#### A Bachelor's Reply.

'Will you never grow old?" asked a friend in Who looked for gray hairs and bespectacled eyes, But who said he had found me (how charming is

As he left me, when life bore the halo of youth. But who can grow old, when thought, passion

Vary not from their course, but keep ever the When music and spring-time, bird-voices and

Appeal as they did in life's earliest hours?

Would you imitate age while the blood pulses The veteran's pose would be burlesque in me: When I take it, for truth's sake, I'll climb on

some shelf, And own I'm my neighbor-or, no more myself. If I seem to be young, as your tokens disclose, I am sure I was born so: and if you suppose

That the essence of youth has been long in my Why wonder so much of this ichor remains?

What-be old? when at no time was beauty so

When the smile of a mailen seemed never mor When t e glow of her cheeks and the hue of her Still he ve power to put all things on earth in

Age dwells not in years or the almanac's date; So, if I must be old, I'm contented to wait Till Methuselah's circuit, at least, has been run For the present, my spring-time has only begun.

I presume, when the years, like a tale that Have I mue havoc enough, some will reckon me But wime beauty, and smiles, and soft lock

I shall say to old age, "Please excuse me to-day." for him. -Baldwin's Monthly. JOEL BENTON.

eclipse!

By Mrs. Alexander.

The heiress looked up in his face with an air of the sincerest surprise. Then an amused expression stole round her mouth as she noted his look of vexation.

"Oh! if you mean I am vexed because you did not want to marry me, you are quite mistaken. When I thought you did, I hated you. But it is such a pity you did not contrive to tell me candidly at first that you were not going to second your grandfather's plans, and that I was all safe -we would have been such friends; for then I would never have proposed to Marie to pass for me, and no mischief would have been done."

This very candid speech was annihilating to poor Sir Frederic. He was silent for a few minutes.

"Your words," he said at length, and very gloomily, "prove the truth of my assertion.

I am most unfortunate.' They were now at the entrance of Meurice's, and Miss Delvigne, struck by the tone of his last words, kept silence, while they ascended to Mrs. Coleman's salon.

"Wait a few minutes-I will bring you the letter immediately," she said, and left the room.

Those few minutes Sir Frederic employed in walking up and down, and forming a reso-

"Here it is," said the heiress, re-entering "Just look at it, Sir Frederic; is it not a curious hand?"

"It is," he returned, speaking slowly. "But I think it is a man's." "Do you really?-I had determined it

was the aunt's." "Miss Delvigne," began Sir Frederic,

"I shall take your advice and speak with candor to prevent future mistakes or mis. here." chief. In spite of your evident indifference, I love you-most truly, most fondly -your unselfishness, your earnest thoughtful friendship, the strength and tenderness you have shown throughout this unhappy matter might well fascinate any manand it makes me mad to think what a treasure I have lost the chance of securing; for after all it was but a chance. Do not let this avowal influence your making use of me as your veriest tool in the search for poor Mrs. Neville. I will never again offend you in the same way. But remember I love you." He took and warmly kissed her hand.

Before she had recovered the astonishment his words had caused her, he had left the room. The young heiress laughed, stopped suddenly, looked in the glass and smiled, and then all at once, in an unaccountable and unreasonable manner burst into a hearty fit of crying.

### CHAPTER XXVII.

returned to his room, after half-an-hour's scious tact, "at present in Paris, the dear when she breathes the briny air of the solitary, but not altogether unsatisfactory friend of Madame Neville, your cousin, who ocean wave, and altogether it is too delightreflection. Come what would Miss Del- speaks French like an angel. If Monsieur ful." vigne could not say he had left her in could spare time to accompany us to ignorance of his sentiments. But perhaps Meurice's she will fully explain all things." she might shun him now; well, he would not think about it any more, but commit man subsided a good deal; and after friends! When do you leave?" himself to the winds and waves of circum- speaking to a subordinate, and locking up stance.

The kindly consideration which was one himself ready to accompany Messieurs. of the young Baronet's characteristics, would not permit him to rouse his friend from the tranquil repose he appeared to be since Sir Frederic had spoken so openly as enjoying. So he drew a chair and sat to his sentiments, he was so much interplaying with the letter he held, thinking in ested in the matter in hand that he met talk secrets with Miss Thibaut." a desultory manner.

ground his teeth, muttering "Marie- his manner. Marie."

-here's something perhaps that will give with a bad headache, and lying down." you tidings of her."

Neville raised himself on his elbow, and tracing a line in pencil upon it. gazed bewildered at his friend, while he Delvigne-omitting his own exposition of Dupuis. rapidly recounted his meeting with Miss feeling-and then he handed the letter to Neville, who by this time, fully roused, had sat upon the sofa. He tore it open, and heiress very quickly to their presence, and devoured the contents with eager eyes.

exclaimed; "look, Compton." And sir Frederic read over his shoulder:

dear aunt charges me to keep thee informed | great parti. of her health, and to demand thy news. He immediately began to hope that her Mr. Bushel a few clothes to his back he shall For she disquiets herself that she has not disappearance was but temporary—that be off before us. Tell me, my dear, what had received letters from thee for a long time. she could not long live apart from a hus. I better get for Augusta Jane and Agnes? The dear aunt has consented to share the band so worthy and so distinguished—that Something to look smart and wear well, humble abode of her nephew and dutiful all things would terminate happily, and you Frenchwomen have such taste," etc., relative, since the death of Monsieur, the the belle enfant reign triumphant in the etc., etc. A long and profoundly interesting proprietor of her residence in the Rue St. most brilliant circles of London. Perhaps discussion ensued, after which Marie Lazare, since three months past; it is, even now a letter full of intelligence and walked quickly back, as night was closing therefore, possible that some of thy little good tidings, was awiting him, the faithful in, thinking with hearty regret that her billets may not have reached our dear rela- friend, at his domicile. "Mon Dieu!" he kind though humble friend was so soon to tive. I therefore pray thee write without would fly at once to see. He had the honor be removed out of her reach. Was she delay, because she is a little out of humor | to salute Mademoiselle. He would keep him- | always to be desolate and friendless? against thee, and like all charming ladies, self en rapport with Monsieur, his muchhas her caprices, more or less embittered. esteemed cousin, etc., etc.

aunt as happy as we can. "She has a new directeur, a man very a few weeks, my wife and myself shall be bid them an elaborate adieu. delighted to receive thee for a little diversion after the solemnities of that sad but it all," said Miss Delvigne to Neville; "she respectable country, where so much money never crossed the Channel. She is in Lonis made, and so little enjoyed.

"With many embraces from my wife, and the benediction of the dear aunt, "I am, with friendship sincere and res-

pectful, "My dear cousin's devouted kinsman,

ALPHONSE DUPUIS." expression. " Not much information which he hastily checked.

there" he said.

The trajet was long, and of course tire- accepted. some; but at least it was not aggravated by the feverish expectation which had at once irritated and supported Nev. le on former seven o'clock, Sir Frederick was a good nduced-slumber of the snow-slayed tra- on Neville. veller, who sinks, thus lulled, to death. In his weak state destiny seemed too strong fortable fauteuil for his accommodation,

after some inquiries, the friends discovered a sort of screen between herself and Compthe Rue d'Auvergne-which by the way, ton.

patiently wended their way, and were at which not unusually attends the efforts of last successful in finding Monsieur Alphonse, | well-to-do baronets. who conducted the foreign correspondence of a large sitk warehouse, and had a dark little party were sufficiently well pleased den in the entresol all to himself.

cut black hair, and a close shaven blue tion, availed himself of his reputation as beard, showing clearly round cheek and an invalid to say good night, considerably chin, small mustache, and the necessary before Sir Frederic thought of stirring. chin tuft, being all of his hirsute honors look, and eager, glancing jet-black eyes. he returned again, holding a letter open in He was considerably puzzled by the visit, his hand. and Neville's intricate story, told in the best French at his and the Baronet's here's a letter from Mr. Foster-found it Finally the little man grew very wroth.

teeth, addressing Sir Frederic, whose lying insensible for several hours, he asked Throne in the Senate and delivered the French was the most comprehensible of | twice for me; and your grandfather con. | following speech: the two, "that your friend is a scoundrel. Where, then, is my cousin? Poor childso good—so wise. What a country—what a society! Mon Dieu! That a girl so prudent should have been contaminated! train." Where, then is my cousin?"

"Quietly," returned Sir Frederic, more said Miss Delvigne. amused than angry; "that is precisely the question we came to ask you;" " and," put in Neville, "as her husband, I have surely your strong impression respecting Marie and all her industries, agricultural, manusome title to your commisseration. would give all I possess to find her."

"Her husband!" repeated the bewildered Alphonse, somewhat mollified, at the man for quitting her so unceremoniouslymagic word. "Why did she leave you the young men left together, Neville to then? Ah! there is some deep villainy make preparations and write to Monsieur

"By Heaven!" cried the Baronet in him. despair, "we've made a mess of it. We shouldn't have stirred without Miss Delvigne; let us go for her; she will explain it better than we can."

meantime, "some villain has got her ear, ment of joy. Mr. Watson had given Mr. without a companion! Bah!" The last and other purposes at Southampton. force of contemptuous incredulity was thrown into his "bah!" "But a girl so Bushel at the top of her voice-"four well brought up. True she was a Protes- rooms, a light closet, two attics, and a tant-slightly an esprit fort."

"Remember you speak of my wife." The hearty feeling in his voice and man-

muttered.

half understand each other. There is a Mr. Watson favorably, and so inclined him Neville was sleeping when Sir Frederic lady of rank," he went on, with uncon- to befriend us! My sweet Agnes will revive

At the mention of a lady, the Frenchsundry drawers and desks, he declared

Though but a few hours had elapsed wintry this evening." Miss Delvigne with little or no embarass-At last Neville turned uneasily and ment; a grave and distant respect marked returned her mother. "That's just it,"

"Well, open your eyes, old fellow; here maid, that "Miss Delvigne was indisposed back to all this good luck is the difficulty of

" Delvigne! mais comment?" cried M.

"Wait awhile; the lady will tell you picked up in the gutter!" all about it." Neville's card and message brought the you intend to do?"

she blushing vividly as she met Sir Fred-"It is from an Alphonse something," he eric's eye soon comprehended the tableau. After some quiet explanation, the san- again; the percentage is high, and I know guine Frenchman began to perceive the Bushel will have to insure his life! Still "No 39, Rue D'Auvergne, Passy. | true position of affairs, and to glean, as he at such a crisis it won't do to stick at trifles;

Nevertheless, knowing the simplicity of thy There was a time when Neville would

tranquil life, we are at rest concerning thee. have shrunk not a little from the kindred We do the impossible to render our dear | thus claimed by the goed little Alphonse;

now it mattered not. Undertaking to put the police on the alert distinguished, and my wife is a little sym- to discover any possible trace of the lost pathetic society for her. When dear, and girl which might be found in France, and Opening of the Session by the Govergood cousin, thou canst arrange a conge for | which, as a native, he could better do, he

> "You know there is not the least use in don, I feel an unaccountable conviction.' "How is it, then, that we have failed?" returned Neville dejectedly.

> "I cannot tell; but what more is to be done? Oh! to sit idle is terrible when she--"

Miss Delvigne stopped abruptly, the At the conclusion of this characteristic tears pouring down her pale cheek, and Sir epistle Neville looked up with a blank Frederic made a movement toward her,

"I feel unhinged, and am not like " I don't know; you have got the address | myself," she was beginning apologetically, we want at any rate. But it is evident they when Mrs. Coleman and her daughter the date? Six days back. No; there will general, ending in an invitation from that not be much to learn there. Still I must respectable matron to dine and spend the see this man; let us go to Passy directly." evening, which Neville at first retused, and

When the little party reassembled at occasions; a dull kind of apatuetic despair | deal disturbed at the kind of affectionate was stealing over his heart, like the cold sisterly attention lavished by Miss Delvigne She silently drew forward the most com-

and closed the window lest he should suffer But the long drive was to no avail when, from the draught, and seemed to make him

unwell to see any one; Monsieur gone to will drown herself, or hang herself, he has summoned the present Parliament his bureau, and all the rest of the world and then Neville will marry the heiress;" but the next moment he laughed With some difficulty they obtained the at his own fancies, and devoted him- Bue to-morrow, at 3 o'clock in the afteraddress of Monsieur's bureau-in a passage self to the amusement of Miss Evelina off the Rue de Richelieu-and thither they Coleman with that remarkable success

The dinner finished, the members of the with each other not to separate after the He was a short, broad man, with close- meal was over. But Neville, unfit for exer-

He had not, however, been many minutes left unshorn. He had a semi-military gone, before, to the surprise of every one,

"This is an eventful day, Compton cludes by recommending my immediate

"And you?" asked Sir Frederick, eagerly. "Will go at once: that is, by the earliest

"Will it not knock you up terribly?"

wishing to see my brother, as he wishes it, the enjoyment of peace and prosperity makes me anxious to be back once morei n facturing and commercial are in a healthy London."

With some hasty apologies to Mrs. Cole-Dupuis, and his "fides Achates" to assist

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The evening but one after the conversation described a few chapters back, Marie "Yes!" the Frenchman was saying had found the Bushel household in a fer-

kitchen! ample accommodation, rent free. "Silence!" cried Neville furiously. The salary is not high-£150 to begin with -nor will Mr. Bushel be the manager at both great nations. first" (with emphasis); "but I have no ner touched the good-natured little French- doubt ere long he will be promoted when the present manager gets a step. Miss "Monsieur is not without heart," he Thibaut, my love! I feel persuaded you have brought us luck, if it be not irreligious "Come," interposed Sir Frederic, to say so. The little help we were able to there's no use getting angry; and we only afford you impressed that great and good

"I am truly glad to hear such good tidings," exclaimed Marie. "But they are assimilated. A measure for this purpose not good for me-I shall lose my only

"Well," said Mrs. Bushel, "that is just the question. Go, my dears"-to the children-" Go down to the kitchen and make us a nice bit of toast. It is quite chill and

"Law, mar," cried Augusta Jane. "You only want to get rid of us that you may

"Never you mind, but get along," repeated Mrs. Bushel as the last skirt It was announced, on inquring from her | whisked round the door. "The only drawmoving. Of course we have given notice "Give her my card," said Neville, hastily to quit, but to move the furniture and buy a few clothes, and pay a trifle or two here (we really owe very little), will take every penny of fifty pounds, and that is not to be

"No, indeed," said Marie. "What do

"Oh! Mr. Bushel has gone to a very respectable loan office in Blackfriars Road as helped us once before, and no doubt will "MY BEAUTIFUL AND GOOD COUSIN.-The imagined, that his little cousin had made a I am determined to start in a fortnight by hook or by crook, and as soon as I can get

> (To be continued.) Old maid's laughter—he! he! he!

## PARLIAMENT.

# nor-General.

THE SPEECH FROM THE THRONE.

#### ELECTION OF SPEAKER.

OTTAWA, Feb. 8.—The House of Comwas a large gathering of members elect in times a week, and her pay then was the Commons Chamber in the morning. \$12,000. She will, during her stay here, Shortly after 3 o'clock the buzz of conver. sing altogether thirty times under the sation was interrupted by three sharp raps management of Mapleson, for which she at the door of the Chamber. The Sergeant. will receive, net, \$120,000. She will thereat-Arms announced that a messenger from fore carry away with her about \$100,000. the Deputy Governor General was at the Signor Nicolini, in addition, gets \$6,400 a know nothing more than we do. What's entered, and the conversation became door. The Clerk of the House having month, or \$800 each time he sings. On a given directions to admit the messenger, basis of thirty times, he will take away the doors were opened, and the Gentleman with him \$24,000. We do not know pre-Usher of the Black Rod, in full official cisely what A flacre was called, and they started. then at the instigation of his friend, dress, with his staff of office in his right hand and his three-cornered gets for her services, but it amounts on the ing-room. The attendance of spectators the latter sings fewer times. on the floor of the Chamber and in the galleries was small. When the members of the Commons were before the Bar of the Senate, and silence prevailed, the President of Canada until a Speaker of the Huuse should have been elected according to law. noon, His Excellency the Governor-General will declare the causes of the summoning of the present Parliament." The faithful Commons then returned 'to their own chamber to elect their own Speaker.

The election of Speaker for the House of Commons for the present Parliament occupied but a short time, and resulted, as had been expected, in the choice of George Airey Kirkpatrick, member for Frontenac. THE BENATE.

appointed Senators, were sworn in.

"It appears to me," he said between his and is very seriously injured; that after of the House of Commons, ascended the

The Speech from the Throne: Honorable Gentlemen of the Senate: Gentlemen of the House of Commons

It is my pleasing duty, on the opening of a new Parliament, to congratulate you on the auspicious circumstances under which "No; I feel quite strong again! besides you will begin your labors. Canada is in and improving condition.

THE VICE-REGAL VISIT WEST.

by us, be as enduring as it is natural and

NORTHWEST SETTLEMENT.

The steady flow of settlers into Manitobs and the Northwest Territories last year, and the assurances received of an increased immigration during the coming season, promise well for the early development of those fertile and salubrious regions.

It is important that the laws relating to the representation of the people in Parliament should be amended and the electoral franchises existing in the several Provinces will be submitted for your consideration.

THE PRANCHISE.

LICENSE MATTERS.

THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS. Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

were less than for the year previous. pared with all due economy consistent with | - Philadelphia Record. the necessary development of the varied resources of the Dominion. On the 1st of January, 1885, the large 5 per cent, loan will mature. A Bill will be submitted authorizing the issue of debentures bearing a rate of interest not exceeding 4 per cent. for the redemption of this loan. Hon. Gentlemen of the Senate:

Gentlemen of the House of Commons:

The subjects I have mentioned to you are of much importance, and I commend them to your consideration with full conin the galleries, and the floor of the House was occupied by notables. The usual formalities were gone through, and the House adjourned.

FOUR FAMOUS WOMEN.

Patti, Nilsson, Medjeska and Langtry, and their salaries.

There are four ladies to-day in the United States, all foreigners, who are making large sums of money. They are Patti, Nilsson, Modjeska and Langtry. Mme. Patti, as is already well known, receives \$4,400 a night. Of this she pays \$400 a night to M. Franchi, her agent. This gives her \$8,000 a week. mons was formally opened to-day. There Sometimes she sang in New York three

MME. NILSSON

hat in his left, advanced to the average to \$4,000 a week for two concerts. middle of the space in front of the Speaker's | She has no expense whatever, as Mr. chair. The members, in obedience to Abbey pays everything. On a basis of fifty command, proceeded to the Senate Cham- concerts she will make, therefore, about ber by way of the rear corridor and read- \$100,000, not much less than Patti, though

MME. MODJESKA

is doing exceedingly well this season. Her terms with Mr. Stetson are to reserve for arose, and in a full and clear voice said : her individual services 30 per cent. of the "I have it in command to declare that gross receipts nightly. Supposing her to was considerably less important than its The good-natured young Baronet felt His Excellency the Governor-General does play nightly to \$1,000, this would give her name, they found the dear aunt too almost sulky. "By Jove that French girl not see fit to declare the causes for which \$360, or \$1,100 weekly. But this is a small average, because the receipts often exceed that. During her recent engagement at Booth's, at regular prices, she did much better. Her last week came up to \$11,000 very nearly. Say \$10,000, and her individual share would be \$3,000. She is to play thirty weeks, and on an average of \$2,000 a week she would make \$60,000. Allowing the extra profit for expenses, that is about the net sum she will make in the season. But Mr. Stetson is doing very well, too. He pays on an average 25 percent, to play in theatres outside of New York. This would leave him, after paying Modjeska, 45 per cent. of the gross, or say on a business of \$7,000, which is not an After the members of the Commons had exaggerated one, \$3,150. He can run the retired from the Senate Chamber, Mesers. business for \$1,150 easily, which would Masson, Robitaille and Plumb; the newly leave him a profit on the grand average of \$2,000 a week, or for thirty weeks \$60.000. OTTAWA, Feb. 9.—This afternoon at 3 From this must be deducted the \$8,000 it command, was still more inexplicable. in my room when I went up—he says my o'clock Governor-General Lorne, having cost to get Sargent's contracts, so that all brother has been thrown out of a hansom commanded the attendance of the members things being equal he will come out \$50,000 ahead, besides which is the added profit of playing some twelve weeks of the season in his own theatre in New York and Boston, for Modjeska returns in the spring to the Fifth Avenue Theatre.

MRS. LANGTRY'S

contract with Mr. Henry E. Abbey is to receive 33 per cent. of the gross receipts each night. Mr. Abbey pays the company and all other expenses. Supposing a business of \$1,500 a night-anl thus far the receipts have exceeded that, as Mrs. Laugtry plays to higher prices than other dramatic stars—she would be receiving \$3,500 a week. Whether the business will keep up when curiosity is sat-Following the example of my distin- lated is questionable, but even thus Mrs. guished predecessor, I paid a visit of some Langtry has received for her share in New length to British Columbia last season. York, Boston, Brooklyn, Philadelphia and The great natural resources of that Chicago, some \$30,000; that sum will pro-Province promise that as soon as the bably be trebled before she leaves here. Pacific Railway is completed an Mr. Abbey, on the other hand, has 67 per impulse to its prosperity, commensurate cent. or \$5,200 a week. Supposing he pays with the progress made elsewhere, will be an average of 27 per cent. for theatres, this assured. Meanwhile the disposal of the would leave him 40 per cent., or \$4,200 a lands set aside in aid of railways to actual week. He can run the company and his other settlers will add to the importance and expenses easily on \$1,200, which would and has taken advantage of some cruelty on Bushel a clerkship in a branch office which wealth of the Province. While passing give him a profit of \$3,000 a week. But your part. A woman leave her husband Foster & Co. had established for shipping through the United States I was rejoiced there are large cities where he has to pay to observe the many evidences of more, say 30 and 35 per cent. of the gross "With rooms, my dear!" cried Mrs. regard for the empire of which the for theatres. Even then, on a season of country forms so large a portion. May thirty weeks, supposing business to fall off, this friendship, which is so fully returned he can come out winner of from \$50,000 to \$60,000 at the end of the season on his advantageous to the mutual interests of contract. These are large sums. It is interesting to note that four stars will carry with them out of the country \$350,000 by the time this season ends.

#### Hair, Teeth, Pores and the Senses of Taste and Smell Wanting in a Man.

A man without hair on any part of his body, who never had any teeth, who is entirely destitute of the sense of smell, and whose taste is just fine enough to detect a piece of limburger cheese from a stone, was exhibited to the physicians of the Philadelphia County Medical Society at its last meeting. What is still more astounding about the man, and upsets all the theories that have been advanced by medical men, is that the man has no pores in I am advised that the judgment of the his skin. Heretofore it has been main-Lords of the Judicial Committee of the Privy | tained that a man could not live without a Council, delivered last June in the appeal of porous skin; but the most careful examina-Russell vs. the Queen, goes to show that in | tion under the microscope failed to reveal a order to prevent the unrestrained sale of single pore in the body of the patient. The intoxicating liquors and for that purpose to man's name is Peter Wendling. He was regulate the granting of shop, saloon and born in Lebanon County, Pa., forty-eight tavern licenses, legislation by the Dominion | years ago, and is now living in Bismarck, Parliament will be necessary. Your earnest a small village seven miles south of consideration of this important subject is Lebanon, with a wife and eight children. The latter partake of none of their father's peculiarities except that not a child has a perfect set of teeth. Mr. Wendling experiences great inconvenience from his inability The accounts of the last fiscal year will to perspire. The body being deprived of be laid before you. You will be pleased to this means of cooling becomes intensely learn that notwithstanding the expendi- hot, and it is necessary to pour water over ture on capital account amounted to more his clothing to keep the man cool. In than seven millions of dollars, the surplus working with heavy tools the man has to of the consolidated revenue, together with wear gloves to get a firm hold. Mr. the proceeds of the sales of lands in the Wending is the youngest of twenty-one north during last year, were more than shildren, and, with the exception of the sufficient to cover that expenditure, and peculiarities mentioned, he has good health that the net debt at the close of the year and has never been sick. He was brought and the amount of interest paid thereon to this city by Prof. S. H. Guilford, and first shown to the students of the Phila-The estimates for the ensuing year will delphia Dental College. He has since also be submitted. They have been pre- returned to his home in Lebanon County.

### NOHMAN'S ELECTRIC

INSTITUTION (ESTABLISHED 1874)

4 KING STREET BAST, TORONTO NERNOUS DEBILITY, Pheumatism, Lam Back, Neuralgia, Paralysis, and all Liver and Chest Complaints immediately relieved and fidence in your discretion and patriotism. BANDS AND INSOLES. There was a large attendance of ladies Circulars and Consultation FREE