glass and shriek out angry imprecations. 1
dder like a creature afraid, and pull down curtains to shut out the storm's hoarse Anon the rain dashes down and side. ways, rushing with a clash and shock against TWO EXECUTIONS IN CHINA. the frail, wooden wall, pouring from the low roof, dripping, deluging, saturating all the earth. Oh! I do not like those storms! For three days at a time they never cease. Rivers of water fall, rushing down the narrow three days at a time tanger of water fall, rushing down the narrow valleys, tearing away the soft earth, channeling out the streets, and filling the streams to the very top of their limestone bluffs. Our San Antonio is a brave stream, and seldom such that the emergency. The water free sanction of the sentence by his Majesty the Emperor, are as follows: it rarely overflows. Last August it rushed banks for more than fifty miles, and ruined \$100,000 worth of corn, potatoes and cotton. Such a calamity may not occur again in a lifetime. With every heavy rain these Western rivers rise from twenty to fifty feet, and this renders the building of bridges extremely hazardous. At this time there are very few bridges in Western Texas. which renders traveling in wet weather somewhat dangerous as well as amusing. The crossings are effected, in high water, by means of pontoons or ferries, and in dry weather by fords." The descent is not like that which Virgil describes into Avernus—"facilis"—but on the contrary quite the reverse. The bluff drops off from the first, second or third terrace, and each drop is worse than the proceeding one. The last is usually considered "a drop too much." It just lifts you out of your boots. The bluff is a perpendicular wall of sand or adobe clay, gulched by running water, and is appropriately described by

the feminine term "perfectly awful."

If you are a lady you go down with the driver in the hack—who says there is no danger—until you reach the final plunge, and then you shut your eyes and pray. You never expect to see the sun again, just as if you lived in London, but somehow you do. The surefooted mules slide down the "ragged edge," the driver leans both feet upon the brake and swears softly to himself - the coach rocks and plunges—you feel yourself slipping down, down down like a frightful nightmare—and at length you are on board the boat. The boatman puts his head in, hopes you are not frightened, and says "fifty cents"—or, if he is a native. "four bits." You hand it out mechanically, never thinking to ask what the charge is for. You are so bewildered that d he said "\$5" you would have paid it as adily, and felt that you had escaped cheap ough. He turns a crank, the ropes creak and strain, the boat swings round in the natrow, boiling gorge, and in five minutes you find yourself reeling up the red slay bank on the further shore. You wake up. The mo-tion has ceased. The driver shouts, swears, the further shore. You wake up. The motion has ceased. The driver shouts, swears, lashes—the thing has stopped, and refuses to move. The jehu put aside the curta ns and says.

"You'll have to get out, mum! This -— old scare-crow, buzzard's car-

rion can't tackle the bluff, dash 'em !" "Mud's purty bad! Sorfy, mum! Got any rubber? No? That's bad! Kin lend you my slicker if ye'll put it on. Kinder keep the leak off." (Drivers are always kind, polite and respectful to ladies here.) It is raining furiously. The wheels are slipping back. You feel yourself going down. You realize what that means. If nervous, you scream and faint. Inot, you pull open the curtains. The driver wourself going down. You realize what that means. If nervous, you scream and faint. If not, you pull open the curtains. The driver whips up his jaded "carrion." The coach stops sliding down. You leap nimbly out. The mud catches you and holds you. Yeu are safe at least. Then the fun begins. You drag a good sized farm up the awful bluff. Your companions follow and bring up all the mud you left. The mud is very kind. It sticks close to you—it follows you—it ture. winps up nis jaded "carrion." The coach stops sliding dows. You leap nimbly out. The mud catches ye u and holds you. Yeu are safe at least. Then the fun begins. You companions follow and bring up all the mud so uplet. The mud is very kind. It sticks close to you—it follows you—it prevents you from \$\frac{2}{3}\triangle \triangle \tria bonnet, torrents of it rolling from your best clothes; waves, rivers, oceans of it beneath your feet. Your only solace is that your dis-silver bars, and a quantity of clothing.

the rain to hold its breath in astonishment At last up he comes - the Red Sca is crossed saturated passengers have enough to do hew-

Very few people are killed in these stage journeys, few seriously injured, but there are plenty of old citizens here who never ride across a river. They invariably get out and walk down. When asked if they apprehend danger, they say, "No, but it is safer."

But the "Concord" and "mail coach" run. The iron horse is pre-empting all their valuable than horse stock. The age of progress

Bentinck," drew in fine lines the protrait of O'Connell, with whom he had a deadly feud and the best picture ever painted in words of his old enemy. Sir Robert Peelt, whom he described as "the greatest member of the House

lice, and was well known in New York and in Canada, where he has large estates, has left by his will to a vast number of personal friends \$50 each to purchase a memorial ring, and the singular bequest of \$25 each to every one who had ever voted for him in the Scotch Burghs, which he represented in Parliament

the well-known favorites had been encored, a little slim figure, unknown to the majority of Marie Van Zandt, who, in spite of evident nervousness, sang the lovely "Chanson de all over the house. On repeating the sweetlittle American prima doppa infused passion

framers wish, as the Goldsmiths' Company of London have found to their cost. They proceeded under an ancient sharter against a shopkeeper named Curry, a dealer in plate in Oxford str. et. for the recovery of \$35,000 penalties for uttering counterfeit hall marks upon 650 articles which he sold. Whatever may be the bloated wealth with which their enemies charge these find old London guilds, no one has ever impeached their sterling in-tegrity in commercial transactions, and it is obviously for the welfare of the public that the guarantee of genuine gold and silver should be under their stamp. The successful plea of the defendant was not a denial, the breast, closed eyes, and face bearing an but was based upon the statute of limitations.

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How a Cruel Double Murder was Explated.

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The Vicerov of Szechuen humbly bees the sacred throne to sanction favorably the sentence of "ling chi" (cutting into 10,000 slices), which he has had carried out upon the condemned woman Leen Pang: also the punishment of beheading by the sword her ac complice or paramour, Tang Chu. For these reasons the capital sentences have been decreed against them. In June last, at the town of Sha Ning, situated in the district of Pei Ling, province of Szechuen, there lived a woman and her husband. The woman's name was Leen Pang, and that of her husband Wu Urh. The had enjoyed connubial bliss for nearly a year, when Wu Urh's father died and he resolved to place his aged mother in the house. By the evidence it appeared that the old lady Wu was very eareful in all matters appertaining to household affairs, and man-aged to overlook the manner in which her ackets belonging to her son were missing. Mr. Wu in his capacity of a timber merchant had to make a yearly voyage to visit his consignees who resided at Sha'sz, a large trading port on the Yangtsze Kiang, distant from his home at Shaping some ten days' journey. It was during his absence in May last that events occurred which gave rise to the tragic sequel of this bloody tale. Shaning is the depot of a small military force consisting chiefly of Hunau men. Among these warriors was a corporal, by name Tang thu. Of a handsome and stalwart appearance, he capti vated the heart of young Mrs. Wu. Frequent meetings, unknown to the husband, took place, and a liaison was established. During the absence of the husband on the journey mentioned above the conduct of the wife was discovered by the old lady. Upon his return he was informed of the facts He taxed his wife with infidelity, and threatened to take suaded her to kill her husband. She finally consented, but only on the condition that he should murder the mother in law. A day was settled upon which the tragedy should be enacted. Feigning repentance she in-

are sheets of water falling upon your spring of these sounds, but availed themselves of the opportunity presented to ransack the house of the available money, about \$600 in gusted and dripping companions cannot laugh left the dwelling with their booty and hired a boat and proceeded to Sha'sz, where they
The driver discharges a new volume of hoped to get on board the steamer Kiang oaths, all nestly bounds for the occasion with
Tung, which plies to Hankow, and
Texas leather. The lashing and cursing cause thus escape to Shanghai. But the thus escape to Shanghai. But the spirit of the dead so controlled the wind and water, that the passage of the boat was imand you resume your place. The thoroughly peded. The double murder being discovered by the neighbors in the morning, ing off the mud to occupy them till the next they informed the district magistrate, who station is reached, and somehow the conversation flags for want of encouragement.

they informed the district magistrate, who sent his officers after the fugitives. But one day's journey and they were captured. A preliminary examination was held by the magistrate, who, by a system of torture, elicited the foregoing facts. Their guilt being established, they were forwarded to Chingtu-foo, the capital of Szechnen, where after a final

trial by the Judge of the province, they were

trade, oblivious of the fact that a human being

Viceroy. Having no friends to palliate or Their race is nearly postpone the sentence by their endeavors, it was carried into effect. According to the Chinese penul code, a wife killing her husband or either of his parents, or vice versa, the "ling chi" punishment is inflicted, and the has reached us. - Chicago Tribune paramour has his or her head cut off. The paramour has his or her head cut off. The method of executing the "ling chi" is as follows: The criminal is conveyed to the execution ground in a basket slung on a bamboo between two coolies. Half stupefied -Disraeli, in his life of "Lord George fear, and rendered almost insensible to the fate about to be suffered, from the effects of samshoo, which is given to the victim in abundance, the procession wends its way between throngs of Celestials. The road is

of Commons who ever lived.' -Mr. Ellice, who was styled "bear" Ellined with sedan chairs conveying the officials, both high and low, to witness the sight. Upon arriving at the place of punish ment, a crowd of chattering Chinese may be seen, some engaged smoking their pipes, others discussing their early bowl of congee at the stall of the perambulating venders of edibles. Not the least trace of any feeling of or 40 years. awe or compassion is exhibited at the tragedy -At the Offenbach commemoration, after about to be enacted. The criminal is made to kneel, while a subordinate officer reads the edict of the Viceroy. At the given signal ose present dressed in a long brown coat,

from the judge the two executioners step forward and seize the unfortunate wretch. Divested of every particle of clothing, he or she with chocolate colored vest and breecnes, appeared upon the stage. This quiet, Quakerlooking personage turned out to be Mile. Is bound hand and foot to two upright pieces of wood in the form of a St. Andrew's cross. Fortunio" with such exquisite tenderness as two short, sharp knives. They are now ready to raise murmurs of surprise and admiration for their bloody work. With a devilish skill they commence to slit the skin and flesh at est melody that Offenbach ever wrote, the the wrists. Proceeding up the arms until the neck is reached, their attention is then directed to the lower limbs. The ankles upward. into ber tenderness and completed her marked the fleshy part of the legs and thighs right up to the chest are under operation. The whole body is now one quivering mass of strips of skin and flesh, from which the blood is pouring in streams, dyeing the ground and the executioners' clothes a vivid red color. By this time the vast crowd are on the tiptoe of expectation, straining their bodies to get a glimpse of the gory figure, and eager to watch the least sound of a sigh or groan. After the Whatever shriek of pain which attends the first use of the knife, frequently nothing but low, agonizing moans escape the lips. While this terrible moans escape the lips. While this terrible scene is being enacted the peanut hawkers, the bean-curd and candy hucksters ply their

tim stands. The judge, seemingly tired of the disgusting sight, claps his hands. The chief executioner at the signal, plunges his knife into the breast, and with one hand tears onen the flesh, while with the other he pulls the quivering heart out by the roots, holds it up to view, and then dashes it to the ground. hus justice is vindicated.

COULDN'T FOOL HIM.

service in various capacities, consequently he mation by the selection and authorization has become familiar with most of the of its various books. residents of the city, and those who would try residents of the city, and those who would try to impose on him as relief officer with tales of large families suffering from want will need to get up exceedingly early in the morning and catch him when scarcely awake.

So far as the Old Testament is concerned, refer from the dissolute. They are pourted into it at the rate of six barries an hour, authorities, we believe, agree that the first and the sound ones, having elasticity step toward a canon was taken by Ezra, in the fifth century before the the Christian era. There lives on Hughson street a woman, who for the present shall be nameless, who has a liking for speculation in a small way, and thought to make a victim of Mr. and thought to make a victim of Mr. Ford, and through him of the city. There was nothing veay deep or original in the woman's scheme, yet it is one that has often been successful before. Mrs. Blank is be considered finished at, or about, the beginning of our era; when the recognized Old Testament was what it is to-day. The Jews a married woman of twenty years' standing, without family, and has a very obliging neighbor who has two small children of very woe begone appearance. Borrowing these system of espion get the younger Mrs. Wu objected. Frequency quarrels and bickerings were had between the ladies. Among other matters which engaged the old lady's scrutiny, she found that a number of wadded and the street of the control of the co he knew the woman, and that all was not as she represented, and asked :

"What family have you, ma'am?"
"If you please, sir, I have but the two children you see before you—and thim suf-ferin' wid cold."

But Mr. Ford could see very little family esemblance between the children and the woman, and, moreover, was accustomed to having people come to him with fraudulent

claims, and so replied:
"Now, Mrs. ——, this won't do. Don't you live on Hughson street, and haven't I known you and your husband for the last twenty
years, and never a child in the house?"
"Well, sir, an' yere tellin' the truth now;
but I thought I'd try an' get a little wood from ye, as I'd be likely to come a trifle short agen the winter's over," replied Mrs. B., nurriedly taking her departure with the borrowed children at her heels. Mr. Ford is ready for

THE CANADA GAZETTE.

a few more female speculators.

The Canada Gazette contains the follow

ng:
Notice is given that the taking of the census will begin on the 4th of April next, and forms of the schedules for that purpose are published.

Notice is given that by order in Council of the 16th day of December instant a drawback will be allowed on cotton used in packing bacon and hams for export, subject in all cases to the same restrictions and regulations as were imposed by order-in-Council of the 11th June, 1879, governing the payment of drawback on tin used in the manufacture of

officers of the active militia, that portion of the General Order is hereby amended by period to used or little regarded, by the prominent into an encounter by a noted duellist, killed

retired list of captains.
24th "Kent" Battalion of Infantry—No. 4 24th "Kent" Sattain of Intality—As a Company, East Tilbury — To be captain Simeon M. Smith, V. B., from the retired the four gospels, was not settled at the close you know that it is no murder." After these of the first century, as Tischendorf supposes. It is not guilty. be lieutenant, provisionally, Harry G. S. R. Pattinson, gentleman, vice Silas B. Lambert,

26th "Middlesex" Battalion of Light Infantry-No. 6 Company, Parkhill-To be captain, Lieutenant William John McRoberts, M. S. vice John Niblock, whose resignation is hereby accepted. No. 8 Company, St. John's, Arva—The resignation of 2nd Lieutenant, Robert McEwen is hereby accepted

29th "Waterloo" Battalion of Infantry-No. 2 Company, Galt—To be captain, Lieutenant James Laing Cowen, V. B., vice Wil-

ham Parks, deceased.

35th Battalion of Infantry, "Simcoe Foresters "-No. 1 Company, Barrie-To be lieutenant, provisionally, Francis Edward Philip sentenced and condemned to death by the Pepler, gentleman, vice Ewan, transferred to No 5 Company. No. 5 Company, Barrie To be lieutenant, provisionally, from 26th amination and comparison required to sepa-Franklin Ewan, from No. 1 Company, vice Harris, resigned.
38th "Brant" Battalion,

Rifles "-No. 2 Company, Brantford-To be captain, Lieutenant George Smartt, formerly of H. M.'s 1st Battalion, Rifle Brigade, vice Jones, appointed adjutant. No. 5 Company, Burford -To be 2nd lieutenant, provisionally, Hospital Sergeant Charles L. French, promoted. To be adjutant, Captain Charles Stephen Jones, from No. 2 Company.

39th "Norfolk" Battalion of Rifles-No 3 Company, Port Rowan—To be 2nd lieuten-ant, provisionally, Sergeant Walker Powell Ferris, vice McDonald, resigned.

-A Denver merchant gave a dollar to a tramp who tottered barefooted into his office on a cold day. Going out immediately, he saw the beggar take good shoes and stockings from under the steps and put them on. He administered a whipping, and when sentenced to pay a fine of \$10, declared that he had before bought so much pleasure for so

little money. Collingwood, Dec. 16 .- A fire broke out this morning at 8 30 in the Huron Hotel owned by John Merrill and occupied by Mr. Porter, on the west side of Huron street. The buildings on this side of the street all being frame the fire rapidly apread to adjoining buildings, and before many minutes the hotel was completely enveloped in flames from this. Mr. J. Henry's tailor shop was quickly demolished. At this time a high north west wind was blowing spreading the flames with great rapidity to the buildings adjoining, owned by Rev. Charles Turner, H. Birnie, Thos. Birnie and Chas. Cameron, and occupied by Mrs. McTavish, dwelling; and occupied by Mrs. McLavian dwening;
Prof. Duval, barber shop; Miss Mastory,
boot and shoe; Mr. Perryman, fancy goods;
Mrs. McKean, dwelling. Mr. Cameron's
building was untenanted. The insurance on the buildings destroyed is : Huron Hotel \$900 ou building, \$900 on furniture, insured in North British; Mr. Henry, uninsured loss. \$1,200; Rev. C. Turner, uninsured loss, \$2,000; H. Birnie insured for \$500 is undergoing torture. With head drooped on loss, \$1,000; C. Cameron's loss is \$500. The fire originated from a defective flue in the Huron Hotel.

THE CANON OF THE BIBLE.

In deference to the new and wide-spread public interest in what may be termed the history of the sacred writings produced by the revision now in progress—the new Testament portion of which will soon be published the last two Sunday issues of the Republi can have contained articles upon the English translations of the Bible before and since James Ford, Health Inspector and relief pose by way of conclusion, to present the officer for this city, is an old resident of most attainable facts and theories in relation Hamilton, and has been years in the public to the canon of the Bible; that is, its for-

The second movement in the same d rection originated with, but was not completed by, Nehemiah; and is supposed to have extended from 444 to 300 B. C. The third—of divided it into three portions, of which the Law, or the five books of Moses, stood in highest estimation; after which came the Prophets, and then the c'tubin-a portion of which only was publicly read. The mass of literature from which the selection was made may be imagined from the statement that there are sixteen books referred to in various parts of the Bible as belonging to the Old Testament, which are not now in it. Probably there were many more which, at one time or another, had claims to the same distinction; but there seems to be no doubt that the Old Testament as it now stands embraces the best of Jewish sacred writings, and that nothing of consequence has been lost. As our readers are aware, the Catholic and As our readers are aware, the Catholic and Greek church accept the fourteen extant apocyphal books of the Old Testament as canonical, while all the Pretastant sects reject them as uninspired, and therefore comparatively valueless. Luther, however, held some of them fiction as a means in high esteem, and the Church of England before it was his. "doth read them for example of life and in-struction of manners, but yet doth it not apply them to establish any doctrine.'

Rev. Dr. Samuel Davidson, than whom there s no higher English authority, concludes his elaborate and exhaustive "Introduction to the study of the New Testament," with these pregnant sentences:
"The following propositions are deducible

from an impartial survey of the history of the first two centuries:

"First—Before A. D. 170, no book of the

New Testament was termed Scripture, or believed to be divine and inspired. On the conrary, even after that date, different books were believed to be human compositions, having none other authority than their contents

warranted. "Second-No certain trace of the existence of the fourth gospel can be found until atter Justin Martyr; that is, till after the middle of the second century. That gospel came into use, in the first instance among the later Gnostics, the followers of Basilides, Valentinus and Marcian, who do not seem to

mitting Lieutenant Cleghorn to revert to the retired list of captains.

| The same and the same

to be valued.
"Fifth—The canon, as far as it relates to nor till the latter half of the second century | not guilty. did the present gospels assume a canonica position, superseding other works of a simi lar character and receiving a divine author-

" Sixth—No canon of the New Testament, that is, no collection of New Testament literature like the present one, supposed to possess divine authority, existed before A. D.

To this comprehensive summary—from a venerable scholar who has devoted a lifetime to the work of critical investigation—little need he added. The selection in this case seems to have been even more judicious, on the whole, than in that of the Old Testament. There are forty-one apocryphal New Testament books now in existence, and the number itself shows the amount of careful exrate the wheat from the chaff : or rather, the We give the titles of a few of these apocry-"Dufferin phal books which are somewhat difficult to procure : The General Epistle of Barnabas, the First and Second Epistles of Clement to the Corinthians, the Descent of Christ into Hell; the First, Second and Third Books of Hermas, the Epistle of Ignatius to the Ephemians, the Gospel of the Infancy of the Saviour, the Gospel of the Nativity of Mary, the Narrative of Joseph of Arimathaa, the Acts of Pilate. The New Testament canon—according to Davidson - was not finally and conclusively closed even at the end of the fifth century. Indeed the Catholic church did not regard it closed until the Council of Trent in 1546when the seal of highest ecclesiastical authority was at last placed upon it, in connection with that of the Old Testament. The Catholic Bible, so far as the books are concerned, is the same as the Protestant, except that it includes as canonical the apocrypha portion of the Old Testament. The

the Greek church is the same as that of the Catholic.

Luther's opinion of some of the New Testament hooks varies materially from the recognized Protestant standard of the time. He thought the Epistle to the Hebrews was not written, by Paul, or by any other anostle, and did not put it on an equality with the rest. Revelation he considered neither apostolic nor prophetic, and classed it with the fourth book of Esdras-which he intimated ought to be thrown into the Elbe. James was to him "a right strawy epistle;" Jude he did not think proceeded from an apostle. Zwingliu declares that Revelation is not a biblical book at all. Calvin repudiated the Pauline authorship of Hebrews, and did not think Second Peter was written by the apostle whose name it bears. Neither Luther, his colleagues or successors, hesitated to say that some portions of the Bible were of far more value than others, and their views of inspiration would hardly be accepted by the strictly orthodox Protestant of the present day. We do not know that the members of the revisory commission have been influenced at all by the opinions of the early reformers, but from such specimens of their work as we have seen it is evident they have been governed by the same spirit-the spirit of independent and fearless criticism,

as nearly as possible in its original meaning. It is to be hoped that such faithful and conscientious labor will be preperly appreciated by those for whom it is done.

AROUND THE WORLD.

—Dr. C. A. Washington's skill had long been doubted by the people of Raton, New Mexico. Therefore, when he killed a popular patient with an overdose of morphine, they became very angry, and hanged him to a tree with the strap of his own saddlebags.

-- An ingenious machine has been devised of its various books.

So far as the Old Testament is concerned, rel from the unsound. They are poured

> -From a serious article in a Paris newspaper: "If it were not for the foreign birth of Bernhardt she would run a much better chance of becoming President of the United States than did the famous Mrs. Woodhull, who, it is said, refused to accept the nomina-

> -A singular international contest has been held in the Summer Circus on the Champs Elysees, Paris. Seventy professional hair dressers, each with a favorite subject to manipulate, met in a competition for gold and silver medals. A Parisian gained the first prize and a Belgian the second for the best histori-

-M. de Lesseps has eight babies, and he is now baptizing the ninth. The Queen of Spain will be godmother; and a godfather has been found in the Bishop of Panama. M. de Lessens is in the liabit of taking seven of these babies out every day in a pony carriage. The Paris Gaulois devotes an article of nearly two columns to these interesting facts.

-Three, and three only, of Disraeli's novels were unconnected with the questions of the day, "Contarina Flemming" was psychological. "Tancred" mainly turned on theology, and "Henrictta Temple" was a love tale. In the main, however, from "Vivian Grey" down to "Endymion," Disraeli has used fiction as a means of educating his party, even

The ancient baronetage of Cockburn expired with the late Lord Chief Justice, who was also a Privy Councillor, a Knight Grand Cross of the Bath, and a Doctor of Civil Law of Oxford University, and who refused a peerage, even when pressed by Lord Palmerston. As he had no heir, he declined, he always said, to undertake duties as a law lord, which would necessarily detract from his undivided attention to his court.

—Thirty-five years ago when Capt. Stone made Moundville, W. Va., his home, he planted two seeds, informing his family that he would like to raise wood for his coffin.
Only one seed sprouted, and in the course of thirty years became a fine tree. During a severe wind storm eighteen months ago the tree fell. It was sent to a Pittsburgh firm to be cut into lumber, and in due time returned to the captain in the shape of a han some coffin; and now, to complete the story, its owner has just been buried in it.

murder, his Lordship will tell you that it is murder; I know that it is no murder, and words the jury at once returned a verdict of

-The average life of unimpregnated railway ties on the German and Austrian roads has been found to be as follows: For oak ties, 13.6 years; fir, 7.2; pine, 5.1; beech, 3 The average life of ties impregnated in a judicious manner with creosote or chloride of zinc, under a powerful pressure, reaches: For oak ties, 19.5 years : fir, 14 to 16: pine 8 to 10; beech, 15 to 18. The average life o 834,341 pine ties, on thirteen German railroads, impregnated according to various systems is calculated at some fourteen years, which may be considered a very fair showing.

-Society at St. Petersburg was fluttered a few days ago by the long pending trial of Count Vladimir Mengden for obtaining goods under false pretences. The prisoner, moving in the highest circles, was accompanied to the court by a large number of officers of the best wheat from the inferior and worthless. Imperial Guard and other friends of the spendthrift. The charge against him was that about a year ago he obtained a pair of earrings, value 300 roubles, or £40, from Carlovan, a fashionable jeweler, and gave security which afterward proved to be of no value whatever. When Carlovan, enraged, demanded the earrings back, the gay young Count said he had already given them to one of the leading court beauties, and told the jeweler, contemptuously, to go and take them out of her ears if he wanted them, or the money so badly. Hence the charge. Mengden denied the whole of the evidence at first, but afterward confessed his guilt, and wasacquitted; the jewler being advised by the judge to sue the Count for debt.

-A trial of interest to people who drink German wine has just been concluded at Freiburg, in Baden. The accused were the members of the firm of Durlacher Brothers, in Kippenheim, a concern doing a very large business, and were charged with adulterating or fabricating wine on a large scale. A great part of the wine sold, however, consisted, it has been now proved, of a mixture of water and spirit, which was poured upon raisins, allowed to stand for some time, then drained off and cleared, and finally mixed with a small quantity of natural wine. When red wine was ordered the mixture was colored with some inferior Spanish or French wines; or, if a darker tint was wanted, with an extract of black elderberries. In five months the firm, it was proved, had purchased suffi-653.000 gallons of their wine, and enough tartaric acid for the fabrication of 494,000 gallons. The Court sentenced each of the prisoners to five months' imprisonment and a fine of a thousand marks.

-On Sunday, Nov. 21, about 200 persons arrived, one after the other, at the door of the Restaurant Berthier, Paris, showed a card, made a few mysterious signs, and entered a hall that had previously been bespoken. thi2 hall the most profound silence was observed, but every one seemed to understand his neighbor. It was the deaf and dumb of Paris who had assembled thus to celebrate the anniversary of their first instructor, the Abbe de l'Epee, and who included in their ranks painters, sculptors, poets, employees, anxious only to get at the genuine Scripture and workmen. So perfect was their system

of signs that their banquet was thoroughly enjoyed, and when the dessert came on speeches were made and heartily applauded. voung poet rendered with marvelous exthe evening - song, that is to say, invented by one of the company, and much appreciated by his comrades. Finally, the festivities by his comrades. Finally, the festivities There is an old superstition that the howlwore brought to a close by a performance of ing of a dog indicates death; and there is an Moliere's "Malade Imaginaire," in costume, and delivered with admirable "diction." Never (says a Paris correspondent) was the famous comedy more theroughly enjoyed or greeted with more hearty laughter.

—For some time past a controversy has been carried on in the columns of a Paris newspaper on the following delicate question:
'If a man find himself, at one and the same time, in the society of his wife and his mother-in-law, to which of these ladies should he offer his arm for the purpose of conducting her home?" On the one side it is contended that preference in this regard should be accorded to the mother in law; for should be accorded to the mother in-law; for should she, lacking support and protection while in charge of her daughter's husband, slip down and break her leg, or haply be run over at a crossing her son in-law could scarcely fail to and break her leg, or naply be run over at a crossing, her son-in-law could scarcely fail to be saddled with the cost of repairing her—a contingency which no married man can concentrate the contingency which is a second to the continuous co contingency which no married man can con-template without a shudder. Another writer don who gave cut in Epworth church: upon this issue observes that "even admitng the mother in law's prior claim, to be established by some lex non scriptu of polite manners, exception must be taken to it during the honeymoon, when the prestriptions of etiquette are bound to give way to the dictates of the heart." A battling worldling exhorts his married readers to offer their arms to their young wives, leaving mothers-in-law to take care of themselves. "For." he argues. if your wife walk alone, who knows what amatory whispers may reach her ears, and with what effect? Whereas your mother in-law is shielded from the insidious molestations by her greater—experience!" The expert appointed by the Figuro to sum up the arguments on both sides and pronounce judg-ment upon the original question, gives his decision in the following terms: "A mothern-law enjoys priority of right to her son in law's arm; but upon the sole condition, to which no exseption will be tolerated, that she be older than her daughter!"

SLOSSON AN I VIGNA A.

It has now been decided that the match for

the championship of the world and a money

stake of \$1,000 a side, between Maurice Vignaux, of Paris, and George F. Slosson, of New York, will be played in the dining room of the Grand Hotel, beginning on Monday even-ing, the 20th of December, and continuing the four succeeding nights. The contest will be one of 3,000 points, three balls, at the fourteen inch by twenty eight inch line, or champion game, according to the Collender rules. Six hundred points will be played each night, the player making 600, 1,200, 1.800 or .400, as the case may be, to continue his run to a finish on the following evening from the position in which he left the balls. The players met at the office of Mr. Johnson, the stakeholder, and anranged all necessary details concerning the match, save as to the referee, who will be named a few days before the match begins. Both players are confident of success. Vignaux is practicing at the Cafe de la Paix, and Slosson at the Hotel de l'Anthenee, where his table, shipped from New York by the French steamship France, has arrived. The match, as already stated, was originally to have taken place on the 7th of December, but Mr. Vignaux demandin of December, but Mr. Vignaux demanding twenty days for practice, Mr. Slosson reluc-tantly consented. Mr. Slosson's deposit of \$250, cabled to the order of Mr. Johnson, was covered by Mr. Vignaux on the arrival of Mr. Slosson's table. After the late match between these two players in the spring of this year Mr. Slosson returned to New York, and on the 19th of June played and defeated Mr. Schaefer by a score of 600 to 462 at champion's game, making the highest run (236) and best avera August Mr. Schaefer challenged Mr. Slosson, who again beat him in a game played in Tammany Hall, on the 4th of October, by a score of 600 to 432; making an average in this game of 33½, while Mr. Schaefer made the highest run on record, 312. Both games were for a money stake of \$1,000 and the Collender emblem of the championship of America. Mr. Vignaux has been playing i the English provinces since last spring, and came back, as he went away, an unbeaten player The enormous scores made by Mr Blosson and Mr. Vignaux in the last match near. will still be fresh in the memory of the lovers of billiards, the former player making break of 1,103 and the latter one of 1,531 i two nights, with an average of sixty-one and must be more "all-over the table" play and considerably less nursing, thus making the game more interesting for the spectators, and giving the players an opportunity of exhibit giving the players an opportunity of exhibit-ing more of the beauty of the game than in a continuation of series of what the French call coups de pousette.

ANOTHER GOOD BOY.

A Detrcit grocer was the other day hungrily waiting for his clerk to return from dinner and gave him a chance at his own noonday meal, when a boy came into the store with

"I seed a boy grab up this 'ere basket from the door and run, and I run after him and made him give it up.''

"My lad, you are an honest boy." "Yes, sir.

"And you look like a good boy."

"And good boys should always be encour-In a box in the back room there are eight dozen eggs. You may take them home to your mother and keep the basket,"

The grocer had been saving those eggs for lays and weeks to reward some one. warding a good boy he also got eight dozen bad eggs carried out of the neighborhood free of cost, and he chuckled a little chuck as he walked homewards. The afternoon waned, night came and went

and once more the grocer went to his dinner. When he returned he was picking his tee and wearing a complacent smile. His eve caught a basket of eight dozen eggs as he entered the store, and he queried :

"Been buying some eggs?"
"Yes; got hold of those from a farmer's

boy," replied the clerk.
"A lame bey with a blue cap on?"

"Yes." "Two front teeth out?"

"Yes." The grocer sat down and examined the eggs. The shells had been washed clean, but they were the same eggs that good boy had lugged home the da before.—Detroit Free Precs.

-The company which has been founded for taking preliminary steps to ascertain whether a sub-marine tunnel can be made harween Calais and Dover has at last suc ceeded in driving a shaft down to the depth at which the tunnel, if practicable, would have to be made. Although in the upper strata there was a good deal of water, there is no infiltration of it in the gallery, which is in the solid rock. A second shaft is about to be driven, and the directors say that if no unforeseen obstacle arises the tunnel may be completed in four years.

OUR SPECIAL BUDGET.

A student at the 'Theological Seminary in Chicago has had a hard experience. He supported himself by lighting the street lamps, and cooked his own meals. His expenses were sometimes under a dollar a week. He has been arrested for stealing various articles from his fellow students, but his friends declare that he is only guilty of klepton ania.

One Manuele Fieschi professes to have discovered that Edward II., instead of meeting with a fearful death, as recorded in history, made his escape from Berkeley Castle and was not murdered. All the students of Eng-

lish history will be glad to know that this foul blot has been wiped from the pages of England's annals A custom prevails at Knightlow Cross, England, of paying what is called "Wroth silver." It is collected by pennies, and does not amount pression a composition entitled "Lake to more than ten shillings. A breakfast is Lemau;" nor was song lacking to enliven afterwards given, at which hot rum and milk are partaken of. The origin of the custom is

not known. other as given in this distich:

When John Wesley was a Church of England minister he had a parish clerk who was greatly conceited about his singing. He de-lighted to appear in the minister's cast-off clothes, especially the wigs. To humiliate him Wesley said: "John, I shall preach on a particular subject to-day, and shall choose my own psalm, of which I shall give out the first line, and you shall proceed as usual."
When the time came Wesley gave out the first line of the psalm, "Like an owl in ivy

"King William has come home, come home, King William home is come; Therefore let us together sing The hymn that's called Te D'um."

Miss Edmonia Lewis, the colored sculpress, who has gained such fame in Italy is of mixed Indian and African blood, and was born near Albany, N. Y. She is said to have once been visited by Pope Pius IX. The Marquis of Bute owns her "Madonna and Child," and Lady Ashburton "The Old Arrow-Maker and His Daughter." Jules Verne, who has written so many im

robable things, has received as his reward \$250,000.

Whittier, the American Quaker poet, had his first poem published in the Free Press, as weekly paper, owned by Mr. William Lloyd Garrison, at Newburyport, in 1826. The poet was then in his ninetcenth year.

The American publishers have been taken

by surprise on finding that they could not send reprints of Lord Beaconsfield's "Endymmion" into Canada, as the copyright is held by Messrs. Dawson Bros. of Montreal. by Messrs. Dawson Bros. of Montreal. Orders were issued to Canadian postmasters to send away American reprints they found in the mails to the Dead Letter Office at Ottawa.

Mrs. Estella Anna Lewis, known by the nom de plume of "Stella," a poetess and in-timate friend of Edgar Allan Poe, died on the 24th ult., in England. She was called "The Female Patrarch," and won distinction in both the old and new worlds. She was received by Louis Napoleon, at the Tuilleries, Dumas, George Sand and Rosa Bonheur. Her best production was "Sappho," a drama.

The following memorial poem on his brother, Charles Tennyson Turner, is by the

poet Laureate. It has just appeared in the collected sonnets of the former : MIDNIGHT JUNE 30th, 1879 Midnight—in no midsummer tune
The breakers lash the shores:
The cuckoo of a joyless June
Is calling out of doors;
And thou hast vanished from thine own
To that which looks like rest,
True brother, only to be known
By those who love thee best.

Midnight—and joyless June gone by,
And from the delugast yark.
The cuckoo of a worse July
Is calling through the dark:
But thou art silent underground
And o'er the streams the rain,
True poet, surely to be found
When truth is found again.

And now to these unsummer'd skies The summer bird is still,
Far off a phantom cuckoo cries
From out a phantom hil;
And thro' this midnight breaks the sum
Of sixty years away.
The light of days when life begun,
The days ther sum of the sum of t

The days that seem to-day,
When all my griefs were shared with thee,
And all my hopes were thine—
As all thou wert was one with me,
May all
art be mine
Sir Robers Burdett, who died recently and

left one hundred thousand pounds to the Baroness, was very eccentric in his habits. He never sold an old coat or gave it away. Every piece of paper once in his house re mained. All his clothes had to be searched for wills or hidden treasure. "Mary Marston" is the title of Mr. George

Macdonald's latest novel. It is shortly to ap-Mr. Jefferson Davis, than whom none could

do it better, is writing a history of the late civil or southern war, under the title of "The Confederate War for Independence, its Causes

thumberland miner, in consideration of his literary services. The name is not a very poetical one, yet Mr. Skipsey is the author of various lyric poems. He is a self made man and is now in his forty-eighth year.

The greatest lady on the English turfname not given—is said to have won \$80,000 on the Newmarket Race Course, at the last meeting.

The President and members of the Paris annicipal council have presented the Lord Mayor of London with a boquet measuring eight and a half feet in circumference. It had to be unpacked in the street.

Charley, the French actor, died recently in a Paris hospital. He was called one of the best of the Porte St. Martin actors. None but three strangers followed him to the grave. A young French woman took it into he ead to shoot a young surgeon to whom she was engaged to be married. She has been sentenced to 10 years strict confinement.
In 1843 a disturbance was raised by the eceptance of a tender sent by Mr. Croal, a Scotchman, for carrying the Irish mails. To

fulfil his contract, Mr. Croal took his coaches ready made to Ireland, and this was considered a great wrong to the coach builders employed by Mr. Purcell. of Dubliz, who had held the contract up to: nat; ime. Thackeray being on the Irish tour at the time, sent the following verses to the Nation.

-Letter postage in Italy has been reduced

rom four to two cents.

One of the rules of the Court Theatre at Berlin prescribes sint ing in German only on its stage. Recently a famous Italian prima donna refused to sing at the theatre except in her native language, and the managers laid the matter before Emperor William, who at once bluntly said : She shall sing just as she

-Of late the question of tattooing (not branding) has been revived in the British army to act as a check against desertion, and prevent the re-enlistment of bad characters Some time ago, when the desertions were at the rate of 5,000 a year (one artillery man had enlisted and sold his kit eleven times in two years before he was detected). Sir James E. Alexander submitted to the Horse Guards a small instrument with a spring to tattoo instantaneously, and with hardly any pain, a man above the left wrist. Indian ink rubbed on the punctures left the impression of a neat small Queen's crown, in blue, the size of a

ixpence, and indelible.