

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 art.

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.

Canadians do not appreciate half the good things which their country produces. Who ever heard of fromage d'Orleans? Yet a Quebec friend of mine assures me that it has not its superior among refined cheeses.

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.
Those of Hamilton are the wildest.

Riddles in rhyme are a harmless amusement, in which people who have abundant leisure, or who are intensely love-sick, may indulge to their heart's content.

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 fashion. He said that he used the cards as a book of devotion.

The career of Ralph Keeler, late the special correspondent of the New York Tribune, is an example of what energy and perseverance can accomplish. A poor boy in the interior of Ohio, and an orphan from infancy, he went out into the world and at an early age, taking up the first employment he met with.

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

FANCY BALL COSTUMES.

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

WINTER.—This costume is made of white tulle. A large white mantle 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.

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 MARIAGE 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 cross-band separates the bouillonnés.

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.

For the illustrations and description of the above, we are 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."

The process is this: First you hypothecate a man, and locate him in any street that may occur to you. As, for example, you invent "Mr. 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.

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

"Mr. Jones, of Wooster street, is a quiet man. He likes an uninterrupted night's rest, and Mrs. Jones 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 woken up for such a trivial cause, and then put his head under the clothes and pretended that he wanted to go to sleep again.

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 Wooster street.

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: Dennison, M. Brown, M. W. H. Scott, M.
Annapolis: Ray, M. Chesley, O.
Antigonish: Argenteuil: Abbott, O. Bellingham, M.
Bagot: Forsyth, I.
Beauce: Beauharnois: Robitard, O. Girouard, O. Bellechasse: Fournier, M. Berthier: Bonaventure: Robitard, O. Tremblay, M.
Bothwell: Mills, M. Brant, N.: Fleming, M. Brant, S.: Paterson, M. Brockville: Buell, M. Crawford, O.
Brome: Pettis, I. Bruce, N.: Gillies, M. Bruce, S.: Hon. E. Blake, M. Cape Breton: McKay, M. McDonald, O. McLeod, O.
Cardwell: Hon. J. H. Cameron, O.
Carleton Place: Carleton, N. B.: Rochester, O. Wallace, M.
Chambly: Benoit, O. Jodoin, M.
Champlain: Gaudet, O. Trudel, O. Normand, O.
Charlevoix: Charlotte: McAdam, O.
Chateauguy: Chicoutimi and Saguenay: Compton: Pope, O. Cornwall: Bergin, M. Cumberland: Tupper, O. Hibbard, M.
Digby: Savary, O. Vail, M.
Dorchester: Morriset, M.
Drummond and Arthabaska: Drummond: Laurier (?), M.
Dundas: Gibson, M.
Durham: E.: Lewis Ross, M. Williams, O.
Elgin, E.: Harvey, M. Day, O.
Essex: O'Connor, O. McGregor, M.
Frontenac: Kirkpatrick, O. Cartwright, M.
Gloucester: Anlin, M. Grenville, S.: Broue, M. Grey, N.: Snider, M. Grey, S.: Landerkin, M. Lane, O.
Guysboro: Whitman, M. Stewart, O. Kirk, M.
Haldimand: D. Thompson, M.
Halifax: Jones, M. Power, M.
Hamilton: Wilton, O. O'Reilly, O. Amilius Irving, M. A. T. Wood, M.
Hants: Goudge, I. Allison.
Hastings, E.: John White, O. Hastings, N.: Boscwell, O. O'lynn, M.
Hastings, W.: Jas. Brown, O. Patterson, M.
Hochelaga: Desjardins, M. Villeneuve, O.
Huntingdon: Scrier, O. Rowe.
Huron, G.: Horton, M. Huron, S.: M. C. Cameron, M.
Inverness: McDonnell, O. Cameron, M.
Jacques Cartier: LaPlamme, M. Mousseau, O.
Kamouraska: Pelletier, M. Kent, Ont.: Stephenson, O. King's, N. B.: Donville, O. Sharp, M.
King's, N. S.: Chipman, O. Kingston: Sir J. A. Macdonald, O. Carruthers, M.
Lambton: Mackenzie, M. Lanark, N.: Gairbraid, M. Lanark, S.: Haggart, O.
Laval: Oum, O.
Leeds and Grenville: Jones, O. Montgomery, M. Macrae, M.
Lennox: Hon. R. J. Cartwright, M.
Levis: Frechette, M. Chabot, O.
Lincoln: Morris, M. Clark, O.
Lisgar: Schultz, O.
L'Islet: Casgrain, M.
London: Carling, O. Walker, M.
Lotbinière: Joly, M. Fabre, M. Beaudet, O.
Marquette: Cunningham, M.
Maskinongé: Boyer, M. Caron, O.
Mégantic: Richard, M. Midd'esex, E.: Glass, M. Crowell Wilson, O.
Middlesex, N.: Scatcherd, M. Middlesex, W.: G. W. Ross, M. Munro, O.
Missisquoi: Baker, O. Kay, M.
Monok: Edgar, M. McCallum, O.
Montcalm: 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.
Northumberland, N. B.: Mitchell, O. Snowball, M.
Northumberland, E.: Keeler, O. Ferris, M. Biggar, M.
Northumberland, W.: Cockburn, O. Kerr, M. Kerr, O.
Ontario, N.: W. H. Gibbs, O.
Ontario, S.: Hon. T. N. Gibbs, O. Malcolm Cameron, M.
Ottawa City: Currier, O. Lewis, O. Waller, M. St. Jean, O.
Ottawa County: A. Wright, O. F. S. McKay, M.
Oxford, N.: Oliver, M.
Oxford, S.: Bouché, M.
Perth: Smith, M.
Perth, N.: Bedford, M. Monteith, O.
Perth, S.: Troun, M.
Peterboro, E.: Miller, O. Hall, M.
Peterboro, W.: Bertram, M. Scott, O.
Pictou: Doull, O. J. McDonald, O. Carmichael, M. Dawson, M.
Pontiac: McKay Wright, O.
Portneuf: De St. Georges, M. Belleau, O. Bellemare, M.
Prescott: Hagar, M. T. White, O.
Provencher: Riel, M. Clarke, O.
Prince Edward: Ross, M. McNaig, O.
Quebec, C.: Cauchon, I.
Quebec, E.: Thibaut, M.
Quebec, W.: McGreevy, O. Allyn, Hearn, O'Farrell, M. Murphy, Roche.
Quebec County: Caron, M. Rhoads.
Renfrew, N.: Moffatt, M. P. White, O.
Renfrew, S.: J. L. McDougall, M. McLachlan, O.
Restigouche: Richelieu: Mathieu, O. Barthe, M.
Richmond, N. S.: Richmond and Wolfe: Webb, O. Aylmer, M.
Rimouski: Fiset, O.
Bouville: Mercier, M. Cheval, M. Poulin, O.
Russell: Grant, O. Ball, M. Blakburn, M. Sparks, O. McCaul, O. Morgan, M.
St. John City: De Veber, M.
St. John City and Co.: Burpee, M.
St. John's: Bourassa, M.
St. Hyacinthe: De'orme, M.
St. Maurice: Lacerte, O. Lajoie, M.
Shefford: Huntington, M. Curran, O.
Shelburne: Coffin, M.
Sherbrooke: Brooks, O. Simcoe, N.: Cook, M.
Soulanges: Dalton McFarthy, O.
Stanstead: Lalier, O. De Beaulieu, M.
Stormont: Colby, O.
Tamisouana: Foutier, O.
Terrebonne: Mason, O.
Three Rivers: McDonnell, O. Dawson, M.
Toronto, C.: Wilks, M. S. Blake, O.
Toronto, E.: O'Donovan, M. Coatsworth, O.
Toronto, W.: Morrison, O.
Two Mountains: Prevost, M. Watts, O.
Vaudreuil: Harwood, O.
Verchères: Geoffrion, M.
Victoria, B. C.: De Cosmos, O.
Victoria, N. S.: Ross, M.
Victoria South: Dormer, M.
Waterloo, N.: Boeniger, M.
Waterloo, S.: Young, M.
Welland: Thomson, M.
Wellington, C.: Orton, O.
Wellington, N.: Hipsinbotham, M. Drew, O.
Wellington, S.: Striton, M.
Wentworth, N.: Bain, M.
Wentworth, S.: Rynal, M. Buel, O.
Westmoreland: Hon. A. J. Smith, M.
Yamaska: Duquay, O. Gill, M.
York, E.: Dymond, M.
York, N.: Hunter, O.
York, W.: Blain, M. Hubertus, M.