#### OUR SOLEMN DUTY.

Our time to act is-daily practice To-morrow we may never see; Eternity a solemn fact is, To the souls on earth that be.

Suffer not procrastination

In your never dying soul, hile the joy of your salvation Is as free as rivers roll. Let the acts of your behavior Be according to the "Word" Offered by our blessed Saviour, He, who is our God and Lord.

Be not overcome with sorrow, He is waiting at our door: Never wait until to-morrow, Think on all the sins He bore.

God is love, who still endures us Day by day in guilt and sin: esus by his blood secures us, "Come," He saith, "and enter in."

May the blessed, Holy Spirit, Draw us in the bonds of love To the land the just inherit In the Paradise above.

-P. Murray Athol Bank, Hamilton, Ont., Dec. 10, 1879.

#### COMIC BUDGET

-Legal blanks-Peor lawyers. -Best when rare-Family broils. -Rifle practice-Picking pockets.

-A nightmare is a sort of cap a pie arrange ment.

mend. -- "No place like comb," as the bee said to

the honey. -A hot discussion frequently makes a cool friendship.

-The man who walks fastest hasn't the most business.

-A clock pendulum is bound to keep time if it has to swing for it.

-The Czar's loving subjects desire to give him a blowing up occasionally.

-Motto for the fireman-Where ignorance

is bliss. 'tis folly to be blistered -The man who borrows five dollars is still suffering from the panic of of '73.

-Fashion note-This winter ovsters will be worn about the stomach, scalloped. -Waiters frequently praise kinds of food which they never in their lives tasted.

-As his house is 800 feeti above the sca sofa. Tennyson is enabledto live n high style. -Both Hanlan and Courtney seems to be champions when it comes to backing water. -The gas man, when courting on the sly,

says: My lamb, post me if there is danger. -"I'll meet you later," was what the butcher said to a dog just brought to his

-Some people judge an umbrella by the handle. The best way is to tickle it in ribs. -Guelph Mercury: It is unseemly any minister to make a bulletin board of his

pulpit. -Glass eves for horses are pow so skilfully

a petrified body indicates that the man is the term "wobble."

-The Cincinnati Gazette has two of the some girl in the country will draw men "from prettiest fell libel suits on hand to be had in a circle ten miles square." Our esteemed -The New York World speaks of the "squaring a circle."

'tire" of a man's car. We see the irony of -Don't play with the devil when you are is a good one. If she had to depend on her-young lest you have to work for him when self and know how to make her own dresses

you are old. -A correspondent wants to know what to

Climb a tree. -An English writer says of mannish girls that he expects soon to find them trying to

enter the army. -The habits of fruit are peculiar : we have seen a raisin box, fig drum and an apple stand

all day on the street. -Everything is made to contribute to the sustenance of the American people. Even the oyster has to shell out.

-It is the easiest thing in the world to and then almost break his back to lift a bar discover all the grease spots in a man's coat rel of brandy to a safe position. when you don't like him. -Coal eil has been discovered in Peru, and

there will, consequently, be a dearth of servant girls in that country. -Most any grocer's clerk can sell at least

four brands of chewing tobacco out of a pail hidden under the counter.

-A thorough man of the world is one who he has just blackballed at a club.

—All the old jokes about Alfonso's first persons in the character assumed, and who wedding were warmed over and did duty a saw that the ladies were in ordinary attire.

himself—holding some one in his lap. -Young writer-You have chosen an ex-

cellent nom de plume for your first effusion, "Euripides," for you rip idees all to pieces. -The most fashionable jewelry is always that which costs the most money. Pin this to your sleeve and it will save many in-

-Magistrate-"Your profession?" Elegant man—"Artist in hair." Magistrate—"Express yourself more clearly—barber or brush-

--The chief resomblance between a locome tive and a euchre player is, that while one

sometimes jumps the track, the other trumps the jack. The other day a barrel of hickory nuts, addressed to Prince Schwartzenberg, Vienna,

Austria, passed through on the Canada

-There is a difference, you must know,
Atwixt the Yankee girl and Greek,
The one she chalks her dainty heel,
The other paints her dainty check.
-The Sub Committee on engines is pre-

paring its report and everything points to an interesting time at the Council meeting Mon-If the Lord smiles on me," declared an

enthusiastic young convert at a recent meeting, "I care not though the whole world

begets love; offices of love, produces offices of love; smiles, smiles; gentleness, gentleness; munerative.

activity, activity. -"Couldn't you lend me \$5?" could, but I won't." "Then do you think I wouldn't pay you back?" "Yes, you would, but you couldn't."

-Susan B. Anthony can lecture for three straight hours in a hall, and then go out and jaw a bachelor for forty-five minutes without straining her lungs.

- The best horse-shoer in Cedar Rapids, Ia., is a woman aged 25. When a mule kicks at her he finds lrimself on his back and can't tell how it was done.

-" Dublin"--No, it doesn't require a man with a car-load of brains to stand behind : otel-counter, and wear an alleged diamond and not know anything.

Let us, then, be up and clipping,
 With an eye for every jest;
 Still a-pasting, still a-snipping,
 Fill our paper with the best.

cheaper and much better to throw himself off the last half of his name.

like Tom Baine out there. -Burglars worked all night on a safe in

Cayuga, N.Y., and got sixty-five cents for the job. Things don't boom half as much as some folks try to make out.

-Lawyer (to witness): "Did you say that an incompetent man could keep a hotel just as well as anybody?" Witness: No, I said an inn-experienced man could." "You just take a bottle of my medicine,"

that ?" gasped the consumptive.

-The question is not: "Will he love me pacer and cutter, and will he take me along when he goes to clean out the boys?"

-Four per cent. of the men in the United States are color-blind, and women seem to have only these four-per-cents. in mind when they daub their faces with paint and powder. -What is statesmanship?" asks the Communists: Chicago Inter-Ocean. Statesmanship, we believe, is the peculiar gift some men have of robbing the Government withoutbeing caught.

The fashion of putting 650 buttons down the back of a dress has disappeared, but they -Old maids think it's never too late to now use 1,300 hooks and eyes on the front, and a man can't lay up a dollar to save his

-When next you hear any one remark that youth is the spring-time of life, just remind him that spring is full of slush, mud, snow, rain and lickings for going to the first

circus. -It is said if you sit down when assailed by a ferocious dog the beast will not touch you. But the judicious man will select as high a scat as possible -at the top of a tall tree, for example

-Winter throws away half its strength bluster. He'd live just as long to send down nee tailor and first-class Judas. has betrayed seventeen feet of snow in December and then our trust to the extent of \$7." Say, old fellay back and get ready for his March howl-

-Since silk, it has been discovered, causes spontaneous combustion, young men should never hug a girl even in a dark parlor without having a bucket of water within reach of the

-Why an advance in lard should enhance the price of butter is about as difficult a problem as the true inwardness of the con-nection between the price of milk and a water famine.

-An unknown man was killed by the cars at Stratford the other day. The contents of his pockets, sixty cents and a pair of scissors, noticed in the strategy of the science of the sc uld indicate that he was connected journalism. -Advertisers at this season of the year

should bear in mind that the Spectator a larger circulation in Hamilton and surrounding towns and villages than any other paper. Nuff ced. -When the heel of a shoe has been pared

made, that the animal himself cannot tell the down to the size of a knitting-needle, the difference. -The Chicago Tribune has discovered that and instead of the word "gait" you will se -The Detroit Free Press says one hand-

> contemporary appears to have succeeded in -The idea of teaching a girl music because she may some day have to depend on herself

it would be outrageous. -"Which side of the street do you live on do when a dog shows signs of hydrophobia.

Climb a tree.

Whit is a visit as of the day of the side a counsel cross-examining a witness. "On either side. If you go one way, its on the right side; if you go

other way, it's on the left." -He who travels with his eyes open cannot fail to see that others, as well as himself have their discomforts and drawbacks, and

he will thus be all the more disposed to meet his own with a brave spirit. -Can any one tell, asks an exchange. a drayman will wollop a barrel of molasses around as if he wanted to burst every

-How is this for tone? She gave her haughty head a The castor oil refused to tak With an aristocratic shrug Called it a vile plebian drug,

Fit only for working people.

—A Philadelphia woman swallowed \$375 dden under the counter.

—No woman should ever give a plump "no" get hold of the pile and have a good time; to an offer of marriage. Hold on to even a poor one and use it for bait.

-"Two ladies without any character!" can shake hands cordially with a friend whom was the loud announcement of a stupid usher at a fancy ball, who had been told to announce

second time for the last few weeks.

--When a boy becomes ashamed to sit in his fashion of the moment for trimming the side mother's lap, he is generally in business for of hats, instead of the pompon, which has been so long popular; an owl's head is also fastened to the muff which is worn with the

liat. -All our exchange newspapers have this singular paragraph: "Texas boasts of a man born without a brain." Now, why should Texas boast of such an overyday occurrence as that?

-An advertiser in a New York paper re and might have had a thousand more for

the same job. "Tis rather neat upon her feet A pair of skates to find; "Tis rather drear upon her ear When skates slip up behind."

-Pressed ferns make a very nice table ornament, but they won't save a single ounce of butter with the children. A small picturebook at each plate will answer the purpose

-The leading character in a new play in a London theatre asks:

"Oh! while she
Is wife to me,
Is life worth living. Mr. Mallock?"

-To be Sheriff of a county in Eastern Ken tucky a man wants to be right and left handed, brave, watchful, sleepless, enduring, and have grit enough to sit down and dig bullet out of his leg with an old jack-knife. -" How far," asks an exchange, "will

bees go for honey?" The answer to this conundrum is unknown to us, but it is a well known fact that a bee will go miles out of its way for the purpose of stinging a barefooted boy on the heel.

-The Cincinnati Gazette irreverently per

—The Cheinnati Gazette Prever letrated the following: There was an old lady, Van Cott, Who made her last sermon so hot That the house took afire, And a man in the choir Cried out in his anguish, " Mein Gott!"

There is great complaint up in Maine

-One month in the school of affliction is big lesson, but if you want to make a man -It is announced that Prince Alexander of feel mean enough to chaw door-knobs off, Bulgaria writes for the newspaper. Wonder lock him up for two days a witness in an if he meets with any Bully-garian atrocities assault and battery case that he don't know anything about.

-John Burroughs says in Scribner: smile as I note that the woodpecker proves a refractory bird to Lowell as well as Emerson:

Emerson raymes it with bear,
Lowell rhymes it with bear,
One makes it woodpeckair,
The other, woodpekear.

— Sophronia Melissa was gliding James street the other afternoon, with a Derby hat on and carrying her hands in the pockets said a quack doctor to a consumptive, "and of her long ulster, when a small boy ran up you'll never cough again." "Is it so tatal as and said, "Say, Miss, if yer had a cigar now, you'd be all right, wouldn't you?

'Four Jacks!' a beardless youth exclaimed,
'Is a hand we all esteems,
But 'taint a shadder to this 'ere,
By gum! I have got four queens.'

"But a quiet mannered gentleman Who opened not his lips, Exposed his little 'royal flush,' And stowed away the chips." -Ebenezer Elliott, the English "Corn law rhymer," had the following opinion of What is a Communist? One who hath yearning

To fork out his penny and take up your shilling his head and threatened to blow his brains out nto his head first. He didn't blow

Some there are whom glad fruition 'Neath the skies may never bless, Some to whom long-urged petition Ne'er will come the yearned for 'ye Why? God knoweth-He lendeth

Strongth to suffer trustingly, What He seeth best He sendeth-Dinna weary, bide a wee." -The Napanee Beaver publishes a black list showing up delinquent subscribers. Here is an extract: "Mr. Thomas O'Neill, a Napa-Say, old fellow, how much do we owe you? Send our account by next mail. Forgot all about it, but it's all right, you know.

-A dentist in Bristol, Vt., recently receive by mail an order for a set of teeth, which read as follows:—"My mouth is three inches across, five-eighth inches through the jaw. Sum hummocky on the edge. Shaped like a horseshoe, the forrard. If you want me to be more partiklar, I shall have to come

har. -Old Father Taylor, of Boston strong and far-seeing man. Standing on a than by either L. or C. This leaves thirty-hill-top which over-looked the village he two speakers, and of these no fewer than noticed six little wooden boxes called meeting houses, and knowing that there were only as many hundred inhabitants in the place said, sententiously:--"Ah, I see you have had a religious war here."

—There's one thing that I love to bear, To me 'tis ever sweet, And that is nothing more or less Than a band on the street.

There's one thing, too, these girls should do That we so often meet, And that is nothing more or less Than abandon the street.

-There is a German society which rejoice in the title of the Worstenbroodmaatschappijen, translated, Sausage Bread-Maker's Society. The test of membership is the pronouncing of the name of the society with a and to telegraph his remarks cost £571. piece of boarding house beef between the must be kept in mind that Mr. Bright is alpiece or boarding house beer between the teeth, without reducing it to sausage meat or breaking the candidate's jaw.

ways reported at full length, while there may be more copious speakers of both political parbreaking the candidate's jaw.

THE THREE BIRDS -I said to the dove, Thou canst fly above me,
Go where the corn fields are,
And find me the flower that will make her

love me; The dove said—'Tis too far. I said to the eagle, Hoaven is before thee.
Help me t win her and die;
Go fetch me the fire of Jove, I implore thee;
The eagle said—Tis too high.
I said to the vulture, Tear out and devour
Her love in my heart; to lone fate
Loave only what has escaped her power;
The vuiture said—Tis too late.

-A detective went down to Aldershot to search the ranks of a militia regiment for a criminal who was "wanted." Up and down went the investigator, till at last he stopped opposite the left hand man of the rear rank. and looked hard at him. "Come," said the speech than Mr. Bright, and has uttered 23, colonel, his dignity and esprit de corps not a colonel, his dignity and esprit de corps not a colonel, his dignity and esprit de corps not a colonel, his dignity and esprit de corps not a colonel, his dignity and esprit de corps not a colonel, his dignity and esprit de corps not a colonel, his dignity and esprit de corps not a colonel, his dignity and esprit de corps not a colonel, his dignity and esprit de corps not a colonel, his dignity and esprit de corps not a colonel, his dignity and esprit de corps not a colonel, his dignity and esprit de corps not a colonel, his dignity and esprit de corps not a colonel, his dignity and esprit de corps not a colonel little offended. "this can't be the man you want surely? He's the best man I've got in the regiment. You don't mean to say you know him?" "No," replied the detective after a pause," I don't—he's the only man in the regiment I don't know, and I was

wondering where he come from !' THE MILLER'S WOOING " Love meal little, love meal long," Sang the dusty miller To his wheat art, and his song Did a maize and thrill her.

Bid me barley hope; Oh! give Me one grain of comfort; I would out on thee and live Holding on to some fort. In your ryes now love looks shine;

Oh! hominy joys are mine Filling up my measure.' Came the maiden's cornfull laugh At the miller fawning At the miller fawning, You can winnow girl with chaff— Sir! to you good morning."

## A FATAL BOX ON THE EAR.

(From the Pall Mall Gazette, Oct. 31.) The practice, which is sadly too prevalen among schoolmasters and schoolmistresses of cently demanded "a good, strong boy to work "boxing the ears" of their pupils, has been on bread and cake." The advertiser got him frequently shown to be a dangerous one, and probably many more injuries result from it than are ever heard of or ever suspected. A blow on the head may easily produce fatal injuries, and a lesson on this point well worth the attention of hasty-tempered teachers is conveyed by the evidence given in this case of a man who was tried this week at the Central Criminal Court for manslaughter The case, as the counsel for the prosecution truly stated, was remarkable in its surgical aspects. The deceased man was a gate-keeper at some paper mills at Wandsworth. The prisoner went there on the 25th of August to seek employment. As he was coming out the deceased refused to let him pass through a gate known as the "traffic gate." -A little boy of four was sleeping with his The prisoner, however, watching his oppor-

of age, 6 feet 2 or 3 inches in height, fair comthat man says a dry spen was indicated one brantiora. From the above description the misser and mayor a Or.

See and he had more invitations to drink that week than he could possibly fill.

St. Catharines Journal is of opinion that that from good mares we are entitled to that week than he could possibly fill.

Phelian is no other than a certain Lord Arun-expect good results is patent from the po-

ENGLAND'S GREAT TALKERS. urious Statistics of Speeches and Words Delivered by English Statesmen and

their ost of Telegraphing.

tity of words uttered by distinguished statesmen has been published by one of the London press agencies, says the London Daily News. Statistics may be made to prove any thing, among other things that Mr. Gladstone is the most popular public speaker at present living in England. Perhaps we need not go to statistics to demonstrate that; but the arithmetical argument is popular just now, stone if Profeseor Geddes applies it to Homer? and the two fillies, Dourance and Evasion, unless the girl who had refused him would that is the most effective speaker; but, again, vate studs—and the curiosity of the season is porting is certainly the most popular orator. In the fact of Lord raimouth naving such a weak porting is certainly the most popular orator. In the can be no doubt that Mr. Gladstone occupies this position. The statistics conlast year with Kinesem, has done but little tain facts enough for working purposes. The with us in 1878, and those high priced yearyoung lady he would have to blow some brains porting is certainly the most popular orator. There can be no doubt that Mr. Gladstone

results of Mr. Gladstone's innings in Midlothian, can be added to the score. It must turf circles, has done wonderfully well with also be remembered, when we estimate the Mask and others, as has Mr. Lorillard, whose the quantity of talk which each orator has Parole, Geraldine and Pappoose have made talk much more than the Minstry. The opposition have no weapons but their tongues; oratory is the only instrument by which they can influence events and public opinion Ministers, on the othor hand, are in sion of real power, and need not reply more than they please to their opponents

CAPABILITIES OF SPEAKERS. Out of the thirty-five most copious English speakers three can hardly be reckoned at present as party men. Lord Derby was on the you want Conservative side during most of the period examined. So was Lord Carnarvon, while Mr. Roebuck's exact shade of political prejulice would be indicated rather by J. (for Jingo) two speakers, and of these no fewer than twenty-one, or nearly two-thirds, are liberals. We shall not allege that the Conservative party almost entirely consists of persons like Lord Dalkeith, who is unrivalled in getting some one else to speak for him. The fact is, as we have said, that an opposition must be comparatively active or it will exercise no influence at all. Easily at the head of the core, as has been observed. comes Mr. Gladstone, with thirty-four speeches, words and telegraphic expenses to the amount of £724. It may surprise some readers to find that Mr. Bright, who for three or four years was unable to take a very active part in politics, comes second on the list. His speeches are twenty-four, his words, 129,300 ties on whose lips reporters do not hang with such anxious care. Thus there is some indication of quality as well as of quantity in these orator whom no one reports is, however excellent, not yet possessed of much influence. A very fair third, after Mr. Bright, comes Lord Beaconsfield. He has made as many

so far from being solden to telegraph com- of coarse and fine tow due to any peculiar value attached to Tory flax has met with, that more prolific crops

utterances, or any difficulty in telegraphing them (though Lord Cranbrock's may seem rather heavy to carry), but to local arrange-ments. If Lord Cranbrook were thundering import. at Tobermory or Saline the local supply of material and of clerks might not be equal to the occasion. And we presume that Lord Cranbrook must have harangued to some be-nighted yokels somewhere, while Sir William Harcourt has been speaking at places like Liverpool and Oxford. Among other facts of interest it may be noted that five speeches of Mr. Lowe's are nearly as long as eight of Lord Cranbrook. Among minor curiosities of silence, rather than of speech, it may be noted that Lord Sandon has brought the telegraph companies but £8, while Mr. W. H. Smith has only £12 worth of reporting. It would be quite in the style of Shakespearian and Homeric word-counting critics to argue that

# we leave such frivolties to be learned.

Sandon is and ninety times as popular.

THE ENGLISH RACING SEASON [From the Sporting Gazette, Nov. 22.] Time flies fast, and this evening, when the curtain drops at Kempton Park, flat racing will be over for the year, and for the next pend on job work and advertising to make up four months the bookmakers will have ample the loss and keep him in bread and buttime to tottle up their winnings and bad debts, —A little boy of four was sleeping with his brother, when his mother said: "Why, Tommy, you are lying right in the middle of the bed; what will poor Harry do?" "Well, managed to pass through the gate and as he did so the deceased kicked him. The prisoner then struck the deceased, but whether ma" he replied, "Harry's got both sides."

The prisoner, however, watching his opportunity, managed to pass through the gate and over their losses, which, unless rumor is false, have been heavier than usual. Owners of large studs, on the contrary, have had a prosperous season, although a foreigner heads to use for several years' subscription. He is a merchant and lumber dealer and when he perous season, although a foreigner heads the came in to pay us said that the paper was of -Everything produces after its kind. Love

-Everything produces afte that he would not inflict any punishment in the case, but simply directed the prisoner to come up for judgment when called on. In the meantime, the story shows that a "bex on the ear" may kill a man.

The publication of a newspaper does so in the that streamed from the nighty ornate chanters the publication of a newspaper does so in the that streamed from the nighty ornate chanters the publication of a newspaper does so in the that streamed from the nighty ornate chanters the price of a farm for the plant and it is to him what the farm is to the farmer. It does not not present the price of a farm for the plant and it is to him what the farm is to the farmer. It that can be found in a thoroughbred; yet even the meantime, the story shows that a "bex on the ear" may kill a man. those who would detract from his merits must than a farm does per acre, and he who asks confess that his speed is great, and if offered by auction it is probable that he would realize five figures. Although foeled in France the publisher to give him space of one inch solid comfort of those lowly followers of Him this error of the season can boast of English blood, his sire, Flageolet, being by an English making a diligent search for information concerning an alleged scion of nobility, who is described on printed postal cards which are being distributed as "evening man calling" as "evening man calling as "evening man c "a young man calling a large check to transfer her to Chamant, being distributed, as "a young man calling a large check to transfer her to Chamant, himself Phelian Clinton, who represents him-where she has proved a mine of wealth, havself as a nephew of the Duke of Newcastle, or any other English nobleman. He is 27 years d'Or, who have between them carried from of age, 6 feet 2 or 3 inches in height, fair com-plexion, dark brown hair, smooth face, wears alone across the Channel. Unfortunately, low shoes and legging from the habit, as he E. glish breeders, with few exceptions, are always willing to part with their good mares to ber. She will take from Sydney 600 carcasses There is great complaint up in Maine stated, acquired as a cavalry officer in the that the Signal Service at Washington deesn't British army." It is evident that this foreigners, and to this cause we must attrifurnish them with accurate reports. A Portland has been victimizing some people in land man says a dry spell was indicated one Brantford. Phelian has been victimizing some people in the above description the Kisber and Rayon d'Or.

herself, and also the mother of Spinaway, that followed in her footsteps. The value of such matrons as those which have contribnted to Lord Falmouth's success is incalcul able and proves the theory we have always A curious tabular arrangement of the quan maintained, that breeders should as far as we believe the third place in the list is occupied by the Duke of Westminister, whose three two-year-olds Bend Or. Dourance and homebread colt by his celebrated Doncaster, the previous month."

The learned have taken of late to counting the were bought at auction.

Words, and even the metrical feet, in the plays

Public breeders can not only point with is complaining, but I have no doubt things Public breeders can not only point with pride to this useful pair of fillies, but also to will take a turn."

We report the and the warding and the will take a turn."

We report the and of Shakespeare and the poems of Homer. It the word "dog," for example, occurs sixty times in the "Iliad" and only thirty times in the "Iliad" and only thirty times in the "Odyssey," it is two to one we are told, heade among winning owners entirely by his that the same poet did not write both of the two-year olds, bought at Messrs. Tattersall's hind. epics. And if Mr. Gladstone speaks 215,000 sales; and it is a great feat to sell two horses, in seven years oratory, which words have been telegraphed to the papers at the cost of £724, while Lord Beaconsfield has only utter
and the same poet did not write both of the working expenses, cut down the salaries of sales; and it is a great feat to sell two horses, working expenses, cut down the salaries of the clerks, and curtail in all departments the clerks, and curtail in all departments of the trainers who as much style as I do. It don't do to let What is a Communist? One who hath yearnings for equal division of unequal earnings; doler or bungler, or both, he is willing to fork out his penny and take up your shilling —A young man who held a loaded pistol to ed £468 worth, or 90,300 words, Mr. Glad selected these youngsters is a contrast to that some people have money. asiest. It is not the man who talks longest winners—quite as many in proportion, as priconsent to have him, was coolly teld by the the man whose words are thought best of re- the fact of Lord Falmouth having such a weak

> tables cover the time from January 1st, 1872, lings sold to years ago at Cobbam proved able to October 1st, 1873, and thus neither Lord solute failures. Russia has sent us nothing for his board, and a good honest worker he Beaconsfield's Mansion House speech nor the this season to compete, but one of her princes, who is most popular at Newmarket may expect a

of horses for the new campaign. They have, however, failed to find a cup champion to compare with Mr. Gretton's Isonomy, who to compare with Mr. Gretton's Isonomy, who has achieved what no one animal ever did befare, the winning in one season of the Ascot Queen's Vase, the Gold Cup, the Goodwood Cup, the Brighton Cup and the Doncaster Cup. Well has he defended British interests the control of the Store of the Sto against all comers, and no one better de-

Among trainers, Matthew Dawson again well at the list of winning jockeys, and, a clerk approached and said, "What can I do although a heavy lad now, can boast of a score of nearly or quite two hundred wins, "I wish to see the proprietor," she said. score of nearly or quite two hundred wins, such as none have ever shown before, for three years in succession. Horses, trainers forth as the brightest page in our turf history.

## TRE FLAX CROP.

Failure this Year-Very Little Breadth

(St. Thomas Times.) A Times reporter called upon Mr. Wm. Keith, of the St. Thomas flax mill, yesterday, and gleaned a few particulars respecting the crop of 1879. Mr. Keith says the crop shows decided falling off from 1877 and 1878. In these years the results were disappointing, and as a consequence the farmers sowed but a small breadth this season—not more than 3,000 acres all told in Ontario, whereas in 1877 it was four times as much. this year will be about eight bushels to the Lord Beaconsfield. He has made as many acre. The quantity of seed has been speeches as the distinguished member from about 20,000 bushels, and there will be, when Birmingham, but then he has not uttered so many words by nearly 40,000. Yet silence is of flax, against 900 tons in 1877. The yield will panies, that Lord Beaconsfield's speeches cost exceed 200 tons, whereas it was for (to report) only a little more than a £100 less merly 1,600. The flax is a very fair crop than those of Mr. Bright. Lord Hartington this year, being well rotted, the season runs into the fourth place, as far having been favorable for that purpose. The as expenses go, but he has made one more flax was as a rule thin, but the straw yielded a fair percentage of fibre. The price during 000 words more than Beaconsfield. Very the past year has been lower than known close on Lord Hartington comes Sir Stafford during the previous twenty years. Many of Northcote, followed by Mr. Forster, who has the mills have been closed until the times made thirty-two speeches, nearly as many as Mr. Gladstone, but who has never "put on" so many words in any one innings. Mr. Cross, Lord Salisbury, Lord Derby, Lord Cross, Lord Salisbury, Lord Derby, Lord Cranbrook and Sir William Harcourt come other localities. Extensive shipments of tow next, in the order of their names; but it must are now being made to the County of Waterbe remembered that they are classified by ex- loo, and also the State of Indiana. Between pense of telegraphy, not by extent of oratory. ten and twelve hands have been constantly the street when the office bell rang violently Sir William Harcourt has spoken nearly twice employed, and the proprietor is satisfied that,

> and other favorable circumstances will, ere long, lead to the extensive adoption of the best appliances for making the goods we now

The following extracts are from an article on this subject in the Milton Champion :-"We have recently heard so many crude and peculiar ideas expressed by well-mean-ing people regarding the objects a publisher payment for the trouble and money expended in its publication and that he who for some Mr. Gladstone is ninety time the man Lord real or imaginary offence says 'stor my paper' that the cash expenditure for one year upon a properly conducted journal with 1,000 subscribers is from \$1.500 to \$2.000, while the

RUNNING A NEWSPAPER.

ist, Count Lagrange having £24,568 placed came in to pay us said that the paper was of

ceeds.'

of beef, 200 of mutton and a quantity of wool,

### A RELIGIOU FRAUD From Our Popular Dime Series

(Slabtown Gazette.)

In a comfortably furnished office in possible select the best mares for their harems. Without going into actual figures herems. Without going into actual figures of the firm. As he glanced over the pages and noted the cash returns his countenance Evasion, have contributed £12,293, and it is exceedingly gratifying to find so thoroughly changed and he hastily summoned the manpopular a sportsman as His Grace in this off in the receipts of the last month; they favorable position. The first named is a don't foot up by some hundreds as high as

"Yes," said the manager, "there is some difference; trade is somewhat slack, overyone

can't afford to lose money. We must try and keep the receipts ahead, not let them fall be-You must try the old plan, reduce the who as much style as I do. It don't do to let

apt to kick against it."

Mr. Skinem—"Let 'em kick. Times are hard; we can get all the clerks we want for less wages. The winter is coming on and situations are scarce. liittle, but half a loaf is better than no bread Why, you can get men for half nothing. vas. I gave him 50 cents when to help him along. Never mind their ob jecting. We must cut down the expenses.

The manager turned to make arrange nents for carrying out the selfish projects of his superior when Mr. Skinem remarked "If Mr. Cabriole, of the coach factory, calls tell him I wish to seem him particularly Mrs. S. wants to have the family carriage re varnished, the silver plating renewed and the

While this conversation was taking place serves success than his plucky owner, who an old woman had entered the store and was has frequently been defeated, yet comes standing in the wareroom. Her wardrobe, up fresh each year and spends thousands in though scanty, was neat and clean. There horseflesh. Among trainers, Matthew Dawson and comes from patient suffering, long endured. Tom Jennings can show a rare balance sheet, as can brother Joe, Robert Peck, Blanton, testified to the fact that her life had not been John Porter, and others; but Fred Archer is an idle one. As she looked round nervously

The clerk went off and Mr. Skinem made his appearance. Seeing the old woman, and and jockeys are now fully entitled to some imagining she was about to appeal for charity, rest, and let us hope that 1880 will shine he said in a snappy manner, "What do you want?" Laying a bundle on the counter she said in a feeble and tremulous tone, "I have brought back some pants which your foreman objected to the last time I was here I have tried to do them as well as I could. should have them done sooner but my health has been very bad of late. My sight is not so

> get along. I don't know what I should have done lately, had it not been for one of your clerks, a kindly young man, who trusted me refreshing silence reigned. As the prayer of with a few yeards of stuff and gave me 50 Skinem went up, the sighs of distress riven cents to get some little necessaries."
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> Mr. S.—" Indeed! He is very liberal with my goods, giving them on trust and money too. I should not wonder if the money was mine too. I must see to it, that this kind of guage of the apostle: "Behold the hire of the laborers that have reased down your vine. Taking from the yield bundle a pair of pants he strained at the stitches till some of them gave way, and stitches till some of them gave way, and and the cries of them that have reaped have stitches till some of them gave way, and twitching savagely at the buttons some of which came off in his hands, he tossed them the whole came off in his hands, he tossed them. back and said in a sneering manner : ' How do you think I can pay for such work as that? You had better take them back and do them over. I can't afford to pay 20 cents for pants and have them come to pieces in my hands. We want value for our money, and we always give it when we can afford to

We will pay you for them when you finish them."
Mr. S. walked to his office with the air of a man who had given some valuable moral ad vice, while the old woman cast a pleading honeless look at his retreating figure and as much as Lord Cranbrook, but he has cost notwithstanding the series of rebuffs the ex£1 less to report. These differences are not periment of cultivating and manufacturing As he entered the office Mr. Skinem said: Who has given you orders to trust every Tom. Dick or Harry that comes to my estab-

CLERK.—" I don't trust snyone that I

Mr. S.—" You seem to have plenty of order in Council of the Canadian Government

say the least. It appears to be the general opinion among subscribers to a weekly paper that the amount received in subscriptions is ample repayment for the trouble and money expended in its payment for the trouble and money expended in its payment for the trouble and money expended in its payment for the trouble and money expended in its payment for the trouble and money expended in its payment for the trouble and money expended in its payment for the trouble and money expended in its payment for the trouble and money expended in its payment for the trouble and money expended in its payment for the trouble and money expended in its payment for the trouble and money expended in its payment for the trouble and money expended in its payment for the trouble and money expended in the payme long to me. As to giving the old woman of the railway. The whole of the lots, to a the publisher. It should be understood, then, trust, it was only 25 cents worth, which you width of five miles on either side of the railway.

a go. I don't want your services any longer.

# The lights were burning brilliantly in the

gorgeously decorated church in Long-face square; the freecoed ceilings, the richly carved pillars, the gilded cornices, and the mag nificent organ looked grand in the blaze of gas that streamed from the highly ornate chap its melancholy croakings mingled with the prayers of the parson. So it came to pass that the office bearers of the church took council -The Sydney Morning Herald of October how they should fright this unholy thing from their midst. A mighty man of Israel, who 1 reports that the steamer Strahleven, designed to test the possibility of conveying frozen meat from Australia, is to leave Syddwelt in Gotham, was besought by the offer of a goodly sum to come to the help of the ney for London about the middle of Novem-Lord against the mighty. The Rev. Zachariah Forcepump, the most noted drummer in the army of the cross, the forlorn hope and fill up similarly in Melbeurne.

of debt-stranded congregations, the greatest

of Maria," observed Mr. Holcomb, as he financial thumbscrew of the church, had ar--11 your husband brings you home a \$60 pair of fur cuffs, don't worry for fear they are not fashionable. You can wear them at either a wedding or a funeral.

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out of the brow-beaten congregation. The rev. gentleman kindly furnished an unlim ited quantity of chaff. From flattery to personal inuende, all the adjuncts of coercion were brought into play to swell the stakes in this grand religious game of bluff. Over \$20,000 were subscribed by those present and Mr. Skinem, whose natural selfishness unchecked by public judgment could take the last cent from the earnings of poor humanity, subscribed the magnificen sum of \$5.61 under the pressure of this unhallowed citement. The Rev. Forcepump was highly successful; he had done his work nobly; he had faithfully earned his pay; he had in a few hours accomplished what love for Christ had failed to accomplish for years, and while the altar was heaped with these vain-glorious offerings of vanity the poor worked on, half paid and half fed. But why make a fuss about the poor? The incubus bers felt too happy to let any trifles interfere with their buoyant feelings of relief. Nothing makes a man so happy, or adds to his stock of happiness, like true religion. thought these people, so to finish the good work a series of revivals were held to purge away any of the leaven of worldly-minded ss which might have crept into the minds of those who had been forced into giving through the mesmeric influence of opinion, and whose limited incomes rebelled at such innovations. Foremost in the good work was the Rev. Mr. Flareup, a noted revivalist. He had heard of the high standing of Mr. Skinem, his great wealth and his handsome donation to the church. He was an ardent admirer of such Christian philantrophy and yearned to wards this brother in the Lord. At one of hose meetings, after telling that the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much, and referring in culogistic terms to Mr Skinem as a worthy disciple of his Master, he called upon this dear brother Skinem to lead prayer, when that gentleman condeended to favor the meeting with the followng characteristic specimen of the reviving in bence of lip worship: "O God, we thank Thee for the rich outpouring of Thy We thank Thee that Thou hast sent Thy servant amongst us and that there is a shaking the hardened sinner and soften his stony heart. We thank Thee that we have seen the error of our ways and that we have found salvation. O, come down with great power and fill our souls with Thy glory. I thank Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast blessed me abundantly with this world's goods. May we be ever eady to spend our strength and substance in the cause of Christ. May the poor and needy receive help of Thee from whence cometh all aid. O, pity their sinful condition and com-fort them with Thy presence. O Lord, continue to prosper Thy church; carry on the good work. Bless Thy humble servant as Thou hast done in the past. May I be a tower of strength in Zion and a shield buckler to the oppressed. May those who suffering through want or affliction be fe with the spiritual manna. O, temper the wind to the shorn lamb. Teach us to feel for the wretched and cast down, for Thou hast said, 'Inasmuch as ye do it unto the least of these my brethren, ye do it uuto me.' Fill us with humility; take away our proud, stubborn heart and give us hearts of flesh. Give us every needed blessing, guide us and keep us

has been very page of an not as quick at the good as it was and I am not as quick at the work as I used to be, but I must strive to live. If you could must strive to live. If you could the prayer was a masterpiece of stereotyped hypocrisy, which, after being interspersed with numerous Ohs and Ahs and work to be a torrent of sound, died away like the distant wail of a retreating tom cat, and a from the deep anguish of hopeless poverty. which the selfishness of such whitewashed sepulchres tends to nourish, went up also to laborers that have reaped down your vinestrain their energies to lift the increasing load of debt from the gilded tabernacle, try to the veil of hidden misery that shrouds the wretched fortunes of the poor, kept in the suffering bonds of poverty by the small souled selfish policy of those who make a business of religion to flaunt their wealth on hypocritical glory? "Woe unto him who buildeth his house by fraud and his churches by wrong; that useth his neighbor's service without vages and giveth him not for his work.

#### ENGLISH FARMERS ON RED KIVER.

(From the London Echo Nov. 23) To-morrow the English farmers who were ent out to Canada, at the instance and the expense of the Dominion Government, to spy out the land " on behalf of certain ant farmers in the northern counties of England, are expected to arrive at Livernoot now of."

They will present a favorable report of the Mr. S.—" Don't trust anyone, eh! Why, an old woman who has just gone out says you vise the emigration of small capitalists to the have trusted her with goods. If you trust young and exceedingly fortile Province of her there is nothing to hinder you from trust Manitoba. The Red River Valley, which ing anyone you please."

CLERK.—" It was a more trifle and she will

a very short time one of the greatest who pay it. She is thoroughly honest. If not, I producing regions of the American continent, will pay it myself."

and the wise alterations recently made, by an Mr. S.—" You seem to have plenty of order in Council of the Canadian Government, has in issuing a newspaper and the sources from which he derives his remuneration that we think a little information on the subject may be interesting and useful to some of our may be interesting and useful to some of our say the least. I don't want men who trust tribute to that result. Farms of 160 acres CLERK.—"I hope, sir, that you don't mean addition, at prices varying from \$1 to \$2.50 to insinuate that I am taking what don't be- per acre, according to proximity to the line can deduct from my wages. I am sure if way, are to be appropriated under these free you were to see the wretched way in which grant and pre-emption regulations. The soil the poor eld creature has to live, or the of this region is as fertile as any part of the publisher is fortunate if he receives \$800 in subscriptions during the year, having to deblame me for giving her a paltry 50 cents. Mr. S .- " So you think she gets a miser- on a subsoil of aluminous clay. It is mostly able pittance, eh! It's as much as they pay prairie, so that there is no clearing to be elsewhere. I am not going to be dictated to time to tottle up their winnings and not depth while the plungers will have leisure to broad while the plungers will have leisure to broad over their losses, which, unless rumor is false, the advertiser was a subscriber \* We have been heavier than usual. Owners of once threatened a man with a suit who owed a bountiful harvest in the second August of And so the clerk ended his connection settlement. Who would not choose to be a with Mr. Skinem, and so we end this chapter.

> -Another Northeast Arctic expedition is spoken of. In a letter to M. Sibiarakoff, Professor Nordenskjold expresses his intention of undertaking another voyage to the northern coast of Asia as soon as circum-stances permit. "After my return," he says, "I think of spending a year on preparing an account of the voyage of the Vega, and it is

than a tenant-farmer under the burdens and

restrictions which prevail here

my desire to continue the exploration of the icy ocean along the coast of Siberia, making the River Lena the point of departure and the New Siberian Isles the basis of operations. For the object I have proposed to myself—namely, the rendering of the northern part of Asia completely accessible to commercial shipping-the prosecution of these researches is of paramount importance." The value of land in Ireland is so depreciated at this moment, says the London Vanity Fair, that in the Landed Estates. Court, last week, Judge Flanagan declined to allow the sale of an estate in Roscommon, for which no higher offer could be obtained than

fourteen years' purchase. There were no

fewer than seven estates for sale that day,

November 7, but only four were sold. For

two of these there was absolutely no bidding. Is this the result of Mr. Gladstone's Irish Land Act or of the state of the country Whatever the cause, it is most serious to land