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MISCELLANEOUS

Constantinople doesn't worry itself over the presence of the Russians. It has been besieged twenty-eight times, and is getting used to the situation.

The Chicago "Post" says, concerning the payment of the $5,500,000:—"The Halifax award, and, in fact, the whole fishery affair, may have been a scaly concern, and the net result a mistake, but there is nothing to do but to stand by it. To wriggle away from it either by hook or crook is beneath the dignity of the American people."

A FORTUNE FOR SOMEONE.—Report has it that $12,000,000 have been left in Holland to the Cronk family, who are living in America. Dr. Cronk and brothers, pop manufacturers of Windsor, came from Holland many years ago, and are the only family in America who came from that country, hence they are somewhat confident of becoming suddenly wealthy.

A stout English gentleman, while at a fashionable watering place on the west coast of Scotland, was in the habit of conversing familiarly with a character of the place, who took a delight in talking boastingly of his great relations. One day, as the gentleman was seated at the door of his lodging, Donald came up driving a fat boar. "That, I suppose, is your great rejations, I suppose, you have got with you Donald?" said the gentleman. "No," quietly replied Donald, as he surveyed the proportions of his interlocutor. "No relation wha ever, but just an acquaintance like yourself."

The use of words which we [illegible] from other tongues not fully [illegible] thoughts and in speech [illegible] but it has [illegible] morals of a people. Crime sometimes does not look like crime when [illegible] before us in the many folds [illegible] word. When a man steals and we call it "defalcation," we are at a loss to know if it is a murder or a crime. He does not tell the truth and we told that it is a case of revision. Takes us some time to know [illegible] we should [illegible] over cheat himself into wrongdoing, he will be at a loss to judge of others if he thinks and speaks [illegible] clear, crisp English terms.

PARIS, START, March [illegible] steal [illegible] the political faith in [illegible] first Reformers in Canada [illegible] cated the Government at Ottawa [illegible] set up a corrupt, and pernicious [illegible] A Reform which, while [illegible] Sir John Macdonald and his [illegible] to a great degree instantly [illegible] cabinets, placing Mr. Alex. Mackenzie and his followers the free [illegible] own sweet will. A Reform which [illegible] opposition [illegible] expectations [illegible] [illegible] very [illegible] Reformers and place-hunting [illegible] interest [illegible] prepared [illegible] the Reform [illegible] a Reform [illegible] as everybody knows, Westminster Abbey [illegible] became [illegible]

[illegible] Friday [illegible] [illegible] Mr. Brown [illegible] public works under progress [illegible] amount expended upon them [illegible] able to date from 1st January, 1877 until the 28th February, this year [illegible] works comprise the St. Lawrence Canals, the Welland Canal, harbour works, Lake Ontario Canal, public buildings, Ottawa, railways, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, the intercolonial railway, the Pictou Railway and the Prince Edward Island railway. From the 1st January to the 28th February there was expended upon them $2,[illegible] [illegible] $7[illegible] [illegible] $7,140,000, [illegible] $7,[illegible] [illegible] February last, $4,[illegible]. The total of these sums is $25,[illegible] [illegible] there has been [illegible] [illegible] works undertaken [illegible] $2,[illegible] [illegible] $2,[illegible]. The [illegible] [illegible] $25,[illegible] [illegible] $2,[illegible] [illegible] $2,[illegible] [illegible] $2