players is furnished with a handkerchief,

THE PENSIVE MULE.

"Oh, pensive mule! They say thy heart
To sympathy is cold;
The stoic of the brutes, thou art
Unmoved by fisgellations smart,
By kindness uncontrolled.

"They call thee unresponsive, mule,
To finer feelings dead;
A stolid, automatic tool,
Whose breast no warm emotions rule,
That ne'er a tear has shed."

He turned and winked his wicked eye, Then twitched his pienteous ear, And backed to a ditch close by, He humped his back—his heels let fly, And shed a mule-teer!

On Monday I wash my dol-

On Tuesday

smoothly

On Thursday

dress 'em.

On Saturday

something

mother."

or other

But when Sunday comes, I say, "Lie

still! I'm going to church with!

neatly

PHILLIPS THOMPSON

On Wednesday

mend their

little hose.

which he throws suddenly and unexpec

a bad affair, Colonel. Thank Heaven I am here to assist. These sooundrels always mean mischief. If my men were only with me. Is there any possibility of sending "None, I fear," replied the Colonel,
"Cross says we are surrounded; and here,
Ermson, you see all our garrison. The rest

with

"Hush!" whispered the young man.
"The ladies—"
"Are soldiers' daughters," broke in
Kate, smiling; "and can meet danger as Aate, smiling; "and can meet danger as soldiers' daughters should."
"I do not doubt it," said the Captain, his eyes aglow with fond affection. "But, as men, it must be our care to keep danger from you. We must speak to these sooundrels. I fear we must fight them, and there will be hot work. Let us first place you and your anyt in safety."

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"Our garrison is so small, Captain Ermson," remarked Margaret Ferraby, in her calm, clear tones, "that even we women may be of use. Kate and I can load your rifles in readiness for you."
"Heaven be praised!" said the Colonel. We have a good stock of them, and am-

Just then, Cross hurried downstairs. Just then, Cross nurried downstairs.

"Quick, quick!" he cried. "The villians are in the garden, and, I expect, will next be scaling the verandah. The doors and windows below, Colonel, are well secured; and I've collected all the arms in the room above. Please come and place the man." the men."

The little party hurried upstairs. Henry

The little party hurried upstairs. Henry Ermson and Kate Ferraby's hands once met with a long, eloquent pressure. By his side she felt her fears vanish.

"Do you hear?" said Margaret Ferraby, as they reached the upper room.

"They are calling for you, Richard. They want to speak to you."

"Oh, papa!" exclaimed Kate, catching his arm, "do not go to the window. It may be but a ruse to shoot you." his arm, "do not go to the wind may be but a ruse to shoot you."

may be but a ruse to shoot you."

"I'll take care of that, my love. There, stand back, and let go my arm. Ermson, do you recognise any of them?"

The two had approached a small window that commanded a clear view of the front. Some ten men, attired after bushraager fashion, and well armed, were standing beneath. One, slightly in advance, was a broad-shouldered, dark-visaged fellow. As the Colonel perceived him, he exclaimed, "Cross, you were right. There is that villain Clarkson himself. These men are evidently under his command." dently under his command." "That," said the captain of the police, Colonel—that man is Mike Bawn, the

bushranger."
"That! I tell you it is my stockkeepen."

"Also Mike Bawn, whose capture, alive or dead, would put a hundred pounds in any man's pocket. Quick! hand me a

But, as if aware of his peril, Mike Bawn at this moment retreated under the veran-dah, out of danger, while the one who took his place again summoned the Colonel.
"I wonder what they want?" said Erm. "A conditional or unconditional surren-

der, perhaps. I'll speak to them; under the circumstances, it's better to conciliate Stepping forward, he demanded their It was soon told. They had been in-

formed that Captain Ermson was at Ferraby's Station, and they demanded his be-Bawn, from the verandah, "and we intend to have him. Give him to us, and we intend to have him. Give him to us, and we will leave quietly. If not, we'll take him; and look out for yourself! Mike Bawn ain't a man to be riled. The station is surrounded. Coloral and I make the station.

better think before you answer."
"Think, you scoundrel?" cried the Colonel, wrathfully. "Recollect you are addressing an Englishman and a soldier. Captain Ermson is here as my guest, and not one of you shall lay a hand upon him! Thank Heaven his men, too, are not far A shout of derisive laughter responded

A shout of derieve laughter responded to this speech.

"It would have been wiser if he'd kept with 'em, I fancy," retorted Mike Bawn.

"You'll get no help from them; they are sleeping off the effects of Christmas cheer, at Gum-Tree Station. Come, Colonel, once more; it's the last time; remember your own family. Will you give the cursed police captain up?"

"Never! was the prompt rejoinder.
"Then," retorted Mike Bawn, with a horrible oath, "take the consequences.
I've sworn to have his life, and I will!
Fire, lads! Blaze away! And mind, no quarter !-don't spare even the cat, i there is one!"

The rattling of bullets against the house

The ratting of bullets against the house-front drowned the cry of horror which burst from Kate Ferraby's lips. At the commencement of the parley she had stolen to her lover's side, and slipped her little hand in his. Softly he pressed the slender fingers, but did not speak. He was very Only after that first volley he broke

dily, "this must not be. This man, as he says, has sworn to have my life. This has been a trap laid to catch me, and it has succeeded. I will not consent to bring perhaps death, certainly ruin, upon your "'What do you mean, lad?" exclaimed

the officer, as Kate threw her arms round "To give myself up to Mike Bawn. It is the enly means to save all," was the resolute answer. "Kate—Kate, my darling—courage! Think of your father -your aunt!"

"Henry," she cried, sobbing wildly,
"you shall not go!"

"That he shall not, if my name's
Richard Ferraby!" responded the Colonel,
striding to the doer, and putting the key
in his pocket. "What, Ermson! do you imagine any here could support the dis-grace of such a thing? No, by Heaven! while this roof shelters me, it shall shelter my guest! Fight, man—fight! Let us

Life, especially as he looked on Kate, was sweet to the young captain; yet it was with relutance he yielded for a time to was with relutance he yielded for a time to the Colonel's arguments. He knew Mike Bawn better than did his host.

"Now," proceeded the Colonel, cheerily, "to work, Kate; there is Ermson's second gun to load, Margaret, here is mine. Our colours are nailed to the mast, and we'll never surrender while we've account of the colours. render, while we've an ounce of lead re

(To be Continued)

PERISHED IN THE FLAMES. Man and His Infant Daughter Burned to Death.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 10 .- A horrible sualty occurred between five and six clock this morning at the first tollgate test of this city on the Lyell road. The all-keepers's house was consumed by fire, and he and one of his children were burned nd he and one of his children were burned eyond all recognition. The tollgate house as occupied by Miles Tuttle and his wife and three children. When the fire was set discovered, the family were in bed, at Mrs. Tuttle, her son and baby, were ved with nothing on but their night-othes. Mrs. Tuttle dropped her children om the upper story into the arms of the lighbours and then leaped out herself, Tuttle and their little girl, between to and three years old, were unable to hape and perished in the flames. The st office fer the Town of Gales was at toll-gate house. All the mail, of which here was considerable, was destroyed. re was considerable, was destroyed.
corigin of the fire is a mystery. Some
pose Mr. Tuttle had started to light
fire in the kitchen stove when some-

ir. John King, after twenty-five years' rice as a member of the St. Thomas ool Board, has decided to retire.

USEFUL RECKIPYS.

FUNDINGS AND SAUCES.

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The generality of mothers use no pins in the dressing of their children; they take the dispers with loops and tapes, altured stopether supersed the use of as in the dressing of an infant. The sale is a constant the sleep of the disperse with loops and tapes, and thus altogether supersed the use of as in the dressing of an infant. The sale is a constant to be well aired as a deserves to be universally lopted. If pins he used for the dispers, key ought to be the patent safety pins. A babe's clothes ought to be well aired a day before they are put on, as they could not be put on warm from the fire. It is well, where it can be done, to let have clean clothes daily. Where this may be ready to the cape; the point of the put of the

FUN FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Scald two quarts sweet milk, into which stir ten rounded tablespoons Indian meal, seven tablespoons molasses, one teaspoon ginger, and a little salt. Put in moderate oven to bake, and in half an hour stir in half a cup of cold milk; bake in a very slcw oven four hours, and a longer time will not injure it. Serve with cream or hot sace.

KISS PUDDING.

Boil one quart sweet milk in custard-kettle, stir into it four heaping tablespoons corn starch, dissolved in a little cold water or milk, and added to the well-beaten and strained yolks of four eggs. Have the whites of eggs.

Which hitherto has been their infant child, Dora.

The late John Blackwood, one day in conversation with Miss Anne Brewster, related how he and George Eliot had corresponded some time before he knew she was a woman. "I called her 'Dear George," by dressed individual called at an out-of-the-way shop, over which hung the sign of, let me call it, "Dr. Jeffries. "Is the doctor in?" he enquired of a dilapidated darkey who answered his summons. "He am dat, sur! was the reply. "Tell him I think I have symptoms of the small-pox; and wish to consult him." The whites of that rendered necessary the impanelling of a coroner's jury. Mary C, Graham, Elsie of four eggs. Have the whites of eggs.

The following is the full address place on a letter :— Wood

And it indicated the man's full name, town, and State. The postmaster read it as follows:—John Under-wood, Andover, Here are a conple of good games for

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ly at another, orying out the name of "EARTH," "AIR," or "WATER," which ever he likes, and then counting ten as rapidly as possible. Before he has come to ten the person at whom the handkerchief is thrown must name some creature that inhabits the element just mentioned, or pay a ferfeit. Suppose the thrower says to tenter, the challenged party must immediately mention some fish; if air, some bird; if earth, some animal. The best way is to lock at one person and unexpectedly throw the handkerchief at another.

CANADA THISTLES.

SIR,—In the Weekly Mail of the 5th nst, is a lengthy article on this subject. Quite a number of modes are recommended for eradicating this obnoxious pest. The most practical, and the one farmers will be likely to follow, is the well-worked fallow. So well worked indeed by plough, harrow, or cultivator, that a single sprig of thistle shall not be allowed to appear above ground, from June to the middle of September. This will, doubtless, have the desired effect. There is, however, another far cheaper, and one which is within the ground, it is a shall not be allowed to appear above ground, from June to the middle of September. This will, doubtless, have the desired effect. There is, however, another far cheaper, and one which is within the ground of the 5th nst, is a lengthy article on this subject. Quite a number of modes are recommended for eradicating this obnoxious pest. The most practical, and the one farmers will be likely to follow, is the well-worked fallow. So well worked indeed by plough, harrow, or cultivator, that a single sprig of thistle shall not be allowed to appear above ground, from June to the middle of September. This will, doubtless, have the desired effect. There is, however, another far cheaper, and one which is within the ground of the strain of the commended for eradicating this obnoxious pest. The most practical, and the one farmers will be not provided for eradicating this obnoxious pest. The most practical, and the one farmers will be likely to follow, is the well ly at another, crying out the name of

range of every tiller of the soil, viz., when the land is in pasture, use the mowing ma-chine three times be-

cobourg, Dec. 15, 1879.

HORSE-POWER CORN HUSKER.
Sir.,—I have now working on my farm a four horse-power machine husking corn, and it works well. It's the first seen in this neighbourhood, and I am told there are, as yet, only seven in the Province. It attracts the notice of surrounding farmers. It sets at rest a very anxious feeling on the subject of our future corn crops.

Until this season no very great difficulty has been felt in getting a sufficient number of men and women to husk the crop. Now, however, the improvement in trade, which is felt here as well as elsewhere, has enabled persons, but temporarily engaged previously, to get permanent employment, and as a result, one-fourth, if not even a third, of the corn crop is now standing in shock in the fields wasting for want of hands, It should have all been in the crib six weeks ago.

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Many farmers have already a horsepower which is used for various purposes,
and when the husker becomes known no
doubt hundreds will be required.

Query.—Can't our agricultural machinists of Galt, Brantford, or elsewhere get
up a similar machine and thus keep our
money at home, as well as furnish still
more employment for our own people? Machinists will do well to look to this.

S. BERRIMAN. . S. BERRIMAN.

BIG CHICKENS. SIB,—Last week I sent to Cliften two chickens hatched late last April, weighing, dressed, 14 lbs. They were not coop-fed, but picked up from the lot in the barnyard. The chickens were sold to the first person who saw them for \$1 40 (ten cents a pound), and at this price they were cheaper than beef. The breed is a black Spanish crossed with a white Brahma. Beat this who can! S. BERRIMAN. Stamford, Dec. 8, 1879.

times a day, and bathe the bag thoroughly with it as often. Reduce the arnica for bathing one-half in warm water, and bathe with the hand. I have a cow that has been troubled with garget for more than four years. In that time I have given her over five pounds of saltpetre, without much effect. Last spring I tried arnica as above directed, and the cow has not had a sign of garget since.

Mr. Mechi, the agriculturist, deplores the agricultural loss involved in river pollution, and recalls the words of Liebig:

—"The sewers of Rome engulied in the course of centuries the prosperity of the Roman farmer; and, when the fields of the latter would no longer yield the means of feeding her population, the same sewer devoured the wealth of Sicily, Sardinia, and the fertile lands on the coast of Africa." He adds:—"Large towns, like bottomless pits, gradually swallow up the conditions of fertility of the greatest countries." Mr. Mechi estimates that it takes the annual produce of 20,000 acres to feed London one day.

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We like to have pigs farrowed as early in the spring as is consistent with safety from cold weather. Those farrowed in March and April, if properly fed and care.

ONE WHO'S

TRIED IT.

A sure remedy.

When you get your new harvest mittens, go out to the fence, corners and hedges, corners and hedges just as the thistles begin to bloom; they can be pulled with ease, and once will do. They never come again in that place if pulled when they are in full flow of sap; it takes all the vitality out of the ground, if drawn out of meadows or growing crops of any kind, when near maturity, The whole root can be very read all years and the report is, that the milk is more in quantity and richer in cream, and the report is, that the milk is more in quantity and richer in cream, and the report is, that the milk is more in quantity and richer in cream, and the report is, that the milk is more in quantity and richer in cream, and the report is, that the milk is more in quantity and richer in cream, and the report is, that the milk is more in quantity and richer in cream, and the report is, that the milk is more in quantity and richer in cream, and the report is, that the milk is more in quantity and richer in cream, and that the butter globules are more numer out. They state that cows will give from two to three quarts more per day, milking three times per day has been practiced in this country only when the cow yieldeds in fluid the screen of the country only when the cow yieldeds in the screen of the country only when the cow yielded in the country only when the co

mers. But before so sudden an innovation upon existing conditions could be reasonably conceded, it would be imperative—in the interest of justice and fair dealing—to weigh impartially the effect of such policy upon the market, for the coarse grains of the Maritime Provinces. At the same time, I do not conceive it would be altogether irrelevant, to consider how far the obvious anomaly of Canada becoming an importer of foreign grain for home consumption, could consistently comport with her daily increasing prestige as a country of exceptional fertility and best agricultural resources.

Yours, &c., A FARMER AND FEEDER.

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Chopped onions with a little ginger mixed in is said to be a sure cure for the chicken cholera.

There are in California 150,000 goats, and in the Pacific territories 50,000, making a total of 200,000 on the Pacific slope.

It costs no more to raise a good animal than a poor one. The food spent while they are young is repaid cent per cent.

A live stock writer recommends buckwheat flour feed to horses, for making the hair fine, smeoth, and brilliant in appearance.

To cure scab in sheep, rub it with plain petroleum with a sponge three times a week. Dogs can be cured of mange in the same way.

The snow surprised the farmers of New, Hampshire with hundreds of bushels of corn in the field and other crops unbounced. SIR,-In The Mail of Saturday is a co

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Here are a comple of good games for the evening:—

WHAT IS MY THOUGHT LIKE?

The whole company sit in a circle. A lady or gentleman thinks of some one present and writes with the easily able to supply the sent and writes with the easily able to supply farming, assumes that 35,000,000 and of the future.

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HUMOROUS. Ireland is now a land of Ire.

A striking tale—The whale's. Old maids' laughter—He! he! he! Are bits of advice presents of mind? Courtney is, indeed, a row-bust man. 'After the canvass"-Duck shooting. "The early vermifuge catches the worm." A handsome thing in dresses-A pretty

Can a man with glass eyes be natural Pleasant quarters - Twenty-five cent "To call a man rusty is the very oxide

"Grinderpest" is a very appropriate name for the toothache.

The hot whiskey boom is beginning to dance around on its hind legs. When you bury an old animosity never

The Indian wears moccasins and has no

cats, so he is just as well off without a bootjack. "Young Love's Dream" depends largely upon the amount of mince pie Young Love ate at dinner. If you starve a cow you get only poor cream and but little of it. Just so in the treatment of your minister.

In a wicked ward a barrel of whiskey has more political influence than the longest-tongued orator in the land. One good turn deserves another, but it does not seem possible that there can be more than two good turns in an old silk

It must have been slippery weather when the prodigal son returned, as it is recorded that the old man "fell on his neck." No farmer will be mad when the cow kicks over the milk pail. It's when she kicks square against it and upsets it that he is riled.

They say "a person is known by the company he keeps." If you chum around with an organ-grinder folks will think you know a count.

A Belleville man was astoniahed the other day to find the telephone could talk French. He said he thought it was an English invention.

A Connecticut man recently said:—
"Lend me a dollar. My wife has left me, and I want to advertise that I am not responsible for her debts."

A Michigan journal says "In this When a man in Connecticut is killed

when a man in Connecticut is killed by a buzz-saw they arrest his family and hole them until the State Chemist has examined the man's stomach in search of arsenic. "Is he rich?" asked the tourist. "Yes," replied the sexton, "I guess he is pretty wealthy—at least he never puts more than ten cents into the plate Sunday morning."

They met, 'was on the street—
"Oh! such a bonnet!" thought the
The other thought: "What feet!"
Yet they did talk—
Together walk—
And kissed each other's cheeks—and A fashion writer speaks of new designs in umbrellas. While he is about it, perhaps he can invent a boomerang umbrells that will return to its owner after it has

Prof. Henry Morley has been lecturing on "Newspapers," and denouncing them vigorously, from which fact we infer that in the silent past Mr. Morley was a baffled exchange fiend.

Lawer (to witness)—Did you say that an incompetent man could keep a hotel just as well as anybody?

Witness—No. I said an inn-experienced man could.