

## Answers to Correspondents.

The Editors will be pleased to answer any queries under this heading, but should the answers be required by post a fee of 10 cents must accompany the inquiry. All queries must be accompanied by the name and address of the sender.

*Boxer*—Heenan and King fought Dec. 15, 1863.

*Hat*—Both Lord Kinsale, by grant of King John, and Lord Forester, by grant of Henry VIII, have the right of wearing their hats in the presence of their monarch.

*D.*—"Zounds" is a contraction of "his wounds," and "s'death" of "his death." Queen Elizabeth used to swear by saying "By God's wounds." The young ladies of the Court brought it down to "Zounds."

*Bunker*—The largest amount of business done in the London clearing house in any one year was in 1888, when the transfers amounted to £6942,172,000. The year 1891 comes next, with a total about half a million less than in 1888.

*Divinity student*—The total number of Roman Catholic Archbishops and Bishops throughout the world is 1191; this is according to the official returns at the end of 1888. In the British American Colonies alone there are 8 Archbishops, viz.: Quebec, Ottawa, Montreal, Kingston, Toronto, Halifax, Port of Spain and St. Boniface, with 23 bishops. The number of Church of England Bishops in the same colonies is 15.

*Kosmos*—It would take up a column to answer your questions. Perhaps there are more "Plums" in law than in any other profession in England. Certainly in the government service positions which require technical knowledge of any kind are as a rule worse paid than those that do not: we will give statistics later on. The pay of a Vice-Admiral, with allowances, amounts to between £2500 and £3000, according to the station; that of a Rear-Admiral from £1600 to £2700. A Lieutenant-General's regular pay is about £1300 per annum, without allowances, which are very large.

The Sultan is perfecting himself in the German language, and assured Herr von Hulsen the other day that he hoped to be able to converse with His Majesty in his mother-tongue if he paid him another visit. Heine and Geibel are the Sultan's favourite authors. But there is no complete happiness in this world, even for a Grand Turk, and so His Imperial Majesty was lately favoured by the Queen of Roumania with a full supply of her German works, with a polite request to give an unvarnished criticism of Carmen Sylva's muse. I fancy that before Abdul Hamid gets through with Sylva he will anathematise the day when he commenced to study the language of poets and fools.

Overheard from the Schoolroom. A little Bohemian scholar—who cares for nobody, no, not she, not even the new daily governess—is at her history lesson. It is somewhere in "the glorious times of great Elizabeth." Asked which was the most amiable character, the Virgin Queen or Marie Stuart, she answered, with a fine disregard of preciseness, "She." The teacher went for her again, and said, "Who is She?" Quick as lightning came the reply, "The Cat's Aunt." The governess is still wondering whether she gave it in favor of Elizabeth or her rival.

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