

Poor Mark Lemon, late editor of *Punch*, shared the fate common to authors. He died poor and his family are said to be suffering. A life policy for some £6,000 is held by his creditors.

"Fanny Fern"—the author of the crisp "Ginger Snaps," says that she has no intention of closing her literary career this year, as certain widely circulated newspaper paragraphs would have the public believe. She concludes her denial of the charge thus characteristically: "Being a woman, I have no intention of stopping till I get through."

*On dits* that Lord Lytton and Disraeli are actively engaged on a new novel apiece, are in circulation.

"English Society" is the name of a threatened new magazine in London, and the "Rectangular Review" of the same city has just made its first appearance. It is well spoken of.

J. M. LeMoine's "Sword of Gen. Richard Montgomery," has just been published. It is dedicated to the popular author of "The Pioneers of New France,"—Francis Parkman. This little *brochure* is full of annalistic lore and handled in M. LeMoine's best and most graceful style. The famous sword is now in the market and can be purchased by curiosity hunters.

Algernon Swinburne's *Bothwell* is nearly ready for the press. Its author is busily working at it and beating it into shape.

Max Schenckenburger—a very poetical and literary name by the way—is the gentleman who composed the eminently popular German war ballad, "The watch on the Rhine."

Mark Twain's "Innocent's Abroad" is issued in at least a dozen different styles, so the admirers of this inimitable humorist will have no lack of volumes from which to make their choice. The cloth edition by Hotten of England is the finest one we have yet seen. This sells at a dollar and the whole journey is served up in two volumes. "The Innocent's Abroad," (the voyage out) being the first book, and the concluding one of the series is called "The New Pilgrim's Progress." An issue at 1s. stg. is also published but this is very much abridged. In Canada we are promised an edition, complete, on paper for 30 cents.

"The Atlantic Almanac" for 1871 is to be a magnificent affair, and this time eclipse all the former efforts of the proprietors in issuing a fine and beautiful annual.

Prof. DeMill, author of "The Dodge Club" and the juvenile "B.