HOW THE CASH WENT.

THE FINANCIAL LEGISLATION OF CONGRESS REVIEWED.

Mr. Cannon Says the Appropriations Were Small and Economical, While Mr. Sayres Says They Were Engrmons and Profligate.

As Viewed by Both Sides.

thorized by this Congress, discussing them an economical method of expenditure. standpoints respectively

The total appropriations for the session, including permanent annual appropria- lie duty." tions, is \$515,759,820.49.

Mr. Cannon's statement begins: "The appropriations charged to this session include \$119,054,160 under the permanent laws, of which amount \$50,-'000,000 is for sinking fund and \$30,500,-000 for interest on public debts, or \$3,-355,614.40 more than was included at the last session of Congress in the statements | Democratic convention will meet July 7 of appropriations, and is on account of to place in nomination candidates for the increase of \$162,315,400 in the bonded | President and Vice-President and adopt a indebtedness of the country by the present | platform. Who the nominees will be is a administration up to February, 1895, the | matter of conjecture, but, a press correinterest and sinking fund charge on ac- spondent says, there is no longer any count of the later bond issue of \$100 doubt that the platform will decare for \$\phi00,000\$ in February, 1896, amounting to | the free coinage of silver. The silver ele-\$4,400,000, not being included in the esti- ment will control the gathering and will mates of permanent appropriations.

Increase in Public Debt.

terest bearing debt of the country under the present administration amounts to on circumstances that cannot be foreseen. \$262,315,400, which entails annual inter- The present probabilities favor Horace est charge of \$11,492,616, and to meet the | Boies, of Iowa, but there are other strong sinking fund obligations the further sum | candidates, such as William R. Morrison of \$2,623,154.

rison the principal of the interest bearing | Matthews of Indiana, and Benjamin R. debt was reduced \$258,192,900 and the annual interest charges \$10,327,716.

ficiencies, as passed by the House made a | guished ex-Governor of Ohio, who defeatreduction in the total estimates submit- ed Foraker and was himself defeated by

\$1,496,000; defenses and armament, \$4,-195,076; new warships, \$12,900,000; District of Columbia, \$125,000. Total, \$78,-

He says that the total expenditures in one fiscal year have never been so great except during the civil war and exceed the assessed valuation of property in any one of the South Atlantic States.

In conclusion Mr. Sayres says: "If the present Congress had rigidly refused authority for additional contracts and had appropriated only to meet the immediate or fiscal year requirements under existing ones, the next Congress and ad-Chairman Cannon, of the House Appro- ministration would have been in a position priations Committee, and ex-Chairman to largely reduce appropriations and ex-Sayres Thursday made public a joint | penditures, and the administration of the statement concerning the expenditures au- government could easily have returned to from the Republican and Democratic This, however, has not been done, and the majority in Congress must be held responsible for this grave dereliction in pub-

THE DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION. Three Men Who Are Candidates for

the Honor.

With the Republican nomination disposed of, the attention of the country will be directed toward Chicago, where the doubtless dictate the nomination. Whether they select an out-and-out silver man "The increase in the principal and in- for President or take a milder one-solid silver with a gold lining-will depend upof Illinois, Richard Park Bland of Mis-"During the administration of Mr. Har- | souri, James E. Campbell of Ohio, Claude Tillman of South Carolina. All of these are too well known to require even a brief "The regular annual bills, including de- | biography. Mr. Campbell is the distin-



CONGRESS ADJOURNS-THERE IS JOY AT HOME AND ABROAD.

-374.373.43 less than the estimated require- tional prominence when as Governor of ments of the administration.

Excluding Rivers and Harbors, cluding deficiencies, made at the last ses- since gained notoriety by his erratic sion of Congress amounted to \$383,636,- | course in the United States Senate. 896.97, and included no river and harbor bill. Excluding the river and harbor act passed at this session, the regular annual bills as passed by the House appropriated | North Carolina's Populist Senator and only \$373,505,082.25, or more than \$10,-000,000 less than was appropriated by

the last Democratic Congress." Mr. Cannon criticises the Treasury Department because it has expended \$7,377,-440 for the present year in collecting the Butler is Matt W. Ransom's successor. revenue from customs estimated at \$165,- He was made Senator in 1895, and this 000,000; whereas for the last fiscal year, was a climax of a career which began on 1892, under President Harrison's admin- a North Carolina farm. Mr. Butler was istration there was collected under the born in 1863. His mother prepared him McKinley tariff act \$177,452,000 of cus- for college. The University of North Cartoms revenue at a total cost of only \$6,-607,517.

The bills establishing salaries, instead of the fee system, for officers of the Unit- He was the first born, his father had ed States courts, he says, will save \$1,-000,000 annually and minimize frivolous | He sowed and reaped and between times and malicious prosecution, and special at- he looked after the education of his brothtention is called to the fact that Congress | ers and sisters. In addition, he taught at made no increases of salaries or employes in the Government department.

Table of Appropriations. The following table of appropriations

is given: Fifty-first Congress . . . \$988,417,183 34 Fifty-second Congress. 1,027,104,547 92 Fifty-third Congress... 989,239,205 69 Fifty-fourth Congress-

first session 515,759,820 49 The revenues for three fiscal years of the Harrison administration ending June 30, 1892, are given as \$1,150,631,214; expenditures, \$998,132,501; for the two complete fiscal years of Cleveland's administration, revenues, \$611,112,094; expenditures, \$723,720,578.

Mr. Sayres' Statement. Mr. Sayres, in his statement, says of

the total appropriations for the session: "This sum exceeds the appropriations made during the last session of the Fiftythird Congress by \$18,751,299.83, and those of the first regular session of that Congress by \$23,529,135.46. It is less than the appropriations by the second only \$3,744.538.72, although at the latter | Then he branched out. In 1888 he joined session \$39,352,494.85 more was appropriated for pensions than at this session. paper—the Clinton Caucasian. His ideas It is more than those by the first session suited the alliance, even in that early of the Fifty-first Congress by \$21,303,appropriations at the second session of the forces and introduced all their reform Fifty-first.

"The Senate, organized this session by a combination of Republican and Populist | came the principal organizer of the Peovotes, placing the control of committees | ple's party. His greatest success was his in the hands of Republicans, by its carrying out the campaign of 1894, at amendments to appropriation bills as they | which his party was triumphant and for passed the House, proposed to increase the total \$22,920,442.30. By conferences Butler is a trustee and member of the between the two Houses this aggregate executive board of the University of increase was reduced to \$12,283,818.24.

"The appropriations made at the second session of the Fifty-first Congress exceeded those made at the first session of the same Congress by \$46,767,612.64, or nearly 10 per cent. If the same proportionate increase should be made at the next session, then the appropriations will not be less than \$565,000,000."

he estimates as follows:

buildings, lighthouses and revenue cutters, total expenses were \$12,000.

they were increased by the Senate \$22,- | years of age. Claude Matthews is the 920,442.30, and as they became laws they farmer-statesman who since 1892 has appropriate \$10,636,624.06 less than as been Governor of Indiana and has distinpassed by the Senate, \$12,283,818.24 more guished himself as an able the trive. Benjamin R. Tillman first came in a na-South Carolina he introduced the dispensary laws which placed the liquor traffic "The regular annual appropriations, in- under the control of the State. He has

MARION BUTLER.

Father of the Bond Bill.

Marion Butler, the Populist, who is father of the bond bill passed by the Senate, is in Congress by grace of the sovereign State of North Carolina. Senator olina graduated him in 1885, and then he began to be a lawyer. He studied for a short time and then was called home. died, and he must take care of the farm.



SENATOR MARION BUTLER.

session of the Fifty-second Congress by a neighboring academy for three years. the Farmers' Alliance and bought a newsday, and Butler was sent to the State 571.84, and \$25,464,040.80 less than the Senate. Here he was leader of the rural measures. The alliance made him its State president in 1891 and 1892. He bewhich his reward was the toga. Senator North Carolina.

Patrolman William Graham covered himself with glory at a fire which broke out in the building at 352 Washington street, Boston, and which endangered the lives of nearly fifty men and women. He

saved twenty lives. The managers of the Cuban fair at New Contracts authorized by this session York have figured up approximately the proceedings of the fair. The total re-Rivers and harbors, \$59,616,404; public | ceipts amount to a trifle over \$20,000. The is not liable to arrest for debt.

NATIONAL SOLONS.

REVIEW OF THEIR WORK AT WASHINGTON.

Detailed Proceedings of Senate and House-Bills Passed or Introduced in Either Branch-Questions of Moment to the Country at Large.

The Legislative Grind.

President Cleveland Saturday vetoed the general deficiency appropriation bill. The President objected to it because of provisions for the payment of French spoliation and Chouteau claims and other items which he does not enumerate. When the message was read to the House a motion to pass the bill notwithstanding the veto was lost-40 to 149. Thereupon the House promptly sent to the Senate a new bill without the features to which the President objected. This was not done without some spirited debate, during which the President was bitterly attacked. The Senate had barely a quorum, and nothing of importance was done.

The Senate Tuesday agreed to final conference reports on the naval and Indian appropriation bills. The resolution for an inquiry into the circumstances of the award of the statue of Gen. W. T. Sherman was defeated. A supplementary deficiency bill, covering mileage of new members of the House and other minor items, was passed. A House bill was passed authorizing the Attorney General to select a site and secure plans for a Federal prison on the military reservation at Leavenworth, Kan. The House gave its final approval to conference reports on two of the four appropriation bills-the naval and the Indian bills. Most of the day in the House was devoted to the consideration of the Aldrich-Underwood contested election case from the Ninth Alabama district. The Democrats attempted to filibuster, but were overcome, and when the vote was taken the contestant. Mr. Aldrich, who is a brother of Mr. Aldrich who was seated in the place of Mr. Robbins, was given the seat by a vote of 116 to 107. Fifty Republicans voted with the Democrats against this action.

A number of bills were passed by the Senate. Wednesday, including the important bill giving trial by jury and other safeguards in prosecution for contempt of court. The measure has been vigorously urged by labor interests, particularly railroad employes. It is the outcome of the agitation resulting from the imprisonment of Eugene V. Debs for contempt of an injunction issued at the time of the Chicago strike. The bill as passed continues the power of summary punishment when an offense is committed in the immediate presence of a judge. But in indirect contempts, such as violation of an injunction, the bill provides that the accused shall be given a full hearing, with opportunities to summon witnesses and offer a defense. The Senate bill to increase the pay of the letter carriers was passed. An enormous amount of business was transacted by the House. Fifty-three bills and joint resolutions were passed, the most important of which, probably, was the bill appropriating \$200,000 for the Transmississippi exposition at Omaha. Bills were passed to extend the scope of the investigation of the Agricultural Department into the question of road improvements, to authorize the Butler and Pittsburg Railroad to construct a bridge across the Alleghany river, and to grant permission for the erection of a monument in Washington in honor of Samuel Hahnemann. A bill was passed to pension the widow of the late Brigadier General John H. Gibbon at the rate of \$50 per month. A bill was passed to amend the shipping laws so as to provide still further for the comfort and health of sailors.

Congress adjourned Thursday. The final session of the House was devoid of public interest. The speaker closed the session in a graceful speech, in which he thanked the members most cordially and felicitated them on the work of the session. The President's executive clerk announced the President's approval of the two appropriation bills last passed. The committee appointed to wait on the President appeared and Mr. Dingley, the chairman, announced that the committee had performed its mission, that the President had informed the committee that he had no further communication to make and congratulated Congress on the early completion of its labors. The last obstacle in the Senate in the way of adjournment was removed when, soon after the session opened, the enrolling clerks brought in the last of the great supply bills-that for the District of Columbia. The Vice-President announced the appointment of Senators Harris, Faulknor and McMillan as of the District of Columbia, with a view to ascertaining the extent of sectarian control. The inquiry was provided for in the District of Columbia appropriation bill. Mr. Harris (Dem.) of Tennessee offered resolutions expressing the thanks of the Senate to Mr. Frye of Maine, president pro tem., for the uniform courtesy and ability with which he had presided over the Senate. A similar resolution of thanks to Vice-President Stevenson for his dignified and impartial service as presiding officer was offered by Mr. Allison. Both resolutions were unanimously adopted. A few moments before the hour set for adjournment the Vice-President rapped the Senate to order and said: "Senators, I am deeply touched by the resolutions personal to myself adopted by the Senate. It has been my earnest endeavor impartially to execute the rules prescribed for the guidance of this body. For the aid you have so generously given me in the discharge of the duties that pertain to this office, as well as for the courtesy uniformly shown me, I am profoundly grateful. And now, wishing each of you a safe return to home and constituents, it only remains for me to declare the first session of the Fifty-fourth Congress adjourned without day." The gavel descended with a whack at the last word, and the session was over.

Precedence and Salary. The Lord Chancellor of Ireland gets \$30,000 a year.

All titles of nobility originally had a military origin. A viscount ranks higher than the old-

est son of an earl. The expenses of the Queen's house-

hold are £172,500. A clergyman usually takes precedence of a barrister. The salaries of the Queen's house-

hold amount to £131,260. The President of the Board of Trade receives a salary of \$10,000. A peer of the realm in Great Britain MUSIC AND MONEY.

Before the Time of Handel Musicians Were Not Paid at All.

From a very interesting article on "Music and Money," which appears in Chamber's Journal, it is gleaned that before the time of Handel there is practically no record of musicians having been paid at all. Walsh, his publisher, paid him pitiful prices for his operas. For at least eleven of these works he received no more than 25 guineas each; and the largest sum he was ever paid was only 100 pounds, which he got for "Alexander's Feast."

It almost staggers one to recall the fact that Mozart's "Don Giovanni" brought to its composer no more than 20 pounds. For the "Magic Flute" he was paid just 100 ducats, and yet the manager of the theater at which the opera was first produced made a fortune out of it. By "The Bohemian Girl" Balfe gained no less than 1,500 pounds, although the "Marble Halls" ballad in that very popular work put some 3.000 pounds in the pocket of the publishers. Mr. Wellington Guernsey offered his "Alice, Where Art Thou?" to several music publishers for a 5-pound note, but the men of wisdom refused the bargain, only to find, to their sore dismay, that the song eventually attained a sale of between 200,-000 and 300,000 copies. Such cases are constantly occurring.

Sir Arthur Sullivan was content to part with his first ballads for a few pounds: he sold his popular "Hush Thee! My Babie," for 5 pounds; a successful man, he can now command 700 pounds down for one song; while for "The Lost Chord" alone it is said that he realized over 10,000 pounds. Signor Tosti, the composer of "For Ever and For Ever, " whose first manuscripts were "declined with thanks," can now command 250 pounds for a song, and as much may be obtained by Mr. Milton Wellings, Mr. Molloy, Mr. Cowen, and a few others now at the top of the ladder. Frank L. Moir made 2,000 pounds out of his popular song, "Only Once More," and it was stated not long ago that for three songs Mr. Marzials receives from a firm of publishers some 2,000 pounds per annum.

Parasites of a Texas Professor. Prof. Reynolds, of Georgetown, has the unpleasant distinction of being afflicted with a disease the like of which is not known in medical science. Many noted physicians have examined his case, and until recently no solution of its mystery has been found. The disease is caused by countless myriads of animalculae which burrow under the skin, eausing great pain. When rubbed briskly with the hand his body would give off small particles very closely resembling brown sand. The case was first brought to the attention of Dr. Fleming, of Georgetown, who made a very thorough study of it and reported it in several medical journals.

Last week, on the recommendation of Dr. Fleming, Prof. Reynolds came to San Antonio to have City Physician Menger make a microscopical examination. Dr. Menger conducted a series of microscopical examinations, and not only succeeded in detecting the parasite, but has made several photographs of it. He says it is the most wonderful discovery ever made on the human body as far as his knowledge of the subject goes. The particles taken from the body look like common sand, are dark brown in color and are barely visible to the naked eye. When placed in acid the particles foam like seidlitz powders, and they can be seen under the microscope giving off carbonic acid gas. Acids also make the particles transparent, and they easily crumble into very fine powder. The parasite is incased in a shell, or rather two shells. The parasite itself, when placed under a powerful microscope, looks very much like a crab spider. It has eight legs, four in front and four behind. The front legs protrude and look like horns. -San Antonio Express.

Horses for Chicken Feed. A story comes from Corinna concerning an odd character out there known a committee to inquire into the charities | as Dr. Couilliard. The doctor has made a business this past winter of collecting worn-out horses, killing them and converting the carcasses into hen feed. He has not grown rich at the business, but has managed to live by it while the weather was cold enough to prevent his operations from being a nuisance to the neighbors and a menace to public health. The other day he was in Dexter, only seven miles from home, with a pair of miserable old plugs which he was intending to dispose of in the usual way, when the horses were seized by the local officers, condemned, appraised \$1 each and killed. Thus Dr. Coulilliard got rather more than he expected to realize from his old plugs without any bother, and the local officers didn't see the joke until told of the hen feed business next day.-Lewiston Journal.

His Worst Break.

"I reckon the durndest fool trick I ever done," observed Mosely Wraggs, who was entertaining his friend, Tuffold Knutt, with a few choice reminiscences, "wuz fallin' down wunst in a dead faint in front of a big buildin' that looked like a fust-class s'loon. 'Twuzn't a s'loon at all," continued Mosely Wraggs, shaking his head sadly at the recollection. "Hit wuz a water cure!"

A Big Lamp.

A Belgian inventor has devised an immense lamp such as has probably never been seen before. The lamp is composed of 3,000 pieces. It is 6 feet high, and measures 3.10 feet in diameter. It is fed with lard oil, and the consumption is said to be very small, its light being so powerful that one may read by it at a distance of 600 feet,

An ostrich, which has a stomach to stand it, is never invited out to late

In Johannesburg there is a bar to every 250 of the population.

The longest artificial water course in the world is the Bengal canal, 900 miles; the next is Erie, 363.

It is estimated that there are 40,600 women voters in Utah and 10,000 more who may become naturalized.

The fastest train in France makes fifty-two and three-quareers miles an hour between Paris and Lille.

A school of blind people at work will form one of the groups in Industry Hall at the Swiss National Exhibition.

to 23,000 feet. yacht Roma is a floating palace. Forty

can dine comfortably in the luxurious dining-room. The annual increase of the German nation during the last five years has been more than five times as much as

that of the French. The feminine element is terribly in excess in Germany, the women exceeding the men by more than 1,000,000, ac-

cording to the latest statistics. The greatest proportionate loss of officers to men in any battle was at the capture of the Redan, where three officers were lost to every twenty-five

A slice of common onion rubbed on the spot is a certain cure for a wasp sting. If the sting be in the throat or mouth an onion should be slowly chewed and swallowed.

Glasgow is likely to follow the example of Leeds, and adopt an overhead system of electric traction for the tramways of the city, which are the property of the corporation.

A pitcher of ice water laid in a newspaper, with the end of the paper will remain all night in any summer room with scarcely any perceptible melting of the ice.

Fogs are more frequent in October and November than at any other period of the year, because, besides the evaporation from seas, rivers and lakes, there is a constant exhalation from the ground in the form of vapor.

Taking the young and the old together, it is found that twenty-six years is the average at which people die in London. In England and Wales only, more than a hundred thousand persons are always slowly dying of

It is a mistake to suppose night air in towns is unhealthy. In most cases it is purer between 10 at night and 6 in the morning than any other part of the twenty-four hours. It is beneficial to sleep with the window open four inches from the top, and the door tightly closed.

A movement is on foot to found a immediate neighborhood of Jerusalem. If successful the project will doubtless tend to develop the trade of the country, which, now that the annual rainfall is becoming greater, should increase in fertility under careful culti-

It is about four years since seventeen Egyptian mummies in the old museum of Berlin proved to be the bodies of fellows who, a short time ago, took their beer in the saloons of the capital of the empire of William II. It is now believed that there is not a museum in the world that has not been imposed upon by frauds of this kind.

There will shortly be introduced another innovation in the dress of officers of the army. The patrol jacket at present worn is considered to be unworkmanlike, and a new patrol jacket for officers is about to be ordered. This will take the form of the special service jacket of blue serge, which is a favorite with officers when on war service.

For practical purposes from twelve to thirteen miles is the range of the most powerful Armstrong guns now used. This distance has, however, been considerably exceeded by Krupp's 130ton steel gun, which fired a shot weighing 2,000 pounds a distance of a few yards over fifteen miles. The gun cost \$195,000, and each projectile \$4,750.

The little town of Nasso, in Sweden, has a feminine department, 150 strong. in its fire brigade. The waterworks of the village consist simply of four great tubs, and it is the duty of the buckets and the other sending them

There is only one bird which provides illumination for its nest. This is of blades of grass and strips of leaves, resembles an inverted bottle. This nest is divided into two chambers, and would be in complete darkness if the grosbeak did not capture fireflies and affix them with little lumps of clay to the wall.

The earliest age at which a boy can enter the royal navy is 15. He must be five feet in height and measure thirty and a half inches round the chest. The standard is altered from time to time, according to the requirements of the navy. A boy must be of good character, able to read and write. and have the written consent of his parents or guardian to his entry.

tent of sea so far as it is not the exclusive property of any particular country. The rule of international law is that every country bordering on the sea has the exclusive sovereignty over such sea to the extent of three miles from its shore, but all beyond, and Agreement canceled,

which is not within three miles of some other country, is open or common to all countries.

At Austerfield, near Bawtry, in Yorkshire, one of the two villages from which the pilgrim fathers came, a row of Norman arches has been discovered in perfect preservation, but built upon the wall of the village church. The church is very small, the chancel being twelve feet wide and the rest of the church eighteen feet. It has a splendid Norman doorway and an ancient font, which recently was used as a drinking trough for cattle.

The pastor of the Nazareth Church of Berlin, Germany, refused to confirm a class of children the other Sunday unless they removed their buttonhole bouquets. On hearing this some of the parents exhorted their children not to There are more than twenty active obey the pastor, while others went into volcanoes among the Andes of South hysterics. In the meanwhile the pastor America, ranging in height from 13,000 | read a minatory passage of scripture, which increased the excitement, and Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild's then he sent for the police. Finally all; were confirmed but two recalcitrants, and everybody left the church feeling angry or unhappy.

The discovery of an ancient templis reported from a village in northern India. It is a huge rock temple with fourteen apartments, included in which are the usual paraphernalia of a Buddhist monastery, images of Gautama Buddha of different sizes, lamps, banners, curtains, etc. On the top of the rock is a reservoir for water. The discovery was made by the village priest, who has taken possession of it. There are traces of the existence of the reported main street leading to the ancient city of Magampura during the time of King Kavantissa.

All France is talking of Mlle. Jeanne Benaben. She received the college degree of bachelor of arts two years ago, when she was 16. She then became professor of philosophy in a woman's college at Lyons, and this year was a candidate at the Sarbonne for the degree of licentiate in philosophy. The examiners, though not prepared for a prodigy, were amazed at the extent of her erudition and her serene compostwisted together to exclude the air, ure in dealing with the vexed problems of Descartes, Kant and Comte. She was third on the list of 200 candidates, all of them older than herself, and is now a lecturer on science of mind in

the college of Rouen. The finding of the body of Captain J. S. Bull, late military instructor in Jackson College, Jackson, Ky., who was drowned recently, brought to light some queer superstitions prevalent in that part of the country regarding means of locating missing bodies. After the ordinary search failed an old shirt of the dead man was thrown on the water, with the idea that it would float to a point just above the body and anchor there. Bread was floated with the same idea. Then a village sage came with a mineral rod, and said he would surely find the body if there was a scrap of metal on it. He didn't find it, although he passed the spot where it lay several times.

The engineers of the Marquette Iron Range Railroad have been considering a scheme for utilizing the power of a large American colony in Syria, in the | loaded train going down grade. It is proposed to string a trolley line over the track, which falls some 800 feet in fifteen miles. The ore cars are to be made up into trains of ten cars each, each carrying twenty-five tons of ore. A motor car will be attached to each train, and in it will be placed a dynamo connected with the axle of the car. The descent of the train will cause the generation of the electricity, which will be transferred to the trolley line and used for power by the motor car of the ascending train, which will haul back the empty cars.

> The Institute Pasteur, Paris, has just published its report for 1895. The salient feature of the statement appears to be that of 1,523 persons treated only five succumbed to their injuries. Of these the symptoms of rabies manifested themselves within fifteen days after the first inoculation, while one case was seized with rabies during the course of the treatment, and has not been included in the figures. A table of statistics contains the figures commencing from 1886, and from this it seems that while of the 2,671 persons treated in the year 25 died, or a mortality of 0.94 per cent., of the 1,523 treated in 1895 only two died, or a mortality of 0.13 per cent.

A matrimonial bunko game is being worked with great success among Chinamen in various parts of Idaho. The bunko team consists of two women and a man. Both the women are said to be of attractive appearance, one being a blonde and the other a brunette. The man is about 50 years old, six feet women "firemen" to keep these full in | tall and passes himself as an old solcase of fire. They stand in two con- dier. By some one of half a dozen tinuous lines, one line passing the full | clever schemes a Chinaman is induced to marry one of the women. The wedding takes place all right, but the bride promptly deserts her husband, taking whatever valuables in the way of the India gros-beak, whose nest, built | bridal gifts she has received and such of her husband's portable property as is easily carried off. According to reports they have done an extensive and profitable business during the past few months.

Some time since a well-known London barrister, on taking possession of a house in a fashionable west end row. unwittingly bound himself to paint the whole exterior of the dwelling. On finding what an expense he had made himself liable for he remonstrated with the landlord, who simply smiled and declared that the bond must be fulfilled. Thereupon the wily barrister caused the whole front of the house to be painted in strips of vivid green, yellow and pink, greatly to the chagrin The high seas include the whole ex- of his fashionable neighbors, who were tenants of the same landlord. In vain did the landlord storm; the barrister tenant threatened unless the bond were canceled to have the back of the house painted like a rainbow, with huge black spots covering it at intervals. Result-