

THROWING UP THE SPONGE.

The winner, the Garden Grove (Calif.) *Enterprise*, was asked to respond. The editor, who effectively suppressed its lengthy editorial headed "We throw the Sponge," was the ancient and potent one—a misery. Hard-hearted scribblers had killed the Minerva nourished them. The editor, however, turned to the consolation poetry. Here are the lines:

THE MASON WY.
Sigh, oh, sigh, ye gentle breezes,
And weep ye clouds; oh, weep ye sun,
For the Enterprise is dead and gone,
That the Enterprise must be to do.
Toll ye bells, the mad, mad story,
Fling it out unto the world,
That though known to fabled gods,
Our gallant ship's wreck was unfurled.
No! It was though long heroic,
Still it must succumb at last;

Oh, let the towns of all fall fast.
Would you know the cause, dear reader?
Why this paper stops today?
Ours can flourish alone, and won't part
With the *Extricting Power* from the Nation.

the process of extracting the poison from the rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus*) for medicinal purposes whilst reptiles were still living, has been described by the late Dr. J. C. Thompson and Dr. Hayward, of the Philadelphia. The following was the *modus operandi*, if any of our readers care to know likewise:—The reptiles were separate compartments of a large vessel fitted with a double lid for extra security. A long steel, fitted at the one end with a thick iron plate, could be loosened or tightened by hand at pleasure, was inserted through the partially opened lid, and the one

tuity and decidedly acid in its reaction on litmus paper. It is readily soluble in glycerine or water, but is precipitated by strong alcohol, the precipitate being redissolved, with the addition of a little water. Its toxicological properties have been fully tried on a variety of animals. Half a drop produced death in a mouse within three minutes after being injected under the wing. —*Science Gossip*.

Angelo Quasipa was born in Cornet-
marino town of Central Italy, near
Naples. He was educated in the
territory of the States of the
Church. His birth occurred on
28th of August, the same day
some month in which he has died, in
1861. He elevated himself to the
ministry of the Church, and
served at the altar his ordina-
tion. He was nominated Cardinal of
Order of Priests on the 27th of
November in the year 1861. His
name was not in the list of the
above named order of the Cardinals.
He was perfect of the Congregation
Bishops and of the regular clergy,
vastly helped for his practice and hu-
manity of life.

LEW, THE LEARNED CARPENTER.
Samuel Lew, Professor of History
the University of Cambridge, Eng-
land, was seventy years of age before
conceived the idea of learning a for-
eign language. Out of the scanty pen-
ty of his weekly earnings as a carpenter,
he saved a few pence, and, as he
said, he exchanged it for a newspaper.

thus he advanced in knowledge. He had not even the privilege of balance between treading and relaxation, but he was able to keep his mind from fatigue to mental exertion. During six years previous to his twenty-first year, he omitted none of the hours usually appropriated to manual labor, and he retired to rest regularly at eleven o'clock in the evening, and yet at the age of thirty could read and write in seventeen languages. This illustrates that "where there is a will, there is a way."

The Pall Mall Gazette, in giving some figures as to the cost of living in Canada, says it must be remembered that the purchasing power of the dollar in Canada is much greater than in the parts of America, especially in the

This fact should always be kept in mind in making comparison between the wages paid in Canada and the United States. Canada has also one army. Large families are a blessing rather than a misfortune in the case of the United States. It is not to be induced to "grate." "A fact," in this country, brought up to his industry, is a very great source of strength rather than of weakness and burden." It is almost incredible parents can look upon a large family and not feel inclined to laugh, which actually appears to be the case in Canada.

Germany is making gigantic effort place herself on an equal avail for England, France, and Russia. When the thing actually began to

Germany will have a war fleet sixty-two vessels, with an armament of 5,000 guns. Bismark, like all conquerors, is ambitious to show the world that he is a first-class sailor. The Naval powers, however, like poets, are born, not made; or at least they are built up slowly, and many years elapse before the fleets of France, Spain, or Russia will be as efficient as that of Great Britain. The Americans have a good staff as those who fight under Lawrence; but a navy Department runs in the interest of corrupt contractors is fast reducing the efficiency while increasing the cost of the nation's most important arm.

One who assumes to know, says we would despair for the loss of a fleet endures three months in the winter,

lady becomes interested in the style of hair dressing; the third, burns her love letters. Twelve months afterward she hears of her former lover's marriage and wonders how she could have loved a man with a red mouster. A modern poet thus criticises church-going people: