

will never live to celebrate another birthday.

The difference between rising at 5 and 7 o'clock in the morning, supposing a man to go to bed at the same hour every night, is nearly equivalent to adding 10 years to a man's life.—*Bow Bells.*

During an examination, a medical student being asked the question "When does mortification set in?" replied, "When you pop the question and are answered, 'no.'"

A student supposed to be deficient in judgment, was asked by a professor how he would discover a fool. "By the questions he would ask" was the prompt and suggestive reply.

A gentleman, having made some progress in acquiring a knowledge of Italian, addressed a few words to an organ-grinder in his purest accent. He was astonished at receiving the following reply. "I no speak Inglis."

### BRAIN POWER.

**W**E are supposed to live in an age when brute force has ceased to rule, and brain power alone is the governing agent. In ancient times, when the mailed knight was the ruling power in society, it was easy to bring about a combat between two rival knights to find out which was the superior. But in the present day the question of superiority,

as to brain power, is far more difficult to solve. We cannot weigh brains, as we would tea or sugar, and find out the relative value of each. Tests, however, have been arranged by which we are supposed to get a knowledge of the brain-power of various individuals. These tests are certainly better than none at all. Yet they are far from perfect; consequently we often find men selected by such means, to do work for which they are quite unsuited, and to fill offices for which they have no capacity.

The present is an age of competitive examinations, and these afford but a very imperfect test of brain-power. They tend almost entirely to bring to the front those whose minds are the best stored, and many persons therefore, come to the conclusion that, by such a course, we have obtained for our various services the cleverest youths. It does not however follow that this result has been obtained. The greatest brain power may actually be low down in the exam. list.

There is certainly an advantage to be gained by storing the mind with facts, and some people imagine that a knowledge of these facts indicates an educated and strong mind. It, however, merely proves the mind to have been stored, not strengthened. We may know what Cæsar did under certain conditions; how Cromwell gained such an ascendancy over the English people, but the acquiring of any quantity of such facts would not enable an individual to solve the question of imperial federation, unless he could find in the past an exactly similar