

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

R. T. B.—Your favours are always appreciated.

CADET.—We shall be happy to receive any contributions you may think proper to forward.

ALLIE N.—Nostrums by the hundred are advertised, but they are all equally valueless. Stimulating applications to the skin may prevent the hair from falling off, but we do not know of anything that will cause it to grow where nature has not planted the roots. Why does not Allie bid her brother be patient? there may be a good time coming.

J. McJ. P.—Permit us to observe that one or two really good contributions will be more valuable to us than a dozen hastily written articles. We cannot use the verses forwarded, because while many of the thoughts are really beautiful, the rhymes are frequently bad, for instance "vales" with "bells," praise" with "Paradise." If we accept any articles we shall be happy to accede to your request.

R. V. R.—In the neighbourhood of five thousand. We forward you with the additional numbers a bound copy of the first volume.

JAS. B.—Respectfully declined.

M. H.—We trust we shall never see the question of "Woman's Rights" agitated in Canada in the repulsive manner it has been in the adjoining Republic. There are, however, two sides to every question, and M. H. is quite correct in stating that the propriety of admitting women to the privilege of the franchise has been freely discussed in the mother country. Recent papers inform us that Mr. Mill presented to the imperial parliament a sensible and able petition signed by fifteen hundred women praying for the extension of the franchise to widows and unmarried women possessing the needful property qualification. A female parliament might probably on the whole speak and act as sensibly as the gentlemen at Ottawa, but most men will believe that woman's sphere is "home;" it is there her gentler virtues shine, and we should be disposed to regard as an unmixed evil the adoption of any measure that would lead her even into the turmoil of an election contest.

TIPSTAFF.—Your strictures are just, but the Editors of the Journals referred to probably understand what their readers appreciate. Our belief is that few columns are read with more interest, by a large class at least, than those criticized by Tipstaff. The papers are printed to sell, and we suppose the publishers care but little from whence they draw their readers.

BARBUS.—Your proposal is respectfully declined.

G. H. J.—The Hudson Bay Territory is estimated to contain an area of two million five hundred thousand square miles. This would be, if handed over to us, a pretty large addition to the new confederation, but much of it is unfit for actual settlement.

A. B.—Will you favour us with your address?

W. P. W.—"What I saw on the Grand Trunk" is respectfully declined.

FASHION.—Probably "The Englishwoman's Domestic Magazine."

MISCELLANEA.

LIBERTY.—Brasidas, the famous Lacedaemonian general, caught a mouse; it bit him, and by that means made its escape.—"Oh Jupiter," said he, "what creature so contemptible but may have its liberty, if it will contend for it."

THE bones of a gigantic sea monster have been discovered on the beach near the mouth of the Una, in San Paulo.

AMONG the advertisements in a late London daily, appeared the following:—"two sisters want washing."

CREDIT.—There are two directly opposite reasons why a man sometimes cannot get credit; one is, because he is not known; and the other, because he is.

A NEW illustrated journal, called the War Telegraph, is about to be issued in Florence. It will appear twice a week, but during the war will publish a supplement every day, containing the military bulletins.

MISS BELLE BOYD, or rather MRS. BELLE BOYD HARDINGE, the Southern heroine, is now in Manchester, performing at the Theatre Royal.

MUZZLING A DOG ON HIS TAIL.—One of the acts passed last year in Paris, that no dog should go at large without a muzzle, a man was brought up for infringing. In defence he alleged that his dog had a muzzle. "How is that?" said the justice.—"Oh," said the defendant, "the act says nothing as to where the muzzle should be placed; as I know my dog hates a muzzle, I put it on his tail."

THE cost of the maintenance of the Austrian Army is £120,000 a day, or forty-three millions eight hundred thousand a year. Not very dear for a million of men.

THE coffin which contains the mortal remains of Gustave III., requiring repair, was recently opened in presence of the King and Queen of Sweden; the face of the deceased was found to be in perfect preservation.

"A PRUSSIAN TRICK" is a saying all over Germany, and an excellent illustration of the meaning was given the other day at Glewitz. The train was leaving with the militia, when their wives and sisters flung themselves on the rails before the engine. The station master compromised by allowing the women to accompany the train, but in different carriages. These carriages were attached, train moved off, but left the women's carriage behind.

SCIENTIFIC AND USEFUL.

W. K. MARVIN, New York, claims as a new metal or alloy a composition consisting of chromium, cast-iron, and wrought-iron, compounded for the construction of safe-boxes, vaults, doors, and other burglar-proof structures, by casting the same of the metal described.

AMONG the curiosities which will figure at the Paris Exhibition, a perpetual motion pendulum is announced, which has already been oscillating for three years without interruption. The inventor of this apparatus is a well known watchmaker in Paris, but he will not as yet allow his name to be published. Three years is scarcely a test of perpetual motion.

A NEW and singular source of magnetic iron has been discovered. It appears that the shavings of iron and steel, and especially the long spirals produced in turning iron on the lathe, are highly magnetic, especially in the case of soft iron. This magnetism is permanent; and M. Greiss, the discoverer, has observed that the south pole is always at the end which is first touched by the tool.

TO TOBACCO SMOKERS.—The Count de la Tour du Pin has given a valuable hint to tobacco smokers. It is a current opinion that the most expensive tobacco contains the least nicotine; and the Count gives a plan by which a man may smoke caporal, and only get the effects of the best Havana. It is very simple. Only place somewhere between the pipebowl and the mouth of the smoker, so that may be traversed by the smoke, a pledget of cotton wool soaked in a solution of tannic or citric acid, and that will arrest the greater part of the nicotine. According to the experiments of the Count, the proportion of nicotine in the original smoke to that in the smoke after it has passed through the cotton is as seven to two.

WITTY AND WHIMSICAL.

BEWARE how you have dealings with a man taller than yourself: he can always overreach you

A PAPER, in the interest of one of our politicians, boasts that he "can stand upon his intellectual capital." We suppose it means that he can stand upon his head.

WHEN is a blow from a lady welcome?—When she strikes you agreeably.

SOORY.—A wag, on hearing that a man had given up chimney-sweeping, expressed surprise, as he thought the business *sooted* him.

"How are you to-day?" inquired a doctor of his patient.—"A little better, thank you."—"Have you taken any dinner to-day?"—"Yes, a little goose."—"With appetite?"—"No, sir, with sauce."

"Do you think," asked Mrs. Pepper, rather sharply, "that a little temper is a bad thing in a woman?"—"Certainly not, ma'am," replied the gallant philosopher; "it is a good thing, and she ought never to lose it."

THE easiest way to get a living, says a vagabond poet, is to sit on a gate and wait for good luck. In case good luck don't come along, you are no worse off than you were before.

"Come, Bill, it's ten o'clock; I think we had better be going for it's time honest folks were at home."—"Well, yes," was the reply; "I must be off; but you needn't go on that account."

SHAMEFUL PERVERSION OF THE ENGLISH TONGUE.—An esteemed contributor, who henceforth will be so no longer, sends us the following:—Why is the stomach-ache like a celebrated English poet?—Because it's an ache inside (Akenside).

A NEWSPAPER REPORTER says of a very elegant female pickpocket:—"She rarely speaks to any one; is always quiet, gentle, smiling, and genteel—comes like a sunbeam, and, like it, steals noiselessly away."

THE editor of an eastern paper says, "We have adopted the eight hour system in this office. We commence work at eight o'clock in the morning, and close at eight in the evening."

BONE FEVER.—A Central America correspondent gives an expressive idea of the delights of bone fever, which prevails in that latitude, when he says that often, when first attacked, did he lie in his berth "and revel in luxurious recollections of the happy days when he was only sea-sick!"

A GENTLEMAN was always complaining to his father-in-law of his wife's temper. At last papa-in-law, becoming very wearied of these endless grunblings, and being a bit of a wag, replied, "Well, my dear fellow, if I hear of her tormenting you any more I shall disinherit her." The husband never again complained.

ORIENTAL WIT.—A young man going a journey, entrusted a hundred deennars to an old man. When he came back, the old man denied having had any money deposited with him, and he was had up before the Khadee.

"Where were you, young man, when you delivered this money?"

"Under a tree."

"Take my seal and summon that tree," said the judge. "Go, young man, and tell the tree to come hither, and the tree will obey when you show it my seal."

The young man went in wonder. After he had been gone some time, the Khadee said to the old man, "He is long. Do you think he has got there yet?"

"No," said the old man; "it is at some distance. He has not got there yet."

"How knowest thou old man," cried the Khadee, "where that tree is?"

The young man returned, and said the tree would not come.

"He has been here, young man, and given his evidence. The money is thine."

SOME of the police, or rather their sub-agents, in France, are very exacting. A man going into a gallery lately was hailed by an official in a three-cornered hat and blue coat, and told to "deposit his cane." "But, monsieur," said he, "I never carry a cane."—"But depose your cane then, foolish fellow, and do not stop the others."—"But I tell monsieur that I have no cane; my good grandfather had—"—"Be off with your good grandfather, and deposit your cane."—"But, monsieur l'Employé, I do not number among my goods any cane whatever."—"Then you can't come in. Here is the *consigne*—Before entering you deposit a cane!"