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Poetry.

THE DREAMER.

All day the white haired woman sits
Beside the open door, and knits;
No lying thing her dim eye sees,
She dreams her dreams of what has been,
And knits her old-time memories in.

She thinks of those who long ago,
Went out across the threshold low,
How many times her listening ear
Has thought familiar footsteps near,
And she has started up to find,
A dead leaf rustling in the wind.

But never as of those who lie
Beneath the wide and tender sky,
With folded hands on quiet breast,
All wrapped about with peace and rest,
She thinks of them. For her they tread
The green earth with her. None are dead.

Though years have fallen like the leaves
Above the graves where summer waves
Her grass-fringed coverlet, to keep
Safe hid from us the ones asleep,
She sees them all. Nor grass nor mold
Can hide the ones she loved of old.

She talks with them, when brown-wing'd bees
Make merry in the locust trees,
She thinks of those who come and sit with her
Whose voice was love's interpreter,
A dreamer! young again to-day,
What matter, if your hair is gray?

Sometimes she thinks that round her knee
Her children play in happy glee,
And when they tired and sleepy grow,
She sings some song of long ago,
And on her loving mother's breast
She rocks her little ones to rest.

O dreamer, knitting all the day
Your dreams in with your stitches gray,
Your life is happy, happy heart,
A haunted world from ours apart,
The years that turn your tresses gray
Have given you back your youth to-day.

A LUST ON A BOOK-CASE.

The Adventures of a Man Minus a Wig.

Bob Withers having wooed and won Angie McLane in his wig, has been screwing up his courage to the point of revealing to her that it is a wig, as he feels in fairness he ought to do. He has put it off, and put it off, until now the wedding is but a month off, and the task seems harder than ever. He is at present spending a couple of days at the house of the McLanes in the country, with a view to getting acquainted with the family. For the sake of enjoying unalloyed the pleasure of Angie's society for this short time, he has compromised with his conscience by resolving at once on leaving to write to her and tell the truth, and by no means to procrastinate further.

Meantime the process of getting acquainted with the family does not get on very prosperously. Bob is a poor match from the parental point of view, and a bitter disappointment to the McLanes. Nothing but Angie's resolute character could have extorted the grudging consent which their engagement had at length received. The family consisted, besides Angie, of her father and mother, and two brothers, John and George. Mr. McLane kept his room, being a confirmed invalid. John, strong-willed and arrogant in temper, ruled the family with a rod of iron—George being kinder-tempered, but of much less strength of character. Angie was the only member of the family whom John could not rule, and she carried the point of her engagement against his bitter opposition. Mrs. McLane was a more shuttlecock between John and Angie, receiving an impulse from one which lasted till the other got hold of her. John had accepted the engagement with bad grace, and made scarcely a decent pretence of concealing from Bob his contempt and hostility, and his desire to force a quarrel. This was particularly unpleasant to Bob, because the injury to his own self respect by the sense of the tacit deceit he was guilty of as to his own wig, left him unable to meet John's overbearing insolence with the quiet dignity he would have liked to assume.

After going to bed he lay awake a couple of hours thinking over these embarrassing circumstances, and the delightful fact of Angie's love, to which they were offsets. In the course of his tossings, he became aware that his eel ring was not on his finger, and instantly remembered that, after using it for a forfeit in a parlor game that evening he had forgotten to replace it. The ring must be on the library table. Jumping out of bed he put on part of his clothes, and softly opening the door of the room, went across the hall and down the stairs to the library.

There on the table his ring glittered in the flitting firelight, and he slipped it on his finger. The room was so charmingly cosy he felt it would be a sin not to linger awhile. So throwing himself on a sofa before the grate, he fell into a delightful reverie.

The bronze mantle clock sounded with a silvery tinkle the hour of two. Presently he aroused himself: left the library and started across the dining room with hasty step.

Perhaps long gazing at the fire had dazzled his eyes, or perhaps his haste, together with an undue confidence in his skill in navigation by dead reckoning, rendered him less careful than when he had come down. However that may be, a light table which he had easily avoided then, he now blundered fully upon.

It would have made noise enough anyhow, but it must happen that on this table the family silver was laid out for breakfast, and the clangor was startling.

Bob stood paralyzed with horror. Even the anguish of a terribly stubbed toe was forgotten in an overpowering sense of the awful mess he had made, and the unimaginable consequences that would at once ensue. His first rational idea was to bolt for his room, and gain it before anyone was fairly roused. But the shock had so scattered his wits that he could not at once recollect his bearings, and he realized with indescribable sensations, that he was lost. He consumed precious moments bumping himself all about the room before he found the right door.

As he reached the foot of the staircase, voices were audible, and lights were gleaming down. His retreat was cut off, he could not get back to his room without being discovered. He now distinguished the voice of Mrs. McLane in an agitated tone entreating somebody to be careful and not get shot, the gruff voices of the brothers responding, and then their steps descending the stairs. Presenting himself in such a guise and under such circumstances, what sort of a reception could he expect from John, who treated him with undisguised contempt in the drawing-room, and whose study it was to place him at a disadvantage? He might have hesitated longer, but at this moment the voice of Angie crying down to her brothers to be careful, decided him. He could not face her under such terribly false circumstances, and without his wig.

The glimmer of the descending lamp already shone dimly in the hall, and Bob frantically looked about him for a hiding place. But all the furniture stood up too high from the floor, and the corners were distressingly bare. He sprang into the dining room, but in the dark he could not see how the land lay, and hurried on into the library.

Vainly seeking a safe refuge, he ran round the apartment like a rat in a trap. He already heard the brothers in the dining room, picking up the silver and wondering to find it all there, when obeying a sudden inspiration, he clambered up a lofty bookcase that ran across one end of the room, arching above the dining room door, and within a few feet of the ceiling. In cold blood he never could have scaled it.

The party now entered the library; and peering over the edge of the bookcase, Bob recognized with singular sensations the two gentlemen with whom he had been quietly conversing a little earlier in the evening. Talking in a low tone as they

called one another's attention to various spots were possibly the burglar might be concealed, they went slowly from corner to corner, probing every recess with a sword-cane and giving strained attention to every sound.

He did not dare to look at them long lest the magnetism of his gaze should attract their involuntary attention. Nay, he even made a frantic effort not to think of them for the fear that some physical current might have the same effect—for he believed strongly though vaguely, in the mysteries of animal magnetism, and had a notion that a person sensitive to such influences might detect the presence of his victim by the very terror the latter had of him.

He could scarcely believe his fortune, when, a moment later, the two brothers passed again beneath him back into the dining room.

Mrs. McLane and Angie descended to the dining room, and a lively discussion of all aspects of the problem ensued, which was highly edifying to Bob. He heard Mrs. McLane saying:

"He must be a hard sleeper, for I knocked several times at his door."

Then one of the brothers granted something contemptuously, and he heard Angie exclaiming him on the ground that he must be tired after his long journey—

"Are you sure you looked everywhere in the library?" was Mrs. McLane's next question, at which a cold sweat started out on Bob's face. He had just begun to feel quite comfortable.

John and George, however, declared that they had looked everywhere.

"Did you look under the sofa?"

"Behind the window curtains?"

"In the dark corner by the book case?" asked the ladies in succession.

Bob drew a breath of relief as John replied, with some asperity, to all these questions, that he had told them once that they looked everywhere.

This silenced them, but Angie said a moment after:

"Just let me ask one more question: Did you look on top of the bookcase?"

It seemed to Bob that he died then, and came to life again to hear John reply, contentedly:

"Over the bookcase? There's no room there; and if there were, nobody but a monkey could get up."

"There's room enough," persisted Angie, "and I have often noticed, when sitting in the library, what a nice hiding-place it would be. What if he should be up there now, and hear what I'm saying?" she added, in an agitated whisper.

"Nonsense!" said John.

"Well, there is no harm in looking, anyway," said Mrs. McLane.

"Come along then," grumbled John, "you shall see for yourselves."

At this Bob shut his eyes, and turned his face to the wall. The ostrich instinct is the human instinct of despair. He tried to fly away from himself. The effort was desperate, and seemed almost successful.

A moment after they all passed through the door directly beneath him, and, going clear to the other end of the library, stood on tiptoe, and peered at his hiding-place. But the lamp they carried did not suffice to bring out his figure clearly.

"I'm sure I see something," said Angie, getting up on a chair.

"It's only a shadow of the firelight," replied John.

"Light the gas and let us make sure," said Mrs. McLane.

George stood up on a chair under the chandelier, and lighted one of the burners. A human figure was distinctly visible, reclining along the top of the bookcase, with his face toward the wall. Upon Bob's paralyzed senses fell the sharp words of John.

"We've got you. Get down!"

He did not move.

"Get up, or I'll shoot!" said George.

"Oh, don't shoot him!" cried Mrs. McLane, while Bob, still motionless, dimly hoped he would.

"Get up!" reiterated John; and Bob did get up. He turned around and sat up, his legs dangling over the edge of the bookcase, and his wet, white, wretched face blankly directed toward the group—a most pitiable figure.

"Jump down," said John; "and, if you try to escape, you will get shot!"

Bob let himself drop without regard to how he was to alight. He stood facing the group. His eyes mechanically sought Angie's. What was his surprise not to see in her expression of mingled curiosity and fright the slightest sign of recognition? A glance showed that it was the same with the others. John and George evidently supposed they were dealing with an ordinary burglar, and the others were apparently quite as devoid of suspicion as to his identity. His wig! He had forgotten all about it. That explained their singular demeanor.

The bald man in stockings, trousers and shirt, caught hiding in the library after an attempt on the silver, quite naturally failed to recall to their minds the youth of rather foppish attire and luxuriant locks, who bade them good night a few hours previous.

The ladies at once hurried into the dining room, throwing glances of fear and aversion upon Bob as they passed. Angie paused at the doorway and asked:

"What are you going to do with him?"

Bob even now was able to notice that he had never seen her so ravishingly beautiful as now, with her golden hair falling over her charming dishabille, while her eyes scintillated with excitement.

"George and I will attend to him. You had better go to bed," replied John to her question; and then he sent George after some cord, meanwhile standing in front of Bob with cocked revolver.

Bob had not uttered a word. In the complex falsity of his position he could not indeed muster presence of mind to resolve on any course, but regarded with a kind of fatuity the extraordinary direction events were taking. But when George returned with the rope, and ordered him to put his hands behind him, he said, in a tone so quiet that it surprised himself:

"Hold on, Mr. McLane; this joke has gone far enough. I am Robert Withers, at your service, and respectfully decline to be considered in the light of a burglar any further."

George's jaw dropped with astonishment, and John was scarcely less taken aback.

"Well, if it isn't!" ejaculated the former after a moment, in a tone of incredulous conviction, as he recognized at once the voice, and now the features of Bob; "but where's your hair?"

Bob blushed painfully.

"I wear a wig," he replied, "and to-night coming down stairs after you were all abed, to get my ring, which I had left on the table here, I did not fully dress. Going back it was my luck to stumble over that cursed stand in the other room!"

"But what did you hide for?" asked John sharply.

Bob touched his bald head and replied:

"I heard the ladies' step."

John pitched the revolver on the sofa and stood pensive. Finally he said with a sardonic smile:

"Mr. Withers, how do you propose to get out of this? Shall I call in the ladies and let you explain? They will presently be wanting to know what we have done with the burglar."

Bob made no reply. Already bitterly humiliated, he saw no way of avoiding in definite and yet bitter humiliations.

John thought a few minutes longer, and then he said:

"Take a seat, Mr. Withers; I have a proposition to make."

They sat down.

"You are aware," continued John, in the calmest, most importunate tone, "that I don't like your match with my sister, and have done my best to break it off. But she is an obstinate girl, and I had pretty much given up hope. These peculiar circumstances have most unexpectedly put you in

my power, and I propose to make the most of my advantage. If I were to call in Angie now and introduce you, I feel tolerably well assured that it would be the end of your matrimonial expectations in that quarter. Still, you shall have a chance for your life. I will call her, if you say so," and John rose.

"Don't let her come in here!" gasped Bob, in abject panic.

John grinned, stepped toward the door, and then turned back irresolutely, muttering:

"Wonder if it wouldn't be the shortest way out of it to call her down?" Then he came back, and reseating himself opposite Bob, said, with a sardonic smile: "So you don't like my little suggestion of giving you one more chance with Angie? On the whole, I think you are wise. The other alternative is to leave the house at once, relinquish your engagement, and never see her again. Make your choice quickly, for I'm getting sleepy," and he yawned lazily.

Bob sat in an attitude of utter dejection, staring at the ashes of the fire.

"You are taking altogether too long to make up your mind," Mr. Withers. It will make shorter work to call Angie," finally said John, sharply, his patience quite at an end. He rose and stepped to the door as he spoke.

"It won't be necessary, John—here I am!" said a clear voice, with a sharp ring in it that the family had learned to know meant decisive work, and Angie stepped into the room, her blue eyes flashing with indignation and her lip trembling with scorn, beautiful as a goddess.

Bob started up from his abject attitude and stood facing her with the look of a man waiting his doom from the firing squad. As he stood there, drawn up to his full height, with just a touch of appeal softening the defiance of his expression, it was a manly face and figure in spite of all. But her brother received Angie's first attention.

"You mean, cowardly fellow!" she said, in tones of concentrated contempt. "I would not have believed that men were so mean! And I am almost as much ashamed of you, Mr. Withers," she added turning to Bob, with a softer, but yet angry voice, "Did you think, sir, that I took you for your beauty? I don't care if you wear forty wigs or none. You are absurdly vain, sir." She was smiling now. "You should know that when a woman loves a man, it is of grace and not of works; anyhow, John," she added, turning to him as if contrasting his slight figure with Bob's fine physique, "Mr. Withers doesn't wear shoulder-pads." With this parting shot she disappeared into the dining-room, in a moment re-appearing, to say: "Mr. Withers, you may forgive them if you want to. I'm by no means sure I shall. And now go to bed, all of you, and don't be keeping us awake."

It isn't often that a man sees himself as others see him, and when he does it goes hard with him. A gentleman in England committed suicide the other day, and left a paper stating he did so because his wife, was a great deal too good for him. Of course the jury, being men, returned a verdict recording their opinion that deceased was of an unsound state of mind."

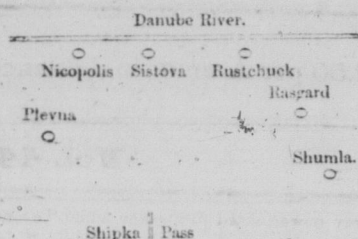
At certain Paris restaurants the custom is to pay ladies who attract custom, commission on the bill of themselves and companions. Recently a newly married couple visited a restaurant, and the groom ordered a costly dinner for two in a private supper room. In due course the bill is called for and settled, and the waiter adroitly slips a five-franc piece into the young bride's hand and whispers to her: "From the boss.—He says to bring him again—bring him often—bring lots of 'em."

"The Washerwoman's Lament" is a popular new variety song. It is written in flats.—St. Louis Journal. And sung in bars, and a washerwoman feels so happy when she sings it that it would "wing your bosom" to hear her hear.—Norfolk Herald.

WAR NEWS

THE RUSSIAN DEFEAT.

The nature of the check which has been taken the Russians in Bulgaria begins to appear through the haze of telegrams. The following diagram illustrates the position:



The Russians had a firm hold of the Danube at Sistova, but their communications were threatened by the Turkish garrisons on the river at Rusechuk to the eastward, and Nicopolis to the westward. Their army stretched all the way across Bulgaria, a flying column having crossed the Balkans. On the east the Turks held the line of Rusechuk, Raskrad and Shumla in force, and the Russians were protecting their long line against an attack from this quarter, and pushing their battalions nearer to Rusechuk. Meanwhile General Bendener was sent to the westward, to take Nicopolis. Osman Pasha made a hurried march from Wladia down the river to reinforce Nicopolis but arrived too late. He then flung himself into a strong position, and has successfully resisted an assault in force. Remaining there, he endangers the whole line of Russian communications, and if he is not dislodged the column which threatens Adrianople must be recalled.

LONDON, AUG. 11.

In the House of Commons last night Charles Monk persistently pressed the question on the Government whether they would consider the temporary occupation of Constantinople by the Russians so far inconsistent with British interests as to disturb the relations of amity between England and Russia.

Though Sir Stafford Northcote refused to answer it had the effect of drawing from Mr. Foster, liberal member for Bradford, a statement expressive of the greater confidence which is felt by Opposition of improbability of England's becoming involved in war. Mr. Foster said "Speaking for myself and others we should not have yielded to the Government's desire to avoid debate on the Eastern question if we had any reason to fear the Government were likely, during recess, to drag the country into war or involve it in any branch of neutrality. We have most carefully considered everything that has been written and said by the Government, and looking at their last despatches we feel convinced they intend to abide by policy of strict neutrality. That being the case I do not think it necessary to do more than remind them of the heavy responsibility under which they lie."

This statement seems indicative of easier feeling generally prevalent, which is due to Beaconsfield's recent statement in the House of Lords.

LONDON, AUG. 13.

Everything tends to show that Mehmet Ali and Sultan Abd-ul-Aziz are making great efforts to effect a junction by Sirvo Pass, so as to dislodge the Russians from Terno-va. If they succeed in effecting a junction a great battle will ensue, which will decide this year's campaign.

The Czar remains at Biala. It is thought the Russian army is being strengthened rapidly. There is little chance for any serious action for a week.

LONDON, AUG. 13.

The Grand Duke Nicholas is reported as saying that there will be no resumption of hostilities for three weeks, when the Russians will be reinforced one hundred thousand men. He also admitted that their troops are somewhat demoralized by recent defeats.

ATHENS, AUG. 13.

A large crowd marched through the streets on Sunday, shouting "War, War." It is believed the moment for Greece to take action is near.

WHAT IT COSTS TO LIVE.—The Albany Times, in a column and a half article on the above subject, comparing present prices with those during the flush times of a few years ago, comes to the conclusion that there have been reductions of from 15 to 20 per cent in rents; flour is from \$1 to \$1.50 cheaper per barrel than it was in 1872; gas is 20 per cent cheaper; horse shoe 33 per cent; coal from \$2 to \$2.50 per ton; groceries, comparatively little change, a slight reduction noticeable, however, on most articles; farm produce 10 to 15 per cent cheaper; butter has not been so low in years as at present; meats of all kinds show a reduction of from 5 to 8 per cent; per pound; boots and shoes from 25 to 50 cents less per pair; millinery, the cost of cheap goods considerably reduced, but only a slight reduction in expensive hats or bonnets; furniture goods from 25 to 30 per cent cheaper; custom made clothing from 15 to 20 per cent, below the cost of five years ago; ready made clothing about the same reduction; dry goods from 20 to 30 per cent reduction; fancy goods, from 30 to 45 per cent, lower than at the close of the war.

The Senate of the University of London, have received by a decisive majority that, so far as they are concerned, women shall be admitted to all their degrees.

BY TELEGRAPH.

New York, Aug. 11.

Gold 105 1/2.

The striking coal miners of Kanawha Valley have been notified that their places will be filled if they don't return to work. Trouble is feared. The strikers have been ordered to vacate the company's houses, and writs of ejectment have been issued. Governor Hartranft with Chesapeake and Ohio officials, is now visiting the disaffected region.

OTTAWA, AUG. 11.

Several officers of the Ottawa Brigade Garrison artillery have resigned on account of their Colonel appearing in public with an improper character.

Discount on American invoices five per cent.

In Toronto the Anti-Dunkinists still lead the poll by 183 votes.

OTTAWA, AUG. 12.

Mr. Mr. Mills has returned from Washington, having satisfactorily arranged for the repatriation of Sitting Bull and his followers.

The Lincoln scrutiny is completed. Captain Nelson, the Liberal candidate has a majority of 21 after the stolen ballots are deducted and seven votes declared alien in consequence of the affidavits disappearing from the County Courts. The trial has brought to light the worst forms of judicial and official corruption and favoritism towards Rykott, the Tory candidate.

On Friday Judge Cusack committed fourteen Indians on the charge of firing the Oka Church. Bail was refused.

The Quebec Mercury says steps will be taken to secure the impeachment of Attorney General Angois in connection with the inquiry into Hackett's murder.

St. Andrews Standard.

Saint Andrews, August 15, 1877.

The public schools will open on Monday next after the midsummer holidays.

Mr. Toland will hold a Bible Society meeting in St. Andrews, on Wednesday next, 22d inst.

The copious rains of Friday and Monday last were of great service to the crops; and also to the after-grass. Some farmers had part of their hay out, which however we are informed, did not receive much injury.

During the past week a fire took place in San Francisco, which destroyed a number of small buildings, amounting to quarter of a million. This will give the unemployed carpenters work, as Jewellings are scarce.

AN OLD RESIDENT GONE.—During the past week, Mr. DeVeber formerly Sheriff of Sunbury, died at the advanced age of 91. He was elder brother to S. H. DeVeber, Esq., was a Lieutenant in the Prince of Wales American Volunteers of which regiment his father was Colonel, during the American Revolution. We are indebted to the Globe, for the above particulars.

PAPER WARE.—The new articles for domestic purposes in the shape of: bowls, dishes, pails, &c., at Campbell's grocery store, are economical and useful, they will not break from falling and are easily kept clean, besides being remarkably cheap. At the same establishment may be found canned goods, the best ever imported to this market.

BALLOON'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE for September has many improvements which will commend themselves to the reader after a careful examination. It is the best number that has appeared for some months, and one of the features is a sea yarn by the author of "The Gold Hunters," in which he gives us a romance of California as early as 1843, long before gold was discovered by the Americans, although it was known to the priests and some of the Indians years before. The contents of Balloon's is entirely original, and the stories are really of a high order of merit. Published by Thomas & Talbot, 23 Hawley St., Boston, at \$1.50 per year, postpaid, and for sale at all the periodical depots in the country.

The Premier of Canada, has received hearty and cordial receptions from all parties in the Maritime Provinces, where he has visited. This is, as it should be; and it is probable that did the Premier's time permit him to visit the various principal towns, he would be welcomed.

PRETTY GOOD.—A gentleman from the United States, who visited Great Britain, and was popular among the elite, said on his return to his native country, "that he liked the English aristocracy, as they had manners similar to those he was accustomed to in his own country. He did not like his own class in England—the merchants, they were mere shams; and boasted of their money. Respectable Americans, he adds, were accustomed to associate with their equals, and that was why they preferred the aristocracy." This comes with an old grace from one of the "sovereign people." Such is life.

PUBLIC DISCUSSIONS.

It is greatly to be regretted that public discussions through newspapers and public meetings, are not conducted with greater decorum. Men will differ in their views on public and other questions, but this does not furnish a cause for personal reflections and indulgence in vituperative language. A question should be discussed on its merits, without a resort to mean innuendo or personalities, which are an evidence of weakness. Sir James Macintosh spoke of the "Free Constitution which guards the British Press," many years ago, and that constitution still guarantees liberty of speech and freedom of the Press. But these privileges are often abused, and by men for whom there is little excuse. To criticize the policy of a government, or of a public measure is proper enough, and should the policy be generally condemned by honest criticism and proved to be detrimental to the welfare of the people, it should be abandoned. But in discussing such matters, there is no reason for indulging in personal abuse, nor to drag into the argument private character over which the mantle of silence should be cast. We have been led into these reflections upon reading the utterances of public men holding high positions, which were neither dignified nor gentlemanly. Where charges are made against any man of high public standing, they should be uttered at a proper time and place, where he can have an opportunity of defending himself, and of explaining or denying the allegations. We are not of those who believe that to the victor belongs the spoils, or that the means justify the ends, or that there is no honesty among politicians; nor do we desire to be the tame followers of any government for the disreputable purpose of receiving its patronage. Neither are we of those who believe any government perfect, such never did, nor ever will exist; and when an administration ceases to have a claim to "the confidence of the people, we have never hesitated to advocate its removal. Experience has taught the people that a very long continuance in office of any one party, has not been beneficial to the country it governs. These ideas may or may not, be advanced, but at all events we believe the public entertain them, and that while it acknowledges its rulers, it also regards them as its servants.

The "Press Association" as it is termed, or more plainly speaking, a large number of members of the Press of the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, visited the Maritime Provinces during the past fortnight, and were entertained most hospitably—every attention having been shown to them, by their "brethren of the quill" and other leading citizens. From reliable information we gather that they heartily enjoyed their trip, and gained a fair idea of the evidences of the enterprise and thrift of our people, the agricultural capabilities of the lands down "by the sea," and the resources of the forests. Such visits do an infinity of good, as the information obtained is practical, not theoretical; and will result in a more intelligent discussion of Maritime interests, and an acknowledgment of the mental and physical abilities of the people—a people, without whose acquiescence, Canada would not have been confederated to day. And last, but not least, they would be convinced that we are a thoroughly British and consequently loyal people.

General Campos is discouraged. He says it takes 500 Spanish soldiers to look after 10 Cuban insurgents, and 50,000 more men must be sent out if the rebellion is to be subdued. The government, he thinks, should either send men enough to put down the insurrection, or concede the independence of the colony; so they are raising more troops in Spain.

It is said there will be a magnificent wheat crop in Minnesota this year. It will be ready for reaping in ten days, and will be the largest and finest ever known in that State. It is estimated at 30,000,000 bushels. Potatoes are so plenty in Kansas as to be hardly worth marketing, and the peach crop in southwest Missouri is so large that the farmers do not know what they are to do with it. Some reports say that the peach crop is large in quantity and poor in quality.

An approximate idea may be formed of the state of trade in Scotland from the fact that at a special meeting the Scotch iron masters have unanimously resolved to reduce their production one third, because maintaining the whole of the furnaces was found to be unremunerative. One-third of the furnaces at present working will, therefore, be blown out immediately. When this became known in the pig-iron market, sellers asked 55s. cash, per ton, but at the close the price had fallen to 54s. 9d., one month fixed. This does not give a very good look out.

Political Amnesty.

Another appeal has been made in the British House of Commons for the liberation of the Fenian convicts, who are still in confinement. No special reason was assigned to justify this appeal than that which had been used on former occasions. This appears to be divided into two parts, the first of which purports that the prisoners have already suffered sufficiently for their crimes, and the second that their release at the present juncture might tend to conciliate the Irish people. In these reasons there is nothing of any particular force, and the whole debate might have passed over without much observation but for two significant incidents. Whether they were justified in making the assumption or not, the Irish members appear to have expected that the Government would be predisposed to listen favorably to the appeal as a sort of grateful acknowledgment for the help they rendered by their votes in passing the Royal Titles Bill. They were quickly and rudely undeceived, the Government disclaiming any promise looking toward liberation, and refusing to entertain the question.

In contrast with this the conduct of Mr. Gladstone was almost inexplicable. When in office he refused liberation of these prisoners as an act which would tend to illustrate the ends of justice and for which no legitimate case had been made out. In the debate the other evening the right honorable gentleman completely changed the front, and to the surprise of almost every one contended that ample punishment had been inflicted, and that all the purposes of justice would be subserved by granting them a full and unconditional pardon. In this view Mr. Gladstone was not supported by the Marquis of Hartington and other prominent members of the Liberal party; and when the question came to a vote the appeal was rejected by a large majority.

Lord Dufferin at St. Paul.

The Governor-General spoke wisely and well chosen words to the gentlemen of St. Paul, Minn., who waited on him with an address on his way to Winnipeg. Canada and the United States are pushing the civilization which is the outcome of the training of centuries of experiment and effort across the American continent, and preparing the way for those who are to come after and make the wilderness now being penetrated blossom into luxuriance and wealth. Working by diverse ways and by differing agencies, the one end is being striven for, and there is plenty of room for both to work without in any way hampering the other. The mission of the Anglo-Saxon and Celtic races on this continent is one of enlightenment and civilization, and those to whom it is entrusted can soon arrive at the accomplishment of their labors by uniting on a common basis of effort, and pushing forward under a common understanding. There is need enough, and to spare, so that there is no field of any clashing in the prosecution of the bloodless triumphs of mind over matter and intelligence over savagery. Lord Dufferin put the subject well, and added another link to the chain of great thoughts of national import to Canada, with which he is binding us to him in strong bonds of indelible ties.

GRANT ADMIRERS GARIBOLDI.—The Herald's cable says that Grant was serenaded at Lake Maggiore, and that in his speech he said: "There is one Italian whose hand I wish especially to shake, and that is Garibaldi's (Great applause)"

MORE TWEEDISM.—The Sun's Charleston despatch says the Legislative investigating committee find the State Treasurer received the bulk of the stolen income of the State. Since reconstruction every claim had to pay him from 10 to 20 per cent. The investigation committee now favor repudiating most of the States floating indebtedness and consolidated bonds as fraudulent. The former members of the Republican Legislature confessed that they were bribed by prominent Democrats to pass certain bills, of so many leading Democrats—"Fais-mias"—were implicated that an organized effort was being made to suppress the whole matter, and let the prosecution already begun against certain Republicans be kept hanging over them to leave the State and hush their mouths concerning their Democratic accomplices.

Mr. Gladstone's popularity with the common people of England appears to be unabated. When passing through Bristol recently, artisans, porters, soldiers, and women, as well as gentlemen, rushed forward to grasp his hand, and raised cheers as the train left the platform.

A tiger escaped on the 10th inst. from a train on the London and North-Western Railway on the way to Liverpool. Information was given to the station-master at Weedon, who went up the line on an engine, accompanied by some officers from the garrison, in search of the animal, which was discovered on the line at Long Buckley Locks, and killed.

In 1860 railroad engineers were paid \$60 per month and fireman \$30. Engineers now receive an average of \$85 per month, and fireman \$45 to \$50. In 1860 railroads averaged at the rate of 60 cents per 100 on grain from Chicago to New York. Now the average is about 28 cents. Labor has fared quite as well as capital during the flush times, and is faring better now.

THE MEGANTIC RAILWAY.—The people of Calais did nobly on Monday last, having voted to loan the credit of that city for \$90,000 in aid of the Megantic Railway. The following is the correct vote, as handed us by one of the committee: For the loan \$90,000, against it \$60. There was great rejoicing over the vote.

CONCERT AT GRAND MANAN.—On Monday evening last, a number of ladies and gentlemen of St. Andrews, gave a concert of sacred and secular music at Flagg's Cove, Grand Manan, which was well attended, and gave much satisfaction, as all present expressed themselves pleased.

On Monday last, a barn belonging to Mr. W. Macgowan, at De Wolfe's Corner, St. Stephen, was struck by lightning and partly destroyed.

An Electric Fire.

A fire recently occurred at the Western Union Telegraph office in New York city, that was one of those incidental circumstances in the operation of a great enterprise that impart a lesson of experience. The cause was defective insulation of wires that came in contact, in what is known as the "grand switch." This switch is situated in an upper story, and consists of a mahogany table about 25 feet long and 5 broad. It is of elegant cabinet work, placed vertically, and contains about 400 wires, which pass from the battery room through apertures in the ceiling into the switch. It also contains about 10,000 connections. It is, in fact, a systematized combination of the wires issuing from the chief office to every part of the country.

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The actual loss to the building will not exceed \$700, but the fire caused a temporary cessation of business of the department, which, together with the loss of wires, switch, and the extra labor entailed, it is claimed, will make the loss to the company about \$20,000.

Dimness of the Eyes.

Dr. George C. Harlan, of Philadelphia, Pa., has lately communicated to the Medical Society, of that city, some very interesting observations concerning that insidious and often incurable disease, albuminuria. The pressure of the disease, in cases previously unsuspected, he has discovered by examination of the patient's eyes by means of the ophthalmoscope. In one instance, a gentleman, 35 years of age, a picture of health, with appetite and digestion perfect, complained of a dimness in the sight of the left eye, which rapidly increased, and then the right eye became similarly affected. Examination of the eyes with the instrument showed well marked retinitis albuminurica. Further medical examinations revealed the presence of the hyaline casts, and the fact that the patient had reached the last stages of albuminuric disease. Two and a half months later he died. Dr. Harlan cites a number of cases of persons who considered themselves in perfect health; but in whose eyes the impress of the terrible disease was discovered, and who quickly succumbed to its power. It remains for the students of medical science to discover some means whereby the early approach of the disease can be detected and proper remedies applied in time to effect a cure.

The Monetary Times says:—In some branches of the wholesale trade the fall demand seems to have set in with considerable vigor and fears that importers have been ordering too largely seem to be dispelled. It reports the flour trade in Montreal is dull, with a slow downward tendency. A decline in price at Toronto is represented as the natural effect of the wheat harvest.

DIED.

In St. Andrews, on the 12th inst., in the 84th year of his age, Lieut. S. Huyghue, h. p. of Her Majesty's 60th Rifles; late head of the War Department in St. John, New Brunswick. (St. John papers please copy.)



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flammation of the Lungs, Pain in the region
of the Kidneys, and a hundred other painful
symptoms, are the offspring of Dyspepsia.
One bottle will prove a better guarantee of
its merits than a lengthy advertisement.

Scrofula, or King's Evil, White Swell-
ings, Ulcers, Erysipelas, Swelled Neck,
Gout, Scrofulous Inflammations, Indolent
Inflammations, Mercurial Affections, Old
Sores, Eruptions of the Skin, Sore Eyes,

