

SLOW DOUBLE QUICK.

The Blowers in Council assembled,
Looking wondrously sage and grim,
From the depths of their shirrow-pate noddles,
Gave birth to a monstrous whim;
First in paradox novel dealing
They issued, stiff, solemn, and starchy
A law, for the future compelling
Fire Companies to march
In slow double quick time.

What slow double quick time may mean,
Whether "to run," or "leisurely stalk,"
The head of a Webster would puzzle,
So the Blowers define it—"a walk."
All stupid indecorous haste,
All eager, unruly desire
To be first, these sage Blowers have checked,
Men must march to a fire
In slow double quick time.

Of course with the kindly intention,
Of giving incendiaries more time
To burn houses down by the hundred,
And then 'scape scot free for their crime.
These Blowers in Council assembled,
Have determined, stiff, solemn and starch,
To mule in a fire pound penalty,
Any Fireman daring to march,
Shall in slow double quick time.

With consistency worthy the noddles
Of odd-head, shallow pate sages,
They offer a prize to the first on the spot,
Where a conflagration rages.
And extol with a wisdom most wondrous,
Give birth to a law in a hury,
"We'll punish each Fireman daring to seem
Or to be the least bit in a hurry;
Let them march in slow double quick time."

GYMNASIUM OF FASHION.

A young gentleman of this city, of unmis-
takable birth, unexceptionable breeding, and pro-
possessing exterior, who has been reduced in
circumstances by his penchant for fashionable
expenditure, begs to announce his intention of set-
ting up a Gymnasium of Fashion, in which all the
minutiae of genteel behaviour will be taught to
young would-be swells in accordance with an origi-
nal, but sound method. He will commence at the
very rudiments, taking the pupil in hand just at the
point where the dancing-master leaves him. A
liberal education is not necessary for the pupil, as a
dialect will be taught which is quite independent of
grammar, and unadapted for the expression of liter-
ary or philosophical ideas. The said dialect consists
of a number of the smaller and shorter sort of English
words, cut and trimmed to the capacity and taste of
the learner, and divested of all the masculine sounds
of the alphabet, r's being *chass'd* with scrupulous
vigilance.

Our professor will communicate his system in
Lectures abundantly illustrated by models. He will
keep his pupils well posted in the new fashions, and
will be always ready to direct them to the most un-
exceptionable tailors. He will keep for their use a
Library of Reference, containing a list of the resi-
dences, means, habits, and character of the indi-
viduals and families reckoned *ton* for the current
year; the most recent intelligence of smashes in
life, and the names of the tradesmen notorious for
giving the longest "tick." Our professor plumes
himself on his proficiency in the epistolary art, and
is desirous of communicating some degree of it to
those who may become his pupils. He will under-

take to teach the best styles of answering trouble-
some duos, accepting invitations from persons of
ton, and declining those from ineligible individuals.
A diversified collection of crinoline and hoop-mo-
dels will be kept on hand, and awkward young men
may improve their gait and make themselves less
obnoxious in female society, by learning to steer
among them, and by practising several hours a day
the performance of promenading with a female
model, (on castors,) commencing in both cases with
smaller sized "circumstances," and using the larger
ones as dexterity comes by habit.

The most approved mode of cutting troublesome
acquaintances will also be communicated, and our
professor flatters himself that any young gent of
tolerable *nous* will after ten lessons be able to walk
up and down King Street, at any time of the day,
without discomposure, though he be in debt to every
tradesman on the south side, and though a rail-car
full of his country acquaintances greet him at every
corner. Perfect success is guaranteed in this par-
ticular, as Messrs. Brown, Robinson, and Allan have
tried the method, and consider it the only vermi-
fuge, so to speak, sure to rid one of troublesome
acquaintances after an election. Smoking is taught
in a few lessons. Brandy, lager beer, etc., will be
supplied to persons drinking for wagers. Gymnas-
tics and callisthenics conducted on a new plan.
model street-lamps are provided for gentlemen to
break at one dollar a piece; wooden or gutta-
percha policemen and skull-crackers supplied, but
gentlemen are at liberty to bring their own police-
men, which will be properly taken care of during
their absence.

Our philanthropic friend intends to make his
class select, so that no wood-cutters or organ-
grinders need apply.

N. B. A liberal reduction made to Law Clerks
and University Students.

AN IMPROVEMENT ON HICKOCK'S FLORAL CONCERT.

We understand it is the intention of the Governor
General in the course of a few months to give a
series of Vocal Concerts in the Hall of the Legisla-
tive Assembly. He will be assisted by some 130
performers, many of whom have been long in train-
ing for the purpose.

The music, entitled "A scramble for power," con-
sists for the most part of solos, varied on rare occa-
sions with duets and even chorusses.

Each performer may dress himself as he pleases,
but all will wear some distinguishing color or badge
—such as Brown, Red, Orange, Green, Blue, &c.
Stages will be erected on each side of the hall, which
is made to represent a Bear Garden, where the
Bears will meet to choose their Leaders. This
done, they will divide themselves into two parties,
the Bleu-Moderates and Rouge-Grits, and each
company will sing an opening chorus.

The Bleu-Moderates, having obtained possession
of Power, will commence as follows:

Hail! Power, thou lofty Genius,
Still on our banners dwell;
They say you soon will leave us,
We know 'tis false as hell—
Stay with us, lofty Genius.

After which the Rouge-Grits:

O! glorious Power, we supplicate thy smile,

Come nestle in our arms;
Long have we wooed thee! oh bestow at length
Thy fascinating charms.
Come glorious Power.

A footstep is heard approaching, and a Recluse
enters the garden in search of retirement; he dis-
covers speedily that he once left the place in dis-
gust, but urged by old associations lingers and
listens. Then follows a chorus in which all unite,
"Who shall be King of the Bears," after which
various Bears chaunt forth their respective claims
to the crown; prominent amongst them, of course,
will be heard the Leaders of the two parties, John A.,
large Orange favour, and Geordie, Rouge Brown
ditto. Easter however arrives without a decision,
and the Bears retire for a season, singing—

Welcome Easter doubly welcome.
Each one now can rest himself,
But oh, better far whilst resting,
We can pocket still the pet,
Sweet six dollars daily.

Part the second, represents the return of the
Bears after the Easter recess; and the garden is
once more vocal with the song of the Leaders to
their troops:—

Come, noble Bears, your armour don,
The "scramble" must not cease;
Bleu-Moderate and Rouge-Grit arouse,
The time is passed for peace.

Arouse! arouse!

The Bears then proceed with their choice, but
after much discussion they are unable to agree in
their verdict, and refer the matter to the Recluse,
who, it will be unnecessary to inform the spectator,
is personated by Wm. Lyon Mackenzie. After long
consideration, for the recluse has not much love for
Geordie of the Rouge-Brown, and still less for John
A., of the large Orange, he awards "Power" the
prize to himself, and is straightway crowned King
of the Bears. Then follows a chorus, and the Bears
retire, some delighted, others in high dudgeon,
leaving the new King of the Bears to close the per-
formance with the following solo:

John A. and Geordie both are sold,
And I the prize have won;
Come with me joy, and say you think
The thing was nobly done,
Ha! Ha! was nobly done.

We have no wish to detract from the merit of
Mr. Hickock's proposed Floral Concert, but wo flatter
ourselves that it's "no pumpkins," compared
with the above.

Lead.

—The manner in which a gentleman
whose election is pending is treated by the Toronto
dailies is sufficient to deter a man of moderately
strong nerves from offering himself for Parliamen-
tary honors. In the last part of the week the *Globe*
was so sure of the success of its candidate that it
persisted that his return would be "a tremendous
blow at the Government." The other papers
fought shy for a time; but the election having
turned out the opposite of what had been expected,
the four dailies drop the man whose return was to
be followed by such dire effects; and seize on the
winning man, as a lot of hungry cabmen would on
a railroad passenger, each claiming him as his
own individual property. Such conduct is dread-
fully puerile.