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THE WEEK.

curs cannot be telerated in a civilised country.

representing respectively the London Trad-

sington Exhibition. The reception of the

converted in the Prince's carriages to the

house, and there entertained at luncheon, after

presented to the Princess of Walks and the

Princesses Louise, Victoria, and Maude.

After the reading of the address, and the reply

of the PRINCE, the members of the deputation

were shown over the principal rooms of the

house by the PRINCE himself, and were subse-

quently conducted to view the gardens, farm

buildings, and cottages on the estate. The en-

The curious ceremony of nominating the

It has drawn attention to the burdens

Sheraffa of the counties of England and Wales

for next year has served, at least, one useful

and the actual distress, in some cases, under

which not a few of the country squires suffer.

This is, in the first place, a time of exceptional

agricultural distress, and the landowners are, as a

natural consequence, drawing decreased incomes

ful stories of agrarian poverty were drawn, and it

really appears as if that class of society who,

mally large. A remedy, or a series of remedies,

should be applied. Instead of the Shrievalty of

countries being restricted to commoners, as at

present, peers' sons should be eligible. If that

the statute of 9 EDWARD II. There are some

then would ensure that no one was put forward

Amongs some of the good things Mr.

bibute to the influence of teachers. Some per-

tons, he said, took a gloomy view of the prospects

of democracy. He thought this unwise, though

no one can regard it quite without anxiety."

well. " I find plenty of deleterious and detestable

Brinciple.

influences at work, but they are influences of

The ejected to perform its duties.

the proceedings were of the most satisfactory

which ther were received in the

deputations was of

and electraging nature.

the most cordia

character. The party were

Prince of WALES

farm rents has been issued this week. It shows that rents rose in England from £38,658,782 in THE commerce of England, judged by the rethe years 1852-3 to £48,426,933 in the years 1876-7, or an increase in the twenty-four years but month, is not making the 'leaps and bounds' equal to 25.2 per cent. which some enthusiastic people have prophesied. It is some satisfaction, however, to be assured advanced from £2,489,431 to £3,183,139, an that the business relations of this country with other nations are not absolutely on the debline. Rent advanced in Scotland during the same time They are, in fact, stationary. It is encouragen from £5,414,676 to £7,690,213, an increase of to observe that trade in America has consider-£2,275,537, equal to 42 per cent; and for the ably improved within the last three months, and whole of Great Britain the above figures indicate some of this prosperity is sure to find its way that rents rose from £46,571,889 in 1858-7 to across the Atlantic. The importance we are now £59,300,285 in 1876-7, an increase for the attaching to technical education will bring itsown twenty-four years of no less than £9,768,151, a reward in due time, and thus a weapon which sum equal to 25 2 per cent. on the total rental. has been wielded with terrible effect by Ger-It must be borne in mind, however, that during many and the United States, will be wrested the last six years the receipts from farming have from the enemy and compelled to assert its force been rapidly decreasing, and it is to be feared against our foreign rivals. that the lowest point has not yet been reached.

THE attempt to take away from Queenstown its present privilege of being the port of landing WINTER is approaching apace, and the prospect has induced the Committee of the Railand departure of the mails of the United way Officers and Servants' Association of the energetically United hingdom to make an appeal for funds to the generous British public. It may not be generally known that the almost complete interview on Monday with the Postmaster. GENERAL in referer oe to the matter, and it is to immunity from socidents now happily enjoyed be hoped that Mr Halkes will take their weighty by passengers is only obtained at the cost of considerable sacrifice on the part of those who do representations into serious consideration. The bandonment of Queenstown as a port of call for their arduous duty under very difficult and the American mail boats would mean a loss of at trying circumstances. The contrast of a comleast £200,000, a sum which, it is calculated, is parison between the number of passengers and spent every year in the Green lule by travellers the number of the companies' servants killed on railways is thus vividly shown : Every man who would not go there if Queenstown ocased to be a port of call. We know the Governmentwoman, and child in London could make twentyat least, so we are assured-have no intention of five railway journeys in a year with only one fatal granting Home Rule to Ireland, and the least accident; or the population of the United Kingther can do is to leave her the one or two trifling dom, France, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Norway, and Sweden one journey in the same privileges she now possesses, 451 officers and servants of railway companies ANOTHER prize fight took place on Tuesday London, and it seems—so frequent is their | were killed, and 2,117 injured. The force of recuirence—that these disgraceful exhibitions contrast could go no further, and we trust grateful public will not fail to respond to the are likely to become the vogue. The police

authorities, as a general rule, arrive upon the | appeal which is now being made to them.

scene of these enoughters after the pugilists have been battering each other's faces for over an It was decided vesterday by two of Her bout, and then content themselves with arresting Majesty's Judges sitting in London as one of two of the spectators of the affair. The Divisional Court, on the application of counsel idea seems to prevail that the principals have | for the high Sheriff of Yorkshire, to alter the been sufficiently punished by the pummelling place of hearing of the Buckrose electo which they have voluntarily submitted, tion petition from Driffield to York. but this lement, not to say indulgent, The wisdom of this attitude of the "Law, will certainly have to be apparent to everyone acquainted with the town modified in the of the threatened revival of the of Driffield. An inquiry by two judges of assize "noble are." It cannot be too strongly insisted requires a Court-room, lodgings for judges, upon that all respectable and decent people re- counsel, witnesses, and, of course, reporters. The gard these vulgar and brutal contests of physical only accommodation available at Driffield is, we force with deep dislike, and it is in the interests | believe, the reading room of the Mechanics of public merality that the supporters, of this Institute, where the County Court Judge sits particular form of law breaking—as well as jaw when there are cases which call breaking -should be taught that their proceed. part of his district. There certainly a new market building which might have been fitted up as a court, and there are, too, It is a pleasant sign of the inherent loyalty to several large chapels, probably the best public the Crown of the artisans of this country, and the buildings in the place, but their trustees would good feeling which exists between the various hardly have relished their being turned to classes of society, to read that two deputations secular uses. The people of Driffield will, naturally enough, feel a little piqued by the Council and the London Working Men's Associarejection of the claims as the town in which tion, waited this week upon the Prince of WALES hold a Court of Assize; still, they have the conat bandringham to thank his Royal Highness for solation of knowing that the capital of the having initiated and successfully directed the county has been selected for the purpose. scheme of cheap admissions to the South Ken-

A VALUABLE Parliamentary return regarding

MR. Justice DAY has the reputation of being one of the shrewdest, albeit one of the severest Judges on the Bench. He has initiated a practice at Liverpool which, it may be presumed, will find some imitators. At the Assizes, it seems, some extraordinary disclosures were made as to the existence in Liverpool of rival gangs of desperadoes known as the High Rip Gang, and the Logwood Gang. These fiends in human shape assault, stab, and molest respectable citizens at nightfall when returning home, and when tired of this warfare against society, attack each other, Mr. Justice DAY, in sentencing some of these ruffians to long terms of penal servitude. strongly commented upon the fact, that such a system of terror could exist under the eyes of the In order, however, that he might thoroughly satisfy himself that such a state of things was actually in operation, he made a tour of the lowest haunts of Liverpudlian crime on Saturday night. He was disguised, of course, but it must be admitted that such an expedition had its elements of personal danger, and the JUDGE no doubt congratulates himself that he escaped recognition at the hands of any of the associates of those whom he had just sentenced to penal servitude. from their chief property. Amongst the nume-

rous gentlemen who objected to serve for the Shrievalty, one pleaded that for the last three THE grand military service which took place years his net moome had been only £300 per in York Minster on Eunday morning will live amnum, whilst another protested that his income ong in the memories of those who were fortuwas actually less than his liabilities. Other pitinate enough to obtain admission to the venerable edifice. Nearly 1,500 regulars and volunteers were present to join in religious worship, and . HARCOURT once declared, "scrape the occasion was enhanced by the attendance in along in splendid penury," is becoming abnor- State of the Judge of Assize, the SHEBIFF of the County, the GENERAL of Northern District and his Staff, and the Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City. There was an immense attendance of the general public, and it plan failed to work. High Sheriffs might be is satisfactory to relate that there was not a single instance of thoughtless behaviour during elected by popular ballot as they were prior to the time of the service. This, it need hardly be men who have both the means and the willingsaid, was faultlessly rendered by the Minster less to serve in this office, and a system of elec-Choir and the bands of the 9th Lancers and the Leloestershire Regiment. the majestic admirably reproduced the martial notes of cymbal, trumpet, drum, and stringed instruments. MATHEW ARNOLD said in valedictory remarks, and the sound was grandly impressive after thirty-five years of school inspecting, was a during the more forcible passages of Dr NAYLOR'S admirable and appropriate anthem. The sermon by the CHAPLAIN-GENERAL WAS judicious and eloquent, and it is to be hoped that his appeal to the public for more generou But he was consoled with two reflections-that treatment of the private soldier will not be

"the poor are very much what the rich make " them," and that the influence of the elementary teacher "is for good; it helps morality and GENERAL FIELDING has just made a startling The teachers were doing their work statement which, if founded upon facts, is a glaring scandal upon our army system. The gallant officer declared at Dover that since the beginning of the year not less than 51 old soldier politicians, in some places both the one and the had been sent to prison from the Canterbury other; but they are not influences of teachers." Depót alone for fraudulent enlistment, and that Breadth and catholicity should mark all public the cause of this was to be traced to the uninfluences, and the School, the Pulpit, and the willingness of civilians to employ men who had Fress should be in tarmony upon all general been soldiers. We have not the means of know-Points. The great facts of life should be careir g whether this ostracism of our brave defenders fully presented in every case. There must be a from the ordinary pursuits of life prevails to any certain amount of prejudice and narrowness in large extent—for the sake of Old England's presenting them, because men are full of both, reputation let us hope not -but even if it can be but where the great aim is to make ascertained to exist in an appreciable degree, the and not dolls, bigots, matter deserves the close attention not only of puppets, we can be charitable to a the military authorities, but, of the Government good many imperfections in the work. As for itself. Why men who have donned the QUEEN's journalistic influences, we believe they are higher uniform and fought the country's battles under and better in this country than in any other | all climes, should find it more difficult to obtain country in the world. We should hope they employment than others, is a mystery which may remain so, and that some of the obtrusive we cannot solve. Foreign Governmentsforces of recent times will not degrade the Press especially those on the Continentnate mere personality, "gush, or want of take special pains to provide employment for exsoldiers. Shall England stand alone in treating

they hardly appear to recruit the criminal class.

as they formerly did.

her worn-out servants as social pariahs? MR. Justice Burr gave judgment on Tuesday in the extraordinary case of Scott v. Sebright THE decrease in our jail population since Which came before the Divorce Court last week 1877 is a notable fact, and it is not unlikely to the circumstances of this scandal again prove to lead to one of those political fictions which die the world that truth is oft stranger than fiction. so hard and do so much mischief. In 1877 the The petitioner, Miss Scorr, sought a declaration prison inmates numbered 20,361, but last year | dear leabel knew best." of marriage alleged to have im- they numbered only 15,375. As the new properly taken place on the 30th January of the Prison Act came into force in 1877, we shall be present year, on the ground of fraud, is being invited to note the large amount of good it has contended that owing to the deceit practised by effected. This would be a very superficial way the respondent, and the fear entertained, she of reasoning the thing out, because the number of not a free agent when the marriage was our jail population had increased in 1878, and the reletivated, and, therefore, never gave consent. number a year before the Act came into force The application was practically the first of the was less than in 1879. Here are the figures: and consequently the Judge's decision was | 1876, daily average, 18,986; 1877, average, seeked forward to with an amount of interest 20,561; 1879, average, 19,818. It was not until minimized even in Divorce Court 1881 that our prison population had come down proceeds the universal desire, though to the level of 1876, and even the comparison the expectation, was that the so-called between 1884 and 1872 shows real fluctuations the Prison Act theory does not explain. In 1872 the been met by Mr. Justice the prison population was 17,585; in 1881, it transplanting in favour of the was 17.191. In fact, when we look at a Jan of the fair petitioner. The learned table of any length, we find that from 1800 to was a decline. Then we have in clear conclusion that long before the | 1877 a population of 20,301 in prison as against the Twas gone through Miss corrisfeelings 20,080 in 1560, and another decline sets in. The towards Sammant were such that of her free inference is irresistible that general causes and beconstrained will she would never have are at work, and that there were special causes married him. She had been reduced to such a interrupting the declining tendency about 1877. and ismily state, he added, by coercion Elementary education is telling; the reformatory introits, as to render it impossible that she system is doing its part; and the Blue Ribbon conic have given such consent as the law reand Salvation Army movements are reaching the quired to make a contract of marriage lowest strate of the population. The criminal hinding. This important decision establishes r classes are visibly diminishing, and what is even hew prependent as to the validity of marriage more satisfactory, in its way, general trade decontracts, and it is to be boped that for thefuture pression is seen to be coincident with the low We shall be free from the recurrence of such a prison figures for 1885-viz : 15,375. Vagrants ted through the unscrupulousness of have undoubtedly increased of late years, but hen and the weakness and nervousness of

A HERO IN SPITE OF HIMSELF.

BY ROBERT BUCHANAN. increase of £684,708, equal to 27.4 per cent. ATTHOR OF "SHADOW OF THE SWORD," "A CHILD OF MATURE," AND " GOD AND THE MAR."

BOOK II .- CHAPTER II.

THE CAME PREPARES POR PLIGHT.

The new turn things had taken was appalling to Angels, who remained dumfounded, unable either to think or act. Had she been endowed with half the spirit or determination of her friend Leabel Raymond she would have been able to concoct some device and outwit them all; but hers was more by nature clinging and timid temperament; from childhood upwards she had looked for support from without rather than from within; at school she had attached herself to Isabel Raymord; at Long Branch to Jack Kelso -simply because both of these natures were in exact contradiction to her own. Now she was utterly beipless and forlors.

Had Isabel been at hand to think and plan for her, Angela would have possessed sufficient courage to carry out these plans, no matter how daring they might be; but she was now literally thrown upon her own resources, and she found that she had none to speak of.

It was perfectly clear to her that her father, once baving given forth his verdict, meant to abide by it. It was also perfectly clear to her that rather than marry Melvin she would leap from one of the high windows of the hotel and dash her brains out upon the ground. This was the only alternative poor Angela could think of, and this was so dreadful to her that it cost her hours of agony and tears. If she disliked Melvin before, she grew now to

positively hate him, for she knew that it was he who with the same result; while in the same period | had played a treacherous part and brought her to all this trouble. Oh! if she could only tell Jack, but that was impossible, for the poor girl was now complete prisoner. True, she was not confined to her room, but when-

ever she was out of it Melvin followed her as persistently as her shadow. If she walked on the parade he was beside her; if she called upon Isabel Raymond he called too, and sat by smaling while the interview lasted; and when it was over he accompanied Miss Sloane back to her hotel. At length Angels hit upon what she believed to be a brilliant idea. She one day paid a visit to Isabel.

with her friend. When she left Isabel found that piece of paper had been artfully slipped in her palm the opened it and read :-I am a prisoner. For heaven's sake, think of come way out of this, or I shall die." lasbel smiled.

and when she was leaving she shook hands warmly

"Poor little Angy," she said; "so she is being bullied is she? I thought as much when I saw that evil-looking gentleman continually by her side. Well I must think for her, I suppose, as I used to do the old days at Sunbury, and help her if I can." Truth to tell, the idea of becoming mixed up in this little episode was by no means unpleasant to our heroice, for she loved a dash of romance. Besides, she had quite made up her mind as to which of the two men it would be best for her friend to marry. She, too, had taken the most intense and unaccountable dislike to Melvin, while to Jack, to whom she had been introduced by Angela one day on the parade her heart went out at once. So she set to work to think of the best means of rescuing her friend from the one man and giving her to the other.

The result of these reflections :-Miss Raymond's victoria pulled up one day before the door of the Washington House. Miss Baymon! was going to alight when she saw Angela in walking costume, accompanied, as usual, by Melvin, coming out of the hotel.

"I was just coming to see you," said Isabel, 'And I," cried Angela, " was just coming to ser Were you? Then you are free for an hour. Step

in, dearest, and come for a drive. I am sure I Melvin will excuse you for once." And tefore that gentleman could speak a word Angels had been pulled into the victoria, which immediately started off at a brisk pace. The whole thing occurred so suddenly that Melvin was dumb founded, and before he could make up his mind follow, the victoria was out of sight.

'That girl, Miss Raymond, is a devil, and means mischief," he said. " But, by St Patrick! she must be sharp indeed if she can outwit me!" The first thing Isabel did upon getting clear of the hotel was to burst into a fit of uncontrollable laughter, while Angels, trembling violently, began to

'Why, what's the matter?" asked Isabel. "Didn't you want to come, Angy?" 'Yes, of course I did,' returned Angela, drying her "only it was so sudden. It has made me

"Well, it was rather sudden," returned Isabel. "It was your walking costume suggested it to me,

"What, badn't you planned it?" "Not at all. Most likely if I had done so it would'nt have turned out so well. I intended to make a call upon you, my darling, and I had brought a little note to give you somehow or other, but this is much better. However, we must make the most of our opportunity, for Mr. Melvin won't let us have another drive together, I can tell you!" Then the two girls fell to talking, and Isabel soon discovered that the case was a more serious one than she had imagined; above all, Angela's horror of her father made Isabel heartsick.

"Ah! then he has got some legal right over you Well. I know what I should do under the circumstar cer "What?"

'How old are you, Angela?" she asked.

This bold announcement fairly staggered poor Run away!" she said. "With Jack?"

"No," returned Isabel; "run away without Jack. By yourself-and hide. Then, when you are twentyone you can defy him. Good gracious," continued Isabel, suddenly kindling up with enthusiasm, " weuld be splendid; and it would give them all the fright they richly deserve for persecuting you. Will you run away, Angy? - Do - I will help you, I will

But Angela shook ber head, "You have no idea how I am watched, Isabel, Tesides, even if I managed to get away, paps would le sure to find me, and then-" Bhe shuddered.

"But I say he shall act find you," continued Isabel, warming up to her work, "that as if you will trust entirely to me, and follow my advice in every

After a little more talk Angela was persuaded to leave her salvation in the hands of her friend. Thus, having shifted her troubles from her own shoulders to those of another, Angels felt as if they were disposed of altogether, and she thereupon made a proposal which amszed even her friend. "Let us go and see Jack," she said.

Isabel fairly groaned. "The audacity of these timed people," she said. My dear Angela, do you know what would happen if you did go and see Jack?"

"You would be locked up in your room and not allowed to see a single soul until you had become " Yes, if they knew, but who is to tell them?" " Mr. Melvin is sure to know," returned Isabel.

"My dear Angels, do you take that man to be a fool; because I don't. Since he is deprived of the pleasure of watching you to-day, he will watch the one person in the world whom he wishes you not to meet. Now, Angela, if you are to be guided by me in one thing. you must be guided in all. Avoid Mr. Kelso for some time. Though this arrangement was by no means pleasant

to her Angela consented to abide by it; "since," she avowed frankly, "in this case, as in every other, her

BOOK II.—CHAPFER III.

"Where's Argy?" said Colonel Sloane one morning as he was about to sit down to breakfast. "That is," he added, in answer to the astonished look on the waiter's face. "where s my daughter? Ain't she come

The waiter did not know, but he sent the chambermaid to inquire. That person returned with the message that Miss Sicane was not in her room, but was probably out walking, "All right," said the Colonel, and he sat down

alone to his meal. It did not occur to the Colonel that there was any thing unusual in this proceeding on the part of his daughter; at all events, he did not couple it with defiance of himself. His wife had been submissive to bis every look; he had no reason to believe that his daughter was not the same. So he ate his breakfast with an appetite. Afterwards, he went to his study and was soon deep in his calculations. About an hour after breakfast Melyin arrived. being shown to the Colonel's room, and after a few common places, he asked after Miss Sloane.

"Angy?" said the Colonel. "Ab, that reminds She was up and out before I breakfasted." "Up and out!" exclaimed Melvin, whose face at er ce grew pule with apprehension. "Where has she gone to?" " Heavens alive, man, I don't know!"

"Then I do. She has gone to meet that blackguard Englishman-Kelen!" The Colorel set his teeth and clenched his flat. of what might happen if she began to defy me,"

He rang the bell furiously. " See if Miss Sloans has come in yet," he said to the man who answered it; " and if she has, send her here to me." In five manutes the man returned, "Miss Bloame is not in the house, sir," said he, "but the chambermaid found this on her dressing-table. It is addressed

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Pale and trembling, the Colonel took the note which the servant held forth, "You may go," he said. He saw that the servant was endowed with large curiosity, and was, therefore, inclined to linger. The moment he was gone the Colonel tore open

the note and read as follows:-"MY DEAR FATHER, -I am going away. By the time you read thus I shall be in a place as secure as the grave, where neither you nor any one will be able to find me. Therefore, do not weary yourself with a search which will be useless. If I seem undutiful am very, very sorry. But indeed, my dear father, i is your her hness and cruelty which have driven me to this dreadful step. My days, darkened as they were by the presence of a man whose very name I loathed. were becoming unsupportable to me. The thought'o the future which you had planned for me filled me with a horror even worse than death. I saw no escape but the one I have chosen. Do not be very angry with me. Heaven willing, we shall soon meet again, and then you must try and forgive your sorrowful

but loving child, The letter was written burriedly in pencil, and blotted as if with many tears. The Celonel crumpled it in his hand, muttering a savage oath; then he flung

the paper at Melvin. " Read that," he said. Melvin obeyed. When he had finished, he, too "Tie as I suspected," he cried; "she has outwitted

us and gone off with that cursed scoundrel!" "What !" cried the Colonel, "do you dare to hint that my child has gone away with a man?" "No," returned Melvin, " sure I don't hint it Come to his house and you'll find he's

Five minutes later the two men were driving furiously sloog the road in the Colonel's dog cart. As they drew near to the cottage they were astonished to see Jack Kelso lying on the lawn by the river. The Colonel locked at Melvin; but Melvin was not to be outdone.

"It's a ruse," said he; "sure he's got her hid away safe enough, and he's stoppeed behind himself to bcodwink you." In a moment the Colonel was out of the dogeart and by the young man's side. "Now," he cried, flourishing his whip, " you infernal

scoundrel. Tell me where my daughter is, or by God, I'll thrash you within an inch of your life!" In a moment Kelso was upon his feet. Utterly amszed at this sudden attack, he stared in wonder at his panting and purple antagonist. The coolness of his manner so irritated the

Colonel that he rapped out a few more round oaths.

"Where is she?' he cried. "Tell me where my daughter is, or by thunder-" He raised the whip threateningly and made one step forward. Before it could descend, however, the whip was quietly wrenched from his grasp. Now," said Kelso, coolly, "perhaps you'll talk like a rational being. In the first runce, what do you

I want my daughter! "Thez, why in heaven's name do you come to me?" At this cool question the Colonel grew livid. "Why do I come to you?" he said. "Because wasn't to go with you that she left her home last night, was it? If it hadn't been for you, you puppy, she would have been as obedient as her mother was.

"And most probably would have reaped the same reward," said Kelso, quietly. "Oh, you need not dcuble your fist, Colonel. I know more of you than you fancy, and if I have spared you, it has been for her sake, not your own. If your daughter has fled your roof, she has made a lucky escape from a tyrant, You may believe me or not, but I tell you I knew nothing of her projected flight, and I am equally ignorant as to her present whereabouts. You are at liberty to search my house if you wish; but I warn you not to treat me to too much of your company, or we may quarrel in a manner which will not be accept-H flung the whip carelessly toward, its owner and

The Colonel hesitated; then he, too, turned. He was quite convinced by the young man's manner that her eyes. he knew nothing whatever of Angela; so, at least, he told Melvin as the two drove back to the hotel. For the next few days the Calonel and Me.vin scoured the district, but found no wave of the missing girl. She had disappeared as entirely as if she had

ripple to mark the spot. BOOK II.—CHAPTER IV.

jumped into the water and left not so much as a

IN SANCTUARY. While Colonel Bloane was heaping expletives upon the head of innocent Jack Kelso, Angela was contentedly eating her luncheon within a very few yards of her father's door. At her friend's suggestion, she had flown for refuge to the one place where her father would not be likely to search for her, to no other place, in fact, than the suite of rooms dedicated to the sole and unconditional use of Isabel Raymond.

"Come to me, Angela," said Isabel, after having carefully thought the matter over. "I will smuggle you in in the middle of the night, and not a soul will trace you. Your father will scour the country, I've o doubt, and if you were within a hundred miles most probably he would find you; but he will never search my rooms. It is the one safe place I can think

So Angela yielded to her friend's persussion and the thing was done. "And I think it has been very well done," said Isabel, as she sat lunching in her rooms the next morning watching her friend, who was eating her cold chicken with an appetite, and sipping her

champagne with the air of a young connoisseur. You are none the worse of the adventure, so far, are you, Angela?" Apgela shook her head. I am a great deal the better of it" she said. "I never enjoyed myself so much in my life. It's like being at a picnic, or travelling the country in a

caravan. Does any one know I am here? " "No one but Hammond, my maid, and she is as true as steel. It was absolutely necessary for me to tell ber; otherwise you would have starved." I wish you had told Jack.

Isabel laughed. "Even the incomparable 'Jack' may be enlightened

in time," said she. Angela leapt delightedly to her feet. "You will really tell him?" she cried, "Oh, Imbel, why wouldn't you tell him before, and let him help us? I never could understand why you per-

sisted in keeping our plane a secret from Jack. "I will tell you. Because he would have done us irreparable harm." "Isabel!" cried Angela, with tears in her eyes.

"You surely don't mean to say that you believe Jack capable of betraying me?" "Not willfully, my darling; but unintentionally le might have done us a great deal of harm. Before we acted I, not wishing our scheme to fail, thought it all out, and came to these conclusions: firstly, that on discovery of your flight your father would immedistely conclude that you had eloped with Mr. Kelso: secondly, that his first care would be to seek out Mr. Kelso and demand from him an explanation. Now, by keeping Mr. Kelso in ignorance of the whole matter we have not only spared him the pain of having to tell a string of falsehoods, but we have also enabled him to exhibit genuine surprise when he hears of your flight. His manner, far more than his words, will convince your father of his innocence, and be will, therefore, cease to direct his suspicious to-

"But you said you meant to tell him?" "So I do. After your father's interview with h m is over I shall find a means of conveying to him your whereabcuts. We may want his assistance, and if he comes out of the interview as well as I fancy, your father won't suspect him again."

"Shall you tell anyone else, Isabel ?" Yes, dear; the General and Mrs. Collier. At this Angela began to tremble. Don't be afrad, Angy," said Isabel; "they won't tetray you. Besides, I am not going to tell them

"And have you got your reasons for that?" said Angels, who was becoming very much impressed by the wonderful management of her friend. "Oh Isabel, how clever you are. Do tell me what reason

ou have got for not telling your guardians now?" "The very same reason as I had for not telling Mr Kelso, I am just afraid your father may call here, knowing that I am your friend, and I want my dear guardians to be so profoundly astonished at the whole story that the Colonel's suspicions, I he has any, will be disarmed sgain." "But you, Issbel? Suppose he asks if you know

anything about my tunning away?" Isabel laughed and shrugged her shoulders. " M. dear Angels," said she, "I am afraid I am turning out almost as bad as poor Miss Romney prophesied. atend to look innocently into your father's face and tell a deliberate fin." There wer a tap at the door; then came the maid's voice softly through the keyhole-

Miss Raymond, if you please." Isabel unlocked the door, and the maid entered. "Colonel Shane and Mr Melvin," said she, "They both asked for you, and I took them to the drawingroom, greterding I thought you were there. Both the General and Mrs Collier are there. What shall

I do, miss? Angels, white as a sheet, leapt up trembling. Sue had been as brave as a lion when she thought all was safe; but at the first scent of danger she lost her head. She clong sobiling found her friend's neck. "Isabel," she cried, "they have come because they "Angy's no fool," he said. "She's got an inkling know I am here. But you won't give me up? I shall ose if you let them marry me to that man."

Isabel soothed her gently. " Angela, darling, it is all right," she said. "They have come to ask me if I know anything about you, that is all. Isn't it natural your father should seek information from your dearest friend. But surely, Angels, you can trust

Thus she left Angela to the tender mercirs of Hammend, while she herself went off to face the the football fields. enraged father. About an hour later Isabel returned to her friend but not alone.

"Angela, darling," she said, " I have brought Mrs Collier to see you. Both she and the General know verything, and are quite on our side." Mrs Collier, who was a good-hearted, mother! woman, came forward and took Augela in her arms,

"You have nothing to fear from us, my dear," she said. "For my part, I am very glad that you ran away, and that dear lambel has protected you. Such cruelty I never heard of. As for that Melvin, I should be very sorry to give him a dumb animal, much more a wife. After a little more conversation, Mrs Collier took

her leave, and the two girls were left alone. Thereupon Isabel gave Angels an account of what had happened, softening as much as possible her father's relentles anger. "The interview with Mr Kelso is over." she sad. " I elicited that from Mr Melvin. Now, I think, we

may make a 'confident' of Jack." Then Icabel fidgetted about a bit, as if she had more to say, and yet dreaded to say it. Presently she spoke.

It is absolutely necessary that we make another

Angela opened her eyes. "My dear Isabel," said she ; "we have made three or four already. If we go on like this, our whereabcuts will soon be known all over the place." "Argy dear, don't be unreasonable," returned Isabel. "Whom have I told? The General and Mrs Collier; but that was absclutely necessary, since they would have been certain to have found us out, and that would have been worse. By telling them we have made them our friends,"

"Then why do you propose to tell him?" Partly to comfort him, and partly to comfort you dear. If I leave him in his present state of ignorance he will be so anxious to find you that he will become even a greater nuisance than your father; and if yo are not allowed to hold any communion with him expect you will begin to pine away. There is one or a whom I should like to tell, and who could really b

"Well, if you want another confident, there's Jack

" Who is that?" " Colonel Fotheringay." In a moment Angela was upon her feet.

of use to us, if he would,"

"And you will marry him."

"Not the least use in the world."

'Isabel," she cried, "not so much as one word ! Colonel Fotheringay, if you love me. He is m father's most intimate friend. The first thing be would do would be to tell my father." You mistake, Augy. It would be the very thing he would not do, if I asked him." "Ah, Isabel, you don't know him."

"Perhaps I know him better than you, dear." An gela looked at her, and a new light came in her eyes. She began to understand. "Dear Isabel," she said, "is it possible?"

"It is more than possible; it is certain," returned Isabel, blushing as vividly as a weaker woman would have done. "Yes, Angela, dear," she continued. may as well tell you the truth. I knew Colonel Fotheringay years ago when you and I were at Sunbury. I think I loved him then-I am sure I love

"I think so; nay, I hope so, dear. He has asked me, and I have said 'Yes,' And we none of us know what is going to happen in this world, do we, Angy Sometimes our most cherished hopes are blighted. "Ah, but yours must not be, Isabel. You are so good; you deserve to be very, very happy."

Thereupon Angela, who loved a little sentiment

began to cry and kiss her friend, while Isabel, not sorry at the opportunity of being a little foolish for once, cried and kissed again. The next afternoon Isabel strolled out to take a walk on the Parade. As she expected, she came upon Fotheringay. There was no opportunity kissing in so public a place, but he held her hand

long and lovingly in his, and looked tenderly into "My darling," he whispered, "you look pale; has anything happened to trouble you?" "Nothing, returned Isabel; "that is, not much Come along to a less crow ded piace. I want to tell

you something. Fotheringry obeyed; not, however, without some i ward apprehension. He lived in a constant state dread, and was always on the alert lest Isabel shou hear something disadvantageous concerning him. They reached a quiet part of the Parade and sa down. Isabel turned to him and asked-

Can you keep a secret, Charles?" " If you ask me, my darling-yes." "Then I do ask you. I want to confide in som one whom I can trust, therefore I come to you. I

I do trust you," she continued; "I could not lov He pressed her hand fondly. " You know that Angela Bloane has run away ?" Fotheringay nodded. When Isabel was beside him he was not much interested in Angela Sloane.

"Well, I advised her to run away. I am at present hiding her from her father, who is a brute." Thereupon Leabel grew eloquent, and told Fotheringsy the whole story, not sparing Colonel Sloane i the recounting of it. When she had done, Fotheringay laughed heartily. The idea of Angela being in the Ocean House while her father was scouring the to the Riviera. country for her, tickled him immensely. When his hilarity had somewhat cooled down, Isabel said-

"And now, Charles, I want you to help us," " With all my heart, my darling; but how?" "In the first place, I want you to see Mr Kelso, and tell him that Angela is well and in safe hands You may even tell him where she is; but he must not come to see her, for I am sure he will be watched. If he wishes to write to Argela you may bring the

"Convert myself into a postman," said Fotheringay, I want you to keep a keen watch upon the move-

ments of Colonel Sloane and Mr Mevin, and report You want me to be a friend in the enemy's camp. My darling, all your instructions shall be obeyed to the letter; but ---"

"Let us, as Mr Podsnap would say, put Miss Sloans behind us for a little, and talk of ourselves. You have promised, my love, to become my wife?"

"A promise, after all is said and done, is an unsubstantial thing. When shall it become a fact?" There was a long silence.

"You don't answer me, my darling. Say, when will you become my wife?"

"I-I don't know." Her manner was so strange that he looked uneasily "Isabel." he exclaimed, "what is the matter? Have you changed towards me ?"

" In what way do you mean?" "Have you ceased to care for me?" " No; it is not that," "Then, what is it, my darling? Speak!" She raised her earnest eyes to his face. Will you do something for me?"

"Anything—eyerything, my darling!"
Isabel smiled. "Do not be rash in promising," she said, I want yot, for my sake, to give up this Colonel Sloane and all his set. Fotheringay stared at her in blank amazement.

"Isabel!" he exclaimed, "you don't know what you are saying. Is the request so dreadful, then?" "Why have you made it?" "Because I am your promised wife. The more I

hold the sacred place of father, he is not worthy to be this time had recovered himself. "He is not fit to be the friend of any honest man," "Then, why is he yours!"

"Well, that is a different matter. We are bound together by business, not friendship. You see we are both speculators; his private life is nothing to me, nor is mine to him. We are business men: voida "But your name is coupled with his, people

My dear Leabel," interrupted Fotheringay, "what don't people say, tell me that? We public men, you know, are never allowed to sleep on beds of roses. If we listen to what the world says we shall never have a happy half hour in our lives." But although his manner was light while he was with Isabel, his face grew very dark the moment I am a scoundrel! he said, "an infe-ar scoundrel! By Jove, I felt very much like going of my knees to her this afternoon and confessing th whole thing !"

(To be continued.)

Mr. Edgar Bruce, as already announced, will

dramatic version of "Alice in Wonderland," which | Princess William of Prussia, was born in 1863.

LONDON GOSSIP.

FROM " THE WORLD." Prince Victor Christian, who remained longer abroad than was at first intended, is now back again at Magdalen, and is atready a conspicuous player in

Northerwood, their place in the New Forest, Lyndhurst, last Wednesday from Brighton. come to town next Monday for the marriage of Hon. Ida Denison and Sir George Sitwell, and afterwards go back to Northerwood for the winter. The Prince of Wales has made up his mind that the balance-sheet of the " Colonies " must appear the least possible delay. The statements of Sir John Rose and Sir Frederick Bramwell are estisfactory as far as they go, and it is probable that there will be a sum of not less than £20,000 to carry to the credit

and Lady Londesborough returned to

of the "Institute." Mr. Abraham Laverton, of Parleigh, Wilts, who several years, has left property estimated at about £1,600,000. He has begueathed half a million to his nephew, Mr. William Laverton, who is residuary legatee. His sister, who lived with him, gets £50,000, and each of his nephews and nieces £15,000. Laverton was a "self-made" man, his beginnings having been very small. He made his fortune as a tinguished himself by evincing a marvellous grip of manufacturer at Trowbridge and Bradford, and

eres sed it by judicious speculation. The ladies are invading the domain of athletics. Their presence on the tennis lawn is already justified. but on the cricket field they are still somewhat of a curiosity. Next season, it is said, we are to see more of feminine cricket than we have seen before, and an | does not mean to neglect their interests in any way. attempt is being made to arrange an inter county | Indeed, there is ample evidence to the contrary. As match, in which ladies alone shall take part. The | a free lance, his arguments in the interest of the game of billiards has many attractions for the ladies. | farmer may be all the more effective when fired from ard some of them display considerable skill in the | the outside. Mr. Chaplin does not harass his manipulation of the cue. It is said that the wife of a | friends of the Ministry by making anti-bare majority well-known noble lord made a break of 230 in an after-dinner match in a country house last Thursday. is not to be a party question. The Gladstonian There will be a great concourse of German Boyalties on the Biviers this winter. The King and Queen of Wurtemburg arrived at Nice on Friday evening, believe, for closure pure and simple, having travelled by special train from Stuttgart through the St. Gothard Tunnel. They will remain art christening. Unto Occar a son has been born, at the Villa Boutau till the beginning of May. The | and Tite-street is glad. Oscar, the father, is, more Grand Duke and Grand Duchess of Baden are ex- or less, on tour. He has put aside childish things, pected shortly at Cannes, accompanied by the Crown | and his lecture on Chatterton is fine. The Bard of Prince and Crown Princess, and they will

occupy the Villa des Tours, the beautiful residence of the Duc de Vallombrosa. The Duke and Duchess of Nassau, the Grand Duke and Grand Duchess Mecklenburg-Schwerin, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Goths, and the Hereditary Princess of Saxe-Meiningen are also expected at Cannes. All Court plans and arrangements of every kind depend entirely on the health of the Princess Beatrice, whose accouchement is expected early next month. She will be attended by Dr. Playfair whom the Queen wrote an autograph letter of thanks for his service when the Duchees of Connaught was so dangerously ill in the spring) and by Dr. Laking. All great severity might carry him off. But the news of

being well, the Court is to remove from Windsor | the suicide on Monday shook the town. It was dis-Castle to Osborne about a week after Christmas, and | cussed everywhere. The Judges on the Bench heard the Queen will remain in the Isle of Wight till the | of it and spoke of it, and the cab-drivers in the streets end of February, merely coming up to Buckingham Palace for two nights at the opening of Parliament. being her Majesty's intention to attend at this ceremony, which will probably be fixed for either Thursday, February 3rd, or Tuesday, February 8th. Prince Alexander of Battenberg evidently entertains no idea of returning to Bulgaria, nor, I fancy. has he any wish to do so. He has just purchased for £12,000 the chitesu and park of Charlottenfels, near Schaffhausen. The house, which is a very fine one. was built some thirty years ago by a wealthy clockmaker of Schaffhausen, and the beautiful grounds by which it is surrounded are close to the Rhine, and command charming views. Any one who has travelled from Schaffhausen to Zurich will remember the long tunnel (about a third of a mile) through which one passes on leaving the former town. The tunnel passes under the grounds of Charlottenfels. The late Emperor of Russia at one time contemplated chasing this place, but the late owner is said to i 'choked off " he Imperial agents by demanding outrageous a "fancy" price that even they were

When some time ago the question of the strength Government a great point was made of the pancity cavalry. It was therefore decided to augment each on the Indian establishment by two squadrons. This was nearly two years ago. As yet only one regiment -the 2nd Dragoon Guards, which went out with the reliefs 1885 and 1886—has been brought up to the new setablishment, Another regiment—the 7.h Hussars-goes out this mouth under the improved conditions, and the following regiments are down for immediate augmentation : namely, the let Dragoon Guards, 3rd Dragoon Guards, 6th Dragoon Guards, 7th Dragoon Guards, 8th Hussars, and 17th Lancers, The corps in the 1st Army Corps are very properly to be filled up first. The 17th Lancers have already received their orders to make up their strength. A reg ment in India on the old establishment consisted of 22 officers, 504 non-commissioned officers and men, and 396 troop-horses. The new establishment gives 28 officers, 602 non-comissioned officers and men, and 526 troop-horses. The dépôte will remain the same as formerly, that is, 5 officers, 165 non-commissioned officers and men, and 20 troophorses. In adition of 832 officers and men, and 1040 troop-horses to the cavalry establishment, would make

FROM " TRUTH, whose state of health is most alarming. It is probable that the Empress of Russia will accompany her son

an appreciable difference were troubles to arise in

Coal has, during the year 1885, contributed £141,083 towards the Established Church, this being the amount which the Ecclesiastical Commissioners have encashed for royalties, &c., on coal in Durham. The British Association will hold its session 1888 at Bath, which, I fancy, was the only eligible city that offered an invitation. The Association is

not so much in demand as it was in the days of Lord It is practically settled that Sir William Hart-Dyke is to succeed Sir George Bowen as Governor Hong Korg. The post is worth £6,000 a year, and tenable for five years. Sir George retires in

I hear that the physicians in attendance on Prince William of Prussia are afraid that the malady from which he suffers may affect his brain. The late King of Prussia's mental collapse commenced in almost precisely the same way. The Sultan of Muscat has sent six magnificent

Arab horses to England as a present to the Queen. They are thoroughbred animals, specially selected from his large and splendid stud, which is one of the finest in the world. One of the greatest scandals to the Metropolis is

the Thames Embankment. It is macadamised. To substitute wood would be an economy; but it is said that because the man who has the contract to keep it in order makes about £1,000 per annum out of his contract, it remains macadamised. There are to be festivities at Darmstadt next Thursday (the 25th), when the Hereditary Prince is

to be declared of age, it being his eighteenth birthday. The Queen, who is despatching several valuable presents to her grandson, will give a dinner-party at Windsor Castle in honour of the anniversary. The Duc d'Aumale, the Comte and Comtesse de Paris, Count Hatzfeldt, and Count Karolyi are on Sir John Cowell's list for invitations to dine and sleep at Windsor Castle. The Queen has been entertaining the Cabinet Ministers in regular succession since she arrived from Balmoral.

Lord Salisbury is anxious that the Captaincy of "Well, the Gentlemen-at-Arms should be offered to Lord Zetland, whose converson to Toryism has not as yet been rewarded in any way whataver, whereas Lord Hichester, a later and much less important 'vert, obtained the Lieutenancy of Dorsetshire last autumn. | that having been in distinguished service all his life The Court candidate is Lord Hertford, and Lord Rosslyn is strongly supported. I am sorry to hear that Lord Iddesleigh is far | Knee Plush Hultra hinkskribed on the garter of his

from well. He is suffering from the overwork and | hinexpressibles. hear of this Colonel Sloane, the more I believe the | the incessant anxiety and worry of the last three dreadful reports concerning him. If he is not fit to months. He has not been able to leave the Foreign Office for a single week, but has been kept labouring like a galley-slave all the autumn. Lord Iddesleigh "You are quite right," said Fotheringay, who by will go to Pynes for a period of much-needed rest as soon as he can get away, and Lord Salisbury will take charge of the Foreign Office during his absence. I do not understand why people should be surprised at Mr. Kekewich being made a Judge. He is a Tory; he married a daughter of Messra, Freshfield and Co., the well-known Tory attorneys; and he has once or twice spent his money in a hopeless contest for his party. There are many other barristers who would be better fitted for the post; but it is a strange misapprehension, indeed, of Lord Halsbury's stan-

dard of merit to suppose that he would have preferred them to one who has such party claims. One of the largest farms on Lord Stradbroke's estate in Suffolk has been rented for ten years by Mr. Keith, a well-known farmer in the Buchan district of Aberdeershire. He receives most liberal terms from his new landlord, and the decrease in the value of land is remarkably proved by the fact that Mr. Keith takes this farm of about 700 acres at a reduction of rent of no less than £700, as compared with the rent which was paid by the last tenant; and yet the farm is in admirable order, complete in all respects, and has some of the best barley-ground in

I am informed that there is a "project of marriage " between the Duke of Augustenburg and had under consideration for the production of a | nephew of Prince Christian, and the brother of will be presented every afternoon at the Prince of presesses large estates in Silesia, and receives Waler's Theatre, L. Bearnaite still continuing its | £15,000 a year from the Prussian Government to prosperous run in the evenings. The clever Ross | compensate him for the loss of his father's dominions. troupe have been engaged for principal parts, and an | The Duke's mother is the Princess Adelaide of ideal Alice has been found in the person of Miss | Hohenlohe-Langenburg, the sister of Count Gleichen, Napoleon was very arxious to marry her in 1852, and

WITH PAPER, 2D. he proposed twice for her, but her English relatives did not approve of the match, and nothing would in-duce her father (the late Prince Ernest of Hehenlohe,

who died in 1860) to sanction it, (FROM THE "COUNTY GESTLEMAN." The Cabinet will be large enough for all ordinary purposes when Mr. Ritchie and Mr. Balfour are taken in. Then will it consist of mxteen members. Lord Salisbury set out with the idea of keeping the number of members of the Council below thirteen. But that wee not an easy matter when the claims of

his colleagues were considered. The admission of Mr. Balfour, the thinker, and Mr. Bitchie, the man of business, is imperative. The Local Government Bill is to be the most important measure introduced next Session. Mr. Bitchie has that Bill in hand. year ago Mr. Balfour was President of the Government Board, and prepared a Bill of the kind. He is a specialist, therefore, and his assistance will be in-Some surprise will be expressed at the promotion of Mr. Ritchie, I dare say. He is not widely known. represented Westbury in the Liberal interest for But the masses ought to be pleased, for Mr. Ritchie

comes from commerce. His businessite qualities and qualifications first commended him to the Prime Minister, who was glad, I am sure to recruit his Cabinet from the middle classes. Mr. Ritchie, it will be remembered, sat on the Duke of Richmond's Agricultural Commission. Thereon he greatly disall matters appertaining to rates and rating. Under the Act that Mr. Ritchie has in hand the incidence of local taxation will be entirely readjusted.

The agricultural people will regret greatly that Mr. Chaplin is not likely to be of the Ministry for some time to come. It is clear, however, that he speeches, as the enemy is pleased to imagine. Cloture leaders, the Unionist Liberal leaders, and thirteen members out of fourteen in the Cabinet are all, I

What of Oscar? At last I have hopes of a highprobably Beauty no longer wears breeches of picturesque cut, but he is, nevertheless, the most popular lecturer of our time. What of Mr. Sala? Just now the genial journalist is engaged upon the production of his book of reminiscences. When the book has been printed, published, and produced, Mr. Sala will, perchance, let us hear the lectures with which he fetched the Australian people.

Archer is dead. Archer was a hero in the estima-

tion of the people, and the people mourn him. On Saturday, the 6th, a belief was current that his illness might end fatally. His friends know that his constitution had been undermined, and that an illness of climbed from their boxes to repeat the painful story. The death of the jockey made the great political events of the week seem insignificant to the many. The Queen, having taken up her abode at Windsor, will remain there until she comes up to Buckingham Palace in the springtime. The Christmas trip to Osborne will be omitted, and a contemplated visit to foreign lands postponed. Her Majesty has her time well filled nevertheless. The interesting event in the life of the Princess Beatrice engages the Queen greatly, and were there any truth in a rumour that refers to another Royal Princess, she would be engaged and interested still more deeply. I am assured, however, that the hope in which several

people have indulged in is forlorn. A great temperance movement has been seen in English secrety of late. It could never have been begun, however, had the total abstainers been about, Hard drinking is counted shocking bad style. N one is pressed to take wine, and folk, being free to do as they please, take less and less. Water-drinkers are many. They are becoming more. Hot water is the beverage of the future. If you would be rid of your superfluous flesh, drink boiling water with your of the European Army in India came before the | dinner. Men are eating less than of yore, too. Dishes are becoming smaller and sharper and fewer. A good dinner now is often a very short dinner indeed.

COMIC CLIPPINGS.

(FROM "PUNCH.") A MIDLAN JOKE-VERY!

Passerger-"What does 'M.R.' mean, that's painted on all the carriages about here? Rural Wag-"Market 'Arbro', 'des-say, sir. 'Station INTELLECTUAL CULTURE U. ARISTOCRATIC BARBARISM.

(Mrs. de Montmorency Jones calls upon Lady Clara Robinson (see Vere de Vere) about the character of a nursery-governess.) Mrs. de M. J.-" And may I inquire if you consider Miss Wilkinson thoroughly competent to impart efficient instruction to the younger female members

of my family, aged respectively tive and three? " Lady C .- " What! teach your two little girls?

FROM "FUS." What the English manufacturers place their hope in-The buy and buy. AFTER THE BASQUET. - Randolph to Lord Salisbury : "Just like you, old man, I was sure you'd make an A villa has been taken at Nice for the Cesarewitch, ass of yourself if I let you go alone. Comparing yourself to Dizzy and the Duke of Wellington! You'll

be comparing yourself to me next!" PUTTING HIS FOOT IN IT. - Miss Tartlette : " Didn't see you at the Binks' Dance, Mr. Bonnieboy,"-Apollo Bonnieboy: "No. Couldn't possibly get there. However, didn't mirs much apparently. They tell me there wasn't a girl worth looking at. Awkward pause. A.B. reflects, and wishes he'd done so earlier.

A GRAND MEED OF PRAISE. - Angelina: " Do you like our new instrument, Mr. Punter? The maker has gained all sorts of medals and distinctions," Edwin: "Yeas, I know-very fine maker. I consider him a pers(h)on who has only received his- or - (Brine). Wend of praise." Angelina: " Medes and Persians. Ah, I see! Oh, you punny man, you!"

AR INNOCERT LITTLE PRASANT, -Tourist: " Can I get to the 'Red Eagle' this way, boy?' Small Native: "Straight cop the hill, and you'll see th' 'Eagle' on the soign, beak and all, plain as the nose on your face; and noigh the same colour, too, Tourist: "I'll give you a clip over the ear, you cheeky young brute!" Small Native: " Do 'es, sir. Feyther's the constable down here. if you please! and he sin't had a chance of locking any one up for sault this four months. Hit away!" | The tourist

TEMPORARY SCLACE, - Johnnie: " What 'oo erving for, Tommie?" Tommie: "'Cause 'co got farving. and I ain't. B-o-o-h!" Johnnie: " Never mind Tommie, don't 'oo c'y. I'll give 'oo my farving (fommie pockets farthing, and dries his Johnnie (after a long pause): "Here, I my Tommie, I want my farving back." Tommie: " What

Johnnie: "'Cause 'co don' want it now-'co FROM " JUDY." A Mo(u) ENING CONCERT .- Au Irish " waka." AND YET AROTHER BLANDISHMENT TO THE BAD. He: "Don't you think it's a great waste to spend money on cab fares, when walking is often so much

more agreeable?" She: "Oh, yes-when it in!" THE BULGARIAN DIFFICULTY, -Mrs. Ramsbotham declares that it is greatly owing to the Bultan's yacconsting policy. CHIVALRY BELOW STAIRS. - The Morning Post announces the Royal institution of an "Order of Distinguished Service." Mr. de la Pluche writes to my "never with hanybody hunder a Nerl," he trusts he will one day wear " the Order of St. Jeames with

Mr. Shaw-Lefevre, M.P., will contribute a volume on the question of "Land Reform" to Mr. Sidney Buxton's "Imperial Parliament Series," published by Mesars. Swan Sonnenschein and Co. The volume will appear in spring. The next volume, which will appear in the course of the winter, is on "Church

. The Americans are busy securing the services of English authors, especially of those whose names lend weight to a magazine. It is stated that Professor Huxley has undertaken to write for "The Youth's Companion, Few York, three papers to be called "From the Hut to the Pantheon," in which he traces the evolution of architecture. To the same periodical the Marquess of Lorne has promised a paper or "Salmon Fishing in Canadian Rivers," which will be illustrated by Princess Louise; Mr. Parkman a series of articles based on the hitherto unpublished manuscripts describing the adventures of Pierre Radisson amorg the Iroquois and the Sioux; a paper by M. H. Taine on "The Study of English Literature;" and an autobiographical account of Mr. W. D. Howell's boy bood in a western log-cabin and a country print-

Of the religious founders of the sixteenth century probably not one of them has left such a vivid personal narrative as St. Teresa, such as is to be found in her " Autobiography" and " Book of Foundations." St. Teresa, reformer of the Carmelite Order, was a Christmas give effect to an idea which he has long the Princess I ouise of Wales. The Duke, who is the Church, and especially in Spain, one rarely sees a specimen of her handwriting. But by some strange chance an almost unique letter of here is to be sold at Mesers. Sotheby's on the 25th inst. It is on two pages folio, and is addressed to Canon Salinas, of Palencia. It relates to the difficulties St. Teresa encountered in establishing one of her communities Phobe Carlo, whose suitability for the part has been and second cousin to the Queen. The late Louis | the Jesuits. In the letter she is negotiating for the purchase of a suitable house,