

of a little "dodger" which went on to say that the articles in question would light even hard coal, as they would burn brightly for twenty minutes, and it wound up with the astonishing bit of information that the material was "non-combustible." We asked him to explain this, which he readily did by saying his patent fire-lighters were non-combustible, because they would not *burn!*

It would be interesting to know how many of the senior pupils in any school take this view. Let us hear from some one.

A CITY paper has an advertising column headed "Specific Articles;" an agent for this journal called one day, soliciting an "ad" for what he called, repeatedly, and in all seriousness, the "Pacific column."

THE same person in offering something for sale, said "I ain't onreasonable, I don't want no *fallible* price."

A TORONTO gentleman whose taste and means enabled him to purchase good paintings and engravings, almost invariably directs the attention of his visitors to the accuracy of his pictures' *prospectus*. Suppositiously he means "perspective," but *prospectus* is good for him, he thinks.

A MEMBER of the Local Legislature has been heard to declare that he had not only given his opinion at home, in favour of temperance, but was prepared, Mr. Speaker, to *retreat* and *retreat* it again, on the floor of this house.

WE have heard of a carpenter who used to complain of his inability to make two pieces of wood *corroborate* when they didn't fit; but this is no worse than saying "John was not behaving timely, and so I *stood* him in the corner!"

These *mal-apropos* indicate the necessity for the exercise of great care on the part of all, as there are probably few of us who have not some such idiosyncrasy of pronunciation, or misapplication, although it may not be quite so glaring as the examples cited.

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Second Class to Third.

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"Tweet!" said the wee wren.

Lucy called Bobby her Preserver.

The children were called to receive their parents' dying blessing.

'Twas reported that dirty Tim splashed himself o'er with water.

The sheep's bleat seemed to say, "Good night, little girl."

I'm convinced they've provided us with exquisite food.

Galilee was governed by Antipas, a milder ruler than Judea had.

Joseph, his brethren, and their children's children lived in Egypt.

'Twas said, "There goes the honest youth!"

Many a weary traveller would miss its fragrant smell.

Whereabouts, odious, vigorous, judgment, wouldn't, special, abominable, rolled, guesses, jealous, proceeded, precious, persuaded, pallid, curtains, captain, tulips, beautiful, dutiful, gnats.

Third Class to Fourth.

The fir-trees have turpentine in them and burn readily.

The English are proudly pre-eminent among the nations for an execrable taste in hats, the officer's foraging cap being the only exception.

Sometimes I steered my course through a forest of gigantic ferns.

Hospitality is esteemed a principal virtue, and is practised by private individuals.

"And still, where'er his eyes were cast
Fresh blood-gouts shocked his view."

By the middle of February the light tipped the highest peaks of the icebergs.

In spite of the vigilance of the Commandant the whites were inhumanly massacred.

He had desecrated the steamer's lights at about half a mile's distance.

After these auctions his study was uninhabitable.