

Our Chaff-Mill.

IT CONTAINS GRAIN AND CHAFF TO BE SEPARATED BY THE READER.

"A VICTIM" wants to know who is the meanest man in Sherbrooke.

Ans.—Having a wholesome dread of a libel suit and knowing that the greater the truth the bigger the libel, we must decline to name the individual, but in our opinion his is one who after having received a paper through the post office twelve months, returns the last number marked "refused" or "not wanted," without re-mitting a year's subscription. The meanest man will be able to name the party to whom we refer, when he reads this paragraph in a borrowed paper.

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Ans.—From information derived from L. A. Dastous, a well known resident of this city, and others, we are satisfied that Dr. Ordway's Improved Plaster, is the best known remedy. Mr. Dastous, who has been an intense sufferer for several weeks from sciatica, claims that he has been entirely relieved from pain by the use of these plasters.

"RATEPAYER" asks us if election of Mayor by popular vote, will not be detrimental to the English speaking interests of the city?

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"POSTAL CARD" wants to know what is meant by the expression, "standing by the wicket."

Ans.—It is a sort of hyperbolic expression, which originated with the game of cricket, and signifies being ready or prepared for duty or action. An illustration of the term in a literal sense, may be seen any day in the post office. The adolescent individual on the outside of the wicket is uniting in his attention to the young lady on the inside, and while he poses as a monument of admiration and affection, her image is being engraved on the tombstone of his memory.

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Now Farmer Clodhopper, he had a small mare, She was soiled in color, and exceedingly spare, Hence one might infer That folks would prefer Not to mount on her back—especially bare.

On the day of the race just conceive the surprise Of the folks, and the manner they opened their eyes, When Clodhopper's mare, The bony and spare, Appeared on the course looking quite twice the size.

Her coat it was glossy and sleek as could be; She was soiled in her legs, and of heaves she was free. Such a wonderful sight Gave the people a fright, For they thought just as soon the d—t to see.

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