The Fall of Empires.

Of all the Empires whose rise and fall ve been recorded in history there is not ne that has owed his ruin or decay to checking the lust of unmeasured territorial acquisition. The wisest of the Roman Emperors was also the one who even recalled the boundries of his dominions from beyond the Danube. Every one can discern and denounce the private folly of the farmer who covets more and more land, when he has neither capital nor skill to turn to account what he has already got : though he does not commonly proceed by covenants taken in the dark lest his landlord should come to know what sort of deed he is signing. But it requires a steady eye and a firm resolution to maintain the good tradition of all our bygone statesmen at a juncture when all tradition is discarded for new-fangled, or as Mr. Roebuck calls them, "original" devices, and the mind of folly finds utterance through the voice of authority. Britain, which has grown so great may easily become little; through the effeminate selfishness of luxurious living; through neglecting realities at home to amuse herself everywhere else in stalking phantoms; to the States for testing turns out to through putting again on her resources a the very best quality-much superior to strain like that of the great French war, what was expected-and of the right kind which brought her people to misery, and to produce Bessemer steel. This will be her throne to peril; through that denial good news to all interested, and will doubtof equal rights to others, which taught us less lead to the early development of the so severe a lesson at the epoch of the Arm- mine. ed Neutrality. But she will never lose by | Professor Peck in the Popular Science the modesty in thought and language, which | Monthly demonstrates by a few simple exmost of all becomes the greatest of man- periments the fact that all combustible kind; never by forwardness to allow, and material, when finely divided, forming a to assert, the equal rights of all states and dust or powder, will, under proper condinations; never by refusing to be made the tions, burn with explosive rapidity. Thus tool of foreign cunning, for ends alien to many explosions in flouring and other mills her principles and teelings; never by keep- are accounted for. ing her engagements in due relation to her means, or by husbanding those means for the day of need, and for the noble duty or WINTERS In Europe during the last ten defending, as occasion offers, the cause of centuries, made by the late M. Arago, and public right, and of rational freedom, over the broad expanse of Christendom .- The Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, in the Nineteenth Century. -----

A Mischievous Custom.

otherwise, helping one another, to sottish 1788, and 1829 .- Pall Mall Gazette. helplessness under pretence of friendliness. A word of warning is seasonable, for this is the time of year when the preposterous and ruinous usage is most prevalent.

THE RELIABLE MAN .-- Of all the qualities there is not one more important than reliability. Most emphatically is this true of the character of a good business man. The world itself embraces both truth and honesty and the reliable man must necessarily be truthful and honest. We see so much all around us that exhibits the absence of this crowning quality, that we are tempted in our bilious moods to deny its very existence. But there are, nevertheless, reliable men, men to be depended upon, to be trusted, it whom you may repose confidence, whose word is as good as their bond, and whose promise is performance. If any one of you know such a man, make him your friend. ing his character. He does not jump at conclusions. He is not a frivolous man. He is thoughtful. He turns over a subject in his mind, and looks at it all round. He is not a partial or one-sided man. He sees through a thing. He is apt to be a very reticent man. He does not have to talk a great deal. He is a moderate man not only not a passionate man; if so by nature, he man, not a plotter or schemer. What he says may be relied on. He is a trustworthy A school of poor children having read in the administration of affairs in his hands. He is a brave man, for his conclusions are logically deduced from the sure basis of truth, and he does not fear to maintain E-, as to their recollection of the them. He is a good man, for no one can be thoroughly honest and truthful without of the Pharisees, children?" said the lady. being good. Is such a quality attainable? "Aiting camels, my lady," was the prompt Most assuredly so. It is not born-it is reply. made. Character may be formed; of course, then, its component parts may be moulded to that formation.

INFLUENCE OF CHILDREN.-We cannot but think that this constant presence of each member of it foregoes somewhat of comes from ground and lofty tumbling weak character, such fondness should even Mercury. grief. To the busy world, what, indeed, is midst of his discourse and addressing a man tarded no human aim; it stood an insignifi- wake up that man who is sleeping in the dusty arena of life. Not so to the parent. ed, and the sleeper awoke in a hurry, rub-

I'se a broken hearted Dutcher Vot's killed mit griof und shame I dells you vat der drouble ish doesn't know my name. You dinks dis very funny, ch?

Ven you der sthory hear, You will not wonder den so moch It was so strange und queer. Mine mudder had dwo leddle dwine Dey was me und mine broder, Ve looked so very moch alike No one knows vich from toder One of der poys vas Yacup, Und Hans der oder's name, But den it nuskes no differente Ve both got called der same. Vell-one of der poys got tend; Yow, meinherr, dot vas so . But vedder Hans or Yacup.

fine mudder she don't know

Und can't get drough mine head

Vedder I'm Hans vots liffing.

Und so I am in drouble,

Or Yacup vet is tead.

Judge Macdonald, of Hastings, said, in a criminal case, recently, that there is very seldom a case of any importance in which the reporters and press do not do fully as much as the police officials in the way of uncovering the perpetrators and bringing

The Snowdon iron ore sent some time ago

printed in the Paris Advertiser of 1835, is of intrest at the present season. In 806 Elora-The day before Guelph. the Rhone was frozen over; the cold was from 18 to 20 Centigrade degrees below zero. In 1133 the Po was frozen from Cremona to the sea; in 1234 loaded wagons crossed the Adriatic in front of Venice; in Of all the absured practices af the present | 1305 all the rivers of France were frozen day what is called "treating" is one of the over; in 1324 it was possible to travel from most rediculous. What amusement or en- Denmark to Lubeck and Dantzic on the ice. joyment two men, both, in all proability, In 1334 all the rivers of Province and Italy able to pay for their own drinks, can find were frozen; at Paris the frost lasted two in alternately "guzzling" at each other's months and twenty days. In 1468 it was Flesherson-Monday before Orangeville. expense is one of the things that are past necessary to break up the wine in Flanders finding out. They would not dream of with hatchets, in order to serve it out to the buying one another boots or settling one soldiers. In 1544 the same became reone another's laundry bills; there is no quaite in France. In 1594 the sea was mutual treating to water rates or even to frozen from Marseilles to Venice. In 1657 mutton chops or any thing catable. We the Seine was frozen for thirty-five sucmight pass the matter by with a laugh or cessive days. In 1709 the Adriatic and the sneer were it only a feolish custom, but it | Mediterranean from Marseilles to Genoa is as mischievous as it is reliculous. were frozen. In 1717 shops were establish-Most people who conform to it drink in ed on the Thames, and finally, the Seine consequence twice as much as they would was entirly frozen over in 1742, 1744, 1766,

IRISH WIT .- There are two kinds of Irish wit-the intention and the un tentional. Of this latter sort there is an absolute limitless supply, afforded by the redundancy of metaphor and illustrions that combine to form a good character, ductive of absurdities and hyperboles delightful to study. Take the peroration, for R. Godfrey instance, of a clergyman describing the joy ful death of the Chistian :- "My brethern. he leaps into the very arms of death, and makes his hollow jaws ring with eternal hallelujahs." And the destiny of the wicked Thursday evening, regular prayer meeting at 8 p. m. The household and Thursday evening, regular prayer meeting at 8 p. m. he leaps into the very arms of death, and hallelujahs." And the destiny of the wicked -"When death, with his quiver full of arrows, mows them down with the besorn of destruction." A poor-law guardian in the north of Ireland very lately surpassed these flowers of rhetoric when he addressed his der Robertson, Librarian.

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This is how the Corporation snow and North. ice By-law "poick" puts it :- Breathes West. there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself hath said, this is my own my native ice ? It lies in front of my own human nature, pure and happy, of simple door; pedestrians tramp it o'er and o'er, and innecent enjoym nt, exerts a great some slip and fall and break their noses, though little noticed influence on this whole | while others creep on hands and toses, and great fighting family of man; and that with less fussing and less grumbling, that his selfishness, abates something of its fury So I will scrape the ice away, and not a after every such contemplation of someth. trap for others lay, their bones to pulvering happier than himself, which never yet ize. I'll let pedestrians walk erect, bind regarded self, never was infuriated by up the lame and broken necked, and bid passions. No wonder that the greatest of the fallen rise. I'll leave no skating parks men have mostly evinced a passionate before my dwelling place or office door. fondness for children; neither is it surpris. but keep them free from frozen water, as ing that in some persons not otherwise of every honest person oughter. - Guelph

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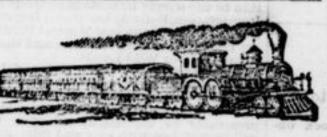
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