



"STOP MORTAL—KNOW THYSELF."

ST. CATHERINE STREET, 1869.

#### MIND YOUR I.

DIOGENES bearing in mind the wise maxim of Jeremy Bentham, "the greatest happiness of the greatest number," naturally enough takes an interest in every new invention which can add one drop to the current of human happiness. He therefore notices the fact that some enthusiastic genius with a mechanical turn of mind has invented a one-wheeled velocipede; and as the Cynic can readily understand that a man may manufacture a carriage and be puzzled to find a name for it, he suggests that, as the two-wheeled vehicle is called a *bicycle*, the new invention of his friend should be called the *I-cycle*.

#### THE "THUNDERER" JOKES.

It is almost impossible to realize the fact that the grave London *Times* has ever indulged in levity. Such, however, is the case; though it seems almost as much at variance with "the eternal fitness of things," as it would be to expect a speech from President Grant, or a "skirl" on the bag-pipes from the Archbishop of Canterbury. Part of the *Times* sportive article on "Colonial Publishing," was lately reprinted in a Montreal journal; but DIOGENES believes that a "goak" from the Giant of Printing House Square is even more worthy of being recorded, as a literary curiosity. The substance of the "goak" is as follows:—In the Victoria Legislature, a member, whose education had been somewhat neglected, was

vainly endeavouring to decipher an obscure letter in a document he was reading to the House. Turning to a friend at his side, he anxiously inquired:—"Is that a hem or a hen?" "Call it a *hen*," replied his friend, "and move that it *lay* on the table."

#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Numerous correct answers have been received to the double acrostics in Nos. 18 and 19. The answer to the first is "Grace, Youth." Thus:

Geolog Y  
Rome O  
A die U  
Come T  
Edit H

The answer to the second is "Sun-day." Thus:

So D  
Un A  
N obod Y

Several communications are reserved for consideration, and answers will be written to some correspondents. The author of an article entitled "Picked up in the street" is requested to communicate with DIOGENES, as the anecdote appended to its introduction is the only reason that the first chapter has not appeared.