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### TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

ONE of the most insidious evils of the day, and consequently of the worst and most difficult to deal with, is the rapid increase of impure literature. Our book stores, news stands, and, to our me be it said, even our private libra-and parlor tables are piled high h this sort of stuff, from the flashy y papers and filthy chroniclers of

aent.

Mn. GLADSTONE was once ignomin outly snubbed by the Court, his name seing omitted from the list of invitations to one of the, royall marriages. Tiple at last makes all things even-like reply to the Duke of Albany's application to be the Marquis of Lorne's exercised of Cana-

THE acquittal of Thompson, the Ken-neky Congressman-elect, who some woor three weeks since shot and killed falter H. Davis, is a most deplorable tillure of justice. Meeting Davis in a

It is stated that many of the "blocks" It is stated that many of the "blocks", the great liquidge in Brooklyn have seen the work of pick-pocket, who take see chances to ply their nefarious dilling, and that one of these "blocks" issued the terribo accedent which yought sorrow to so many homes, the most startling thing about this stement is the fact that the villains bodd this work are not hardened before the property of the statement is the fact that the villains seem to the property of the prope which has sprung up late years in rger villages and cities, for whom ter name can be found than hod-To this class can be charged on the order and lawless runs of the disorder and lawless-four citie: and villages. These re generally employed during the ad in the evening and on Sun-ad holidays rove about ready for schief or deviltry that may come 1, doing a mach. which there and murderer are made-their highest ambilion is to be regarded as "nough," among "the loy," Their highest ambiguith is the syras of decent and respectable, where is the remedy? In amajority of the cases the parents of these hodiums are said to be industrious, sober people. But does not the blame belong in a great measure to them. If they took he pains to make home bright and become the properties of the properties of the pains to make home bright and the pains to make home bright and and the pains to make home bright and and the pain of the pain of the pain of the and the pain of the pain of the pain of the and the pain of the pain of the pain of the and the pain of th

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dear?"
mind the pug with terra cotlet me see that paper." He
if the article and then threw
down in disgust.
's the matter?" asked his wife,
say you are rising young poet
some day fill the place left vaountailow.

"Oh, yes they can even make fools of themselves sometimes."
"You don't mean it? I'm surprised that you would acknowledge it, my "Well, it do acknowledge, it, and will go further and say that I have done as much myself."
"Ha, ha." laugued Topmoody, "you, "and, has, "hay that I do like no sak, my dear, wherein you ever made such a fool of yourself as to own up to it?" "You would be a such as fool of yourself as to own up to it?" "You would be the same as the s

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

PORIGN APPAIRS.

Timothy Kelle, Phoenix Park murderer; hi cen hanged, maing the fifth of the gang re-tern executed. Kelley died without main

The Pennsylvania legislature has adjourned

Less than 240 niles of track remain to be laid to complete the northern Pacific main The bill legalising marriage with the sister of a deceased wie has passed a second reading in the House of Commons.

This season's Texas cattle drive is immense; elleved it will exceed 400,000 head.

Issue of standard dollars for the week ending lune 9, \$206,000: corresponding period of last car, \$211,492. year, \$211,420.

The latest project of a London journal is to several half-pents sheet every hour, containing the latest idegrams, market quotations,

John Bright has been a member of parlia-ment for Birmingham, Eng., for over 25 years. A great eck bratish was given in his honor by his loval constituents.

### IN PRIMER LANGUAGE. The Deadly Parasol.

Why does the young lady hug her ushade so affectionately? She is in the employ of a surgeon. In the employ of a surgeon? What do in mean?

or?
Oh, yes; I see that quite plainly.
There, did you see her gouge out that
entleman's eye?
It was neatly done.
Very; that is probably the twentieth
ye she has oblierated during her walk
he surgeon will pay her for her kindess to him. she has our surgeon will pay her 101 m. sto him.

loes she confine her operations to

price?

No: sometimes she destroys a nose, not occasionally slashes a cheek. She very versatile. She is more terrible han an army with banners.

But do not the gentlemen hate her?

Oh, no, they love and admire her, but bey detest and despiso her parasol.

The Small Boy on Errands.

Where is the small boy going?

The small boy is going on an erran How do you know that the small bo going on an errand?

Because the small boy is in such

errand? small boy is in such a

ow can you tell that the small boy a hurry?

in.

Is this exercise very exhausting?

Exceedingly; you see thathe has to sit own and rest before he has half com-letted his survey.

But what is the small boy doing now?

In order to get to his destination the bucket has jumped upon the passing agon.

agon.

But the wagon is going in the director from which he come.

It makes no difference. All roads and to Rome you know, and all directors are the same to the small boy. The

small boy. he has forgotten his errand?

nation?

He will if he keep on in the direction which he is now crawling.

How seen, do you think?

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framatic surprises and romantic plots dramatic surprises and romantic plots, but a stranger story was never told than is reheared in the pleadings of the Mistral case. Fifty years ago there dwelt at St. Remy, in Provence, a rich wool merchant, whose fabries had acquired a reputation in all the cities of the Continent and were highly esteemed even in England. He had amassed a great fortune, but saw no reason why the analysis of the continent and a second of the continent and a second of the continent and a second of the continent and the continent a

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hrow his overcoot over a denipion in ten-orner. "I found your assessment to be \$2." "I found your assessment to be \$2." between the woman, after a careful oblect it well and good, but you will aye to pay me now, or I will strike you roun the rolls." "How much is mine?" asked the re-gions editor, stepping you the seeme, I have been the woman with a pleasant of greeting the woman with a pleasant Lump his and unine and the city editor? Lump his and unine and the city editor?

puned out \$500 oil and need it tempting-ly in sight.

"That just makes it," said the hard-faced woman, grabbing at the bill.

'That is just right. Thanks. Good-day. Keep up the cause no matter what it costs!"

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# Eli Perkins' Greek Jokes.

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Two-thirds of the fun that happens is world is spoiled by the men who t write a description of it. The impressive saw it and humor in our school and the saw it and humor in our school and leading the saw it and humor in our school and leading the saw it and humor in our school and leading the saw it and humor in our school and leading the saw it and humor in our school and leading the saw it and humor in our school and leading the saw it is a saw in the same and the saw in the same and the same and

on pair of 'em. - wins You'll
On mother occasion Aristippus went to Dionysius, then the ruling monarch
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what? You want money, Aristip
pus?" exclaimed Dionysius. "Why,
you philosophers, you aiways maintain
that a wise man never really wants, for
anything?"
'Never mind about one and the property of the property of

anything?"

Never mind about our philosophy,"
said Aristippus, 'just lend me the
money and we'll talk about philosophy
afterwards."

"Well, here's fifty drachmas," said
Dionysius, handing him the money.
"All right," said Aristippus, as he

ccasion when Athens was

pus. "Yes, and I can dive deeper than any "And so can a bull-frog," said Dio-

enes.

"And more than that I can kick high-than any man in Athens, and"—

"And so can a jack-ass," interrupted

od more than all of these, everybody I'm the handsomest man in Ath-

"And so is a brass statue—a hollow brass statue—and it has neither life or brains," said Arisitippus. These witticisms are as good as we