

NOTICES.

To Advertisers.—Our terms for advertisements on the first page are \$1.25 per square, first insertion; \$1.00 each subsequent insertion. Spaces on fourth page, 25 cents apiece, each insertion.

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*The gracesest Beast is the Ass; the gracesest Bird is the Owl;
The gracesest Fish is the Oyster; the gracesest Man is the Fool.*

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

HUMORIST:—We have already received and consigned to the waste basket about two dozen jokes on the size of George Brown's feet. The thing is played out. The subject, though extensive, is exhausted.

RIGHT HON. W. E. GLADSTONE, ENGLAND:—We have no dead-heads on our list. However, if you will send us some comic verses, we will put you on for a year.

SIR HUGH ALLAN, Ravensaraig:—Thanks. No, we won't take any stock in the Pacific—that is, ahem "not at present."

SUBSCRIBER:—Your lines, commencing—
"There is no bar, however watched and tended,
But one dead beat is there, etc.,"
are rejected. You are a base plagiarist. We are sure we have read something like that before.

HAMILTONIAN:—Your effort is quite up to the mark; but the mark ain't high enough.

SILVER STREET:—Accepted. Will appear next issue.

ENQUIRER:—Wants to know the meaning of that truly remarkable work of genius, "The Woman of Want," which appeared in our last. Enclose one dollar, and we will send the author round to explain it to you. We can't. Its conceptions are too hefty for any but a poetic mind to appreciate.

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"GRIP'S" POLICY.

In order to counteract any impression which may obtain, that the political course of GRIP will be changed on account of the recent alterations in our editorial management, we would state that no departure will be made from the line marked out at the initiation of our enterprise.

GRIP will continue to pursue a course of strict unswerving independence—not that pseudo-independence which consists in steering a middle course exactly between the two opposing parties, being "on the fence," in popular parlance; but by upholding that party which is in the right, on each particular question as it arises.

This is the only true attitude for any paper of our scope and design, to assume. No "monetary conditions" shall make us swerve from this policy. We do not clamour for pap and patronage. We wouldn't allow a Government advertisement to appear in our columns on any consideration. Just try us with a few and see.

A PRIZE FOR THE BEST CONUNDRUM.

We propose to offer a prize for the best original conundrum; consisting of an elegantly bound annual copy of "Bow Bells" for any year the winner chooses to select. All intending competitors should forward their little jokes before the 15th of August, with their names. This competition is in every respect *bona-fide* and we hope that a large number of our subscribers will avail themselves of it. Gents who have a knack of punning will at all events have the satisfaction of seeing their pun-gent remarks in print, as all these contributions to humorous literature will be duly given to our readers. Send on your efforts young man. You may not be a star in the literary world, but because you are not a Punshon, is that any reason you should shun puns?

In order that even the feeblest and most pun-y attempt at wit may not be without a chance of recognition, we have determined to supplement our offer, with that of a prize for the worst conundrum, the perpetrator of which will receive a copy of "Gamosagamon," a work chiefly noticeable as containing some of the vilest jokes ever published; and therefore highly appropriate.

A GOOD APPOINTMENT.

We notice that Captain Prince, of the police force, has been gazetted as governor of the new Central Prison. It is a good appointment in every respect. The police will be freed thereby from the petty tyranny and arbitrary restrictions of this snobbish martinet; and the terrors of imprisonment will be so heightened by this addition to the usual penalties of the law, that men who would otherwise be disposed to laugh at penal restraints, will hesitate before committing any act that will place them under the control of this tyrannous autocrat. Prince has at last found his proper sphere. No one can object to his exercising upon malefactors the ingenuity he has so long displayed in making the position of guardians of the peace as uncomfortable and humiliating as possible. It will be excellent discipline for the convicts, while the police will heartily rejoice at being free from his despotism.

ILL-BRED HALF BREEDS.

Not long since, a party of Mennonites visiting Manitoba were attacked by a number of half-breeds. They kept those Mennonite *men-a-night* inside a tavern, until rescued by the military. Now, the question which arises is, will those Mennonites venture again into Manitoba, where there are so many *to-bar* the way against them? *Riel-ly* we don't know. Such conduct as that wasn't polite, but then you couldn't expect half breeds to be well bred. It was an outrage, but the Mennonites appear to have acted creditably in meeting the outrage with-out rage. We could keep on in this style to any extent, but forbear; and merely offer these few observations as a sample of what we can do when we let ourselves out.

A SHARP BARGAIN.

We heard, the other day, a good story of a sharp bargain. A poor, shiftless, vagabondish fellow in Etobicoke Township, came into the possession last Spring, of two calves. He arranged with a farmer to have them pastured during the Summer, at a given price. It was approaching winter; the calf-owner had paid nothing for the Summer maintenance of his stock, nor had he made the slightest provision for housing or feeding them during the Winter. He hadn't a cent of money, or anything like a shed for cattle, nor a wisp of hay; but he went over to the pasture to look at his herd. The farmer said to him: "Now, look here, you haven't paid me a red cent for keeping them critters, you know, and you hain't got no place to keep 'em this Winter, nor anything to keep 'em on. Hain't you better let me take them calves for the pasturing, and call it square?" The fellow hesitated; at last he looked relieved. "Squire, seems to me that's rather rough on me. I thought I had quite a property tied up in them calves, and I don't seem to be getting much out of your trade. It don't look to be hardly right, but I'll tell you what I'll do, Squire, to make it fair. If you'll keep the calves a fortnight longer, you kin have 'em."

A CACOUNA WARDROBE.

"Jenkins" thinks this about a fair Cacouna outfit for a young McFlimsey of the *bon-ton*.

Four elegant silk dresses for evening—a white silk, a pink, a blue, and a lavender—each costing from \$150 to \$200.

Two silk carriage dresses—a brown and a black, or grey—with hat, gloves and parasol to match—each dress costing from \$200 to \$400.

Six morning dresses—two of some ecru worsted material, an embroidered linen dress, an embroidered white dress, a black silk (for cool days), and a grey poplin—each costing from \$75 to \$100. The silk and poplin probably double that amount.

Four round hats, costing from \$12 to \$25 each.

Two dozen pairs of gloves, with from two to six buttons each.

Two parasols, a sun-shade and umbrella.

Two pairs of silk boots, two of kid, and two of slippers or buskins.

A dozen fans to match different dresses.

A set of diamonds, a set of emeralds. Sets of cameos, of Roman gilt, and of Jet jewelry, are also indispensable.

Curls, puffs, braids of hair.

Cravats, sashes, bows of ribbon.

A large quantity of elegant underclothing, collars, cuffs, *fraises* of muslin and lace.

Two camel's hair shawls, and one lace.

A half-dozen thrilling novels, just suited for summer reading.

That is all.