LADIES' COLUMN.

THE ANTI FASHION SOCIETY.

"Miss Florence Leslie is down stairs, Miss

'Well, Katy, send her right up here to me!" and Grace Adams sprang up from her listless attitude, and met her friend with great effu-

I am so glad you came, Floy dear," said per and morals, and have had time to get "I am so glad you came, Floy dear," said Grace, "for I am so blue that everything appears of an indigo hue."

Florence returned her friend's doleful speech with a laugh, and, taking a low rock-

er, threw aside her hat and said : "Now tell me all about it, Gracie."

"Well, we've has such a scene!" "Why, what had happened?" queried Florence in alarm.

ly that he really could not afford me a new dress just now; isn't it too had?"

' answered Florence. "Well, the case is just this: I must try to make over this silver and blue! Why, Grace, that lovely dress! You have

overskirt, and—ch, dear, I've a great mind not to go at all!"

Tears of vexation filled her eyes, and her brow was wrinkled with frowns most unbe-

"Don't alter it; wear it just as it is," sug gested Florence.
"Florence Leslie, are you crazy?" demand-

fore yours, although papa gate me money for a new dress yesterday."

What do you mean. Floy?" "Just what I say, my dear; will you agree

Why do you propose it?" asked Grace, still unable to beneve her ears.

"Because, Grace, I've been having a think, I have come to the conclusion that we girls spend too much time, thought and care on maker's, having new dresses made, and the other half in our own rooms, fixing over.
Now I've decided that I will not do it any longer, and I want you to help me in insti-again waken into life— nor the crushed tuting a reform in our set in that respect." "But what will you do?" asked Grace,

with great interest.
"Plenty of things," was the reply. "When I need a new dress, I'd got as nice as I want. and have it made in as pretty style as possi-ble; then I'll wear it until it is not fit to wear, no matter how many styles intervene. English adics of rank and wealth wear their clothes out the way they are first made, but we poor American girls must spend all our time energy and strength in devising ways and means to follow every new fashion that appears. The consequence is, we do not take enough out door exercise to keep us in health; we neglect home duties; we neglect all means of culture, and narrow our minds down to the contemplation of silks, ribbons, feathers and flowers. We assemble at even i g parties, and, having devoted every h ught energy to our dress, we can think and talk of nothing else but appearance. No wonder gentlemen steep to converse with us we have no ennobling topic to talk on. It is a shameful waste!"

As Florence finished Grace said : Well done, Floy; you are an enthusist! But if you do as you propose, what will you do with your regained time and money?"
"I shall study, for one thing; and gather

over the library, instead of closets full of closets. Now you understand my plan, will you join me? Will you wear that dress unchanged to Emma Clare's party?'

"I wil !" cried Grace, with unwonted en-rgy. "I'd join you with al my heart? It will rid me of ever so much anxiety! I be-lieve I should not have nervous headaches so often it I didn't have to worry so much

about what to wear !" "Just so," said Florence.

"Find her and try it now," suggested Flor-

t me, and try to get to feeling better," said to court, resulting in the death of three trace, bustling around to get ready.

About half in hour after, little Nins, sly, field, and worth £4,000), and Australasia

but pleased, was trying her new duet with a ster Grace, while darling Florence Leslie smiled oncouragingly upon her effort. Grace felt guilty, when the child threw her arms around her neck and said: "Thank you, sis-

was quite surprised that he didn't hear (irace complain about her party dress. Finally his wife said to him: "My dear, Grace has acted very sensibly, I

If you could afford her a dress, it would greatly please me." Mr. Adams thought for some time, and then said, "Well, I'll see."

That day at dinner he handed Grace a roll so much prostrated that the twenty not of bills, and said: "Fere, Gracie, perhaps I can spare that amount for your dress, I should like to let you have all you wish, but the transfer of the prostrated that the twenty not inflicted.

Mr. John Hollingshead writes to the Daily telegraph:—"Willyou allow me to contradict a report, very widely circulated in certain massible."

"Thank you, papa," said she, but my dress is already provided for Wednesday evening."

Mrs. Adams looked her astonishment. "Yes, mamma," said Grace merrily, "I am

to wear my silver and blue.' Why isn't it made over, then?"

"Blocause I am going to wear it as it is."

And then Grace recounted the arguments that Florence had used to her. Mrs. Adams was only brought to allow her daughter to appear in an old dress because Florence Leslie

her "new notion," as her mother called it. reigned supreme. Florence was standing upon various matters. with a gentleman friend in the recess leading

year ago !"
"Yes, but how pretty she looks l" was the

answer. "She always looks well, but what can possess her to wear that dress to-night?"

"I can tell you," said Florence, stepping quickly forward, "don't you see that I wear an old dress, too? Grace and I have organized an anti-fashion society, and we want you to join us!" went over her arguments in so earn-

est a manner that the girls caught her spirit, and promised their influence, while the gen-tleman, whom Florence in her enthusiam had forgotten, clapped his hands, and ex-

, Well done, Miss Leslie, you are right! We gentlemen admire taste in dress, but not a blind devotion to all the ridiculous fashions that come up. Success to your new society. Let us hear from it occasionally."

The influence of these two right-thinking irls affected a large circle. They organized girls affected a large circle. partments of literature, while the improve-ment in the tone of society was everywhere ough, 8,182 were those of children under

el the club room one afternoon, I believe I in those years an average of 18, or more than shall introduce another innovation! Do you one sixth, died before they were a year old.

see that dress?" and she raised the bottom of ther skirt as she spoke. "Filth and dirt!" diarrhox and other diseases connected with

forever! Who will join me?

"I, I!" cried the girls.
"If you have any of my experience, you feel delightfully free, since it is found not necessary to follow every freak of fashion!" said Grace Adams.

"That is my experience," added Floy Les-e. "I am healthier, happier, better in temmuch information. What is it Bortha?"

"I say, anti-fashion forever!"—Mrs. F. A. R. in Standard (Chicago.)

CAN A WIFE HIRE HER HUSBAND?

A novel question presented itself before "Nothing serious; don't worry;" said combe Court, Judge Furches sentenced one Grace, laughing at the distress visible in her Shaft to imprisonment in the county jail for six months. After he had remained in "You see," she continued, "I asked papa this moning for money to buy a dress for Emma Clare's party, and he told me plainly that I had been so much expense to him late.

six months. After he had remained in jail a in the Carlboo District, and the populace are seen the recent acts of assembly allowing them to lire out convicts to the public works that I had been so much expense to him late.

or, "individuals," proceeded to him Shaft or, "individuals," proceeded to hire Shaft out to his wife for five dollars per month, and Shaft moved his quarters to the old domicil as the prisoner and "hireling" of wife. The matter leng now presented by the solicitor to the court, his honor ordered that Shaft be committed to prison as an "I know it, but it was made last year, and it is all out of date. It is the most suits a violation of its spirit and meaning, and a bied cress I lave, if it was only in style, and I am afraid there isn't enough for the long court. Capt. McLoud, who is the prisoner's In Montreal, the other cay, a scoundrel court. escaped convict, holding that though the letcounsel, has appealed to the Supreme Court.

A BEAUTIFUL EXTRACT.

The glory of summer has gone by-the beautiful greenness has become withcred and "Not at all," was the reply. "If you will wear my green siik and white that was made even beliving—connected with the decaying sconcry expenses of an indigent to Lindsay. We around us, we would not indulge in a moment's melancholy. The scason of flowers will come again—the streams will flow grace—are not so bighly favoured as Orillia." fully as before—the trees will again toss their cumbrous heads of greenness to the The cause, Grace, I've been having a think, all alone by myself, as little Ettie says, and I have come to the conclusion that we girls spend too much time, thought and care on dress. We spend one-half the time at a dress deves a having new dresses made, and the maker's, having new dresses made, and the maker's having new dresses having new dr rain of sympathy be lavished upon it—but the stone root of blighted feeling will never

GENERAL NEWS.

beauty.

BRITISH ITEMS.

Prince Leopold, who is at Balmora', is again reported to be ill.

The Barrow magistrates have granted removal order to a female pauper said to b 105 years of age.

There has been a great falling off in the supply of American beef landed at Liver-Dr. Cumming, in a recent lecture, re as serted that the end of all things is near a

hand. The Master of the Rolls has complained that from beginning to end of a winding up case there is no control over costs.

Up to November 23rd about £20 had been ed to Dr. Kenealy's "million sixpence fund" for partially regenerating so

It is confidently expected in legal circle that the Government will appoint three new Judges. Conservative layvers having a claim to preferment are naturally elated at the prospect.

Among the latest novelties in the way of imports (the Bristol Post says) are oranges from the Brazils. The quality of the fruit is said to be exceedingly fine and luscious and it will, moreover, it is said, be to han earlier and r.p.r the European fruit.

The publicans of London, in order to "And you spoke of neglected home duties," continued Grace. "It is true, I have neglect prosecutions" for selling weakened or adulted some duties this morning, to worry over tris dress. Poor little Nina wanted me to on their premises that "the liquors sold in guard against the recurrence of "vexatious prosecutions" for selling weakened or adulpractice a duet with her, and I was too cross this establishment are diluted according to

A contagious disease, the nature of which By an Order of Council the restrictions

By an Order of Council the restrictions upon the removal of cattle from the metropolis, and on the holding of markets and of the holding of markets and of the holding of markets and depretiser.

you to send any nere or supplied the present must tell on the policy of the future rulers of our country.

'The present tidal wave of Temperance sales in the metropolis, which were imposed in consequence of the outbreak of cattle ter you are so good!"

Think you, sis. in consequence of the outbreak of cattle plague at the beginning of this year are now

Three men, sentenced by Mr. Justice Hawkins to receive twenty-five lashes each for robberies with violence, have been flouged in Varwick gaol, the punishment being so dreaded that the Governor resolved on inflicting it at the earliest convenient moment

has expunged a certain song from "Little Doctor Faust." Mr. Byron is quite incapable of writing, and Miss Farren of singing, anything that could be objected to by the most fastidious guardian of public morality.'

In a recent lecture Dean Stanley recommended his hearers to hunt up any subject which they heard of in conversation and of which they were ignorant, and to ascertain the purport of the name of any place in pear in an old dress because Florence Leslie which they happened to be, the historical would do so, and Grace was unmolested in associations of the day, the cause of the proving of the party capacity of particular books, and the The evening of the party came, and amid origin and meaning of words; and to have, a throng of lovely girls Florence and Grace and to be ready to communicate, clear ideas

A Melbourne new-parer_reports a crowded young lady say to another:

Seving machine workers are never short of hands, though young lady say to another:

"Just look at Grace Adams. She is wearing the same dress she wore to my party a the girls emploped can barely make enough at the business to keep them in food and clothing. Young women are found in plenty to enter shops and give their time for a considerable period for nothing, and at the cud of that receive 10s a week. Competent artisans can obtain good wages; but there is always a very large number of applications

for any situation that is not mechanical. The name of Mr. Albert Grant was struck off the register for West Sussex by the Revising Barrister, on the ground that, having vising Barrister, on the ground that, having been reported to the House of Commons as rowdy and drunkard, and a companion of guilty of corrupt practices at Kidderminster, he could not vote at any election for the space of seven years. The decision was appealed against, and has been reversed; the Judges pointing out that the corrupt practice referred to had not been imputed to Mr.

This, whose record is very little better. A reward of \$20 is offered for the detection of the misoreants, and the police, with the clue they have already obtained, hope to be able to nab the scoundrels. The Chief says he tice referred to had not been imputed to Mr.

The publication by De La Rochette of a disparaging letter. De ha Rochette of a d guilty of corrupt practices at Kidderminster, his, whose record is very little better. A that being so, he was not brought under the rounds early on Sunday morning. penal clause of the Corrupt Practices Fre-

vention Act. Mr. William Cook (Chairman of the Bira reading-club, and provided themselves with mingham Health Committee) reports that in 375. all the desirable books in the different de-Birmingham during the three years 1874 5 6 twelve months old, thus showing an average "Girls," said Beriha Ashton, as she enter- of 2,727 a year. Of every 100 children born

have all my dresses clear, the ground here, this mortality must be caused by the ignor- in this jurisdiction is now nearly four hunafter, and resign my office of street-sweeper ance of the mothers as to diet and manage dred. During this year over fifty have been ment.

CANADIAN ITEMS.

The township of Weat Zorra has \$22,000 ut on interest.

Herring is reported scarce on the north coast of Newfoundland. In Streetville bread has had another fall, from which temperance literature and

pound loaf. Plans for the graving dock at Levis have

been received from England, and excavating has commenced. In order to prevent flirtations at the Berlin Judge Schenck, at Asheville, North Carolina, Model School, it has become necessary, says

Extensive gold discoveries have been made

A telegraph from Ottowa states that Lord of Manchester is mentioned as his Excellency's beaming rays across the midnight path. It successor.

The telephone has been introduced into Winnipeg. Mr. H. Macdougall has two of the instruments attached to the wire con

named Adolphe Gervais was sentenced by the Recorder to three months' hard labour the Recorder to three months' hard labour for assaulting a woman named Susan Brown, from the effects of which she became insensi-

Municipal Councils have a trick of trying to put burdens and inconveniences on somebody el e. The Lindsay Post says:—"The Orillia Council at its last meeting voted the

A young Englishman named Thos. Pritch ard, working on the extension of the Victoria same tax as for the preceding quarter. sunlight—and by mossy stone and winding railway, came into a fortune of £30,000 the rivulet the coming blossoms will start up at the bidding of their guardian. But the don. He came to Lindsay, spruced up, got

> was considerably excited the other day on it becoming known that their miller, Frank Morse, had absconded, leaving several farmers to mourn his loss to the tune of from fifty to one hundred and fifty dollars. It is supposed that he has taken with him about eight hundred dollars, but the exact amounts cannot be ascertained. Warrants have been issued for his arrest.

> The Port Colborne Free Press says 'There is a clergyman not a hundred miles from Stonebridge, who receives for his services, from two congregations the sum of three hundred and seventy five dollars, nually. In addition to a wife and family is compelled to keep a horse. There isn't uch Christianity in these congregations, at's certain. We have heard of such a that's certain. thing as 'genteel starvation,' and here we have a case in point. Shame, shame."

prudent to absent himself for a few days each financial year. antil the job was over, and then cool'y rethruned to his sung quarters—for which charitable exercise of liberty he was taken up beore one of the town magistrates and the suspension and expulsion intenced to ten days' imprisonment, this

being the second offence of the kind. Alexander Knott, an old pensioner, seventy years of age, while under the influfour o'clock Wednesday morning (November 28th). His wife was away from home, and his sten daughter, who was in the house did not call a physician till some of the neighbours went in about seven o'clock, when Dr. Quarry was called in. That gentleman sewed up the wound, which was about two

A friend of ours who holds a couple hunred tubs of butter, which cost him seventeen and eighteen cents per lb., has received a letter from his correspondents in Montreal, from which we give the following extract: ence; "I want to hear it!"

"All right, and then I'll walk until dinnerbeen raging at the Royal paddocks, Humpbeen raging at the Royal paddocks at the Royal

A Hamilton paper says :- "Several days ago an old man named Alex. Case, nearly sixty years of age, was arres'el in I i brook by Constable Eustice on a charge of having ommitted malicious injury to the property of Mr. John Shaw. Case is a shoemaker by trade, and seems to have some grudge against Shaw, for he went into a field be-longing to the latter and with an axe defiberately smashed a plough lying there. He was found guilty and fined \$5 for the offence, \$5 for damages, and \$5 costs, and was given two weeks in which to pay the sum total, If he makes default, the sentence is that he shall go to gaol for two months.

Speaking of tramps, the Welland Tele aph says :- "This class of the community becoming very daugerous and should be \$587.51. looked after at once. Our council have built a shed for their shelter and provided them with food. After getting the latter the tramps declined the shelter of the "roost," and seek other resting places. Last week they occupied the M. E. church, building on a good fire. They also got into the lock shanty. Wednesday night last, (Nov. 28.) shanty. they affected an entrance into the barn of Mr Griffith, at the rear of the brick block. They have been in the council chamber, and rumour say one night they got into the engine house. If this thing is allowed to continue Welland will soon be found in ashes. If the council persist in endangering our lives and property in this manner, the citizens will have to take the matter in their

own hands." The Barrie Advance says :- "Vandalism was rampant in town on Saturday night, of trade, and in the interests of the Inter-(Nov. 24), and mournful testimony was borne national Exhibition. A letter from Krants. to the fact in the shattered lamps that lined Dunlop street, in the broken windows of the police court, and in the absence from their layed a sing e day whatever might happen. police court, and in the absence from their place, in the armoury of Chief Rogers, of three of his trusty revolvers and a dagger.

There of his trusty revolvers are dark trusty revolvers and a dagger.

There of his trusty revolvers are dagger.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE

she continued, in tones of disgust. "I shall nutrition. A very large proportion of report: The number of subordinate Division in the overthrow of the Thiers Government organized. The great missionary work car-

take advantage of every opportunity to resuscitate old Divisions or organize new ones. less, but he seemed not to accept Grevy's pro-Every Division room is a centra around which the temperance people gather, in which temperance subjects are discussed, and sistance, and is now sold at thirteen cents for the four perance education are disseminated. Every one of them throughout these winter months will be lighted up once a week, and serve as a beacon to guide the thoughtless and unwary—a beacon light which I hope and pray the latter and the President. He deprecated may be the means of saving many poor un-fortunates from the road to ruin. Were these doors to be closed, these windows to the other day. At the spring term of Bun-combe Court, Judge Furches sentenced one females in the institution. what a pall of darkness would surround us! Extensive gold discoveries have been made in the Cariboo District, British Columbia, and the populace are said to be greatly fair Province would be strewn with human wrecks ten times more numerous than now, many and lamentable though these may be. him. If the Chamber thus shows a concil-Dufferin will sever his connection with the Dominion next autumn, and that the Duke iatory disposition, the President will frankly fulfil his promise to appoint a thoroughly

> tend their numbers and increase thir effici-The Grand Scrbe says, refering to finan

> would indeed be darkness to many homes and to many souls, did our Division rooms

cease to be institutions in the land. Know

ng this, it becomes our sacred duty

al affaire : "This is to us the most important quesrassed a number of our Subordinate Divisions, and as a consequence our Grand Divisions has been similarly affected. The in The indebtedness of the Subordinate Division for supplies has increased, and as before alluded to a large number are delinquent in making I have so often directed attention to this matter that it seems like repetition on my part to refer to it under this head. I know of no remedy unless each Division failing to make returns during the first month of the succeeding term, for which the returns are due, should be charged with the

"I may here suggest that many of our Di visions endeavor to exist on too cheap scale, their fees and du s not bringing in sufficient to pay running expenses, and leaving nothing for an emergency, should the Division meet with reverses. So long as the financial affairs of a Division is in a healthy The Village of Morpeth, Kent County, state, there is not much fear of its failing, was considerably excited the other day on it I would suggest that a minimum rate of fees and dues be fixed by the Grand Division. leaving Subordinate Divisions to increase the amosnt if they wished, this, I have no doubt would to a great extent remedy this deficiency.

"The accounts due by our Subordinate Divisions have been rendered to them and payments pressed so far as consistent for the best interests of our Order. Some have remitted the amounts due, and others have promised to do so by the close of the present quarter. From these receipts and re-turns now coming in, liabilities due are being paid, and I have no doubt will be entirely discharged during the incoming quarter. "I have been unable without seriously in

conveniencing our Divisions, to follow strictly the rule to furnish no supplies except when orders were accompanied by the cash When the turnip-lifting season came though it would save this office inconveniround at the Waterloo Industrial Farm, (in ence could this rule be strictly observed by connection with the Poor House in that our Divisions, as well as enable your Scribe county) George Wolfe, an inmate, thought to discharge all liabilities with the close of

"In reviewing the work of the year, we have had much to discourage us in our cf forts by the failure of some of our Divisions members from various causes other than 'violation of the pledge.' the principle cause being 'non-payment of dues.' How to remedy this great loss to our Order is a question which has called for the rerious consideraseventy years of ago, while timer the limit by this great loss to dir Order is a question ence of liquor, cut his throat with a razor which has called for the rerious consideration bed in his own house, Amherstburg, about the or of nearly every Grand and Subordinate Division of our Order, but as yet no adequate remedy has been found. The collection of weekly dues has been suggested as one wa by which to meet difficulty, that under the order of business 'payment of dues,' the roll should be called and each member expected to respond. In order to facilitate the collecinches long, but not very deep. Knott will tion the Conductor might pass around the recover, although he lost a good deal of room announcing the name of each member

to their. S., as his or her dues are paid.
"In locking back over our history as a organization, we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the result of our efforts, and to-day our Dominion is reaping the best spect the law, the constitution, and the Result of the law, the constitution, and the Result of the law, the constitution and the Result of the law and the l and to-day our Dominion is reaning the benefit of years of anxious toil and labor of members of our beloved Order. From the unless at price of grease, seven to ten cents, except a little giit cage fit for table use; and except a little giit cage fit for table use; and which is to day shaking the very foundations inclinations of the formation of a Dufuare 150,000 members who have been initiated all the English markets are in the same unsatisfactory state. We cannot recommend you to send any here or ship at present, ed in our Order, has an influence which must tell up the policy of the future which must tell up the policy of the future which

that is sweeping over this vast continent is but the result of the education which the present generation has received in our cirdes of fraternity, combining as we do all the elements or open and close organizations, moral sussion and Prohibiton. "Let us continue to press forward in our

work, pleaging the inebriate and moderate drinker, suppressing the traflicker, and of fering to them all the privileges and bless ngs of uniting with us in our glorious mis-

From the Grand Treaurer's report it appears that the total receipts of the year amounted to \$4,434,08, and the expenditure to \$4,404,96, cash in hand \$30,12. The assets of the Grand Division are \$1.787.36 with the liabilities \$1,198,85, showing a bal-auce in favors of the Order amounting to

FRENCH AFFAIRS.

VERSAILLES, Dec. 1 .- The Budget Comnittee intend moiving that the Chamber pass a vote on the direct taxation clauses. enabling the Councils-General to take the preliminary steps of distributing, without, however, authorizing collections.

Minister Noyes has obtained the repeal of

the order expelling the American citizen Bedel to Belgium for language displeasing to the Government.

The situation is unchanged. Paris, Dec. 2.—A meeting of 1,500 merchants and manufacturers to-day drew up an address appealing to the patriotism of President MacMahon to yield to the wishes of their memorial. In majority in view of the threatened ruin M. Dufaure is national Exhibition. A letter from Krants, chief commissioner of the Exhibition, was One hundred and twenty members of the Leon Say as colleagues.

Leon Leon MacMahon at the first inter-

the the Vatican that his conduct will be guided by the strictest gool will to the Holy Sec. number of street lamps ruined is six, and the but he will not tolerate and direct inteferloss sustained, including the articles stolen from the police court, will amount to about Gen. Armandeau. Conservative Gen. Armandeau, Conservative, Massot, Republican, have been elected Sen-ators for the Department of Vienna and Pyrenses.

on the 24th May, 1873. Jules Grevy had an interview with Mac-Mahon to day. The President assured him posals for a parliametary regime, and evinc-ed towardsthe Chamber sentiments of re-Viscount d'Harcourt, in the course of his

remarks to the delegates of the trades' councils yesterday suggested that they should use their influence with the deputies with the view of effecting reconciliation between the idea of convoking a congress of both Houses to solve the crisis. Balbie, in an interview with MacMahon yesterday, again urged him to return to normal Parliamen MacMahon holds that the Champer can voting the budget, easily prove that it did not intend that Saturday's vote should be considered as a declaration of war against

parliamentary Ministry. If the Chamber does not show such a disposition the President must ask the Senate to choose between his resignation or a fresh dissolution.

The various groups of the Left look upon Dufuare as the future President of the Re public. The Left Centre Deputies are resolved that they will not vote the direct taxes as long as MacMahon continues to resist. They will, however, vote the indirect taxes, but only by instalments. The latest advices indicate that rumours of a possible

arrangement are gaining ground.

Paul, Dec. 4.—Emile Girardin has been nominated by the Republicans for Deputy

for the ninth arrondissment.

In the Chamber of Deputies to-day M Jules Terry said the majority would grant the Budget only to a Parllamentary Ministry. Until further notice the Budget Committee will not report in favor of direct tax

M. Gambetta said the Chamber was ready to consider the Budget, but would only hand over the resources of the country when those n power bowed before the popular will.

M. Rouher moved to consider the Budget

on Thursday. Lost by 328 to 197.

The Senate elected M. de Larcy (Legitimist) and M. Barst (Bonapartist) life Sena-Leon Renault gave notice in the Chamber of Deputies that he would ask Ministers to explain the semi-official note published stating President MacMahon's efforts to form conciliatory Ministry had been so far frustrated by the exorbitant demand of the Left.

for a revision of the Constitution. the President, and he did not speak in the name of the Left, or indicate any conditions. The affair causes much comment.

The members of the Left declare the idea or breaking off conciliatory negotiations. The Cabinet to day discussed the petition novement among persons in trade. The

Government appears resolved to prevent this manifestation, which is considered hostile to The sale in the streets of the Journal Le

petition, has been stopped. The Bureaux of the Left in the Senate has issued a note formally denying that any Senator of their section has been authorized by the Republicans or commissioned by President MacMahon to formulate conditions for a Parliamentary Cabinet. The Deputie of the Left have issued a similar declaration. LONDON, Dec. 4.—A Paris corresponden considers it palpably evident that Senator Duclere's strictly informal and personal proposal to President MacMahon for ion of the Constitution in a Republican sens have been eagerly seized upon as furnishing a pretext for a second dissolution. Pans, Dec. 5.—In parliamentary circles

this evening, in consequence of groups of the the Left having protested against the imputation that they wished to modify the stitution, arrangements are not thought im possible. Negotiations are believed It is rumored the Left are inclined to post

pone the debate upon the Budget question until Monday to facilitate negotiations. M. Da Welch, Minister of the Interio assured the Mayor of Paris and others to-day public.

Cabinet. (Note—The correspondents of the London papers do not share these anticipations.)

President MacMahon's refusal to receive

delegation of merchants on Monday cause great irritation. It is reported the Government contem plates proroguing the Chamber of Deputies and forming a Dissolution Ministry should the Chamber not vote the Budget to mor-

LONDON, Dec. 5 -A Paris special says the political finessing and ostensible negotia-tions for days past simply conceal a plan for a second dissolution. President MacMahon has summoned the Duke D'Audiffret Pas-quier and MM Grevy and Dufuare to the Elysee, but neither side formulated propo-sals. Advantage is taken of the individual, unofficial, and almost confidential note of Senator Duclerc in order to strike with an ill-disguised enthusiasm into the path of second dissolution Paris, Dec. 6.—It is stated the negotia

tions between President MacMahon and M Dufaure were resumed in consequence of steps taken by Senator Batbie. M. Batbie s probably acting for the Orleanist Schators
The Soleil states M. Dufaure is willing to conduct negotiations to the point of form ing a Ministry, but is unwilling to accepoflice himself.

Figure names as among the probable Minis ters M. Batbie as Minister of Justice; M. Waddington, Minister of the Interior; M. Lecuisay, M nister of Finance, and M. Christophlo, Minister of Public Works.

A Delegation of Elbent manufacturers called at the Elysee on Wednesday to present a petition to President MacMahon, but failed to see even his Secretary, and was re-

houses owned by Mr. Jones, of Toronto. Mrs. message to the Chamber guaranteeing it guinst capricious dissolution. The Marshal accepted the conditions with much difficulty, at first declaring he would resign. ried on by members can scarcely be estimated; that l'arliament was in danger. Neither its He still desires to have the choice of the ed; they are to a very large extent alive to existence nor its functions as established by the mobile work in which they engaged and the constitution would be threatened, and fairs. M.Dufaure made no engagement on

> formed for two days. PERSONAL,

much as possible.

M. Victor Hugo has promised to have the second volume of his "Histoere d'un Crime" ready for publication by the 2nd of December, the anniversary of the coup d'ctat injury from its ful; and its entombment in It will present "Le Massacre et la Victure sands of the seashore and the rubbish of torie.

Professor Blackie of Edinburgh University, certainly does eccentric things for a grave and reverend scholar. He began a series of lectures at Edinburgh the other night with one on "The Wit and Wisdom night with one on "The Wit and Wisdom of Scottish Songs," and diversified the proceedings by himself singing two Scotch songs, "Kelvin Grove" and "When the Kye Come Hame." Then, when he had concluded the lecture, he delighted his authority. lecture was given.

Some of our readers may remember the awful picture of the way in which the Admiral's body dropped into the sea after his execution A congress of the two Houses should be held at the yard arm, got free of his weights and for a revision of the Constitution.

M. Grevy said he was only a member of ship on its course from Naples to Sicily, bee majority who had been summoned by bobbing horribly up and down with the waves.

At the marriage of Mr. Edmond de Rothschild, youngest son of Baron James, The members of the Left declare the idea with his cousin Mile. de Rothschild, of fithe Congress, mentione? in private, has been seized upon at the Elysee as a pretext Paris, and were such as Worth alone knows how to compose. The wedding dress, in white satin, draped in front, was ornament ed with little flounces laid plain in foint ed with little flounces laid plain in foint d'Angleterre, copied exactly upon old lace; fringes or orange flowers fell upon these little flounces. The train was entirely covered with masses of foint d'Angleterre Bien Public, containing extracts from the The body, en cuirasse, was also fringed with orange flowers and covered with lace. the travelling suit in myrtle green velvet, and on the jacket, were placed bands trim-med with the feathers of the lophophorus the hat was of the same material. The morning dress, in satin, of the color of turquoise, had a double trimming of Malines

> large is the curtain to be?" asked Meis- bave said, "Yes Claib," sonier, quite seriously. "Fifteen metres by eighteen," answered the manager. Meissonier began to reckon, and then, paper in this reasonable request Jackson hand, he explained that as his pictures complied. bring him 20,000 frances per twenty centi-metres, or 80,000 frances per metre, the curain would just cost 21.600.000 frances: that is to say, something over \$4,000,000. "Kut," added the painter, "the price would not be our greatest difficulty. But it would be time.
> I take three months to paint twenty-five centimetres of canvas. You see, therefore,

A curious story about Shelley has just been published in England for the first time. Shelley has often been accused, and apparently not without cause, of having left Harriet destitute when he went abroad, and, ndeed, of never having in any wary taken thought, or properly provided, for her. It seems that when Shelley and Mary returned from their first visit to the continent, in 1814, with means quite exhausted, they immediately went to their bank to draw out what might be there. But, to their dismay, they found that the balance placed to their encountered Harriet, and to her apparent-they revealed the miserable plight they appened to be in. It was Harriet who ad just been to the bank and drawn all the ready money available at the time. She reproached Shelley and Mary for their conduct, but generously parted with the greater part of the money.

THE VILLAGE OF STAYNER PARTIAL-LY DESTROYED.

noon a fire was discovered breaking out in the storehouse in rear of J. Parkinson's store in this village, which rapidly commu nicated with the adjoining buildings, nearly all stores. The buildings, being frame, succumbed rapidly to the flames, and in a short time, consumed the largest part of block. The fire would soon have destroyed ceived and bowed out by the usher with timely arrival of the steam fire engine from heir memorial.

M. Dufauro is now endeavouring to form a most immediately after the fire broke out. Parliamentary Cabinet. It is thought like. The authorities of Collingwood, deserve ly he will "succeed. Rumour mentions M. Waddington as the probable Foreign Miniscredit for the promptness they displayed in coming to the rescue with their engine and ter, and M. Marcere for the Interior, with M. fire brigade. The following is the list of Batbie, Bardoux, Teisserne, De Bort, and Leon Say as colleagues.

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London, Dec. 6.—A special says the \$1,800; Dominion Telegraph Company, French Ministry tendered resignations at this morning's Council. President Mac. Mahon accepted them.

The Majority of the Deputies.

\$1,800; Dominion Telegraph Company, How otherwise could so many intelligent this morning's Council. President Mac. Ings, loss about \$200; Mr. Jones, of Toronto, Malon accepted them. SONS OF TEMPERANCE
The annual meeting of the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance, Ontario, was held in Bowmanville this week, at which there was a large atten lence of repretatives.

The Grand Worthy Patriarch says in his

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The following are the conditions on which Raoul Duval (Bonapartist) expresses the consideration of the Ministry have entire liberty as to all official appointments; that the Ministry have entire liberty as to all official appointments; that the Marshal agree to bills restricting to the Marshal agree to bills restrictions, and send a nearly all their effects. The occupants of the beginning of next year.

Campbell, and S. Horsey, saved most their effects, and their loss is small.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE

Prof. Wilson, while frankly owning the weather beaten look of the monolith after the 3,500 years through which he holds it to have battled with time, describes cheerily enough the rugged rose granite's tight grip of the written record intrusted to his : keep ing: "In places it will be seen that the an-Prince Bismarck's grief for his lost dog gles are rounded; here and there the once has been soothed by the gift of a young burnished surface is blurrol and rough, and animal resembling the departed favorite as some of the engraving had suffered almost to obliteration; nevertheless, as a whole, it is remarkably perfect. It is said to be in better preservation than the standing Needle at Alexandria; it has happily oscaped serious building material would seem to have been favorable to its preservation. The sides most injured are those to landward, and the agents of mischief, the sharp reliets which ride in the sand storms so common in Egypt, that drive their sharp and piercing atoms against an opposing surface with the fury of musket

It is worth notice, in passing, that the

present is just the 1,900th year since the Augustan ceremonial. Of course, when that dience further by putting his arms around and kissing the minister in whose church the she had, therefore, no right to give her name to the Needles, it is plausibly urged that she might have designed their removal from Markart's immense picture of Catherine Cornaro, which struck with awe the rustic visitors at the Philadelphia Exhibition, has been sold. It has been bought for the Berlin National Gallery for the sum of \$12,500. It was originally painted for a Vienna picture dealer, who paid the artist for it \$50,000, and who fondly thought that he could gain untold geld by admission fees during the exhibition of 1873, and could afterward sellit for what he gave. He was sadly disappointed, and when the picture sadly disappointed, and when the picture obelism the oldest in the world, tradition came to Philadelphia, it was in reality to locates the Holy Family. "Originally there find a purchaser. It went back inglor ious-ly, and has now been sold for a quarter of the price paid to the artist.

were three pairs of obelisks at On, but of these only one single obelisk remains, almost the sole surviving relic of that ancient city." the price paid to the artist.

Admiral Caracciolo, the victim of Queen Caroline of Naples, Lady Hamilton, and Lord Nelson, whose unhappy fate will never be forgotton nor forgiven by the Neapolitans, is now to be honored by a tribute to his memory. The Municipal Council propose to raise a monument in his honor on the new street which bears his name, close to the sea. His remains, which at present lie in the church of Santa Maria della Cantena, are to be deposited underneath. Some of our readers may remember the awful sacred Thebes, did ever stand a finer or sacred Thebes, did ever stand a finer or more interesting group of these monoliths, all symbols of the Sun god's rays, than the three pairs which guarded the pylons of his temple in his own city, On. Of the six, but one has disappeared. Its surviving sister, the noble shaft of Usertasen I., who heads the grandly historical Twelfth Dynasty, stilk keeps lonely watch on the spot. Of the other four, all bearing the name of the greatest conqueror of the new Empire down to Alexnder, not excepting Ramses-Sesostris, two are divided between old and new Rome, the third marks the site of the old part of Alexander's Egyptian capital, and we are now graning our necks in expectation of the arrival of its fellow in the greatest city of the modern world.—London Times.

MUCH MARRIED GOVERNOR.

Claiborne F. Juckson, Governor of Missouri before the war, was a much married man. He was successivly the husband of five sisters in one of the most respectable, wealthy, and distinguished families State. As goon as one wife would die he would go and marry her sister in reasonable time. Of course some of them were widows A story concerning Meissonier is gleefully when he married them. In connection old in Paris. The manager of a New York with the marriages there was a standing heatre took it into his head that he would joke told at the expense of the Governor like to have a drop curtain painted by the which was that, when he went to ask the great artist. So off he trudged to Meis- old gentleman's causent to many the

don't ask me for the old

You have got them all. For goodness' sake

THE EXTINCTION OF SPECIES. The extinction of many animals that are known to have former yex sted on the earth is a subject which cannot very easily be explained, while the number of them is that my age would not suffice to paint your curtain, which would take me over 200 years to complete! The American declared he could not wait so long, and departed in a state of mystification, leaving the painter rejoicing. The story doesn't seem impossible. greater than at first right would be supposed historic period a considerable number of animals have been swept off the British Islands, among which are the bear the wolf. the Irish elk, etc. In America, during the comparatively short period of its history, various species have vanished, and others are following them. The beaver, formerly so generally spread over the whole of that country, is now only to be found in remote regions. The deer and the moose are disappeared in the same manner. The bison is very much diminished in numbers, and must ere long be extripated. The masteder a creature of enormous bulk, has totally dis appeared, a though, along with the skeletons of them which have been discovered, there they found that the balance placed to their of them which have been discovered, the account had been already drawn. With dejected looks, they came away, dolefully derived from plants which are still existing pondering whither they should next turn in other parts of the world, the dod and in other parts of the world, the lost form with their empty pockets. While walking the meabave perished within the last few in the direction of Hyde Park, they suddenthe same fate. "The Gigantic Most-Bird, in Popular Science Monthly for November

LEE'S WISE COURSE AFTER THE WAR

I must give my special thanks for doing mothe justice to believe that my conduct during the last five eventful years has been governed by my sense of duty. I had no other guide, nor had I any other object than the defence of those principles of American liberty upon which the constitutions of the STAYNER, Dec. 6 .- About 5.20 this afterseveral states and of the United States were several states and of the United States were originally founded, and, unless they are strictly observed, I fear there will be an end to republican government in this country. I concur with you in opinion as to the propriety and duty of all persons uniting, in the present posture of affairs, for the restoration and reconciliation of the country. I have all the business part of the town, but for the endcavored to pursue this course myself endcavored to pursue this course myself endcavored to pursue the scene myself endcavored to pursue the scene myself endcavored to pursue the scene myself endcavored to pursue the course myself endcavored to pursue the scene myself endcavored to purs recommended it to others. So far as my knowledge extends there is no opposition at the South to the general government. Every one approves of the policy of President Johnson, gives him his cordial support, and would, I believe, confer upon him the presi-dency. I do not know what more you desire about \$8,000, insured for \$5,000; Miss Steen milliner, loss about \$200; Henry Perdue, on building, occupied by MANAL. wiew with M. Defaure seemed inclined to building, occupied by McMahon & Strangfer Index of the Left and Right Centres. A member of the Right Centre, however, manifested Hall. \$1,200, no insurance; McMahon & Italy I and I have no influence, and do not feel at liberty to take a more active part in public affairs than I have done.—From a Letter to the Westington Wright July 9 1866. ter to a Washington Friend, July 9, 1866.

WHAT IT COSTS.

Those who commit crime seldom look at