

A question somewhat similar, to compare great things with small, to that which agitated the literary and chronological world as to the exact time of the close of the last and the commencement of the present century, seems likely to arise between the Scribbler and some of his subscribers. The first number having been published on the 28th of June, it has been contended that the present No. although the 14th, belongs to the first quarter, but the inconsistency of this will be evident when it is considered that by reckoning so—

No. 15, to be published the 4th of October, would be the first,
and No. 28, to be published the 3d of Jan'y, the last, of the 2d quarter;
No. 29, to be published the 10th of January, the first,
and No. 41, to be published the 4th of April, the last, of the 3d quarter;
No. 42, to be published the 11th of April, the first,
and No. 55, to be published the 11th of July, the last, of the 4th quarter;
thus stretching the year a fortnight, and requiring 55 numbers instead of 52. The fallacy has arisen from taking the date of the first paper as that of its commencement; whereas, though this is no summary of weekly events, it must be considered that in like manner as a weekly paper contains the news of the preceding week, so does this contain matter arising during the week before, and consequently the real date of commencement is the 21st of June, the exact centre of the solar year.

Be it therefore enacted, by the authority aforesaid, that No. 13 was, and is, the last number of the first quarter of the Scribbler, and the present No. 14, the first number of the second quarter, and so to continue *quamdiu se bene gesserit*.

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The Verses entitled "the Emigrants," and the eighteen Stanzas by a Settler, though well meant, are utterly inadmissible. Here followeth one of the eighteen as a sample:

Eighteen months for to do settling duties,
Five acres to clear, and the street,
To build a log-house, eighteen by twenty,
And cover'd with shingles complete.