THE FEDERATION SPIDER'S WEB.

NOTES ON THE SEVERAL STANZAS.

*(3). "Bytown." The former name of "Ottawa."

*(12). "For Federation all run mad." This seems prophetic. Miss Doggerel, who is a bit of a gossip, has since perused a phonographic report of the proceedings in the Legislative Council of Nova Scotia, headed, "Address, Confederation, Hospital for Insane," in which the Hon. Mr. M'Cully, in remarking upon Section 23 of the Lieut. Governor's Speech, expresses his regret to hear "that the accommodation in the Hospital for "the Insane at Halifax, was inadequate for the increased number of "patients. He was not aware that any great calamity had recently over-"taken the Province, to increase its Insane Population; and regretted to "hear that this unfortunate class of people was increasing so rapidly."— Unconscious, of course, (being one of them) that he, in a great measure, was responsible for this sad state of affairs.

"These same mad dogs had other dogs to bite 'em,

"And so it goes ad infinium."

*(20 and 21). In a late speech on Confederation, this delegate complained that a "*Red-whiskered*" bearer of despatches from Washington, was treated, on ship board, with much more attention, and allowed to land, with *his bag*, in the mail-tender, on their arrival at Liverpool; while he had to wait, and trudge to the Custom House. He would not yield the palm for intelligence; and as for looks, if a Jury of the Fair Sex were to sit upon them, he had no doubt of the result.

*(22 and 57). Resolutions of Conference.

*(27). See his political address to Grand Jury.

*(37). The Letter of His Grace of Halifax.

*(42 and 55). Reports of speeches in Canada.

* *(64). The "Confluence" of the "Ottawa" with the "St. Lawrence," at "Montreal," Canada East. "Hochelaga," an Indian name of Canada.

*(65). The refusal of this Western river, the Ottawa, to mingle its waters with those of the St. Lawrence, flowing thence through Canada East, is a fit emblem of English and French amalgamation.

*(66). The Chaudière Falls, on the Ottawa, adjacent to the City.

N. B.—The authoress trusts that her sentiments regarding Union, will not be construed as evincing a repugnance to all alliances. Notwithstanding her rejection of the present offer, she is open to a more eligible one; better calculated to ensure domestic happiness.

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