

THE GLEANER.

The latest educational statistics of England exhibit a total of \$7,227 schools in operation, with 1,006,511 children on the rolls.

Mr. Gladstone's collection has been sold, and the total proceeds amount to \$45,460, of which \$16,215 was realized from pictures.

Santa Anna is seventy-seven years old, but he is still erect and slender, and his black hair and black eyes yet preserve their original brilliancy. He is as fond of cockfighting as ever, but has not money to indulge in it as much as he would like.

Madame Willett, described as the champion female walker of the world, has commenced to walk a thousand miles in a thousand hours at the Prince Arthur Running Grounds, Middleboro'. To complete her undertaking she will require to walk night and day for about six weeks.

According to the *Moscow Gazette*, a remarkable race, in which ladies only will be allowed to compete, the winner receiving for the prize a rich dress with all its accessories, is to take place next month, at Pavlovsk, one of the Imperial residences in the neighbourhood of St. Petersburg.

The physician in attendance upon Robert Dale Owen, in Indiana, gives it as his opinion that his patient is hopelessly insane. He says further, the Indianapolis *Journal* announces, that the disease is softening of the brain, and that Mr. Owen cannot be expected to live longer than a fortnight.

It will scarcely be credited that there is more sunshine in Scotland than in England. As a consequence they are able to complete there most successfully for the supply of peaches for the London markets. The house in the middle row of Covent-garden Market that has the finest and most continuous supply of peaches gets its supply chiefly from Scotland.

Mr. Disraeli will, hereafter, have the support of every one of the London daily papers except the *Daily News* and the *Telegraph*, the *Advertiser* and the *Post* having become strong eulogists of his, and the *Times* boasting that it is peculiarly well acquainted with the Premier's mind, and in return for that confidence giving him a general support.

The British Premier has a new verb—To convenience. "There is no one," said Mr. Disraeli the other night, "whom I should like more to convenience than my hon. friend;" and every one is taking up the expression now. We talk of inconveniencing a man often enough—"Pray do not inconvenience yourself," or "Do not let me inconvenience you." Why not therefore convenience a man?

Among Mr. Gladstone's pictures sold lately was one of the late Lord Lyndhurst, for which Mr. Gladstone gave 20 guineas. It was offered by him to a distinguished friend for the like sum, but he declined it. It was sold lately by Messrs. Christie for £13 13s., and has again been sold by the purchaser for 113 guineas to five Tory members, with whose joint purse it was bought, and by them handed over to Mr. Disraeli, who had expressed a wish to possess it.

A real remedy for seasickness, says the *Journal du Havre*, is said to have at last been discovered. The formula varies with the state of the water, the constitution of the individual and the more or less liability to suffer from that distressing malady. The following is the receipt for very rough weather: Chloral, three grammes; distilled water, fifty grammes; currant syrup, sixty grammes; French essence of mint, two drops. Half the mixture to be taken on embarking.

Paris fashion in jewellery is very capricious at present; large lockets are no longer to be seen in full evening dress; diamond and pearl necklaces have taken her place, and above the necklet a ribbon, the colour of the dress, is tied in front with a small bow. The favourite earrings are large single pearls. Many bracelets are worn at a time, and always two porte-bonheur ones in either plain gold, diamonds, or turquoises. Lastly a butterfly or humming-bird, imitated in precious stones, is always worn on the bouquet that adorns one side or other of the bodice.

In the Western parts of America a good deal of corn is used to make fires, and it is proposed to grow sunflowers for this purpose instead. A carefully-grown sunflower will stand ten or twelve feet high, and have half-a-dozen good heavy blossoms. These blossoms are great favourites with bees, who get from them a good supply of honey. The seeds when crushed furnish a very clear and pure oil, and in their natural state are an excellent preservative against fever and malaria, arising from defective drainage, damp, &c.

A rather distinguished person, who could not master himself, sought the advice of an eminent physician, who gave him a prescription which he followed faithfully for several months, and at the end of that time he lost all bacchanalian desire, which formerly had irresistibly conquered him. The recipe by which he has been assisted to reform is as follows:—"Sulphate of iron, 5 grains; magnesia, 10 grains; peppermint water, 11 grains; spirit of nutmeg, 1 drachm—to be taken twice a day." This preparation acts as a tonic and stimulant, and so partly supplies the place of the accustomed liquor, and prevents the absolute physical and moral prostration that follows from the sudden breaking off from the use of intoxicating drinks.

ROUND THE DOMINION.

The Peterborough *Examiner* urges the construction of railways in Canada while labor and material are cheap.

The Millbrook *Messenger* says there was a shower of very small black toads in that place lately.

The International Salt Company, of Goderich, put a third salt-pan in operation in their block last week.

There are now twenty-six new houses in course of erection in Prescott, not including the town-hall, or other buildings started but not completed last season.

The famous boulder in the middle of the Niagara River channel, below the Goat Island bridge, lies about thirty feet further down the stream this summer than it did last fall.

There will be a very heavy crop of raspberries this season. The vines are loaded with the green fruit at present, and they look healthy. There will be a very heavy crop of blackberries also.

The Forresters and St. George's society of Brantford propose to unite and hold a grand demonstration some time next month. Invitations will be sent to Buffalo, Hamilton, London and other places.

Mr. Gerald C. Brown, of Perth, has leased 1,500 acres of phosphate lands in the township of Buckingham, county of Ottawa, Quebec, and intends developing them at once. The lease extends over a period of 50 years.

A number of the voting papers in the Montreal election were invalidated owing to the absence of blotting-paper. When the papers were folded a blot was produced in the centre opposite the opposing candidate's name.

His Majesty the King of Saxony has conferred the illustrious Order of Albert with the title of Chevalier, or Knight, upon Dr. Alexander M. Ross, of Toronto. This is a high compliment to a Canadian Scientist.

Emigration returns for the past five months of the current year, show that 8,113 persons have settled in Ontario, against 8,114 for the corresponding period of last year. A difference of only one.

Rev. J. Morples, of Bracebridge, on resigning the pastorate of the Presbyterian Church of that village, in order that he may devote his time more fully to public debate, was on the 30th ult. presented with a purse by a number of his friends of different denominations.

The Toronto Summer Races will take place over the Newmarket course, on the Don and Danforth road, on Monday and Wednesday, the 16th and 18th of August. The races are under the patronage of Angus Morrison, Esq., Hon. C. J. Douglas, and other influential gentlemen.

There is a poor prospect of any further instalments of servant girls arriving from Ireland this season. Mr. Wills informs the *Ottawa Citizen* that latest accounts from the North of Ireland state that girls are scarcer there than in any part of Canada.

It is expected that the British steamships Vancouver and Vasco de Gama, now lying in or shortly expected to arrive at San Francisco, will be chartered by the new mail contractors. They are propellers of from 2,000 to 2,500 tons, quite new, are fitted with every modern appliance for safety and comfort, and ran a short time in the China trade. One of the fine steamers will probably be ready for sea on the first of August, when the new contract will commence.

The Late George Brown, whose death was chronicled last week, was a fisherman like his father, and a native of Halifax. In 1863 he made his debut, when he entered for the Cogswell belt, the emblem of championship of the harbor, but spraining his wrist was compelled to withdraw. He won the belt in 1864 and retained it at the annual competition during the four years, when it became his property. Though thus favorably known in local aquatic circles he was comparatively a novice when August 31, 1871, at the international regatta at Halifax harbor, pulling bow in the Halifax Crew, his boat was second, beaten two seconds by the Taylor-Winship Crew, that won the \$3,000 purse and championship, 69 miles, with one turn, 44m. 28s., the Biglins third. On the next day he was second for the single-scutt race, three nautical miles, straight-away, Jos. Sadler winning in 25m. 2s., Brown's time, 25m. 7s., H. Kelley, Bagnall, Coulter, and Lovett behind him. His friends, claiming that ignorance of racing custom had defeated him, challenged Sadler, but nothing came of it. On the 12th of July, 1872, at Digby, N. S., he beat Robert Fulton, stroke of the Paris crew, at a single-scutt race for \$2,000, distance about four and a half miles, by five lengths, in 32m. 12s. Correspondence with Sadler was renewed, but ineffectually. On the 24th of September, 1873, at Halifax, he beat John Biglin in a five-mile race, one turn, for \$2,000, winning by thirty seconds in 38m. 45s. Again challenges were issued to Sadler, then and in 1874, but no meeting was arranged. Last year, July 8th, at Springfield, Mass., he beat Billy Scharff by one and a half lengths in a five-mile race, no time, for \$4,000, gold, and the American championship. His last race was at St. John, N. B., on the 26th of September of the same year, when he beat Evan Morris, of Pittsburgh, in a five-mile race, one turn, for \$4,000, gold, winning by a length in 37m., after a desperate race. Brown stood 5 feet 9½ inches, and weighed in condition about 160 pounds.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE MACLAGAN "TE DEUM."

To the Editor of the CANADIAN ILLUSTRATED NEWS.

DEAR SIR.—Some little time since there was quite a spirited correspondence in your paper between your musical critic and Mr. P. R. MacLagan, of this city, as to the merits of a *Te Deum* then recently published by the latter gentleman. If I remember rightly, Mr. MacLagan said, among other things, that he was quite willing to submit his composition to the examination of competent and impartial musicians, feeling sure of a favorable verdict. Taking him at his word, I suppose, some one here has sent a copy of the *Te Deum* to the editor of the *London Musical Times*. The following notice, which I clip from the *Times* of the 1st inst., will interest many of your readers, no doubt:

Te Deum in G. By Dr. P. R. MacLagan. We are at a loss to conceive how such nonsense as this can find a publisher. Besides innumerable other faults, we have only to mention that there are fourteen cases at least of consecutive 8ths and 5ths, and the inquiry naturally follows: Is the Doctor a graduate in music, and at what University?

The "inquiry" is indeed a natural one, and calls loudly on Mr. MacLagan for proof of his right to the title of Mus. Doc.

Truly Yours,

ANTI-HUMBUG.

HEARTH AND HOME.

SPOILED.—Naturally vivacious girls often become dull and silent just become their heads are full of nonsense about beaux and lovers. They have a thousand thoughts and feelings which they would be ashamed to confess, though not ashamed to entertain; and their preoccupation with a subject which they had better let entirely alone, prevents their being the agreeable and rational companions of the gentlemen of their acquaintance which they are designed to be. The most attractive girl is she who does not allow the tyrant passion, love, to run away with her jovial good nature.

MARRIED LIFE.—Caresses and attentions, and all the pretty follies of love, are for the idle hours and the cloudless sunshine; but the silent sweetness of married friendship is that for which men look in dark days, and the treasure on which they rest. Why cannot women earn reliance, they think? Why must they always need to be told again and again that which they already know, and begin to doubt as soon as they cease to hear? This is the first contest of natures in married life, but it is one wherein, if the woman is wise, she will yield without a murmur, and hide her disappointment as carefully as the Spartan boy hid his fox.

A GOOD WIFE.—A good wife (an old author tells us) should be like three things, which three things she should not be like. First, she should be like a snail—always keep within her own house; but she should not be like a snail, to carry all she has upon her back. Secondly, she should be like an echo, to speak when she is spoken to; but she should not be like an echo, always to have the last word. Thirdly, she should be like a town clock—always keep time and regularity; but she should not be like a town clock, to speak so loud as all the town may hear her.

GOOD NATURE.—Good nature is one of the most precious commodities of life, both to the possessor and to all that come in contact with him. There is so much care in life, so many that are victims of low spirits, so much of sorrow, so many that are languid through sickness, or grief, or watching, or want, that any one who can throw a ray of light upon their spirits is a benefactor indeed. Good nature is the most practical of all kinds of benevolence. It gives itself forth without measure. It shines like the sun, into all places, high and low alike. It chooses nothing, but blesses all without discrimination. It lays strife, pours oil upon friction, lightens the tasks of life, and diffuses a cheer and glow which wine cannot give, and all this, too, while the cause of all this blessing is himself blessed above all.

A WRITER in the *Washington Capital* lays down the law to mothers as follows: 1. If a young gentleman comes to see her daughter, she must incontinently leave the room after exchanging civilities about the weather. 2. If she happens to enter the room suddenly and interrupts a scene from "Romeo and Juliet," she must retire without being discovered, if possible; or, if recognized, must busy herself in arranging the curtains until the two young people have retired to the respective extremities of the sofa, leaving a virtuous waste of green rep between them. 3. If a young and comparative stranger calls in a hired carriage to take her daughter to the play, opera, or garden, she must not let her fastidiousness get the better of her good breeding and insult the escort by suggesting a *chapeau* for the young lady, but on the contrary must confide, with becoming alacrity, her child, the proprieties of life and, if necessary, the night-key to the magnanimity of the young man. 4. If the chambermaid tells her the next morning that the shoulder of Mr. Fitzsimmons's swallow-tail coat was "all over white" when they came from the party and that it looked "awful" spicuous," she must dismiss that servant girl without a "character;" she must not scold or upbraid her daughter, but mildly suggest to her the unbecomingness of powdered hair. 5. If a friend of the family calls and

VARIETIES.

THE peasantry call castor oil "huile d'Henri V."

PARIS is to have an historical exhibition of lace, bonnets, and ladies' shoes.

A statue is to be erected to the memory of the Abbé de l'Épée, the benefactor of the deaf and dumb.

A photographic outline for the word "Sunbeams" reads the same either side up.

M. THIERS has given 2,000 to the sufferers by the floods in France. The Pope forwarded ten times that amount to the Archbishop of Toluouse.

It is remarked that inundations, at Toulouse, seem to be periodical; they occurred in 1815, 1835, and 1855.

THE Tabard Inn, situate in the Borough, made famous by the poet Chaucer, is now being demolished.

AN open air concert announces that "No gentleman will be admitted without a lady"—a gallant revision of the opposition formula.

THE discovery has been announced of an incombustible paper, of which may be made all State and law documents of any importance, and last, not least, bank notes.

THE Lord Mayor of London will pay another State visit to the French capital on August 12th, when the International Maritime Exhibition will be opened at Paris.

EDWARD GRINDLEY KENDAL, an English gentleman, is feared to have been lost on Snowdon. He left Gwynant Vale on the 11th of June, and articles of his clothing have since been found.

QUEEN VICTORIA will remain at Osborne until about the middle of next month and then proceed direct to Scotland, as last year. The Court will remain in the Highlands until November.

MADAME BRET, who has engaged as harem physician by the Sultan, is to receive a salary of forty thousand francs a year. She is accorded the privilege of boarding outside of the palace.

ROBERT DALE OWEN is said to have changed in appearance, his face having become thinner and there being dark rings about his eyes. His manners are said to be as gentle and urbane as ever.

THE Right Honorable H. C. E. Childers, M. P., is on his way to this country, accompanied by his wife, who is in better health than for some time past, and by his son. Mr. Childers returns in October.

MME RATAZZI has given a second entertainment in Paris, which was even more brilliant than was the first. The scene is described as "a page from the Arabian Nights."

It was the Empress Eugénie who resolved that the Prince Imperial should do duty as a subaltern, attached to his battery, during the summer drills, in preference to his serving on the staff, the selection between the two having been left to her Majesty.

THE monarch of the Burnham Beaches has succumbed to the high winds of the last few weeks. What remains of the ancient forest now called "the beeches" is so picturesque and striking in its decayed and decaying giants that the loss of one of them is a national loss.

FROZEN peaches will be shipped to Europe this summer in large quantities. A successful experiment was made last year, and it was demonstrated that fruit kept frozen during the ocean voyage thawed out fresh and fine of flavor upon arrival in England, where it was sold at enormous prices.

THERE is now being shown in the Birmingham district an extraordinary specimen of iron-making in the United States. It is a portion of a sheet of very thin iron, so that though its surface dimensions are 4in. by 3½in., yet its weight is only 3½ grains apothecaries weight. The breath of the nostrils will drive it away almost as if it were the slender of burned paper.

It is supposed that the remains of Brandon, said to have been the executioner of Charles I., were disturbed last week by the local authorities of Whitechapel, who have lately been removing the bodies interred beneath Whitechapel church, for the purpose of rebuilding the edifice. "In the burial register of that church is the following entry: 'June 21, 1649, Richard Brandon, a man out of Rosemary lane, supposed to have cut off the head of Charles I.' When he died, on the 30th of June, 1649, in his house in Rosemary lane, a large crowd assembled on the occasion of his funeral, and suggested that he should be buried in a dung hill. It was with difficulty that the local authorities of Whitechapel managed to smuggle his body to the churchyard, where it was at last carried with a bunch of rosemary at each end of his coffin, and a rope tied across from one end to the other.

Conflagrations are comparatively not frequent in Canada, while in other countries where foreign insurance companies take risks indifferently with those they cover in the Dominion, extensive fires are every-day's occurrences—of course such amalgamation cannot fail to be but disastrous to the Canadian insurer.

THE "Stadacona" Fire Insurance Company, No. 13 Place d'Armes Montreal, being purely a Canadian enterprise does not cover risks out of the Dominion.