

THE GLEANER.

MASKS are now worn by bathers at some watering-places.

THE Suez Canal earned over \$5,000,000 last year, and cost over \$3,000,000.

A TUNNEL is to be cut under Piccadilly from Park lane to Grosvenor mansions, London.

STEWED watercresses is the latest gastronomic novelty. It is a friend of the boiled fowl.

THE Bureau Veritas reports 63 sailing vessels and 8 steamships at lost during the month of July.

It costs Canada only \$2 to care for each Indian. It costs the United States more than \$20 per Indian.

WHISTLES instead of bugles are to be used in the French Army by captains commanding infantry and officers of cavalry regiments.

THE Lutherans of Russia are following the example of the Mennonites to escape military service. A large number are on their way to Wisconsin to found a colony.

AN agent of the Russian Government is travelling in the Southern States of America, making a study of cotton culture, which that Government proposes to introduce in Turkestan.

THE Marquise de Chambrun, the Granddaughter of Lafayette, now resident in Washington, has in her possession a set of pearls given her grandmother by Marie Antoinette, at whose wedding that lady acted as a bridesmaid.

BISHOP Ledochowski has made known to the Pope that his liberation from prison will take place in February. The Pope has written a letter to him, in which he invites him to come to Rome so soon as he is free, to receive a Cardinal's hat.

GREAT improvements are taking place in the Temple. The ugly, mean houses near the Temple Church are being removed, and the approach to the Church from Fleet-street is being improved. In the place of the old houses, a row like Goldsmith's-building will be built.

M. RIVIERE has just found in the cave of Mentone, which furnished, two years ago, so fine a specimen for the Paris Museum of Natural History, two skeletons of children, complete, in perfect preservation, in a stratum of oligoclase. Those relics are to be forwarded to the capital.

THE directors of the new Westminster Aquarium are said to have made up their minds to draw many specimens from the waters of the Mediterranean, and a railway car is being constructed to convey the fish alive over the Italian and French lines. The project is sure to succeed thus far; and the transhipment for England is a mere question of labour and expense.

THE German papers announce the discovery at Laybach, in Carniola, of extensive remains of lacustrine dwellings, for the further exploration of which the local municipality has granted the required authorisation and the necessary funds. In mode and materials of structure and in the remains found, the Laybach lacustrine dwellings appear to be identical with those of the Swiss lakes.

JOHN WISE, the balloonist, who has kept so quiet since the failure of the projected transatlantic air trip that a newspaper inadvertently spoke of him as dead, writes to *Appleton's Journal* to say that he is alive and still a believer in the air-current theory. He will, he says, use a copper balloon in his next attempt. He is also laying the foundation of a system of weather predictions by which he hopes to foretell the weather accurately a year ahead.

THE new patent dye stuff of Croissant and Bretonnière is said by the *Arbeitsgeber* to have owed its origin to an accident. Mr. Croissant was an apothecary in Laval, and on one occasion had to prepare a sulphurous solution into which an organic substance dropped by chance. On boiling, a beautiful brown color was developed. Laval noticing this, got the aid of Bretonnière, a dyer, in the investigation of the phenomenon, and the two finally succeeded in producing the popular dye stuff sold under their name.

A VERY singular and highly interesting discovery of relics of Peter the Great, during his residence in England, has been made by M. Stanislaus in a house in Tower-street. They are chiefly articles of furniture that belonged to the Emperor. They have now become the property of an eminent Russian nobleman, Gregory Tschertkoff, who intends presenting them to the Emperor of Russia, in order that they may be placed amongst other reminiscences of Peter the Great at Moscow. They are in splendid condition.

THE Italian press are indignant at the term "Latin perversity" which appears in one of the inscriptions of the Hermann monument. The *Italia* speaks of it in very reproachful language. As the eldest sons of the Latin race the Italians regard the word as a reproach to themselves. The inscription runs as follows: "He who united the races so long divided, who triumphed over Latin perversity and power, who restored to the German Empire the long-lost sons (the Emperor William), is equal to Arminius the Liberator."

It appears that the heavy field ice which was the occasion of so much danger and damage in the North Atlantic last spring was set loose by severe northerly gales from the coasts of Newfoundland and Labrador, in the early part of the year. The previous winter had been excessively severe in those regions, so that the ice thus dislodged was extremely dense and compact, and in this way was enabled to drift far to the southward before

melting. Heavy field ice was thus met with in the month of April within fifty miles of the latitude of Naples.

BRELOQUES POUR DAMES.

A JOLLY old bachelor wants a buckle to fasten a laughing-stock.

WHERE ten men will cheerfully lay down their lives for a woman, only one will carry her a scuttle of coal.

"SHINGLE WEDDINGS" are now coming into fashion. This novel wedding takes place when the first born is old enough to spank.

THE more stoutly a man protests he'll die a bachelor, the more certain you may be of an invitation to his wedding with a twelvemonth.

THE heart of a woman known no purer joy and is never flattered with such dear enchantment as when she hears the praises of the man she loves.

A DECENT mourning bonnet now costs \$12, and any sort of an economical woman is afraid of crying at the grave for fear of spoiling the strings.

A YOUNG lady friend of ours was asked by a gentleman acquaintance for her photograph. She curtly replied that she never gave herself away.

THE wives of French soldiers are beginning to wear the crosses and decorations conferred upon their husbands for valorous service on the field. What the brave have won, the fair may wear.

A CHICAGO man closed his testimony in his action for divorce from his wife as follows: "I don't want to say anything against the woman, Judge, but I wish you could live with her a little while."

It is hard to say who the happiest man is, but the happiest woman, according to the *Danbury News*, is she who is called upon to decide the question as to which is the cunningest of two of the cunningest babies that ever lived.

A KEEN observer of human nature and human countenances says that the woman looks oldest who tries the hardest to conceal her age; and that if she refuses to let her age appear upon her tongue, it will be certain to show itself upon her face.

A GREAT woman not imperious; a fair woman not vain; a woman of common talents not jealous; an accomplished woman who does not care to shine in public, are four wonders great enough to be divided among the four quarters of the globe.

A YOUNG lady of 16 concludes a letter with the request:—"Please excuse all imperfections. I write this in a hurry, and have not time to read it over." Only 16, and not time to read over a letter which she has written, to see that it is all right before it is sent! Surely if she were 90 she would have time enough for that. Such requests from the young are common and they are very unreasonable. If you had not time to correct a letter, do not send it. In the first place, take time to write it as well as you can, and then take the time to read it over very deliberately, and correct the mistakes, if you have made any. Do everything well. Make that the rule of your life, and live up to it.

A RECENTLY made Benedict writes as follows concerning his young wife's habits:—"If there was a bedroom a mile long, and her entire wardrobe could be packed in a band-box, you'd find portions of that wardrobe scattered along the whole mile of dressing room. She's a nice thing to look at when put together, but this wonderful creature is evolved from a chaos interminable of pins, ribbons, rags, powder, thread, brushes, combs, and laces. If there were seven thousand drawers in your room, and you asked but for one to be kept sacred and inviolate for your own private use, that particular one would be full of hair-pins, ribbons, and soiled cuffs. Some provision, some protection in this matter, should be made by Mr. Disraeli during next session, if he gives such matters any consideration."

HEARTH AND HOME.

TROUBLESOME TRIFLES.—A fly is a very light burden; but if it were to perpetually return and settle on one's nose it might weary us out of our lives.

SORROW.—There are many fruits which never turn sweet until the frost has lain upon them. There are many nuts that never fall from the boughs of the forest trees till the frost has opened and ripened them. And there are many elements of life that never grow sweet and beautiful until sorrow comes.

TRUE GENTLENESS.—Gentleness which belongs to virtue, is to be carefully distinguished from the mean spirit of cowards and the fawning assent of sycophants. It renounces no just right from fear; it gives up no important truth from flattery; it is, indeed, not only consistent with a firm mind, but it necessarily requires a manly spirit and a fixed principle, in order to give it any real value.

THE VICE OF BAD LANGUAGE.—Bad language easily runs into bad deeds. Select any iniquity you please; suffer yourself to converse in its dialect, to use its slang, to speak in the character of one who relishes it, and soon your moral sense will lower down to its level. Becoming intimate with it, you lose your horror of it. To be too much with bad men and in bad places, is not only unwholesome to a man's morality, but unfavourable to his faith and trust in God.

PRECOCIOUS CHILDREN.—Never be anxious to have your children precocious. It is often the very smart child that makes the commonplace man, and the dunce, who makes his parents ashamed of him, that at last becomes distinguished. The very worst way to make a genius of a boy is to bring him up for one. Under such training, if he has not the real stuff in him, he will become a conceited jackanapes. If he has the real stuff in him it will develop itself in its own fashion, and at its own time.

FIFTEEN MINUTES.—The small stones which fill up the crevices have almost as much to do with making the fair and firm wall as the great rocks: so the right and wise use of spare moments contributes not a little to the building up, in good proportion with strength, a man's mind. Merchants and clerks may find fifteen minutes during the day to learn what goes on beyond the day-book and the ledger. Merchants and artisans may find fifteen minutes occasionally to gather a hint, a thought, a fact, an anecdote, which they may ponder over while at work. Good housewives need not to be so ignorant, as, alas! they too often are, seeing that the world of books has plenty for them. One and all of us, let us take care of the minutes, and the hours will take care of themselves. It has been well said that industry is of little avail without punctuality. This is the spirit that watches the minutes, and turns them to account.

ROUND THE DOMINION.

Since January 1st there have been 203 failures in Nova Scotia.

The New Brunswick Provincial Exhibition opened at St. John on the 27th inst.

Lieut.-Governor Macdonald inaugurated the new Normal School at Ottawa, last week.

It is expected that the Canada Central railway will be extended to Pembroke by January next.

Both the British officers' and the Canadian cricket teams have been defeated by the Philadelphia eleven.

Returns from East Peterboro give the Conservative candidate, Mr. O'Sullivan, a majority of about 400 over either of his opponents.

Contracts have been let for grading, bridging, &c. on the Missisquoi and Black River Railway, and the work of constructing the road is going on.

Judge Mondelet, of the Quebec Bench, refused to hear an election case because he held that the Election Court of that Province was unconstitutional.

Sgt. Bates has left Detroit on his tramp through Canada, bearing the American flag, stopping at London, Hamilton, Toronto and Montreal.

The iron rails are now being laid on the Richelieu, Arthabaska, and Drummondville road, and grading is also being done from Drummondville to Actonvale.

There are now in the Ontario Institution for the education of the Deaf and Dumb, 190 pupils, being an increase of over 20 in the attendance at the same period last year.

At the West Middlesex Fall Show a prize is to be offered for the prettiest lady, and the ugliest lady, and now the ladies who intend to compete think the first class is the only one really worth trying for.

The ladies of Waterloo, Quebec, propose organizing a debating club. It is expected that every lady in the village will join and attend regularly, lest in her absence she should be the subject of debate.

Mr. Mowat, in his speech at the inauguration of the new Normal School at Ottawa, said it was extremely likely that the office of Minister of Education would be created, and that Hon. Mr. Crooks would be its first occupant.

The Ontario Agriculture and Arts Association held its annual meeting last week at Ottawa, and it was resolved to hold the next exhibition at Hamilton. Guelph made a strong bid for holding the fair in that town, but when the vote was taken, received thirteen votes less than Hamilton.

The following is the constitution of the Supreme Court. *From Ontario*: Chief Justice Richards, Mr. Justice Strong. *From Quebec*: Hon. T. Fournier, Q. C. Mr. Justice Taschereau. *From New Brunswick*: Chief Justice Ritchie. *From Nova Scotia*: Hon. Wm. Henry, Q. C. The first named Judge will take the position of Chief Justice of the new Court.

FOOT NOTES.

THE King of Burmah has a high-tempered son who quarrelled recently with his royal father and fled from the palace with the intention of raising a rebellion among the Shans. A body of troops were despatched in pursuit of him, however, and he was brought ignominiously back.

THE Grand Duke Alexis is said to have succeeded to his grandfather's reputation of being the handsomest man in Europe. He looks handsomer than ever in the eyes of "some people," now that he is divorced and is to be received into favor again at the Imperial court.

RAFAEL TRABUCO, who was condemned to transportation in 1864 for plotting against the life of Napoleon III. and afterwards pardoned, has of late stuck so persistently to a M. Cernuschi, who received him because of a letter from Garibaldi with which he was armed, that he is to spend the next two months within the walls of a prison.

TRUE CHILDREN OF THE DAY.

Writing from an inn in Haute-Savoie a correspondent says: Then we have rich, republican, well-educated Israelites, relations of the Rothschilds, who speak all languages with a facility that is only given to a few. The Israelite, masculine or feminine, is a delightful person to meet with; the just as is a high-bred Russian. They are so well educated, and yet not pedantic. Educated, mind you, not learned. You cannot mention an event that has taken place in any country that is unknown to them. They are true children of the day.

VARIETIES.

CALIFORNIA has 140,000 marriageable girls.

GERMANY has nearly 1,000,000 more women than men.

THE greatest depth of the Pacific Ocean, as found by the British ship Challenger, was about five miles.

MINISTER ORTH, writing from Vienna, says that he has yet to see a single drunken person where everybody drinks wine and beer.

THERE are 1,700,000 Baptists in the United States, and only 260,000 in England. Virginia alone has as many as Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts put together. The denomination is very popular with the negroes.

KOSSUTH says Bismarck is anxious to have Austria annex the Slave territory and surrender her twelve millions of German subjects to the German Empire.

THE English language is more spoken than any other of civilized tongues. Even in Paris there are few shops where English is not spoken.

TURQUOISE is the only precious stone that has ever been found in aerolites, and hence the only one that we are sure exists beyond our planet.

PAUL DU CHAILLU is said to be the most popular lecturer of the season. The men are delighted with him, the women admire him, and the children are impatient for his return. No lyceum will be complete if he is not on its list.

A Norwich, Conn., antiquarian will exhibit at a fair in his county a book published in 1523, a cane 225 years old, a leaf from a Bible brought over in the Mayflower, and a piece of the white oak—which fell in 1808—under which the first settlers of ancient Woodbury encamped on the night of their arrival.

THE seat of the French Government being at Versailles, while the general service of the Government departments is at Paris, speedy communication between the two is a matter of moment. M. Crespin proposes to establish a subterranean pneumatic service, such as exists in London for the needs of the Post-office. Parcels carried by the tube would make the journey from Paris to Versailles in ten minutes, at the rate of a little more than a mile a minute.

THE President of the British Pharmaceutical Conference, which is holding its twelfth annual meeting in Bristol, in his inaugural address called for legislative interference in the matter of patent medicines, which he remarked, are not patent, but secret remedies. He recommended the appointment of a commission, to which the composition of these specifics should be disclosed, and which should exercise some control over the extravagant and lying puff by which their sale is extended to the injury, in many cases, of the public health.

HUMOUROUS.

THE Marshall, Ga., *Messenger* cries "For the Lord's sake, friend, don't keep telling an editor how to run his paper! Let the poor devil find it out himself."

A London dentists' circular says that, as a general thing, only men of culture go into the tooth drawing profession. And yet it must be admitted that many of them are not men of gentle extraction.

WHEN a Missouri engineer ditched his train, he faintly asked: "Did it kill any one who parted his hair in the middle?" They answered that three such were lying dead. "Then I die happy!" he sighed, and was soon no more.

WHEN a Nevada photographer wants to make a good picture, he puts the sitter in his place, pulls out a navy revolver, cocks it, levels it at the man's head, and says: "Now, just you sit perfectly still, and don't move a hair; put on a calm, pleasant expression of countenance and look right into the muzzle of this revolver, or I'll blow the top of your head off. My reputation as an artist is at stake, and I don't want no nonsense about this picture."

DR. BETHUNE used to tell a good story about two Scotchmen who came to this country several years ago. "What's the matter, Andrew, that ye seem sue troubled this morning?" "I had a fearful dream in the night." "What did ye dream?" "I dinna like to tell." "Did ye dream ye saw the deil?" "No, it was far waur than that." "Did ye dream yer mither was dead?" "No, it was far waur than that." "Well, what did ye dream mon?" "Why, I dreamt I was home again!"

AN old Scotch woman once said to her pastor: "Dear me, ministers mak' muckle ado about their hard work; but what's twa bits o' sermons in the week tae mak' up? I could do't myself." "Weel, Janet," said the minister good humoredly, "let's hear you try." "Come awa' wi' a text then," quoth she. He repeated with emphasis: "It is better to dwell in the corner of a house than with a brawling woman and in a wide house." Janet fired up instantly, "What's that ye say, sir? Due ye intend onything personal?" "Stop, stop!" broke in her pastor, "You would never do for a minister." "And what for no?" said she. "Because, Janet, you come over soon to the application."

A CITIZEN is in misery about his hat. The other day he hung it on a hook just back of a closet door which opens back against the hook. His wife had occasion to rummage around in the closet after he hung up his hat. As often as she pushed that door back, just so often would it fly shut, leaving her alone with the darkness. Vexed at last with the persistent contrariness of the thing, she threw her weight against it, and was rewarded by seeing the door go clear back and remain back, as she wanted it. But when the husband, a day or two later, went to that hook for his hat, what a sight it was to be sure. Flatter than a drink of ice-water on Christmas morning, more wrinkles in it than in a wash-board, and as far removed from any hope of future usefulness as a Keokuk bank. His wife bought a hat rack the next day, and now when he goes into the house she meets him in the hall, and points out to him the folly of going up two flights of stairs and hanging his hat behind a door in the attic.