

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.

**TORY:** So many derivations of the word *Tory* have been given one time and another, that it is almost impossible to decide which is the correct one. Funnily enough, few of these are very flattering; possibly the reason is that they emanate from the other party.

For instance, one is the highwayman's cry "Torce! Torce." (Give! Give! i. e. your money or your life :)? Goliath says "Whatever inhabits mountains and forests is a Tory, be it bird, beast or man." Macaulay says that the name was first given to those who refused to concur in excluding James from the throne. Perhaps the most probable derivation is that given in *Notes and Queries*, from *Tuath-righ*, "partisans of the king."

**E. W.**—You ask which is the most horrible tale ever written, but you do not say whether you mean truth or fiction. "Truth is stranger than fiction," and we think the story of the Marshal de Retz—given in outline in this week's issue—is what you are looking for. It is to be found in full as an appendix to Sabine Baring-Gould's *Book of the were-wolves*, now for many years out of print, and somewhat difficult to get. In fiction, Mrs. Shelley's *Frankenstein* is about as bad to read last thing at night as anything we remember: and some of Poe's *Tales*, especially the one about the *Monkey-Murderer*, are by no means good antidotes to indigestion.

**AMY:** The lady should *certainly* bow first. It is a great mistake for young ladies to feel shy about bowing first when they pass men they know only slightly. Men have to use a great deal of discretion in this matter, because some women are so silly that they do not care to take the initiative: but a woman should never hesitate a moment, unless she has reasons for not wishing to know any particular man any longer. We have in several instances preferred to consider ourselves "cut" when a lady we knew slightly allowed us to bow first on two or three occasions; we would rather lose an acquaintance than run the risk of being spoken of as "presuming," and "not able to take a polite hint,"—and most gentlemen feel the same way about it.

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**TOMMY:**—(who had concealed himself under the sofa during the betrothal scene. Sister, lemme see your ring.  
**HIS SISTER:**—Why Tommy?  
**TOMMY:**—I want to see if the galoot told the truth when he said his heart was in it