

## ECLIPSES LURING THE YEAR 1881.

There will be four Eclipses during the year 1881-two of the Sun and two of the Moon.

I .- On the 27th of May there will be a partial Eclipse of the Sun. Invisible.

II .- On the 11th of June there will be a total Eclipse of the Moon. Invisible.

III.—On the 21st of November there will be an Annular Eclipse of the Sun. Invisible.

IV.—On the 5th of December there will be a partial Eclipse of the Moon. On that day the Moon rises Eclipsed, which will continue until 6.30.

An interesting phenomenon occurs on the 7th of November. The transit of Mercury over the Disc of the Sun. It will not be visible in Montreal, but the Astronomers of the Chinese Empire will give us the particulars in due time.

"Have you a mother-in-law ?" asked a man of a disconsolate looking person. "No," he replied, "but I've a father in gaol."

"I have lost my appetite," said a gigantic fellow, who was an eminent performer on the trencher, to a friend. "I hope," said the friend, "no poor man has found it, for it would ruin him in a week."

'I know a victim to tobacco," said a Chicago lecturer, "who hasn't tasted food for nearly thirty years." "How do you know he hasn't?" asked an auditor. "Because tobacco killed him in 1850," was the reply.

A man passing through a gate in the dark ran against a post. "I wish that post was in the lower regions," was his angry remark. "Better wish it somewhere else," said a bystander; "you might run against it again."

Two young men went fishing the other day, and on returning were going past a farm house, and they felt hungry. They yelled to the farmer's daughters: "Girls, have you any buttermilk?" The reply was gently wafted back to their ears: "Yes; but we keep it for our own calves."