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### THE WEEK.

HEFLEY Regatta is in some danger of being discontinued for want of funds. It is purely an accident there is not a deficit on the accounts for the year. The Committee report that the subscriptions for the present year only amount to £229 4s. This sum is obviously insufficient to meet the expenses of one of the most popula acquatic festivals of the year, and it is rather a reflection on the supporters of this form o athleticusm that it should be so small. It surely ought to be possible to put the Committee in a position to feel no anxiety as to the future.

TURKEY has taken a very decesive step in recommending the candidature of Prince NICHOLAS of Mingrelia for the Bulgarian Throne. The act looks as if prompted by Russia, but we may be easily mistaken on the point, for Turkey has quite as much interest as Russia has in bringing the embroglio to a close. The longer the Bulgarian question remains open the worse t will be for Turkey, and perhaps it does not matter much who is the new Prince as long as he is not too ambitious, and he desires to keep on good terms with all the Great Powers, and ester ally his immediate neighbours.

The new or modified rafie issued for experiments has made no more friends than the pattern that preceded it. It is declared to be very much breech action, as they did in the previous Mar- fewer disturbances in consequence. turi-Enfield. But still there is no enthusiasin for the weapon, nor likely to be any. The shooting at point black range with it has simply been

THE force of resistance to anything like improvement in York is always very great, more especially where there are "interests" in the way. The struggle to obtain a better municipal boundary will readily suggest itself. But there are much more pertinent examples that may be profitably pondered over. It has taken twentyfour years of periodic agitation to get the lartico of the Assembly Rooms opened, and everybody admits that it is now one of the greatest improvements of its kind ever made in the city. It is nity-two years ago since the enlargement of Naburn Look was advised by a competent authority, and it remains unaccomplushed! It will take another fifty years, if the cut allows interested obstructives to exercise the LEWIT they used to possess.

FIREITS NT CLEVILLAND is reducing his corpulence by a somewhat amusing method of cure. He is being treated by a Swedish doctor. He has to be flat on his back on the floor, with his arms by his side, and the operator then lifts his feet in the air, with the heels together, until thet reach an angle of 45 degrees. After this has been repeated the hoels are raised again and moved in a circle. I me third movement is to lie flat on the floor, face downwards, and raise the body on the hands and toes. The fourth is to remain in the final position of the third movement, and make swimming motions with each arm and leg alternately. It is said that the President puts himself through these tortures for a few minutes three times a day. The oure is taid to have been eminently successful i cases of corpulence. l'erhaps so; but it reminds us of 1 crd PALMERSTON's remark about a kind of wine that was to cure the gout, "I had rather have the gout than your sherry."

THE incautions use of firearms has caused a shocking domestic tragedy at Pesth—the death of an innocent little girl and the mad suicide of a gallant officer. In a joke the latter drew out a pustol, and pointing it at a youthful songstress o name years, said, " Go away, or I will shoot you. The little girl said saucily, "I shan't," and the officer pressed the trigger, when to his horror and to that of every one around, the little girl fell lifeless to the ground. He had hit her through the heart. If stared at the frail corpse some moments, and then quick as lightning, directed the revolver against himself and shot himself through the head. In less than two minutes both were dead. Such is the ghastly result of what was m-rely meant as pleasantry but which in less than two minutes brought two thoughtless beings to an untimely end. Similar matances, though perhaps not so tragic, are legion, and yet the lesson of such criminal thoughtlessness is too often disregarded.

CUTNT Von MULTER has had to interpose on behalf of the German Army Bill, and we may find in his remarks one or two more of those bgly symptoms which make us doubt whether the peace of Europe will be preserved through the coming year. Germany's neighbours, to the right and left of her, were fully armed-a " state of things which it was difficult for even a rich country (France?) to bear for any length of time, and which might lead to a decirive event at an early date." This was a blunt way of putting it, and the thought in the Count's mind was more clearly shown by a subsequent reference to friendship with France being impossable, "as long as public opinion in that demands the surrender of two provinces which we are determined never to give up." Rejection of the Bill would "make us responsible for all the miseries attendant upon a hostile invasion. But does the Count really mean that 41,000 more men will prevent France from taking the offensive and invading Germany in any new campaign? The suggestion i riciculous,

MUCH interest attaches to the officia returns of the Volunteer force for the past year, which have been forwarded to the War Office in order to ascertain the amount of the Capitation Grant. Although the total result for the kingdom is not yet known, it is satisfactory to find that the North of Fugiand, and especially Yorkshire, maintains its pre-emittence in our citi-There are twenty-one corps in Yorkshire, with 15,458 officers and men enrolled on the books; and, of these, 15,051 have earned the Capitation Grant. There is a satisfactory increase in the number efficients, the West Riding having gained 85 the North Riding, 70; and the East Riding, 18 in the year. The inspections have been very good, both as regards musters and manœuvres. There is a fair increase in the number of proficient officers, and it is gratifying to know that the year just closed has been the best the Yorkshue Volunteers have ever known. sincerely hope that the proud distinction may be maintained, and that the CHANCELLOR OF THE EXCHEQUER may see his way to an increase of the Capitation Crant.

AMERICAN trade so speedily affects British trace that we are always pleased to note any Improvement on the other side of the Atlantic. European situation. It is not unwarranted tected, In France, where every year sees some the general improvement manifest in America teveral times during the last six months we have fresh scheme to benefit agriculture out of general In the steel and iron trade is believed to be the predicted that a war would break out in the taxation or at the expense of the public, land preinde to greatly improved business next year. has been noticed before that every "boom" net with little support. The Bulgarian question | been much struck with some indications that In American business has begun in the steel and would soon be settled, it was said, and there was | Germany, in spite of her ring-fence of Profrom trade, and then extended itself to other really no other cause for alarm. But month | tection, has been unable to escape from the this messes. There is every prospect now of a follows month, and the Bulgarian trouble is as influence of economic laws. It is important that almular movement all along the line. The de- far from being settled as ever. Indeed, the line struct as much attention as mand for steel-rails is extending, and the mills German Government considers the whole situa- possible, lecause the example is so pertinent, that have made " a pool " to limit output have tion so menacing that it has very hastily proposed | Shut out foreign agricultural products that coman additional 41,000 men to its peace establish pete with home products, or tax them to the home present year, one half of which has been already ment. The addition may be due to an excess of level of fair profit, it is said in this country, and the on this side of the Atlantic to direction, and illustrating the remark of Count | marks, was offered for 30,000, and finally sold the late of the business offered, not only | Von MOLTKE, that the tension of military arms- | for the best price obtainable, 22,000 marks he Atlantic seaboard, but also ments is reaching the point at which one of two | Farmers holding State land in Mecklenbarg prices is though it is rather irregular ruptcy, or war for a more settled order of things. | make it pay, and it had to be relet at a reducted." In the direction of a tion of from 15 to 29 per cent. From other has a general stimulus to trade and com- first instance, but between Austria and Russia, rental pure and simple, is being discarded in saddle. Their horses were rough, bony bear's There are cheering signs of an advance when, as Prince Bismanck has said, "the Chasse- favour of a system of regulating rent by the the plan appears to Partie its bearier industries, and from other friendliness between Turkey and Russia indicates answer well. Such facts will be no consolation the future pleasant intimations that the future The manufacture is likely to be a good one. other, or is too much afraid of being made the dicate the existence of potent general causes. The advance in the price of wheat has given a victim of another struggle to thwart the obvious But their greatest value will be in checking the hetter tone to the trade. In fact, there is a more policy of the Czan. The present pause is not, belief that in Protection, open or disguised, there begriful spirit everywhere than has been observ- on this view of matters, so pleasant as it seems; able for some time.

Accomping to a French list, in the trade, the highest price in the postage stamp market is now offered for Mauritius postage stamps of the year 1847. They are positively quoted at £80 each. British Guiana stamps of 1536 are worth from £20 to £40. The collecting mania is in full swing in France, and excites an enthusiasm never known in this country. One Frenchman is said to have formed a collection of a million and a half, and he employs two secretaries daily in classifying his purchases. His name is A PHILIPPE DE FERRARI. He must be a remark-

TER astounding statement is made that the great bulk of our army-accounts are only audited once in six months, and to this fact is traced the irregularities of which we occasionally hear. The Indian Government has its army-accounts audited once a month. But, under present staff arrangements, no such frequent anditing as this could occur without throwing upon officials more work than they could reasonably be expected to undertake. An efficient audit is so important however, that it would be wise to make the staff equal to the work of overhauling all accounts at least once a quarter.

THE duties of the Irish Constabulary at evictions needed some clearer definition, and the new circular is alike judicious and timely. Constabulary are to remain passive unless their services are required to protect the sheriffs like the old one, and it is very defective as an | and bailiffs who are serving processes or making instrument at short ranges, possibly owing to the | evictions. Previously, the police have been sighting been defective or imperfectly under- | as active as the bailiffs, and have assisted them stood. As for the long range shooting, though | in the discharge of their ordinary duties. The the rule is sighted up to 2,000 yards, it is only work has not been congenial, and it has rendered of practical value at 1600. The one good quality | the police force unpopular in many districts. reported favourably upon, up to the present mo- | They will now simply act as guardians of the ment, is that the cartridges do not jam in the Civil law officials, and it is hoped there will be

> Chicago is threatened with decline as the great grain-mart of America. The receipts of wheat there this season shows remarkable falling off. This is attributed to a plan of grading good wheat at low prices, because it is not clean, and then allowing speculators to buy it cheaply, clean and resell it at a better price. At Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth, wheat is cleaned in the elevators, and graded subject to the cleaning. Better prices and classification result from the process, and so the trade is passing away from Chicago to these more enterprising and commercially honest centres

> THE York Council decided on Monday to appoint a new Town Clerk, who shall devote the whole of the time to the affairs of the Uity, at a salary of £500 a year. An amendment to refer the question back to the Committee, upon whose recommendation the proposal came up for consideration, was defeated by 18 to 26 votes, and the resolution was then adopted. His duties will, in future, include the work of the School-Attendance Committee. It was stated that the conditions offered would give the Council choice from very able men." It seems likely prove a wise and economical arrangement, when all the points involved are taken into dispassionate consideration.

MR. BOUBER has reached Madras to take up his new duties as Governor, and Sir M. GRANT DUFF will leave for England in a few days. The retiring Governor has been honoured by a farewell banquet, at which he some hopeful remarks as to the general cerdition of affairs in the Province. The Treasury was declared to be very full money, and everything very promising for the new Governor. The season has been a good one, and the condition of trade is satisfactory. These matters speak well for the care exercised by Sir GRANT I UFF, and they are a tribute to his energy and foresight that will be far more eloquen than valedictory speeches.

THE Manchester Canal Scheme is not dead, and it is not going to die. The Manchester merchants and leading citizens appointed a Committee to examine the scheme as finally presented by the Canal Company. The Committee has examined all the points, engineering and financial, and its report was laid before a meeting of citizens on Thursday, under the presidency of the MAYOR, who had convened it. The estimates are regarded as satisfactory, and the Committee report that they consider the canal scheme " thoroughly sound and commercial undertaking. which will speedily become remunerative, with growing traffic and continuous revenue." 'I his is an important conclusion, certain to lead to the scheme being once more placed on the market.

LORD HARRIS has failed to carry his new regulation as to the qualification for county matches. At present the term of residence two years, and Lord HARRIS wished to reduce it to twelve months. He defended his proposal good school building is required, with the in a speech of some spirit, but he was unable to equipments that would render it effective convince the county secretaries that the change for teaching. There has been some question would be a good one. Mr. I. D. WALKER of making an appeal for the necessary described the proposal as mischievous, and it was funds. At the last meeting of the Council, ultimately defeated by 14 votes to 3. There may however, a communication was read which had cases of individual bardship under the existing rule, and so there would be, in all probability, if the probationary period essened, whilst it might introduce a new element into the composition of county teams—namely. money-bargaining to obtain qualification.

Is the blowing of wind instruments a good or a bad thing for the lungs? The question is one that cannot be answered in an off-hand manner, It depet ds upon so many contingencies. A man with delicate lungs may easily improve them by a moderate amount of practice with a windinstrument, and he may just as readily injure them by undue or prolonged strain. It is the long strain that is so apt to prove injurious, because the lung-tissue is not allowed sufficient time to relax, and the lungs are not refreshed by being thoroughly emptied of air and just as thoroughly expanded. There is often a great lack of proper training in this respect, and cases are reported in which consumption sets in. Bu with proper care and intervals of rest, wind instruments may be used with advantage to chest development, and the general health.

THE proposed Conference between the Colonial Governments and the Government of Great Britain, as sketched in Mr. STANHOPE'S Circular, has only one defect—it is to be too greatly occupied with the question of military defence. It is true that is not the sole subject set down for discussion in London by the delegates, but it is put first as being most urgent, and a secondary place is given to "the development of our postal and telegraphic communications," which is the only other subject expressly included in the basis of the Conference. The Imperial Federation idea is not to be discussed, in set terms, but it has been our opinion, at all times, that military and naval defence lay at its root. But in any case it is a good thing that we should invite the Colonies to a Conference, and show that we regard them as integral parts of the Empire.

and it advance, so brisk is the demand. The caution, amounting to nervousness, in conne- farmers can live. Frevent foreign competition hallether there to be enlarged or quence of the growing feebleness of the German | with internal manufactures, and prices will be Emperior, whose life will provably terminate | kept up, and prosperity will diffuse itself over the market, as they are already doing the pact of friendship between Russia and sgriculture in turn. Germany has done each of Germany. Nevertheless, it is one of several these things, and yet land is falling all the same. deflars a ton, minus freights, will ugly symptoms, all pointing in the same A State farm, sold a few years ago for 40,000 the Pacific coust. A rise in things must arrive-national revolt and bank- have given up their land because they could not Freeze, it will affect us in this country, war, not between Germany and France, in the parts of Germany comes the news that a moneythe parts of Germany comes the new that a moneythe parts of Germany comes that Turkey has been squared, in some way or to British landowners, perhaps, though they in-

it is the hush before the storm.

MR. STANSFELD scarcely thinks that the proposed Conference with the Liberal Unionists would do any good. He doubts whether the suggestion was made in earnest, because the conditions involved the complete surrender of Home Rule as the condition-precedent of any Conference at all. He said that the electors would have to decide what Ireland should have, and not the Liberal-Unionists, and he advised an appeal to them, sure of ultimate success. We believe his views will command the adherence of

THE results of the German census, taken twelve months' ago, are now published. The increase of population is a little over two millions, and the total is now 47 millions. The remarkable feature in the growth of population is that it is mainly confined to the great towns, Berlin now has 1,315,287 inhabitants, an increase of 204,000 in five years. Hamburg now numbers 370,000 persons : Breslau, 300,000 Presden, 246,086; and Leipsic, 170,340. The drain on the rural population has been two-fold for numbers have emigrated, and the unemployed have flocked into the towns to compete with the town-born labourers.

a large number of Liberals.

MR. NEWDEGATE has been presented with a bandsome testimonial by his old North Warwickshire friends, who admire, as most persons do, his sterling consistency. As a politician, Mr. NEW DEGATE has never changed. He said he was "never a Tory," but "a Conservative principles," may mean. He declared, however, that his principles were "Protectionist, Protestant, Church of England, Nationalist." His fidelity to them has been remarkable, and it is for this, and this alone, that he has been respected. But if his former friends have taken, as he says, to calling themselves Liberals, what a mighty change must have taken place since he began

WHITHER an Alderman, whose term of service is about to expire, can be elected a Councillor would seem to be a novel and a knotty point. Most persons would say that he could not, and so the presiding officer ruled at an election at Bangor recently. But the nomination should have been objected to, in the first instance. and it seemed a little arbitrary to give the seat to a candidate who polled fewer votes. The case came before the Court of Appeal on Wednesday, when it was finally decided that Mr. ROBERTS, the gentleman in question, was eligible, was duly elected, and could legally serve as Councillor after the expiration of his term of office as an

TERRAPIN is said to be the coming dish. It described as having an "almost divine succulence" about it. But when the diner sees a plate of terrapin for the first time, he regards it as a collection of " broiled fishing worms." He makes the adventure, and he is satisfied, contented, Jusciously happy. Terrapin, however. cost thirty dollars a dozen; and one does not knew how many an English diner might consume. He would find the delicacy expensive bowever, and he might use some other word than divine when he paid his bill. Happily Terrapindoes not yet figure in the most resthetic of English bills of fare.

THERE is better news from Lancashire. The Operative Cotton Spinners Association states its recently issued report that it can at last con mence its remarks with " the announcement we have reached the turn in the for which in the spinning trade have so long been anxiously looking." or two years past the cotton spinners have been doing bedly, whilst the weaving department has been fairly prosperous. The turn of the tide is seen in the resumption of full time by mills that had been working on short time, and by the opening of mills that had long been idle. T general outlook in Lancashire is brightening.

THE City of Edinburgh may be wealthy, but it is not in a very flourishing financial condition. There has been a deficit every year now since 1878, and for the present year the deficit will be £1,255. These deficits are met by borrowing and the money borrowed is carried to the capital account. The debt stands thus-Old City debt. £312,000; Markets, £43,000; Floating Debt. £94,000—total, £449,000. Two very large schemes, however, are now on the carpet. The new dramage scheme will involve an expenditure of £120,000, and the projected Municipal Buildings £250,000. The agitation against procreding with the latter scheme is not unlikely to be formidable. It is popular, it would contribute to the embellishment of the modern Athens. ornmon sense people say that it can wait,

THE Liverpool University College is in luck's The engineering department of College is in want of better secommodation. been sent to Lord DERBY, as President, in which Sir A. B. WALKER, the ex-High Sheriff, proposed to undertake to defray the cost of building and fitting the school himself. The estimated ocst is put at £15,000, and Sir A. B. WALKER will make a present of that sum to the Council. in commemoration of her Majesty's Jubilee.

O Donovan Rossa has surely tired the patience of English readers of his froth and nonsense, and now he seems to have exhausted the forbearance of his Femian friends, who have drummed him out of their ranks. A Committee of Five, which included four of his perfriends, has unanimously found him guilty of fraud, treachery, treason, persistent violation of the constitution in financial "matters, and gross indiscretions." These emphatic words are taken from a circular the Committee or Directory of the Fenian Brotherhood bas issued, in vindication of their action expelling him. We may now dismiss him and his wild threats as of no consequence His fall will be a great gain to the Irish cause, which he has done so much to prejudice by his reckless and malevolent utterances. In all probability no one will rejoice more beartily than Mr. PARNELL, who must have been constantly embarrassed by the threats and schemes of this most extraordinarily ferocious Irishman. In the United States he was not reckoned as of much account, but in England his periodical outbreaks of fanaticism used to curdle the blood of the law-abiding and the patriotic. It is to be hoped that all advocates of the Irish cause will learn the lesson of his fate-that immoderation and virulence invariably do barm. The lesson requires to be learnt in this country also, and especially in reference to matters and schemes that are not always

THE reduction in the value of agricultural land is not peculiar to Great Britain. It is going on in all countries, more or less, and notably where it ought, according to a current theory, to be felt Unpasinities continues to be felt as to the least—in countries where agriculture is Prospring, and the idea seemed so absurd that it falls in letting and selling value. But we have is the true remedy for British agricultural

depression.

### A HERO IN SPITE OF HIMSELF.

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> BOOK II.—CHAPTER IX. AT SPERABLA.

WATURE," AND " GOD AND THE MAN.

The distance from Abraham's Town to Speranza was about thirty miles as the crow flies, but somewhat longer by the wild and lonely roud along which, early the next morning, Mr Dunn Smith drove his wife and his new acquaintance. The vehicle was a sort of two-wheeled dog-cart, drawn by a spirited mare, by the sice of which ran and gambolled a frisky filly not lorg born.

It was a wild day of wind and rain, the roads were heavy, the prospect dreary in the extreme. Passing cut of the rocky valley, they made their way through a succession of gloomy woods and marshy pastures, deepening from time to time into dark guleben watered by brawling streams, which the mare was compelled to ford, sometimes with considerable danger to heretif and her burthen. All the time Mr Smith kept his rifle hardy; and cast a sharp eye to right and left; for, as he explained, " Ned Searle and some of his mates were still at large, and might be tempted to take a pot shot from under cover." Nothing of the sort happened, however, After a drive of nearly five bours, protracted by the suftness of the road and by the frequent difficulties experienced in fording the waters of the ravines, they come in right of a felora-looking village lying at the bare of an ugly range of mountains, and consisting of some dezen weeden dwellings, a drink-house, and telitary store. A few rough-looking men were ourging about at the drink-house door; otherwise the place seemed quite desolate.

The largest of the wooden dwellings, standing by itself a couple of bundred yards from the rest, belonged to Mr Dunn Smith. In front of it was an unfenced garden, rudely laid out in plots, and full of vegetables flourishing luxuriantly in a sandy soil. The louse ittelf was divided into four rooms, the chief of which, a sitting-room without carpe and furnished with rough home-made chairs and table, actually contained a "cottage" piano. At the rear were some rude outtuildings, with a snug enough stable for the mare.

A rough lad, in red shirt and breeches, whom Smith addressed as "Girger, possibly in reference to his light-coloured hair, stood wanting to take charge of the mare and vehicle. Any news, Ginger? asked Dunn, after he had jumped down and assisted his better half to alight. "No, Mr Smith," replied the lad, grinning from ear to ear. " Me and Jim shot a b'ar the day afore resterday up to the mine."

Emith nedded approvingly, and led the way into Here we are, Mr Kelso," said the sheriff, entering the ritting-room. "I his is the missus's booders, with her own plany brought over from Canass, but we use t as a living-room, too, with her permission." Kelso looked round approvingly. On the wooden

walls were pictures clipped from illustrated newspapers and pasted on, one of them a coloured lithograph representing an elegant young beauty in summer costume, carrying a parasol and patting s pet lamb. Refles and fowling-pieces were slung over the fireplace, skins of wild animals were strewn on the beards, but at the window were hung a pair of faded muslin curtains, "See the likeness? 'asked Smith, pointing to the coloured picture, and then glancing at his wife, who

smiled and simpored. "Wonderful!" cried Jack. "Of course it intended for Mrs Dunn Smith?" "Wal, not exactly. It was guy as ay gratis with

New York paper, and the moment I saw it I saw the likeness to my Saireh. It's her very image -leastways, as she was when I first went courting." In point of fact, the picture resembled Mrs Smith about as closely as a garden rose might resemble an over-blown dablia. But if the good lady of the house was not juvenile and rather faded than beautiful, she had, nevertheless, the power of making her home loo! civilised and comfortable. Nor in her love of gentilit debe forget religion and the moralities. On the wall besides the pictures, were several picture texts, printed in coloured letters, and chiefly of a gloomy nature. "The wages of sin is death." " I am the Lord," " Thou halt not tenr false witness," amos; the number,

Ebe s a wonderful woman," and Smith, confiden ally, when the lady had retired to one of the sleep ing-recems to make her toilette; "God-fearing and genteel. Her father kept a dry goods store in Canasa, and was greatly respected, till they lynched im out West for selling packs o' bogus cards, She's nly one fault, that she ain't had no children, which a disappintment.

After baving partaken of some refreshment, Kelso strelled out to tame a look at the neighbourhood. To his surprise, he found most of the houses empty and unu babited, some partially unroofed, and others without wind wenshes or doors. A few, however, were occupied, and at the doors of these the wildcoking owners appeared, attended in some cases by tven wilder-looking wives and children. Turning towards the mountains, he saw a series of savage crags, varied with patches of emerald greenness and bunches of red pire trees; and right above the village, gashing the gloomy beights, flashed a white torrent frozen still by distance. Dark clouds were drifting across the mountain tops, and trailing low down the ulches in vapourous folds. 'Queer sort of place," he muttered, "Don't look

much like an El Dorado!" At the very time that Jack Kelso was standing reminant in the main and only street of Speranza two other trave lers were travelling in the cars from Cansan City and rapidly approaching Abraham's fown. The train was crowded, and the chief conversation of the passengers was the great battle on the previous day between Cheriff Dunn Smith and

The two travellers were Charles Fotheringay wrapped in a splendid sealskin-lined travelling cloak, and Karle Melvin, the engineer, who were a thick ulster, and carried, concealed upon his person, several leetle teys' similar to the one carried by our friend

Fetheringer was cold and stately. Lying back with felded a: me, and frowning gloomily, he looked with no little disfavour at his companion. Melvin, for his cart was suave and almost gay, suggesting the idea f a frisky spider or a playful snake, and showing a Lervous at xiety to conciliate his companion.

The rain was pouring in torrents, almost blotting ut the surrounding prospect, on which Fotheringay's yes rested with melancholy persistancy. At last they reached Speranza, the railway station of which no longer presented the desciate appearance of the previous day, but was througed by townsfolk waiting to see the arrival of the cars. The corpses of the slaughtered men had been removed and buried, and only a dark bloodstain on the wooden platferm be tokened where they had so lately lain,

As Fotheringay sterped out, he at once attracted attenticu. His tall, elegant figure, wrapped in its travelling cloak, his pale aristocratic face shaded with its Prince of Wales's bat of light felt, his small hands covered with dainty travelling gloves, all bespoke the wealthy stranger. Conscious of the popular admiration assumed his air of languid grandour, suffered Melvin to look after his values and other light luggage, which were ordered to be sunt up to "Shermen's Hotel," and then walked rapidly in that direction. Melvin followed, like a gentlemen's vallet.

Half an hour later Fotheringay and the engineer were dining alone in the same room where Jack Kelso had dired the day before. The landlord was obsequicus, the repast as varied as was possible in that rough district, but Fotheringay still seemed irritable and out of temper. "A dem'd cutthroat place!" he cried, presently, ar

he lit a cigar. "I never thought to see it any more! "Sure, you'll soon be home again," responded Melvin. "A day-may be two-will serve for all want to show you, and convince you that I'm right "How shall we get over? The landlord says he

"I've ordered horses to be here in the marning. We can ride right over to the mine." "You know the place, of course?"

when he lought the property. I did some shooting while the old boy prospected. And so, Mr. Kyrie Melvin, as an honest man, which you say you are, u really believe that the old abandoned claim is For Tiddler's Ground?" "I know it!" cried Melvin. "There's a fortune in it for every one of us."

"Precious little. I was once here with Sloans

" How long have you been of that opinion?" "Ever since I first impacted the place and assays the rough ore. Take my word for it Colonel, have rather under-tetimated then exaggerated the cestilities. By the way, I forgot to ask you -are you well armed?" Potheringay looked keenly at the questioner.

"I've a revelver, if that's what you mean?" replied. "I'm not likely to want it, am I?" "I hope not," said Melvin, timidly: "but they're wild lut about bere, and his as well to be pro-

The morning was dark and windy, but tolerably supplied by the hotel-keeper, who charged for the hire of each about a fourth of what it was worth by brawling river. furchase; but in these parts a horse was more precious than a man, and Sherman's livery start, was a mot opoly.

They galleped out of the town, and were soon out in the o en country. Fotheringay, full of imparience, led the way, leaving Melvin, who rode the warn animal, to follow at a considerable distance. Passing through one of the pine woods that fringed the roat,

Melvin was suddenly startled by the apparition of a wild figure, which sprang out and faced him, so suddenly that the horse reared and almost threw its forked lightning.

The figure of a bareheaded man, carrying one arm in a rude linen sling, and holding a rule in the other. He was dressed in the usual orthodox shirt, breeches, and boots, but was mud-bespattered from head to foot. His face was pale, and looked ghantly through thick black whishers and beard.

Melvin uttered a sharp cry of fear, and drew a revolver from his belt. Simultaneously the man covered him with his rifle, but suddenly, looking up into his face, lowered the weapon and gave a savage

"Ned Searle!" cried the engineer, panting an ghastly white with terror. Yes; what's left on him!" said the man with a volley of oaths. "Gov'nor, what's brought you down yer? Lucky for yer I didn't pop you off as you was passing! I took you for a stranger with vallybles

"Wby, dern me if it ain't Mr Meivin!"

you in trouble?"

find you to morrow?"

Melvin glanced forward along the road. Half a n ile away Fotheringay had paused and was looking "Ned, what's the matter?" he exclaimed; "are

Looks like it, den't it? Dunn Smith killed my brother Jim and five others yesterday, and a chap along o' him wit g'd this yer at m. I'm on the way to biding up to the mine. But I ain't killed yet," he continued, grirding bis teeth, and I've got him t settle afore I'm a month older. I'll do it, by God!" "I'm going to the mine now," raid Melvin, "You see that fellow riding on ahead? We're going to prospect together. Now listen, Ned, you're the very man I wanted to meet. I've a job for you which will be worth a thousand dollars, perhaps more, if you're game and willing." "Wrat is it, gov nor?" demanded Searle with a

"You know Davis's old thanty, where we examped when you came down yer last? Well, up the hillside there's a wood, what the river runs through afore etrikes the claim." "Yes, I remember." "Foller the path through that yer wood till you

see the water, and a dead trunk fallen across to make

"I'll tell you when we meet again. Where can

a bridge. Stand there and give three whistles-lik this. I shan't be far away." "Are you alone?" "No, by thunder. Some o' my mates is waiting fo me thar. They bolled, the etarnal cowards, when Dunn Smith began firing, and made tracks for home;

'll be even with some on 'em yet." "All right, I'll be there, Look, my friend' beckening. I can't stop now. So saying, Melvin galloped on. Searle looked after him for a moment dubiously, then plunged into the woods and disappeared. "Who was that I saw you talking with?" asked

Fotheringay, as the other rode up. "A rowdy beggar. Wanted money, but I warned him off with my revolver." "You seemed to be having a long talk together? "Yes," answered the engineer glibly. "When he saw I was armed he tried to blarney me into helping

him. A good thing I was protected. I told you the

roads were dangerous." Thomas Fotheringay seemed satisfied with the explanation, he secretly distrusted his companion, and glanced at him from time to time with ill-concealed dislike. They rode on side by side, now galloping over oven ground, now descending to ford the innumerable streams watering the deep gulches which crossed the road. At last, about midday, they entered Speraiza and reigned up at the drink-house, where the usual loafers were gathered.

Here they rested for a little time and procured some rough refreshment. Then, after arranging to sleep there at night, they rode on up the mountains. At every step they took the way grew steeper and drearies, till at last, after a climb of two miles, they reached a broad plateau of gloomy woods. Here they struck an old road, part of the bed of a torrect which the miners had managed, years before, to turn aside. Emerging from the shadow of the wood, they found themselves in a wild glen strown with fallen boulders and withered trees, and watered by a brawlirg river. Here on the edge of the river, there stood a rough wooden shanty, communicating with an disused tramway which wound upward as if into the very beart of the stony crags.

The place was desolate beyond measure, but what was their astonishment to see, as they rode up, smoke coming out of the iron chinney at the shanty, and man seated quietly at the door smoking a cigar. It was Jack Kelso, surveying the prospect as if he was quite at home and had lived there all his life.

#### BOOK II.-CHAPTER X. THE WIGHT ATTACK.

The two new comers recognised him in a moment Melvin started as if thunderstruck, while Fotheringsy gave a cry of joy. Jack himself seemed rather astoniched at the rencontre, but accepted it with his usual sang froid.

"How do ye do, Cclonel?" he said, nodding This is an unexpected pleasure." Of Melvin he took no notice whatever. Had he done so, he might well have been startled at the expression of the Litchman's face, which was positively

They dismounted from their horses, and after coupling their forelegs, suffered them to graze on patch of grass at the back of the shanty. Fotheringay and Kelso shock hands very cordially. "What brings you here?" asked Jack. "A visit of inspection, my dear boy," replied

Fotberingay, resuming his old airy manner, which he rever seemed able to wear comfortably before Mel vin. "We have come, ha, to count the nuggets. Melvir assures me that they are lying here as thick as gooseberries and as large as family plum-puddings But let me in turn be questioner. Why the deuce do I find you bere?" I came for pleasure," returned Jack, laughing.

wanted to see the place. Came here this morning with my friend, Mr Dunn Smith, whom you will be pleased to know. Mr Smith," he cried, "will you step this way a moment? The burly figure of the sheriff stepped out of the shanty, rifle in hand, as usual. Jack forthwith intro-

duced him to Fotheringay, who saluted him in his grandest manner. "Any friend of your'n, Mr Kelso," said Smith. " as welcome as cowcumber in season. But I think I've seen Cunnel Fo beringsy afore?" I deressy. I own the property."

"Wal, yes," returned the sheriff, smiling. "You bought it from the Castro Mining Company when it bust up, and I think I told a friend o'your'n, Cuppel Sloane' that you'd got a damn'd bad bargin." "Precisely my opinion," interposed Jack.

I hope you're wrong," said Fotheringay, " Mr. Kyrla Melvin here, who is distinguished as ar

engineer, assures me that the produce, when the work are in order, is likely to be enormous, Mr. Smith looked at Melvin, who was standing by, trembling with rage and vexation at the presence

of his detested rival; but who, forcing a smile, and moistening bie dry lips with his tongue, said suavely "If my word and my experience are worth any I'm afraid they're not, said Jack dryly. But

know something of mineralogy, and if you're agreeable, we'll go into the matter together." "Very well," returned the engineer, " I know you are no friend of mine, Mr. Kelso, but I defy you to

disprove my statements, and if I prove you wrong, shall ask you to beg my pardon." That's fair enough," said Jack, in the same dry sceptical tone which was so irritating to the engineer. They entered the shanty. It consisted of one

large chamber, something like a ship's cabin, which had once been occupied by a number of men; for on one side were some dozen worden beds, or berths. two in a row, and rising one on top of the other til they reached the roof. In the centre of the room was a large stove for cooking, with a pipe leading u to the iron chimney, and close to that was a table. attached to which was a vice, and on which lay hammer, some rusty files, and two or three small pieces of quartz. At hand was an iron bowl, several iron buckets, and a pail of water from the river.

been at work and his hate deepened. After a short stay in the shanty, from some mysterious corner which Dunn Emith produced a loaf of bread, a bottle of spirits, and some glasses, they came out again into "Wal gentlemen" said Dunn Smith, "now I see you comfortable, I'll go back to the old woman.

so be as you're not finished by sunset, you can sleep here in the shanty snug enough, and rids down in the "I think that is the best plan," returned Kalso. "What say you, Colonel?"

Fotheringay was quite agreeable. "In case of accidents," continued the sheriff. you've got your six-shooters; but I don't anticipate

no trouble. Ned Searle and his gang used to frequent the old mine, but I think I've scattered them acress creation-end a deru'd g od riddance, too." So saying, the burly sheriff placed his rifle on his left shoulder, his right hand being still almost use ess. and strode away down the glen. The three se tleman

then followed the old tramway along the wateraids. and after a mile's walk through rocks and boulders, engine-house with a crushing mill, a disu-ad crun-, vations calculated to produce a better standard of in this city. With better administration more could debrie of all kinds, chains, ropes, and pulleys. Above | marksmanship. It is actisfactory to know that regi- bave been got for such a sum. There is to be no stunted fire and dworf pines, and cut in twain by a But why call them assistant-adjutants? The title is peel musically should be of service to the promoters noisy estaract, which fell into a basic and fed the a misnomer, and will only create confusion.

to be a stormy one. It was suggested that Kelso and | veritable Elders do in the six great galleries which | the contributors are Lard Welseley, on "The from the main shaft, and carry it with them back to beir Jubilee Exhibition the shanty, there to be examined at launce. Pui

moment too soon, for it was now pitch dark, and the rain fell in torrents, with intervals of thunder and Under the stress of the storm, the shanty rocked and quaked, while the crag beneath it shook as if with earthquake, under the shocks of the swollen river rearing below; but they piled wood on the fire, and,

baving fastened the door securely, made themselves as anug as possible. For refreshment of the inner man they had white bread and whicky; and, to crown all, plenty of eigare.

Presently Jack set to work, and with much ado pounded his piece of rock as small as possible, washing the debris in one of the buckets, and straining it carefully. As he expected, it yielded no trace of any precious metal. Melvin followed suit, with different result. At the bottom of the iron bowl which contained the last sed iment of his experiment, glittered several grains of sparkling gold. Nor was this all. On the solid unpounded fragments which he had placed aside were minute fragments of the

Fotheringay locked radiant. Jack gave a prolonged "You see, Mr Kelso, I was right!" cried the engineer, showing his white teeth. "Promising - so far; but I am not yet convinced.

Wait till to-morrow." "But I have given you proof positive!" "Question. How do I know that that piece of quartz dien't ecme with you from New York?" "You saw me detach it with your own eyes," cried Melvin indignantly.

" I saw you detach a piece; but how do I know it "Come, come, Kelso, you are unjust!" interposed Fotheringay. "Melvin deserves an applagy." he will submit to further is vestigation,"

against a wild impulse to draw his knife and stab his | the foundation of future promotion. In 1881 he betormentor then and there; but he knew his own | came Constable of the Tower and Custon Rotulorum of physical inferiority and his heart failed him. While | the Tower Hamlets, offices which are now rendered the two others continued to talk together, he sat by, vacant by his demise. livid. At last Potheringay, with a yawn, proposed to lie down and rest, and forthwith, wrapping his large | nesday, December 8th, to 8tr Harry Verney, Bart., cleak around bim, rolled into one of the berths, the Bast., P.C., ex-M.P., born 1801. On Thursday, cleanest be could select. A few minutes afterwards | December 9th, to Lord Camoys, born 1856. Or Kelso followed his example. Melvin remained sitting | Friday, December 10th, to Mr. George Burns (one of by the fire, watching the light as it flickered on the | the three founders of the Cunard Company), burn dark walls and roof of the shanty.

not rise. More than once his face was convulsed and his hand touched the weapons in his belt. How gladiy le would have destroyed his sleeping, had he dared. At last he rose and moved about the room. His companions seemed to continue sleeping, sound and undisturbed. He looked out through the small window of one pane. The storm had broken, and a wild moon was pouring its beams through the draving clouds.

Suddenly he started. Semething looked in at him, like the reflection of his own baggard face. He looked again. A figure stool outside in the moonlight

The man he had met on the highway, Ned Searle, He looked round. Neither of the sleepers stirred. Then, quietly and slowly, he moved to the door, paused there, and looked round stealthily; then opened the door and crept out, closing it behind him. Scarcely had he done so when Jack Kelso crawled from his berth, and approached the window on hands

A few pards from the shanty Meivin saw the figure waiting. He crept up to it. "Ned, is it you?" he whispered. Yes. Come this yer way, Mr Melvin." They crawled rather than walked tul they reached

the shelter of a large boulder, then they crouched down. and Searle, gripping the other flercely and uttering a Lorrible oath, said -I was watching yer-watching all three-long afore you guessed I was about, I know one o'them two, curse him-and curse me if he leaves this place

Which do you mean?" Him with the beard. It was him that nick'd me when I'd jest covered Dunn Smith. Who's the other -the swell with the overcost?" One Fotheringey. Listen to me Ned? Where Ready-four on 'em They'll come to my whistle.

What's to be done? Mind you, him that shot me is a dead man! I would'nt let him off for twenty thousand dollars!" "No; kill him!" hissed the engineer. "Kill him

Here are five hundred dollars—all I have about me. Come or send to me for another five hundred when Right!" returned Scarle, taking the greenbacks, We'll do it slick away. What about the swell? "Kill him too, if you can—he's dangerous;

whatever y u do, don't let the other escape. Ned quick-whisper! How's it to be done?" You leave that to me, guy nor. As for you, you'd tetter make tracks." They rove from their biding place and separated, and Melvin crept towards the horses, which were

tether d close to the shanty, under the shelter o crag cast one free, as deeizing the other by the bridle, eccured it. At that moment the moon came brightly, and he heard a cry from the shanty. Kelso was standing bareheaded at the door, "Stop, you scoungred! Stop, or I'll fire! But, without heeding, Melvin leaped on the horse's tack and dashed down the road. There was a flash,

a sharp report, and a builet whizzed past his ear. Frightened by the sound, the horse galloped away, past the shanty, and down the decline. Fortunately for the rider, it was sure-footed, and knew the way blindfold.

As horse and rider disappeared into the darkness, there was a wild yell from the rocks above the shanty, and simultaneously several bullets struck the door, missing Kelso by a hair. He rushed in and closed the door. What the deuce is the matter?" cri-d Fotherin-

ingay, staggering to his feet, half asleer, Treachery! That villain, Melvin, has led us into a trap! The place is surrounded!" Fotheringay was astonished, but quits cool. Taking revolver from his breast pocket, he cocked is

"What does it mean, Kelso? Who are they?" God knows! A bullet crashed through the window pane, amash-

ing it to fragments, and just missing Kelso. The two men crouched down, Fotheringay armed with his revolver, Kelso gripping a long double-barrelled pistol in each hand. More wild yells came without, more bullets rained into the shauty. It was clear that they were surrounded on every side. ( To be continued.)

# LONDON GOSSIP.

PROM THE " COUSTY GESTLEMAN.

The heiress of the season is a young lady who comes from the far North. She is as rich as Ramsey, and beautiful. The lady, who is the daughter of a deceased coalowner, will be presented at an early Drawing Room. Rumour has it that her fortune is considerably over a million. On this account she will attract attention. But her personal charme alone would give her position in society, for she is, I am assured, as rich in grace and accomplishments as she is in wealth. Another lady of the same family with a substantial fortune and much beauty, wil also make her bow next sesson.

London will be stormed by opulent northerners next season. It happens strangely enough that three or four of the fortunes made in the northern coa trades have failen to minors, Mr. Laycock, son of the gentleman who sat for North Lincoln at the time of his death, has an evermous property. The young ladies to whom I referred in a provious paragraph also inherit wealth won in the scal pits. Strange t eay the progenitors of these young folk were al Radicals of the reddest dye. The circles in which the great heiress moves are peopled with opulent folk young and old. Mr. Whistler's visitors to Suffolk-street on Satur-

day grouped themselves in front of Lady Colin's picture and chatted and criticised. "She is very handsome," quoth the men. "She is not at all bandsome," said the women. Then the great trial was discussed, and those who were not for her lady-Melvin saw at a glance that Kelso had already ship were against her. I beckled up and beckled down for some hours, but there was always a crowd at the Compbell picture talking about Art and divorce, pictures and painters, and co-respondents. throughout the week this has been continued. Mr. Whistler stands vindicated a better showman even than Van Beers. I wonder that James did not set up the portrait in a peep-show,

PROM " THE WORLD." I bear that Lord Weymouth will be selected to move the Address in reply to the Queen's Speech in the House of Commons on the opening Paritement, Glad tidirgs for anxious parents and guardians! A

number of extra commissions are about to be given in the cavalry of the Lire, some 20 officers being re- Boy. Dr. Cox. quired to complete the new establishment of regiments in India. The Duke of Northumberland is, I hear, seriously ill at Alnwick. The critical state of his father's

health was an insurmountable obstacle to Lord Percy's acceptance of the invitation to contest the Brentwood Division in the Conservative interest. The new musketry regulations will be issued reached the scene of former operations—an old abortly. They will introduce many important inno- £11,000 was spirit upon music at the late Exhibition

The prespects of the mainters seem more cheering | Messrs, Smith, Elder, and Co., are to publish a There was much to see, and before they had com- than they have been for some years past. Up to last | brok entitled "The Reign of Queen Victoria: A tleted their inspection it was beginning to grow dark | Saturday five thousand pounds' worth of nintures | Survey of Polity Years of Progress,' dealing with the The rain, too, was increasing, and the night threatened were sold at the Institute, and artists hope for a various departments of the national life. Among

the fact. General Buller is nearly related to the Portsmouth family, and holds similar views to those of Lord Lymington, whom he supported at the last election on public as well as private grounds. Lady Audrey Buller intends to remain at Downes for the next few weeks. She returned to Devonshire last week, after spending a few days in town with her

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husband before his departure for Ireland. Until recent times the marriage of a Bishop after his consecration was almost unknown. On Thursday. however, the Bishop of St. David's-the fourth prelate within a very few years-was married a second time to Miss Ann Locksdale in the parish church of Grasser dale, near Liverpool, the Bishop of Chester officiating, The bride was married in her travellingdress of supphire-blue. The four bridesmaids, pieces of the bride and bridegroom, were in dresses of white

eachmere trimmed with mpphire-blue. A curious scene took place in a parish church in the ecuntry at the beginning of last week. A gentleman and lady presented themselves with a request that they might be remarried, the first cerumony having been performed some years previously by a registrar. The officiating clergyman was a dignitary of the Church, and all scruples on his part were removed by the intimation that the Bishop of the dicerse had been communicated with and had given his sanction. Only Christian names were given for purposes of the service. No entry was made in the parish register, and no fees could be charged, but a

bandieme effering was made. By the death of Sir Richard Dacres, G.C.B., which took place on Monday morning in Brighton, the Army loses one of its field-marshale and the Boyal Artillery its senior officer. Richard Dacres was born in the last year of the 18th century, and his first commission bears the date of 1817. In the particular corps to "Be won't get it from me-yet. If he is honest, which he belonged he had seen almost 70 years' service, and he was alreedy middle-aged and still a cap-Bick with rage and mortification, Melvin struggled | tain when he fought at Alma and Inkerman, and laid

"MAST HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY!"-On Wed-1795. On Saturday, December 11th, to Mr. Samuel A couple of hours passed. Both Fotheringsy and | Pope, Q.C., born 1826. On Sunday, December 12th, Kelso seemed to be sound asleep. Still Melvin did | to Sir Robert Montgomery, P.C., G.C.S.I., born 1840. Ot Monday, December 13th, to Lord Mount-Temple, P.C., born 1811. On Tuesday, December 14th, to the Hon. William St. J. F. Bredrick, M.P.,

FROM "TRUTH."

Major Alifrey, of Wakefield, has intimated to the members of the South Berkshire Hunt that he is prepared to succeed Mr. John Hargreaves in the mastership, if a suitable subscription can be guaranteed, but he proposes to reduce the hunting from five days a

No fewer then fourteen tenants on Lord Exeter's Burghley estate have given notice to quit their farms. Lord Exeter already has several farms on his hands for which he is unable to obtain tenants, and many other Northants landlords are in the same It is a remarkable fact that the Evening News and

the Evening Standard report more fully than any

other papers the evidence in the Colin Campbell case,

These Conservative journals are the organs which find especial favour with the Primrose League, and I presume that they know better than I do what reading pleases the Dames in their Habitations. There have just been two very large sales of property, forming part of the Lancashire estate of Sir Thomas Fermor-Hesketh. About a thousand acres of land, with numerous bouses and cottages, were offered in small lots, and very high prices were

realised. Lord Lilford, who is an extensive land-

owner in West Lancashire, was the principal pur-Some Welsh lead mines, belonging to a sequestrated estate, were sold in Edinburgh last week for £650. It was stated in the sale-room that the bankrupt had expended £100,000 in purchasing and developing these mines. I should not wonder if they were brought out as a company, one of these days, with a capital of half a-million.

I see that there is some idea of starting a rival Liberal League, in which the tomfooleries of the Primerce League are to be imitated. Against this protest. Let us have no Liberal "Dames" and Literal "Knight-Harbingers," The proposal is, believe-nay, a know-deprecated by all Liberal leaders, and it is to be hoped that the common-sense of the rank and file, and their sense of self-respect, will prevent them from giving in their adherence to any such association. The Liberal provincial press

will do good service by joining in this protest. The Bishop of Durham struck the right note on the subject of episcopal incomes in his Visitation Charge, Dr. Lightfoot declared, with characteristic fairness and liberality, that a scheme to reduce the See of Durham for the benefit of the smaller livings n the diocese " would receive his most cordial support: ' and he added that " he considers himself to held his large official income in trust for the benefit the diocese," as it was held by his predecessor, Bishop Baring, who expended not merely the whole of his official income, but a considerable amount of his large private fortune on the diocese. As Dr. Lightfoot truly observed, "his boundless generosity

was provertial. I hear that the five Arab horses which the Sultan Muscat has sent to the Queen are valued at £3,500. If this Eastern potentate supposed that he was to get presents of corresponding value, he will find himself weefully mistaken, as the hall-clock, teaservice (of choice Worcester china), guns, and gold watches which her Majesty is despatching to him have not cost more than £500. It may be hoped that the Sultan will not manifest his disappointment in Eastern fashion by ordering the head of his

# ART AND LITERATURE.

Master of the Horse (who is to take back the gifts)

to be chopped off.

Miss Ellen Terry has been suffering from a relaxed throat during the part week, and has completely lost ber voice. Her place in the cast has been filled by

A rew volume of poems by Lord Tennyson is to be

published by Mesers. Macmillan in about ten days. and m to be entitled, "Lockeley Hall, Sixty Years After, and other Poems, Spohr's "Last Judgment" was rendered at Marylebone Parish Church last week by the large choir of the church. Mr. William Hodge, the precentor, presided at the organ. The oratorio will be repeated each Ti uraday in Advent, at eight p.m. Mr. Thomas Skinner, editor of "The Stock Exchange Year Book," "The Directory of Directors." &c., has issued for the forty-third half-year his

"London Banks and kindred Companies and Firms." which has been me the recognized authority on the subjects in which it deals. Messrs, Bryce and Son, of Glasgow, have in preparation, in the original felio form, a reissue of the collection of George Cruikshank's plates known as "Cruikshar kiana," These pinter, of which there were apwards of eighty, were first published about half a

Mr. Toole, after his provincial campaign, which by all accounts has been eminently satisfactory to all cor carned, returns to town, and reappears at his own theatre on Morday, in a new and original comedy. called "The Butler." The piece was first produced at the Theatre Royal, Manchester, last week, and was warmly received.

Marie Roze appeared as Elsa in Wagner's Lobergri," with the Carl Bosa Company, on Wednesday last at Newcastle, to the largest audience ever known at an opera in Newcastle. The receipts, which were considerably over £300, were the largest ever drawn in Newcastle, excepting when Madame Christize Nilseon appeared there at double the prices. The Duke of Argyll's new book, "Scotland as It Was and as It Is," which, by the way, will be illustrated, is divided into seven chapters, of which the titles indicate pretty clearly the contents:-Ceitic Feudalism, Age of Charters, Epoch of the Clars, The Appeal from Chiefs to Owners, The Response of Ownership, Before the Dawn, The Burst

The second edition of the life of Bishop Hannington wil contain a facsimile of a sketch by the Bishop of the but in which he was confined. It was taken from his sketch-lock, which was renovered at the same time as his lat diary. The first edition of the life, onsisting of fi teen bundred copies, was disposed

of in a for night. The Record Commistee of Derbyshire, appointed by the Octaber Quarter Seatime, has resolved on the publication by subscription of the saltent points of the voluminous mount ments of the county, from the time of Queen Elizareth downwards. The publication will probably take the form of two quarto volumes. Mestra. Bemrose and Son will be the publishers, and the editing has been entrused to the hands of the

A journal is to be commenced on January 1, 1837. by the National Fish Culture Association, giving not only information regarding its transactions from time to time, and articles relating to fin and fisheries; but alroa record of what takes place in connection with these subjects throughout the whole of the United Kirgdom, the culos ter, and abroad, The Liverpool Mercury says: -" Upwards of

of similar exhibitions elsewhere."

Melvin should each select a fragment of toose quartz | the "Geordies" are building at Newcastle as part of | Army; "Lord Brassey, on "The Navy;" Mr. Justice Bowen, on "The Administration of the Law;" Sir Sir Redvers Buller has been set down in several E. Welby, on "The Civil Service;" Sir Wm. Anton, they did, and ther hastened back to shelter, not a | quarters as a Home Ruler. The reverse is, however, on "The Development of the Constitution," &c.