A Surcease to Difficulties.

A very amusing if indiscreet collection of memoirs has been published in Paris. The author is Baron Du Casse, who was formerly aid-de-camp to Jerome Napoleon, ex-king of Westphalia. The deliverance monarch, as is well known, became what is familiarly termed "hard up" when he retired into private life, and the Baron Du Casse, who entered his service about the time that Jerome was appointed governor of the Hotel des Invalides, describes the efforts made by the fallen king to make both ends meet.

Jerome was made governor of the French Chelsea hospital by Prince Louis Napoleon, and was allowed $1,800 a year. To this was added another annual sum of $1,600, which Princess Mathilde, who had married Prince Demidoff, gave her father by order of the czar.

When Louis Napoleon became emperor of the French he made old Prince Jerome a marshal. This brought the ex-king in a handsome salary, which allowed Princess Mathilde from her engagements to her father. The emperor further allowed "Uncle Jerome" as he was called, a sum of $20,000 in monthly installments, and always, according to Baron Du Casse, half of the monthly sum was shared with the present Prince Jerome Bonaparte, usually called "Prince Napoleon," the Princess Mathilde receiving nothing. When Prince Napoleon did not dine with his parent the latter ordered dinner in a restaurant and a box for the theatre afterward, whereupon the son turned and spoke about extravagance.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Goose and Turkey.

There was once a simple minded Irish farmer out west, who along toward Thanksgiving time was visited by a neighbor, a newly arrived German, who wanted to buy a turkey. The German could not speak English, but had managed to learn to pronounce the word "turkey," or something like it.

"Turr-key! Turr-key!" he exclaimed to the Irishman, showing his pocketbook at the same time.

"An' is it a turkey that ye want to buy?" said the Irishman. "Sure, an' why didn't ye say so? But yer asner don't have the turkey."

And then he called to his wife.

"Nora," said he, "bring the gintleman a turkey from the binnery!"

"A turkey, is it?" said Nora, breaking up to her husband and speaking slow her breath. "An' how will ye tell him a turkey, ye spalpeen, when ye know well there's niver the loiker of a turkey on the place?"

"Wisst, Nora," said Pat, "give him the cold goose; can't ye see that not a blood word of English does the gentleman dispake? Sure, he'll niver know the difference!"—Youth's Companion.

Digging Through Smoke.

A tinsman, who, I am inclined to think, is a fabricator of great ability, smoked the other day, as we pulled his cord signs, that folks nowadays don't know what a real genuine smoking car was.

Then he went on: "No, you don't. Why, you ought to have run on the old smoker that used to be on the ——road.

"We had a smoker then. After the train had run twenty miles you could see a fog. I don't mean a human fog, but a fog ahead of you. I've seen the smoke of twenty-five old pipes curdle with the lamps and put them out.

"See that watch charm?" he said, showing a brownish substance carved into a heart. I replied in the affirmative. "I cut that off the roof of the old smoker I was telling you about. That brown stuff is condensed tobacco smoke, and the old veteran was covered an inch thick with it.

"Talk about smokers!" and he blew a cloud of smoke into the air and chuckled over his fairy tale.—Albany Argus.

The Dog Who Went to the Poorhouse.

A family in Salem, Mass., owned a dog which had become quite old and rheumatic. He was cross, and would take the best place in the room, and no one could make him leave it willingly. At last grandma, much troubled, said, "Sir, this dog is so troublesome we must send him away."

The dog got up and looked at her in scorn and went out of the room. In a few days they learned that this dog, whom everybody hated, had gone to the poorhouse, where the town's poor people were taken care of; and stranger still, on Saturdays, when many of the inmates went to see friends, this dog also went home to see "Sir" and "Ma'am," stayed awhile and then went back again and lived there ever after.—Wide Awake.

Will Out! Will Out!

Fontenelle preferred his asparagus dressed with oil; but his friend the Abbe Terrasson liked it with butter. The latter coming to dine with him one day, Fontenelle unofficiously ordered that half the asparagus should be dressed his way and the other half Terrasson's. Just before sitting down to table the cibbs was struck down by apoplexy, whereupon Fontenelle rushed out of the room and shouted to his cook:

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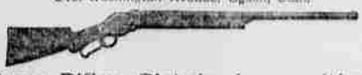

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