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Business Announcements.

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HOUSE CARPENTER, JOINER, UNDERTAKER, HARDWAREMAN,
HARVEY STREET, CONSETT. 6758

JOHN JENKINS,
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HOUSE AGENT, AND APPRAISER,
TRAFALGAR STREET, CONSETT.

PARTIES leaving the Neighbourhood can have their Furniture, &c., turned into Cash on the shortest notice. 660a

NOTICE.

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By order,
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ANY Person Removing, Altering, or Tampering with any Meter, Pipe, or other Property of the above Gas Company, without first obtaining the said Company's permission, will be prosecuted according to Law.
By order of the Directors,
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NOTICE.

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N.B.—Estimates given for general Repairs, Shop Fronts, &c. 6178

LADIES' SCHOOL, WEAR TERRACE, BISHOP AUCKLAND.

PRINCIPAL:—MRS. CLEMINSON.

SEVERAL of the Pupils have passed the Local Examinations of the Universities of Oxford, Cambridge, and Durham. The result of this year's examinations—Six passed the various English subjects, one in first-class honours; five passed in French, four University Prizes gained; and four passed South Kensington Science and Art Department, one Prize gained. 180h

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By order of the Directors,
M. RICHLEY, Secretary.
Shotley Bridge, October 9, 1876. 24

NOTED FOR GENUINE ARTICLES.

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RESPECTFULLY returns his sincere thanks to the Inhabitants of Dipton and surrounding district for the liberal support accorded to him during the many years he has been in business, and begs to intimate that he has now on hand
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Which he purposes to dispose of at the following moderate rates:—
Fine Gin (superior quaility)........2s. 6d. per bot
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THE EMPEROR OF RUSSIA AND THE CITY OF LONDON.—His Imperial Majesty the Emperor of Russia has conferred on Mr. J. W. Benson the appointment of Goldsmith to the Imperial Court, in appreciation of Mr. Benson's artistic production of the Golden Casket presented to the Emperor by the Corporation of the City of London.

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Castle C *Pale* SHERRY *from Spain* A good type of nutty Sherry. 6 years old		2/4	28/	Castle SO SCOTCH WHISKEY Finest old Scotch Whiskey. Strength, proof	3/3	39/
Castle VP *Pale* MARSALA *from Sicily* A delicate Dinner Wine. 3 years old		1/4	16/	Castle UP BRANDY Has much of the fine flavor of Cognac. 33 per cent. under proof	2/3	27/
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Excellent HAM (whole), 7½d. per lb.
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J. L. also wishes to state that he has at present a large Stock of the Celebrated EUREKA and PERISCOPIC SPECTACLES on hand. 297h

THE GUARDIAN.

SATURDAY, FEB. 4, 1877.

RUSSIA.

The Ambassadors have all returned from Constantinople, but the Porte does not yet adandon hope of being able still to keep negotiations open. They have addressed themselves in the first instance to Vienna; but the Austrian Government has civilly declined to take part in any arrangement of this kind without the co-operation of the other Powers. This is only reasonable. Europe having agreed to a common policy, we must either retreat together or advance in line. As for the absurd report that General Ignatieff remained behind making stress of weather merely a pretext in order to negotiate a separate treaty behind Russia and Turkey, this is too absurd to be seriously noted. It is the last of the many fictions of the pro-Turkish Press, who have been sedulously engaged in making Russia contemptible. The only result of this has been that it has begun to recoil on those who instigated it. Turkey has been served only too well by its friends in Vienna Berlin, and London who wield the powers of the purse. They have written her up so ridiculously that the Pachas who direct her affairs have been compelled to act up to the party assigned to them. They begin already to feel burdened with a new-born sense of importance. It is the first time during this generation at least that the Porte has claimed anything like independence. During Lord Stratford de Reddyffe's embassy the Great Eltchee was virtual ruler there, a threat of the serious displeasure of England being always enough to bring the most obstinate Vizier to reason. Since Lord Stratford's removal the British Embassy has fallen into weaker hands, but the only result has been that Turkey has changed masters. She still continued under tutelage, the only difference being that Russia has succeeded to England as the confidential adviser of the Porte. Now, all of a sudden, Turkey is thrown back on her own councils. She finds herself possessed of the perilous gift of independence. She is master of herself. Lord Beaconsfield's favourite phrase, "the integrity and independence of Turkey," has been dinned into her ear until at last she is now left at liberty to shape her own course. "Lord of himself, that heritage of woe'" as Byron found it to be, we wait to see what the Porte will make of her position. As for Europe, there only remains one of the traditional three courses to pursue. We may fold our hands and do nothing, putting up with the affront. We may agree on a common policy of intervention; or, lastly, we may make a ring around and allow Russia to interfere in her own time and her own way. Of all policies the last is the only one which we are likely to adopt. We have gone far enough to release Russia from the engagements of the Treaty of Paris. She is now back again in the position which she surrendered then as the protection of the Christian races in Turkey. It is clear that either we must protect these Rayahs or we must allow Russia to step in and resume her protectorate. This is the position which we have let matters drift on to through the inconsiderate patronage of Turkey by a large section of the Press. We have hardened Turke'ys resistance, and so brought her to the brink of ruin. Russia may now speak the last word, whether peace or war. She is free to advance or retreat; and either case, in spite of Lord Beaconsfield's boasts, our neutrality is assured beforehand. This may exactly suit the Russian policy, but it is certainly not a subject of much satisfaction to British interests.

A Glasgow Mystery.—The authorities at the Glasgow Northern Police Office received information on Saturday morning that a woman named Elizabeth Hutcheson or Shields, 58 years of age, had died in the house of her husband, John Shields, a labourer, residing at No. 7, Garnkirk Road. The deceased occasionally made herself the worse of drink, and when in that condition she was accustomed to go to bed, and allow her husband to enter the house as he best could. When, therefore, he went to the door on Friday night at nine o'clock, and no one admitted him, he thought nothing of it, but entered by the window, as he had frequently done before. His son Francis arrived an hour later, and both fell asleep at the fireside, and slept for three hours. At one o'clock on Saturday morning the father went to bed, and was shocked at finding that his wife was dead. The police were called in, and on their appearance it is alleged that they found that both father and son were under the influence of liquor. In consequence of the death of his wife Shields did no work on Saturday, but went to the place where he was employed to draw his wages. On his return about two o'clock, he told a neighbour, named Mrs. Stewart, that he would not be long in following his wife; but he mentioned no special illness from which he was suffering. About ten o'clock he was seen in his own house by another neighbour, who gave him a glass of whiskey, after which he fell asleep at the fireside. His son Francis was in the house at the time, and about one o'clock on Sunday morning, he went with a man, named Devine, to the office of the Funeral Undertaking Company, West Milton Street, to make arrangements for the funeral of his mother. When he returned he found his father still asleep at the fireside, and he afterwards went with Devine into his house, where he remained for some time. Going home about three o'clock he found that his father had died in his absence. The deceased was about sixty years of age, and was greatly addicted to drink.

OUR LONDON CORRESPONDENT.

Some light is thrown on the reasons of the failure of the Conference from the violent abuse which the French and German Press have been heaping on each other since its close. This is not the time, I should have thought, to raise a storm between France and Germany, while the Eastern Question is still seething in the witches' chaldron. But so it has turned out. The French Press got a fixed idea that Bismarck was forcing the Czar's hand in order to make war between Russia and Turkey a necessity. The opportunity was to be seized of making a demand on France to disarm, and so imposing on her either another invasion or a humilitaion even worse. This was a Macchiavellian policy, but it was firmly believed in France, and it had the effect accordingly of forcing French diplomacy to take the anti-Russian side at the Conference. The fear of an outbreak of war in the East being seized on by Germany to force humiliating conditions or France may be an irrational fear, but it has undoubtedly affected the Conference and inspired the Turks with the hope that they may brave it out in face of disunited Europe. We shall see.

Mr Tooth is likely to give the Ministry that passed the Public Worship Bill some trouble yet before he is out of Horsemonger-lane Goal. Committed for contempt of court by a judge whose jurisdiction he utterly scouts, he is nevertheless sent to prison under an Act passed to incarcerate dissenters who would not pay Church rates. It is now said that there will be an effort to procure the repeal of the Public Worship Bill, and Mr Hubbard intends to move in the matter this session. It is known that the ranks of the Conservative party are more divided on this than on any other qnestion. The section that follow Mr Gatherne Hardy and the Marquis of Salisbury have not forgotten or forgiven Mr Disraeli's phrase about "putting down Ritualism." It was said at the time that it would end in putting down the Establishment. This may be going too far and too fast for some, but it is not going too far to say that it will put down the Minister who bought it in, as Ollivier did the war of 1870, with a light heart.

Cleopatra's Needle has long been known to be lying within a few feet of the shore at Alexandria waiting shipment to this country. It was presented to us by Mehemet Ali more than forty years ago—I suppose in gratitude for our blowing the Egyptian fleet out of the water at Navarino, or for arresting his career of conquest at St. Jean d' Acre. In any case, we have not yet availed ourselves of this rather burdensome gift. But the proposal is now revived of bringing it over to this country, and the Board of Works have offered to find a site for it on the Embankment. The French acted with far greater spirit and transported the Luxor Monument from the interior of Egypt all the way to the Place de la Concorde. The mechanical difficulties would be nothing in these days of Woolwich infants. The stone does not weigh more than two or three of the Italian guns, and though vastly more bulkly, it would be easy to put it on a float and tow it to this country. In any case, the Needle is there where it has been for centuries, and it will be a disgrace to us if we leave it until the remaining inscriptions are effaced by the weather. Rome is dotted over with Egyptian obelisks. We are destitute of this one monument of the glory of Egypt which we may fairly lay hands on.

The debates of the "Hardwicke Society" of the Inner Temple are not generally characterized by excessive mildness or morderation in tone. The young barristers and students for the bar who make the lecture room in which Austin once was went to deliver himself on jurisprudence the forum of their essays in eloquence, do their best to imitate the boisterousness and riot of the august assembly in which no doubt nine-tenths of them hope one day to sit. In some respects they go beyond their model and, except in the article of liberal expectoration regardless of spittoons, they very nearly approach the ideal of decorum which prevails in the American Senate, for each member smokes and imbibes his coffee or more ardent refreshment during the whole of a debate, except when he is actually on his legs. The last meeting of the "Hardwicke" was the most stormy and noisy within memory. The question to be discussed was whether ladies should be admitted in future to hear the debates on four nights every year. It is not understood that there is any pressing anxiety on the part of the female population to enjoy, the privilege of listening to crude ideas of 'prentice hands, or rather, 'prentice tongues: but the question gave rise to many of those side issues which are from time to time discussed with more or less graceful amenity in the House of Commons, when Jacob Bright brings on his bills for the enfranchisement of women, or when Serjeant Simon proposes to abolish the obstructive screen in the Ladies' gallery. It is a mortifying proof of the unchivalrous character of the age that the debate at the Hardwicke concluded by a negative decision, which appeared to be founded chiefly on the consideration that upon the appearance of the ladies, smoking would have to be resigned for a whole evening. This was more than the rising forensic genius of the country could put up with for four nights in the year.

Lord Gage, the oldest peer in the House of Lords, has just died at the mature age of 86. His Lordship deserves to be remembered as a lover of old English pastimes, more than one of which he attempted to restore. In his zenith he ranked among those who were most deeply moved by the spirit of Medievalism, which Sir Walter Scott's works had so powerful an influence in reviving. It was that influence which led the knightly heir of countless Montgomeries, the last Earl of Eglinton, to attempt to restore "the gentle and joyous sport" of jousting when he organized a splendid Tournament in Eglinton Castle in 1839. And it was that influence which induced Lord Gage to try to bring back the game of Quintain to its former glory. The idea failed. Modern youth found cricket and football more amusing than parodies of Chivalnic sport; and football, at any rate, provides equal facilities for that peculiarly English enjoyment which consists in risking one's life or limbs.

The Death of Mr F. Sullivan, looked for these few weeks past, leaves a vacancy in the ranks of opera bouffe artists difficult, if not impossible, to supply. He was the original judge in Mr Arthur Sullivan's "Trial by jury," and made a reputation in that part which will keep verdant during the present generation of playgoers. He was an accomplished musician and an original humorist, whose future at the time of his early death wore an unusually bright appearance. Often ailing, he had the misfortune to sleep in a damp bed at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and from that moment recovery was hopeless. The final cause of his dissolution was dropsy. Poor Sullivan's decease is widely lamented in the profession,—deeply mourned by those who had the good fortune to be acquainted with his many amiable qualities. It is worth noting that Sullivan modelled his "judge," in make-up and manner, on the Lord Chief, Justice of England.

THE IRISH ECHO

CAUGHT BY "O'DONNELL ABU" FOR THE READERS OF THE *GUARDIAN*.

Clontarf, Dublin.

Last week I referred to the fact that—according to *Mayfair*—Mr. Butt had been offered the Chief Justiceship of Ireland. My readers will remember that I made no comment, but gave the extract for what it was worth. Here is what Mr. Mitchell Henry, M.P., for Galway—in a letter to the *Freeman*—says on the subject:—

Sir,—Your leading article of Monday, in which you state that "anything which would deprive Ireland of Mr. Butt's services would be nothing less than a national calamity," gives me an opportunity of publicly saying what has long been in my mind. The sentiments attributed to Mr. Butt in reference to the possibility of high judicial office being accepted by him are those which, over and over again, I have heard from his own lips, and seen under his own hand, when the natural feeling of friends and admirers, sometimes from a long distance, have called them forth by their comments on public affairs. He at least would remain to the last without the rewards due to his position at the Bar, lest the popular mistrust of public men in Ireland should be deepened by his example. But, sir, you hint at a danger impending over the Irish people if circumstances that he cannot control should deprive Ireland of Mr. Butt's services as their leader. You rightly speak of such an event as "a national calamity;" and I trust you will allow me, as one of his humble followers, to warn the Irish people that if the "res angustæ domi" compels Mr. Butt to withdraw even partially from public affairs, and to devote himself for the remainder of his life to the pursuit of his profession, their battle in Parliament will be as good as lost. Every day on which Mr. Butt is away from London during the session perceptibly does Ireland an injury. Our numbers are small compared with the hosts arrayed against our country; day after day, night after night, we have to fight against all the acuteness and the experience of an Opposition that sits upon both sides of the House of Commons, and which would shake hands all round if they could by any combination crush the Home Rule party. Who is there amongst our ranks that could for a single week supply the place of Mr. Butt? To ask the question is to answer it. In the contemplation of such an event I see before me a picture of dejection, weakness, speedy disorganisation, national disgrace; and this not from the want of capable men amongst us in the ordinary Parliamentary sense of the word. We have eloquence, enthusiasm, diligence, business capacity; but, just in proportion as we have men possessing these high qualities in abundance, do we require that marvellous combination of legal knowledge, Parliamentary experience, and tact in the management of men, which alone can weld us into an effective fighting force, and is to be found in no other Irish politician than the present leader of the Irish people. Let that people see to it. Mr. Butt cannot accomplish impossibilities; it is not given to him to prove an exception to God's great law that man shall live by his own labour. The crisis assuredly is now at hand; and to those in high places who know how the wishes of the great masses are to be realised and made available this great issue is solemnly committed.—I am, sir, your faithful servant,

Mitchell Henry.

Irishmen, Remember! "The crisis is at hand!" *You know* how to meet it! Yet you cannot expect to triumph unless Isaac Butt is you general. I say no more.

The news of Mr. Delahunty's success was everywhere received with outbursts of joy by the people. Dungarvan was illuminated in honour of the event, and in Lismore and the other towns of the county there were equally significant manifestations of the popular feeling. As for the unfortunate Lehmann, he did not wait to hear his doom. He took his departure for his adopted country, England, early on Monday morning, carrying with him, as it is universally believed, a much lighter purse, as well as a much heavier heart, than he had brought with him to Ireland three or four weeks before, and thus presenting in his own person a fair warning of the fate in store for similar adventurers in search of a seat for an Irish constituency.

At the quarter sessions which are just now being held throughout Ireland the criminal calendars presented to the various presiding barristers are almost all of a very light character indeed. At Macroom, on Monday, a pair of white gloves were handed to Mr. Ferguson, who, in accepting the gift, remarked that it was the third time within two years that he had received this gratifying token of the peace and good order prevalent in the district. Bad times, truly, for the Coercionists!

The Lord Lieutenant has just been "doing" Killarney. In addition to viewing the beautiful natural scenery of the place, he visited the cathedral and the local convent of the Sisters of Mercy, his *chaperon* being Dr. Moriarty, the bishop. Of course the gentry could not allow the opportunity to pass without presenting him with an address, and the Town Commissioners followed suit. It was, too, only what was to be expected that "the magistrates of Killarney and its vicinity" should say that they "looked confidently forward to the interests and prosperity of this portion of the United Kingdom ever finding in the Duke of Marlborough an ardent and warm supporter;" but that the elected representatives of the people should permit themselves to feel assured that his administration of the functions committed to his charge "will tend to the best interests of the country"—a thing that scarcely anybody believes—is indeed a surprise.

Once more there are alarming rumours regarding the health of his Holiness the Pope. A Reuter's telegram tells us that, on Monday, he had a fainting fit which confined him to his private apartments; that the following day he insisted on giving an audience, which brought on another fainting fit; that, nevertheless, some other persons were subsequently received; and that his Holiness had given orders for fresh receptions on Wednesday. All this, however, would be more alarming if the telegraph had not so often represented the Pope in a dying state when he was in reality enjoying as good health as a man at his very advanced age could hope for or expect.

Mr. Barry Sullivan the eminent Irish tragedian, has jus, been made the object of two significant demonstrations. On Saturday evening in Belfast, on the occasian of his concluding an engagement in that city, he was presented with a very flattering address by the students of the local Queen's College; on Monday evening, on his arrival in Cork, he was met at the terminus by an immense concourse of citizens, who cheered him enthusiastically, and accompanied him with flaming torches to his hotel. Mr. Sullivan, I need hardly say, well deserves such marks of honour. When Shakespeare "spelt ruin" in England, this Irishman, by the pure force of genius, restored him to his rightful place upon the stage, and two worlds have united in bearing testimony to the fact.

From the *Nation* I cut the following "toothsome" effusion:—

JOHN BULL'S TOOTH-ACHE;
OR,
THE RITUALIST AND THE ROUGHS.
AN EPIGRAMMATIC POEM IN SIX FITS.

Fit the First.

"Painless extraction"? No, for crime so great
The ruder roughs provide a readier wrench:
A. Tooth—that traitor against Church and State—
Let him be "*drawn* and quartered"—in the Bench.*

Fit the Second.

Pause, ruffian Plebs; be brutal, yet be fair;
No celibate perchance this reverend youth—
A single tooth a single wrench might bear—
But oh! 'tis cruel for a *double* Tooth!

Fit the Third.

O thick-brained Briton, big in bone and brawn,
Forgive this masquerader of the Mass;
But, if the hapless molar must be drawn,
Ah! "draw it mildly" for the sake of Bass.

Fit the Fourth.

O troubled see!† O lifeboat in the lurch!
Who shall thee guide with tempests overhead?
Ah! who shall save that dear old Mother Church,
With those *new-fangled* notions in her head?

Fit the Fifth.

But yet, despair not; though her "boneless gum"‡
"Milks" feebly now the "nipple" of Maynooth—
What may be hoped for from the Church to come
That in its second childhood *cuts* A. Tooth?

Fit the Sixth and Last.

And must he fall? And "shall Trelawny die"?
His life perchance, at least his *living* lose?
Let him take heart, and feel this truth as I—
A Tooth may masticate whene'er he *chews*.

London, Jan. 22, 1877. M.

* Horsemonger Jail—though from its name evidently not intended for *ruminating* animals—is now said to be the prison where the unfortunate Mr. Tooth will have full leisure "to chew the cud of sweet and bitter fancy."

† Rochester to wit. ‡ "Macbeth," act 1, s. 7.

THE LATEST ADDITIONS TO THE NAVY.

From the periodical return of the strength of the Royal Navy, just issed, we find that more vessels have been added to the list within the last six months of the past year than in a similar period for some time past. According to that return, no less than 11 vessels of various tonnage and power have been launched in that period, and at the present time there are under construction at the various Government Dockyards and by private firms 38 others of various sizes, including 13 ordered to be built within six months referred to. The vessels recently launched and in course of completion for sea are the Emerald, Ruby, and Turquoise, composite screw corvettes, to carry 14 guns each, of 1,864 tons, and engines of 2,100 indicated horse-power. The first-named was built at Pembroke Dockyard, and the two others by Earle's Shipbuilding Company at Hull. The Turquoise is now at Sheerness. These vessels are known as the "gem ships" from the fact of their being named after precious stones; the engines are compound, with two horizontal cylinders, 57in. and 90in. diameter respectively, with a stroke of 2ft. 2in. They are each 200ft. between perpendiculars, with an extreme breadth of 40ft. The Osprey and Penguin, two of four screw composite sloops to carry six guns each, of 1,124 tons, and engines of 900 horse-power; the Osprey was built at Sheerness and the Penguin at Glasgow; the latter vessel has since arrived at Devonport. The Wild Swan, another of this class of vessels, was completed some time since, and the Pelican is not yet finished. The Northampton, one of two 12-gun double screw iron armour-plated ships, of 7,323 tons and 6,000 horse-power engines, built at Glasgow by Messrs. Napier and Sons. The Bacchante, a sister ship to the Boadicea, a 16-gun iron screw corvette, cased with wood, of 3,932 tons, and engines of 5,250 horse-power, launched at Portsmouth. Two vessels of the Lily class, with iron frames, beams, &c., cased with wood, three-gun screw composite gun vessels, each of 174 tons and 750 horse-power engines, named the Flamingo and Griffin, the former built at Devonport and the other at Birkenhead, by Messrs. Laird. Two double-screw iron gun boats, each of 363 tons and 310 horse-power engines, to carry three guns each, named the Medina and Medway, built by the Palmer Shipbuilding Company, at Jarrow-on-Tyne, now completing at Portsmouth. The new vessels ordered within the six months to be constructed, and for which the necessary preparations have been made, include a six-gun screw composite sloop, of 1,124 tons and 900 horse-power engines, preparing to be built at Sheerness, to be named the Gannet. Six screw corvettes, to carry 14 guns each, to be constructed of steel and iron, sheathed with wood. They are to be of 2,377 tons each, with engines of 2,300 horse-power. The contract for three newly designed vessels has been taken by Messrs. Elder and Co., of Glasgow, and they are to be named Carysfort, Champion, Cleopatra, Comus, Conquest, and Curacoa. The other new vessels commenced are six double-screw iron gunboats of 363 tons each, and engines of 310 horse-power. They are to be called the Dee, Don, Esk, Slaney, Trent, and Tweed, and are intended to carry three guns each. The contract for these vessels has been given to the Palmer Shipbuilding Company, at Jarrow-on-Tyne. The other vessels under construction include two double-screw iron armour-plated turret ships, to carry four heavy guns each, and are to be of 8,492 tons, with engines of 6,000 horse-power each; they are to be named Agamemnon and Ajax, building at Chatham and Pembroke respectively; a 12-gun double-screw iron armour-plated ship, similar to the Northampton, of 7,323 tons and 6,000 horse-power engines, to be named Nelson; and under construction by Messrs. J. Elder and Co., of Glasgow, an iron screw corvette, to carry 16 guns, 3,932 tons, and engines of 5,250 horse power. This vessel, which is cased with wood, and has a covered battery, is being built at Chatham, and is to be named Euryalus. The Garnet, another of the gem ships, similar in every respect to those of the same class already launched, is building at Chatham. The Pelican, a sister ship to the Osprey and Penguin, is under construction at Devonport; a six-gun composite sloop, of 1,124 tons, and 900 horse-power engines, building at Chatham, to be named the Cormorant; two double-screw steel despatch of 3,735 tons each, and 7,000 horse-power engines, designed to carry 10 guns, are both being built at Devonport, and are to be named Iris and Mercury; two vessels of the Lily class, each to carry three guns of 774 tons and 750 horse-power engines, named the Condor and Falcon, both launched this year, building at Devonport and by Messrs. Laird at Birkenhead respectively. Of gunboats, in addition to those previously referred to, there are now under construction six screw composite gunboats, to carry four guns each, of 455 tons and 350 horse-power engines—two building by Messrs. J. and G. Thompson, of Glasgow, to be named the Firebrand and Firefly; two under construction by Earle's Shipbuilding Company at Hull, to be called the Firm and Forester; and two others, the Forward and Foxhound, being built by the Barrow Shipbuilding Company at Barrow-in-Furness; four 3-gun double-screw iron gunboats, of 363 tons, and engines of 310 horse-power, to be named respectively Sabrina, Spey, Tay, and Tees, contracted for by the Palmer Shipbuilding Company at Jarrow-on-Tyne. There are also four double-screw iron gunboats, of 264 tons and 168 horse-power engines, each to carry one gun, ordered to be built at Pembroke, to be called Gadfly, Griper, Pincher, and Tickler, but the construction of these boats has for some considerable time been suspended.—*Times*.

GUN BOATS FOR THE CHINESE.

The problem of carrying a great gun in a little ship is now being worked out by the firm of Sir W. C. Armstrong and Co., of Newcastle-on-Tyne in a manner which is exciting considerable interest both at the War Office and the Admiralty. Four vessels of this description were thus ordered some time ago, and have been designed by Mr George Rendel, a member of the Armstrong firm. In respect to the Chinese gunboats, the Elswick firm received the order for the vessels, as well as for the guns and the machinery; but the vessels themselves were built from Mr C. Rendel's designs, by Messrs Chas. Mitchell and Co., of the Tyne. The gunboats, provided and armed by Sir W. Armstrong and Co., consisted in the first place of two vessels, having each a load displacement of 325 tons, with a draught of 7 feet 6 inches, and carrying each a gun of 27 tons. These two vessels have made the run to China in a most satisfactory manner, showing themselves able to cope with some tolerably rough weather. The voyage from Aden to Point de Galle, a distance of 2,1000 nautical miles, was made without break and with perfect ease, under steam and sail, the vessels reaching Tientsin by the end of last November. It is observed that these gun boats made their voyage from England to China with their guns and ammunition all on board, and fully prepared to go into action had occasion required it. The remaining two gun boats are of peculiarly formidable character. They are twin vessels, and one description will serve for both, as in the former case. The length is 115 feet, with a beam of 30 feet, the draught being 8 feet and the free board about three feet. The load displacement is 430 tons, and the speed under steam nine knots an hour. Each vessel carries 50 tons of coal in her bunkers, besides which she can carry a certain quantity in sacks on deck. The vessels are iron built and have numerous compartments, especially in the forepart, where injury is most likely to occur. The engines are below the water line, and the boilers are nearly so, the latter being further protected by the coal which surrounds them in front and on the sides. The shell room and the magazine are entirely below the water-line, and are protected from splinters by a horizontal bulkhead. The engines are surface-condensing, and are highly expansive in their principle of working. In construction they are very simple. The economy of fuel is considerable, so that under ordinary circumstances of weather these vessels could make 1,500 miles under steam alone. But they are masted gun boats, each being fitted with two tripod masts, each limb of the tripod being tubular, and one of the tripods being made to receive the topmast when the latter is lowered. The steam propulsion, we should add, is by twin screws, and the foregoing method of masting provides for a minimum of rigging, so as to diminish the risk of the screw-propeller being fouled in action by fallen cordage. Such being the vessels—small, compact, and capable of going great distance—there is the ominous fact that each one carries at its prow a muzzle-loading Armstrong gun of 38 tons, loaded and worked by Mr G. Rendel's hydraulic gear, as nearly as possible on the model which will be adopted for the Inflexible, excepting, of course, that there will be no turret. The boats are unarmoured except that there is a shield to protect the crew from rifle bullets at the bow. By means of the hydraulic apparatus a couple of men are sufficient to effect all the requisite movements of the gun, and very little manual power will be necessary to run up the amumunition to the loading point. The guns were made at Elswick, and rifled on the polygroove plan. The rotation of the shot is effected by means of a gas-check, the use of studs being entirely dispensed with. This mode of effecting rotation is found to be accompanied by a decided gain in velocity and accuracy. It has been already announced that, in compliance with a request made to the Foreign Office, these gun-boats are being inspected by a Government official. The trials of the vessels began on Wednesday, when one of them tried her speed over the two-knot course in the Tyne, and afterwards went out to sea to work her guns. Three rounds were fired with 130 pounds of service pebble power, and a projectile weighing 800 pounds Everything appears to have come off satisfactorily. Officials from both the War Office and the Admiralty were present at these trials, including General Sir J. Lintorn Simmons. K.C.B, the Inspector-General of Fortifications. The members of the Chinese Embassy were desirous of being present, but it was found that for this purpose some delay would be requisite, and it was judged desirable to avoid any loss of time.—"Standard."

According to the Alexandria correspondent of the *Daily News*, Sir George Elliot has effected some settlement respecting his claim for the harbour works. His interpreter, Aly Effendi Hassan, has been made Bey, and decorated with Medjidie.

Amateur Skiff Race on the Tyne.—A skiff race between two young gentlemen, Mr. J. G. Sowerby, of Gateshead, and Mr. W. Fawcus, of Tynemouth, took place on the Tyne on Saturday. The course was from the head of the Meadows to Scotswood Suspension Bridge, a distance of a mile. Sowerby and Fawcus were the strokes in a double-scull match on the Tyne a fortnight ago, when Fawcus and his companion (Mr. S. F. Priest) were victorious. The race on Saturday excited considerable interest, and two well-freighted steamers were in attendance. Fawcus won the best position, but his opponent took the lead in starting, and was a couple of lengths ahead when a fourth of the distance had been covered. Fawcus, however, was far from being beaten, and soon pulled up to his rival, quickly passed him, and was so clearly the winner, that Sowerby gave up the contest when about 100 yards from the bridge.

A Tynemouth Divorce Suit.—In the Divorce Division of the High Court of Justice on Saturday afternoon, the President had before him the case of Harper *v.* Harper, which was the wife's petition for a divorce on the ground of her husband's desertion, adultery, and bigamy. There was no defence. Mr Searle was for the petitioner, who was married to respondent at Tynemouth, on the 26th November, 1869. In 1871 respondent appeared to have left his wife for some time, but he came back and cohabited with her for two years. In 1874 he finally left her, and on the 12th of April, 1875, he married a woman of the name of Margaret Aynes Harvey. In March, 1876, he was apprehended on a charge of bigamy while residing with the woman Harvey at Bermondsey. He was tried on that charge at the Old Bailey, and sentenced to five years' penal servitude. The case was proved, and the Court pronounced a decree *nisi* with costs.

Mr Cowen, M.P., and his Constituents.—On Saturday night, Mr Joseph Cowen, M.P., addressed a meeting of his constituents on home politics in the Central Hall, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Mr R. S. Watson presided.—Mr Cowen said it was three years that night since he last addressed his constituents; an illness brought on by his exertion at the General Election had kept him from his place in the House of Commons for a long time, and prevented him from taking part in any public meeting. He was now, however, restored to health. Mr Cowen then proceeded to contrast the three years of legislature under the last Liberal Government with the three years under the present Ministry, not at all to the favour of the latter, although he admitted that some of the social legislation was worthy of commendation. He said the policy of the present Government was a modification of the views of the young England party, whose ideas were so eloquently enunciated forty years ago by Mr Disraeli, in his novels and speeches. He believed the present Government was likely to remain in power for three or four years yet.—A vote of confidence was carried with cheers.

Poetry: Original and ...

NOTHING TO DO.

Nothing to do? Oh, away with such blind...
Hearts and hands willing need never be...
God has a glorious mission assign'd us;
Plenty of work we may find if we will.
Away, oh, away with the indolent feeling...
Prompting the thought, there is nothing...
Angels and men to your souls are appealin...
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AFTER A RUNAWAY.

A HUNTING SKETCH.

A keen, clear air, not amounting to frost, but with just a suspicion of it in the shadows, a blue sky and brilliant sunshine—such atmospheric conditions were decidedly exhilarating one morning in January, albeit the experienced thought poorly of its promise as a hunting day. The sunlight streamed cheerfully into our large old-fashioned room, and sparkled on the white china, silver teapot, and steaming urn that invited to breakfast. Looking from the window one might see a pleasant sweep of sloping grass dotted with goodly trees, and on this greensward we knew that in an hour's time would be gathered a gallant array of horsemen, for the Lutworth hunt was to meet this morning at Craven Hall, my father's house, and I, Tom Beresford, was not a little elated at the expectation of a run on such a day as this, and on the new mount—a chesnut of which I had only lately become master. Some other little circumstances made me excited and merry, and I believe I was whistling in a particularly cheerful tone as I stood ready equipped at the window, when my sister Blanche came in to breakfast.

"Earlier than usual, Tom," she said, with the least shade of satire in her voice. "You don't intend to be left behind to-day, at any rate."

I laughed, and perhaps reddened a little as I pinched her ear, and then, the rest of the family coming in, we sat down to lay a good foundation for the day's work.

Breakfast had not long been over, and I really had nothing more to do but saunter up and down on the gravel before the house, when the hounds arrived. I had been to the stable and had a confidential chat with Meg, my new favourite, who was as ready as I was, and all in a quiver for the day's sport, for she knew as well as her master the scent of coming fun, and put her nose into my hand in her sympathetic fashion when I brought her a piece of bread as usual from the breakfast table. Through the trees I saw the red coats of the whips, and presently they trotted on to the lawn with the gallant pack. And now the gentlemen of the hunt began to arrive one after another, diversely mounted, some on grand horses, and some riding sturdy little cover hacks. Then came a miscellaneous contingent from the town that was not more than half a dozen miles from our gates. Some of these sportsmen were as well mounted as one would wish to see, but of course there were plenty who rode miserable rat-tailed hacks that yet, when they got a-going, managed somehow to keep their own, and a good deal more than their own, over grass and where the fences were not specially baulking.

It was time to mount my pretty mare and ride leisurely round and about the grass, scanning the new groups that were now constantly arriving.

There she comes! my queen of the day—Miss Evelyn March, with the slight graceful figure, the coiled chesnut hair, and the "shandy" little hat, with its feather-tip of deep sea blue. She rides a dark bay horse, while her father, who has come to take care of her, is mounted on a stout white cob, hardly a match for my lady across country. But what is my disgust to see, in addition to these details, that Miss March is accompanied by that little snob, Jones Carson, who has been hanging about her for months past, and who, though everyone agrees in considering him a "cad," has got such a way of attaching himself to her, that there is really no knowing whether she cares for him or not. It often seems to me that her smiles to him are quite as sweet as those she deigns to give me. However, he shall not have the advantage of me to-day, I think, with some little satisfaction, as I look down at my own well-fitting hunting appointments, and pat the glossy neck of my plucky little mare.

"A lovely morning, Mr. Beresford," says Miss March, gaily, "nothing could be more charming than this fresh air and clear sunshine; and how delightful your grass looks for a canter. I hope we shall have a good day."

"No fear of that," I answered. "There are plenty of foxes in Gravelly Wood, and even if they won't come out and give such a run as I expect, we can't be disappointed of a gallop, and I hope a few fences and ditches before the day is over. We'll make some sport if it won't come to us. Brown Bess looks in good condition this morning, but you haven't ridden her this season, have you?"

Miss March had been away the whole of the previous month. "No, this is my first day, but the groom has had her out often. I believe she is in rather a graceless humour, was curvetting about famously as we came along, and papa says she has been very wild all the winter. But here comes his lordship, so now we shall be off."

As she said this a waggonette and four rolled up, the riding horses were brought round, and after but few minutes spent on the hospitalities of the house, the master of the hounds moved off, and all the gay company began to follow, eager for sport. Defiling down a narrow lane, crowding through a hunting gate, then across a stubble field, and so to the edge of a large plantation, on one side of which are gravel pits. There is a good deal of fidgetting about, restless horses dashing off at a tangent, late arrivals coming up in hot haste, scarlet gleaming here and there among the trees, and the occasional yelping of the dogs. At length a familiar sound, deep and low and full of meaning, makes the blood of men and horses leap, and the word "Find!" passes round. Every rider pulls himself together, every horse pricks his ears and fidgets; but it is too soon, reynard has not yet slipped out of cover, and we have more waiting.

"Brown Bess" is evidently in a mischievous mood, and ready to play pranks on the slightest provocation; and it strikes me that her mistress, though a good and graceful rider, is a trifle nervous this morning; or is it only the excitement of the coming chase? I determine, however, to keep an eye on her, though the consequences may be to disappoint me of a run. At any rate, I know that where she can go, I can and will, which is rather more than her other cavalier can do.

Once more the hounds give voice, and "Gone away, gone away," "Hark forrard;" "Forrard on" are the cries cheerily echoed from the copse to the hill side and back again, and away we go, out as we came, then over a grass field with an easy drop into a lane, and so on helter-skelter at a good rattling pace.

My Meg and Miss Marchmont's impatient steed soon get us out of the scurrying ruck as we cut out a line for ourselves, and negotiate a flight of rails that most people shy. We are keeping side by side, and I note with pleasure how well she sits, and how the colour deepens on her cheeks with the rush of the keen air. A ditch or two she takes, famously, and we are through a nasty straggling fence, when somebody can't open a gate, flanked by an impossible barrier round a wood. Our panting horses will not bear the restraint. Brown Bess pulls at her rein, dances round, rears up, stands still for a moment, and then with a sudden start bolts clear away, making straight for the other side of the field. Mr. Marchmont, on his white cob, makes a valiant attempt to follow, and scuttles away at a surprising rate; Jones Carson is out of the running, delightfully pounded two or three fields off. That pony will be of no use, the chase falls to me, and with a touch and a word to my mare we dash away after the swiftly-retreating figure of Evelyn March. Bravo! She has cleared the fence safely, though a high one, but Brown Bess is not satisfied with that evidently; she has taken the bit between her teeth, and is tearing away at a killing pace. No matter, Meg is a match for her, and if my pretty lady can only keep her seat as well as she is doing now (for there she goes like a greyhound over high rails) we shall manage to stop this little game. Now they crash into a lane, and for a moment I think they are down; but no, there is the tip of the blue feather beyond the wall, and dropping after them we keep up the chase, and I hope lessen the distance between us a little; but that fiery animal of her's can take tremendous strides, and has plenty of "go" in her yet. Now into the open again, and I see with dismay that they are making straight for a twenty-feet ditch, with rotten banks, which the boldest horseman might well funk. Do they see it, I wonder? and my heart is all in my eyes, as they follow, with intense eagerness, the flying pair. They are almost at the brink; I can do nothing; then a sudden swerve, and, ploughing through the slush, away they rush for a bullfinch a few yards to the right. She has sat like a bird so far, but that swerve was trying; she must be losing her nerve, for as they rise to the fence, a shrill scream escapes her, and I think her figure sways a little. My brave beauty! does she know that I am following her, and nearing fast now, for her horse shows signs of flagging. If she can but keep steady and sit firm, she will be safe yet. Shall I shout as I ride a word of encouragement, or can she hear the thud of my horse's hoofs as the ground flies from under us? Heaven help her at the next leap! but ah, her strength is failing; an ther cry of horror, a reeling as if she could neither see nor hold out any longer, and there she is off, but clear of the horse I am thankful to see, and lying on her side on tolerably soft ground. Keeping Meg's bridle over my arm, I am beside her in a moment, and stooping down, obtain my long coveted wish—but now how sorrowfully!—of holding her fair head on my arm. Her face is deadly white, but the indispensable flask is at her lips immediately. It seemed to me long very long, before a faint tinge of colour crept back to her face, and then before her blue eyes opened she moved her head uneasily, and whispered "Tom!" How my ears tingled! how my heart beat! but I kept quite still. Of course she did not know who was by. Yet my hand trembled as it chafed hers, from which I had already drawn the cut and torn gloves. They were sadly bruised and hurt, those poor little hands, but I could not discover any breakage or serious injury, and was delighted to think she had received nothing worse than a severe shock. When she at last opened her eyes and began to take in the circumstances in which she found herself, she blushed as red as a rose, and tried to rise, and began to thank me and ask for her horse. Looking up, I saw the delinquent limping up to us from the next field, where she had come to grief herself, as a bruised side and cut hock showed. She was sober enough now, and at the same moment we saw a carriage draw up in a lane near by, and the anxious face of Mr. March presently peered over the hedge.

"All right, sir," I cried, re-assuringly. "No great harm done, I hope."

But Evelyn found she could not walk—a sprained ankle made her sink back with pain, and she had to submit to be carried to the carriage, where other friends began to gather round, and where, carefully supported and wrapped, I had to consent to see her carried off from my loving attentions. But before she went I had had such a look from her dear eyes, and such a parting pressure from her hand, as spoke something more than mere thanks, and that made my quiet ride home a very happy as well as a thoughtful one.

I did not expect, in the morning, such a termination to the day's sport as this, but I have never had reason to regret it, although I lost the best run of the season, and had Meg laid up for several weeks with a sprained fetlock-joint.

A FRIENDLY PICKPOCKET.—The *New York Tribune* prints the following curious communication:—"To the Editor of the *Tribune*.—Sir,—Please advise your readers always to leave their names and addresses in their pocket books. It frequently happens in our business that we come into possession of portamonnaies containing private papers and photographs which we would be glad to return, but we have no means of doing so. It is dangerous to carry them about, so we are forced to destroy them. I remember an instance where I met with serious trouble because I could not make up my mind to destroy a picture of a baby which I had found in the pocket-book of a gentleman which came into my hands in the way of business on the Third Avenue road. I had lost a baby myself the year before, of the same age as this one, and would have given all I had for such a picture. There was no name in the portemonnaie, and no way of finding out who was the owner; so like a fool I advertised it, and got shadowed by the police. Tell your readers to give us a fair show to be decent, and always leave their addresses in their pocket-books. We want to live and let live.—Yours truly, A PICKPOCKET."

A TRIBUTE TO A WIFE.—The tribute Mr. J. S. Mill, in his autobiography, pays to his wife, is touching from the very excess of the terms employed, and reaches to an eloquence rarely exhibited by Mr. Mill in any of his writings:—"Alike in the highest regions of speculation and in the smaller practical concerns of daily life, her mind was the same perfect instrument, piercing to the very heart and marrow of the matter; always seizing the essential idea or principle. The same exactness and rapidity of operation, pervading as it did her sensitive as well as her mental faculties, would, with her gifts of feeling and imagination, have fitted her to be a consummate artist, as her fiery and tender soul and her vigorous eloquence would certainly have made her a great orator; and her profound knowledge of human nature and discernment and sagacity in practical life would, in the times when such a *carriere* was open to women, have made her eminent among the rulers of mankind. Her intellectual gifts did but minister to a moral character at once the noblest and the best balanced which I have ever met with in life. Her unselfishness was not that of a taught system of duties, but of a heart which thoroughly identified itself with the feelings of others, and often went to excess in consideration for them by imaginatively investing their feelings with the intensity of its own. The passion of justice might have been thought to be her strongest feeling but for her boundless generosity, and a lovingness ever ready to pour itself forth upon any or all human beings who were capable of giving the smallest feeling in return. The rest of her moral characteristics were such as naturally accompany these qualities of mind and heart; the most genuine modesty combined with the loftiest pride; a simplicity and sincerity which were absolute towards all who were fit to receive them; the utmost scorn of whatever was mean and cowardly, and a burning indignation at everything brutal or tyrannical, faithless or dishonourable in conduct and character, while making the broadest distinction between *mala in se* and *mala prohibita*—between acts giving evidence of intrinsic badness in feeling and character, and those which are only violations of conventions either good or bad, violations which, whether in themselves right or wrong, are capable of being committed by persons in every other respect loveable or admirable."

THE INVALID'S FRIEND—TODD'S QUININE WINES.—Dr Wheatley, writing from the Crescent Carlisle says:—"I have much pleasure in giving my testimony to the efficacy of Mr Todd's, Quinine Wine, I consider it a valuable and pleasant mode on taking 'Quinine.'" This valuable and renowned preparation of genuine English Quinine is the most pleasant and certain remedy known for indigestion, and all derangements of the stomach. The genuine is manufactured only by Joe Todd, chemist Carlisle, and bears his name on the Government stamp.

MR. RUSKIN ON PUBLIC FOLLY.—There is nothing really more monstrous in any recorded savagery or absurdity of mankind than that governments should be able to get money for any folly they choose to commit, by selling to capitalists the right of taxing future generations to the end of time. All the cruellest wars inflicted, all the basest luxuries grasped by the idle classes, are thus paid for by the poor a hundred times over. And yet I am obliged to keep my money in the funds or the bank, because I know of no other mode of keeping it safe; and if I refused to take the interest, I should only throw it into the hands of the very people who would use it for these evil purposes, or, at all events, for less good than I can. Nevertheless it is daily becoming a more grave question with me what it may presently be right to do. It may be better to diminish private charities, and much more, my own luxury of life, than to comply in any sort with a national sin. But I am not agitated or anxious in the matter; content to know my principle, and to work steadily towards better fulfilment of it.—*Fors Clavergiera.*

SUPPER AT CHRIST'S HOSPITAL.—A very old feature of Christ's Hospital is the public suppers on the seven Sunday evenings preceding Easter, for which pleasant sight the treasurer and governors have the right of issuing tickets. It is a pretty quaint ceremony of the old times, and was witnessed by Queen Victoria and Prince Albert in 1845. The long tables are laid with cheese in wooden bowls beer in wooden piggins, poured out from black leather jacks, and the bread is borne in huge baskets. The interesting ceremony commences by the steward rapping a table three times with a hammer. The first stroke is for taking places, the second for silence, the third is the signal for a Grecian to read the evening lesson from the pulpit which lesson is followed by appropriate prayers. The Lord Mayor, as president, is seated in a state chair made of oak from old St. Katherine's Church. A psalm is then sung, which is followed by a short grace. The "amen" at the end of the prayers pronounced by nearly 800 voices, has an electrical effect. The vistors walk between the tables, and mark the happy, excited faces and the commensurate appetite of youth. After supper, about which there is no 'coy, reluctant, amorous delay," an anthem is sung, and the boys then pass before the president's chair in procession, bow, and retire. —"*Old and New London,*" *by Walter Thornbury.*

"DEAD AS A HERRING."—The herring, although so familiar to our shores, migh be classed as an odd fish, if the old saying were true that it dies instantaneously upon being taken out of the water. But this is simply a vulgar error, arising from the mode in which the fish are captured, the nets not enclosing them, but forming a wall in the sea, against which the shoal of herrings drive their heads, and, caught by their gills in the meshes, are literally strangled, and hang in the water *sus. per coll.* M. Neucrantz watched a herring live more than half an hour after it had been placed without extra care, upon a conveyance with other fish. Sagard, a Canadian missionary, noticed herrings leap upon the deck when taken from the nets, and continue doing so for a considerable time. Noel de la Moriniere, inspector of the fish market of Rouen, writes that he has seen herrings live two or three hours out of the water; and that he has held them in his hands, when they lived for upwards of half an hour. He relates also a variety of experiments he made to demonstrate their tenacity of life—cutting off their fins, and otherwise mutilating them. In a word, as the writer of this paper has proved to the credulous fisherman of Yarmouth, the majority of the shoal are either choked by the mesh, or stifled on deck and in the hold by the superincumbent mass of captured fish. *Cassell's Magazine.*

THE CEDARS OF LEBANON.—On the tops of these tall trees noble eagles did not scorn to alight; for were not these majestic cedars fit resting-places for the king of birds? So the prophet Ezekiel says, "A great eagle with great wings, long-winged, full of feathers, which are divers colours, came into Lebanon, and took the highest branch of the cedar. He cropped off the top of his young twigs, and carried it into a land of traffic." You see, the prophet says that this great eagle took the *highest branch,* which was a *young twig.* That shows that it was an *old* cedar that the kingly bird robbed; for I must tell you that the old trees are known by their having the foliage and young twigs at the very top only, while as many as seven trunks sometimes spring from one base. With their bare trunks and the branches and leaves at the top, should you not fancy that they must look rather like giant mushrooms, or great umbrellas? But the branches of the younger trees grow lower down. Not very many of these kingly trees are found on the tops of Lebanon now. There are, perhaps, about four or five hundred, and the most of these are only young ones. They grow on the very highest places, where there is often snow; just as if they liked being as near to heaven as they could, and to have around them only what is pure and white. I like the noble cedar all the better for that. Do not you, little reader? In the Middle Ages, a visit to the cedars of Lebanon was regarded by many persons in the light of a pilgrimage. The trees were looked upon as sacred relics; indeed, the visitors took away so many pieces of wood from the bark, of which to make crosses and other articles, that it was feared the trees would be destroyed.—*Little Folks.*

A PROPHET IN HIS OWN COUNTRY.—Ireland always thought less of the Irish bard, Tom Moore, than England did, and Belfast thought less of him than even Ireland did. That Dublin has erected an unpleasant statue to the poet—who is calling a cab from a neighbouring stand—is only a proof of the refined satire of those who raised it. Belfast disparaged the author of the "Irish Melodies," or rather of songs set to melodies which Stevenson un-Irished from original native airs, because the northern capital boasted of a contemporary editor of old "Irish Melodies," who was a native of, or, at all events, a resident in, that metropolis of Ulster. The now unknown bard's name was Bunting. When Moore was at the high topgallant of his pride as a lyrist, a public dinner was given to Bunting in Belfast, at which he was feted, honoured, cheered, and toasted, with Ulster enthusiasm and Kentish fire, as the author of "Irish Melodies!" No more allusion was made to Moore himself than if he had never existed. Indeed Bunting was bumpered at Belfast as *the* Bard of Erin, and "Faugh a ballagh" was the uncomplimentary feeling, if not actual expression, applied to all other sweepers of the Irish lyre, who put in claims for recognition,—at a banquet given to celebrate Irish minstrelsy. Some of them were, indeed, named, but Moore was rigorously excluded, and nothing pricked Moore's fretful vanity more sharply than that he should have been enwrapped in contemptuous oblivion at a literary banquet in Belfast. Twenty years later, Moore's "fidus Achates," Lord John Russell, was entertained at a public dinner at Belfast, and Moore was *not* present. Perhaps he got the well-known Irish hint which keeps any man from going as a guest anywhere, and which consists in the said man not being invited. The hint was most likely received by Moore, for he affected to think that it was, after all, as well that he was not with Lord John, as ten to one he would have got into some scrape (he said) at this dinner, by saying too much or too little; which is, certainly, what would have occurred at Bunting-glorifying Belfast.—*Athenæum.*

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FACETIÆ.

A young man began to read a paragraph about a mine to his sweetheart, commencing thus:—"You're Mine ——" When she interrupted him with—"I don't care if I do, John."

A citizen of Dakota took a Turkish bath in Omaha a few days ago, and died within an hour. The verdict of the jury was, "He hadn't ought to have got so much of the mud off him at one time."

NAUTICAL QUESTIONS.—Can a captain put a ship in irons without a court-martial? Is a ship's sheet anchor only used on the bed of the ocean? What becomes of the boys borne on the ship's books?

A young man in Pennsylvania attempted to stir up several rabbits in a hole with the butt-end of his gun. Twenty-three shots have been picked out of his shoulder, and the doctor is still probing. The young man thinks the rabbits must have escaped.

"I'll teach you to play pitch and toss!" shouted an enraged father. "I'll flog you for an hour, I will." "Father," instantly replied the incorrigible, as he balanced a penny on his thumb and finger, "I'll toss you to make it two hours or nothing."

A certain First Lord of the Admiralty, on his first trip down the Thames in rather a leaky vessel, observed the men working the pumps. "Dear me!" he said, "I did not know you had a well on board, captain; but I am really very glad, as I do detest river water."

One morning, recently, a careless mason dropped a half brick from the second story of a building out on Jefferson street, on which he was at work. Leaning over the wall and glancing downward he discovered a respectable citizen, with his silk hat crunched over his eyes and ears, rising from a recumbent posture. The mason, in tones of some apprehension, asked, "Did that brick hit any one down there?" The citizen, with great difficulty extricating himself from the glove-fitting extinguisher into which his hat had been transformed, replied, with considerable wrath, "Yes, sir, it did; it hit me." "That's right," exclaimed the mason, in tones of undisguised admiration, "noble man! I would rather have wasted a thousand bricks than have had you tell me a lie about it."

THE LOGIC OF EARLY RISING.—"He who would thrive must rise at five." So says the proverb, though there is more rhyme than reason in it, for if

He who would thrive must rise at five,

it must naturally follow,

He who would thrive more must rise at four,

and it will ensue, as a consequence, that

He who would still more thriving be
Must leave his bed at turn of three.
And who this latter would outdo,
Will rouse him at the stroke of two.

And, by way of climax to it all, it should be held that

He who would never be outdone,
Must ever rise as soon as one.

But the best illustration would be,

He who would flourish best of all,
Should never go to bed at all.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.—The very essence and backbone of modern rhetoric is the use of the epigram. A whole column of the most cogent reasoning is not as forcible as a single sentence if it can be brought out with skill and effect. A phrase well timed and well managed is worth a folio of syllogisms. With speaking, as with writing, the *creme de la creme* is the epigrams, and to the worn and jaded palate of modern hearers and readers all the rest is but insipid fare. Modern music is not ruled by any different maxim. That composer who will attract an audience to-day must eliminate and summarise. He must seek for beauty still, but not the stately beauty of a Beethoven, nor the elaborate graces of a Mendelssohn. He must compress and digest his melodies into the most palatable shape, and reject those supplemental embellishments which the greater leisure of a former age regarded as essential. The most successful dramatists are now uniformly the most epigrammatic. It would be utterly impossible to break up the speeches of Burke or Chatham into detached fragments. A speech from Thucydides or Cicero is equally unmanageable. But deliver such speeches now and they would produce no effect at all. Imagine a general addressing troops in such words as Nicias or Cæsar used to the phalanx or the legions, and you have only an exaggerated example of the absurdity of ancient oratory in a public speaker of the nineteenth century. The first Napoleon understood his age, and summed up a whole oration in a single phrase. "Soldiers, from the top of yonder pyramids forty centuries are looking at you!" Murat sounded the death-knell of the Republic by a few strokes of the painter's brush; and no eloquence could have equalled the comprehensiveness of the act. "On the walls," said he in his report to Napoleon, "I found inscribed the words, '*Liberte, Fraternite, Egalite,*' I have ordered to be painted up in their place, '*Infanterie, Cavalerie, Artillerie.*'" What are the hustings speeches of to-day but the iteration of simple "cries?" The turn of a sentence will alienate a whole phalanx. The most energetic speakers of the day are consequently the greatest epigrammatists. Mr. Lowe in his famous description of working men alienated, as he could have alienated by no process of rhetoric, the sympathies of that class. Mr. Disraeli embalmed his Oxford speech in the single assertion that he "sided with the angels." Mr. Gladstone's allusion to the "extinct volcanoes" was another masterpiece of modern rhetoric. If the successful speaker can hope to impress his hearers with a single proposition, the epigrammatist can go one step further. He can fix in the memory what he has impressed upon the understanding. After-dinner speeches are effective in direct proportion to their simplicity; they are memorable according to the possibility of catching at a glance their general bearing. The necessity of condensing and summarising our oratory has been mistaken for the ruin of the art. The inference is false and absurd. The standard has been altered—may be degraded—from its old place. But there is still a standard, and there are still, and must always be, aspirants more or less successful to that art of public speaking which is suited to the age.—*Globe.*

THE RAINBOW.—It is not uncommon to hear men of half a century say, that they fancy this beautiful phenomenon is not so often witnessed now, as in their days of boyhood. About two o'clock on Saturday, a most magnificent one was seen in this neighbourhood, the immense arch stretching from north to east. During part of the time, the secondary or external bow was also most beautifullly delineated.

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	£	s.	d.
The ASSETS of the Society on 9th April, 1876, amount to	7,012	0	11
The LIABILITIES	5,943	19	2
Leaving the handsome surplus available for division amongst the Members of	£1,068	1	9

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Out of the above surplus the Trustees, acting on Mr. Scratchley's advice, have set aside £500 as the commencement of a PERMANENT GUARANTEE FUND—an essential element in all Building Societies as a protection against the usual contingencies.

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That it is in a flourishing condition will be seen from the following:—

EXTRACT FROM MR. SCRATCHLEY'S REPORT.

"I beg to Report on the position of the above Society at the close of its 13th financial year, on the 5th of April, 1876, having carefully valued its Liabilities and Assets at that date.

"The Annual Balance Sheets issued since the Society's establishment in 1863 show that its operation during the thirteen years of its existence have been very satisfactory.

"With regard to the mortgages, I observe—as a circumstance which evidences that care has been exercised in their selection, and in looking after them—that the Arrears of Repayment Subscriptions outstanding thereon are small, and that there are no Properties in possession of the Society through the Borrowers' default.

"It is also creditable to the management that the Society has only sustained one loss since its formation, which was of a trifling amount.

"The result of my investigation enables me to express my opinion that the Society is in a strong position, and has been prudently and economically managed."

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Public Notices.

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2,000 New Members Enrolled.
Apply for Schedules to WM. J. TAYLOR or J. H. FRENCH, Hon. Secs., Newcastle. 509h

Public Notices.

TANFIELD CRICKET CLUB.

A GRAND CONCERT will be held in the Co-operative Hall, Tantobie, on Saturday Evening, February 10th, 1877. Doors open at Half-past Six; to commence at Seven o'clock. Admission—Front Seats, 1s.; Back Seats, 6d. 512h

CONSETT LOCAL BOARD.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE that on Wednesday, the 14th day of February, at the Board-room of the Consett Local Board, there will be an AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS of the Local Board for the District of Consett, under and according to the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1875, and that a Copy of the Accounts to be Audited, together with all Rate-books, Account Books, Deeds, Contracts, Accounts, Vouchers, and Receipts mentioned or referred to in such Accounts, will be deposited in the Office of the said Local Board, and be open during office hours thereat to the inspection of all Persons interested, for seven days before the said Audit and Examination, and all such Persons shall be at liberty to take Copies of, or Extracts from the same, without fee or reward.
Given this 30th day of January, 1877.
JOHN ELLIOTT,
508h Clerk to the Board.

THEATRE ROYAL, CONSETT.
Lessee, ...Mr. DAVID JENKINS.
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ENTIRE CHANGE OF COMPANY.
On Monday, February 5th, and during the week,
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Will appear in a round of their Special Dramas.
Doors open at Seven; to commence at Half-past Seven o'clock. Saturdays, half-an-hour earlier.
ADMISSION:—Reserved Seats, 2s.; Balcony, 1s.; Pit, 6d.

TEMPLARS' HALL, MEDOMSLEY.

A GRAND CONCERT will be held in the above Hall by the Members of the Allendale String Band, on Saturday Evening, February 3, 1877, when Mr. TIBBO and Mr. SIREE (Sentimental and Serio-Comic Singers), of Newcastle; Mr. W. PAUL (the celebrated Negro Comedian) and Mr. J. CASSWELL (Serio-Comic), of Jarrow; and Mr. H. BATES, of Tantobie (Prize Comic Singer), will take part in the Concert. The Concert will also be varied by a Professional Ventriloquist, from Newcastle, who will perform at intervals during the Evening.
Mr. W. KIRKLEY, of Westwood, will preside on the occasion.
Doors open at Half-past Six o'clock; Concert to commence at Seven.
Admission:—Front Seats, 1s.; Back Seats, 6d.; Children, Half-price.
Tickets may be obtained from the Members of the Band.
The proceeds of the Concert will be devoted to the Funds of the Band. 493h

Contracts.

TO BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS.

MR. SAMUEL MACE is prepared to receive Tenders for the ENLARGEMENT of the Green Tree Inn, Medomsley.
Plan and Specifications may be seen at Mr. MACE's, by whom Tenders will be received till the 15th inst. 522h

TO CONTRACTORS.

THE CONSETT LOCAL BOARD are prepared to receive Tenders for the FINDING and LAYING of about 70 Yards of 12-in. Sanitary Pipes at Blackhill.
Plan and Specifications may be seen at the Board-room on and after Monday, the 22nd inst.
Tenders, addressed to the Consett Local Board, endorsed "Sewer," will be received up to February 6th.
The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.
By order of the Board,
JOHN ELLIOTT, Clerk.
Local Board Office, Consett,
January 19th, 1877. 476h

TO BUILDERS.

THE COMMITTEE of the Litzford Band of Hope are prepared to receive Tenders (for Mason Work only) for RE-BUILDING the Temperance Hall, at Leazes, Burnopfield.
Plans, &c., may be seen at WM. APPLEBY'S, Leazes, on and after Monday, 29th day of January.
Tenders to be delivered at WM. APPLEBY'S, Leazes, on or before 8th day of February.
The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.
491h WM. APPLEBY, Secretary.

HEALEYFIELD AND ROWLEY SCHOOL BOARD, CASTLESIDE, CO. DURHAM.

TENDERS are invited for the several works required in the ERECTION of New Board Schools, &c., for 160 Children, at Castleside (near Rowley Station), for the above Board.
Drawings, Specifications, and Conditions of Contract may be seen, and Forms of Tender obtained at our Offices, Town Hall, Shotley Bridge.
Tenders, sealed and endorsed, must be sent to Mr. RALPH WARD, Clerk to the Board, Castleside, *via* Blackhill, Co. Durham, on or before the 24th day of February, 1877.
The lowest or any Tender not necessarily accepted.
JOHN SMITH & SON, Architects.
January 20th, 1877. 490h

For Sale.

FOR SALE, a FREEHOLD HOUSE, containing Five Rooms and every convenience, situate at Medomsley Road, Consett.—Apply to JOHN ALLISON, Sherburn Terrace. 443h

FOR SALE, New and Second-hand CONVEYANCES of every description.—Apply to Mr. ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, Consett, or to JOHN BRODIE, Jun., Shotley Bridge. 811g

FOR SALE BY PRIVATE CONTRACT, Six FREEHOLD DWELLING-HOUSES and SHOP, situate in the main thoroughfare at Blackhall Mill, near Lintz Green.—For further particulars, apply to ROBERT DICKINSON, Solicitor, 64, Pilgrim Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. 494h

TO LIVERY STABLE KEEPERS, DRAPERS, UNDERTAKERS, &c.

A HEARSE, Two Mourning Coaches, and a One-horse Mourning Coach, with Coffin Box below; also a Pair-horse Cab, a Landau, a Brougham, a Brake, and a Waggonnette, sent in FOR SALE by a Cab Proprietor giving up the business. Will be Sold together or separately. To be seen at ATKINSON and PHILIPSON'S, Carriage and Harness Manufactory, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. 198h

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FOR SALE, PAPER PATTERNS of the latest styles in Costumes, Tuniques, Tabliers, Polonaises, Manites, Jackets, Dolmans, Capes, Robes de Chambre, Children's Dresses, &c. Their cut and fit is guaranteed, of a most perfect character, and (with a due regard to *real value*) they are the cheapest in the world. Treble their cost is saved in material and trimmings, economy in cutting out being carefully considered. Agent for Consett and District—ROBERT JACKSON, *Guardian* Office, Consett.

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Sales by Auction.

By Mr. Robert Sewell.

MR. ROBERT SEWELL will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at his Sale-room, 1, Trafalgar Street, Consett, on Tuesday, February 6, 1877, a large quantity of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, under distress for Rent, comprising—High Chest of Drawers; Half-chest of Drawers; Chest and Frame; 2 Swing Dressing Glasses; Eight-day Clock; Camp Bedstead; 2 Iron do.; 2 Feather Beds; Flock Bed; 3 Pairs of Mattresses; Blankets and Sheets; Kitchen Table; 8 Kitchen Chairs; 2 Forms; Brass Candlesticks; Coffee Mill; Tea Ware; a quantity of Pictures; Pair of Counter Scales; India-rubber Balls and Toys; Pots, Pans, Fenders and Fire-irons; with other sundries.
Sale to commence at One o'clock. 523h

By Mr. John Jenkins.

CATCHGATE.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday, February 5th, 1877, a large quantity of Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, at the house of Mr. R. Wheatley, Innkeeper, Catchgate, removed there for convenience of sale.
500h MR. JOHN JENKINS, Auctioneer.

HIGHSTABLES QUARRY.

TO BE SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Wednesday, February 7th, 1877, the whole of the PLANT in the above Quarry, belonging to Mr. SMITH, Innkeeper, Dipton,
Mr. JOHN JENKINS, Auctioneer,
Comprising—Winch; Set of Legs and Pullies; quantity of Hacks, Picks, Shovels, Wedges, Pinches, Drills, Planks, and Battens; Barrow; quantity of Stones, comprising Heads, Sills, Mantles, Quoins, Rubble, &c.; also, excellent Pony, 13½ hands high; Whitechapel Cart, with Cushions and Lamps complete; Saddle and Bridle; Coup Cart and Harness, in good condition; 3 Whips; Set of Gig Harness; with a quantity of other useful Articles.
Sale to commence at One o'clock. 514h

TRAFALGAR STREET SALE-ROOMS, CONSETT.

MR. JOHN JENKINS will SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday, February 5th, 1877, a large quantity of Valuable HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, in the above Sale-rooms, comprising—Mahogany Lobby Drawers; Mahogany Bed-room Drawers; 2 Bookcases; Ash Press; Mahogany Press; 2 Centre Tables; 2 Kitchen Tables; Mahogany Sofa, in Hair-seating; 6 Mahogany Chairs, in Hair-seating; Sofa, in Druggeting; Longsettle; 2 Toilet Tables; 6 Polished Kitchen Chairs; Desk Bedstead; 2 Four-poled Bedsteads; Iron and Camp Bedsteads; Feather and Down Beds; Fenders and Fireirons; a large quantity of Oil-cloth; Eight-day Clock; Pails, Pans, and Kettles; with a quantity of other Goods too numerous to mention.
Sale to commence at One o'clock. 521h

PROPERTY SALE AT CATCHGATE.

MR. JOHN JENKINS has received instructions from Mr. THOS. STOREY to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the house of Mr. R. Wheatley, on Wednesday, February 7th, 1877, all that FREEHOLD and Ancient COPYHOLD PROPERTY, comprising—
LOT 1.—That COTTAGE, situated in Front Street, Catchgate, with Fell Block Front, and containing Two Bed-rooms, large Kitchen, and spacious Yard and Out-offices.
LOT 2.—That COTTAGE, with Rubble Front, and containing Two Bed-rooms, Kitchen, Yard, and Out-offices.
LOT 3.—That Ancient COPYHOLD DWELLING-HOUSE, situated near the Moor Pit, and containing Kitchen, Bed-room, large Cellar, and spacious Yard and Out-offices.
Sale at Seven o'clock in the Evening.
The Auctioneer calls the attention of Capitalists and Members of Building Societies and others to the above substantially-built Property, which is in first-class condition.
Further particulars may be had from the Auctioneer, Trafalgar Street, Consett; or Mr. Storey, Catchgate.

By Mr. Adam Brodie.

GREEN LANE, TYNE DOCK.

Sale of Superior HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and Sundry Effects belonging to Mr. PETER LEYBOURNE, who is declining Housekeeping.

MR. ADAM BRODIE is instructed to SELL BY AUCTION, as above, on Monday, February 12th, 1877, the whole of the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c. Particulars in Bills.
Sale to commence at Twelve o'clock, exact time.

16, VICTORIA STREET, CONSETT.

LIQUIDATION BY ARRANGEMENT, RE R. J. SHORTER.

MR. ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, respectfully informs the Inhabitants of Consett and District, that the superior Stock belonging this Estate, and amounting at Cost-price to £864 17s. 10d., is being delivered daily, and will be SOLD BY AUCTION, without Reserve, on the Premises, 16, Victoria Street, Consett (next door to Mr. P. Bennison), on the Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday Evenings of each week until the whole is cleared out. Sale to commence at Seven o'clock each Evening.
Remember there is no Reserve, and no other Goods included in this Sale. 518h

TO FARMERS, GRAZIERS, AND OWNERS OF LIVE STOCK.

MR. ADAM BRODIE, Auctioneer, Town Hall, Consett, respectfully informs the Agriculturists of the district of the Derwent and surrounding Country that, in order to open up a connection as SALESMAN OF FARMING STOCK AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCE, he has entered into a Partnership with Mr. ROBERT HEDLEY, Butcher and Cattle Salesman, Middle Street, Consett, and trusts, that from the extensive knowledge of the latter in reference to all kinds of Live Stock, together with his own experience of the routine of an Auctioneer's business, to merit their Patronage and Support.
Messrs. HEDLEY and BRODIE, Agricultural Auctioneers and Live Stock Salesmen, Consett, are now open to accept commissions, as above, and in soliciting the patronage of Farmers, and others, can assure them promptitude in the execution and settlement of all commands with which they may be entrusted.
Insurances on Farming Stock of every description through the London Assurance Corporation (Established 1720).
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By Mr Joseph Oley.

LARGE DRAPERY SALE.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY has been honoured with instructions to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at the Hobson Hotel, Hobson, on Friday and Saturday, February 9 and 10, 1877, a quantity of DRAPERY GOODS, removed for convenience of Sale, comprising a large assortment of Prints, Calicoes, Ready-made Clothes, Woollen Shirts, Pit Flannels, Fancy Woollen and Wincey Shirtings, Ladies' Muffs, Ladies Cuffs, Gloves, Collars, and Collarettes, Ladies' Bonnets, Cotton Sheets, Stair Carpeting, with a great variety of other Articles in the Trade; also an assortment of Women and Children's Boots, Slippers, Clogs, &c.
Sale to commence each Evening at Six o'clock. 505h

SHEEP HILL, BURNOPFIELD.

MR. JOSEPH OLEY has been instructed by the Executor of the late Mrs. MARGARET BURNUP, to SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, at Sheep Hill, on Wednesday, February 7th, 1877, all her HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising—Mahogany High Chest of Drawers; Mahogany Oval Chest of Drawers; Mahogany Couch, in Hair-seating; 6 Chairs, in do.; Eight-day Clock, in Mahogany Case; Mahogany Folding Tea Table; Mahogany Snap Table; Mahogany Night Commode; Washstand; 3 small Tables; Four-poled Bedstead; Iron do., and Mattress; 2 Feather Beds; Pillows and Bolsters; Carpets and Hearthrugs; Stair Carpet and Rods; 2 Mirrors; Swing Dressing Glass; Easy Chair, in Leather; 3 Arm Chairs; 3 Kitchen Chairs; Iron Bed Chair, with Cushions; large Kitchen Press; 2 Clothes Horses; Pictures; Mantlepiece Ornaments; Dinner, Tea, and other Ware; Metal and other Pans, including Tea Kettle, Girdle, and Frying Pan, Fenders and Fireirons, with other sundries.
Sale to commence at One o'clock in the Afternoon promptly. 513h

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nce at One o'clock. 523h

John Jenkins.

H G A T E.

PUBLIC AUCTION, on 5th, 1877, a large quantity of D FURNITURE, at the house Innkeeper, Catchgate, removed sale.

N JENKINS, Auctioneer.

BLES QUARRY.

PUBLIC AUCTION, on ary 7th, 1877, the whole of the uarry, belonging to Mr. SMITH,

ENKINS, Auctioneer,

et of Legs and Pullies; quan-ovels, Wedges, Pinches, Drills, Barrow; quantity of Stones, Mantles, Quoins, Rubble, &c.; hands high; Whitechapel Cart, ps complete; Saddle and Bridle; in good condition; 3 Whips; ith a quantity of other useful

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TREET SALE-ROOMS, S E T T.

INS will SELL BY PUBLIC Monday, February 5th, 1877, a able HOUSEHOLD FURNI-s-rooms, comprising—Mahogany hogany Bed-room Drawers; 2 ; Mahogany Press; 2 Centre bles; Mahogany Sofa, in Hair-Chairs, in Hair-seating; Sofa, in ; 2 Toilet Tables; 6 Polished Bedstead; 2 Four-poled Bed-Bedsteads; Feather and Down irons; a large quantity of Oil-; Pails, Pans, and Kettles; with s too numerous to mention.

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Adam Brodie.

ANE, TYNE DOCK. USEHOLD FURNITURE and ging to Mr. PETER LEYBOURNE, sekeeping.

DIE is instructed to SELL BY bove, on Monday, February 12th, HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, ls.

t Twelve o'clock, exact time.

STREET, CONSETT.

BY ARRANGEMENT, RE S H O R T E R.

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The Consett Guardian.

SATURDAY, FEB. 3RD, 1877.

Local and District News.

The clerkship to the Guardians of Lanchester Union has become vacant by the resignation of Mr. Wm. Walton Thompson.

Mrs. Harriet Thompson, of Ripon, has been conducting special services in the Consett Primitive Methodist Chapel each evening this week. The services have been attended with a large amount of success.

ACCIDENT TO A "SPRAGGER."—This (Friday) morning an old man named John Painter was severely injured near Templetown crossing. He was "spragging," when he stumbled and fell under the waggon, the wheels of which passed over one of his arms. The injured limb has since been amputated.

CONSETT BAPTIST CHAPEL.—We understand that the Rev. R. Harris, of Spurgeon's College, London, has accepted the call given him by the Baptist congregation at Consett, and will enter upon his new duties on Sunday next. We give him a hearty welcome amongst us, and trust he will obtain the same amount of respect from all denominations as his predecessor, Mr. Morris.

PRESENTATION AT CONSETT.—On Wednesday last, the choir of the Baptist Church at Consett, held their annual coffee supper at the house of Mr. T. Moss, Medomsley Road, on which occasion they presented their leader, Mr. T. Warren, with a very handsome Bible, for the very valuable services he has rendered to them. After the cloth had been removed, Mr. Knox was unanimously called to the chair. After a few appropriate remarks he called upon Mr. Maxwell to make the presentation. In doing so Mr. Maxwell hoped Mr. Warren would long be enabled with life and health to peruse the sacred volume. Mr. Warren, in a very feeling speech, thanked the choir for the handsome present they had made him, and said he would do all in his power to make the choir as proficient as possible. The remainder of the evening was spent in singing and harmless games. After the usual votes of thanks the meeting was brought to a close.

THE VICAR OF CONSETT ON RITUALISM.—Preaching last Sunday morning from the words "Bodily exercise prevaileth little," the Vicar of Consett referred to the quaint application which some of the Puritans gave to the above words in relation to certain ritualistic practices that were rife in their day. He quoted Andrew Marvell, who, in reference to these things, had said "in some churches it would require a dancing master and a remembrancer to keep the people right." From this he made a passing allusion to the ritualism that was rife at the present day, and referred to the imprisonment of the Vicar of Hatcham, and the inconvenience caused to the parishioners by his illegal proceedings, remarking that it was a sad thing that those who ought to set an example of obedience to the law should be the greatest transgressors. The Vicar also remarked that in Churches in which large amounts were lavished upon choral and sensuous services it was notorious, and a fact which he verified by his own observation, that these gave the least support to the various Church missionary enterprises that existed for the evangelisation of the world.

THEATRE ROYAL, CONSETT.—On Monday evening, Mr. Becker's Opera Bouffe Company commenced a six nights' engagement here to a very large and most enthusiastic audience, who appeared to thoroughly relish the bill of fare provided by the enterprising lessee. Operatic performances are unfortunately of rare occurrence in our little town, and it was therefore no matter of wonder that the first appearance of so well-known and popular a body of distinguished vocalists and artists as Mr. Becker's lyric corps should cause a little sensation. Miss Marie L. Vincent, the prima donna soprano, was the first to bring down the house by the exquisite charm and finished execution of her beautiful voice. No sooner had the applause elicited by this talented lady subsided than our risible faculties were severely tested by another artist in the person of Mr. Thos. Wilson, who is not only one of the most distinguished comedians of the present day, but also a capital vocalist and a splendid dancer. Mr. Rogerson is another prominent star in the same line, and in Miss Lillian and Miss Nelly Martell the manager has found two trump cards. The ballet is led by the Misses Emma and Lizzie Revere, who belong to that admirable school of dancers not often met with in these days of vulgar can-can and French gesticulation. Mr. Fruh, the baritone, has a capital voice and excellent appearance, and though last but not least, Mr. Hariel Becker, the basso and buffo, whose popularity has long since been established in the principal towns of the kingdom, soon took a foremost place in public favour here. His splendid voice is certainly without equal, in volume power, or range, and nothing short of an *encore* in every thing he sang would satisfy the audience. The choruses and musical accompaniment, superintended by Mr. Brown, are perfect. We anticipate a great gathering of the *elite* and populace this (Friday) evening, when the performance is under the patronage of Wm. Jenkins, Esq., J.P. To-morrow (Saturday) is the last night of the company's stay.

CONSETT RUNNING GROUNDS.—The opening heats of Mr. Dodds's 110 yards' handicap, for which £10 is offered, were run off at the above grounds on Saturday, with the following results:—Heat 1: J. Hobdy, Blackhill, 15 yards, 1; J. Hall, Derwenthaugh, 8, 2; E. Todd, Annfield Plain, 12, 3; J. Pearson, Castleside, 18½, 4. A splendid race, which was won by a foot. Heat 2: E. Oliver, Blackhill, 20, 1; H. Fraser, Swalwell, 17, 2; E. Harbron, Darlington, 9, 3; W. Alderson, Bishop Auckland, 18, 4. Won by a yard. Heat 3: R. Nevins, Lintz, 18½, 1; J. Burnop, Consett, 19, 2; C. Heslop, Annfield Plain, 17, 3; W. Jennings, Gateshead, 17, 4. Won by a yard. Heat 4: G. Hickford, Consett, 18½, 1; J. Brown, Blaydon, 17, 2. Won easily. Heat 5: G. Walls, Delaval, 19, 1; G. Summerbell, Highgate, 19, 2: W. Aynsley, Loud, 19, 3. Heat 6: M. Watson, Blyth, 17, 1; G. Campbell, Winlaton, 18, 2. Campbell was put back three yards for going over the mark. Heat 7: J. Bulmer, Sunderland, 13, 1; J. Brown, Swalwell, 16½, 2; F. Swinburne, Shotley Bridge, 17, 3. Won by a yard. Heat 8: J. Winter, Crook, 16½, 1; R. Grierson, Leadgate, 5, 2; A. Campbell, Shotley Bridge, 17½, 3. A splendid race, won by six inches. Heat 9: J. Conley, Consett, 14, 1; G. Winter, Crook, 17½, 2; J. Oliver, Blackhill, 19, 3. Won by a yard. Heat 10: J. Oliver, Blackhill, 18, 1; J. Nevins, Lintz, 11½, 2. A good race, won by half a yard. Heat 11: W. Reed, Blaydon, 17, 1; W. Wilson, Blackhill, 19, 2; G. Atchison, Newcastle, 13, 3; P. Quigley, Consett, 16, 4. Won on the post. Heat 12: T. Batey, Consett, 20, 1; T. Lewis, Consett, 20, 2; J. Turnbull, Gateshead, 13½, 3; E. Bell, Consett, 20, 4. Won by a yard, the others close up. Heat 13: W. Burns, Newcastle, 17½, 1; J. Tilly, Consett, 18½, 2; M. Parker, Consett, 18½, 3; T. Oxley, Swalwell, 17½, 4. Won easily. Heat 14: H. Clark, Winlaton, 17, 1; E. Telford, Highgate, 15½, 2; J. Donachie, Newcastle, 17½, 3. Won easily. Heat 15: N. Jobling, Swalwell, 17, walked over. Heat 16: W. Allison (quoit player), 18½, 1; W. Porter, Annfield Plain, 17½, 2; N. Smiles, Consett, 19, 3. Allison won easily. Mr. J. Dodds acted as pistol-firer. Mr. J. Hall, of Derwenthaugh, officiated as judge.

Near the General Post Office, Newcastle, is the St. Nicholas' Square Fire-proof Safe Depot, where there is the largest assortment of Fire-proof Safes (from £3 to £30), Deed Boxes, Cash Boxes, &c.; also Wringing and Washing Machines. Send for price lists to J. R. HALL, above address. 343h

CURIOUS CASE OF ROBBERY BY A CORNSAY PITMAN.—On Monday, at the Durham City Petty Sessions, Joshua Walsh, a miner residing at New Cornsay Colliery, was charged with stealing a jacket belonging to George Fletcher, on the 27th inst. It appeared that at noon, on Saturday, Mrs. Fletcher, mother of the complainant, left her house for a quarter of an hour, and on her return she saw the prisoner leaving and carrying away her son's jacket, which he had obtained by breaking open a cupboard door. He hurried away, but the old lady giving information to a gardener named Robert Clark, the latter ran after the runaway, caught him on the North Road, and gave him into the custody of P.C. Houlds. It appeared that the prosecutor purchased the jacket from the prisoner on the day of the miners' demonstration, in June last, for 7s., but he never agreed to give it back to him on re-payment of the money, which the prisoner alleged he had done, and the latter stated that he came on Saturday morning to reclaim his property, but could not find Fletcher. The Bench found the prisoner guilty, and sentenced him to two months' hard labour.

BRAES OF DERWENT FOXHOUNDS AT CONSETT.—These foxhounds met at Consett on Wednesday morning. The rendezvous was Mr. George Brown's, a keen sportsman, and a strong supporter of the Braes of Derwent. Before leaving Mr. Brown's, Lieut.-Col. Cowen, master of the pack, presented to Mr. Alex. Spiers, of the Spen, a beautifully-mounted pin and a purse of gold, in acknowledgment of the services he has rendered to the Braes of Derwent. In making the presentation the gallant colonel referred to the services rendered to the hunt by Mr. Spiers, remarking that he was always willing to act as a sort of second whip if required. About eleven o'clock the company made a move for Allansford. There was a large field, amongst those present being the Master, Mr. R. Murray, Mr. Geo. Brown, Mr. Robt. Cole, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Herbert Rawes, Mr. George Young, Mr. Adamson (Burnopfield), Mr. Siddell (Blackhill), &c. A fox was found about a mile above Mr. Town's house, but a second fox jumping up the pack got divided. About a dozen hounds went after the first fox, but nearly half-an-hour elapsed before the rest of the pack were got out of the wood and laid on to the first fox, which had broke cover in the direction of Castleside. Reynard crossed the road near the Sand Hole, and after going about a mile took refuge in a drain a little below Consett Hall, where about an hour was spent in trying to get him out, without avail. The Sneep, which always holds a few foxes, was next tried. The pack had not been in the wood more than a few minutes before Mr. Brown viewed a fox. He steered through Durham Field, and made for Greenhead, thence to Caterway Heads, crossing the West Auckland Road near Manor House. Reynard next made for the Twenty Acre Plantation, but was allowed little breathing time, scent being good, and the hounds running well up. He was next taken past Unthank Plantation, Fines House Farm, and thence to Walker Shank. The pace up to this time had been hot, and as a consequence the field was somewhat straggled. After leaving Walker Shank the fox made for Squire Wilson's plantations, and was eventually killed at Burn Mill. Time from start to finish, 40 minutes. Mr. Adamson, of Burnopfield, got the brush, and Mr. R. Murray, Blackhill, secured the head.

CONSETT AND DISTRICT YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.—On Thursday se'nnight, Mr. Hugh McLaughlan, of the *Sunderland Echo*, read a paper before the members of the above Association on "The English Court in the reign of George the Fourth." At the close of the lecture, the members assembled to express their good wishes for the welfare of their late secretary, Mr. J. S. Brodie, who has secured an appointment in the Surveyor's Office at Liverpool.—Mr. Gladstone, in the course of a few remarks, said he was very much astonished and surprised when he learnt, for the first time a few weeks ago, that it was very probable that Mr. Brodie might soon leave them. He hoped it might not be so. When, however, Mr. Brodie informed him that it was really to be the case, he could not tell how deeply he felt about it. That they were to lose so good a friend as Mr. Brodie had been, was to him, personally, a painful matter. The inhabitants of Consett and neighbourhood were very much indebted to Mr. Brodie for the good he had sought to do amongst them—his great aim appearing (beyond that of discharging his professional duties) to be to seek to benefit his fellows. (Applause.) It was to Mr. Brodie, he believed, that they were indebted for the existence of a Young Men's Christian Association at Consett, and he could only hope the good work begun by him might be carried on successfully. In bidding Mr. Brodie farewell, he wished him every success in his future life.—Dr. Morris said it seemed almost an act of presumption on his part to add one word to the tribute which had already been paid to Mr. Brodie by his old friends. He could hardly count himself as one of Mr. Brodie's old friends, although, indeed, he had seemed to him such. When he (Dr. Morris) first came to Consett Mr. Brodie was pointed out to him as one of the chief supporters of the Young Men's Christian Association, and at a distance he honoured him. In conclusion, Dr. Morris said—I am sure that you have done the right thing to have this valedictory meeting to commend Mr. Brodie to the keeping of our Great Father. For my own part, I wish him all prosperity. May his future be a bright and happy one, and when old age steals upon him, may he, like the good clergyman of Goldsmith's "Deserted Village," stand—

Like some tall cliff, that lifts its awful form,
Swells from the vale and midway leaves the storm,
Tho' round its breast the rolling clouds are spread,
Eternal sunshine settles on its head.

With you all, I wish Mr. Brodie "God's speed."—The other speakers were Mr. Ormerod, Mr. Powell, and Mr. Swainston.

Markets.

NEWCASTLE CORN MARKET, Tuesday.—At this day's market wheat was very slow, notwithstanding small supply from farmers. Very little coastwise, and no foreign arrivals, and where sales were pressed, price, were the turn lower. Barley maintained about late value Oats ruled dull at barely late rates. Other grains unchanged. Flour sold slowly at prices favouring buyer.

NEWCASTLE CATTLE MARKET, Tuesday.—The show of stock presented for sale exhibited an increase of 33 beasts, but a decline of 390 sheep as compared with that of last week. Respecting quality, both that of cattle and sheep were considerably below a seasonable average. The supply of beef comprised 1,995 head. The number of sheep was 4,000. Pigs: 639 were shown. Beasts, prime heifers, per stone, 9s 9d to 10s 0d; secondary sorts, 8s 0d to 8s 9d; good oxen, 9s 6d to 9s 9d; middling, 7s 9d to 8s 6d; cows and inferior, 6s 0d to 7s 6d; pork, large, 5s 3d to 6s 6d; do. small, 7s 3d to 8s 3d; sheep, good vendable wedders, per lb., 10½d to 11d; middling, 8½d to 9½d.

NEWCASTLE HAY AND STRAW, Tuesday.—Old land hay, 100s to 126s; new land hay, 105s to 128s; wheat straw, 5s 0d to 5s 7d; barley straw, 4s 0d to 4s 6d; oat straw, 4s 0d to 4s 9d per thrave.

DURHAM PROVISION, Saturday.—Oats, 7s 3d to 8s 6d; barley, 7s 9d to 8s 6d; Indian corn, 7s 6d; beans, 9s 6d to 12s; peas, 10s 6d to 11s 0d per boll. Beef, 9d to 11d; mutton, 9d to 11d; veal, 10½d; bacon, 6d to 9d; hams, 7d to 8½d; cheese, 6d to 8d per lb. Chickens, 2s 6d to 3s 0d; ducks, 2s 6d to 3s 6d; hens, 1s 0d to 2s 0d each; butter, 1s 9d to 1s 11d per lb.; eggs, 5 to 7 for 1s; pigeons, 1s 4d per couple. Grapes, 1s per lb. Apples, 2s to 2s 8d; pears, 2s to 2s 8d; onions, 1s per stone.

NEWCASTLE POTATO, Saturday.—Scotch potatoes, 12s 0d per load of 20 stones.

DURHAM POTATO, Saturday.—Potatoes, 8d to 10d per stone.

Local Police Courts.

LANCHESTER PETTY SESSIONS.

THURSDAY, Feb. 1st.—Before J. CLAVERING, Esq. (chairman), Rev. W. GREENWELL, and the Rev. J. P. DE PLEDGE.

BREACH OF THE LICENSING ACT.—John Riddell, beerhouse-keeper, Blackhill, was summoned for keeping his house open during prohibited hours. From the evidence, it seems that about half-past one o'clock on Tuesday morning Sergt. Reed and P.C. Allan went to the rear of defendant's premises. On looking over the wall into the kitchen they saw Riddell, his wife, and a man named Beldon. After watching for some time they saw Riddell bring a pot into the kitchen. Acting under the direction of Sergt. Reed, P.C. Allan then proceeded to the front of the house and knocked at the door. The light was immediately put out and there was a rush of feet upstairs. After knocking some time, Riddell put his head out of an upstairs window and asked what was wanted. Defendant came downstairs with a candle, and opened the door. He was asked if he had anybody in the house and he replied in the negative. The officers then proceeded to search the house, and found Beldon concealed under the bed in which Mrs. Riddell was sleeping.—Defendant, in defence, said Beldon lodged in his house.—Beldon was called, and said he had lodged at Riddell's since Christmas. He also said the reason he went under Mrs. Riddell's bed was because he was afraid that the police were in search of him.—The magistrates considered the charge proved, and fined defendant 40s. and costs.—Defendant said he would not pay the fine.—The Clerk said a distraint would be levied on his goods.—Beldon was then charged with being on licensed premises during prohibited hours. Fined 10s. and costs.—Beldon refused to pay the fine, and was locked up.

GAME TRESPASS. — Edward Douglass, miner, Burnhope, was summoned for trespassing in pursuit of game on lands belonging to Sir Henry Clavering, near Burnhope. P.C. Hawley proved finding defendant in search of game with a gun in his posession. A fine of 40s. and costs was imposed.

BREACH OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT.—Matthew Brown, farmer, was charged with allowing a quantity of manure to remain on the highway. Mr. Ground, Inspector to the Lanchester Rural Sanitary Authority, stated that the defendant deposited a heap of ashes and privy manure by the side of the highway near Ebchester. He received notice to remove it within forty-eight hours, but did not do so till eight days after. Mr. Ground added that the manure was within five yards of Ebchester School, where there were sixty children.—Mr. De Pledge said it was most objectionable to have the manure so near a public building like a school. Defendant was fined 6d. and the costs, in all 10s. 6d.

NEIGHBOURS QUARRELS AT GREENCROFT.—Jane Palmer, a married woman, was charged with assaulting a boy named Peace, at Greencroft Cottages. The complainant said Mrs. Palmer struck him across the cheek with her hand, and also hit him on the breast. Defendant pleaded guilty. — Mrs. Palmer was also charged with an assault on Mrs. Peace, mother of the last complainant. Mrs. Peace said she went to Mrs. Palmer's door and asked her why she had struck her (complainant's) boy. Defendant replied by striking her on the mouth.—Mrs. Palmer said Mrs. Peace was the aggressor. She also said that Mrs. Peace was a violent woman, and it was only the other day that she had a couple of "meetings" with an old man.—For the assault on the boy Mrs. Palmer was fined 1s. and costs. The other case the magistrates dismissed.

WEST STANLEY COURSING MEETING.

SATURDAY, Jan. 27th.

Judge, Mr. C. Miller; slipper, J. Henderson.

A coursing meeting was held on Saturday, over the Towneley estate, in the neighbourhood of West Stanley, the game of which is rented by Mr. A. Burns, who kindly granted permission for the day's coursing. The "meet" was at the house of Mr. John Charlton, the Isle of Man Hotel, West Stanley, at half-past eight o'clock, when a large assembly took place ready to take the field. The weather had been wet and stormy during the night, but gave promise of improving as the day wore on, and by the time the field was taken, shortly after nine o'clock, the sun shone brightly out. The rough night, however, had driven hares to cover, and the high wind that prevailed all day made them exceedingly wild, and bad to approach. When to this is added a little unmanageableness on the part of the crowd, the result which ensued may be readily realised, that although plenty of fur was "seen," a very small proportion could be used. Eventually, when darkness put a stop to the proceedings, the puppies stake had only been run down, whilst in the all-aged stake an undecided and one course was the only result obtained. A division was afterwards decided on. Of the performers Sergeant showed a lot of pace, and looked like running through the puppies stake, his most dangerous opponent apparently being Miss Eno. The judging of Mr. C. Miller, of Aycliffe, and the slipping of Mr. Henderson, were both in every way satisfactory, and not the slightest objection to either was made in the course of the day. The following was the result of the running:—

TOWNELEY STAKES, for eight puppies at £3 10s each; first dog £14, second £6, two dogs £2 each.

I.

Mr W. Turner's r w d Sergeant, by Souvenir—Tibby beat Mr John Easton's r w d Envy, by Wild Chancellor—Nancy.

Mr. Joseph Henderson's w bk d Sea Foam, by Sir W. Don—Silent Friend, beat Mr J. Errington's bd w d Noble Fancy, by Providence—Black eyed Lady

Mr John Henderson's r or f w d Royal Charlie, by Rebus—Folly, beat Mr Andrew Hardy's r w d Green Wheatley, by Wild Chancellor—Nancy

Mr James Henderson's bk w b Miss Eno, by Chronometer—Clever Lass, beat Mr John Forster's bk w d Pero Gomez, by Bradford—dam unknown

II.

Stake divided.

STANLEY STAKES, for all-aged dogs at £3 10s. each; first dog, £14, second, £6, two dogs, £2 each

I.

Mr Jos. Watson's bk w b Polly, by Ravenscliffe—Lady Flora, and Mr R. Nicholson's bk w d p Decorator, by Pat McGrath—Gamos, ran an undecided.

Mr H. Tiplady's bk w d Lady Flora, by Waywarden—Titania, beat Mr Wm. Turner's bk w d Unexpected, by Northumbrian—Jess.

Mr Thos. Embleton's bd b Wild Wanney, by Barlow—Rose, agst Mr A. Brown's r w b Merry Maid, by Barlow—Red Rose.

Mr W. Atkinson ns bk d Hymen, by Ben Bolt or Dick Turpin—Dean Swift bitch, agst Mr Wm. Gladders ns bd w d Ransome, by Nimrod—Pick-up-the-Paper.

II.

Stake divided.

TEMPERANCE MEETING AT TANFIELD LEA.—On Saturday evening last, a public meeting was held in the Wesleyan Chapel, Tanfield Lea, under the auspices of the "Conquor or die" Lodge of Good Templars. Mr. J. McPherson occupied the chair, and there was a large and enthusiastic audience. In opening the meeting, the Chairman stated that the number of members was 140 in the subordinate lodge and 58 in the degree lodge. This was certainly a very satisfactory state of affairs, yet, when they witnessed the intemperance by which they were surrounded, surely they ought to be more assiduous in their efforts to spread those principles of sobriety, which were so conducive to physical health, domestic happiness, and moral strength. Interesting addresses were also given by the Rev. T. Brodie (Stanley) and Mr. F. Raine (Shotley Bridge). Miss Brodie, of Shotley Bridge, contributed considerably to the interest of the meeting by singing two excellent solos, "Fading away" and "Far from home." So efficiently did Miss Brodie discharge the duties assigned to her, as to win the rapturous approbation of the audience. Votes of thanks to the Chairman and speakers terminated the proceedings.

Correspondence.

☞ *We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our Correspondents.*

THE RIDDLER'S COLUMN.

To the Editor of the Consett Guardian.

SIR,—I, for one, hail with pleasure your weekly issue, and my first attention is often given to the riddlers' column, being tired in a measure of dailies and the contumacy of the Eastern question. Undoubtedly I am not alone, seeing the deep interest taken by the host of correspondents who send solutions to those exercises for ingenuity. Many of our most eminent writers have also employed their leisure in the construction of ingenious enigmas and riddles, Cowper, Lord Byron, Canning, Praed, Hood, &c., among the number. An ancient sage said that "skill in riddles was akin to philosophy." Ænigma, a Greek term signifying something dark or obscure, is a description of anything by certain of its qualities, selected with the object of hiding what the thing is, and to occasion the former to appear as a surprise. They differ in object to a direct statement, the one being to communicate information, the former to exercise ingenuity. They do not merely appeal to the appreciation, but excite and gratify other faculties. Though somewhat obscure, the words of a good enigma, when properly selected, are as true as a good definition. An old writer on this subject says, "the shortest are generally the best, and their obscurity is a recommendation if the answer be such as to meet every point of the question, but that they are very bad when they admit of more than one reply or solution." My object with the present is to try to point out the desirability of using more care in the construction of riddles by some of our friends, and above all to impress upon their minds the necessity of observing the foregoing rule as near as is practicable. I am sorry to say that in last week's solutions a number were of faulty construction, and gross errors were plentiful. While dealing thus with the subject, perhaps, sir, it will not be out of place to point a few errors and ambiguous words therein, solely as a friendly desire to show your riddlers the difficulties that I for one, with many others, experienced in trying to solve their riddles. I will select diamond puzzle No. 139 as an example, and perhaps our friend Wm. Anderson will not think it amiss when I remind him that not one of our numerous friends have been able to solve this puzzle—"A river in the antipodes"—Van. I cannot find one of that name in my map, but there is the river Van Dieman in Upper Queensland, Australia, and if this is the one meant, I consider it just as unwarrantable for Mr. Anderson to use that portion of the name alone as it was to omit the letter "h," in "haste" and "hopes" in his square words Nos. 131 and 132. He next introduces an Indian river of six letters—Jestea—instead of five, to make a correct diamond. I fail again to find such a river—should it not be the river Testa? "Pesnawars," an Indian town—should this not be Peshawar? "Beloochista," an Asiatic country, should be Beloochistan; and "Lugnauquila," an Irish mountain, should be Lugnaquilla; while "Finistere," an European cape, is correctly spelt with two r's. I trust these few remarks will explain to Mr. Anderson why No. 139 could not very well be solved. I dare say he is aware of the error in No. 109, wherein he says—"My 1, 5, 3 means skill," but reads urt, instead of art. I was also puzzled with the English town in No. 138. I could not select from Stoke, Frome, Poole, Goole, or some other answering the description and position in the diamond. M.H., Bluehouses, in No. 118, "Wallpaper," says, "If in my first my whole is laid" it makes my first "appear much neater than without it," &c. I think it would be neater still if the whole was laid *on* instead of *in* the first. That *little* word makes a *great* difference. I fail to reconcile "immediately" with "then," as given by Mr. Robinson in No. 134. I could not select from teacake, pancake, or oatcake, in No. 143, and for "a sort of illness," I thought of measles, which answered the position, though "seasick" is given. The latter remarks are merely to show the ambiguity of the words used without wishing the least to throw any insinuation as to the construction of the puzzles.

I trust my friends will receive my remarks in good temper, and that they will enlighten me further if in their opinion any of the remarks are incorrect.—I am, sir, you obedient servant,

Consett. W. W.

THE *CONSETT GUARDIAN* AND THE IRISH.

To the Editor of the Guardian.

SIR,—I doubt if you will be aware that among my fellow-exiles in this country of yours (England) there is a feeling—indeed a conviction, strongly adhered to, and widely entertained, that Englishmen look upon us as they look upon vaccination—the majority of them that we are a necessary nuisance and some of them that we are intruders in this land. I shall not comment upon the *raison d'être* of these opinions, but I will say that in my long experience of Englishmen I have often observed the most glaring provocation for the conviction of my countrymen which I have above-named. Your absolutely insulated Englishman —of whom your country comprehends a preponderating mass—mocks us when he can, jeers at us when he dare, almost explodes his big abdomen in laughing at vile caricatures of us, he fumes at our possession of civil rights, is furious at our exertion of the same, and he is jealous of our mental and commercial progress wherein we discover abilities that takes the wind out of him. These are the sentiments of a vast number of Englishmen towards us though very many of them influenced respectively by fear and worldly-wisdom are chary of disclosing them. True, sir, this prejudice has considerably diminished within the last quarter of a century, and is rapidly diminishing at the present time, as the surprising and no less pleasing mutation in the tone of the press throughout the country unmistakeably evidences. The press in this island is known as the voice of the people, and if we Irishmen may accept this as accurate, we may plume ourselves on the fact (but, by the way, we are, perhaps, characteristically careless about the matter) that the people are becoming somewhat tolerant, if not a little appreciative, of us.

Of this I have not seen a more remarkable instance than that offered by your paper during the last week or two. In the name of my countrymen in this town and district, I thank you, sir, for the interesting summary of Irish news, and the infinitely more interesting remarks on Irish affairs which under the title of the "Irish Echo" you have caused to be inserted in the *Guardian*. It is needless for me to say anything anent the utterances of "O'Donnell Abu," for it is obvious that he is a genuine lover of our dear old country, and his words are not only the echo of ocean-cincture Ierne, but of the hearts of her sons "all the world around." I again tender my thanks to you sir, for the consideration of us aliens, and desire to place us in a truer light before the eyes of John Bull, indicated by the publication of the "Irish Echo," and I call upon my countrymen in these parts to recognise your generous efforts in the only way they can be recognised—by substantial appreciation and support, and these cannot be more largely given than they are richly deserved.—I remain, sir, very truly yours, J. G. D.

A LANCHESTER DIVORCE SUIT.—In the Divorce Division of the High Court of Justice, on Friday, the Right Hon. Sir James Hannen had before him the local suit of Johnstone v. Johnstone, which was the petition of the wife for a divorce on the ground of adultery and desertion. There was no defence.—Dr. Spinks, Q.C., and Dr. Pritchard were counsel for the petitioner.—It appeared that when the parties first met the respondent represented himself as having been ordained, but it turned out that he was studying at St. Bees College. The marriage was solemnised at Lanchester, at which place the petitioner's mother resides. After a time the petitioner and the respondent came to reside in London, and the latter finished his studies at King's College. When at her mother's in Lanchester Mrs. Johnstone received a letter stating that her husband was stripping the house. The petitioner returned, and her husband told her that he never could do better in London, and asked her to assist him to go to America, and she gave him £5, and it was understood that he was to write to her from Liverpool, but after he left nothing more was heard of him. The evidence of adultery was that the respondent met two girls and went with them, and afterwards made a remark to a friend that would lead to the inference of adultery.—Sir James Hannen stated that he could not act on the evidence adduced, as the respondent had been served by advertisement, and the only thing shown was that Johnstone had told a friend that he had been guilty of adultery, which might or might not be true. The case must stand over for further evidence.

Railway Time Tables

NEWCASTLE TO JARROW AND SOUTH SHIELDS.

Leaves Newcastle (Week days)—5·0, 6·50, 7·35 (*), 7·55 9·0, 9·55, 10·55, 11·50(*), 12·30, 2·10, 3·0, 3·25 (*) 4·5, 5·5, 6·5, 7·10, 8·5, 9·35, 11 0.

Leaves Newcastle (Sundays)—6·10, 8·0, 9·40, 2·0, 5·0, 7·10, 8·10, 9·30.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—Gateshead, 3; Felling, 8; Pelaw, 15; Hebburn, 20; Jarrow, 25; Tyne Dock, 30; and High Shields, 36 minutes after the above times, arriving at South Shields about 40 minutes after the time they leave Newcastle.

* First, second, and third-class express trains, stopping at Gateshead at 3 minutes, Jarrow at 15 minutes, and Tyne Dock at 18 minutes after the above times, arriving at South Shields about 25 minutes after the time they leave Newcastle.

Relief Trains leaves Newcastle for Jarrow on SATURDAYS at 7·5, 8.0, 9·30, and 10·50 p.m.

On SATURDAYS ONLY, a relief train leaves Hebburn for Shields at 2·2 p.m.

SOUTH SHIELDS TO JARROW AND NEWCASTLE.

Leaves South Shields (Week days)—4·55, 7·0, 8·0, 8·30(*), 9·0, 10·5, 10 40, 11·45, 12·30, 1·50, 3·15, 3·50(*), 4·15, 5·10, 6·15, 7·15, 8·15, 9·15, 10·35.

Leaves South Shields (Sundays).—6·15, 8·0, 9·35 2·10, 5·0, 7·15, 8·20, 9·35.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—High Shields, 3; Tyne Dock, 8; Jarrow, 14; Hebburn, 19; Pelaw, 24; Felling 30; and Gateshead, 35 minutes after the above times, arriving at Newcastle about 40 minutes after the times they leave South Shields.

ON SATURDAYS

Relief trains leave JARROW for NEWCASTLE at 1·55 5·18, 8.23, 9·23, and 10·48 p.m. calling at all intermediate stations.

* First, second, and third-class express trains calling at Tyne Dock, Jarrow, and Gateshead, leaving Jarrow 10 minutes after the above times, arriving at Newcastle about 25 minutes after they leave South Shields.

Fares from South Shields to High Shields or Tyne Dock; First, 3d.; second, 2d.; third, 1d. Gateshead, or Jarrow: First, 8d; second, 6d.; third, 3½d.

Pelaw, Felling, Gateshead, or Newcastle; First, 1s second, [illegible]; third, 6.

SUNDERLAND TO SOUTH SHIELDS AND JARROW.

Leaves Sunderland (Week days).—4·45, 5·50, 7 50, 8·5 9·55, 11·5, 1·15, 1 40, 3 5, 4·5, 5·0, 6·5, 7·5 8·5, 9·5, 10 25.

Leaves Sunderland (Sundays).—6 5, 7·50, 9·25, 2·0 4·0. 7·5, 8·10, 9·25.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—Cleadon Lane, 7; Tyne Dock, 13; High Shields, 17, minutes after the above times, arriving at South Shields about 20 minutes after the time they leave Sunderland.

Passengers between Sunderland and Jarrow *change carriages* at Tyne Dock.

Fares from Sunderland to Cleadon Lane: first 6d. second, 5; Third, 3d.; Tyne Dock, first, 10d.; second 8d. third, 6d, High Shields and South Shields first. 10d.; second, 4d.; third, 6d.; Jarrow, first, 1s 4d.; second, 1s.; third 7½d. Return ticket to Jarrow first, 2s. 3d. second, 1s, 8d. third, 1s. 2d.

JARROW TO SOUTH SHIELDS AND SUNDERLAND.

Leaves Jarrow (Week days).—5·25 7·13, 8.18, 9·23. 10·18, 11·18, 12·53, 2·33, 3·23, 4·28, 5·28, 6·28, 7·33, 8·28, 9·58, 11.23,

Leaves Jarrow (Sundays)—6·33, 8·23, 10 3, 2·23, 5·23, 7·33, 8·33, 9·53.

These trains leave intermediate Stations as follows:—South Shields 4, High Shields 7, Tyne Dock 11, and Cleaden Lane 16 minutes after the train leaves Jarrow arriving in Sunderland in about 24 minutes.

Fares from Jarrow to South Shields: first, 8d.; second, 6d.; third, 3½d.; High Shields: first, 8d.; second, 6d.; third, 3d.; Tyne Dock, first, 6d.; second, 4d.; third, 2d.; Cleadon Lane, first, 10d.; second, 8d.; third, 4½d.; Sunderland, first, 1s. 4d.; second, 1s.; third, 7½d. Return tickets to Jarrow, first, 2s. 3d.; second, 1s. 8d.; third 1s. 2d.

NEWCASTLE TO TYNEMOUTH.

Leaves Newcastle—Central Station—(Week days)—4·30 6·10(a), 7·0, 8·10, 9·0(*), 9·15, 9·45, (c), 10·15, 11·0, 12·0, 1·0, 2·0, 3·5, 4·0 4·45(†), 5·0, 5.50(†), 6·5, 6·45, (†), 7·0, 8·10, 9·0, 10·0, 10·40, 11·30.

Leaves Newcastle—Central Station—(Sundays).—6·10 (a), 9·0, 10·5, 1·0, 2·0, 3·0, 4·30, 6·0, 7·0, 8·0, 9·15.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—Manors 3, Heaton 7, Walker 11, Wallsend 16, Howdon 21, Percy Main 25, and North Shields 30 minutes after above times, arriving at Tynemouth 35 minutes after leaving Newcastle.

* First, second, and third class express trains, stopping only at North Shields.

† These trains stop only at Manors and North Shields Stations.

a.—This train stops at intermediate stations when required, to set down passengers arriving from the south by either the 4.38 or 5·58 a.m trains.

b.—The 6·45 p.m. train from Newcastle will stop at all Stations on Saturdays and reach Tynemouth at 7·20 p.m.

c—The 11·30 p.m. train stops at intermediate Stations when required, to set down passengers.

3d.; third, 2d.; Walker, first, 6d; second, 4d.; third

Fares from Newcastle to Tynemouth: First, 1s. 3d., second, 1s., third, 8d. Return, first, 2s. 0d., second, 1s. 6d., third, 1s.

North Shields, first, 1s., second, 9d., third, 6d. Return, first, 1s. 8d., second, 1s. 3d., third, 10d.

Percy Main: First, 10d., second, 8d., third, 6d. Return, first, 1s. 6d., Second, 1s. 2d., third, 10d.

Howdon: First, 10d., Second, 8d., third, 5d. Return, first, 1s. 6d., second, 1s. 2d., third, 9d.

Wallsend: First, 8d., second, 6d., third, 3½d. Return, first, 1s. 2d., second, 10d., third, 7d.

Walker: First, 5d., second, 4d., third, 2½d. Return, first, 9d., second, 7d., third, 5d.

TYNEMOUTH TO NEWCASTLE.

Leaves Tynemouth (Week days)—5·20, 6·40 (a), 7·45, 8·30 (*), 9·0. 9·30 (*), 10·0, 10·30 (*), 11·0, 12·0, 12·45. 1·30, 3·0, 4·0, 5·0, 5·35 (*), 5·55, 6·30(*), 7·0, 7·30(*), 8·0. 9·15, 10·0, 10·50 (*).

Leaves Tynemouth (Sundays)—7·35, 9·55, 1·0, 2·0, 3·0, 4·30, 6·0, 7·0, 8·0, 9·0, 10·15.

These trains leave intermediate stations as follows:—North Shields 3, Percy Main 9, Howdon 11, Wallsend 16, Walker 19, Heaton 23, and Manors 30 minutes after above times, arriving at Central Station, Newcastle about 35 minutes after leaving Tynemouth.

* First, second, and third class express trains, stopping only at North Shields and Manors stations.

a.—The 6·40 a.m. train stops at intermediate Stations to take up passengers booked to the Central Stations.

b.—The 10·50 p.m. train stops at Stations up to and including Walker on Saturdays, and does not reach the Central Station until 11·20 p.m.

Fares from Tynemouth to North Shields, first, 4d.; second, 3d.; third, 2d.; Percy Main, first, 6d.; second, 4d.; third, 3d.; Howdon, first, 8d.; second, 6d.; third, 4d.; Wallsend, first, 10d.; second, 8d.; third, 6d.; Walker first, 1s.; second 9d.; third, 6d.; Heaton, first, 1s.; second 9d.; third, 6d.; Newcastle (Manors or Central), first, 1s. 3d.; second, 1s.; third, 8d.

CONSETT BRANCH

TRAINS.—WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS.	1,2,G. A.M.	1,2,G. A.M.	1,2,G P.M.	1,2,G. P.M.	1,2,G P.M.
Newcastle ....dep.	5·45	9·40	12·30	2·30	5·35
Scotswood .... „	5·52	9·47	12·37	2·37	5·42
Swalwell .... „	5·59	9·54	12·43	2·43	5·49
Rowland's Gill ...... „	6· 9	10· 4	12·58	2·54	5·59
Lintz Green .... „	6·15	10·10	12·59	2·59	6· 5
Ebchester .... „	6·28	10·23	1·12	3·12	6·18
Shotley Bridge..... „	6·34	10·29	1·18	3·18	6·24
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) arr.			1·25	3·25	
dep	6·42	10·37		4·40	6·35
Knitsley .... „	6·54	10·49		4·52	6·47
Lanchester .... „	7· 3	10·58		5· 1	6·56
Witton Gilbert .... „	7·10	11· 9		5·12	7· 7
Durham ....arr.	7·25	11·20		5·25	7·20

DOWN TRAINS—WEEK DAYS.

STATIONS	1,2,G. A.M.	1,2 G. A.M.	1,2,G. P.M.	1,2,G P.M.	1,2,G P.M.
Durham ....dep.	7·30		11·45	3·46*	8· 0
Witton Gilbert .... „	7·42		11·57	3·52	8·12
Lanchester .... „	7·55		12·10	4· 5	8·25
Knitsley .... „	8·7		12·22	4·17	8·36
Benfieldside (Consett & Blackhill) arr.				4·23	
dep	8·20	9·10	12·35	3·35	8·50
Shotley Bridge .... „	8·25	9·15	12·40	3·40	8·55
Ebchester .... „	8·29	9·19	12·44	3·44	8·59
Lintz Green .... „	8·39	9·29	12·54	3·54	9· 9
Rowland's Gill .... „	8·41	9·39	12·59	3·59	9·15
Swalwell .... „	8·52	9·42	1·7	4· 5	9·22
Scotswood .... „	8·59	9·49	1·14	4·14	9·29
Newcastle ....arr.	9·10	10· 0	1·25	4·25	9·40

MARKET TRAINS ON SATURDAYS.

First, second, and third class return tickets will be issued on Saturdays by the following trains—

STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.		
Newcastle ....dep.	7·10	4· 0	5·25	7·30
Scotswood .... „	7·17	4· 9	5·32	7·37
Swalwell .... „	7·24	4·16	5.39	7·44
Rowland's Gill ...... „	7·34	4·25	5·49	8·55
Lintz Green .... „	7·40	4·29	5·55	8· 2
Ebchester .... „	7·53	4·42	6· 8	8·16
Shotley Bridge ...... „	7·59	4·47	6·14	8·23
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill) arr.	8· 5	4·55	6·20	8·30
dep.	9·20	5·10		
Knitsley	9·32	5·22	..	
Lanchester	9·41	5·31	..	
Witton Gilbert	9.52	5·44	..	
Durham ....arr.	10· 5	5·55	..	
STATIONS.	A.M.		P.M.	
Durham ....dep.		......	4· 0	
Witton Gilbert ...... „	8· 5	......	4·12	
Lanchester .... „	8·18	......	4·25	
Knitsley .... „	8·30	......	4·37	
Benfieldside (for Consett and Blackhill) arr.	8·45	......	4·48	
dep.	8·50	......	5·30	
Shotley Bridge ...... „	8·55	......	5·35	
Ebchester	8 59	......	5·39	
Lintz Green .... „	9· 9	12·39	5·49	
Rowland's Gill	9·15	12·44	5·55	
Swalwell .... „	9·22	12·52	6· 2	
Scotswood .... „	9·29	12·59	6· 9	
Newcastle ....arr.	9·40	1.10	6 20	

SUNDAYS.

LEAVE	a.m.	p.m.	LEAVE	a.m.	p.m
Newcastle......	7·30	7·15	Benfieldside	8·35	8·20
Scotswood	7·37	7·22	Shotley Bridge..	8·40	8·25
Swalwell	7·44	7·29	Ebchester......	8·44	8·29
Rowland's Gill...	7·54	7·39	Lintz Green....	8·54	8·39
Lintz Green	[illegible]	[illegible]	Rowland's Gill	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ebchester	[illegible]	[illegible]	Swalwell	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shotley Bridge..	8·19	8· 4	Scotswood	9·14	8·59
Benfieldside (arr)	8·25	8·10	Newcastle (arr)	9·25	9·10

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GOING EAST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Newcastle ....dep.	5·45	12·30	2·30
Benfieldside ...... „	6·50	1·30	4 30
Rowley .... „	7· 0	1·40	4 40
Burnhill Junction.. „	7·10	1·50	4· 0
Tow Law .... „	7·23	2· 3	5· 3
Crook .... arr.	7·35	2·15	5.15
dep.	7.38	2·25	5·25
Bishop Auckland ..	8· 7	2·53	5·56
Darlington	[illegible]	3·35	6·25
Stockton .... „	9·25	4· 5	7·15
Middlesbro' .... „	9·35	4·15	7·30
Saltburn .... „	10·10	4·50	8·50

GOING WEST.—WEEK DAYS ONLY.

STATIONS.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Saltburn ....dep.	5·45	11·10	2·30
Middlesbro' ...... „	6·22	11·45	3· 7
Stockton .... „	6·34	11·55	3·17
Darlington .... „	7·15	12·30	5· 5
Bishop Auckland.. „	7·48	1·15	[illegible]
Crook .... arr.	8·12	1·40	5·55
dep.	8·15	2·20	6· 0
Tow Law .... „	8·27	2·32	6·15
Burnhill Junction „	8·42	2·45	6·30
Rowley .... „	8·52	2·55	6·40
Benfieldside.....arr.	9· 5	3· 5	7· 0
Newcastle ....arr.	10·0	4·25	9·40

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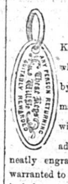
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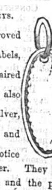
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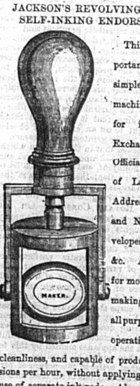
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Joseph Humble said: I am an engineman and resides in Delves Lane. On New Year's Eve I went to a public-house kept by Mary Jane Worth, in Consett. That would be about eight o'clock. I had about three glasses of beer there. It would be between nine and ten when I left Worth's. I then went to Brown's beerhouse in Delves Lane. I saw the four prisoners sitting together when I went in. I had known the prisoner Sherman about two months. I had no words with any of the prisoners while I was there. I didn't speak to any of them. A young man named Kit Winter came with me from Worth's to Brown's. Three or four of us had three quarts of beer in Brown's. We left Brown's at closing time—ten o'clock. I went from Brown's to my father's house at Leadgate, which is about a mile distant. I did not call at anybody's house on the way. I got to my father's house about eleven o'clock, and stayed until half-past three the following morning. I was there seeing the New Year in. I had one glass of whiskey, without water, at my father's. I left my father's house at half-past three to go home. I went along the railway till I got to Delves Lane. When I got to the railway crossing leading to Delves Lane I saw the four prisoners, who were coming down the road from Consett. The prisoners never spoke to me. As I was turning the gate-post one of the prisoners hit me on the head with a stick. I cannot say which of them did it. I ran round to get to my house. I had on a round hat. Before I got round the corner I was struck on the head with a stone. I was knocked down by the force of the blow. Before I could get upon my feet the four prisoners came up to me and commenced to strike me with sticks. I put up my arms to protect my head. I cannot positively say whether all of them had sticks. I cannot swear that they all struck me. When they were hitting me I shouted murder. I managed to get on to my legs again, and ran round the end of the row and kicked at Thos. Carr's door, before going to my own door. I kicked at my own door to try to get in, but it was fastened. I was then still shouting murder. The prisoners followed me to my own door, and knocked me down again with sticks. I was knocked down with sticks under the window of my own house. I cannot say that all of them struck me, but there was more than one. All the prisoners were there. I was kicked on the eye and about the body. I was kicked a good few times all over my body. The prisoners did not say anything while they were doing this. I became insensible from the blows I received. When I recovered my senses I was in my own house. Before I came insensible I was bleeding from wounds on the side of the head and face. When I recovered consciousness Thomas Barron, my wife, William Elcote, and my wife's mother (Mrs. Elcote) were with me. They cut my hair off and my wife tied up my head. P.C. Minto came to my house about twenty minutes after I recovered consciousness, and I went to the Police Station with him and my brother-in-law. I did not see the Superintendent at that time. I went back again at daylight and saw Mr. Oliver.

By Mr. Clavering: The Police Station is 300 yards from my house.

Examination continued: I gave information to Supt. Oliver. After I saw Mr. Oliver I was in Brown's beerhouse for a few minutes. I had about a wineglassful of ale to drink. I found myself getting worse and went home and went to bed. Soon after I got to bed Dr. Morris came. At that time I did not know the prisoners by name. I got their names from a person named Henry Charlton. I first saw Dr. Morris in the street and went with him to the surgery. The doctor came into my house the same day, later on. I was then in bed, very bad. At the time the four prisoners were attacking me I had not a poker in my hand. I had no weapon whatever. I have been ill since from the effects of the wounds I received, and have been attended by Dr. Morris.

Cross-examined by Mr. Dickinson: Where had you been on the day preceding New Year's Day, before you went to Mary Jane Worth's public-house? I was in bed all day. I had been at work on the night shift.—Did you go into any other public-house before you went into Brown's beerhouse? No.—You say that you had three gills of beer there? Yes.—How many men came from Worth's with you? There were three in my company.—Three of you drank three quarts of beer? The beer was drunk by several persons.—Were you not turned out of Brown's along with other men? No; I came out before they were turned out.—Will you swear that you were not turned out of Brown's house? I will. —Had you been quarrelsome in Brown's house? No.—You were not the worse of drink? No; I was not quarrelsome. I had no words with anybody. —You say you went straight from Brown's to your father's house at Leadgate? Yes.—Do you know a boy of the name of John Bell? No.—Did you meet anybody on the railway about half-past eleven? No. —When you were going along the railway did you ask [illegible]rson a question to this effect—"What have you [illegible]de of the lasses?" Yes.—Did you take hold of anybody by the throat that night? No.—On your way from Leadgate, after leaving your father's house, did you fall on the railway? No.—Were you helped off the railway by anyone? No.—When you lef the railway and met the men, did they speak to you? No.—Did you speak to them? No.—Where were the men standing? They were walking along the road from Consett.—It was moonlight? Yes.—You cannot swear which man struck you with a stick? No.—Did you not go to your own house and fetch the poker to the prisoners? No.—Did you bring a weapon of any kind out of the house? No—Do you know a man named William Bell and a girl called Mary Ann Furness? No.—Did you see them there that night? No.—Was anybody there except the prisoners? Nobody but the four prisoners. I have known Sherman about two months. I have seen him when getting crab apples at Woodlands. I will not swear that Sherman hit me with a stick. There was more than one stick. When I was supposed to be dying I cannot say that I asserted that I was knocked down twice. When I recovered consciousness I went to Charlton's house, and he went with me to the Police Station. I went to Charlton's house to get the names of the men who had assaulted me. I did not go to Seymour's house about half-past five that morning. I went straight home after leaving the Police Station. I know George Batey, but I did not speak to him. I was not in Rawe's house that morning after I had been at the Police Station. On our way to my house Charlton I and went into Brown's beerhouse in Delves Lane. Charlton ordered a pint of ale and I had about a wineglassful.

Christopher Winter deposed: I am a platemill-furnaceman and reside at Consett. On the night of the 31st December, between nine and ten, I and several others went into Thomas Brown's beerhouse in Delves Lane. I saw the four prisoners there. They were there when I went in. Prosecutor, Joseph Humble, was sitting in the far room with my brother and a young man named Alexander Cockburn. The prosecutor was quite sober. A man named Henry Thomas, one of my lodgers, made a disturbance, and I took him home. Charlton helped me. After I got Thomas home, the prisoners Carr and Hawdon followed into my house at Delves Lane, which is twelve or fourteen yards from Brown's public-house. I took Carr by the arm, and felt something up his sleeve like a morgan rattler. I said to him "Now, Harry, if you have got a morgan rattler or a stick up your sleeve, do not use my brother badly." Carr had something hard up his sleeve, but I cannot say what it was. Carr said "Kit, you have no call to be afraid, I am not going to touch any of your brothers." He shook hands with me and then went out. I have known all the prisoners by coming to Brown's house. They were sober that night.

Cross-examined by Mr. Dickinson: I did not see a stick up Carr's sleeve. It would be about half-past nine when Carr came to my house. The prisoners and Charlton and my lodger were drinking together.

Henry Charlton said: I am an ironworker, living at Templetown, near Consett. On the night of the 31st December I was drinking with the prisoners in Brown's house. Joseph Humble came in while I was there. He was quite sober and did not quarrel with anyone. The prisoners assisted myself and last witness to take Thomas to Winter's house. When we got back to Brown's we found the door closed. Prisoners were going a first-footing, and, as it was rather soon, I asked them to go to my house and get their pipes. They went to my house at Templetown and remained till a quarter-past eleven. Prisoners were quite sober and said they were going a first-footing to Pattinson's mother's house at Blackhill. I gave the names of the prisoners to Humble the following morning as the four men who had been with me the night before.

Cross-examined by Mr. Dickinson: The men were perfectly sober and not quarrelsome. Humble left the house before us.

Edward Humble deposed: I am a signalman and reside at Leadgate. On the night of the 31st December I was in my own house from eight o'clock. I went to bed and remained there until three the following morning. When I awoke I saw my son, Joseph Humble, in the house. My wife was also present, and also a lodger named George Fortune. While I was dressing, my son left the house. It would then be about half-past three. He did not take with him a poker or any other weapon. I followed my son out and went to my cabin at the Leadgate crossing. It was a fine moonlight night. I next saw my son on Monday night. After he had been ill-treated.

Cross-examined by Mr. Dickinson: All the drink my son had in my house was one small glass of whiskey.

Mary Ann Humble, wife of the last witness, said: My son came to my house about eleven o'clock on the night of the 31st of December. My husband was in bed. My son was quite sober. He remained until about half-past three the following morning. When he left he had neither cuts nor bruises on his head or face. He had no weapon of any description with him when he left my house.

Mary Ann Humble, wife of the prosecutor, said I live in Foster Street, Delves Lane. My husband came from his work about six o'clock on Sunday morning, and went to bed. He remained there till half-past six in the evening. My husband left home about half-past seven. I remained in the house and went to bed about half-past two on New Year's morning. I had been a short time asleep when I was awoke by by a knocking at the door. I heard my husband call out "murder." He cried out "Are you going to murder me under the window of my own house? I have done nothing to you." He shouted out "Mary Ann, open that door, for they are going to murder me." I got up and opened the back door and I saw my husband in the act of lifting the latch of the door. Blood was running from the right side of my husband's head. I saw two men standing at the door. Two were standing about three yards from the door step. These two men were the prisoners Carr and Hawdon. The other two men were standing at the other side of the channel, about three yards from Carr and Hawdon. These men I cannot identify. I shouted murder, and one of the men said "You b——, if you shout there I will give you as much as him."

The Chairman: Was your husband standing or partially standing when you opened the door? He was about half-way up.

Examination continued: I only had my night-dress on when I opened the dooor and I went into my bedroom to get my clothes. My husband was then within the door. When next I saw my husband he was at Watson's corner, about twenty yards away. He was lying on the ground, and the men were at him. There would be about three men at him. I heard the "bats" distinctly. My husband was shouting "murder." The prisoner Carr was one of the men who were round my husband. I went up the row for assistance, and when I came back about two minutes after my husband was still on the ground. The three men were still striking my husband. One of the men was in the act of kicking him as I went up.

Mr. Greenwell: Did you see any other person near except the three men who were assaulting your husband? No.

Examination continued: Thomas Barron came to my assistance. I heard him shout something to them, but cannot say what it was. The men ran away when Barron came. With the assistance of Barron and some others I got my husband into the house. He was insensible, and was bleeding from the right eye, and his ears were full of blood.

Cross-examined by Mr. Dickinson: When I came out and saw my husband at Watson's corner he had nothing in his hand. I did not see a poker out that night. It was a bright moonlight night. I saw no sticks in the prisoners' hands when I first opened the back door. My husband could not have opened the door from the outside. I cannot identify any of the men, excepting Carr.

Re-examined by Mr. Granger: The prisoners might have had sticks without my noticing them. I hardly know what I was like, I was so frightened. I did not notice whether they had sticks or not.

Thomas Elliott, a youth, said: I am a fire-boy, and reside in Forster Street, Consett. On Sunday evening, the 31st December, between eleven and twelve o'clock, I was in Delves Lane, near Brown's beerhouse. I saw four men near Brown's beerhouse. Two of them I identify as Carr and Pattinson. I knew Pattinson before, and knew Carr as "Lancashire Harry." I told them that Brown's beerhouse was closed and they could not get in. Carr said to me "does your father know you are there?" I said yes. Carr and Pattinson had sticks. Pattinson's was a walking stick, and Carr had a short thick stick in his hand about fourteen inches long.

Mr. Greenwell: Had the other men anything in their hands?—I didn't notice.

Examination continued: I went to Thomas Barron's house and remained there till half-past two, when I went to bed with Barron's son. About half-past four I was awakened by someone shouting "Spark." I got out of bed and opened the window and saw a man standing. I do not know him. The man who was standing said "here he's coming." I then went out and saw Humble lying on the ground. Mrs. Humble was there, and was shouting "oh they are murdering him." I then saw four men running away from where Humble was lying in the direction of the Saint Pit. I do not know any of the four men whom I saw running. They were the same men that I saw near Brown's house the night before. I was about five or six yards from them when they ran away. When I got to Humble he was bleeding from the head. Barron was there and assisted to take him into the house.

Cross-examined by Mr. Dickinson: The stick Carr had with him was like a cane. It was thick. Two of the men had no sticks that I saw. I heard no disturbance till I went out and saw Humble lying on the ground. I did not see Humble with a poker in his hand. I have never said to my father that I saw Humble with a poker in his hand. I have never said so in the Works. I may have said so, but I cannot remember it. I will not swear that I did not say so.

The Clerk (Mr. Watson): Did you see this man Humble with a poker in his hand?—I did not.

Thomas Barron, a miner, residing in Delves Lane, said: On the morning of the 1st January, I was awakened between four and five o'clock, by hearing cries of distress close to my house. I got up and looked out of the front window, and saw Joseph Humble lying on the ground. Three men were kicking him, and beating him with sticks. Carr and Hawdon are two of the men who were ill-using the prosecutor. Humble had one of his arms up to keep off the blows. I called out to the men to "let the man be up, and let him have a fair trick." I then opened my door, and saw a fourth man. I heard the latter say "he's coming." On hearing this the other men ran away. The fourth man was Sherman. I have known the whole of the prisoners by eye-sight for about three months. When I opened the door Joseph Humble was trying to get up. I assisted him into his house. I thought he was insensible. He was bleeding from the head, cheek, and ear.

Cross-examined by Mr. Dickinson: The whole of this took place at the front of my house.

Dr. Walter Cameron Morris deposed: I was sent for to go to the prosecutor's house on New Year's morning. I did not find him at home, but met him on the street. He followed me back to the Surgery, where I examined him. He was suffering from a ragged wound on the upper and left side of the skull, about that position known as the parietal eminence. The wound was about three quarters of an inch long. The skull was exposed, but not fractured. There were two bruises on the face, simply abrasions of the skin, in the neighbourhood of each eye. Blood was oozing from both ears, and there was paralysis of the left side of the face, and left side of the tongue. There were also some black and blue marks about the shoulder, but I considered the prosecutor's condition such as not to warrant further examination. I attended to his wounds, and ordered him home to bed. The wound on the head could have been produced by such a stone as the one produced. The wound on the face had been caused by some kind of violence. I have been attending Humble from that time up to the present. He is still suffering from partial paralysis of the tongue and left side of the face. He was in an exceedingly critical condition for about a week after he received his injuries. At one time I thought he would die. I judged that there had been fracture through the base of the skull from the paralytic symptoms.

Cross-examined by Mr. Dickinson: The fact of Humble going out in the morning would tend to do him harm. The moving about would do him most injury. The glass of beer would not do him much harm.

George Thom, sergeant of police at Consett, said: From information I received I apprehended Sherman, Pattinson, and Hawdon, and charged them with cutting and wounding Joseph Humble at Consett, on the 1st January. Pattinson said "we were there, and we saw a man. He was bleeding from the ears. He had a poker. All we did was to try to take the poker from him." Hawdon said, "the man attacked us with the poker," and Pattinson, on being charged, replied that "he was there, but did nothing." I produce a stone which was given to me by Dr. Morris last night.

Cross-examined by Mr. Dickinson: When we went to apprehend Hawdon and Pattinson, we were not aware that Sherman lodged at the same house. Sherman voluntarily said that when he saw the man he was bleeding from the ears and had a poker, and all they did was to try to take it from him. I didn't know Sherman personally, but in consequence of his having made this statement I apprehended him on the charge. When he was further charged in the presence of the other three prisoners he repeated the statement.

Mary Ann Humble, wife of the prosecutor, re-called, said: I picked up the stone produced near my own door on New Year's morning. My brother, John Elcote, took it to Dr. Morris.

William Lovat, police-constable, stationed at Leadgate, said: On the 2nd of January I apprehended Henry Carr at Woodlands. I charged him with cutting and wounding Joseph Humble. He replied I know nothing about it." On the road to the police-station the prisoner asked me if there were any more in custody. I told him that three were taken from Red Houses, and gave him the names. He then said "we were all there. The man attacked us with the poker."

This being the case for the prosecution, Mr. Dickinson was about to call witnesses for the defence, when

The Chairman said the Bench had decided on sending the prisoners for trial.

Mr. Dickinson said that being the case he would not address the Bench, and would reserve his defence.

Prisoners were then committed to Durham Assizes.

The Riddlers' Column.

Communications must be written on one side of the paper only. Names and technical terms and phrases must be written in full, and every letter distinct. A correct answer must accompany each riddle, enigma, conundrum, charade, anagram, &c. All communications must be accompanied by the full name and address of the writer. If a contributor wishes to contribute under an anonymous signature he can do so, but he must send his name and address to the editor, or his communications will not be used. All communications to this department must be posted in time to reach the *Guardian* office not later than Wednesday morning.

ENIGMAS, CHARADES, &c.

46. A warlike weapon in me you behold,
Which is of an ancient date we are told;
Behead me, a fruit will be brought into sight,
Behead me again, you may then hear aright.

47. Deep in the bowels of the earth
We are found and brought to birth;
Those who would our substance gain
Seek us with much toil and pain;
But when obtained, with warmth and light
We gratefully our friends requite.
JOSEPH TWEDDALL, Consett.

48. We are a score, or something more,
Within a cave reside;
And though we never disagree,
We very oft divide.
If we fall out, it is a doubt
If we e'er meet again,
Both beau and belle, our worth can tell,
Though oft we cause them pain.
In white array the ladies gay
And sprightly, often show us;
And he indeed would well succeed,
Who'd find a plan to grow us.
MINER, Edmondbyers.

49. I sak otn ofr shi eiaegln,
I ksa ont rfo ihs mean,
Fi malinanes eb ni iah trhae,
Eh nbelo trbih aym malic.
T.S.D., Waskerley.

50. Say why a hypocrite may see
Better than either you or me
To count a cat's paws readily.
ROBINSON CRUSOE, Annfield Plain.

51. A certain fruit if you curtail,
A vegetable you'll have without fail;
And if the same you transpose,
An animal it will disclose.
W. BULMAN, Ebchester.

52. A letter prefix to the tyrants delight:
You'll see a kind friend on a cold winter's night.
BEEF-EATER, Stanley.

53. In my first a king may reside;
In my second you may cross the tide;
Both join'd together I do declare
You'll either find in town or fair.

54. A kind of colour if you behead
Something that's black you'll have instead.

55. An Irish county if you curtail,
What keeps you alive you'll have without fail.
A. O'NEIL, Dipton.

56. From six take nine,
From nine take ten,
From forty take fifty,
And what remaineth then?

57. One hundred in the shortest degree,
Two-thirds of the strongest wood you can see,
Add fifty to that and a thing will appear
That is used throughout the whole year.
GEO. R. HARRISON, Blackhill.

58. My first is in great, but not in small;
My next is in bier, but not in pall;
My third is in grace, but not in sin;
My fourth is in whiskey, and not in gin;
My fifth is in nest, and not in bird;
My sixth is in second, but not in third;
My seventh is in mouth, but not in lip;
My eighth is in barque though not in ship;
My last is in rock, but not in dale;
My whole is a village in Derwent vale.

59. A deed you'll find my 4, 5, 1,
Or part of a play I believe;
My 5, 7, 3, and 6, 4, 1,
Are animals you'll perceive;
My 4, 3, 7, is a Finland town,
A preposition first and second;
My 6, 4, 3 a vehicle is,
And 6, 7, 1 a dwelling is reckon'd;
My whole is a plant, though good in its place,
Is often abused by the human race.

60. My first is in Paris, but not in France;
My next is in reel, but not in dance;
My third is in Ireland, as you will see;
My fourth is in Rome, again you'll agree;
My fifth is in error, likewise in correct,
And so is my sixth, but not in defect;
My seventh is in Sweden, my final as well;
My whole is a flower that grows in the dell.

61.
I'm new and I'm old, I'm thick and I'm thin;
I've no flesh or bone, though I'm cover'd with skin;
I never could read, though letter'd I'm found;
Though blind I enlighten, though loose I am bound.
I'm always in black and always in white;
I'm grave and I'm gay, I'm heavy and light;
Oft tattered and torn, and oft deck'd with gold,
Oft I am precious, though oft I am sold.
A strange combination, you cannot confute,
I sing without voice, I've more stops than a flute;
I'm English, I'm German, I'm French, and I'm Dutch,
Some love me too fondly, some slight me too much.

62.
I'm the longest and the shortest of all things that you know,
I'm the oldest and the youngest, the swiftest and most slow;
The smallest thing divided, the most extended too,
And though the least I'm valued, I'm regretted most by you;
'Tis clear you'll find without me that nothing can be done
For good or yet for evil beneath the setting sun.
Everything, however small, in this world I devour,
Asleep you'll find me never, I'm awake at every hour;
Yet life and spirit do I give to every object here,
It matters not how great to you these objects may appear;
The wisest thing upon the earth I'm also said to be,
'Cause I discover everything and everything I see.
W.W., Consett.

63. My first is in slates, but not in roof;
My second is in chimney, likewise in house;
My third is in door, but not in frame;
My fourth is in mantle, likewise in flame;
My fifth is in grate, but not in fire;
My sixth is in house, but not in byre;
My seventh is in clock, likewise in watch;
My eighth is in couch, likewise in catch;
My ninth it in head, but not in hair;
My tenth is in carpet, but not in chair;
My eleventh is in stair, but not in flat;
My twelfth is in cover, but not in mat;
My thirteenth is in man, but not in youth;
My fourteenth is in meat, but not in mouth;
My fifteenth is in cabin, but not in hall;
My whole is a gentleman, stout and tall.
W.C.T., Tow Law.

64. A county in New Zealand,
If you can make it clear;
A famous English admiral
You will have without fear.
KATE O'NEIL, Dipton.

65. My first is dear to all men; my second's a letter found in mere; and my whole is a famous Grecian poet.
R. W. RIPPON, Consett.

66. A thief, when very near his end,
Proposed a question to his friend;
In eighteen letters 'tis contained.
18, 17, 8, 9, 14, 5.
Where did a youthful shepherd roam,
In search of brothers far from home?
14, 4, 9, 13, 5, 3.
What town for learning long was famed,
And for idolatry was blamed?
15, 11, 12, 11, 3.
Whose father from Cyrene came,
And bore a great Apostle's name?
14, 14, 15, 10, 5.
Who asked for ornaments of gold,
Then shaped with a forbidden mould?
16, 14, 7, 9.
What town gave birth to David's foe,
A boastful man, but soon laid low?
13, 5, 1, 6, 15.
Where did a king, whose sins were great,
Consult a witch to know his fate?
9, 13, 15, 2, 1.
What king, to keep his oath and word,
Gave up a prophet to the sword?
JOS. DENT, Consett.

67.
'Tis whispered in heaven, 'tis muttered in hell,
And echo caught faintly the sound as it fell;
On the confines of earth
'Tis permitted to rest;
And the depths of the ocean its presence confess
It is found in the sphere when riven asunder,
It is seen in the lightning,
And heard in the thunder.
'Tis allotted to man with his earliest breath,
Attends him in birth, awaits him in death;
Without it, the soldier, the seaman, may roam,
But woe to the wretch that expels it from home.
M. BELL, Consett.

68. My first is in apple, also in pear;
My second is in atmosphere, also in air;
My third is in dairy, but not in house;
My fourth is in kitten, but not in mouse;
My fifth is in days, also in nights.
If you these letters place aright,
A famous town will come in sight.
JOHN R. WOOD, Consett.

69. Three parts of a cross and a circle complete;
Two semi-circles and a perpendicular meet;
A triangle standing upon its two feet;
Two semi-circles and a circle complete.

70. My first is made of stone and brick;
My second often turns a trick;
My whole is Scotland's pride and glory,
And fills many a page of ancient story.

71.
A fish in the sea, not very uncommon,
Is the pride and the boast of a new married woman,
A. J. COUPLAND, Shotley Bridge.

72. "I lead, sir," in this land of fame;
Transpose and see what *was* my name;
For tho' I am not given to change,
My name is changed and sounds so strange.
I am the first of Jewish race
Whom English coronet doth grace;
I once was "dizzy" with the whirl
Of fortune, and am now an earl.
My rival was one William G.,
As keen debater as can be;
"G. leads not" now, and little cares
To lead distracted "Whigs'" affairs;
Sclavish autonomy's his cry;
Slavish Ottomany, say I.
And while my rival pamphleteers,
I figure in the house of peers;
"G. leads not," now declare the man
By transposition, if you can.
A. E. F., Castleside.

ANAGRAMS.

73.
I am composed of two words each having seven letters. My 12, 13, 4 is part of your body, my 14, 13, 9, 8 may sometimes be heard in Consett; my 4, 5, 7, 11 is part of a ship; my 1, 12, 11 is an animal; my 12, 6, 11 is an insect; my 10, 11, 5, 13, 7 may be seen in the firmament; my 1, 2, 3, 11 is a young horse; my 7, 12, 4 is a man's name abbreviated; my 10, 5, 3, 11 is in everything; my 1, 2, 14 is a fish; and my whole is often on the dinner-table.
T.G.S., Consett.

74.
Whole I am a word of nine letters. My 1, 2, 3 is a verb of the past tense; my 2, 7, 5 too many prefer to water; I would advise all to keep out of 7, 2, 1; housewives generally carry my 4, 5, 9, 3 in their pockets; my 2, 3, 4 is to plead; my 7, 5, 2 is an unploughed field; my 3, 5, 8 is what you do with my 5, 9, 8, 3; my 1, 2, 7, 4 those do who have the use of their limbs; my 8, 2, 6, 7, 9 means to be soon; my 5, 8, 7 is found in the water; my 1, 5, 8, 4 is a period of time; my 1, 8, 2, 4 is to be feeble; and my whole, dear reader, is a village not one hundred miles from Consett.
M.B.L., Consett.

CRYPTOGRAPH.

75.
Come over next Saturday, Edward. Tom Turner gave uncle a rose. Do it at noon.
G.D., East Pontop.

CONUNDRUMS.

76. How many insects make a landlord?
J. JEFFREY, Blackhill.

77. Why is St. Nicholas's Church like a man's ear?

78. Why do we call a ship her?
"TELEGRAPH," White-le-Head.

79. Why may one who is playing blind man's buff be said to possess benevolent sympathies?

80. Why is an egg under-done like the same over-done?
KING KOFFER, Burnhope.

81. What burns to keep a secret?

82. Which is the lightest city in the world?
JOSEPH TWEDDALL, Consett.

TRANSPOSITIONS.

83.—I N N P D I A N F E L L A—a village in the county of Durham.

84.—R M A C E T N H S E—a well-known town in England.

85.—I C K E M I R L—an Irish town.

VILLAGES NEAR CONSETT ENIGMATICALLY EXPRESSED.

1. A brush with a long handle, and an elevation.
2. The name of a policeman, and a vale.
3. A woman's name, an enclosed piece of land, and a flat expanse.
4. A dark colour, and an eminence.
5. An injury caused by fire, and to live in expectation.
6. To immerse in a liquid for a moment, and a weight.
7. A fortified dwelling, and the slope of a hill or mountain.
8. To seize or lay hold on suddenly, and that which opens or shuts the passage into an enclosure.
9. Denoting the negative side of the question, and a power used to bring two pieces together.
10. A st[illegible]p, rugged rock, and that which contains the brain.
11. An animal of the bovine kind, and an elevation of land less than a mountain.
12. Anything bent or hooked, and the entrance-room of a large house.
13. A hard stone, and an eminence.
14. Unripe, and a small field or close attached to a dwelling-house.
15. Prosperous, and *terra firma*.
16. A bluish-gray metal, and what you generally open when you go into a field.
17. What scullers do, what most of us like to own, and what fish breathe through.
18. To impregnate with bark, and a piece of enclosed land.
19. To drag through the water by means of a rope or hawser, and that which governs or tends to rule.
20. A man's name abreviated, where potatoes grew, and where the ribs are situate.
21. A dark colour, and what is imposed in police-courts.
22. Elevation, and what ought to be at all level crossings.
23. A monk, and the part of an animal between the hip and shoulder.
24. What you face when you look at the sun at noon, and an extensive waste.

JOSEPH DENT, Delves Lane, Consett.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Owing to a pressure of police news we have been compelled to hold over the answers to last week's riddles. The answers of our correspondents will appear next week.

PROPERTY SALE AT CONSETT.—On Thursday evening Mr. Adam Brodie offered for sale by auction at the house of Mr. George Brown, Railway Hotel, Consett, the dwelling-house adjoining the Local Board buildings. There was a large company present, and the bidding was begun by Mr. Joseph Murray at £200, and after a brisk and lively competition was finally knocked down at £375, Mr. Robson Evens being the purchaser at that price.

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Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

The insertion of anything beyond the simple announcement of Births, Marriages, or Deaths, will be charged as Advertisements.

BIRTHS.

CONSETT—At 2, Front Street, on the 19th ult., the wife of Mr. J. Parker, of a daughter.

CROOKHALL—On the 21st ult., the wife of Mr. W. Tuck, of a daughter.

WESTWOOD FARM—On the 26th ult., the wife of Mr. T. Irving, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

LANCHESTER—At the Register Office, on the 27th ult., Mr. Watson Bell to Miss Mary Porter, both of Blackhill.

STANLEY—At the Primitive Methodist Chapel, on the 29th ult., Mr. M. Foggon to Miss Ann Wilkinson, both of West Stanley.

DEATHS.

CONSETT—At 58, Front Street, on the 28th ult., aged 85, Hannah Ridley.

SHOTLEY BRIDGE—On the 30th ult., Ann Robson.

WESTWOOD COLLIERY—On the 27th inst., aged 79, Elizabeth Stewart.

OXHILL FARM—On the 27th ult., aged 35, Jane Hodgson.

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