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London *Truth* says:—"The Radicals agitate; the Conservatives legislate." Which is the most valuable?

The latest news from Metabeleland is that a farmer left dynamite fuses in his homestead which killed 100 Metabeles, and that a store-keeper in the same fashion killed 200. Is it surprising that the Metabele should take revenge by slaughtering the Europeans wherever they have a chance?—*London Truth*.

Irishman—(at the telephone)—"Sind me up tree bales of hay and wan of oats." *Feed dealer*—"All right. Who for?"

Irishman—"There now don't get gay. For the horse av corse."—*The Argonaut*.

Midnight Sun—This name is applied to the sun when seen at midnight. If a person were within the Arctic circle at the time of the summer solstice this would be possible.

It is well for those suffering from small-pox at Gloucester, where there is an epidemic of that disease, that they did not live in the former part of the fourteenth century. A chronicle of that period contains the following record:—"In ye yeare 1313 ye king of France burned all his pocky folke as well men as women."—*London Truth*.

The following lines are from a description of an old garden, by Alfred Austin, the new poet laureate:—

"Moondaisies tall, and tufts of crimson phlox,
 And dainty white anemones that bear
 An Eastern name, and Eastern beauty wear;
 Lithe, haughty lilies, homely-smelling stocks,
 And sunflowers green and gold and gorgeous holly-hocks."

Isaac Watts began to write hymns because his congregation at Southampton made use of a collection which excited his disgust, and of which the following verse was a specimen:—

"The grave to me a place shall be
 Wherein I'll rest on roses,
 I'll lie in state, and meditate
 Upon the law of Moses."

—*Evangelical Churchman*.

[We shouldn't wonder if we started to write hymns ourselves if we had such a provocation as this.—Ed.]

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