THE MODERN MARK TAPLEY.

From the Citizen and Round Table. France ought to adopt Mark Tapley as her patron saint. In spite of her misfortunes, she never loses pluck or spirits. Each successive defeat and each new surrender find her still confident of victory, and firmly re-solved not to consider herself beaten. Mark Tapley, who welcomed every blow of ill-fortune as an additional incentive to joility. finally triumphed over adversity, and ultimately saw a peaceful and prosperous life be-fore him. Will the parallel hold good with France? We fear not.

It is true that France has got rid of her despot, and has established a free republic. One, however, can have too much of a good thing, and France just now is having altogether too much republic. At Paris and Tours there is the moderate republic, ever which M. Gambetta reigns. At Lyons there is the red republic, with a flag and a government of its own,

At Marseilles there is yet another style of republic, still redder than that of Lyons, and thirsting for the blood of the Tours republicans in general, and that of Gambetta in particular-for whose head the Marseilles republic has offered a reward. Here are three distinct and independent French republics. Undoubtedly one republic within the boundaries of a single nationality is an excellent thing; but three republics, hating each other rather more bitterly than they hate the common foe, are not conducive to that unity which it is desirable that a nation should present in time of war.

That journalists are of incalculable service to the public, no writer, with a proper sense of what he owes to his own reputation, will venture to deny. And yet France does seem to be enjoying rather a surfeit of journalists among her present rulers. M. Esquiros, who manages the Marseilles republic, is a journalist sufficiently bloodthirsty to conduct with eminent success an Arkansas political journal. M. Cluseret, who the other day insisted upon setting up his own private republic at Lyons, is better known as a journalist than as a warrior, though he has failed in both occupations. The republic of Paris, which is governed by the journalist Gambetta, has to maintain itself by force against those eminent sensation journalists, Rochefort, Flourens, and Victor Hugo. In fact everybody, that is anybody in any of the French republies of to-day, is more or less of a journalist.

The success of these gentlemen in misgoverning France hardly entitles them to be ranked as national benefactors. Their theory of government seems to be founded upon the principle that all things can be regulated by proclamations. M. Hugo endeavors to drive out the Germans by issuing manifestoes written in his peculiarly unintelligible style; but the Germans, with a dullness that cannot be too severaly reprobated, fail to perceive that it is their solemn duty to obey M. Hugo's commands, and they persistently remain on that soil which the great journalist and poet declares is about to spurn them. M. Gambetta, rightly conceiving that unity and determination are vitally necessary if the French people purpose to save themselves, leaves in a balloon, and requests everybody, in the most rhetorical of proclamations, to be immediately united and determined. The rhetoric of M. Gambetta does not, however, meet with any response. The French peasant fails to see the advantages of being led to slaughter by incompetent generals, in defense of several republics, governed by a variety of rival jouralists. So he stays at home, and lets the republies denounce each other and the Germaninvaders to their hearts content. Meanwhile the Germans capture their daily town, and beat their daily detachment of French troops, with cheerful regularity. What with too many republics, too many journalists, and far too many Germans, France is in the worst position that she could well be in. And yet, if we are to judge by French proclamations, newspapers, and speeches, she was never more confident of victory than at present:

This is certainly creditable to the courage of the French, but by no means creditable to their good sense. Without armies, and with erganized anarchy in the place of government, France can offer only the shadow of resistance to the invader. If the people were wise they would immediately make peace on the best attainable terms. Every day that they prolong a foolish pretext of resistance, they increase the price of their nation's ransom. Mark Tapley was jolly in adversity, but he was not an absolute lunatic. France does not seem able to imitate his courage without carrying it to the extreme where the sublime becomes the ridiculous.

CITY CLERGYMEN'S BALARIES.

Referring to the salaries and perquisites of city clergymen, a New York paper says:— Rev. Dr. Hall receives about \$10,000—not all salary—but perquisites and donations will reach this figure. His salary is marked by a distinction peculiar to his own case, being payable in gold. This arose from his being called from Dublin, where all currency is on a gold basis, and also because he came at a time when our paper money was fluctuating in no small degree. In order, therefore, to place his call on a solid basis, it was made payable in gold. Dr. Tyng's office is worth \$7000 per annum and a comfortable rectory. Dr. Potter, of Grace Church, takes in not less than \$10,000, beside the use of the best rectory in New York. Dr. Adams being very rich, is not so well paid, his berth being not worth more than \$6000; and Howard Crosby, who is also rich, is paid in a manner equally poor. Dr. De Witt and Dr. Ormiston, of the Dutch body, get \$7000. Dr. Dix, of Trinity, gets his \$10,000, and Vinton, his right-hand man, must receive nearly as much.

From the rates above mentioned, clerical pay declines to the pittance received by the city missionaries, which is about \$800 per

Our clergy have very handsome perquisites for uniting the young and happy couples who abound in our rich congregations. It must be understood that the prestige of high clerical position adds much to the celat of a marriage fete. As a matter of course there is a great impropriety in demanding the time of a distinguished minister without a fitting compensation. Such men as Tyng and Bescher are not to be put off, like a country dominie, with

a five dollar bill. Any one who is ambitious of advertising his marriage, by such pompous officials, should touch a \$50 note at least, and I presume that from \$100 to \$500 are the figures most in vegue, but double the last has been fingered on such an occasion by a happy divine. In addition to these fees, our popular elergymen are often the recipients of handsome preare often the recipients of handsome presents. If any wealthy member of the society desires to distinguish himself among them, let him make the pastor a New Year's present of \$100 or \$500, or let him send the honored divine a fine piano. It will soon be noised about "The Talking Oak," he has not so much as a couplet for "The Talking Ivy."

—A young woman in Sacramento, Cal. is threatening to get a divorce on the novel ground of "protracted festivities." She says her husband celebrated his marriage by getting drunk, and has kept up the festival ever since.

—The other day two young girls of Carlinville, Iil., bound their drunken father hand and foot, and so kept him for two days. They finally released him on his promising to join the Sons of Temperance.

THE MUNIOR LIBRARY.

A correspondent of the Milwaukee Sentinel, writing from Munich, Bavaria, says: —
"The library, called the Hof und Staats-Bibliothek, is one of the most splendid buildings as well as magnificent collection of books in Europe, and next in size to that of Paris, which is acknowledged to be the largest in the world. Some idea of the proportion of the building may be formed by a view of its front, which measures some five hundred and twenty feet, is eighty feet in height to the roof, and has seventy-two windows. This beautiful building is built in the Byzanto-Florentine style, it taking some twelve years to complete it. If this is the front, the stranger is more pleased in walking up the grand staircase and observing its beautiful marble columns, the statues of learned men as well as founders of the institution, and the various other works of art

that adorn the staircase and halls. "But its greatest recommendation to the thinking part of mankind is that its eight hundred thousand volumes, which filled seventy-seven large rooms, are free to every one, citizen or stranger, Christian, Jew. or Pagan. This library embraces many rare and valuable works. Among them there are a great many manuscripts in Greek, Oriental, Latin, German, and many other languages. In fact, there is scarcely any work, however ancient or modern, let the language be what it may, whether printed or written, but what may be found here. Among literary curiosities is an antique Koran, very old; also the identi cal prayer-book of Albert Durer-four gospels, called the codex aureous, bearing date in the year 870-another four other gospels, dated in 1024, and also one of the earliest typographical monuments, it having been printed in 1554. All the German libraries are rich in the possession of documents illustrating the progress made in the art of printing, from century to century. One is reminded that he is to see antiquity within, as he passes up the broad stone steps that lead into the vestibule of the building. In front of the library, at an elevation of some ten feet above the sidewalk, are four colossal statues in a sitting posture. They are Homer, Hippocrates, Thueydides, and Aristotle."

The Empress and Louis, Jr.

A most curious record is left of the cabinet de toilette belonging to the Empress. It was here that the Prince Imperial had obtained leave to attire himself for the private fancy ball given by the Princess Mathilde on the occasion of her birthday, last March. Tue costume chosen by the Prince was that of a Chinese Mandarin; and the Empress, being confined to her apartment by an attack of influenza, had expressed a wish to see him in his brave attire before his departure. From the dressing-closet he entered the boudoir,

radiant with delight, rejoicing in his splendor. His costume was superb-robes of many colored brocade, trowsers of rich silk, and embroidered slippers. But upon his head a calotte, more brilliant than all the rest, a small skull cap, made of peacock feathers. The button was of topaz and rubies, and the ornaments of emeralds; but the Empress, undazzled by its beauty, while the rest of the company were expatiating loudly on the good taste and fitness of the coffure, had turned pale as she gazed upon it. The old Spanish superstition concerning the invisible crown of peacock's feathers, which lies beneath the crown of gold destined to be lost, had risen to her mind, and she tore it from the Prince's head, declaring that he should not wear it at

The earnestness of manner, the eagerness with which the act was performed, left no hope of any reversion of the decree; and while the Emperor laughed heartily, and the poor little Prince almost wept at the disappointment, the Empress flung the cap passionately into the wardrobe. Here it was still lying when we paid our visit to the palace. Strange to say, the Flench superstition, less poetical than the Spanish one which confines the misfortune attached to peacock's feathers to royalty, confers ill-luck to all who meddle with them; and the Prince's skull cap still remains where the Empress had thrown The jewels which adorned it have vanished long ago; but no one dared to make the experiment of the dire misfortune to be inherited by the owners of the peacock's

WEDDINGS .- There are all sorts of weddings and marriages; it would take many pages to register them, from the marriage of true minds to that of a couple of money bags. Sometimes the bride and the bridegroom are two masked figures, tricked up and disguised, so that it would be hard to say which is the most deceived in the other. Sometimes it is a living creature united to a shadow. Have you ever known a man married to a doll? He chose her out and paid for her. What a sweet face it is! What high bred calm! And then again come the happy lovers; two and two; as they pass before the high altars, the long white veils of the brides sweep along the gray aisles of the churches; their happiness lightens up the faces looking on. Then, perhaps, some blooming young girl comes up, bringing a crutch and a bronchial wheeze, and it now and then happens that a youth appears, leading a wig of false plaits, a set of artificial teeth, and half a century of bones to the altar. The disparity is not so great as you might imagine. There may be a heart still beating beneath all these adjustments, while the bridegroom, for all his good looks, has not one single drop of warm blood in his body. So bad, good, and indifferent, they pass their way. Sometimes it is Peace and Goodwill who go by hand in hand. What does it matter if Goodwill's beard is grizzled and Peace has crow's feet round about her loving eyes? Sometimes it is Pride and Vainglory that go sweeping past down the long church out into the church yard beyond. They are a fine-looking couple as they sail along, and they look to see their reflection in the eyes of the bystanders. Sometimes-and this is no very strange phenomenon-it is only the past of one of the contracting parties that is united to the present of the other. They find it out too late.—Cornhill Magazine.

-Memphis roughs darken the street lamps.
-There are about 200,000 Israelites in the

-In Scranton deacons are expelled from church for saying "by thunder."

—A raptured writer inquires, "What is there under heaven more humanizing, or, if we may use the term, more angelizing than a fine black eye in a lovely woman?" Two black eyes, is the

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