CANADIAN.

Woodstock is to have electric light. Lord Stanley desires to pay a visit to Kingston at an early date. Two bucket shops have been started in

Montreal in defiance of the law.

Barrie is expecting to get electric light for 25 cents a night. Shalford the same. Track is being laid on the Red River

Valley road at the rate of two miles a day. Citizens of Kingston have met and denounced Sunday traffic on the Welland Canal.

Discontent is said to be causing numerous desertions from the London Military School.

city of Quebec are of a very favourable character. The Minister of Justice says the Provin-

Bucket Shops Act.

The Salvation Army barracks in Kingston, rebuilt at a cost of \$10,000, were opened on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh J. Macdonald will spend their summer with Sir. John Mac-

donald at the seaside. Foot Guards have resigned owing to a dis pute with the colonel.

A recorder in Montreal compelled a young man to enter into bonds to discontinue visiting a young lady.

Rev. Mr. Matthews, of Quebec, has been elected permanent secretary of the Pan Presbyterian Alliance.

The wharf labourers of Montreal are on

strike, and the shopowners are determined to resist their demand. It is rumoured that there is a possibility

of a strike of telegraph operators for more pay and shorter hours. Sir John Macdonald has sued Nathan

Michael, a Montreal tobacconist, for using his name for advertising purposes. Gabriel Dumont has received letters from

Halfbreeds in the Northwest, threatening rebellion unless their properties are restor-The nail-feeders at the Hamilton nail

works are still out on strike, and it is re. | 000f. ported that self-feeding machines will be obtained.

It is reported that Bishop Lafleche, of Three Rivers, has suspended the Jesuits from exercising religious ministrations in cided to support Lord Salisbury's bill to rehis diocese.

The bookkeeper of Quesnell, the absconding carriage-maker of Montreal, says that he and his employer have been carrying on a system of forgeries.

It is announced that Major General Cameron, son-in law of Sir Charles Tupper, is to succeed General Oliver as C mmandant of the R. M. College at Kingston.

The structure being erected at Ontario Beach for a summer hospital for children was blown down on Saturday. One workman was killed and another injured.

Two Mennonite gentlemen from Russia have chosen a township west of the Souris river, in Manitoba, for a party of their felspring.

Judge Falconbridge, who, with Mr. T. P. Galt, and others, is spending his vacation salmon fishing at Matane, P. Q, succeeded in killing the largest salmon taken there for | by a vote of 192 to 135. several years. The fish, which was captured after a hard and exciting struggle, lasting one hour and fifty minutes, weighed 45 pounds and measured 49 inches in length. A large number of salmon have been taken by the judge's party.

AMERICAN.

The citizens of Canton, Mass., are alarmed over an epidemic of typhoid fever.

Senator Hoar made a long speech in the United States Senate bitterly attacking the Fisheries Treaty.

The weekly statement shows that at the ing. present date the United States Treasury contains \$710,409,510.

John Zachar of Racine Wis., has completed the fiftieth day of his fast. He is very weak but his mind is unclouded.

General Sheridan continues to gain strength, and it is hoped that the work of permanent improvement has been entered

United States Representative McKinley is of opinion that the passage of the Tariff bill is a foregone conclusion, and that it will take place within two weeks.

At Long Island City during a drunken famous traffic. row Saturday night Mrs. Watson was thrown from the stoop over a three foot bannister by three of her tenants and killed.

The Maplewood Park Association of St. Paul, Minn., will sue Rev. Dr. Talmage for \$10,000 damages for failing to deliver an address there on the 4th inst. as agreed.

The floods at Parkersburg, West Va., continue and the destruction to property along the Little Kanawha and Ohio rivers is greater than in 1884, when the first flood

It is reported that the efforts at destroying the grasshoppers in the northern part of Minnesota have been so successful that at least half a yield of wheat may be expested.

Robert Bryan, a sixteen year old colored boy, stabbed Riley Hancock (white), aged nineteen, on Saturday, at Henderson, Ky., and killed him. The murderer was lynched by 50 masked men.

General Fisk, Prohibition candidate for President of the United States, says that the Temperance plank of the Republican Convention has driven thousands of voters into the Prohibition ranks.

Serious trouble has arisen on the "Q" road. The brakesmen have struck, and the tee. chairmen of the Grievance Committee of the Brotherhood of Engineers and the Firemen's Brotherhood have been arrested for conspiracy.

Maine, is credited with one of the shortest tinguished Masons. Wilhelm II. has never care of a bank in town. The truit spoons all and most comprehensive compositions on record. The teacher told him to write about anything he could see, and this was the result :- "The stove. She be cracked."

and the judge warned her that a re- scientist.

petition would mean sixty days in the ccoler.

Mr. T. M. Wells has completed a clay model of the bronze statue of James W. Marshall, to be erected on the spot where On this, thy birthday, my rear friend, gold was first discovered in California. It is of colossal size, and represents Marshall clad in a miner's dress, holding a nugget in his right hand and with his left pointing to the spot whence it was taken.

Rev. Oscar C. McCulloch of Indianapolis, read a paper before the Convention of Charities and Corrections in Buffalo, on a study of Social Degradation, in which he shows the condition of thirty tamilies, through five generations, embracing 1,69? persons, which, with its startling facts of hereditary crime, is worthy of the most careful reading.

Two perfectly pure white birds, which were caught in Galena, Ill., have been examined by local ornithologists, who pro-Crop report from the neighbourhood of the nounce them genuine robins. These exceedingly rare specimens of the feathered tribe are apout two thirds grown, and were taken from a nest known to have been built cial Government must enforce the Dominion by robins of the ordinary red-breasted var-

A new method of punishing dishonest bank | Oh, may it for thee ever bloom. clerks is now being tried in a certain institution of that kind in New York. Some time ago a clerk's accounts were investigated and he was found to be several thousand | And should'st thou find that, like the rose dollars short. To remove and prosecute the Sorrow (love's thorn) time may disclose, man would have been troublesome and apt Five officers of the Governor General's to hurt the reputation of the bank, so they For all things earthly pass away. made him stay as if nothing had happened, but have placed him in such a position that he can take no more, and informed his fellow-clerks of the defalcation. He is avoided by the insiders, and his position is about as disagreeable as can well be imagined. Constantly under surveillance, he will work out in time the amount he has taken and will then be discharged.

FOREIGN.

The Emperor of Brazil has quite recovered from his illness.

The Boers are said to be anxious to fight Great Britain again.

The international Law Congress will meet at Lausanne on September 1.

Dr. Morrell Mackenzie completes his fifty-first year Saturday of this week.

The Servian Synod has annulled the marriage of King Milan to Queen Natalie.

The French revenue surplus for the first six months of the year amounts to 28,000,-

Zobehr Pasha thinks that the White Pasha seen in the region of Bahr-el-Ghazel is not Stanley, but Emln Bey.

At a meeting of Unionist Peers it was deform the House of Lords.

The report of the German physicians who attended the Emperor Fredrick is a direct attack upon Dr. Mackenzie.

The new Papal encyclical is said to be broad and tolerant, but decidedly opposed to the separation of Church and State.

the seizure of the letter of the Count of Paris to the Conservative mayors of France. At a mercantile conference at Birmingham a committee was appointed to report on a

Birmingham. Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, will send to each crowned head of Europe a per-

speak for itself. In the Imperial House of Commons on Friday night a resolution in favour of the payment of salaries to members was rejected

his stay in Berlin convinced him that Emperor William was Russia's friend, and was with. prepared to become her ally.

The British army authorities are pushing experiments in military 'cycling. A regular bicycle corps has been formed, with 120 men, of whom 11 are officers.

A meeting announced to be held in Trafalgar square on Saturday, to denounce Mr. Balfour, was prevented by the London police keeping the crowds continually mov-

Council of Germany provides for the pensioning of all working people who are incapacitated or who have arrived at the age

arranged between the Czarewitch and one alliance has the entire approval of Prince Bismarck.

The Pope is making strenuous efforts to suppress the slave trade throughout the world, and non-Catholic Governments are invited to assist in putting down the in-

The locust plague in Algeria is becoming worse. Sixty thousand laborers and two thousand soldiers are powerless. The whole country is devasted, and it is feared famine and pestilence will result.

Mr. W. J. Ashley, M. A., lecturer of Lincoln and Corpus Christi Colleges, Oxford, has been appointed to the chair of Political Science in the University of Toronto. There were 33 applicants for the position.

Patrick J. Tynan, known in Invincible ranks as Number One, published a card in yesterday's New York Hera'd stating that the announcement that he was in collusion with the London Times is a foul and unnatural slander.

Herr Dietz, an Italian railway official his wife and a railway assistant named Kappel, have been convicted of selling to the French Government information relative to German military operations, and have been sentenced to long terms of imprison-

Sir W.H. Smith, leader of the British House of Commons, intimated that a Parliamentary committee was incompetent to inquire into the charges against Parnell, but Parnell afterwards gave notice of a motion for the appointment of such commit- lined, in every sort of variety, were these

The monthly organ of the German Freemasons states that the Kaiser is strongly found that she had no immediate use for half prejudiced against the craft, and is consequently, in this respect, very unlike his for the time they were to live in her mother's been initiated in the Order.

An Albany woman named Briggs lost while he knew the Emperor was suffering would have to go to New York to buy a her husband a few weeks ago, and to show from cancer, he removed a sound portion of suitable present, and she didn't care about her grief she slept on his grave in the ceme- the throat, which he submitted to Prof. taking the journey just then. All at once

FOR AND ABOU

A BIRTHDA What is the wish to thee I'd send? That earth may be a garden fair, Wherein bloom only flowers rave? Nay, that were vain, for here below We always find weeds, too, will grow, And e'en the rose, esteemed by all, Has thorn that's sharp, although 'tis small But who would e'er reject, with scorn, The rose because it has a thorn? Not one! We prize it for its worth-Naught perfect is of earthly birth.

Wilt though, my friend, accept from me This earnest wish I crave for thee? Oh, make thy heart a garden bright, Wherein grow virtues fair to sight, And may to thee be giv'n the strength To root out every fault at length ; For faults, like weeds, do show that we Must watch ourselves continually.

The choicest flower of every heart Is love-of life the sweetest part. And shed on all its rich perfume For love grows most when most it gives, And bliss bestows if it but lives : Be not cast down, thorns will decay,

But love to man alone was given To be a foretaste here of Heaven; And when we reach our Home above. And see at last the God of Love (Who knows how weak we are, and frail, And sees how frequently we fail To keep our hearts at all times white. As they should be in His pure sight), Oh, may His touch on weed and thorn Cause flowers immortal to be born. And since in Heaven no sin shall dwell, Their beauty aye His praise will tell.

ABOUT QUEENS.

Queen Elizabeth of Roumania is intensely musical, fond of dancing, and has written

Elizabeth of Austria has developed an unfortunate skin desease, and wears a veil continually.

Isabella, ex-Queen of the Spaniards, when she appears abroad wears a costume much the same as that of a nun.

The Queen of Danmark is intensely deaf, but fond of music, and has a big and power ful organ that she can hear. Olga of Greece is the most beautiful Queen

of Europe, and is sister-in-law of the Empress of Russia and the Princess of Wales. Queen Olga of Greece is practical, dresses

Marie, the daughter of the Empress of The French Conservative papers denounce of Bavaria, who is, according to loyal Jacobites, the heir apparent to the English throne.

The Queen of Spain recently, after the performance, called Sarah Bernhardt into the box and gave her a bouquet tied in ribbon scheme for a ship canal from Liverpool to and secured by a splendid sapphire mounted with diamonds.

The Queen of Sweden, since she learned and began cooking by the advice of her phylow-countrymen, who will arrive in the feeted phonograph. Such a present will sician for her health, takes long walks, and often goes into the peasants' houses and shows them how to make good dishes.

> two pockets in the canine ulster or dolman when travelling, one to hold lumps of sugar with its arms around my shoulders. Thus The Austrian Grand Duke Vladimir says and the other for a small fine pockethand- we stood for a few seconds, and I distinctly kerchief to wipe the little brute's nose felt the animal sniffing for my throat.

Dagmar of Russia, the Princess of Wales sister, is said to be politically smart, though not intellectual otherwise. Like all her sisters, she is clever with her needle, as they had to make their own clothes before their father got to be King.

The Queen Regent of Spain chooses a word daily for the countersign, without which no one is admitted to the palace by the many guards. This is communicated to bill which has passed the Federal the highest military official, who happens to be Marshal Campo, who proclaimed Alfonso

Mrs. Oscar Wilde is said to wear the same " best" dress through the season. If It is reported that a marriage is being not the same dress, it is made on the same plan, being a white clinging silk, embroiderof Emperor William's sisters and that the ed down the front in gold and adorned around the neck with a high standing ruff a la Queen Bess.

> Eugenie, ex-Empress, is said to have de veloped strange idiosyncracies, besides being a recluse. One is a tendency to Spiritualism and a belief that she can communicate with of my gun. her dead Prince Imperial. It is well understood that she intends to make Princess Beatrice of England her heiress.

Queen Victoria has now reigned over England longer than any monarch but two-Henry III., and George III. She overtook Queen Elizabeth six years ago, and has outdone E iward III., who only reigned 148 days over half a century. If she lives a few years longer Victoria will have reigned longer than any royal personage of history.

The ceilings of most rooms will not need whitening every year, but they will always need sweeping, as well as the walls. No one who has not swept a wall down with a clean duster, firmly pinned on to a broom, would imagine the amount of dust that will have collected in spite of the most tidy

THE RETORT COURTEOUS.

When a sister of the governor of a neigh bouring state was married, a few years ago, eays the "Tropical Talker" of the Pittsburg Dispatch, she received a great many valuable presents, and among them were many pieces of plate and silverware of all sorts. But particularly was she overwhelmed with silver truit spoons. Beautifully chased, goldspoons. After the wedding, and when they had returned from the honeymoon, the bride the silverware she possessed, especially as went to the vault.

Dr. Gerhardt, in his report on the late A few months later she received an invitatery. The police finally Aught her at it Virchow, thereby deceiving that eminent the idea came into her head that she had a in the United States, but they talk like -[Norristown Herald.] We presume it great superfluity of fruit spoons. Why "sixty."

and she not send some of them to her schoolmate for a present? There seemed to be no objection, so she sent the butler down to the bank with orders to pick out a pretty case of spoons. The butler fulfilled his mission. None of the presents were ticketed, so that it was altogether impossible to tell from whom this particular set of spoons had come. The spoons travelled once more to a hymeneal altar, and the lady who sent them heard nothing about them for several days. Then she received the following letter :-

DEAR MADAM :- I am very grateful to you for returning the spoons. I thought they were too good for you when I sent them to you as a wedding present, and it is honest for you to send them back. Yours, etc.,

It is not wise to give away your welding presents.

Pointers For Mothers.

Never tickle a child, it is dangerous, and reduces vitality. Any unnatural emotion must be avoided. The more quiet and free from excitement a little child is kept the better for the child's health, strength, and mental vigour.

If there is much sickness about the neighbourhood, boil the water which is used in baby's food, for boiling kills all the animalculæ contained in the water. Cool it pefore using.

For headache, or any form of indigestion, drink hot water, half a pint at a time if possible.

Give children oranges before breakfast in the spring time. It is better than sulphur doses or any spring medicines.

Use cream, with hot water and sugar, in place of condensed or natural milk, as it is more easily digested than milk. If hot water is added then it will not require any warming process, whereby it may come in quite as strong as a crowbar, in his hand, contact with metal. Warm the food by placing the bottle or cup in water to heat it with the water.

In the spring let the child take his outdoor walks in the afternoon; in autumn let him go out in the forenoon. The spring morning partakes of the preceding season. In autumn the morning is more like summer, the afternoon like winter.

The whole bath is to be preferred to the partial bath. Ninety-eight degrees Fahreaheit must be the degree of heat; to be reduced as the child grows older.

If the child does not sleep well give him a bath before going to bed. It is an excellent sedative. - [Woman.

A Panther's Embrace.

Short savage roars broke upon my ear, plainly, and goes in for domestic economy, mingled with the wild shouts of the natives, etc., even making her own bonnets, it is who were evidently being chased by the now turious beast. At this crisis I felt that my hat would probably do more for me than Austria, is about to marry Prince Ruprecht | my gun, so I crushed the former on to my head, and, without waiting to adjust the chin-strap, I seized the latter in my hands and faced the enemy. The panther had meanwhile floored a beater and got him by the arm, but, dropping him, she at once came for me with lightning bounds. I could see nothing owing to the beast's tremendous speed, but a shadowy-looking form with two large bright round eyes fixed upon me with an unmeaning stare as it literally flew toward me. Such was the vision of a moment ! My presence of mind did not desert me. raised my gun and fired with all the care I The latest Paris fashion in dogs commands | could at such short notice. But I missed, and the panther landed light as a feather

Mechanically, I always turned my head so as to keep the thick, wadded curtain of my helmet cover in front of the creature's muzzle; but still I could hear and feel plainly the rapid, yet cautious, efforts it was making to find an opening, so as to tear open the jugular vein. I had no other weapon but my gun, which was useless with the animal closely embracing me, so I stood perfectly still, well knowing that Sanford would liberate me if it were possible to do so. At the first onslaught we were so placed that through me, which would have been very injudicious, to say the least of it. As may naturally be supposed, the animal did not spend much time in investigating the nature of a wadded hat cover, and before my friend could get around and take aim without jeor ardizing my own life the beast pounced on my left elbow, taking a piece out, and then buried its long, sharp fangs into the joint until they met. At the same time was hurled to the earth with such force that I knew not how I got there or what became

Still, throughout, I maintained a clear impression of what was going on. I knew that I was lying on the ground with the panther on top of me, and I could feel my elbow joint wabbling in and out as the brute ground its jaws with a movement imperceptible to the bystanders, but which felt to me as though I were being violently shaken all over. Now I listened anxiously for the report of Sandford's shot, which knew would be heard immediately, and carefully refrained from making the slightest sound or movement, last his aim should be disturbed thereby In a few seconds the loud and welcome detonation, which from its proximity almost deafened me, struck upon my ear. I sat up, I was free, the panther gone.

A Two-Foot Sea Serpent.

A sailor, just arrived from Central American waters, brought a curiosity in the snake line to the Academy of Sciences. The acquisition is a veritable sea serpent, according to the statement of the local scientists. is about twenty four inches in length, with flattened tail and narrow head. Its body to draw my sled next Winter?" "No. is a bright yellow, with a broad, wavy stripe of deep black along its back. The specimen is undoubtedly venomous. Dr. Hewston says that he cannot at once classify the reptile, but he supposes it to be a species hitherto unknown to science. There is, however, a watersnake much resembling logues and correspondence, and its trade is this one in East Indian waters and along ahead of what it used to be. Others are A little French Canadian boy in Oldtown, tather and grand father, who were both dis- house. So she consigned some of it to the the coast of New Zealand. These snakes moving in the same way, and in a few years travel there in great schools, and are a considerable annoyance to fishermen. It may ously. be possible that the specimen in question Emperor's disease, accuses Dr. Mackenzie tion to attend the wedding of a schoolmate was drifted by ocean currents from its of duplicity, and that among other things, in a neighbouring town. She knew she proper habitat to the place where it was found.

A School of Alligators.

We had reached the San Juan river, and following its course for a rapid ride of a dozen or more miles, came to a series of wide, low bayous, or lagoons, which set back from the river in some places for miles.

These were filled with all manner of luxuriant tropic vegetation and reeds similar to those from which the Guines valley takes its name, inter persed at intervals with stretches of wild cane. Here and there drifts of moss clung from limbs of gigantic trees to the very surface of the still lagoons.

The silence of the locality was something wonderful, says Edgar L. Wakeman in the St. Louis Republican. Strange birds, with long, gaunt bodies and trailing legs, circled dolorously above. Not a ripple broke upon the surface of the sumy bayous. The reeds were straight and still. The grass moss was motionless in the shadows.

The dogs kept close to our horses' heels, and when we halted and tied, the latter crouched close and silent beside them. I had noticed Jose at work upon some old pieces of blackened canvas. When we dismounted he removed his sombrero and put one of these upon his head, placing others in the waist of his blouse.

"Come," said Don Manuel, "we will show you how harmless alligators are when you know them, and what a simple thing it is for Cubans to kill them !"

Moving stealthily along the edge of the lagoon, we suddenly heard here, there, beyond, and again as if all about us, heavy splashes into the water, and the quick parting and subsequent trembling of countless swaths of reeds showed where unwieldy objects had made startled passages. We were among a school of alligators.

How many? "Well, maybe several thousand within a square mile," answered the Don, complacently.

Jose had a tremendous quebrahacha clumped stick as large, almost as heavy and At a word from Don Manuel he glided forward and flung himself in a reclining posture on a firm bit of ground, perhaps fifty feet from the edge of the lagoon, while the Don and myselt hid in the edge of the jungle.

An almost unendurable silence of perhaps half an hour ensued. Then gentle splashings among the reeds were heard. These were shortly followed by many soft, halfwhistled gruntings.

Directly the heads of two alligators parted the reeds near where Jose lay motionless. For a time these were also motionless as an Oriental study in bronze. Then the bodies followed, slowly and cautiously at first, but soon with incredible rapidity they moved upon Jose. I believe I was never so apprehensive and excited in my life.

"Silence !" hissed Don Manuel. Instantly one flopped about, scampered to the land-edge and whisked himself into the bayou. But the other, with snapping eyes and quivering jaws, was bent on having Cuban meat for breakfast.

In another instant he was at Jose's side. The latter bounded into the air like a rubber ball. Flinging his canvas hat into the alligator's jaws, which snapped and crunched it hideously, the quebrahacha stick whistled through a wide air circle and descended with a crash into the reptile's skull. Before its first quiver and sprawl Joe's machete was through its shoulder a foot into the solid soil beneath, and the bull alligator, seventeen feet in length, was dead. Three alligators were despatched in this remarkable way.

Life in the Bahamas.

Sponging has all the attractions of a gambling adventure. Should the cruise be successful, the profits are large; enough money may be made in a short time to insure the enjoyment of months of idleness. And idleness is a real luxury when a man can recline under the shade of his own gaava or orange tree, and have the latest news from the passing neighbours as they saunter along, their fanners (round flat baskets of palm leaves) piled with glowing tomatoes, large, green avocado pears, or red and yellow peppers, for sale in town-or else chew sugar cane or smoke a pipe, as the spirit moves him, taking no thought for the morrow, he could only have hit the panther by firing which is pretty sure to be sunny and balmy as to-day. Dwellers in the dark and sombre north can hardly realize the charm and joyousness that seem to radiate from earth and air in the lotus-eating southern climes. The mere sense of existence becomes in itself a happiness; one can understand what animals probably feel in pleasant pastures on brilliant days. Then, as the sun sinks downward, the golden heaven glows over a rejoicing earth, flushing every moment into richer beauty beneath the departing rays, while rosy beams of light streaming upward like so many auroras, is a singular and very beautiful effect often to be seen in a Bahama sunset. When the sun has set new beauties appear, every bush and tussock becoming alive with thousands of fireflies; and when a silvery-green moon rises in the calm, deep, sapphire say, it is difficult to decide whether night or day be the more full of loveliness. Besides the fireflies, a fire beetle -one of the elytra-is a singular insect with a brilliant green phosphorescent light proceeding from two round spots on the thorax, added to which, when excited, the insect has the power to emit a regular blaze of light from the segments of the abdomen, of such brilliancy that one can read by its light. In Cuba ladies fasten these elytra, as ornaments, in their hair, or let them flash beneath the folds of tulle dresses.

The Emperor Frederick bestowed the order Pour le merite upon Sir Frederick Leighton. It raised considerable discussion among Teutonic painters.

"Ma, is a porous plaster good at draw?" "Yes, dear." Does pa use it in draw poker ?" "Hush dear." "Can I have one indeed, you little wretch," and she took her slipper and drew out all the curiosity in

A New York house which ten years ago employed 100 travelling salesmen now does its business entirely by illustrated catahence the drummer will drum less numer-

Notwithstanding there were already 320,-000 species of insects in the world, of which 25,000 are found in the United Ssates, Prof. Simpson has gone and discovered a new kind of bug. A man must be insane on There are only forty-five female lawyers bugs when 25,000 species don't satisfy him. has wings.