

content to rest upon their laurels, Captain Moncrieff has been merely stimulated into further exercise of his mechanical skill, and into trying the various applications of which the principle is susceptible. He seems positively to delight and glory in his remarkable facility of resource. And the invention

modifications introduced into the new carriage is one by which, whether the charge be heavy or light, the gun is brought by recoil exactly to the proper loading position; the arrangements for bringing the heavy projectile to the muzzle of the gun have also

GUSTAVE DORE.—Preparations for the appearance of the work on "London," by Gustave Dore and Blanchard Jerrold, are stated to be now so far advanced that the artist will leave Paris to attend the opening of Parliament and study the phases of London during the season. Messrs. Grant & Co., the eminent colour printers, are preparing the work, which will appear in no less than forty quarto parts, founded on some hundreds of original sketches of life in the metropolis. Some striking vision in-

hold on M. Dore's weird imagination. At present we believe the humbler phases of English society have chiefly engaged his pencil. The ground is a dangerous one for a foreign artist—witness Gavami's Gallicised English crossing sweepers, his pretty brewers' drayman, and almost unrecognisable London cab drivers. Somehow the foreign eye is never thoroughly trustworthy in rendering national types, and we have heard even John Leech's seedy

conducted to the Court House near the prison, and there tried by a Military Tribunal presided over by General Lorquet. Salmave sat near to the public prosecutor and was defended by two Advocates. The trial lasted about 3 hours. The Judges retired for about half an hour to consider their verdict.

The Town General Lovquet in a few words encouraged the prisoner to meet his death with firmness and courage, and gave directions at Salvare's wish, for paper and writing materials to be given to him to make disposition of. After a lapse of 20 minutes he was again brought to the Palace, where he was surrounded by the people of the city, which had suffered in the recent bombardment, and was led to the site of the Palace, and there bound to a tree. Two Priests had a short interview with him, after which he was again brought to the Palace. A large assembled multitude, telling of 10,000 persons, was then present, and that it was a solemn warning to any of them not to endeavour to overthrow the Constitution of Rayti, Canal, and then descended the steps and at the word of command, a singing party, consisting of 100 persons, commenced singing. The singing was not continued for long, as at the end, a soldier or General fired another shot at him.

(By a Miserable Wretch.)
Roll on, thou ball, roll on!
Through pathless realms of space
Roll on!

What though I'm in a sorry case,
What though I cannot meet my bills?
What though I suffer toothache's ills?
What though I swallow countess pills?
Never your mind!
Loll on!

Roll on, thou ball, roll on!
Through seas of inky air
Roll on!
It's true I have no shirts to wear;
It's true my butcher's bill is due,
It's true my prospects all look blue,—

ate more animal food on a Friday than on any other day of the week, on purpose to protest more earnestly against Rome.—*Pacific Churchman*. [The glutton was probably a good cook in some Catholic family, and had

of a patient who had reluctantly submitted to solicit his advice, "I suppose you think me a bit of a humbug?" "Sir," gravely replied the sick man, "I was not aware until now that you could so readily discover a man's thoughts by feeling his pulse."

AN Irishman, being a little fuddled, was asked what was his religious belief. "Is it me belafu ve'd be ask-

ON THE MOVE.—Here's a man in a horse who moves so often that, whenever a covered wagon comes near his house, his chickens all fall on their backs and cross their legs ready to be tied and carried to the next stopping-place. Mrs. Chibbles says she don't believe it.

CÆSAR IN A NEW ATTITUDE.—The following ludicrous sentence is the result of a compositor's erroneous punctuation:—“Cæsar entered upon his head, his helmet upon his feet, armed sandals upon his brow, a

angry glare!

AN ACCOMMODATING BEGGAR.—A gentleman had just taken his seat at the dinner-table, when the servant reported a beggar at the door. Feeling in his pocket for a small change, but finding none, he replied, "Tell him I have nothing to do with him," and resumed his dinner. Presently, the servant returned, with "Please, sir, he says he can change a note."

UNBELEACHABLE.—"What do you know of a character of this man?" was asked of a witness at a police court the other day.—"What do I know of his character?" replied the witness, "I know he is unbeleachable, yer honour," replied he, with emphasis.

HIGH MORAL GROUND.—In one of our law courts a witness was testifying regarding his connection with a case where others had been made him to assault a man.

counsel asked if it enticulating a high moral reason for his refusal why the witness did not commit the assault. "Well sir," was the candid reply, "I am a little lame." "Was it afraid the police would catch me?" asked the witness. "No, sir. When I saw the Samuels, I was afraid of them." "What young man?" asked Butler, Bishop of Lichfield, "the young man named a country curate, the celebrated Dr. Parr, who lived at no great distance, used sometimes to ride over and take an early dinner with him. On one of these occasions the equestrian was overtaken by heavy rain, and reached his house with a dripping condition. The curate took him immediately to his room, and there, as the witness was a good fire, supplied him with a change of clothing, and left him to warm and dry himself, while he returned to the adjoining sitting-room to finish the sermon on which he had been employed when the interruption occurred. Presently the doctor re-entered, arrayed in his friend's dress, and after a few minutes' stay, he again withdrew, and the witness was again pulled over his eyes, and was again pulled by the hair."

a book to beguile the time till dinner should be announced; his host continuing absorbed in his occupation. Ten minutes or so went by in silence, when Dr. Parr raised his head, gave one or two preliminary sniffs, and then looking round lisped out in a tone of interest, "Gooth for dinner, Tham?"—"I really don't know, doctor—I hope there may be, My housekeeper knows you are fond of goose." "Another silence, broken only by the

—“I’m there with a goo-th, Tham,” says the doctor, smacking his lips. —“Dinner’s ready, please,” said the maid opening the door. Up jumped the guest, hurried into the bed-room to don the clothes he had left near the stove to dry. Horror of horrors! what a sight met his eye! His cherished head-gear, his well-curled, powdered, and pomatummed wig lay in the fender frizzling in its own fat, and while browning nicely before the fire exhaled the odour which had so tickled his olfactory nerves, and raised up hopes only to be thus cruelly over-

INDUSTRY.—"Sam," said a mother to one of her "wasy ocedient" sons "how many logs have you sawed, eh?"—"Why, marm, when I gets this 'un and three others sawed, I'll have four."

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of the Company, available for the purpose of meeting any unusual calamity happening to the Assured, is

TWO MILLIONS STERLING.
The amount actually paid up is £288,495. This, with the Accumulated Funds in Hand, makes the invested resources of the Company upwards of ONE MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS, which amount is invested as follows:—

INVESTED FUNDS OF THE ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
30th June, 1869.
Real Property owned by the Company..... £219,571 11 3
Mortgages on Freehold Property..... 38,500 0 0
£250,000 Reduced 3 per Cent. Consols..... 28,085 1 3
India Government 5 per Cent. Debentures..... 100,000 0 0
English Railway Debenture Stocks..... 50,000 17 7
First-class English Railway Preference Shares..... 885,476 11 11
Loans to Local Authorities of various towns in Great Britain, who have obtained the sanction of the Secretary of State to borrow the amounts..... 115,580 12 6
Bonds of the Money Docks and Harbour Board..... 62,341 14 8
Bonds of the Liverpool and Irish Magnetic Telegraph Co..... 10,000 0 0
United States Government Stocks..... 51,000 0 0
Canada Bonds and Canada Dominion Stock..... 101,300 7 10
Short Loans on first-class English Dividend-paying Stocks with margins, from 20 to 50 per Cent. on market values..... 31,106 11 6
Loans on Security of Life Policies..... 477,195 0 0
63,938 8 5
£1,732,356 16 11

The above is a complete list of the Investments of the Company at the date specified, in addition to which the funds are still further increased, by amounts constantly varying, at different periods, in the hands of the Bankers and the Company's Agents. At 31st Dec., 1868, these stood at..... £168,089 2 0

For the satisfaction of the Public, the whole of the Securities belonging to the Company are annually submitted to the careful scrutiny of two independent Auditors, and the following is an Extract from their Report to the last Annual Meeting:—

"The whole of your Books have been Audited—every Document, every Account, every Voucher, your Bank-book, and every Security—all have been most carefully kept, and there is not one doubtful Security in the whole."

THE ACCUMULATIONS OF THE LIFE DEPARTMENT.
After payment of Losses, Annuities, and Expenses of every description, have been as follows:—
Funds in Hand at the last Quinquennial Valuation, 31st Dec., 1864, £621,434 15 5
Added to 31st December, 1865 103,146 7 5
" " 1867 124,165 7 3
" " 1868 128,583 5 10
Total Accumulation of the Life Department on 31st December, 1868, exclusive of Shareholders' Capital £1,122,375 8

THE DIRECTORS ALSO THINK IT DESIRABLE TO STATE THAT
THE BUSINESS OF THE ROYAL HAS NEVER BEEN AMALGAMATED WITH THAT OF ANY OTHER COMPANY.
And that the **LIABILITY** of its Shareholders is **UNLIMITED.**
LEECHMAN & Co.
AGENTS FOR CEYLON.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

Life Assurance Institution.
HEAD OFFICE, 9 & 10 KING STREET, CHANCERY LONDON, E.C.
ESTABLISHED 1840.

(Empowered by Special Act of Parliament.)
Capital One Million.

IN addition to all ordinary Assurances this Company issues policies by which the sums assured are made payable to the policy Holder himself on his attaining a specified age, or to his representatives in case of his death before arriving at such age thus enabling the assured to provide for their families and secure retiring provisions for themselves.

FREE POLICIES are granted. These can never become altogether void by non-payment of premiums.
Premiums payable annually, half-yearly, quarterly, or monthly as desired.

CLERGY FUND. One-tenth of the Proprietors' Profits periodically set aside for the benefit of Clergymen and Ministers, whose lives are thus assured on more favorable terms than in any other office. Full information may be had from
FOULIE, RICHMOND & Co.,
Agents in Ceylon.

NORTHERN ASSURANCE COMPANY.
Capital £2,000,000.
Fully subscribed by upwards of SEVEN HUNDRED SHAREHOLDERS, whose individual responsibility is unlimited.

ANNUAL REVENUE UPWARDS OF £200,000.
Head Office:
ABERDEEN, DUNDEE, EDINBURGH, GLASGOW, AND AT 1 MOORGATE STREET, LONDON.

Life Department.
THE COMPANY has two distinct scales of premium for the assurance of lives in the East, suitable respectively to persons residing there for a short time only, and to those whose residence is likely to be of longer duration. By one scale ("Reducible Rates") Premiums are lowered to the Home Rates and the Policy placed on the Home conditions of Assurance then current, on the assured returning to Europe. By the other ("Non-Reducible Rates") the assured instead of being subjected to a heavy extra premium during his Eastern residence, has the option of spreading the same over the whole currency of his assurance by paying an unchanging premium, little higher than that charged for residence at home.