

It will be some time before any reliable judgment can be formed of the yield of the general crop. One curious

and Leicestershire as there was in the West Riding of Yorkshire. Barley is generally a full average crop, but the colour is mostly very dark, the sample rough, and in many districts it will not be found free from sprouts. Oats are a moderate crop over the whole country. Beans and peas average crops. Potatoes look well, and will, I think, prove a good crop generally. Turnips, south of

coaster, are a full average crop; north of that place they are in many fields patchy; while in the North Riding of Yorkshire, and in the counties of Durham and Northumberland, there are hundreds, nay thousands, of acres of land where that valuable crop has been utterly destroyed by fly or grub. The herbage on old grass land is everywhere abundant. In Trent Valley, in our dales,

the dry pastures of *Luzerne* and *on* our extensive marshes there is more food for cattle and sheep than have seen for many years. These excellent pastures, fed by cake or corn, will fatten off animals in a few days, and put all our other healthy stock into capital condition for beginning winter, widely differing from the half-starved state in which they came out of the worst pastures of last year."

A MOCK CLERGYMAN.
The *Birmingham Post* tells the following curious story:—Some little consternation has been excited throughout Worcester by the sudden flight of a person who has been officiating as a clergyman at one of the churches. It being the custom of the authorities

...officiate in his absence. Those steps led to an application from a person of gentlemanly, if not extremely liberal, exterior, who produced what purported to be a certificate of ordination. All things being apparently satisfactory, an announcement was given that the wedding

to, and the unknown was installed as the officiator, for his reverence, on leave. The fascinating manners the gentleman soon gained for him the good opinion his flock, for although some thought he "didn't look much like a parson," they were ready to admit that "he preached very good sermons." Time rolled on, and his duties came upon him. Children's names to be

restored, dead to be buried, and living to be married. With the greatest solemnity he performed the whole of these services, and some dozen couples were "made happy" on hearing his declaration, "Whom God hath joined together let no man put asunder." But the wicked farce was not to be played much longer. A suspicion arose. The unknown made an unconscious

unexpected disappearance, and a hot pursuit is now
ing on by two detectives, headed by the duped clergy-
an. Since the exit of the would-be clergyman several
nours have been circulated. Some—and those the
st charitable—say he was an emissary of Father
natus, and has distributed strange books and enun-
ated equally strange doctrines to the young of

congregation. Others—less favourably inclined—say he rejoices in a ticket-of-leave, and that it is while he was in his country's service, in a felon's t, that he made those "numerous acquaintances in Australia," to whom he referred his patron. The result of the matter remains to be seen. Since writing the above, we learn that the delinquent succeeded in vic-

ing a jeweler to the extent of a gold watch and chain; his landlady is minus her account, and he has posed upon the clergyman by whom he was engaged to the extent of £6 10s., and some clothes. His identity is pretty certain, his history well known, and his means of escape very small. Any how, some rather startling disclosures may be looked for in a few days.

CHIOUS CHARGE AGAINST A MEDICAL STUDENT.

At the Seaham Police Court, on Tuesday, a charge was preferred against William Bewshaw, a medical student with Dr. Broadbent, at Murton Colliery, for committing a criminal assault upon a girl named Florence

14th, fourteen years of age, an orphan child. Smith, but four weeks ago, went to live as servant with the owner, who is a married man, having a wife and three children. On the 18th inst., Mrs. Bewshaw and the children went from home, leaving the girl and prisoner at the house. During the afternoon, as the girl was going to the yard for coals, prisoner, it was alleged,

got her by the waist, dragged her into the parlour, and threw her on the bed, where he committed the nec impud to him. She did not complain to any at the time, as the prisoner had threatened to take life if she spoke about it. The same afternoon he read her 5s, and afterwards 10s, which she refused to rept. He then promised to buy her a gold locket, but

declined to receive it. Her mistress arrived in the morning, but the girl did not complain to her. On the instant she was called out of bed by her master to go into the kitchen, where she saw prisoner standing in shirt. She said he there put his hand over her mouth, threw her upon the hearth-rug, and committed offence a second time; she again resisted, but after-

She made no complaint to her mistress. She told her she would tell her aunt, and he replied he would catch her, and kill her if she did. Next morning she informed her aunt of what had occurred, and left her station. On being apprehended, prisoner denied his guilt. Mr Thomas Beattie, surgeon, Seaham, gave evidence that he examined the girl on Saturday, but found

marks of violence. Mr. Robinson addressed the Court on behalf of the prisoner, and contended that what had taken place was with the girl's consent, and called a witness, named Mrs. Dobbinson, who stated that on the day previous to the 18th of August she went into the prisoner's house, and caught her with a girl and prisoner in bed together. Another female witness stated that she

the prisoner of the evening of the 18th inst, sitting
before the fire and singing, and seemed to be in better
mood than usual.—The Bench committed the prisoner for
the night at the ensuing assizes, admitting him to bail, him-
self at £100, and two sureties of £50 each.

communication, dated Hong Kong, the 11th July, has been received from China relative to the Peninsular Oriental Company's missing steamer *Corea*, which, it is feared, foundered, with all on board, during a fearful gale. The writer, the company's agent at Hong Kong, says:—"It is with the utmost sorrow that I have

inform you that the company's steamer Coreu is missing, and that the greatest fears are entertained of her being perished in a typhoon which she is known to have encountered on the night of the 29th ult. She was dispatched from this port in the evening of the 29th, at 6 o'clock, on the usual east coast voyage to Swatow, Amoy, and Foo-chow. For some days previous the heat-

been very intense, the barometer inclined to be low, the weather had the unsettled appearance which is common here at this season of the year; still there was no striking indication of immediate bad weather, at the moment of leaving Captain Bird expressed his belief that, if it should blow at all, it would be nothing more than a monsoon breeze. This was at six o'clock.

the suddenness with which the storm burst on the ship, it may be gathered from the report of a steamer named the *Oryzaurus*, which left this port only two hours before the *Corvus*, and narrowly escaped foundering, having a more than once on her beam ends, and with her extinguished, and several feet of water in her hold-engine room." The managing directors have re-

EXTRACTS FROM "PUNCH."

NEW WAY TO GET A FRESH APPETITE.
[A real bit from life at a City Company's Dinner.]
Young Visitor: Really, Sir, you must excuse me. I am
pelled to refuse.
Alderman (with profound astonishment): What, re-
fuse these beautiful grouse? It's impossible!
Young Visitor: It is impossible. I am

THE HORNS OF THE ALTAR.—We hear that his Holiness Pope has given positive orders that all his bulls shall be read in the precincts of the Vatican while the earth is in mourning.

COMMUNICATING.—Lodger: "And then there's that cold
sari, Mrs. Bilks." Landlady: "Yes'm, and if you should
enough without it, Lor', Mr. Bilks wouldn't mind a
n of it for his supper, if that's all."
EMINENT.—Betting men and their betters are squab-
over a rule which says that the bet shall go with the
e. An awfully tough one was betted—

ugly rook, at a Margate boarding-house the other day, as the rule seems in doubt, we gave her the benefit of doubt, and only threw the stake out of window.

with a letter purport-
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told a "coward," and
to fewer than fifteen
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