

HEARTH AND HOME.

DON'T REPINE.—The best way is always to keep up a cheerful heart. Take the world as it goes, the good and the evil as they severally come along, without repining if fortune frowns, with that philosophical ejaculation of Jacob Faithful, "better luck next time."

FOR WIVES ONLY.—It is to be satisfactorily demonstrated that every time a wife scolds her husband she adds a wrinkle to her face. It is thought that the announcement of this fact will have a most salutary effect, especially as it is understood that every time a wife smiles on her husband it will remove one of the old wrinkles.

FALSEHOOD.—When once a concealment or deceit has been practised in matters where all should be fair and open as the day, confidence can never be restored, any more than you can restore the white bloom to the grape or plum that you have once pressed in your hand. How true is this, and what a neglected truth by a great portion of mankind! Falsehood is not only one of the most humiliating vices, but sooner or later it is most certain to lead to the most serious crimes.

TREATMENT OF CHILDREN.—When a child has been punished, he should be restored as soon as possible to favour, and when he has received forgiveness, treated as if nothing had happened. He may be affectionately reminded of his fault in private, as a warning for the future; but after peace has been made, to upbraid him with it, especially in the presence of others, is almost a breach of honour, and certainly, a great unkindness. Under any circumstances, to reproach children in company is equally useless and painful to them, and is generally done from irritability of temper, with little view to their profit.

UNWILLING BRIDES.—If there is a person on earth entitled to sincere commiseration, it is an unwilling bride—a girl who has given her hand, without her heart, in marriage; and more especially is she to be pitied if her heart, unhappily, has been prepossessed by another. Can any prospect be more dreary than that which lies before such a bride? What has she to look forward to, what to expect, what to hope? Linked not for a day but for life, to one with whom she has no sympathy—who is no more than a stranger, save that in law and in fact, but not in soul, he is her husband! Is it not dreadful to contemplate? How much more so to experience!

SCANDAL.—The story is told of a woman who freely used her tongue to the scandal of others, and made a confession to the priest of what she had done. He gave her a ripe thistle top, and told her to go out in various directions and scatter the seeds one by one. Wondering at the penance, she obeyed, and then returned and told her confessor. To her amazement, he bade her go back and gather the scattered seeds; and when she objected, that it would be impossible, he replied that it would be still more difficult to gather up and destroy all the evil reports which she had circulated about others. Any thoughtless, careless child can scatter a handful of thistle seed before the wind in a moment, but the strongest and wisest man cannot gather them again.

HOME.—A careful observer thinks that as a rule the whole tone of a home depends upon the woman at the head of it—the average home, not the poverty-stricken home or the wealthy home. In this average, whether sunshine shall enter the rooms, whether the parlour shall be used and enjoyed, whether the table shall be invitingly spread, whether bright lights and bright fires shall give warmth and cheer on winter nights—whether, in brief, the home shall be an agreeable or disagreeable place, is usually what the woman determines. Men are powerless in the matter. Some find solace for a dismal home in study; some, occupation in business; some submit with what patience they can; others are attracted by the cheer of the public-house; and it is drift into bad company and bad habits.

NEVER COQUETTE.—Never coquette. The heart that needs coquetry with to be kept true is not worth having, and it is very cruel to pain one that is leal and true.

After a man has told you that he loves you—not before, of course—if you love him, let him know it frankly; and if such a course makes him colder to you, you would be mad to marry him. A lover whose only joy is in winning, and who does not care to have a heart, would make a cruel husband. And such a feeling is proof that he has no affection, but simply a fleeting passion—felt for every face and form that pleases him—which promises none of that tenderness which is the only part of love worth having.

To coquette is to do injustice to your womanhood, and to lose the esteem of any man worth having. When Miss Landon wrote:—

"And if you would not suffer,
Be the one to give the pain."

she premised that the other one was a very heartless little wretch, indeed, not worth the trouble of "paining," that is, with any view of "not suffering" yourself. Fancy a noble-minded man being made to love a girl better by ill-treatment; fancy his loving her less because she honestly loves him! What an idea! What true, pure people desire is to stand honestly on the same level, each only striving to make the other happy. For this love, which you so soil and spatter with coarse flirtation and mean coquetry, is the purest dove that ever nestled in the human heart when Heaven first sends it there.

"Make him know your value! make him fear to lose you," do you? He values you more than you deserve, and he dare not even think of losing you, if he loves at all.

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THE GLEANER.

LADIES in France are patronising canoeing. They are most expensive affairs, with silver fittings—not the ladies, but the canoes.

JEAN HANNEMA is the name of a very little Dutchman (six inches shorter than Tom Thumb) who is being exhibited in London. This small person, who is known as "Admiral Tom Trump," speaks five languages fluently.

On the occasion of the arrival of the first sack of flour from the new crop of wheat at the Halle aux Blés in Paris, it was received, according to traditional usage, by the officials, and after being garlanded with ribbons and flowers, it was placed in the centre of the building.

THERE is some little uneasiness caused to the Empress Eugénie and the friends of his house by a certain delicacy of vision which has become observable in the Prince Imperial. His eyes have suffered either from hard work or from temporary weakness.

THE Parisian Society of Pedestrians, which has the honour of having Sir Richard Wallace, M. Barthélemy Saint-Hilaire, and many other notabilities amongst its members, has been organising a series of walks. Pierrefonds, Compiègne, and Fontainebleau will be visited in turn and on foot.

THE latest novelty is an ornamental but sufficiently formidable looking dagger, sheathed in velvet, and with a silver chain to attach it to the waistbelt of the fair wearer. The article is called "The New Dagger Fan." The fan is intelligible, and the dagger is probably intended for protection in travelling.

It was expected that Mr. Disraeli would go to Ireland this year, but the visit must be still longer deferred, as he will spend a month in Germany, and means to nurse himself very quietly all through the recess. He is much improved in strength within the last fortnight, and all the gossip about his retirement has died away. He does not entertain any such design himself.

It is rumoured in military circles that the Duke of Connaught will pass a portion of the winter at Gibraltar, with a view of getting acquainted with garrison duties abroad. His Royal Highness, who has studied his profession in the infantry, the cavalry, and the staff, has proved himself worthy to be the godson of the Iron Duke.

QUEEN ISABELLA and some of her family are to visit England, probably resorting to the seaside. There seems to be no doubt her Majesty wished to avail herself of sea bathing at some Spanish watering place, but the advisers of King Alfonso opposed, and thus gave rise to the report about a misunderstanding existing between mother and son.

THE story which has been going the rounds of the press of both hemispheres, that Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, has parted with his birthright of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha to the German Empire for an annuity of £80,000 sterling, originated with a Berlin newspaper, *Tagblatt*, and was thence copied into the London *Telegraph*. The *Official Gazette* of Coburg pronounces it totally false and without foundation.

LADIES must expect sealskin jackets to be dearer than ever next winter. The seal fishery in Greenland has been quite a failure, and is likely to be so for some years until the arrangement for a close time has been carried out and had time to operate. The wholesale slaughter of young seals, as improvident as it was cruel, has greatly diminished the supply—in fact the phoca tribe was in danger of being exterminated.

SHALL we ever be able to dispense with our five senses? Sir John Karslake, who is blind like Professor Fawcett, like him is going to amuse himself with salmon fishing. Still more wonderful, a professor of music at Trieste, S. Rota by name, has succeeded in teaching a number of deaf mute to sing. His pupils lately sang in public at Paris, and did so in perfect time and tune. This is even more astonishing than lip speech.

THE number of sailing vessels has greatly decreased throughout the world since 1870, while a steady increase is noted in steamships. According to a report presented to the London Statistical Society the total tonnage of the great nations indicated their relative rank as follows: First, Great Britain; second, the United States; third, Sweden and Norway; fourth, Italy; fifth, Germany; and sixth, France. In 1874 the total tonnage was 5,226,886.

MR. NAIRN, of the London Bicycle Club, left Dover Friday, Aug. 13th for the Continent, having determined to show that the feat which was accomplished, last November, of riding one horse from Vienna to Paris, a distance of 678 miles in fifteen days, can be beaten by an ordinary bicycle rider. He has taken with him a machine 45lb, with a driving wheel 51 inches in diameter, made for him by the Coventry Machine Company. He expects to leave Vienna on a Tuesday or Wednesday, and will travel via St. Polten, Yo, Emms, Lintz, Munich, Stuttgart, Strasbourg, and Nancy, to Paris. He proposes starting every morning at daybreak, to ride for five or six hours, rest during the great heat of the day, and start again for a short evening trip of a couple of hours' duration. With successful bicycling travel he may be looked for in Paris in eleven or twelve days' time from his leaving Vienna. Mr. Nairn has undertaken a bold and perilous venture, and his safe arrival will be looked forward to with anxious interest by thousands of well-wishers.

ROUND THE DOMINION.

One hundred and fifty firms failed in Montreal between the 1st and 31st ult.

Harvest Homes are beginning to be held regularly in townships all over the Province of Ontario.

Gen. O'Grady Haly gave a ball at his residence at Halifax last week which was attended by a large party.

The annual competition of the Dominion Rifle Association commenced at Ottawa on Tuesday the 7th inst.

Nearly \$7,000 worth of canned lobsters went to Liverpool on the last trip of the Caspian from Halifax.

The Hamilton School Board has decided that German classes are to be opened in the Collegiate Institute there.

The forty-five miles of the Canada Central between Renfrew village and Douglass will soon be placed under contract.

Old and experienced vessel men and shippers prophesy a change for the better in lake and river traffic after the 15th of Sept.

Hop picking has commenced in Prince Edward; the quality of the hops is very good, while the yield it is thought will be large.

A fire in Berlin last week destroyed property to the value of \$10,000. In Clover Hill, buildings to the value of \$3,500, were also burned.

The fishing this year in Lake Huron is unusually good, and the boats from Southampton sometimes bring in six or seven tons at a time.

The Caledonian celebration is to come off on the 15th of September at Lucknow. All the distinguished athletes of Canada and the United States have promised to contend for prizes at this tournament.

It has been decided to hold a regatta in Belleville on the 15th September. At a meeting held on Thursday evening the sum of \$105 was subscribed towards the prize fund, which will be considerably augmented.

An attempt is being made in Montreal to organize a Celtic Society, all of whose members will be Highland Scotchmen, able to speak the Gaelic. The business of the Association is to be conducted, as far as practicable, in that language.

Orders have been given for the purchase of books to comprise the Supreme Court Library, and that for the present they be attached to the Parliamentary Library. It is probable that apartments will be provided temporarily in the Senate wing of the Parliament Buildings for the use of the Supreme Court.

FOOT NOTES.

It is stated that the Syndic of Rome intends to give a grand entertainment at the Colosseum, which is to outvie the recent municipal entertainment at the Guildhall.

COLORADO would be a good place for students of zoology. More than 1,000 varieties of insect life have been noted there. A large proportion are injurious to agriculture.

It is worth while to remember the profound saying of Herder in answer to the vulgar aphorism, that no man is a hero to his valet de chambre; viz., "This is not because the hero is not a hero, but because the valet is a valet."

SOME cricket extraordinary has been witnessed on the University Ground at Cambridge. The Long Vacation Club Eleven made 374 in their first innings, and the Trinity College Eleven 172 for the loss of two wickets, Mitchell scoring 90.

THE Chinese have a cruel habit of abandoning the hopelessly sick to die alone. A China woman, nearly dead with consumption, was recently found in a hut in Portland, Oregon, where she had been left without food or care by her husband.

MARTIN HARRIS, a co-laborer with Joseph Smith in the preparation and publication of the Mormon Bible, has died in Utah. He invested money in the enterprise and lost it, but still adhered to the religion although his wife parted with him.

THE French chroniclers assert that the establishment of a French republic has not in the least curtailed the luxurious displays and gambols of the daughters of Eve at Paris and the sea shore. As many feminine heads so many different styles of hats and flummery to match.

BLUE and scarlet colours, in juxtaposition, cause, it is known, a dazzling effect on the eyes. It is stated that these colours, strung on a line and placed over strawberry or other beds, produce a puzzling effect on birds, so much that none will enter the garden while the colours flutter in the air.

THE Oxford Botanic Gardens now contain a very rare plant, in the shape of a singularly fine American aloe in flower. It is a specimen of the variegated American aloe, of unusual dimensions. The height of the flowering stem, which is not yet fully developed, is already 20ft., and the diameter of the plant from tip to tip is now 11ft. 6in.

THE Leicester Magna Charta Association has adopted a resolution declaring that Dr. Kenealy, "in and out of Parliament, has shown that he lacks sagacity, caution, and temper; that he is violent, tyrannical, and dictatorial; and that his acceptance of the people's pence for so-called Magna Charta purposes, in the absence of a responsible treasurer, is discreditable and open to the greatest censure."

VARIETIES.

MR. SANKEY is said not to be a success either as a preacher or an orator, but to sing like "anything." He joins Mr. Moody in Washington, on the 1st of October.

SPURGEON is described as "burly, almost gross, intensely magnetic, an apostle of the people to the people." He seems clear-headed, tender hearted, and pure-souled.

HERE is a chance for husbandless woman. The Buffalo authorities have decided that no woman having a husband shall be accepted as a public school-teacher.

M. ROBING a French chemist, has notified the Academy of Medicine, Paris, that we may all live forever if we use enough lactic acid, and recommends the extensive use of buttermilk.

FROM June 11, 1874, to June 20, 1875, Queen Victoria spent 130 days at Osborne House, 93½ at Windsor Castle, 124 at Balmoral Castle, 94 at Buckingham Palace, 5 at "The Cottage" at Glassalt Shell, and a little over 3 travelling between Balmoral and the south of England.

AMONGST the real curiosities of the Geographic Exhibition in Paris is a microscopic photograph of the French map by the staff. The 250 maps, covering a space of more than a hundred yards square, are so reduced on the glass that they can be packed in a portfolio weighing half a pound when full, and examined with a small microscope with perfect facility and clearness.

PROF. E. T. COX, State Geologist of Indiana, in the report just issued, calls attention to the vast quantity of porcelain clay deposits in the State, equal to the best in the world for the manufacture of stone china, queensware, and very available for Sevres china work. Measures have been instituted to develop this great wealth, and factories will soon be erected in Indiana.

A COMPLAINT is made in the *St. James Magazine* that instead of studying her own maritime interests, England has created five naval powers, Germany, Turkey, Spain, Brazil, and Peru, by permitting the construction, on the Thames and Clyde, of iron-clads superior to any in her navy for these countries. It is urged that the Lords of Admiralty should take immediate steps to have this business broken up.

SINCE the National Assembly has chosen the palace of Louis XIV. for its residence the Historic Museum of Versailles is in a state of complete disorganization. The paintings and statues are all piled one upon another in the Salle du Jeu de Paume. It is suggested that the new Assembly establish itself in the vast buildings of the old stables and leave the Historic Museum, and the apartments which contain it, in their original state.

FOR pedestrians in India travelling in forests and jungles it is indispensable to have long gaiters for the ankles and legs, as a guard against the swarms of leeches that are ever on the watch to make an attack. These gaiters need to be worn over the ordinary socks, and drawn up over the trousers to the knee, where they must be tightly tied. If a single crevice be left the leeches creep in, and will mount perhaps to the armpits, where they proceed complacently to bleed their victim.

LITERARY.

A new volume will shortly be issued by Walt Whitman.

ALDRICH, the poet, is a beautiful penman. His copy is fit to be copied.

LORD LYTTON's very charming *Fables in Rhyme* have been translated into French, and are now on sale in the Paris booksellers' shops.

A work entitled "Victorian Poets: Essays upon their Leading Characteristics," by Mr. E. C. Stedman, of New York, is in preparation.

THE life of the late Sir William Fairbairn, Bart., the eminent engineer, is about to be written, with the concurrence of his family, by a member of his own profession. Dr. William Pole, F.R.S.

OUIDA has been dangerously ill with an attack of diphtheria at her Tuscan villa. The disease was treated by Professor Cibrani and Dr. Grazzini on the new system of disinfectants, and she is now recovering and daily regaining strength.

MR. JOHN SKELTON, a Scotch advocate, is preparing for publication a work entitled *The Impeachment of Mary Stuart, sometime Queen of Scots*, containing various documents which the writer believes will tell in favour of the unfortunate queen.

EMILE OLLIVIER's book, *Principle and Conduct*, is severely handled by the French critics. They say it shows him to be the same light-headed fellow who declared war in 1870 "with a light heart" from the ministerial bench in the Corps Législatif.

A Royal Commission on copyright, eminently representative in character, and with Earl Stanhope for its chairman, has been appointed by the Government, and awaits the Royal sanction, prior to its session, about January next, for the consideration of the direction and extent to which international, colonial and domestic copyright can be improved.

THE death is announced of Mr. Wilson, better known as "Barney Magrane." He was an able and versatile writer, but the productions for which he was best known were his letters to his "Cousin in America," in which, with humor and originality, he gave his weekly review of current events. Mr. Wilson, who was a man of varied accomplishments, also contributed at one time and another some charming items to the ballad poetry of his country.

LOVERS of the poems of Dr. Charles Mackay will be glad to hear that a movement is on foot to present him with a testimonial in recognition of that genius and energy which he has ever devoted to the ends of popular advancement. In addition to his poetical labours, Dr. Mackay for the last forty years has produced numerous telling essays and editorial articles devoted to the elevation and amelioration of the masses. He was one of the earliest literary advocates of free-trade, and has ever urged the necessity of free education—as due from the State as a right, and not as a favour.

THE hardest working student of our age works at a time when most persons are asleep. M. Littré, the lexicographer, goes to bed about the hour when Mr. Thiers, the early-rising statesman, gets up. M. Littré flourishes upon night work. He is very little the junior of Mr. Thiers, being 74, and is quite as healthy, possibly quite as happy, and most certainly quite as wise, so far as book learning is concerned, as the ex-President. At 28 Littré was a polyglot. He could have told a woman "I love thee" in ten languages, yet did not say this in one, but took care of his old mother while she lived. Afterwards he married a portless girl. He was not an entire stranger to politics. He carried a gun during the Revolution of 1830, he wrote articles during that of 1848, and he is a member of the present National Assembly, but never speaks; he prefers to be silent in twelve languages. If all the letters in his Dictionary (every word of which he wrote) were put in a row, they would stretch nearly fifty miles, and this is only a portion of his work.