

Gladstone's False Alarm.

All who recall the engraving entitled "Who said rats?" representing an old rat-terrier anxiously sniffing the air and fairly quivering in his excitement, will be amused by a cartoon in the current number of *Punch*. Mr. Gladstone appears in the picture as the dog, and he is aroused by a whisper of "Armenian atrocities."

The European edition of the *HERALD* to-day takes this cartoon as the text for an editorial, which has been transmitted to us by the Commercial Cable. The Grand Old Man has been singularly unfortunate in his comments, as is demonstrated by the facts reported by reliable travellers who have recently visited Armenia. Senor Ximenez, a member of the Royal Geographical Society, denounces the stories of atrocities as absolute fabrications, adding:—

"In Armenia itself the Armenian question does not exist."
