

NOTES

THE FIRST BOOK.—The *Literary Gazette* (1867) states that the first book printed in the New World, was in the city of Mexico. It was printed in the Spanish language, in the year 1544, and was entitled *Doctrina Christiana por eo los Indos*. The first publication made in English, in America, was the *Freeman's Oath*, an almanac for 1639, nearly a hundred years after the work published in Mexico.

NOVA SCOTIA.—*Chambers' Journal* of June 10, 1854, thus alluded to Nova Scotia: "The great mineral fields of that ill-used province, gifted by a late English sovereign to a favourite, are pretty nearly useless either to the possessor or to the public."

"The statement quoted in *Chambers' Journal*," says a contributor to the *Notes and Queries*, "is perfectly correct. The sovereign was George III; the favourite was Frederic, Duke of York, whose creditors, or their assignees, have the exclusive use of "the great mineral fields of that ill-used province." They neither work them to such advantage as they might, nor allow others to do so."

A "PASQUINADE".—After Boscawen's victory over M. de la Clue, on August 20, 1759, the following *pasquinade* was posted up in Paris:

Bateaux plats à vendre,
Soldats à louer,
Ministre à pendre,
Généraux à rouer.
O France, le sexe femelle
Fit toujours ton destin,
Ton bonheur vint d'une Pucelle,
Ton malheur vient d'une Catin.