THE FLANEUR.

In the French Assembly, a few weeks ago, one of the members complained, in a speech, that the gardens, promenades and squares of Paris contain too many specimens of vulgar He said that one met too many marble giris, that their attitudes were too republican, and that too many of them were breechless. Marble girls are certainly an inconvenience. If by republican attitudes too much freedom is meant, then that is to be deprecated also. As to their being sans culottes, the remedy is a simple one—put breeches on them. A girl in trousers is a fair sight to see.

Theatrical dead-heads are declared a great nuisance in New York. So are they everywhere. But the trouble is to know how to get rid of them. In Paris, recently, when one of these sponges called upon the dramatic critic of a certain paper for a pass that gentleman wrote a note to the Director of the Theatre, stating that the applicant was an escaped lunatic, rather dangerous at times, and to be summarily dealt with The Director took the hint and ordered some of his sups to turn the hose upon the unfortunate fellow. The result may be imagined. Both critic and Director were never troubled with that particular dead-head again.

Canadians do not appreciate half the good things which their country produces. Who ever heard of fromage d'Orléans? Yet a Quebec friend of mine assures me that it has not its superior among refined cheeses. It is made on the Isle of Orleans, opposite the ancient capital, and the peculiarity is that it cannot be made of the same flavour, outside of the island. There is a story that a young fellow of Beauport or Montmorenci, having married an Orleans girl, congratulated himself, among other things, on getting her to make him those cheeses of which she had the secret and of which he had had so many pleasant forctastes, in the days of their courtain. The young wife did her best to satisfy the wishes of her husband, but in spite of all her efforts, she could never turn out the same article, as she had made from childhood in the island. I see the eyes of my epicure friends sparkling from here. They will be writing me letters to inquire where that cheese is to be had. Not in Montreal, gentlemen, I am sorry to say. If you want some, you must send to Quebec, for the cunning old foxes down there, who have nothing to do but eat, drink and make love, gobble up all the cheeses which the fair housewives of Orleans can manufacture.

A critical observer and artistic admirer of the sex, who has travelled pretty much over the whole Dominion, has catalogued for me the distinguishing traits of the fair sex, in our principal cities :

The girls of Halifax are the best made. Those of St. John are the prettiest. Those of Quebec are the gayest and jolliest.

Those of Montreal are the most stately.

Those of Toronto are the most dashing. Those of Ottawa are the most refined.

city, for rosy, healthful beauty.

Those of Hamilton are the wildest. I disclaim any responsibility for these distinctions. Only I will back the girls of old Quebec against those of any other

Riddles in rhyme are a harmless amusement, in which people who have abundant leisure, or who are intensely lovesick, may indulge to their heart's content. It is very seldom, however, that you find a truly good one. The following is the best I have met with, in a long time, and I make no scrupule to publish it:

TO A VERY NICE YOUNG LADY.

My first is my self in a very short word;

My second's a puppet and you are my third.

Answer:—IDOL.

Tennyson's description of a nose as " tip-tilted like the petal of a flower," is offset by the Frenchman's calling the same species of nose: " un nez en trompette."

A soldier was brought up before his superior officer, on the charge of having used a pack of cards at church. He defended himself in this fushion. He said that he used the cards as a book of devotion. The acc represented the creator of all things; the deuce, the ancient and new Testaments; the three, the Holy Trinity; the four, the Holy Evangelists; the five, the five wise Virgins; the six, the Creation of the World in six days; the seven, the Sabbath, or day of rest; the eight, the eight persons who were saved from the deluge; the nine, the healing of the nine lepers; the ten, the Ten Commandments; the queen, the Queen of Sheba; and the king, the authority of God. The fifty-two cards represent the fifty-two weeks of the year, the twelve figures, the twelve Apostles and the twelve months of the year; and the spots numbered three hundred and sixty-six, represent the three hundred and sixty-six days of the year. Consequently the cards served to our good soldier as bible and almanac. When he had concluded his explanation, the officer reminded him that he had said nothing of the knave. The reply was that the knave represented the sergeant who had brought him up for using cards in the church. The soldier got his pardon and a little sum of money for his ingenuity.

The career of Ralph Keeler, late the special correspondent of the New York Tribune, is an example of what energy and A poor boy in the rseverance can accomplish. with. He was negro minstrel, circus attendant and general vagabond, but as soon as he had made a little money, he went to college and studied hard. He worked his way, later on, to Europe, taught languages, wrote magazine articles, on the slender proceeds of which he managed to spend some time at Heidelberg He next fought his way up to an important position on Every Saturday, served as special correspondent for leading papers and finally went to Cuba for the Tribure. It was on his way from Santiago to Havana, that he disappeared off the steamer Cienfuegos. He was the author of a couple of popular works, spoke several languages, had travelled very extensively in Europe and America, had won reputation and made money, and yet, at the time of his death, was only in the prime of life.

ALMAYIVA.

Mossrs. Chisholm & Bros'. International and Steam Navigation Guide for January has made its appearance. This is the only r publication of the kind in the country.

FANCY BALL COSTUMES.

Four fancy ball costumes of the latest European make will e acceptable at this season to our lady readers, especially uring the present dearth of dress "ideas."

Winter.—This costume is mude of white tulle. A large

white mantille covers the head, shoulders, and chest. The loose flowing bodice is of dark grey satin, and opens over a waistcoat of the same; a bunch of swansdown borders it. The long muslin sleeves are trimmed with swansdown. The muslin tunic is very full in front, and is looped up at the sides; the skirt is triped with crossbands of white satin, in imita-tion of icicles. At the side of the tunic there is a bunch of pine cones. At the back there is a border of swansdown, with streaks of white satin like the icicles on the skirt. The bouillonnés on the skirt are arranged irregularly, to imitate snow flakes. The satin bands, in imitation of icicles, are cut of irregular length.

DAY .- Bodice of sky blue faille; it is cut low in front, and trimmed round the top with a row of velvet studded with small pearls, and ornamented with lace, which stands upright at the back. The train is blue faille, and it opens over a white silk petticoat. The upper part of this petticoat is trimmed with stripes of velvet studded with pearls, and in the centre with rosettes of gold-coloured satin. A deep plaiting borders the petticoat, and above the plaiting there is a flounce, which is continued up the sides, and meets the train. A trail of convolvuli descends upon the train and skirt; a gold sun in the hair, and a gold girdle round the waist. Sometimes gold beads are substituted for the pearls on the velvet rays.

THE MEDICI COSTUME.—Velvet bodice, open heart-shaped in front, and pointed at the waist. The opening is filled with silk tulle, embroidered with gold. Faille sleeves, with white satin crevés inserted in the upper bouillonné; a velvet crossband separates the bouillonnes. The deep cuffs and the high goffered collar are edged with lace. The bodice terminates with a white silk flounce. The faille tunic is pointed in front, and looped up at the sides, where it forms plaits; it is edged with a goffered puffing. The long velvet skirt is ornamented with four rows of goffered puffings in the same style. The deep cuffs and high fraise look rich when composed of gold lace, and a narrow row of gold embroidery adds to the effect of pushings on the velvet train. This costume looks well in either purple or crimson velvet and white silk.

ANNE BOLEYN.—The headdress, which is somewhat in the form of a hood, is made of velvet, and turns up in front with a coronet of either gold, silver, or tortoiseshell. Velvet dress, with train, richly embroidered with gold; the bodice is square at the top, and ornamented with embroidery studded with precious stones; there are robings of ermine at each side of the tablier. The wide hanging sleeves are also lined with ermine. The tablier is white grosgrain, richly embroidered with gold and precious stones. The necklet is gold, and has a large medallion encrusted with gems suspended from it. The girdle matches the necklet in style. The girdle is very long, the ends of it reaching almost to the feet.

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For the illustrations and description of the above, we are Vail, M.

Dorchester: Morriset, M.

Drummond and Arthanska:

Laparier 17

indebted to the Queen.

HOW TO BE A HUMOURIST.

"Matador" writes as follows to the Daily Graphic on the subject of the "Danbury News man" and his jokes, suggesting that every man should be his own "Danbury News Man." It is, he says the simplest thing in the world. Of course the average man don't think so, but that is merely because he is content to admire the "Danbury News Man's" jokes without a closs scrutiny of their method of construction. Whenever they are analyzed the plan upon which they are made becomes so plain that the wayfaring man, or any other man, with the slightest trace of his ancestral simian capacity for imitation can go to

work and build up a "D inbury News Man's" joke as easily as he could write a miney article for a New York daily.

The process is this: First you hypothecate a mai, and locate him in any street that may occur to you. As, for example, you invent "Mr. Jones, of Wooster street." This is obviously the simplest of all possible proceedings. Even the small boy the simplest of all possible proceedings. Even the small-boy who has proceeded far enough in ari hmetic to invent, for the pleasure of his teacher, men who buy 12,000 apples to distribute to thirty-seven boys, or other infamous men who engage in similar sports for the exasperation of innocent youth could invent a "Jones, of Wooster street."

Having thus caught your man, you proceed to mention that he has met with some unpleasant accident. All you have to do is to mention this fact at some length and with solemn circumlocution, and then the thing is done. You have made a joke, and henceforth can be your own "Danbury News Man.

Take the case of Jones, of Wooster street, and complicate him with a wife and a tomcat. The treatment rejuired to produce the desired joke will be something as follows:

"Mr. Jones, of Wooster street, is a quiet m.n. He likes an uninterrupte i night's rest, and Mrs. Joues says that if he did not snore he would be as harmless as a corpse. The other night—it was a particularly cool and pleasant night for sleeping—Mr. Jones was awakened at about two A. M., by Mrs. Jones. She told him there were robbers in the room. Mr. Jones pinched her just to express his indignation at being woke up for such a trivial cause, and then put his head under the clothes and pretended that he wanted to go to sleep again. But Mrs. Jones wouldn't give him a minute's peace, and he finally thought he had better get up to see about it. He said he asn't afraid of any livin g robber, but he did object t Ohio, and an orphan from infancy, he went out into the world his spinal vertebre laid bare. Mr. Jones got up and hunted and at an early age, taking up the first employment he met for a match. First he ran his head against the edge of the closet door and then he knocked the clock off the mantel-piece and when it burst open on his bare feet and filled his legs full of bits of glass and sharp-pointed wheels, he simply said something about 'Helen' somebody—his wife didn't hear the last name—and asked Mrs. Jones whether she would never make up her mind to leave the matches where he could get at them, or whether she would prefer to see him cut to pieces and made a mangled corpse. Finally he found the matches, and after trying in vain to light six of them he got one to light at last. Before he could find the lamp he dropped the match, and it lit a second time. In fact it lit on his bare foot. Mrs. Jones tild him that as a church member he ought to be ashamed of himself, and what would the innocent children think if they could hear him. At last he managed to get the lamp lit, and found that the cat was sleeping serenely at Mrs. Jones's feet, and that her purring had been mistaken by that lady for the breathing of a whole gang of robbers. Mr. Jones sat on the side of the bod and talked to Mrs. Jones in a kind and Christ-

ian way about that cat and those matches and that clock and that closet door till breakfast time, and then went down to the drug-store and bought arsenic enough to kill all the cats in Woost r street. He hasn't been disturbed at night since, and his boy sold a handsome catskin for twenty-five marbles and an ounce of gunpowder yesterday morning."

Can anything be easier than this? And yet people who don't take the trouble to analyze things go to their graves ignorant that, if they choose, they might be their own "Danbury News Man," and so leave precious and fragrant memories and comic almanacs behind them to reconcile their friends to their bereavement.

THE COMING ELECTIONS.

The following is a partial list of candidates at the coming elections. The names printed in italics are those of members who sat in the last Parliament,

Addington: Shibley, M. Joyner, O. Albert: Albert:
Algoma: Dennison, M.
Brown, M.
W. H. Scott, M.
Annapolis: Ray, M.
Chesley, O. Chosley, O.
Antigonish: Abbott, O.
Argenteuil: Abbott, O.
Bellingham, M.
Bagot: Forsyth, I.
Beauce:
Beauharnois: Robittard, O.
Girouard, O.
Bellechasse: Fournier, M.
Barthier: Nicolet: Gaudet, O.
Northumberland, N.B.: Mitchell,
O.
Snowball, M.
Northumberland, E.: Keeder, O.
Ferris, M.
Biggar M.
Northumberland, W.: Cockburn,
O.
Kerr, M.
Kerr, M.
Ontario, N.: W. H. Gibbs. O.
Ontario, S.: Hon. T. N. Gibbs. O.
Ontario, S.: Hon. T. N. Gibbs., O.
Ottawa City: Currier, O.
Evois, O.
Waller, M.
Ottowa County: A. Wright, O.'
Oxford, N.: Oliver, M.
Oxford, S.: Bodwell, M.
Peetl: Smith. M.
Perth, N.: Bedford, M.
Montoith, O.
Perth, S.: Trow, M.
Peterboro, E.: Miller, O.
Hall, M.
Peterboro, W.: Bertram, M.
Scott, O.
Pictou: Doull, O.
J. McDonald, O.
Carmichael, M.
Dawson, M.
Pontiae: McKay Wright, O.
Portneuf: De St. Georges, M.
Belleau, O.
Belleau, O.
Belleau, O.
Prescott: Hagar, M.
T. White, O.
Provencher: Riel, M.
Clarke, O.
Prince Edward: Ross, M. Bellechasse: Fournier, M.
Berthier:
Brothier:
Tremblay, M.
Bonaventure: Robitai'le, O.
Tremblay, M.
Bothwell: Mills, M.
Brant, N.: Fleming, M.
Brant, S.: Paterson, M.
Brockville: Buett, M.
Crawford, O.
Brome: Pettis, I.
Bruce, N.: Gillier, M.
Bruce, S.: Hon. E. Blake, M.
Cape Breton: McKay, M.
McDonald, O.
McLeod, U.
Cardwell: Hon. J. H. Cameron, O.
Cariboo: Cardwell: Hon. J. H. Camero:
Carleton, N. B.:
Carleton, N. B.:
Carleton, Ont.: Rochester, O.
Wallace, M.
Chambly: Benoit, O.
Jodoin, M.
Champlain: Gaudet
Trudel.
Normand.
Charletoix: Charlotte: McAdam, O.
Chateaugusy: Charlotte: McAuan,
Chateauguay:
Chicoutimi and Saguenay:
Compton: Pope, O.
Cornwall: Bergin, M.
Cumberland: Tupper, O.
Hibbard, M.

Digby: Savary. Wall, M.
Dorchester: Morriset, M.
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Dordas: Gibson, M.
Durham, E.: Lewis Ross, M.
Williams, O.
Durham, W: E. B. Wood, M.
Eigin, E.: Harvey, M.
Eigin, E.: Harvey, M.
Essex: O'Connor, O.
McGregor, M.
Frontenae: Kirk patrick, O.
Cartwright, M.
Grenville, S.: Brouse, M.
Grey, N.: Saider, M.
Grey, N.: Saider, M.
Grey, S.: Landerkin, M.
Lane, O.
Guysboro: Whitman, M.
Stewart, O.
Kirk, M.
Haldimand: D. Thompson, M.
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Hamilton: Witton, O.
O'Reilly, O.
Einilius Irving, M.
A. T. Wood, M.
Hants: Goudge, I.
Allison.
Hastings, N.: Bowell, O.
O'rlynn, M.
A. T. Wood, M.
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Hastings, N.: Bowell, O.
O'rlynn, M.
Hochelaga: Desjard'ns, M.
Villeneuve, O.
Huron, C.: Horton, M.
Huron, S.: M. C. Cameron, M.
Iberville: Béchard, M.
Inverness: McDonne'l. O.
Vameron, M.
Jacques Cartier: Lafamme, M.
Mousseau, O.
Kamouraska: Chapman, O.
King's, N. S.: Chipman, O.
Kings, N. S.: Chipman, O.
Kingston: Sir J. A. Macdonald, O.
Carruthers, M.
Lanark, N.: Galbraith, M.
Lennox: Hon. R. J. Cartwright, M.
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Lennox: Frechette, M.

Montgomory, M.
Maorae, M.
Lennox: Han. R. J. Cartwright, M
Levis: Frechette, M.
Chabot, O.
Lincola: Morris, M.
Clark, O.
Lisgar: Schultz, O.
L'Islet: Casprain, M.
London: Carling, O.
Walker, M.
Lothinière: Joly, M.

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Lotbinière: Joly, M.
Fabre, M.
Beaudet, O.
Marquette: Cunningham, M.
Maskinonge: Boyer, M.
Uaron, O.
Megantie: Richard, M.
Midd'esox, E.: Glass, M.
Croweil Wilson, O.
Middlesox, N.: Neatcherd, M.
Middlesox, W.: G. W. Ross, M.
Munro, O.
Missisanoi: Baker, O.

Munro
Missisquoi: Baker, O.
Kay, M.
Monok: Edgar, M.
McCallum, O.
Montoalm: Dugas, O.

Montmagny: Tascher au, M.
Montmorenci: Langlois, O.
Montreal, C.: Ryan. O.
Devlin, M.
Montreal, E.: Jetté, M.
Montreal, W.: Mackenzie, M.
Rodden. O.
Muskoka: A. P. Cockburn, M.
Teviotdale, O.
Napierville: Dorion, M.
New Westminster:
Niagara: Currie, M.
Nicolet: Gaudet, O.
Northumbe: land, N.B.: Mitchell,
O.

Provencher: Riel, M.
Clarke, O.
Prince Edward: Ross, M.
Mc Juaig, O.
Quebec, C.: Cauch in, I.
Quebec, E.: Thibaudeau, M.
Quebec, W.: McGreevy, O.
Alleyn.
O'Farrell, M.
Murphy.
Roche.

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Quebec County: Caron. M.
Rholes.
Renfrew, N.: Moffatt. M.
P. White. O.
Renfrew, S.: J. L. McDougall, M.
McLachian, O.
Restigouche:
Richelieu: Mathicu, O.
Barthe, M.
Richmond, N.S.:
Richmond and Wolfe: Webb. O.
Aylmer, M.

Aylmer, M.

Rienmond and Wolfe: Webb. O.

Aylmer, M.

Rimouski: Fieet. O.

Bouville: Mercier. M.

Cheval, M.

Poulin. O.

Bell. M.

Bla kburn, M.

Sparks. O.

McCaul, O.

Morgan, M.

St. John City: De Veber. M.

St. John's: Bourasaa, M.

St. Hyacinthe: Deforme, M.

St. Maurice: Lacerte, O.

Lujo e. M.

Shefford: Huntangton, M.

Cur. an, O.

Shefford: Huntington, M.
Cur, an, O.
Shelburne: Co-fin, M.
Sherbrooke: Brooks, O.
Simcoe, N.: Cook, M.
Dalton Mo Parthy, O.
Soulanges: Lintier, O.
De Beaujeu, M.
Stanstead: Colby, O.
Stormout: Archibaid, M.
Crysler, O.
Temiscouata: Pouliot, O.
Terrebonne: Muson, O.
Three Rivers: Me Dongall, O.
Dawson, M.
Toronto, C.: Willer, M.
S. Blake, O.

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Toronto, C.: Willow M.
S. Blake, O.
Toronto, E.: O'D none, M.
Coatsworth, O.
Toronto, W.: Morrison, O.
Two Mountains: Precod, M.
Watts, O.
Vaudreuil: Hirmond, O.
Verchères: Geafrion, M.
Victoria, B.C.: De Cosmos, O.
Victoria, S.S.: Ross, M.
Victoria South: Dormer, O.
Waterloo, S.: Founn, M.
Wellington, S.: Founn, M.
Wellington, N.: Hippinbotham, M.
Drew, O.
Woltington, N.: Hippinbotham, M.
Wentworth, N.: Bain, M.
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York, S.: Rymal, M.
Yamaska: Durnay, O.
Gill, M.
York, N.: Dymond, M.
Hunter, O.
York, W.: Blain, M.
Hubertus, M.