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All communications intended for this department should be addressed to the Editor FAVORITE and marked "Correspondence."

MARX.—Your friends should be consulted in the matter. We do not advise on such points.

P. J.—What you mean is enamel for the complexion, and can be purchased in the first-class perfumers' shops.

CLYTIE.—It is neither proper to spring or slide in dancing, but rather to glide gracefully through the figures.

ARGUS.—Consult a physician. Do not trust quack medicines. They rob you of your money and injure the stomach.

E. N.—The Grand Trianon, where the court-martial on Marshal Bazaine is taking place, was built by Mansard, for Louis XIV.

R. W.—Medicine must be taken to remove pimples; and any druggist can supply you with the proper kind at a very small cost.

J. H.—We very much fear, from the style of your letter and poem, that you must not hope for much success in the literary world.

DRYASDUST.—The city authorities are right and you are wrong. The water rates have long been due, and both private and public notices have been given.

MARTHA.—Surely your own good sense ought to tell you that it is highly improper for a young lady to ask a gentleman for his photograph unless they be engaged.

READER.—France is pretty large yet. Without Alsace and Lorraine, she is short of two millions of inhabitants. But her present population is still some 37,000,000.

DEBILIS.—It would be very improper and dangerous for a person at your age to commence taking opiates to induce sleep. You must adopt other means, such as by taking plenty of exercise.

E. D. S.—A gentleman's evening costume has not lately changed in fashion. A complete suit of black, white cravat, shirt studs, patent leather boots, and white kid gloves constitute the full-dress costume.

M. H.—Wrinkles are folds of the skin caused by that organ being too large for the parts to be enclosed. Sickness, age, and the indulgence of violent passions, and too much warm bathing will produce wrinkles.

MILLIE.—Follow the advice of old Shakespeare:

"Let still the woman taken an elder Than herself."

An eminent writer says that, for a happy marriage the woman should be from seven to ten years her husband's junior.

CALAMUS.—You can get a copyright for your work in the United States by residing there for a time during its publication. American authors, Oliver Wendell Holmes and Mrs. Beecher Stowe, for instance, by coming to Canada for a few days, secured a copyright for their books in England. It is a small game, but the present unsatisfactory state of the International Copyright Law forces authors to resort to such tricks.

SOMNOLENT.—Sleep obtained two hours before midnight, when the negative forces are in operation, is the rest which most recuperates the system, giving brightness to the eye and a glow to the cheek. The difference in the appearance of a person who habitually retires at ten o'clock, and that of one who sits up until twelve, is quite remarkable. The tone of the system, so evident in the complexion, the clearness and sparkle of the eye, and the softness of the lines of the features, is, in a person of health, kept at "concert pitch" by taking regular rest two hours before twelve o'clock, and thereby obtaining the "beauty sleep" of the night. There is a heaviness of the eye, a sallowness of skin, and absence of that glow in the face which renders it fresh in expression and round in appearance, that readily distinguishes the person who keeps late hours.

CLEAR GIRT.—Your question is a timely one in the present crisis. Todd is very clear on the point. He says: "During the interval between the resignation of a Ministry and the appointment of their successors in office—an interval which has varied in duration, within the past century, from one to thirty-seven days—and likewise during the period which must necessarily elapse from the issue of new writs in the House of Commons on behalf of the incoming Ministers and their re-election, whatever may be the abstract right of Parliament to continue its deliberations, it is not customary for any important political question to be discussed in either House of Parliament. It is usual to adjourn, from time to time, over these periods, meeting only in order to dispose of business which is absolutely essential and beyond dispute. If the House continue sitting, as a general rule, no motion on which a difference of opinion would be likely to arise should be submitted."

LONDON MEMORIES.

Somebody once held that London was bounded on the north by Piccadilly, on the south by Pall Mall, on the west by St. James's street, and on the east by the Haymarket. And the wit had a meaning in his description. But London is more extensive than this. Out of the 3,500 streets which compose the territory known as London, a vast number, at least of those having a respectable age, are consecrated by some event which makes them dear to those who cherish memories of past generations. Exclusive of the city proper, there are innumerable streets and houses made sacred in connection with men and women who have become illustrious. It is regarded as an evidence of the refinement of continental nations that they honour the memory of an eminent fellow-citizen by the erection of a memorial on the house of his birth or in memory of his death. Thus in rambling through Boulogne we read, "Ici est mort l'Auteur de Gil Blas," in Geneva, "Ici est né Jean Jacques Rousseau." Were the custom observed among ourselves, the number of houses thus distinguished would be great indeed. One by one they disappear; but enough are left to gratify the curiosity of the antiquary as well as the student of human nature. The other day we alluded to the demolition of Maiden-lane, Covent Garden, as an instance of the sweeping effect of time upon places historically interesting, and every day adds to the catalogue. A glance at the history of London in the handbooks will show that were we to mark each house wherein eminent persons have lived, the number of tablets would have to be greater than might at first be supposed. Fleet-street and Chapside would have a goodly number. Keats wrote his sonnet on Chapman's "Homer" in the second floor of No. 71, Cheapside; Sir Thomas Moore was born in Milk-street, and Milton in Broad-street, Cheapside. Dr. Johnson completed his dictionary in the garret of No. 17, Gough-square, Fleet-street, and died at No. 8 Bolt-court. Goldsmith, who lived for some time in Wine Office-court, died at No. 2, Brick-court, Temple. Locke dates the dedication of his "Essay on the Human Understanding" from Dorset-court. If we go west or east of Temple Bar, we shall find mementoes of departed greatness crowding before us. Peter the Great lived on the site of the last house on the west side of Buckingham-street, Strand, in Marlborough-lane, just by, Ben Jonson first saw the light. Further on, in 24, Arlington street, Piccadilly, Horace Walpole was born. Were the practice to which allusion has been made pursued in London, a slab would have to be let into the front wall of No. 16, Holles-street, Cavendish square, as the birthplace of Byron. Another would have to be placed on No. 43, Gerrard-street, Soho, to mark it as the deathplace of John Dryden. In No. 27 of the same street, Edmund Burke lived for some time. Sterne died at 41, Old Bond-street. During the struggle for Catholic Emancipation, Daniel O'Connell lived in 29 Bury-street; in 27 of the same street, Tom Moore resided, and in 37 the poet Crabbe. Gibbon composed his defence of the "Decline and Fall" at No. 7, Manchester-street; Byron, who spent his short married life at 139, Piccadilly, wrote his "Lara" in the room of the Albany 2A, facing Saville-row. Sir Isaac Newton made several interesting discoveries at his residence in St. Martin-street, Leicester square, where his observatory is still to be seen at the top of the house. This square is noted also for having been the residence of Sir Joshua Reynolds, on the west side, and Hogarth on the east. Were we to celebrate foreigners as well as our own countrymen, the list of persons to be honoured would be indefinite. To name a few.—Handel died in Brook-street, Hanover square, and Weber at 91, Upper Portland-street; Joseph and Lucien Bonaparte lived, while in London, at 23 Park-crescent, Portland-place; Charles X. of France, at 72 South Audley-street; Louis Philippe's last London lodging was Cox's Hotel, Jermyn-street; and the Emperor Napoleon III's, No. 3 King-street, St. James's. Philip Egalité resided at 31 south street, Grosvenor-square; Madame de Staël, at 30 Argyll-street, Regent-street; Talleyrand was located for a while at the House of the French Embassy, then on the north side of Manchester-square; M. Guizot lived at 21 Pelham crescent; and Don Carlos, grandfather to the present prince of the name, at 5 Welbeck-street.

THE BARGAINING SEX.

In the definitions that have been given of man, both sexes have generally been comprehended. Thus, when we say that man is a laughing animal, or a cooking animal, we include woman in the category. But it has recently been insisted that in defining the species, we ought to make at least one special moral

distinction between the genders. Woman, it is alleged, is a bargaining animal, while man is not. We are inclined to think that this position is well taken. It has been viciously said to the incomparable sex is addicted to scandal, to the disclosure of secrets, to groundless jealousy, and to extravagance in dress, all of which charges we, on behalf of the better portion of the genus, pronounce libellous; but that woman likes to drive a bargain it were useless to deny.

Married reader of the imperative sex, if you want to be clothed, lodged, and fed on the cheapest possible terms, let your wife be your domestic factor. There is nothing of which she knows the value that she cannot purchase at a lower price than you can. You are the "noble creature" of the establishment, of course; but she is endowed with a peculiar faculty which you lack, or which, at best, you possess in only an inferior degree—namely, her bargaining faculty. Butchers, bakers, grocers, shoemakers, drapers, furniture-dealers, retail traders of every class, would much rather deal with you than your wife. They may say she "beats them down;" but the truth is, that she gets their commodities at a fair price, while you, in your lordly, off-hand way, pay whatever they are pleased to ask, without question or remonstrance, and thereby superinduce that

"consummation of all earthly ills,
 The inflammation of the weekly bills."

NEWS NOTES.

KING John of Saxony is dead. SENOR RIOS ROSAS, a well known Spanish politician, is dead.

The Spanish Republican troops claim a victory over the Carlists.

The Ministry have resigned and Mr. Mackenzie has formed a Cabinet.

Stokes has been sentenced to four years imprisonment with hard labor.

The French National Assembly met at Versailles on Wednesday week.

The Empress of Austria is ill, and her condition is such as to cause alarm.

The recent difficulty between Turkey and Austria has been amicably settled.

There is no truth in the report that Mount Etna is in a violent state of eruption.

The celebrated filibustering steamer "Virginius" has been captured off Jamaica.

The public debt of the United States shows an increase of \$303,900 for the month of October.

In the elections which have just taken place for Deputies to the Prussian Diet, the Liberals gain 20 seats.

The trial of the Tichborne claimant has been adjourned until 17th November, when important witnesses from America are expected.

The Jesuits, driven from Rome, intend taking up their residence in the United States, for which place, several left the Eternal City yesterday.

The Spanish steamship "Murillo," which was seized at Dover, for running into and sinking the emigrant ship "Northfleet," has been condemned and sold.

The marriage of the Duke of Edinburgh to Princess Maria of Russia is to be solemnized according to the Church of England, and the Dean of Canterbury goes to St. Petersburg to perform the ceremony.

The sessions of the Reichstrath were opened on the 5th by the Emperor Francis Joseph in person. The Emperor's speech was pacific in its reference to foreign powers. It contains no other matter of general interest.

At a meeting of National Laborers, held at Leamington it was stated the General Agent of New Zealand would give a free passage to all laborers who wanted to emigrate to that colony, and that there was room there for 20,000 families.

PRESIDENT MacMahon has issued an order of the day to the army, in which he alludes with severity to the insubordination of General Belmorres, and appeals to the patriotism of the soldiers to maintain discipline and support the laws.

The Paris *Gazette des Tribunaux* reports that a secret society at Autun had formed a plot to seize the niece of President MacMahon, and hold her as a hostage. The *Gazette* adds that several arrests have been made of parties implicated in the conspiracy.

In consequence of the position taken by the Comte de Chambord in his recent letter, the French Monarchists have abandoned all hope of restoring the Monarchy. The Conservative Deputies in the Assembly will probably vote for an extension of MacMahon's term of office.

A MADRID despatch reports that the Spanish Government has advices from Manila of the capture by a Spanish war steamer in those waters of two German merchantmen, having 2,000 rifles intended to be sold to the Malay pirates. The news has created an excited feeling in government circles at Madrid.

A TELEGRAM from Cartagena to the *Times* says that the insurgents arrested a Prussian subject named Girard, and refused to surrender him on demand of the German consul, declaring that he was a spy from Madrid. A serious complication with the German Government was probable, but Girard was finally released.

At the Bazaine trial Count Palikao, Napoleon's last Minister of War, testified in regard to his acts while in office. He accepted the responsibility of the march on Sedan. He admitted that he received in Paris despatches from Marshal Bazaine. He did not notify Marshal MacMahon of it as he believed the Marshal was already aware of its contents.