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Government-A Sleepy Valet-The Peasant's Pumpkin-The Mummy. Most Parisians imagine they know all the museums of their capital when once they have visited the Louvre, the Luxembourg, the Cluny, the Ethnographic, to say nothing of the Musee Grevin and the dioramas of the

foire de Neuilly! And yet there is a collection belonging to the state almost unknown, and that very few have enjoyed the privilege of seeing. It is the Musee de l'Octroi, or, more properly speaking, the museum of fraud. It illustrates the thousand and one fraudulent ways used by smugglers for cheating the government.

Let us enter the niuseum. What a spectacle! What an incongruous medley of articles, many seemingly so out of place, and yet all made for the same object-to rob the state-and consequently the entity called "the world and his wife."

Under the guidance of our cicerone we began an inspection of the curiosities about us, and remarked with astonishment among them an enormous block of white marble, which must have required almost superhuman strength to move, to say nothing of the cost, We turned inquiringly to our guide, who smiled and asked us to touch the block of Carrara with our fingers. We obeyed, and imagine our surprise to find that the enormous mass weighed less than a bundle of feathers! Its history is as follows: A freight train arriving one day from Italy and carrying six squares of marble, a custom house officer remarked an unusual indentation in one of them, and suspecting that something was wrong, had the bright idea to break off corner with the aid of a hammer, when, miracle! the marble was sheet iron and hid 25,000 francs' worth of Venice lace!

LOGS FOR THE FIRE. Here in this corner is a pile of logs, ready, to all appearances, for the fire. Error. These logs are of metal, cleverly covered with bark, each end looking as if it had been sawn off. They were found filled with cigars. Further on rolls of linen; hit them with your cane, the sharp metallic sound will prove that they are simply cans for alcohol. Our guide now irew our attention to a quantity of dinner plates, four dozen in each pile, only the upper and under twelve being intact, the remaining twenty-four having no bottom and fitted into this long hole a zinc can for spirits.

At this moment we pointed out to our i erone a tall valet de pied in full livery, - ited in one corner, his arms crossed, his sunk forward on his chest, apparently ! asleep. "Look at the doorkeeper," we

...... and even our conversation has failed to wake him." "Tap him on the shoulder," our friend smilingly answered. We at once took advantage of the suggestion, and could not restrain a cry of horror, as the valet, losing his equilibrium, rolled on to the floor.

"Do not be frightened," we were told. This mannequin has done good service by introducing surreptitiously into the country quantities of alcohol. Feel him, he is made of zinc, the head and hands only are made of wax, and so perfectly imitated as to cheat nature herself. To this gash in the skull we owe the accident of his discovery and cap-

"Look at these millstones," continued our friend, "they are tobacco boxes, and these 'tournures' are made of India rubber to hold sau de vie. Admire this cpulent breast in zinc. It added to the charms of a pseudo wet nurse, in reality a perfect copy of the skeleton woman, whose baby (a rubber one) nourished itself off the eighteen liters of brandy contained therein. That vest there in the corner, made of baudruche (gold beater's skin) and spotted with blood, was found on a poor devil of an engineer, killed in a collision of two trains. The poor fellow. couldn't even drink the liquor he was smuggling in."

A POOR PARALYTIC. "Gress the usage of these two bladders fastened together with garters and this pair

of crutches.' "I haven't an idea of their use."

"It is very simple, however. A poor paralytic, crawling slowly and painfully along, with aid of these same crutches-hollow and filled with tobacco-passed every day before guards, carrying fifteen liters of wine, subject to duty, under her skirts "

"As to this pumpkin-a present from an octroi in Normandy-it passed to and fro every morning for three months under the noses of the 'octroyens,' among other vegetables, when its honest proprietor went to market. Unfortunately the peasant omitted to change his fraudulent vegetable at the end of the pumpkin season, and it was discovered one day filled with cider brandy."

As our interlocutor spoke we stopped much puzzled before an ordinary looking coffin, on which was pasted a railroad bulletir.

"Ah!" said our friend suddenly, "you notice that curious object from Marseilles? During the cholera epidemic of 1884 the employes of the administration noticed a cart on which was a coffin covered with a heavy pall pass the gate every day. The men uncovered respectfully before this victim of the terrible disease, and drew back, holding their noses out of fear of the microbes. Time passed, the cholera also, and still the cart with its sad burden made its appearance daily and at the same hour. This regularity aroused suspicion at last, and the fear of contagion having flown with the cause, one of the guards lifted the pall and discovered, not a corpse, but a munnny composed of cigars."

But I should never finish were I to attempt a description of all the curiosities to be seen in the museum.-From the Paris Figaro, by C. L. B.

When is a Hatter Not a Hatter?

A well known hatter was riding uptown last night, and engaged with a scholarly neighbor in an animated conversation on the obscurity of Browning's poetry. At Eagle street a young swell got on and took the seat behind the hatter, whom he at once recognized as the man of whom he purchased his headgear, though the latter didn't know him. After sitting some time uneasily, the swell suddenly stuck his head forward and inquired with a loud voice, "I say, when'll the fall styles o' hats be out down toy our place? I can't wear this thing much longer and I'd like to know when I can get a new one." The irritated individual addressed, brought down from his supreme contemplation of Browning to the consideration of hats, roplied tartly: "Sir, I am a katter only between 8 o'clock and 6," and therefore resumed his conversation, while the reproved swell quickly alighted and disappeared down a side street. -Buffalo Courier:

German Enterprise.

It turns out that the pictures and statuettes of Gen. Boulanger that have been sold in such numbers in Paris were the product of German enterprise and have enriched German pockets.-New York Sun.

It is a common thing for women to carry hods and mix mortar in Vienna, Austria.

HE BELIEVES IN MONARCHY.

The Count of Paris and His Remarkable Manifesto.

The Count of Paris, who is, the recognized head of the royal house of France and the successor of the Count of Chambord, is again brought into prominence by the remarkable manifesto he has recently published, in which he appeals to the Monarchists and urges them to establish a monarchy. The Count of Paris will be remembered on this side of the Atlantic by the action he took in the late war. When he was 33 years old, in 1861

he came over to -America with his brother and the Prince de Joinville. The party was very cordially greeted at Washington, and the count and his brother entered the Federal service under Gen. McClellan, with the rank of captains of volunteers, stipulating that they should

COUNT OF PARIS.

receive no pay and that they could resign whenever they pleased. The count returned to Europe in 1862, having received the warmest praise for the part he took in the war. In 1864 he married his cousin,

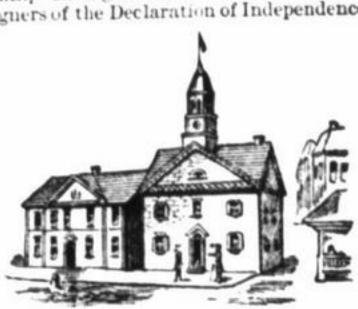
a daughter of the Duke de Montpensier. In 1871 the count was admitted as a member of the National assembly at Versailles, under M. Thiers, president of the French republic. In 1872 the assembly voted the restitution of the property of his family, the family of Orleans, and on Aug. 5 the count had his celebrated interview with the Count of Chambord, whom he acknowledged as the head of the royal house of France.

The count is the author of several other remarkable papers. In 1879 he published an article which was translated under the heading of "The Trades Unions of England," and which attracted considerable attention at the time. He is also the author of "A History of the Civil War in America,"

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Where the Articles of Confederation Were First Adopted.

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