The coming of Bank Holiday must inevitably bring to memory the poet to whom we owe these periodical breaks which are so welcome to the business man, especially at a time when Lord Avebury is prepared to make a further fight to get the number of Bank Holidays in the year increased. I may mention, adds a writer in "Black and White," that when he first thought of his National Holidays Bill, as it was his intention to call this particular Act, which made Bank Holidays law, he was desirous of asking for six annual holidays, and only modified the number because he thought the Bill would be thrown out. It was in 1871 that he brought the measure before Parliament.

THE HEIGHT OF MEANNESS.

Here is an editor who has been touched on a sore spot. "The Okmulgee [Ind. T.] Democrat" says this of some residents of its town—"A man may use the mole on the back of his neck for a collar button; he may ride a freight to save three cents a mile; he may light the lamp with splinters to save matches; he may stop his watch at night to have wear; use a period for a semicolon to save ink, and pasture his grandmother's grave to save hay; but a man of this kind is a scholar and a gentleman compared to a man who will take a newspaper and when asked to pay for it put it back in the post office, marked 'Refused.'"

CHIPS OF SENSE AND SATIRE.

A girl doesn't really make a fool of any man—she merely allows nature to take its course.

There is no fool like an old fool—likewise there is no wisdom like that of the young.

It is just as well to bear in mind that the man in the front pew may be obliged to take a back seat in the hereafter.

Flattery is the coin with which the impecunious pay their way.

Wrinkles are the fretwork of humanity.

Politics and religion should be argued upon only in private conference or public debate.

Contentment is the best cure for wrinkles.

A great achievement does not necessarily need a brass band accompaniment.

GOOD FRIDAY IN THE CITY.

At all the R.C. Churches in the city Mass was solemnly celebrated, and there were large congregations present at the impressive ceremonies. Rev. Father Browne, S.J., and Rev. Father Gwynne, S.J., were the preachers at the mid-day service at the Sacred Heart Church. There were evening devotions at the several churches also, and the Passion Sermon preached by the officiating clergymen.

Services were also held in all the Protestant Churches in the city.

ILLNESS OF MR. J. FOX GOODMAN.

Some anxiety has been caused by the illness of Mr. J. Fox Goodman, the Master of the Crown Office, Four Courts. At his great age any evidence of weakness is serious, and his many friends will learn with concern that Mr. Goodman has been confined to his bed for nearly a fortnight, suffering from the natural effects of old age, and a specialist has been in attendance.

DOORS THAT KEEP SECRETS.

The following resolution, which was described as the funniest that had ever been placed on the [illegible] of the [illegible] Town Council, was moved by that [illegible] "That the Borough Surveyor be instructed to report as to the best method of rendering sound proof the doors of the committee rooms.

A NEW YORK "MIRACLE."

The New York correspondent of the London "Daily Express" says: [illegible] famous Chinatown

During the past four nights heavy frost has taken place in the above district, and damage has been done to the growing potatoes, especially in the bog lands, which form a great part of the district. The growth of the stalks will be much retarded in consequence. Rain and not frost is the thing that is wanted down by farmers and others in the district.

MUNSTER-CONNAUGHT EXHIBITION.

The Executive Committee of the Royal Irish Industrial Association have decided to give a grant to the Limerick Committee of the Association, to be devoted by them in furthering the Home Life and Home Industry Section. Sir Horace Plunkett and Miss O'Connor Eccles attended, and put the views of the Department in the matter before the Committee.

SENT FOR TRIAL.

At a special Court at Ennis on Thursday, presided over by Mr. C. L. Rynne, J.P., a young man of the labouring class named Patrick Dineane was sent for trial on bail on a charge of indecent assault on a young woman named Honor Mahony, a native of Carrigholt.

THE LATE MR. J. C. COOPER.

By an inadvertance the fact the Earl of Limerick, a great friend of the late Mr. J. C. Cooper and family, sent his carriage to the funeral, was omitted in our report in our issue of Thursday night.

RATHKEALE QUARTER SESSIONS.

The Rathkeale Easter Quarter Sessions will be opened on Tuesday by his Honor Judge [illegible] on the arrival of the 10.20 train from Limerick. There is no Crown business, but the civil side of the sessions is rather heavy, embracing as it does 18 ejectments, 10 of which are defended; 225 ordinary civil bills, 56 of which are defended, one land case, four new equity suits and six malicious injury claims.

THE LOCAL WEATHER.

A thunderstorm passed over the city on Thursday evening. It was a presage of a change in the weather. It was followed by a dense fog overnight, and out of this came rain and a low temperature. It was, however, of a purely local character, for while the storm raged in fury at Pallaskenry and the adjacent districts, at Clarina and Mungret the weather was delightfully sunny and fine. Again yesterday while there were several rain and hail storms in the city, at Doonas it was a glorious summers day.

THE LOYALISTS OF IRELAND

Limavady District Orangemen at their last meeting protested by resolution against [illegible] parliament [illegible] in [illegible] law in the country," and [illegible] the Irish Unionist Party in their efforts "to secure to the loyalists of Ireland the enjoyment of their rights and liberties and the just administration of the law without interference by any Italian mission in this free country.

MR. ASQUITH'S RIGHT HON.

the house of a farmer [illegible] They found concealed in [illegible] house a large quantity of [illegible] porter and beer, which they [illegible]

William Fanning the [illegible] to commit suicide on Friday, [illegible] house at Turtulla, Thurles, [illegible] Thursday night.

Maxim Gorky, at a dinner [illegible] in New York on Wednesd[illegible] that his mission was to [illegible] Russian revolution.

The marriage of King Al[illegible] Ena will take place on June [illegible]

To-day is the 49th bir[illegible] Henry of Battenberg, mothe[illegible]

A Llanelly telegram says [illegible] Carmel is reported to be in [illegible] She is said to have perform[illegible] cures.

The hearing of the appeal [illegible] of the London magistrate, [illegible] what has become known as t[illegible] is fixed for May 28, before M[illegible] and several local justices [illegible] London.

At Inniarush Petty Session[illegible] M'Kay was fined in £100, m[illegible] having illicit spirits conceal[illegible] under a bed.

Mr. J. B. Gibson, an Engli[illegible] mitted suicide at Liege last [illegible] pecuniary difficulties. He [illegible] bullet wound in the temple.

Sir Maurice Fitzgerald is h[illegible] ations and repairs effected on [illegible] yawl, Satanita, with a view [illegible] trim for the coming seas[illegible] enter her for the King's [illegible] Regatta in August.

The Countess of Dunrave[illegible] Adare Manor, County Lim[illegible] the Earl of Dunraven will [illegible] there for the spring meet[illegible] Manor Golf Club, as both he [illegible] Lady Aileen Wyndham Quin, [illegible] the game.

The horses Val d'Or and [illegible] were yesterday shipped fo[illegible] Their united insured value is [illegible]

The slashing attack made up[illegible] by the "Times" correspon[illegible] attracted a great deal of atte[illegible] diately after the reassembling [illegible] Commons, Dr. Rutherford wil[illegible] of Mr. Morley to the feel[illegible] against Lord Kitchener in the [illegible] India.

Lieutenant-Colonel Roberts [illegible] on Thursday, at the Sheriff's [illegible] £1 damages for having slanderous[illegible] named George Lucas, of Alton[illegible] that he had attempted to steal [illegible] fruit stand at Messrs. Bryan [illegible] Bray.

Although some people will [illegible] popularity of the hot cross bun[illegible] were certainly no visible sign[illegible] yesterday, for never were [illegible] windows so full of buns. It [illegible] no fewer than 5,000,000 were b[illegible] night. The custom of marking [illegible] cross is dying out.

During the year 1905 ther[illegible] naturalised in Great Britain [illegible] there 24 were in Belgium [illegible] in Belfast and [illegible] not specified. [illegible] these numbered 28. Germans [illegible] while there was one Italian, one [illegible] one Portuguese.

Telegrams from Naples yest[illegible] the eruption of Vesuvius has co[illegible] in violence, and it is believed [illegible] lava is gai[illegible]

"What's the charge?" asked the [illegible] "It's not a charge," replied Mock Duck's counsel, "it's a miracle. My client is said to have offered a bribe to a policeman, who refused it." [illegible]

student Hamilto[illegible] offering £2,000 [illegible] for the foun[illegible] the College, from Venice [illegible] the Royal Academy, Belfast, [illegible] of Scholarships, and also

the business consideration that the penny stamp—that their [illegible] honorarium, and, therefore, not