

EPITOME OF NEWS.

At New York "Mr. James Maco," the prizefighter, is giving a series of "stuntings" illustrations. The swallows have already left Paris for the south. The miners of the Gier (Loire) collieries are again on strike. The Church Congress is to meet next year at Southampton. The Emperor of the French has gone to Compiegne. A correspondent suggests the electrifying of garters as being more efficacious than flogging. A New York Commercial Paper reprints one of Mr. Spurgeon's sermons every week. During his recent stay in Paris the Prince of Wales visited the field of the Pantia murders. Mr. Gladstone and most of the members of the Cabinet will come to town about the 20th inst. In consequence of the riots at Portland on the 1st of July, the Government have determined on sending an additional force of constabulary. During her stay in Athens the Empress of the French visited all the most celebrated antiquities, and dined at the Royal Palace. The interest which cultivated society takes in the details of a murder is almost as disgusting as the murder itself.—Saturday Review. It is announced that Mr. George Peabody, who is now in New York, will soon return to England. Thomas Carter, a bill-poster, has been fined five shillings and costs at Liverpool for posting bills about the town on Sunday. The race for the Cesarewitch Stakes, at Newmarket on Tuesday, was won by Chieftain, John Davis and Provender coming in second and third. A rumour was recently spread in Paris that M. Haussmann had died of apoplexy. Next morning the report was found to be untrue. There is a rumour in Paris that M. Rouher may join the Government as President of the Council with the portfolio of Finance. It is stated that the Empress of the French, on her return from Suz, will pay a visit to Princess Marguerite, daughter-in-law of the King of Italy. There is a report that the Colosseum is to be converted into an opera-house, with a direct railway communication into the building. An explosion of gunpowder in a shop at Brasla, in Roumania, has killed and wounded several persons. This week the Liberation Society commences the work of another season, which is not likely to be so exciting as those of the last two years. In New York, it is stated that from 15,000 to 20,000 children roam about the streets and never attend school. A potato has been grown upon land belonging to Mr. Richard Sutton, of Lock Fell, which weighed 15 lb., and measured 11 inches by 13 inches. The subscriptions received for the wives and families of the miners who were killed in the Burg colliery now amount to 330,000 thalers. The increase in the wheat crop in the United States this year is more than 1,000,000 of acres. The first savings-bank established in the Kingdom of Italy was in Venice, in 1822; the second at Milan, in the following year. General de Montauran is about to be promoted to the rank of Marshal, in the room of the late French Minister of War. A list of the "diplomes d'honneur" and medals awarded to British exhibitors at the late Netherlands Exhibition has been published. His Royal Highness Prince Arthur has been received at Toronto with great enthusiasm. A procession, which numbered 30,000 persons, was formed to welcome him. The body of the elder Kinch has been discovered in the Forest of Carnary. There were several wounds on the body, and death appears to have taken place six weeks ago. The American crew complain that the Oxford four gave them "the wash" in the late race. In spite of this, they don't seem to have come out of the affair with clean hands. A man, either very ungrammatical or very sarcastic, stated at Norwich "the other day" that he had voted for the Conservatives in a "deliberate way." The National Education League met at Birmingham on Tuesday, one of the chief subjects for discussion being the best system for national schools, based upon local rates and Government grants. The Empress's yacht is fitted up in the most costly manner, with a golden eagle at the bow, and three ridges of gold round the hull, which make it look like a floating boudoir. Trophus's father is a confirmed drunkard. He spent the 100 francs sent to him by his son the evening subsequent to the murder of Madame Kinch and the children at wine-shops and taverns. An inquest has been held at Wallworth on the body of George Paddy, a builder's clerk, who fell from an omnibus a few days since. Verdict, "Accidental death." Another fierce encounter between gamekeepers and poachers is reported as having taken place near Bolton. Four keepers were severely injured, and one is not expected to recover. The next mails for Australia will be dispatched from London, via Southampton, on the morning of Saturday, the 30th October; via Marseilles, on the evening of Friday, the 8th November. The Duke of Athole has resolved not to restore the Dunkeld Hermitage to its former condition, or, indeed, to make any repairs upon it whatever. A child of seven, engaged at the Chatelet, Paris, in the extravagant Foudre de Persepolis fell down a staircase the other night and fractured its thigh. It is rumored that there is a probability of Prince Arthur visiting St. Louis on the occasion of the grand fair which occurs in the early part of next month. The election for East Cheshire took place on Saturday, Mr. Cluff Brooks, the Conservative candidate, being elected by a majority of over a thousand. The Duke of Edinburgh has arrived at Yokohama, where, according to previous advice, great preparations were being made for his reception. It is said that he will not visit Pekin. A return has been published for the six months ending the 30th of June, 1869, showing the description and quality of coal consumed on board each ship of the navy during that period. Mr. Charles Henry Pearson, the author of the "Riwayat Middle Ages of England," has been appointed lecturer on history at Trinity College, Cambridge, for the ensuing year. Alfred Pye, a commercial traveller, has been fined £5 and costs by the Norwich magistrates, for assaulting a police-constable whilst arresting a prisoner. Mr. Hale, of Didworth, bailiff to Sir Daniel Gooch, M.P., whilst in a fit on Sunday evening, attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat. It is expected that he will recover.

The Swiss journals report the flight of M. Schor, cashier of the Federal Bank at Zurich. He leaves a deficit variously estimated at from 200,000fr. to £400,000fr. Referring to the catastrophe of Bayswater, a contemporary cautions all persons against keeping fireworks in a dwelling-house, as more heat may cause the dangerous materials to explode. The discovery of Junius so often announced has at length, we have every reason to believe, been placed beyond doubt. The results will shortly be made public.—Academy. A parliamentary crisis has arisen in Melbourne in consequence of the Government having nominated as Commissioner of Customs a Mr. Balte, who is not a member of Parliament. A public meeting has been held in Hackney, for the purpose of protesting against the action of the authorities, who were enforcing the provisions of the Compulsory Vaccination Act. It is now transpired that Mrs. Stowe's wonderful story of Lady Byron's life is not new. It appeared long ago in *Forney's Press*, one of the leading political newspapers of Philadelphia. The proceedings connected with the conference of the National Education League were brought to a close on Wednesday evening by a public meeting in the Town Hall, Birmingham. The International Congress on the St. Gothard Railway has concluded its deliberations, and the draft of the treaty and the final protocol have been signed. A fire broke out on Thursday at Pitfield-street, Hoxton, on the premises of Mr. T. Haxell, oil and colourman. The firemen succeeded in extinguishing the fire in about an hour. The Prince of Wales arrived at Chester on Thursday evening at five o'clock, and met with a very hearty reception, Mr. Gladstone being amongst those who welcomed him to the ancient city. His Royal Highness was unaccompanied by the Princess. Historians and numismatists will be interested in the fact that in the new coinage of Jamaica the Queen is represented of her actual age, and not, as on our own penny, as a very young lady. The material of the new coin is nickel. The commander of the Hornet, the steamer seized by the United States Marshal at Wilmington as a Cuban privateer, demands her release, on the ground that she cleared from a British port for Cuba. The Marquis de MacMahon was thrown from her carriage and seriously hurt a few days ago, near her residence at Sally. The horse bolted while descending a steep hill, and dashed the vehicle to pieces. The coachman was also injured. The Second Chamber of the Grand Duchy of Baden has approved of the treaty with the North German States, according to which the subjects of each are allowed to take service in the army of either. Senator Wilson, of Massachusetts, will introduce a bill at the next session of Congress that any one failing to deliver coin who buys and sells gold shall be punished with a heavy fine and imprisonment. The Liverpool Police have pounced upon a public-house in Painford-gardens, kept by a man named France, and in a room there arrested France and several other persons who were "settling" for the Cesarewitch. The Registrar-General's return states that the mortality from scarlet fever last week was still high, but the disease was less fatal than in the preceding week. The births in London were 2,343, and the deaths 1,367. On Monday, at Halifax, William Pickles, factory operative, aged 17, was charged with having on Saturday evening cut and wounded two boys, named Kerahay and Crossley, factory workers. Prisoner was remanded. Mr. Darwin is preparing a new work, in which the main conclusions arrived at in his "Origin of Species" will be applied to man. The work is to be published next year, and will consist of three parts. On the 1st of January in the present year there were 2,916 steam-vessels registered in the United Kingdom, having a registered tonnage of 904,101 tons, and a gross tonnage of 1,341,106 tons. A committee for the defence of the Channel Ports has been formed at Calais, Boulogne, and Havre, to oppose the project attributed to Messrs. Waring, the English contractors, of constructing a more convenient port near Cape Grizac. The Belgian journals report the flight of M. Baidin, of Lessine, the chief of the clerical party of the district. He had the management of the funds for charitable and religious purposes in the locality, and leaves a large deficit. It is an extraordinary fact that our lawyers who attain eminence through lawsuits generally die nonagenarians, while bankers, who see as much of the troubles of others, generally exceed their three score and ten years. At a recent Conservative dinner at Norwich, at which Sir S. Dignold presided, it was announced that the Conservatives will, when the writ is issued, bring forward as candidate "the son of an illustrious duke." The decline of the British drama may date from the burning down of a great theatrical establishment—the supply of the necessary articles having run short wherever to print the offices of great success on the pavements of the metropolis. The attempts to recover the shore end of the 1866 Atlantic Cable off Valencia have hitherto been unsuccessful. It was grappled recently, but on being hauled up it broke, and it will now be necessary to grapple both ends before the fault can be repaired. A movement is in progress in London for raising a Welsh team among members of metropolitan volunteer corps to take part in the annual international contests with the English, Irish, and Scotch twentys. An editor remarked in a polemical article that, though he would not call his opponent a liar, he must say that if the gentleman had intended to state what was utterly false, he had been remarkably successful in his attempt. The Prussian Expedition.—On the 3rd of October the screw corvette Elizabeth set sail for Danzig. She is to proceed to England, and afterwards to take up the Prussian scholars of the Egyptian expedition, and start for the East. At the City of London Registration Court the Revising Barrister has decided not to place on the register those barristers occupying chambers in the Temple who do not reside there, and submit part of their premises to others. Mr. J. Mercer, a leather manufacturer and carrier at Bramley, a few days ago finding some steam escaping, ascended a ladder to examine the cause, when his arm got entangled in the machinery, and was almost torn away from the elbow. An elderly lady, of good position, left home last week to go on an errand to Kew, and has not since been heard of. It is known that she left the Waterloo-road station. A description of the missing lady has been issued. A miner named Halbeson and his wife, living at Ffissen (the Upper Rhine), have just been arrested on the charge of strangling three children the man had by a former wife, and then setting fire to their cottage to conceal the crime. All the Pope's enemies are being brought to the fore by the great challenge of the council. It is

not an invitation, but it is a slap in the face for the intelligence of the world, and therefore cannot be overlooked. With a view to put an end to the discreditable practice of the purchase and sale of adjudgments in volunteer corps, which is still thought to exist, a circular has been issued from the War Office, containing a series of regulations on the subject. Victor Hugo has addressed a letter to the *Kopet*, in which he disapproves of any manifestation on the 24th October, and advises the deputies of the Left not to declare themselves absolved from their oaths. A goldsmith, named Delamare, Rue St. Honoré, Paris, was robbed on Saturday of jewellery to the value of 16,000fr. by a well-dressed man and woman, supposed to be English, who had made some small purchase. The tonnage for the port of Hull for the nine months of the present year is 1,055,677, being about 10,000 tons in excess of the corresponding period of last year, which was one of the most prosperous years the port ever had. A cowardly murder took place the other day in the port of Marseilles on board the Norwegian ship Kingston, two Swedish seamen, named Gusterson and Swinson, having stabbed two of their comrades while the latter were asleep. The motives are not stated. The Spanish Government state that they have received intelligence from Andalusia and Catalonia that several bands of Republicans have been signally routed in those provinces, and that the insurrection may be regarded as vanquished. A public meeting of the inhabitants of Deptford has been held at the Literary Institution, to promote the immediate formation of a short line of railway between Greenwich and Woolwich—which plan has already received the sanction of the South Eastern Railway Company. On Tuesday, near Berkswell, a platelayer named Elliott was screwing up the rails, and did not perceive the approach of the half-past seven express from Birmingham to London until it was close upon him. He was knocked down, and his body completely shattered. A light dog-cart and horse were found in the Leeds and Liverpool Canal last week, near the stop gates between the Five-rises Locks and the Micklethwaite-bridge. The horse was got out alive. Soon the body of Mr. John Murray was found. He was quite dead. The average quantity of water supplied daily to the metropolis during the last month, according to the returns of the water companies to the medical officers of health, was 106,414,863 gallons, and the number of houses supplied was 467,577. A mischievous fool.—A Paris omnibus going from the Madeleine to the Bastille on Saturday, when near the Grand Hotel, passed over and exploded a bomb, which had doubtless been placed there by some malicious fool. Some windows were broken, but no one was hurt. Death of a Scotch Judge.—Lord Manor, Junior Lord Ordinary in the Outer House of the Court of Session, was found dead in his bed in Edinburgh on Thursday. His death is attributed to heart disease. His lordship was elevated to the bench last year. A number of colliers on strike, formerly connected with the Silkstone Colliery, near Barnsley, have been ejected from their houses, which belong to their former employers. The men and their families have taken residence in various public-houses in the neighbourhood. General Fleury, the new French ambassador at St. Petersburg, is reported to have conveyed to the Czar the promise of his Imperial master to visit the Russian capital during the exhibition of 1870 "if his health or the state of politics does not prevent his journey." The Viceroy and his guests.—The Viceroy of Egypt has engaged all the vacant bedrooms in Cairo, as well as all the disposable vehicles. The price his Highness is to pay for the former is £2 10s. a day, and the latter £4—so that his guests will be lodged, boarded, and driven about for nothing. The London Committee of policy-holders in the Albert Insurance Company have appointed Lord William Hay, Mr. Webster, and Mr. Bird, a committee to negotiate with the Alliance about the working of the Albert business on the terms proposed by the secretary of that company. The screw-steamer *Berside*, of and for Havre, has put into Yarmouth Harbour, consequent on an explosion which occurred on board. All the hatches were blown out, and several iron beams of the deck broken. Some of the men sustained slight injuries, but no one was killed. It is in contemplation to send the Southampton passengers and mail through the Swan Canal, the Marseilles mail going overland as before. It is also stated that the Peninsular and Oriental Steamship Company will go through the canal, if it can be managed. Accounts from Tripoli to the 30th of September have been received, announcing that the Turkish Government have succeeded in capturing the assassin of the late Mulla Timu, and recovering the young negro Jasmia and some of the stolen property. Mr. John Dearden, formerly in business as a druggist in Sheffield, was accidentally killed on Saturday at the Bedford station of the Great Northern Railway. Deceased missed his footing while getting out of a carriage, and was run over by the train. The Loch Awe, bound from London to Cape Town, was run into on Saturday night by the General Steam Navigation Company's steamer, *Eider*, which was on her voyage from Toning to London, and the former vessel was so seriously damaged that she had to put back. There is some danger that the late Social Congress will be known as the Penal Congress. Canon Kingsley proposes to imprison fathers whose children are untaught, and Dr. Symonds to incarcerate drunkards, which will lock up a considerable portion of the British race, and make the gaoler king. Three drutes have been remanded at Liverpool for gross cruelty upon a man named Ashton, 70 years of age. The prosecutor was laid on the floor in a public-house by the accused, when one of them got a red-hot poker, and seared him in a dangerous manner round his thighs. Velocipedes are all the rage in Australia. The cattle were at first a little perplexed at the sight of these things in the streets, and a man one day was furiously charged, bicycle and all, by a deranged cow, who rolled over man and machine most ignominiously in the mud. It is stated that Mr. Motley has written to the Government at Washington to the effect that he is not satisfied with his instructions in regard to the Alabama claims. If the subject be reopened, he thinks that a treaty satisfactory to both countries could be made. A young man, a foreigner, named Buchler, has been brought before the Lord Mayor on a charge of having forged and uttered a bill of £1,257, with intent to defraud Messrs. G. and A. Worms, of Austinfriars. The Lord Mayor intimated his intention to commit the prisoner for trial. The Attorney-General for Ireland has made a motion in the Court of Queen's Bench, Dublin, with a view to enable him to move for a change of venue in the trial of Barrett for the attempted assassination of Captain Lambert. The application was granted.

At Londonberry some anxiety is felt by the Orange party as to the forthcoming report from the Royal Commissioners, who were sitting in that city recently inquiring into the party celebrations. It is said that the December processions will be held whatever the character of it may be. The sewing-machine has not only produced a revolution in the method of working with needle and thread, but it has also created a special class of nervous diseases among the workers. The "jarring" causes in the young and weakly extreme nervous irritation and depression, headache, and restlessness. Thomas Petts, a greengrocer, carrying on business at 7, Vernon-place, Stoke Newington, was charged last week at Clerkenwell with savagely beating his wife. The evidence showed that he was drunk at the time. Mr. Mansfield ordered him to be imprisoned and kept to hard labour for 14 days. Before the Bridgewater Commissioners, Mr. Padwick, a Conservative candidate in 1859, has stated that he spent £2,000 at that election.—At Norwich, Mr. Tillet, the Liberal candidate, has been examined, and denied all knowledge of corrupt practices. A telegram from Belfast states that a man named O'Brien, a miller, who had attended the amnesty meeting at Dublin, was attacked at the Newry station by a party of men on his return home on Sunday evening. It is affirmed that he was dangerously stabbed by one of his assailants. Mr. Charles Dillon is a bankrupt. He owed to friends who had advanced money on his behalf, £457; for wine, £121; and clothes, £275. The debts (said the official assignee) seem to be those of the ordinary character contracted by theatrical managers. The Ecumenical Council.—The *Civitta Cattolica*, the organ of the Vatican and of the personal opinions of the Pope, states that the bishops are not summoned to the Ecumenical Council to deliberate or to decide questions by the votes of the majority, but to ratify decisions already resolved upon by the sovereign and infallible Pontiff. A young man of 23, employed in an important house of business, having refused the hand of a young girl of the quarter with whom he was desperately in love, attempted suicide the other day in the Rue Notre-Dame de Nazareth, just opposite her dwelling, by discharging a pistol into his own breast. The body of Alexander Thomas Martin, aged 64, a woodcutter, residing at Little Clarendon-street, Somers-town, was found recently in the cistern of the house, which contained at that time about 21 feet of water. He had written letters to his friends intimating his intention to destroy himself. We are glad to learn that the wish entertained by many of the Irish subjects of the Queen, that her Majesty should visit this country next year, is likely to be gratified. We understand that arrangements are in progress at the Viceregal Lodge, with a view to a visit from her Majesty in June next.—*Dublin Express*. Mr. Kingslake has been examined before the Bridgewater Commissioners. He detailed his early connection with the borough, and admitted having spent upwards of £1,000 in bribery at the election in 1859. He considered his absence from the town absolved him from responsibility for the acts of his agents. The Chartered Gas Company are erecting some new and very extensive works on a piece of ground, 150 acres in extent, at a place called Beckton, a short distance from Barking Creek, and an official inspection has been made. When completed, the works will be capable of producing ten million feet of gas daily. An "Indian Chief" Preacher and Lecturer.—On Sunday two sermons were preached in St. Ninny's Congregational chapel, in aid of current expenses, by a minister named Kar Wa, who is represented as an Indian chief, and who was on a visit to Leeds. The "chief" appeared in his Indian costume. In consequence of the prevailing scarcity, and the famine in Rajpootana, the Governor-General of India has abandoned his intention of holding the projected Durbar. The Duke of Edinburgh is expected to arrive at Calcutta on the 20th December, and many Indian princes and nobles will be invited to meet him. On Wednesday a small boat containing three young fellows was passing down the river. When off Battersea one of the company stood up in the boat for some purpose, and it immediately capsized. All were immersed in the water, and John Cook, aged 19, although he could swim, was drowned. The others were rescued. The Captain of the *Gem of the Seas*, which has just arrived in the Thames, reports that he spoke the *Red Jacket* on the 15th ult., in lat 49 N., long 7 W., at which time all on board were well. The only damage the vessel had then sustained was the loss of her mainmast yard. It is supposed that she foundered within 12 hours afterwards. One of the smallest screw steamers that ever crossed the English Channel at this season of the year arrived in the Cork harbour on Wednesday morning from Cores. She is named the *Cuckoo*, and manned by Captain Wakely, John Groves, engineer, and Frederick Vincent, seaman. She is an open screw steambot, of about two and a half tons. A fatal accident has occurred at the Swaithie Main Colliery, Worsborough Dale, near Barnsley, to a packer named George Beckett. Whilst the deceased was at work "taking wood," a fall of stone took place, which fractured his skull, and injured him on other parts of his body. He died in about three hours. Lafayette's Horses.—The *Gaulois* tells a little Republican anecdote about Lafayette. At Lamark's funeral the crowd took out the general's family, several of his relatives and friends having just visited the country to ascertain the state of public feeling. King Victor Emmanuel is said to have stated that he could not give his consent at the present moment.

At Blackheath recently the wife of a clergyman resident on the heath gave birth to twin-girls within less than eleven months of a similar birth of twin-girls, all four children being now alive and doing well. The parents have thus four daughters all of them under seven years old—an unprecedented circumstance. An additional force of police has arrived at Moydow, where the late Mr. Frynne, bailiff on Mr. Jessop's property, was so brutally murdered. There are no tidings as yet of the perpetrator. Threatening notices have been posted at Carickmeadon and near Moydow, threatening Mr. Casack, agent over the property. Owen Handlam, who, being suspected of Fenianism, was apprehended some time since in connection with McConville's murder of Philip Trainer, drew a loading revolver on five policemen outside a Dartington beehouse on Sunday night. Instant seizure prevented his firing. He remains in custody. Charles Sherran, a ship's cook, was charged at the Guildhall on Tuesday with assaulting Catherine Crowley, and breaking her arm. The defendant stole some apples, and refused to give the money, and knocked the complainant down and broke her arm. Sir Benjamin Phillips fined him £3 for the assault, or one month's hard labour. The Manager of the Dogs' Home at Holloway, Mr. Pavitt, lately appeared before Mr. Mansfield, at Clerkenwell Police-court, to answer a complaint alleging that the Dogs' Home is an intolerable nuisance to the neighbourhood. After a long hearing, Mr. Mansfield dismissed the case, and refused costs. We (*Echo*) have reason to believe that a report favourable to the issue of a halfpenny-stamp for the postage of printed matter under two ounces in weight and newspapers will be laid before a Cabinet Council, next month, by the Postmaster-General, when it is probable that the Government will resolve to bring in a bill authorising the issue of such a stamp. The Revision of the Lists of Voters for the City of London has been brought to a close with the following numerical results. The admitted claims were 352 Liberal and 184 Conservative—the gain to the former being 106. The number of objections sustained by the Liberals was 1,095, while the Conservatives sustained only 676, the gain to that score being 419. Of course, these results may be somewhat altered on the appeals. The Dean of Ely, Dr. Goodwin, has been appointed to the Bishopric of Carlisle, vacant by the death of the late Dr. Waldegrave. The new bishop was born in 1818, was educated privately, entered Caius College, Cambridge, in 1839, and graduated as second wrangler and Smith's prizeman in 1840. He was afterwards a fellow and mathematical lecturer in his college, and held the incumbency of St. Edward's Church, Cambridge, for ten years. A Paris paper says: "One of our principal gentlemen jockies ('un de nos gentlemen les plus 'riders') had among his ancestors a tradesman whose last cravat was the Newgate knot. While they were talking of him the other day at the club, some one said, 'I assure you that he is descended from one of the highest families in England.' " "Yes," was the reply, "so high that their feet did not touch the ground." Henry Colbourne, a journeyman painter was employed lately at the Lam Brewery, Belvidere-road, Lambeth, in painting the lion over the gateway, at an elevation of about 30 feet from the ground. He was standing on the platform on which the lion is placed, and was in the act of passing from one side of the lion to the other, when he overbalanced himself and fell headlong on to the pavement beneath. Verdict, "Accidental death." Lost in the Fog.—Last week an old man was engaged in herding some cattle on the moor at Roster, Calthorpe, and towards evening a dense fog having set in, his daughter, who became anxious about her father's safety, proceeded in quest of him. She succeeded in finding the cattle, but the old man was not to be seen. The search was resumed with vigour, and was continued for four days in succession, but without avail. The missing man was about 80 years of age. Cruelty.—At Wakefield on Monday Edward and Joseph Hillings, gamekeepers on the estate of the late Mr. Calverley, at Oulton, were summoned, for cruelty to a cat. The prosecutor was Mr. Ward. A few days ago the defendants caught a favourite cat of Ward's in the field, and, after stoning it from one tree to another, they seized it by the tail and threw it to their dogs, one of whom snapped it up and killed it instantly. The defendants were fined 40s. The Official Appointment of the Royal Commission on the Courts of Law is published in the *Gazette*. The object of the commission is to make inquiry into the operation and effect of the present constitution of the Courts of Chancery and Common Law, the Central Criminal Court, and all other inferior and local courts in England and Wales, with a view to ascertaining what, if any, alterations in the mode of conducting the business of such courts may be advantageously made. Embezzlement.—At Leeds, on Monday, a commercial traveller, named Edward Willis, was charged with embezzling £400, belonging to his employer, Mr. Chas. Pegler, Insendrap, Briggate. Last week the prisoner gave the prosecutor a book containing the names of several hundred customers and amounts, the total of which was upwards of £400, which the prisoner had received, but neglected to pay over to his employer. The prisoner was remanded. The *Times* says that letters from Alexandria, of the 28th of September, seem to indicate diminution of confidence in the opening of the Suez Canal for immediate traffic. A Liverpool firm are alleged to have sent an agent expressly to survey and report, and according to his account the Suez Canal is very unequal throughout the canal is very unequal. "An Egyptian corvette recently went up a short distance and struck fast, but in anticipation of such a mishap she had been sent stern foremost, and so came back without difficulty." Mr. Thomas Longworth Dixon, of Newcross, was charged at the Mansion House recently by the South Eastern Railway Company for refusing to show his ticket, and obstructing a servant of the company in the execution of his duty. The defendant, who is a season ticket holder, refused to show his ticket at the Cannon-street station, pushed the collector aside, and on the officer following him and demanding to see the ticket struck him in the face. Sir Robert Carden fined him 20s. and 6s. 6d. costs for obstructing the officer. The Prussians at Kiel.—A letter from Kiel, in the *North-Eastern Correspondent*, gives an interesting description of the development of that town since it has come under the Prussian rule. If the works now in progress continue, says the correspondent, Kiel will become one of the largest and handsomest seaports in Europe. The harbour is nearly three miles long, a mile and a quarter broad, and forty feet deep, and ships of the heaviest tonnage find a safe refuge in it. Kiel is destined to become the Cherbourg of Prussia. An inquest has been held in Whitechapel on the body of the illegitimate child of Mrs. Freedman. The woman was the wife of a seafaring man, who had been five years separated from her, but who is shortly expected home. The existence of the child, born four months ago, seemed a great source of trouble to the woman under these circumstances, and she told her neighbour the other morning that she had poisoned the child and herself. The child was found to be dead. The inquiry was adjourned to enable an analysis of the contents of the child's stomach to be made.

A PARTICULAR copy of a letter of hood of Birmingham country town, and engaged. "Mrs. Eng.—, and with her late servant, took? Was it he who lived with her worthy? Clean it woman? Quiet, well? Mrs.— applying for a situation, knows nothing about Mrs.— stating is good tempered, troublesome in the Is her health inconvenient in during abroad for Mrs.—, &c. &c. THE TROUBLE Thomas Hugo, the church, accompanied N. division, and applied to Mr. N. under the following place, he said, he magistrate from that some means a most intolerable question was before number of open-ground contiguous out their opinions on the language, too, was devious; placards exhibited; and appeared likely to result in the performance of his duties. The placards referred to correspond with been likened to a insulted. Mr. N. to provoke a breach of his man in preaching, had a nuisance went on his men from car Newton said that circumstances were any annoyance of a man advised thing to most effectual policeman of a rankled, he would the fun to him belonged to that better for that gair preachers if down and warn them. After a granted a summing the performance. In a case which Thomas Pollock by a policeman Mr. Paget said and ought not to the policeman of more to say, and repeated answer struck him twice He should write policemen's mis-commissioners, man was young "EXTERMINATE and diabolical Rossall College to light. The Hogan, has for College, and a he was seen to something in his no suspect of thought no Hogan asked Slep, a master and whether had, fortunately the ordinary his usual health something as self of journals but subsequently and, luckily, possession of dental medicine gentleman in the sugar mill tained as much persons. Hogan secured and father was one of the had been heard towards him the life of any sixteen years arsenic into to use, Hogan curiosity, that he could operate with apparatus arrived at the arsenic, that after his mid in a certain was searched to poison all secreted in it by his father. The Gov letter to the O'Donoghue Government commissioner (sones, and can do so ought, they will no functions of posed in the of uncounted countryman's vanity of the world that from being nevertheless fustian that appeared Government and with a the attacks on the child and himself. The child was found to be dead. The inquiry was adjourned to enable an analysis of the contents of the child's stomach to be made.

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