—A German paper says that a great trial is going on in St. Petersburg respecting a forged will. The sum of one and a half million roubles will. The sum of one and a half million roubles is in dispute, and about two hundred witnesses must be heard on oath. The Senator Obolenski was called as a witness, but he claimed the privilege of his rank and did not appear. The court of justice therefore decided to proceed in solemn procession, with all its officers, prisoners, witnesses, etc., to the dwelling of the prince. Might not some such step be taken with advantage in this country on certain occasions? It is well known that many persons summoned to

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well known that many persons summoned to serve as jurors prefer being fined to attending the court; but if an honest juryman knew that the result of his not answering when his name was called would probably be the appearance of the judge, the counsel, the plaintiff, the defendant, and the officers of the court, with the more conscientious jurymen, at his private residence, and that, without reference to his carpets or his domestic arrangements generally, the cause would come on for hearing in his dining or drawing-room, he might be induced to take a stricter view of his public duties.

—The building formerly known as the High School at Warsaw was converted into a Russian university a few weeks are and it has now hear the second to the secon

university a few weeks ago, and it has now been carefully stripped of all the characteristics of a Polish iustitution. Over the gateway a gigantic Russian cagle has been erected, with the words, "Imperial University" inscribed in Russian characters on each side of it. In the interior of the building all the Polish inscriptions have been obliterated, and replaced by Russian ones. In the great hall opposite the entrance is a por-trait in life-size of the Emperor Alexander II. the founder of the university. All the announcements on the notice-board are also in the Russian language, and the beadles and other servants have received strict instructions not to answer any one who addreses them in Polish. The chair of Polish language and literature has been abolished, and that of canon law has been replaced by one of Byzantine law. Finally, as if to imitate the appearance of a Russian university in its smallest details, a regulation has just been published by the inspector forbidding the students under severe penalties to wear

beards or moustaches.

—A correspondent at Vienna, writing on the 14th ult., says:—"There is great agitation in political circles here about the proposed reform of the Constitution. At present the deputies in the Reichsrath are elected by the various provincial diets from among their members, and Dr. Giskra, Minister of the Interior, is preparing a bill to amend this system by introducing direct elections, as in other countries. This proposal has been received with much opposition in the Slavonic diets, which look upon it as a fresh attempt to subordinate them to the German ele-ment; and it is said that several of the Ministers wish to overcome the objections of these diets by giving them larger powers of local adminis-tration. I have reason to believe that Count Beust inclines to the views of this party, and that great concessions are to be made to the various nationalities, especially the Poles, who are to have a chancellor to represent their in-terests in the Cabinet, and the same local powers as Crotia now possesses in the Hungarian half of the empire

beards or moustaches.

-A German paper tells an odd story of a trick played the other day on a landowner in an agri-cultural district of Silesia. This gentleman, a Herr Schrei, had a quarrel with a neighbor, which led to a strong correspondence, and in one of his letters he greatly provoked his anta-gonist by speaking ironically of the "Attic salt" with which he flavored his epistolary style. A few days after there appeared in the local paper the following advertisement:—"Attic salt and other salts for cattle may always be obtained at my farm.—Schrei." This advertisement immediately attracted the attention of a zealous official who was employed in the district to admin-ister the salt monopoly of the government, and he directed one of his subordinates to go at once to Herr Schrei's farm and search the premises for the salt in question. The subordinate, after going all over the farm and looking in every corner for the smuggled commodity, reported as follows:—"Having learnt from the local paper that a foreign salt under the name of 'Attic salt had been imported into this district, I searched the house and farm of the farmer Schrei, who had been suspected of the fraud, but no trace of

Attic salt was to be found about him. -It may interest the disciples of Gall and Spurzhelm to learn that Tropmann, the "assassin a la mode" in Paris, has been subjected to the scrutiny of M. Berger, a French professor of phrenology. The results of his investiga-tions are, at least, startling; and to the uninitiated might appear contradictory. highly developed organ of Tropmann's head is the love of children. With the memory of his recent exploits fresh in one's mind, this announcement is calculated to take one by surprise, but the learned professor explains that an abnormal development of the bumps of combativeness, secretiveness, and acquisitiveness enable an otherwise benevolent person to overcome his philanthropic tendencies. The well-known M. Desbarolles has also been admitted to examine the hands of the Pantin murderer, but his report is less favorable. In the lines of the palm he reads the sign of many evil passions, and traces a general resemblance between his fingers and those of the notorious Dumollard, who was executed a few years ago for having murdered

sixteen girls in seven years. -Says the Pall Mall Gazette:- "Some three or tour years ago a commission sat upon the question of the fees levied upon the creation of dignities and other kindred matters, and agreed upon a report; the question has since remained in abeyance, but we believe that lately it has been revived, and that it is the intention of the Government to take action in the matter, not solely with a view of relieving those whom the Crown has thought proper to honor from payment of the charges in question, but also to save the country from an expense which it certainly appears unjust it should be called upon to lear. The heaviest fees are those charged upon the appointment of Knights of the Garter, and where, as is always the case, Princes of the Blood Royal receive this dignity, the Treasury, unless we are misinformed, mainly bears the ex-pense of the fees, a large portion of which flows into the pockets of sinecurists. This seems hard on those who have personally to pay the fees on decoration, but harder still on the undecorated taxpayer, who has all the expense and no star

The dangers to which railway travelling exposes us are many and great, but a French paper reveals one which is both new and terri-ble. We learn from it that a contain Maderible. We learn from it that a certain Madame D. was travelling from Bordeaux to Paris, and occupied the eighth place in a ladies' carriage. She got out at a station, but left her shawl on her seat as a retainer. On returning she found her place occupied by an old lady. An altercation ensued, the old lady being obstinate and Madame D. equally so. In the middle of the discussion the train began to move, and Madame D. could only spring hastily into a smoking car-riage, where she had to remain for two hours in the greatest discomfort, having a great dislike to tobacco. At length, the train stopped, and Madame D., wild with auger, rushed towards the ladies' carriage. Her aged antagonist still sat in her place. "Will you get out now?" said Madame D. "No," said the old lady. Very well, then," said Madame D., suiting the action to the word, "I shall sit upon you all the way to Paris." Madame D. persisted in this cruel intention, and in spite of the remonstrances of her fellow-travellers and the howls of her vietim, retained her seat upon the aged lady till the latter fainted and was taken out of the earriage,

leaving Madame D. misfress of the position.

—The Messager de Toulouse gives an account of another hostile meeting in France, the combatants being women, whose mode of fighting suggests an improvement in duelling. Aunon B. and Jeanneton L. had a difference respecting a sum of seventy-five centimes which had been lent by the former to the latter. Happening to meet on market day, strong expressions were used on both sides—one calling the other a "cheat," and the other retorting by the term "miser." Annon, intent on paying herself, seized the handle of a basket of eggs which Jeanneton carried; a struggle ensued, the eggs began to fly furlously and fast, and both com-batants were freely bespattered about the face and neck with yolk and shell. An elegantly-dressed young gentleman in the crowd made himself

somewhat prominent by inappropriate mirth; this diverted the anger of Anson and Jeanneton from each other, and their concentrated wrath fell upon the head of him who mocked them. About two-thirds of the contents of Jeanneton's hamper had been consumed in the encounter; the remaining eggs were ex-pended by the justly indignant women on the well-dressed offender, to the complete destruc-tion of his irreproachable garments and his utter confusion. There can be little doubt that the egg might with advantage be substituted for the sword in French duels. In nine cases out of ten, the damage done, and the annoyance in-flicted, by the egg would exceed that which is produced by the employment of the deadlier

-The Pall Mail Gazette says: -An article in a late number of the Preussische Jahrbucher draws an interesting comparison between the losses of the rival armies in the battle of gratz, and those sustained at the other principal battles of the last two centuries. It appears that the Prussians lost at Koniggratz, in dead, wounded, and missing, 359 officers and 8794 men; and the Austrians 1147 officers and 30,234 men. The proportion of the losses to the total force engaged on each side was, for the Prussians, 1-23; for the Austrians, 1-7; for both together, 1-11. In the battle of Malplaquet (1707) the proportion of losses was 1-5; at Rossbach (1757), 1-25; at Leuthen (1758), 1-11; at Zorndoff (1758), 1-11; at Zo (1757), 1-25; at Leuthen (1758), 1-11; at Zorndolf (1758), 34; at Austerlitz (1805), 34; at Eylau, (1807), 35; at Leipsie (1813), 1-5; at Belle Alliance (1815), 36; at Leipsie (1813), 1-5; at Belle Alliance (1815), 36; at Solferino (1859), 36. The three greatest of the above battles, the article proceeds, are those of Leipsic, Koniggratz, and Wagram, at which the total number of troops engaged was 460,500, 430,000, and 320,000 respectively. The three bloodlest were Leipsie spectively. The three bloodiest were Lelpsic (90,000 men lost), Borodino (loss 74,000), and Belle Alliance (loss (61,000). This estimate agrees, on the whole, very well with the popular versions; but, with these, is subject to correction when examined with historical accuracy. Prussians do injustice to the magnitude of Koniggratz when they rank it after Leipsic. It s natural they should exaggerate the importance of the latter, which gave complete freedom to their country, and fairly earned their favorite General his marshal's baton. But, taking instead of estimates the actual "states" of each side as reproduced by their best writers, it appears that the allies had barely 230,000 at Leipsic, the French 170,000; total, 400,000. At Koniggratz, following the same safe rule, we find 420,000 at least present. Wagram comes far behind either, for there were not actually 300,000 combatants present. The three next are Borodino, Bautzen, and Dresden; all under 250,000 in total. It is worth noting that the numbers engaged at the Wilderness, by far the largest American battle, were a little over 190,000, viz.:—141,000 Federals versus 52,000 Confederates. Each side had just one-seventh of its strength put hors de combat; whereas at Grant's early battle of Pittsburg each lost a full

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