

libel suits on our hands until next year anyway." "Only this was the reply. "He has been cleaning and salting sock-eyes for the past week, and bragging that he will make his boarders keep Lent for the next year anyway. He also wears a plug hat and diamonds and was mistaken on more than one occasion for the proprietor of the City Hall."

"Well," said the Insect, "we don't see that there is very much harm in all that."

"Then there cannot be much harm in publishing it" said the malicious citizen. So it is published. But " will cost somebody ten cents a line, all the same. The malicious citizen wanted us to say that when Mr. Collier dunned him for his board bill, and he had to plead poverty, Mr. Collier remarked: "How do you suppose I can run this hotel? Do you think I can do it on jawbone?" Whereupon the malicious citizen says that he replied: "If you can't, why don't you sell out to somebody that can?" We distinctly refused to publish the above conversation, and said so, but we thought afterwards that it would be serving that malicious citizen just right to tell what he had said and let him and Mr. Collier settle the matter.

HOW IS THIS FOR ECONOMY?

"I can assure you," said a Scotch friend of THE HORNET'S, "that, when you come down to figuring closely on expenses there is no man in the world that can beat a Nova Scotian. Why I know two brothers from that province who were so saving that, in the spring of the year, when they felt the need of an alternative to remove that tired feeling, instead of throwing away money in the store of the local pill-roller, they used to wait until the grasshoppers were ripe, and then swallowed a dozen or so, knowing that the insects would kick their way to the seat of the summer complaint."

VANISHED FROM SIGHT.

Mr. Champion, of the firm of Champion & White, of Vancouver, has disappeared and no one seems to know what has become of him. George Erwin, the plumber, was also reported missing a day or two ago, and, altogether, it looks as if the men charged with the sanitary machinery of the city were making tracks to where Llewellyn could not find them. Both the gentlemen were highly respected and there is not the slightest suspicion of their having vanished "for cause." But they have, as Holmes tersely puts it, "exceeded, evaded and erumped."

A LA HABITANT.

The City Council of Montreal, by way of making a bet... show against its adjoining and loathsome contemporary cities, wanted to annex the village of *Maison Neuve*, and the City Clerk was instructed to send a communication to the clerk of the township to that effect. The *Maison Neuve* Council, on having the communication submitted to them, instructed their official scribbler to communicate to the Municipal Council of Montreal their wish that the document, to be understood, must be rendered into French, "for," added the clerk, "there has been so much bad English in the papers recently, that I am afraid of microbes."

AN HONEST OCCUPATION.

At Mr. Ewen's cannery, on the Fraser, it is stated that a gentleman who, last year, was a prominent real estate dealer, and was counting the suckers he managed to haul in, is, this year, keeping tally of the sockeyes as they are turned in to the cannery. "To what base uses we may turn? The haughty boomer, with a turn of fortune's scales, leaves acres on the side and counts fish tails."—(Shakespeare.)

STRAIGHT ENGLISH.

Redistribution Bill.—"Look-a-here, Davie, what was I hung for' last session?"

The Premier.—"Hung for? Just because you did not suit me."

R. B.—"Why don't you own up at once, and say I was 'inopportune?'"

Premier Davie.—"Well, to be honest with you, Bill, I don't believe you'll ever be 'opportune'—until I'm dead."

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