that there is no trody with Ontario.

We cannot too attorally urgs on our farmers the source of profit which when if they will give attention to improving the quality of their stock. There is now a keen demand for first class Canadian horses in English bred stock. The truth is for a long time now Great Britain has been drained of her beet class of hold mades and females. Every year Canada and the United States buy up to great the proper time for a long time now Great Britain has been drained of her beet class of hold mades and females. Every year Canada and the United States buy up to great the proper time of 
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as it once was. A square-meshed veil, heavily dotted, is in black and white and obtains for wear with round hats, as it has a woven edge it lasts longer, though in the beginning it is a little more costly than illusion or dotted reiling. Very thin grenadine verling, with a double border tike a narrow satin ribbon, is liked in black and scarlet; the black looks particularly well with all the dark-green felt hats, and the red is chosen for wear with the black ones. Plain black Brussels net is dedicated to mourning wear, when the crape veil is thrown back from the face. Very fancy veiling, such as white with gold, silver or pearl dots, is seldom worn except with a very elaborate bonnet-one that has the French air and is only suited for evening.

If you have been unfortunate enough to cut a fringe at the back of your bair and it has not grown long yet, it may be held in place by a pair of the little side combs in vogue. They are of the finest amber, or its imitation, and have a line of tiny pearls, Rhine stones, or small dots of gold as their finish. They are pretty and useful, for unkempt hair, unless indeed the whole head is a mass of fluffiness, is never picturesque.

To have one's small belongings in order and ready to be assumed at a moment's notice is one of the accomplishments of the woman who dresses well Moreover, she will choose her gloves so that she will not lose her temper in assuming them, her veil so that it is right for the day and has a smooth edge, her boots so that they fit well and are good looking, and her stockings so that they match the boots. Be sure, as it is the little wees and worries, the little pleasures and joys, that go to make up life, so it is the little adjuncts, the finishing touches, that perfect that most charming of pictures -a well-dressed woman.

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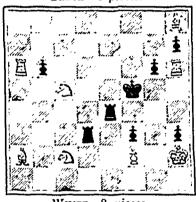
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22 R to BS	Kt to B2
23 R to Q8	B to K3 (g)
23 R to Q8 24 P queens	Kt takes Q
25 R takes Kt	Resigns
110mmn = 11	** ** *****

### NOTES BY D. Y. MILLS.

(a) Recommended by Rosenthal as the only way to continue the Muzio with any chance of success. The variations are all, of course, well known to Mr. Taubenhaus.

(b) Better than taking the pawn at

once.

(c) We prefer P to QB3, since, if white then change off, he has to give up his B to gain the KBP. Suppose S P to QB3, 9 QB takes P; B takes B, 10 Q takes B; Q takes Q, 11 R takes Q; P to KR3, 12 B takes Kt; R takes B, 13 R takes P; Kt to R3, and we think black should win and we think black should win, although his game is difficult.

(d) To this move may be traced the loss of the game. He must lose to play and win. a pawn, and P to Q4 seems the best way to give it up—e. g., 11 P to Q4, 12 Rt takes P; Kt takes Kt, 13 B takes Kt; P to QB3, 14 B takes P (ch); K to K2, and though white 1 has three pawns for his piece, black soon gets all his pieces into play with

a fair game.

(e) The only way to prevent 13 R takes P, which is fatal.

(f) B takes P is the only way for

black to prolong the fight. (g) If 23 B to K, then 24 R to QB6, winning a piece. The game is capitally played by Mr. Taubenhaus.

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### SOLUTIONS.

PROBLEM 62. — Several of our solvers have given the same solution as the author which we regard as incorrect, but we give it as follows:— The position was black men 3, 13, 14, 15, 19; white men 21, 22, 31, 32, kg. 1; white to play and draw.

1 6 22-26 13 9 26 31

22—26 13 9 26 31 9 14 15—19 32 28 _18 22 9 6 19-26 17 26 -.30 21 17 12-16 13--22 27 2 31-24 (n)31_ 8 6 3_ 13 23-26 28 - 23 (1)19-17 12 8-12 14 23 drawn.

VAR. 1. 7 2 7 10 20 - 2418 25 19 15 16-20 27 24 -11 18-_93 .28 19. 15 18 drawn. 10 19 -16 24-_97

(a) This forms the position that we give below as Problem 71.

Our own solution which we give as a correction is as follows:-

14 10 7 11 6 21 17 -18 25--30 25-21 15-18 22 17 17 9 6 11 15 -22 (2)30-13--25 21-17 6 - 1013 9 6 2 drawn (1)22-2625--22 (3)17-13 31 22 10 14 7 18--25 22. -25 13-17

VAR. I. 27 - 8 3222. .2517 13 10 14 15. -18 24 19 -12 21 17 25--29 15 11 19. 23 19 16 15 drawn. 12 - 1927 24 29-VAR. II. - 8 30--26 31--27 24--20 13 9 9 G  $\mathbf{2}$ 7 11

28 2 10 14 6 VAR. III. 10 -22 G 18-32 28 7 -10 24 19 22--18 G 24

27

drawn.

-12 26 31

PROBLEM 67.—Correctly solved by
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4 and 12; white kgs. 1, 2, 19; white 31 24 10 14 22 -16

12 26 7 7 3 8. -12 6 24 19 14 18 26 31 8 19 15 8 -12 7 G 10 8-18 22 15 11 8

19 24 w. wins.

PROBLEM 68.—Correctly solved by Mrs. Moseley and S. C. Hood. The position was black men 15, 18, 19, 20, 22; white men 21, 27, 32, kg. 10; white to play and draw:—
27 24 10 19 19 15
19—28 20—24 18—23 15 18 l 19drawn.

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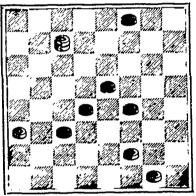
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We again withhold the solutions to 65 and 66 till next week.

PROBLEM 71.

By W. Forsyth, being in correction to Position No 1389, by W. C. Parrow, in Boston Globe.

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