OVER THE BANISTERS.

Over the banisters bends a face. Daringly sweet and beguiling; Somebody stands in careless grace. And watches the picture, smiling

The light burns dim in the hall below Nobody sees her standing Saving good night again, soft and low. Half way up to the landing.

Nobody only the eyes of brown, Tender and full of meaning, That smile on the fairest face in town, Over the banisters leaving.

Tired and sleepy, with drooping head, I wonder why she lingers. And when all the good-nights are said Why, somebody hold, her fingers-

Holds her fingers and draws her down, Suddenly growing bolder, Till her loose hair drops its masses brown, Like a mantle over his shoulder.

Over the banisters soft hands fair Brush his cheeks like a feather; Bright brown tresses and dusky hair Meet and mingle together.

There's a question asked, there's a swift caress. She has down like a bird from the hallway; But over the banisters drops a yes That shall brighten the world for him alway.

GOSSIP ABOUT THE OUEEN.

Her Treatment of Prime Ministers-The Books she Reads—Her Daily Occupa tions—Personal Likes and Dislikes.

(London Truth.) Most Premiers have been extremely de-ferential toward the Queen, and the only With her usual goodness, the Queen was pleased to convey to his parents her regret that one who had contributed so much to her amusement should have met with such an one who was not so-Lord John Russell -had no reason to congratulate himself untimely end.

upon his crabbedness, for he got into very a tract of territory comparatively sterile. If it is true that the least result of Mr. Smith's Then, almost immediately afterward, Mid-Court, and found no support shipman Martin Daniel, of her Majesty's ship Shannon, was killed when serving with the calculating goes to show that the Pine River route, instead of costing twenty millions there in trying times. He was one of the very few statesmen who ever received a downright sharp answer from the Queen. Naval Brigade at the relief of Lucknow, I will quote the words of his Captain, the late Sir William Peel, when writing of the event, Dec. more, as stated by the Globe, can really be This was in 1860, after the Italian revolubuilt for ten millions less than the estimated tion, when the different Grand Dakes were 16, 1857 : cost of the Southern route, and if, as seems

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THE VIOLENT DEATH OF THREE

GALLANT BRUTHERS.

(From the London Times.)

Few can have read of the lamentable ex-plosion on board her Majesty's ship Thund-

erer without a feeling of sympathy with those who have thus lost relatives or friends. One

of the killed was Lieut. Edward Daniel of

the Royal Marine Artillery, a fine and promising young officer. About twenty-one years ago two of his brothers were likewise suddenly deprived of life. Lieut. Daniel of

the Royal Engineers, just entering on a career of promise, was thrown from a tax cart and killed near Guildford Barracks.

He had a few nights previously performed in

some amateur theatricals before the Queen

being dispossessed. The Duchess of Parma, in great distress, wrote to the Queen, beseeching her to inter-That he fell in victory, fighting for the redaily more likely, the Hudson's Straits and Bay route can be made available for the shiplief of Lucknow, is what you will have al-ready heard. It is in the repetition of that ment of grain and cattle from the Saskatche-wan and Peace river valleys to English cede with Victor Emmanuel, so that her private property might not be confissad news you will find, I trust, some consolution for such a grevious be reavement. He had often been humming a markets, then we think any Government would be abundantly justified in choosing cated; and the Queen compassionately willing to do what was asked, showed the the Pine River route as the nearest with which tune of late : "What will they say in England when the

letter to Earl Russell. "The Carnstitu-tushion demands that I should answer to connect Port Nelson with the interior, even apart from the strategic considerations story there is told ? which induced the Admiral of the Pacific Station to recommend Bute Inlet as the

tushion demands that I should answer that," remarked his lordship, in his piping, ungenal voice. "Well, then, answer it," said the Queen curtly, and turnel away much offended. It has often been said that the Queen liked Lord Palmerston, but this is an error, Her favorite Ministers have been Lords Melbourne and Aberdeen. Sir Robert Peel she at first disliked in-tensely, but her aversion wore off when she same thing occurred in the case of Mr. Dis-raeli. Lord Beaconsfield is perhaps not aware that until he succeded to the Premier-ship in 1868 the Queen had only read one British Columbia mainland terminus. In the meantime it is understood the Government has not come to any decision as to the route to be adopted, but it is said that a proposition will be made early in the Session to carry out the suggestions of the Deputy Minister of the Interior in the direction of

ship in 1868 the Queen had only read one we felt.—Captain, officers, and men—that we of his novels—'Henrietta Temple." She had lost one of the best and noblest of the read all the others in the course of the three Shapnons. And now a third son has been snatched

months after Mr. Disraeli had become her chief adviser; and in due time enjoyed "Lothair," though the present Premier has never ranked among her favorite authors. For this his lordship may console himself, seeing that Thackeray and the late Lord With the present premier selimeelf. Canadian North-west depends the importance Lytton are under the same banner as himself. of that territory as an integral part of the first in all games, and in everything that was The Queen likes Dickens's novels, one or two good. He was, a few days ago, the winner of the hurdle race open to the fleet at Artaki Confederation. The granary of the conti-nent will be the one most easily accessible to of George Eliot's, but chiefly Wilkie Collins's of the and Mr. Black's-the latter's descriptions sea-going ships, and, to all appearance, it lies within the Canadian Dominion

of Scotch scenery being very dear to her. The Queen also reads and re-reads Walter Scott's

BOYSMAKE YOUROWN FORTUNES novels-which is more than most of her sub jects do now, more's the pity. On the whole though, she inclines towards the serious read A story comes to us from Ottawa that will a read with interest by every ambitious boy ing of history and theology, and the libraries in the Dominion :-- Twenty years ago when the seat of government was stationed in Toat all her palaces are richly stocked with books of chronicles and memoirs, though it has been noticed that she never calls for a ronto, and the present Sir John Macdonald and the late Sir Geo. Cartier and other Cana-French book, having a deep objection to French literature in all its branches. Every one who has conversed with the Queen on nian puplic men, well known to fame, ruled over departments in the Old Hospital in King street, a building long since gone the way of many other of the ancient edifices of "Little York," there lived a certain Deputy theological or historical subjects has remarked how thoroughly Protestant is her religiousness, and how she yet keeps up quite a sensa head whose official existence was one long rule of tyranny and oppression. This bad old man had for a elerk a young law student, tional feeling of sympathy with the Stuarts. Going one day into the library at Windso Castle, she discovered the librarian engageo who from day to day and month to month and in reading some strongly Jacobite memoirs year to year bore quietly and with exemplary nationce the ill-treatment of his superior. A lay came, however, when the gentle patience

"Oh, you need not put them away," she sair with a pleasant smile. "You know I ar Jacobite myself." This does not quite tally of the clerk was not proof against the domiwith the story which Macaulay used to tell neering and insulting spirit of his ancient of the Queen's opinion about Jamas II. The enemy, and there would have been blows but

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tures which must hang round the neck of

the country for generations. Every man, be he Rouge or Bleu, Tory or Grit, should ap-proach a subject of this magnitude with a

lesire to conserve the nermanent interests of

the country, irrespective of partizan or per-

sonal interests, and we are persuaded that when Parliament meets and the question of

the route comes up for discussion, any scheme

that may be brought forward in substitution of that adopted by the late Government will

be discussed on its merits alone, and without reference to politics. The *Globe*, which has

proved itself a steady champion of the Burrard

Inlet route, on the score, mainly, of economy, has totally set aside the recommendations of

Admiral de Horsey and also the now un-doubted fact that the route surveyed by Mr.

Marcus Smith is calculated to open up the

entire Fertile Belt, while the more Southern

route adopted by the late Government on the

acquiescence rather than on the recommenda-

tion of Mr. Sandford Fleming would open up

RICHMOND, THURSDAY, FEB. 6, 1879.

A LIVING SKELETON.

Five Pounds.

From the New York Commercial Advertiser.

The champion living skeleton just now is a

man of forty years, named Isaac W. Sprague,

who was born in Massachusetts and since the

Talk witha Man who Weighs Forty-

WHOLE NO. 1,075-NO. 35.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

1st issue - after returning from Bradbord !-

-The papooses at the Indian village of Pashawba, Minn., slide down hill barefoot. -In China one of the delicacies at the tables of the rich consists of half-hatched

eggs. --- A Justice of the Peace at Hochelaga, a suburb of Montreal, is also the village lamplighter.

age of twelve has possessed a remarkable "inside." He weighs forty-five pounds in his tights and spangled jacket, and thinks he -The proprietors of the London Telegraph print several copies of that journal on special paper for the royal palaces. will never kick the beam with a more gener ous allowance of avoirdupois. He eats thre good meals a day, but gets no more nourish

HERALD

-Prof. David Swing will not have to preach ment out of them than Colonel Sellers de in a theatre next year, as his Chicago friends are going to build for him a lecture hall costrives from turnips and water-perhaps not quite so much. What becomes of all the ing \$150,000. nitrogen, carbon, and other things that

-"A Guzzling Preacher" the New Cove rousing and continuous appetite tempts him to stow away within himself, Sprague doesn't profess to know. He thinks it queer, and so nant (Universalist) calls Mr. Spurgeon, being unaware that Neal Dow's story has been thoraghly refuted.

it is. The doctors are as much puzzled over it as he is, they all "give it up." Given the fact that a man with a zest for succulent -An attempt is being made to reopen the edifying Bagot will case at Dublin, the oppofood as great as that of Dugald Dalgetty cannents of the widow denouncing the original trial as a miscarriage of justice. —In spite of all that was said about the not persuade the forces within him to chym

ity a particle of it, and given also the fact that he is hale and hearty but can make popularity of the new Earl of Leitrim a force of forty police has just been marched into the no muscle and is at best a bag of bones, how are these phenomena to be explained ' It is as odd and inexplicable as the Fannet nortion of the setate and the old har. racks are being put in order for permanent case of the man whose carotid artery spouled blood after he had been buried in the ccupation.

ground four days. A talk with Sprague on New Year's day brought out the following the U. P. Presbytery, adopted resolutions re-cently in favor of legalizing marriages with the sisters of deceased wives, though the or-thodox minority in the latter august body vehemently quoted Leviticus xviii., 18.

It was felt. "Do you feel it move in and out ?" "Yes Does the movement give you -Prof. L. S. Arnold reports that of six teen oleomargarine factories known to him in this country, thirteen had failed, though "None whatever. I suppose it is because backed with an aggregate of \$1.800,000 to there are no muscles left there. The bone plays in and out of the socket without begin with. He thinks that the remainder listressing me at all. Now feel my biceps.' There wasn't any biceps, only the intan are running on a very small profit, if any. -A solar telegraph is used in communicating with the Faulkner's island light-house off Guilford, Conn., combinations of quick and long flashes forming words and convey ing messages. The keepers of the light are sometimes shut off from the shore for months during the winter and find the telegraph handy

had heard favorably of her present caller, she had no home of her own, and had no objec--Francis J. Oliver of Somerville, Mass. kept a cardy store, and about the sweetest thing in it was Grace Mathews, the clerk. Although Mr. Oliver was 77 years old, and she only 20, he thought she meant it when tion to sharing one of his providing. The happy arrrangement was thus at once concluded, and the gentleman left. On Wed nesday he called again for her, they walked t she promised to marry him. He gave her minister's residence and were married. Neither of the parties had known each other \$50 to buy a wedding dress and she went out as though to make the purchase but never previous to this unique beginning of their returned. quaintance. The lady is about forty years

-Rev. Dr. Jeter of Richmond told this story at his own expense : Many years ago an art less stranger, whom I casually met, said to me: "I hear you preach every Sunday. You are the gratest preacher I ever did hear." "Ah," said I, "you have not, I suppose, heard Mr. M. preach." (At that time Mr. M., was attracting great attention by his ser-mons.) "Yes," he replied, "I have heard

Mr. M. several times. He is a great preacher but he is not so great a preacher as you are. You have the mournfulest voice of any man I ever did hear."

-London Truth :-- "One day, as he was musing on these things in sore perplexity, he entered his wife's dressing room and saw a box of pastilles on the table. The lid was marked 'Lavender drops.' Mechanically mny's husband opened the box and put one of the pastilles in his month. They were large white things like dragies, but instantly John Ameroy had crunched one his mouth was sect, and continuing the operation, succeeded filled with undiluted alcohol of fearful George Emmett, a sallow-complexioned instrength. So again he had his wife's secret. lividual, of Spanish extraction, well known She got drunk off the pastilles, specially pre-pared by a roguish chemist for persons like in St. Thomas as the proprietor of a movable herself, and innocently styled 'Lavender Drops.

-During the lifetime of Lady Augusta Stanley, Her Majesty was a frequent visitor

IMPORTANT CHANCERY SUITS. The following suits were up in Chancery ambers, Toronto, on Monday

the next day, and the Czar, forcing him on his knees before an image of the Saviour, ex-claimed: "Can you swear before the Almighty God that neither you nor your associates had any criminal design against my life? Can you swear that you believe in the holiness and eternity of the Russion eutoence," The eutomice ATTORNEY-GENERAL VS. INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE Co.-This is an information filed last week in the Court of Chancery by her Majesty's Attorney-General for the Province of Ontario at the relation of Robert George Barrett against the International Bridge of the Russian autocracy ?" The surprised prisoner answered : "I can swear to your Majesty that neither I nor any of my Company and the Grand Trunk Railway Company seeking the assistance of the Court to compel the defendants to so change the friends had the remotest idea against you nature of the International Bridge, crossing Niagara River from Victoria, on the Canasafety. As to the autocratic form of government, I cannot conscientiously swear that I believe in its eternity. The history of dian side, to Blackrock, near Buffalo, on the American side, as to permit the clossing of other countries teaches us that the time must come, even in Russia, when the people itself the same by persons on foot and in carriage, setting forth that the Act incorporating the will take part in the government." The Czar tenderly embraced the student, and Bridge Company provides that the bridge should be so constructed. This is a matter gving him a ring drawn from the imperial of very great importance to all those residing tinger, said : "This is a token of respect from your Czar. You have been sincere and in the neighbourhood of the bridge, on both sides of the river, and particularly to Mr. truthful to me, and there is nothing I hate as much as a lie." He then approached the Barrett, the relator, who is very largely in-terested in the lands immediately adjoining writing table where lay the student's sentence the bridge on the Canadian side. Re HANEY; CONSOLIDATED BANK V. HANEY.

ing upon a very estimable lady whom he had heard of, but never met or spoken to, and of

presenting the case for her consideration He called at the house where the object o

his choice resided, and asked to see her. She

business manner the lady responded that she

AN EXTRAORDINARY CASE.

A Beetle in a Man's Ear for Three Years

This subsided, but the deafness has continued

of age.

of exile, and with one stroke of the pensigned the paper 1 "1 pity you from the bottom of my heart," he said : "you are an -Davidson moved for an administration order of H. R. Haney's estate. Spragge contra. Order made to administer real and honest man, and an honest man, true to his convictions, is more dangerous to autocracy than an unprincipled rascal. Therefore, I personal estate with reférence to St. Cathar must punish you, though never was this duty more painful to me than now. God bless A BUMINESS-Like COURTSHIP. you, my son, and judge me mercifully if I

should appear to be in the wrong." Then, once more embracing the student, he dismissed him to Siberia

THE DEAD MILLIONAIRE.

A TOUCHING SCENE.

Of the late Czar Nicholas, "A Russian

Nibilist" tells in the North American Review a striking story. A young student, a relative of the writer, had, with a few friends, formed a literary society in which the works of con-

temposary political economists, publicists and philosophers were read and debated. The

secret police denounced this society as a re-volutionary organization, and the young student was imprisoned and condemned to Siberia. All possible influence was brought

to bear upon the Czar, but in vain, and at

last the young man's mother, meeting the Uzar one day in the Summer Garden, knelt and implored her son's pardon, asserting his innocence. The Czar seemed touched, and

promised to give the youth a personal inter-view. The latter was brought to his Majesty

the next day, and the Czar, forcing him on

A Cruel Honx-How a Wag Drew on a New York Detective.

(Montreal Gazette.)

made her appearance and he made known his business. He stated briefly that he was alone A private detective who lives in Forty-second street, New York, and whose name is Ralph Wells, received on Saturday last the following in the world, desired to marry, and heard of her eminent qualifications, offered to provide her a good home, to care for her, and asked her to become his wife. In the same strictly

" I am credibly informed that the boav of Mr. Stewart is in this city; will give you full particulars for half the reward; can be found at Galt House, street of the Winds, at any time after six p. m." "BERRY PLYMPTON."

"BERRY FLYMFTON." The detective lost no time in reaching Montreal, but as the whole thing was a cruel and contemptible joke, he returned imme-diately to New York after having been put to considerable expense. By a mere accident a Gazette representative learned of the hoax on Sunday morning but no mention was made of the affair until it was found out to be correct. A more silly and witless practical joke we have not heard of for many a day, and if the perpetrator of it could be discovered he should be severely punished. Mr. Wells sent the following letter to this

(From the Poughkeepsie News.) Some years ago Mr. T. Muckenhoupt of this city went fishing, and, as he supposed. ans only went fishing, and, as he supposed, office last night in answer to a telegram sent bim on Monday, and which he received on events the hearing was seriously impaired, and his arrival home: him on Monusy, his arrival home: NEW YORK, January 27.

City Editor, Gazette, Montreal :-up to this time. On Saturday last, while in conversation with Dr. W. B. Hull, Mr. M. spoke of the trouble, and the doctor told him DEAR SIR,-In answer to your inquiry regarding the manner in which I was hoaxed by some evil-disposed person in your city, I will only state that the affair was true, but what was the trouble. Dr. Hull made an examination, and soon discovered there was in the ear a foreign substance of some kind By the aid of a small pair of forceps he soon drew out what seemed to be the leg of an in "Street of the Winds" was a fictitious name. If you can learn who the party was, you yould greatly oblige by letting me know im-acdiately. Truly yours, mediately.

" RALPH WELLS." P. S.-If you had not telegraphed I never would have mentioned the circumstance as I considered the trick too contemptible to notice.

traughts is so perfect. says the Lon

emigration in detail.

fly.

lights.

in removing the body of a bug known as the "beetle." After its removal M. was able to hear considerable better. It is a remarkable case, and may seem somewhat incredible but the facts are beyond question.

DRESS WARMLY AT HOME .- No defense

gible shadow of one. Accordingly, it was useless to seek for one. Manifestly, Sprague was not a Goliah. He was hardly up to testing the length of the season and the character of the navigation in Hudson's Bay David's mark. He couldn't have slung and Straits, by dispatching, during the ensuing spring, a properly-equipped and comstone worth a cent. "Now look at my hand. You see manded steamer for that purpose. And it will not be surprising if the Government defers the final selection of the railway route have some power in it-not much; but I can feed myself, and write very vell.' until the practicability. or otherwise, of the The hand was supple enough to clutch a fee and pouch it promptly. Evidently that hand had not lest its cunning. ocean route is satisfactorily established, inasmuch as it may be obvious to the most ordinary observer that, upon the opening up of a cheap ocean route for the cereals of the

" Feel my clavicle," he said.

noints :

ain ?"

It was felt.

" Mr. Sprague, what sort of people are your relatives ?" "All fully developed. My brothers are

"All fully developed. My brothers are very large men; my parents above the common size. Can you imagine why I am left in this state, or why my children are large people? You see their photographs on the table there before you. I look rather slim alongside of them don't I—and I am free to say I don't understand the freaks of networ?"

nature. And so this hale, hearty bag of bones talked on, apparently unconscions that he was even a greater curiosity that the keadwas even a greater curiosity that the kead-and-gone Colvin Epson, whose attenuated body, was dissected not long ago in one of hospitals by inquisitive doctors, who were not able to explain why he was and always con-

tinked a to be living skeleton.

KILLED FIVE WOMEN. Wife Brane Main n/IIIs Brutality.

(From the St. Thomas Times.)

-The Edinburgh Town Council, as well as [From the Davenport (Iowa) Democrat.] A solitary gentleman, sixty years of age, possessing property, and being filled with a desire to have a home of his own, and a wite to keep it in order, conceived the idea of call.

cannot say much for my ancestor, James II." "Have patience, B," he urged ; "when I am "Your Majesty's predecessor, not ancestor," answered the hist rian, who apparently hought that the Owner had been h well informed about her own lineage.

quently come true. Eighteen years had The Queen leads a quiet and yet a busy scarcely passed away ere the speaker sat in life, and few great ladies find time to com-press so many occupations into a daytime as other—the patient and long suffering youth" she does. She breakfasts at nine, lunches at - some boy exclaims "what became of him ?" two and dines at eight. From three to five she generally drives or walks out; but the business study or correspondence with mem. remainder of her hours is devoted to blate and exercised such formation of the business, study, or correspondence with mem-bers of her widespread family. All the sworn of the Queen's Privy Council, and is Queen's private letters are written in Eng-now one of the Marquis of Lorne's adish, not in German, as many think; and, in visers !! Every boy can point his own moral. -Mail

fact, German is so little spoken among the royal family that even when the Crown Prince of Germany comes over he speaks English at Court, like his wife's relatives. The Queen reads all the daily newspapers, and the pro-

ARTIFICIAL FATTENING.

[From the Ottawa Free Press.]

The fattening of fowls for the market has prietors of the Daily Telegsaph with the vein of toadyism that distinguishes them, print for a long time occupied the attention of coultry men in this country, but while nearly several copies of their journal for the royal known natural process for making the palaces on special paper. The Queen's de-votion to State affairs is well known, and her . every birds take on flesh has been put in practice little or no regard has ever, I believe, been paid to the use of artificial means for the intervention in them, particularly when re-ligious questions are involved, is not at all purpose of bringing about casier and more rapid results. In France and some other half-hearted. She also exercises her own discretion very freely in the appointment of ountries on the continent (Europe the fat Bishons and Peers. Dr. Tait was nominated tening of poultry has been for years a study, by her to the See of Canterbury before Mr. until it has been reduced to a science. Nature Disraeli had recommended anyone; and is assisted in its work wherever it is practic-able, many curious and ingerious inrtruments about a year previously her Majesty had flatly refused to bestow a mitre on Dr. Wordsfor feeding the little birds have been invented. Probably one of the most simple as well as worth, owing to the protests which this di-vine had entered when Dr. Stanley was made the most effectual of these machines, is nov Dean of Westminster. A little later she conin successful operation in the poultry estabsented to appoint Dr. Wordsworth to the See lishment of a gentleman near Paris. It is of Lincoln, but rather as a compliment to his constructed in the form of a small rubber scholarly attainments than out of any feel-ing for his views as a churchman. As pipe about four feet in length, one end of which is attached to a little pump, while the other is placed in a vessel holding the food Peers, the Queen, anxious to preserve the prestige of the nobility, has made it her rule never to ennoble men of small forwhich is in a liquid form. The fowls are put which is separated in a large coop or cage, which is separated into compartments holding only one bird each, tune, unless they were persons of fairly advanced age, having no sons. On a certain room enough being allowed for very little exoccasion, when advised to raise to the Peerercise. It is ascertained by experiment jus age a diplomatist more ambitious than how much food each fowl can digest comfortwealthy, she replied pretty shrewdly :-- "I should be rendering him a poor service ;" and fortably, and the amount is marked on the the diplomatist had to be content with the coop under each division. The food con-ribbon of G. C. B. I have just alluded to sisting of a mixture of Indian meal, barley Dean Stanley. He is, of all divines in the meal milk and water, is put into the machine Church of England, the one whom the Queen likes best as a preacher, and this liking is which is rolled up in front of the nest by means of a light truck, and the operator opening the bird's mouth, inserts the tube backed by a pretty strong personal regard. During the lifetime of Lady Augusta Stanley, and gently pumps the fluid into the crop, small faucet being turned when a sufficien Her Majesty was a frequent visitor at the quantity has been introduced. A skillful Deanery, and there on several occasions met operator will feed about 60 fowls and hour, Mr. Carlyle. Mr. Carlyle (who, by the by, refused the Grand Cross of the Bath at the and perform the work neatly without cruelty After having been fed in this manner for a the same time when Mr. Tennyson declined a few times, the hirds become very tractable. baronetcy) is no courtier, and his unsophisand rather seem to enjoy the operation. The cated manners more than once amused the time required to fatten the poultry treated as the Queen. One day, being, perhaps, "hard of hearing," and wishing to hear Her Mabove, is from fifteen to twenty days, accordof hearing," and wishing to hear Her Majesty's remarks distinctly, he came close to ing to age and previous condition .--- Ex hange. her, dragging a chair after him, and having

made himself cozy by her side, proceeded to THE PACIFIC BAILWAY ROUTE question her as to her historical likes and dislikes, instead of waiting until he was himself questioned. It should be mentioned in connection with these visits to the Deanery, that whenever the Westminster boys heard of nals decry the Bute and uphold the alleged them they used to troop out and pray that superior advantages of the Burrard Inlet a half-holiday might be commanded for them, a petition which was always complied with.

-Most of the English cathedrals still bear marks of ill-usage in "the troubles." Almost the ouly one that did not suffer at the hands of Cromwell's army was York Minster. The tamous Fairfax was in command there, and would not hear of the desecration of the wride of his native county, deeply to the chagrin those who had yowed its destruction.

Smith called out that she "thanked him kindly for calling," and told her servant to open the door. The burglars had an easy task before them when the loor was opened. The two old women were at their mercy. The housekeeper, when she found herself housekeeper, when she found herself roughly taken by the throat by one of the uffians, begged for her life, readily consenting to hold her tongue and show them where the money was kept. Miss Smith showed more resolution, and tried to give the alarm. The robbers struck the poor old woman on the head with their bludgeons before she could utter a ory, and bound her hands be-bind her back. Then, leaving her senseless and bleeding, they proceeded under the guidance of the terrified houskeeper to the

SPECIMEN OF ENGLISH OUT-

The victim of one of the boldest robberies

recently committed in England had the generic name of Miss Smith ; but her iden-

ity is clearly established when it is borne in

mind that she lived in a village bearing the specific title of Pill. She was a vigorous old

lady of seventy years, who managed her own farm, looked after the payment of a neigh-

bor's workpeople, and was in the habit of keeping considerable sums in gold in her

cash-box. Her only companion was a housekeeper, also an elderly woman. The servants engaged about the farm slopt at a

distance. On Finday inght three weeks age the old lady and her old companion, after the fatigues of the day, sat down at the glowing kitchen fire to take a glass of

"something hot" before going to bed, as their custom was, and as the ruffians who

distance.

On Friday night three weeks age

RAGE

edroom where the cash-box lay, and quietly took possession of their booty. One of the gang stood outside, and said good-night civilly to a butcher's boy who happened to pass. The gang marched off in high spirits, lingering a minute or two to enjoy the ter-ror of the housekeeper, and declaring to her that they must have victuals and drink before the weut.

A SPECIMEN INSOLVENT CASE

An adjourned meeting of creditors of Horne Burch, dry goods merchants. Stratford, was held in the Queen's Hotel. Toronto, on the 7th inst., when the insolvents were examined before Mr. Thos. Miller the assignce. It appears they commenced business in August Mr. Horne's capital was \$1,000 which 1877. he get from his father-in-law : Burch repreented that he was to get \$1,000 from his prother, part of which he did get, but repaid brother, part of which he did get, but repaid it all except \$250. Mrs. Horne has filed a claim for the above \$1,000. A statement produced by the assignce, and sworn to by the insolvents, shows :

Direct liabili(ies	26 31
Total liabilities	18

In their examination they state that they old about \$42,000 at a profit of 25 per cent. ver cost showing that they must have spent together over \$1,000 a month during the sixteen months they were in business. But Mr. Horne must needs spend a few weeks in ummer at Portland, and Bu, ch a few weeks n the fall with his dogs and gun on the St. Clair Flats, making lame ducks. The assigned is winding up the business. The es-tate will pay say 33 cents on the dollar. They bought exclusively in Toronto.-Journal of Commerce.

DUTY OF A TELEGBAPHER

A woman telegrapher says: I make it a rule to read messages literally and before the writer leaves my desk. If you telegraph 'two and two make five,' it's not my place to tell you they make four. I did that once. A The persistency with which certain jouralloid man with a cigarette in his mouth. route for the Pacific Railway, in the teeth, as and a tremendous weed on his hat, gave me it would seem, of both imperial and Dominthis message: "The Fall River boat leaves the foot of Twenty-third street at 4. Send ion necessities, would almost lead to the belief that personal interests had been created the donkeys by mail.' I said, 'You're mis-taken, sir; the Fall River boat leaves the since the adoption by the late Government of

the latter route, and that those interests override, in some quarters, considerations of down-town pier at 5 o'clock.not 4.' I never hall forget the look he gave me. Said he patriotism and public duty. The selection of a route to the Pacific ought not to be regarded 'Young woman, you tend to your business and I'll tend to the Fall River boat.' After that, I'd have sent the Bible backward and other than a purely national concern. Partyism should not figure in discussions involving, not called my baby a bear, if a customer so wrote it on the blank.' only immense responsibilities, but expendi-

acquaintance—being evidently enamored by his captivating and attractive appearance. They were bound together in holy wedlock on the 21st of December, just one month ago and ever since that time constant bickerings and unhappiness have been their lot, the fond swain relieving the monotony by applying vile epithets to the woman he had vowed "to love, honor and protect," and oc casionally, as she illeges, beating her. This was allowed to continue until Sunday last, when her overtasked nature could no longer

endure the affliction, and she had George arrested. In the course of her evidence, com plainant swore that her husband had fre quently threatened her life, and told her that e had already killed five women and she would be the sixth. He also accused her of being unfaithful, and said if he saw her on the street with any person he would shoot her dead. She acknowledged having called her husand a black fool Emmett was fined \$4 and costs, or 30 days days in jail at hard labor, his Worship advising the young girl to return to her parents.

LOUIS RIEL.

The Outlaw's Visit to the Boundary of Manitoba.

(From the Emerson, Man., International.) 1382 Our last issue contained mention of the bare fact that Louis Riel, ex-President of the provisional government formed at the time of the Red River rebellion, had arrived at Pembina. We have since learned that Riel. who reached Pembina about a fortnight ago, pu up at the Winchester House, and that the following day he removed to the house of Norman Gingras. Soon after he left for Gingras's farm at Smugglers' Point, just at the boundary, but some sixteen miles back from the Red River. His presence in Pem-bina was known to only a few persons, in-cluding Jud La More, U. S. Deputy Marshal, and Mr. Cavilier, the post master. Riel paid several visits to families of his acquan-

ance, and the ladies are all in love with him He's such a fine-looking man," they say but most of them add he has "wicked" which comment coming from the fair sex, is no necessarily unflattering. When questioned as to his health, and when he obtained his liberations from that "asylum," Riel would laugh till his sides ached, treating the story as a capital joke. The truth is that he has been improving the season of his supposed ban-ishment from her Majesty's dominions by a course of study in a college in the Province o Quebec, where he has been afforded sanctuary -which is just all the "asylum" there has been about it. Riel, who is still an outlaw, the term of his banishment, according to his

own statement, not having expired by some fourteen months, said the object of his approach to the boundary of Manitoba was with the view of seeing the beloved country of his birth again, and of visiting his relatives. He declared he had no intention of entering Manitoba until the prescribed period of his banishment had transpired; but we learn that he crossed from Smugglers' Point to the place of Charles Grant, said to be on the Canadian side, near the Menonite settlement, on New Yew Year's Day, and that he stated his intention of going as far as the Boyne.

-" What is meant by conscience ?" asked an English schoolmaster of his class. "A hinward monitor." "What do you under-stand by monitor ?" "A hironolsd," replied the intelligent youth.

met Mr. Carlyle. Mr. Carlyle, (who, by the bye, refused the Grand Cross of the Bath at the same time when Mr. Tennyson declined a one of wash-leather put on between the shirt and waistcoat will keep the body more equably warm than a good fire. A wadded baronetcy) is no courtier. and his unsophisticated manners more than once amused the coat will enable the chilly man to sit and work anywhere indoors and so will an extra Queen. One day, being perhaps "hard of hearing," and wishing to hear Her Majesty's suit of thin flanuel worn during the whole of the active day. Just let any one who doubts remarks distinctly, he came close to her ragging a chair after him, and having made what we say try the very simple expedient, when the chilliness becomes unbearable, of putting on his dressing-gown over his ordinhimself cosey by her side, proceeded to ques-tion her as to her historical likes and dislikes. instead of waiting till he was himself quesary clothing, and in five minutes he will be perfectly comfortable and ready for any work; ioned.

-When the daily occupation is monoton-ous and unengrossing, a full supply of excite-ment for the leisure hours may be desirable. while he will not suffer, as he fancies he will when he goes out of doors. The notion upon that subject is a mere delusion. but where the mental powers have been taxed You are not strengthened for outdoor work by to their utmost through the hours of labor. shivering indoors, but rather weakened it is absolutely neccessary to health and hap piness that they be entirely released for a east a portion of the time that is left. It is not enough that the usual amount of time b spent in the absolute rest of sleep, if every waking hour be filled to the brim with eager, serious occupation. It is not enough that he would not be sensible of his great-coat. certain hours be secured from absolute work if they are still permeated with energetic thought, intense feeling, or exciting pleasures. The mind needs rest from effort in

its waking hours—a time when it may rightly lay aside its activity and enjoy being acted -Ostrich-feathers are down. At Grahamstown, in South Africa, perfect white feathers can be had for \$725 a pound, fine white upon by calm and gentle influences.

-The Christian Mirror has a note from the Rev. C. D. Crane, who was surprised by hearing sung in the church where he was vorshipping a hymn in which Toplady's 'Rock of Ages'' is parodied and disowned as no longer expressive of the advanced Chrisexperience. Instead of singing tian's "Simply to Thy cross I cling," the new be liever says :

aver says : To that cross I cling no longer, Doubts and fears no longer feel, Faith and hope and love are stronger. Jesus' blood doth fully heal. Now my song is not, "I'm clinging,"— That to me would now be loss, When mind, heart and soul are singing, "I am resting at the cross." Chorus—I was clinging, Now I'm resting, Swetly resting at the cross. Presently suggests a critic, these poo

Presently, suggests a critic, these people vill get beyond praying, and will sing

I was praying, Now I'm having, Surely having all I want.

-Lord Carlisle, so favorably known in this ountry as Lord Morpeth, having passed here the greater part of 1844, kent VAL ccurate journal of his days' doings from 184 to his death, which has been edited by his sister, the Hon. Caroline Lascelles, and printed for private circulation among his amily and friends. His intimate friendship and constant association with the most emi nent persons of his time of every country give to it a special charm and interest. Lord Carlisle gives an interesting account of the Carlisle gives an interesting account of the funeral of Campbell, the poet, at Westmin-ster Abbey. The pall bearers were: Sir Robert Peel, Lords Aberdeen Brougham, Campbell, Leigh, Dudley Stuart, and the late Duke of Argyll. The Macallumore, while putting on his scarf, observed in shocking taste : "There never was a greater farce. He was an old druukard." There was an immense crowd, honorable to his fame, out many men of note, among them Macauley, Sheil, Hobhouse, Milnes, were shut out from all near approach by Brougham, from a jealously of Campbell's having been the first percention of the London University. He is a construction of the London University. He large attendance of Poles.

don Spectator, as a common silk handker CURIOSITY OF DISEASE. chief tied over the head, and a silk vest o

popular

A remarkable dropsy case is reported from Franklin, Delaware county. Mrs. Addie Law-ton was tapped for the first time in February, 1871. Since that time she has been tapped 190 times, and 4,969 pounds of water een taken from her. Within the last year he has had the operation performed week. Although a great sufferer, she is able to be up and attend to her household duties most of the time.

An English church association in Manchester has hit upon an admirable device for relieving distress. The ladies purchase materials and cut out garments for distribution among the poor, and then hire needy women to make them at low wages. The sewing wo-men work from eleven to four, are given a habitual warmth, if not too great, being one of the best preservatives of constitutional strength. A chilly man might as well refuse blankets in bed because they would increase good dinner and naid an English sixpence for day's work. The advantage of this system of relieving the poor is that it brings them out of their own homes into a room which be-longs to the ladies, and where the latter can his sense of cold when he got up, as refuse warm clothing indoors because out of doors exercise some beneficial influence upon the The object is not to be sensible of a pleasant difference, but to be and to remain moderatepoor women whom they thus gather together. None but the really destitute cars to work for ly and healthfully warm—to be insensible, in fact, to ordinary differences of temperature. such low wages, and the fact that they are thus willing to help themselves is proof that they are at least deserving of assistance. After a few days a marked improvement is discernible in the conduct and appearance of ninmes for \$200, black ones for about \$70, and the poor women, and the ladies come to find

drab and fancy colors for \$20. the work more engrossing and interesting --- The proprietor of a building site in Wisthan they would ever have imagined it pos consin advertises his land for sale in this sible. One advantage is that the women are wise: "The town of Poggis and the surround-ing country is the most beautiful which nature ings of their own home, where it is difficult two waggons and a yoke of steers.

-The Geographical Society of Paris has an intruder. The ladies can, however, make taken his initiatory steps toward forming an emigration society, which will give informacan, by reading to the women, or by music or singing, confer pleasure and benefits on tion to those desiring to emigrate regarding all sections of the civilized world. It will describe the advantages and disadvantages of them which it would be impossible to do in their own homes.

-On Christmas Day grave-robbers at Tonnerre, France, tried to break into the Rev. Alphonse Pilletiere, aged 43 years, dropped dead in New York while performing coffin of the Marquis de Taulay, buried eleven years ago, in the hope of obtaining a marriage ceremony.

eleven years ago, in the hope of obtaining some costly jewels interred with the body. They broke into the vault and through - California cactus is one of the newes They broke into the vault and through two or three coffins, and then had to fy.

-People may live to see a vast inland sea in Africa, in the natural basin to the north of the desert of Sahara. M. de Lessep's sur-parts of the plant are boiled in water and veyors have found that the country through soap for three-quarters of an hour, thorough-which it is proposed to cut a canal is of sand by washed, and then again boiled in very much and soft earth, and entirely free from rocks diluted acetic acid. The fibres are washed, dried and combed, and are ready for

birth he has been going through the motions the case of a woman who was run over on the resident of Indianapolis in his waking hours. His mother had danced starting to cross ahead of a pair of horses, to excess at a ball just before he was born. says that he is surprised that more women

-Orten, the Tichborne claimant, has pro-uced a poem about his deceased friend, Whal y, M. P., whe is described as being sur-when she gets one-third or half way over she duced a poem about his deceased friend, Whal ley, M. P., whe is described as being surrounded by a choir of singing angels, while sees a team approaching; the driver in justice descends to liberate the imprisoned nearly every instance watches her moveheir amid the cheers and tears of a rejoicing monts, and seeks to drive in behind her. she keeps on her way, all is well.

only stands still she is perfectly safe. But here comes in the strange and fatal idiosyncrasy of her sex. Just as the driver thinks he can safely drive behind her, she stops, progenitor of the London University. He of their wheels, locomotives while in motion is prompt, and draws his horse back on his have the statue of Addison. There was a steamshids supply themselves with powerful haunches, the woman is under his feet, or knocked down."