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for the production here, simultaneously with its appearance in London, of her new serial

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which will be commenced in an early number, and be handsomely

#### HAUSTRATED BY OUR ARTIST.

Miss Braddon's reputation as an author is too well established to need any comment from us. Those of our readers who have had the pleasure of enjoying " Lady Audley's Secret," " To the Bitter End," "The Outcasts," or any of her other works will, no doubt, be glad of an opportunity to peruse her latest production as speedily as it is written.

#### GOING BY STEAM,

It is an old story to say that the present generation goes by steam : humanilife seems to be wound up to its maximum of speed and we live two or three years in the time it took our grandfathers to live one. We are undoubtedly " going the pace" at a rate which would very much astonish some of our "fast living" ancestors, could they rise from their graves and look at us, and we are, undoubtedly, paying the penalty for the vast expenditure of vital force which it is necessary to use to keep ap with the times. Men a.d women are not as healthy to-day as they were one hundred years ago, a plain evidence of which can be found in the terrible increase of doctors, and the largely augmented sale of drugs, children are born without enough vital power to sustain life, consequently we have a large and constantly increasing infantible death roll; but one of the most convi ;cing proof, that we are living too fast is to be found in the fact that we need such a tr-mendous amount of stimulants to keep us up to working power; an American writer has investigated the subject, and arrived at the following rather remarkable conclusion. "Out of every thousand men, eight hundred and fifty use alcoholic etimulants; nine bundred and fifty use tobacco, two hundred and fifty use either o.dum, hasheesh or morphine

ether; twenty-eight use anhrodisises; two hundred and thirty use chloral hydrate.

Out of every thousand women, four hun Ired and twenty use alcoholic stimulants; two hundred and fifty use either chloroform, ether or codieno : ninety uso morphine twentyfive use other arsenic, bella-donna or chloral hy drate; three hundred and fifty use valerian." This is a terrible percentage, and we hesitate to accept the figures as correct; still there is no gainsaying the fact that the use of stimulants of all kinds is rapidly increasing, and no stronger evidence can be evinced that we are living too fast, and exhausted nature needs some extraneous support to enable her to sustain human lif Wo go at everything in too great a hurry , boys and girls want to be men and women before they are out of their teens, and, as a natural consequence they are deficient in vital power when they arrive at maturity, and become prematurely old. We destroy sleep by brooding over business affairs, and unduly exciting the mental faculties; we take pleasure as if we were paid for it by the job and we were bound to get through with it in as short a time as possible, and we use the reater part of our lives, just like fattening turkeys, cram ning as great a quantity of business and pl asure into it as we possibly can in the ver-shortest space of time. We are, possibly, wiser a our gener ation than our fo efathers; we know a great many things they did not know -and, most likely, d dn't want to know ... but the physical development of the present generation is no improvement on that of halfa c ntury ago, but on the contrary, not so good; we have got into the way of living by steam and we will have to slack up the pace before long or explode.

#### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

All communications intended for this depart ent should be addressed to J. A. Phillips, Editor FAVORITE.

D. G. M. Hamilton.—
H. J. T., Quebec.—
A. C., Holbrook.—
al to the proper parties,

Miss Ann Thrope, Montreal, wants to know the date of the discovery of the atomic theory, and whether the discoverer was Dalton. We are not sure of the date or discoverer's name, but will endeavor to reply next week.

An Indignant Reader, Montreal.—We fall see the point of your would-be sattre on one our most valued contributors. Nothing short "a pair of double million magnifying glasses, of extra power"-to use the words of Mr. Weller could discover any similarity in style of the two writers named. If you can give a fow parallel passages, or show any plagisrism of style, we shall be glad to hear from you.

FRITE PRATTIERIEY. Montreal, desires to cor FRITE FRATHERIET. Montronl, desires to cor-respond with one or more joing ladies with a view to mutual improvement and prospective matrimony. He says he is "five feet ten, well made, fighting weight one hundred and fifty-four pounds has light curly hair, blue eyes, a good monstache vice and silky and is considered handsome"—by himself, probably. He is twenty-five years of age, has an income of \$2,500 and wants to "settlein life" Address Pavourre

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Stotia, Inn'sfil, Ont., writes as follows:

"A party contracted a debt in Scotland in the year 1850, arounting at that time to some £71 or £22 sterling. The party knows not whethers decree or judgment was obtained for the amount. Flease reply under following heads: 1st, Can said Jobt be legally recovered under showe circumstances? 2nd, Doos a debt not become irrecoverable or outlawed after a term of years! If no how many " 3rl, If more above minimous would the creditor have to adopt, supposing the dobtor had nothing in his possession but weating apperel? (th, Could imprisonment be inflicted on dobtor, supposing he was residing in Scotland, for above amount, as imprisonment for debt is not abolished in Scotland?" We do not know whether there is any statute of limitation in Scotland, or what is its limit. The questions should be submitted to a good lawyer for advice. We do not like to take the responsibility of offering any further advice than that the best and most honorable way would be to pay the money, and then you need not bother your head about statutes of limitation or impresented there. pay the money, and then you need not bother your head about statutes of limitation or imrisonment either.

BRLLA B., Toronto, wants to know the origin of the names of the days of the week. In the half devoted to Northern Antiquities, in Berlin, are found the representations of the idols from forty-siz use either area ic, chloroform or whom the names of our days of the week are

derived. From the idol of the Sun comes Sunday. This idol is represented with his face like the sun, holding a burning wheel with both hands on his breast, signifying his course around the world. The idol of the Moon, from which came Monday, is habited by a short coat, like a man, but holding a Moon in his hand. Tulsco, from which comes Tuesday, was one of the most ancient and peculiar gods of the tlermans, and is represented in his garment of skin, according to the peculiar manner of clothing. The third day of the week was dedicated to his worship, Wooden, from whence Wednesday came, was a valiant prince among the Saxons. His image was prayed to for victory. Ther, from whence we have Tri-day, is represented with a drawn aword in his right hand. Frigs, from whence we have Friday, is represented with a drawn aword in his right hand, and a bow in his left. He was the giver of peace and pieuty. Seator, from whence giver of peace and pieuty. Sentor, from whence saturday, has the appearance of perfect wrotchedness; he is thin-visaged, long-haired, with a long beard. He carries a pair of water in his right hand wherein are fruit and flowers.

Several letters are unavoidably left over for answer next week.

#### LITERARY ITEMS.

THERE is some prospect of a revised edition of the "Encyclopædia Britannica."

Miss M. E. Bhaddon, it is said, receives \$10,000 for her new story, "Publicans and Sinners," which will appear in The Favorite simultaneously with its publication in England.

A NEW workly newspaper, called The New York Sunday Citizen, has made its appearance. It is to be devoted to the best interests of the Irish-American population, and begins its work untrammeled by party affiliations.

MR. EDELED YAFRS, whose pleasant lectures on "The British Parliament" and "Princes of the Pen" will be so well remembered in Montreal, is the Vienna correspondent of the New York Herald during the Exposition.

STAMP COLLECTOR'S CHRONICLE. our readers who have a passion for stamp col-lecting will be pleased to learn that a journal specially intended for their interest has been started in St. John, N.B. The first number is very creditable and promises well for its suc-

THE BOOK BUYER is a very useful little pamphlet published monthly by Scribner & Co., New York, at the moderate price of twenty-five cents a year; it contains a great deal of useful information, and will be of considerable advantage to any one forming a library, or desiring to keep well posted up on current literature.

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An important newspaper change is announced in the merging of the Association Monthly, the organ of the Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States and the British Provinces, into the Illustrated Christian Weekly. This change will enable the young men to receive fresh intelligence of Association work each week, and will bring their cause before a large constituency, previously unacquainted with it, except in a general way. The Illustrated Christian Weekly has just closed its second year with a paid subscription list of nearly \$0,000 subscribers, accusates of the Association Monthly list, and the exclusive of the Association Monthly list, and the publishers feel ancouraged to push on, such a success in so short a time warranting them in expecting greater fields of assfulness in the future.

THE SCIENCE OF LIFE.—The National Publishing Company, of Philadelphia, have just issued a very important and valuable work, by Prof. O. S. Fowier, on Manhood, Womanhood, and their Mutual Interrelations: Love, Its Laws and their Mutual Interrelations: Love, its Laws, Power, &c. It is a masterly exposition of the laws which control the relations of the sexes, and their duties towards each other, and it is not asserting too much to prenounce it the most valuable and timely publication of the age, "Fnow thyself!" was the profound injunction of the ancient sage, and it is the neglect to comply with this precept which causes nearly all the mixery and sickness of the world. It is astonishing to find how utterly ignorant men and women, otherwise accomplished and intelligent, are concerning thomselves. Rusbands and are concerning thomselves. Rusbands lare concerning thomsolves. Husbands and wives constantly feel the need of more light on the subject of their relations to each other, especially concerning the great duty for which marinage was instituted—the begetting and rearing of a family. It is for the purpose of diffusing this knowledge that Professor Fowier has given to the world this work, which is simply an ex-planation of the laws which govern the succes in their relations to each other. He points out the duties of husbands and wives and discloses facts of which no true man or woman ought to be ignorant. He lets us into the secret of preserv-ing famals health and heavity far into old age. ing female health and beauty far into old age, and shows how mothers can avoid much of the The suffering of bringing children into the world, wyer The work is published only by subscription at spon\$5, and orders should be sent to the National that Publishing Company, Philadelphia. Agents are

#### Passing events.

His Holiness the Pope continues to improve. THE vomito has appeared and it is extending at Hayana

THE Newfoundland Legislature was prorogued on the 15th inst.

THE roport that the Carlisis were to raise a loan in the London market is denied.

Titz Spanish authorities are said to have or dered the removal of O'Kelly from Cuba.

A CARLIST organ announces that Don Carlos is in Navarre at the head of 150,000 men.

It is said the Spenish Government will pro-ose that the election of President be by a pose the pleblack

THE Grand Jury's enquiry into the massacre in Grant Parish, Louisiana, discloses shooking

is said that Mr. John Crawford, M. P. for Toron.o, will be gazetted Lieut.-Governor for Ontario.

Naws from Tiflis confirms the rumored taking of Khiva by the Bussians. It is added that the Khan is a prisoner.

THE Shah of Persia will soon arrive at Vienna.

He travels with his Cabinet and three of his wives—the Mrs. Shahs.

A FEAREUL conflagration at Hong Kong destroyed forty-four acres of houses, 5,000 families homeless.

Two members of President Thiers' Cabinet have resigned. The ministry of public worship have been re-established.

Cable rates to England will, from the 1st of June, be as heretofore—one dollar per word; to France \$10 per ten words.

A DEMONSTRATION against the religious corporation bill has been made at Florence. The rollos dispersed the crowd.

ANOTHER New York Herald correspondent, a Mr. Price, has been arrested at Havana, and placed in close confinement. THE Count de Chambord authorizes the cou-

tradiction of the absuri rumor that he would adopt the son of Napoleon III.

There is no truth in the report that a com-missioner from the Sandwich Islands was on his way to Washington to negotiate annex-

A HUNDRED additional failures are announced at Vionna, and the financial crisis continues. The important banks have weathered the storm so far. SER Samuel Baker has been he

the White Nile. He reports that the journey was accomplished with great distinctly, but all THE expulsion of religious orders from Ger-

many has been resolved upon by the Govern-ment, and will be carried into effect within the next six months.

THE recently reported massacre of volunteers by the Carlists turns out to have been greatly exaggerated, the number who were killed being now reduced to sixteen.

A SPIRITED contest took place in the French Assembly over the election of the Vice-Presi-dents, the result being a victory for the sup-porters of President Thiers.

THE publishers of several Paris journals have been fined for reprinting Fellx Pyatt's letter to the London Times Le Psuple Souveroin has been suppressed for attacking the Assembly.

THE bill for the suppression of religious orders rifix bill for the suppression of religious orders in Italy passed the Chamber of Deputies by a vote of 385 to 13. The clause granting the Vation 400,000 lim annually for the support of generals of orders was adopted by a vote of 220 to 193.

THE reports received from the Khivan expedition are contradictory. By a despatch from St. Petersburg, it would appear that much anxiety is felt as to the success of the expedition against knivs, from which no information against knivs, from which no information had been received. Two of the columns were known to have been delayed by snow-storms, and the column nearest the appointed render-yous was a month late and had still several hundred miles to march.

LATER despatches state that the recent Car-list atrocities had caused an immense senta-tion at Barceions, twenty prisoners it is now said there is the control of the control

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To Newspaper Reporters.—Caicraft has announced his intention to shortly restire from an official life, and seek the repose of cultivating roses, dahlias, and tunies, for which he has a great taste. The last "souch of his suffered to the 13th of August. Parliament will be prison warders that she would be the leat person, however, be called together at that time, the adjournment being merely formal so that the work of the Pacific Railway Committee What his objection is was not stated; perhaps the work of the Pacific Railway Committee. TO NEWSPAPER REPORTERS.