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THE AMERICAN PRESIDENCY.

At Washington on the Fourth of March Mr. Cleveland the retiring President of the United States surrendered his powers to General Harrison: his appointed successor.

The transfer was effected with all due ceremony, and with a dignity which no mere ceremony could have imparted to it, and which is now an established tradition of American political life.

The two Presidents now move together hand-in-hand, until they part on the steps of the White House, the one to return to business as a simple citizen, and the other to take his place at the head of one of the mightiest nations upon earth.

They feast together, and there is no reason to fear, with a French journalist, that one of the guests shows any want of appetite for the meal. They appear together before the crowd; and the retiring President, who has now become but a mere distinguished member of it, gives a patient hearing to his successor's address.

On Inauguration Day, the President enjoys a brief respite from the persecutions of office seekers, and from the embarrassment of a nice adjustment of conflicting claims in the formation of his Cabinet. The list we have already published shows that Mr. Blaine, who in this contest has played the part of President-maker, is to be rewarded for his enforced self-denial with the post of Secretary of State. The names of his colleagues are not suggestive of high distinction, but the President is under imperative obligations to wealthy supporters which cannot be set aside.

Gold has had a more decisive influence on the late election than on any that has gone before. The evil grows with the prosperity of the Union. The rich on both sides virtually buy their places in the Administration by liberal subscription to the campaign funds. A man who has given fifty or a hundred thousand dollars towards the expenses of the contest has claims which it is hard to ignore. It is a form of the purchase system which holds no good to the State but the President must take the situation as he finds it. The address is as usual, a document which contrasts very favorably with a Queen's Speech. Both Queen and President, on such occasions, have something to say, but only the

latter says it. The President reviews by anticipation his entire policy for the next four years.

He will, of course, be a thorough Protectionist, but, on that point, it is impossible for him to find anything new to say. General Harrison has, however, sought to find it in the announcement that the South, as it ceases to be purely agricultural, will probably become as Protectionist as the North. The South-owners, he thinks, were freetraders by the accident of slavery; and their newly-established mill fires were lighted at the funeral pile of that institution. It is a fallacy, but it is a fallacy in an epigram; and that is something to be thankful for, as times go. President Cleveland was more happily inspired, both for truth and neatness of touch, in that passage of his farewell Message, which described Protection as the communism of the rich. Time will show; but with their wonderful natural resources the Americans may defer the reckoning for a long period.

On Civil Service reform the President is refreshingly candid. The spoils must still go to the victors but this does not mean that the day of permanency in Civil Service appointments will never dawn. It will dawn when the victors of to-morrow consent to leave spoils to the victors of to-day, and that moment will come, of course, when they are satisfied that the latter have used their patronage in a manner conducive to the best interests of the State. President Harrison apparently has not attained that conviction in regard to the nominations of his predecessor, but there is no reason why it should not sway the mind of the next President with irresistible force.

The surplus was one of the burning questions of the late election, and the President has consequently nothing to say about it that is new. Both parties completed in expedients for reducing the intolerable burden of national prosperity, as this was constituted by the cash balances in the Treasury. The party of Mr. Cleveland proposed to reduce it in the natural way, by the remission of duties—in other words, by Free Trade. The party of President Harrison, denied this effectual resource, hopes that an increase of the Navy, a system of bounties to steamship lines, and a liberal increase of the military pension list may afford some relief.

The Message will be remarkable for the number of its references to foreign topics. There is a Samoan question, and there is still a question of Panama. The President has no difficulty in showing that the Monroe Doctrine cuts both ways. It cuts against interference, on the part of the foreigner, but it does not deprive the United States of all interest in what is passing abroad. The allusions to Samoa are both firm and conciliatory, and they serve to show that there is to be no departure from the policy already pursued by President Cleveland. The Union may refuse to grow in territory beyond the American continent, but it cannot refuse to grow in interests. Its over-expanding commerce must in time give it a Samoa in more than one quarter of the globe.

The creation of a United States Navy is evidently due to other considerations than the necessity of reducing the surplus. The world may soon have to reckon with a new naval power. Great Britain has no direct interest in any of the topics of the Address; but this means no more than that the President has shown more reserve than those who framed the Platform which is the charter of his powers.

DIVORCE.

Most likely, by the time he gets back to England, and is in the thick of another session's party warfare, Mr. Gladstone will have forgotten that in the autumn he asked for a parliamentary return as to the working of our divorce law, which seemed to imply that he intended to propose considerable reforms in it; he is likely to have his hands full over the discovery that he is not only himself an absentee landlord, but an evicting landlord also. Nearly every week, however, while the Courts are sitting, produces a new batch of evidence as to the present lamentable and disgraceful state of divorce affairs.

We mention no instances, as every reader of the daily papers can supply plenty for himself, nor are we disposed to speak unkindly of the gentlemen and ladies who, whatever their moral defects may be, have to pay sufficiently heavily for them in being paraded before the public in most humiliating guise. Now and then, it is true, we meet with a case—generally of a lady—where breach of the marriage vow is regarded as a thing to be proud of, and where real or pretended details are gloated over by the chief breacher with evident delight in their ugliness and made as entertaining to a jury as they could be if they were the theme of a clever mummer's performance on the stage. But such offensive variations from the routine of the Divorce Court only emphasize the abuses of which the routine is nearly always, and almost entirely, made up.

How long must we wait for the common-sense view of the marriage law, its duties and the proper consequences or violation of those duties; to be recognized? In heaven, we are told, there is neither marrying nor giving in marriage, but when we reach the stage in the world's history which extreme optimists assure us will be like a heaven on earth we may hope that everybody will be happily

married, and that there will be no need for any divorce law. That time is not yet within sight. A "good" many of us, whether husbands or wives, find that we have married in haste and have more leisure for repentance than we can well bear, and nobly overlooking that the law does for us to make hardest of all the lot of those who deserve least punishment or none. An abandoned woman can laugh at her husband; and the disgrace the brings on him, and with or without the brief ordeal of exposure in the Divorce Court, can amuse herself in the way she chooses. A faithless husband can make a meek wife's existence a hell lasting half her lifetime, from which she has no escape provided he observes a few ordinary precautions which may only aggravate her misery while they prevent her from shaking him off and getting such slight retribution as would otherwise be possible.

It is no infrequent accident that the law as it stands allows a second marriage directly to levy blackmail on the libertines with whom he allows or encourages his wife to associate; and, besides all the tricks and deceptions to which those who run risks of going into the Divorce Court but shrink from it are exposed, everybody knows that the Divorce Court itself gives occasion to more porjury than even the Father of Lies would find himself equal to. Surely these things ought not to be; but surely it would not be difficult to remedy, or, at any rate, to lessen them. We venture to throw out three suggestions, each of which can be made clear in a sentence, though each might be the head of a long sermon. For one thing, whatever are considered valid grounds for a man's divorcing his wife ought to be sufficient in the case of a woman seeking divorce from her husband.

For another thing, divorce cases should be heard, if not in camera, with such privacy and exclusion of redundancy points as would enable husbands and wives whom the judge and jury are willing to separate to get what they want with no more public scandal than is inevitable. For a third, the preposterous rule which now allows a husband to obtain damages for the loss of a wife who has proved herself worthless, and of whom he is presumably only too glad to be rid, ought to be abolished. By our present arrangements we put a premium on immorality, and cause all sorts of other vices to cluster round that vice which no human law can cure, though it may be fairly expected to keep it within bounds.

A FRANK DISCUSSION

The duel has become so popular an institution just now in France that it is not surprising to find a novelty introduced in the method of conducting it. The novelty comes from Limoges, and dates from last week. At a banquet held in that town, two guests (became very excited and very abusive. Honour was said to be stained, and so stained that nothing but blood could wipe the stain away. So a duel was resolved upon, seconds chosen, and business proceeded with. In plays and pictures duels always take place in the grove of the dawn. This one was arranged for in the bright rays of lamp light. The Limoges combatants scarcely claimed the dignity of inventiveness, but believed they were adopting an American fashion. Pistols were the weapons. Twenty paces separated the principals, and a little table and a candle were placed beside each outraged fighter. The pistols were loaded, levelled, and fired, but no one was hurt. The seconds, indeed, probably ran the greater risk. They prudently and promptly declared that honour was satisfied, and finally refused to allow the experiment to be repeated. One rather hopes that the new fashion may not become general, even in France. It is better to sleep on one's pillows before they are avenged. But, if the matter will probably take a note of this new departure. A duel in a dining-room saves a carpenter's shop, and makes an admirable climax to a second act.

EXPRESSIONS

—The Right Hon. John Bright died on the 27th of March, as we hear to-day by telegram.

He has been in bad health for some time but, until last week, it was hoped he would recover, a bad relay however supervened a few days ago and he succumbed on Wednesday last.

John Bright was born 16 Nov. 1811 so he was in his 78th year, he was a quaker and a partner in a firm of cotton spinners at Rochdale. His first distinguished himself in political life in 1839 as a member of the corn law league, and was first returned to Parliament as member for Durham 1845, for which he sat until 1847, when he was elected for Manchester.

He was associated with Mr. Cobden in the repeal of the Corn Laws and in various financial reforms. He was defeated at Manchester in 1857, but was returned for Birmingham later in the same year. He joined Mr. Gladstone's administration in 1868, but had to retire from ill health. He again took office in 1873 to 1874 and in 1880. He retired from the cabinet in 1882 on the Egyptian question, and has supported the Unionist Opposition to Mr. Gladstone on the question of Home for Ireland. As an Orator he was looked upon as one of the best that Great Britain has ever possessed, and he was popular as the exponent of perfect integrity and straight forwardness.

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In the House of Lords yesterday, Lord Halifax stated in reply to the Earl of Strathmore that the Government would not oppose any general desire to re-appoint Mr. Morrison to the post of Lord Commissioner of Customs on personal relief.

In the House of Commons questions were asked in relation to the resignation of the present Treasurer and the interviews with persons acting on behalf of the *Times* last night to the Earl of Bredford. In answer to the question of the Earl of Strathmore the Secretary to the War Office withdrew a statement he had made in the House of Commons on the previous night in the *Times*. The statement was that Mr. Morrison's amendment was not a serious matter.

In the same court an application on behalf of Mr. Stobbs, an unsuccessful candidate at West Southport for the seat of the Conservative Party, was refused to reach to excessive expenditure and the employment of paid canvassers; and Mr. Stobbs, an unsuccessful candidate, opposed the motion on the ground that his chances of election were affected by Mr. Stobbs's expenditure. Believing this opposition reasonable, the court ordered Mr. Stobbs to pay the costs.

James Melvin Gray, the *Warrior* was charged with abducting a young girl named Jane Lane, a young brought up in the *Warrior* and was charged with kidnapping. Some further evidence having been given, the accused was committed to the County Prison for the night to become ready for trial.

At the West Ham Police-court yesterday afternoon, a man named James Melvin Gray, a man named on a charge of murdering his infant male child on a labourer, was charged with the murder of a young girl named Jane Lane, a young brought up in the *Warrior*. It was said that the child was killed by the accused on the 10th of the month. The body was taken to Lynn Harbour, near Colchester.

"Mr. O'Brien: I only wish the Judges were as calm as I am," he said.

"Judge: Trial court adjourned."

On Tuesday Mr. O'Brien was brought from the goal to the court for the continuance of the proceedings. A demonstration was, therefore, held in the courtroom, with Mr. O'Brien in the waiting-room at the court house, but made no attempt to enter the courtroom.

"In the trial," Mr. O'Brien, who looked very haggard, took his place in the dock between two warders. In the first few weeks, he said, he had been very nervous, but he had conquered every ailment the position had been placed in by the vile outrages of the police and friends and counsel. Mr. Healy and he regretted to say that he could not depart from his detention, but he would take any further voluntary part in these proceedings.

At the close of the case for the Crown Mr. O'Brien asked for the specimen to be read a statement. This having been done, the defendant declined to give evidence in answer of address the court and he was sentenced to six months imprisonment.

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—The other day Tottie Goodenough and the Hon Billy were riding in one of the old fashioned omnibuses and every time Tottie tried to lean back the upper part of her hat knocked against the top of the bus. "How awfully uncomfortable you must have been," remarked Billy afterwards. "I didn't mind it," replied Tottie "because every time it touched it reminded me that my hat was four inches higher than any other girl's in the bus."

American Courtin. Have you ever seen Niagara stranger?
Englishman. No I have not.

American Courtin. I guess that there catarract is the pride of the hull U-n-i-ted States.

Englishman. H'm! So much pride is bound to have a big fall!

—My mamma used to go to Court.
 Miss Flingskirt asserted, and a patriarchal Johnnie present confirmed the statement, adding that she had often bailed the lady out.

—I say, dad, remarked young Sharpshins, "what is the meaning of X and XX and XXX on beer barrels?"

"Why, my boy," said the old man, "the letter X, as you are aware, signifies, in algebra, the unknown quantity, and the X on the beer cask signifies the unknown quantity of malt contained in the beer."

—Jones (to his friend the West-end tallor): "Will you come and see 'The Wild Cat of the Salted Mine' at the Breezy Theatre this evening?"

"No, thank you, I had rather not; the fact is I 'make' for the villain, and he owes me a long bill, and he gets thrown on the floor in the last act. I don't think I could enjoy the play if I saw those clothes getting ruined."

—Who is Mr. Macdonald? asked Judge Hanneb last week. "It may not be generally known that the present manager of the 'Times' toasts that he was once a poor boy working at the bottom of a mine in Scotland. Looking up one day, he saw the stars. They apparently beckoned him to a higher sphere, which appears to be his chair in printing House-square. Once more he has 'seen stars'—that was while Mr. Asquith was railing the artillery of his questions round Macdonald's stolid Scotch pate. Poor old Mac!

—If a woman looks unlovely when playing the fiddle, she appears viler still when tooting on the flute. In the former case—the fiddle case—her neck is crooked (one syllable) and her charms are eclipsed; in the latter those dear lips are contorted to such a degree that it would seem as if they never could resume a kissing or kissable shape. Of late years there has, however, been a rage for violin playing among the ladies, and many thousands of pairs of ears have been excruciatingly tortured by the attempts of these fair creatures to bring out the 'high harmonies, though their studies seldom carry them beyond so vile a rendering of 'God save the Queen' that if Her Majesty were doomed to hear it often, she would fervently desire that the prayer of the National Anthem might not be answered.

—If a spinster—for no married woman ever played the violin, she has enough of such shrill sounds in the nursery—if a spinster, we say, must keep a cat—let her scratch its back and not scrupulously cut, though, as everybody knows that catgut is made from sheep's intestines, it would be better for the good woman to amuse herself by making sausages than meddling with the poor creature's innards and trying to make tunes out of them. But the fiddle is doomed; and though ugly as is the effect produced upon the human countenance by the flute, the ladies are determined to play it to perfection. Perhaps they will; but their lovely smile will be gone, for it is utterly impossible to produce the proper shaped mouth for this instrument, and to smile at the same time. The flute itself may be pretty enough, but we prefer the smile.

—A newspaper has been exercising the talents of its readers by urging them with the usual two-guinea spur to invent a word which shall signify a message sent by means of the telephone. Yet none of their suggestions so well describe the message which usually passes along the wire as "Tella-fa."

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