THE FREE LANCE.

What does the St. Johns News mean by the

following ?-"In Eaton, March 25th, ---, youngest sin of ----, and ----, aged 1 month."

In England, Cardinal Manning is about ordering a return to the severe Gregorian chant. It is about time the same were done here. On Easter Sunday, at St. James Church, I read that Rinck music was played and sung.

A rare bit of phonetics.

A reporter of one of our most esteemed contemporaries went around to the different churches on Easter eve. to ascertain what music would be performed at the services of the following day. At the Gesu, he was informed that, among other pieces, would be sing the "Regins Coll," the words being pronounced after the Continental fashion. The reporter took them down and printed them as "Regina Sale."

Two Montreal lawyers are talking over a recent international case of great interest. Says

one:
"Why is the Extradition Act like a vermifuge !"
"Why !"

"Because it rids us of Worms."

Some people fear that our Lacrosse Team, on going to Europe, will not get through all right. I think it will. Whyt

Because it carries a small, but sharp Bowie.

Gov. Irwin of California has signed a bill which gives to landlords a lien on the leggage of guests as security for payment of board bills. In more than one instance that I know of in this city, that would be a lean security indeed.

The law of complementary colors does not hold good in Canada it seems, for here White is blue and Brown is red.

I won't tell aloud in what street she lives, because you would be after her to try to cut me out. But I will tell you how pretty she is, my little barmaid. Hands white and pulpy; spatuled fingers; generous waist, tightly belted; hair bright-gold and glossy, like coils of taffy; lips that smack like ginger; columnar neck white as the foam of the sea. When she ladles out the Tem and Jerry, what a picture she is! The gardener's daughter of Tennyson is nothing to her. When she holds up the silver spoon, look down furtively into the snowy depths of her slashed sleeve and the sight almost makes me faint. But her eyes! There are none like them in this city-the eyes of Elizabeth Barrett Browning and Lucile Western. Violet eyes.

You don't say so ? Yes, her eyes are violet. And her heart? Ah! that is inviolate!

Two little boys are bragging about the respective merits of their fathers' houses.

"Our house is covered with Flemish tiles,

says one.
"O, that's nothing. Ours is covered with mortgages," was the triumphant reply of the

In the spring the youthful fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love, and the atmosphere is tender with the cooing of the dove, but when Betsy sweeps that doorstep with white brow that's veiled like thunder, then gentlemen sparks had better mind their hats and stand from under.

The Witness is said to be the only paper which has subscribed to the fund of the Montreal Lagrosse Club, on its tour through Britain. am surprised to see our temperance advocate following the example of Alderman Stephens and encouraging Beens.

Mr. Jette voted yea on Workman's motion for Protection, but was absent on account of illness in his family when Sir John's motion came up. Why didn't he pair as that gentleman did, when called to Kingston by the sickness of his sister?

A young lady astronomer, after observing the starry sky for a long time, observed :

must the inside be!

A lady in St. Johns, knowing a certain friend was fond of well-seasoned gingerbread, made him a chunk as hot as Gehenna, (Hades was nothing to it), with Cayenne pepper. When in a tight biscuit tin, three feet off, it made the eyes water and the mouth pucker. Suspecting the cajolement he gave of it freely to this acquaintances, and now when they see him coming down the street afar off, they flee in opposite directions. Being a poor man the "small deer" felt the "hard times" in his cupbord so much that they had to fall to at the ginger bread. And now, there is no sleeping in that house, from the noise the rats and mice make, coughing, wheezing, and clearing their throats, and when you open a door suddenly, there is a mouse, or mayhap a rat, sitting up on his haunches wiping away the team from his eyes with his forepaws.

The most harmonious due in church-singing in the Dominion, and the one most in sympathy and unison, is in Belleville church, where a Whom nor to Marry. -- Women who love friend of ours is lucky enough to sit next to a their husbands are happy and at rest. These

hero and heroine of Tennyson's Princess, or Adam and Eve in their famous duett in Haydn's Creation. He always did sing like a Tom cat. LACLEDE.

THE GLEANER.

That historic puzzle, the mystery of the Man in the Iron Mask, is to be unveiled by August Reise, a German.

THE rapid and emphatic recital of the following is said to be an infallible cure for lisping: Hobbs meets Snobbs and Nobbs; Hobbs bobs to Snobbs and Nobbs; Hobbs nobs with Snobbs and robs Nobb's fobs. "This is," says Nobs, "the worse for Hobbs's jobs," and Snobbs sobs.

THE secularization or confiscation of the monasteries and convents in Greece is proposed. There are now 138 monasteries and 7 numeries, with 1,729 monks and 168 nuns in Greece. The yearly income of the conventual property is about \$101,000, and the full value of the monasteries is estimated from thirty to fifty millions of

ASSIE BESANT, the English radical heroine. has started a petition to Parliament praying that no further grants of money to or for the royal family or any member of it shall be given under any circumstances whatever. The signatures have run up into the neighborhood of \$0,000, and, when presented, it will be the largest petition ever sent to that body.

THE marvellous recuperation of France is again proved by Leon Say's budget for 1877. In 1869, the last complete year before the war, the revenue amounted to 1,400,000,000 francs; the expenditure for 1877 is estimated at the enormous sum of 2,120,000,000 francs, which shows that in eight years the taxation of France has increased 50 per cent, the excess over last year's expenditure being 50,000,000 francs. For the army and navy 730,000,000 francs are allotted, but for education only 40,000,000 francs.

A political map of France has just been published in France. The Legitimist, the Orleanist, the Bonapartist, the Conservative Republican, and the Radical Republican constituencies are all marked by a distinctive tint. The Legitimists are nearly confined to Brittany and the adjoining provinces. The Bonapartists own large strips in the north and the southwest. The Orleanists scarcely appear in the east and centre. The Radicals possess an unbroken tract on the south coast near the mouth of the Rhône. The Conservative Republicans cover most of the east and the centre.

A gentleman out of the kindness of his heart asked a dozen small boys to take a walk in the was a cert field one pleasant summer day. But when he troubles.' was ready to return home they all began to get "Spea weary, and he took the smallest boy on his back. Then they all cried to be carried in the same way. He then resorted to an ingenious experiment. "I'll get horses for us all," and jumping into a hedge, he cut small wands for ponies for the little fellows, and a great stake as for himself, which put mettle into their little legs, and they all rode cheerily home.

HEARTH AND HOME.

SOLEMN RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARENTS .-- IT cannot be too strongly urged upon public con-sideration, that by a careful study of laws or-dained by God, we arrive at the inevitable conclusion that under a practical obedience to these laws, every one born with a sound structural formation might pass through infancy, youth and manhood, in the constant enjoyment of health, both of mind and body; and if we believe the scriptural text informing us that a well-trained child will not in after life depart from the right way, we must believe that every crime committed in the world is owing to evil training during childhood. How solemn, then, is the trust reposed in all who have the manage-ment of children! how sacred the duty enjoined upon every mother among mankind.

THE DEBT OF MOTHERS, -- Mothers live for their children, make self-sacrifices for them, and manifest their tenderness and love so freely that the name mother is the sweetest in the human youthful and know but little of the auxiety, the nights of sleepless and painful solicitude, which their mothers have spent over their thoughtless way-wardness. Those loving hearts go down to their graves with those hours of secret agony untold. As the mother watches by night, or prays in the privacy of her closet, she weighs all the words she will address to her son in order to lead him to a manhood of honor and usefulness. She will not tell him all the griefs and fears which beset her soul while her heart is bleeding. No worthy and successful man ever yet knew the breadth and depth of the obligation that he is under to the mother who guided his heedless steps at the time when his character for virtue and purity was so narrowly balanced against a course of vice and ignominy. Let the dutiful son do his utmost to soothe his mother's pathway, let him obey as implicitly as he can her advice, let him omit nothing that will contribute to her peace, rest and happiness, and yet he will part from her at the tomb with his debt to her not half discharged,

late lady member of the choir, at the ends of ad- who do not are disturbed and restless. They joining pews. Their voices are as well attuned to make and female parts with the most exact time. They are ready to flirt at any moment. This could be and like with difference," as the Their children are, according to their means, either hidden in nurseries under the care of French bonnes, or handed over to Sally, the slatternly nurse, to shake, and slap, and stuff with sugar, as her wisdom dictates, while society and amusements of all sorts occupy their mother's time. Home is not happy to the poor woman, because she has chosen her mate foolishly ---because she trusted to that "love after marriage" which mercenary old people promise those who make what they call a sensible match. Sad as a neglected wife who loves her husband well must be, I believe she is happier than this poor restless creature, though she is worshipped. The love of one we do not love becomes simply a bore, especially in the close intercourse of home life; and she who does not give her heart to her husband is not likely to care much for his children. So, girls, if you do not love your lover, don't marry him. Remember that marriage is a serious step, and that when you give him your hand that he may encircle it with a wedding ring, you seal the happiness or misery of your natural life. Don't marry unless you are sure of your love for him, and his for you.

BRELOQUES POUR DAMES.

SWEET-MEETS.-Two fond lovers in a first

THERE is no special style in engraving ensagement rings. A spider's web with a fly in it has been suggested as a pretty device.

A journalist says that the girl of the period prides herself on "being no larger round than a candle." What he means is that she has a taper waist.

THE lady who fell back on her dignity was very near breaking it; and the man who couldn't stand it any longer has taken a seat, and is now quite comfortable.

PREVAILING grief may be expected this season, as we are told by the fashions that "mourning goods are excessively becoming, and of rare and elegant quality."

A PROFESSOR in explaining to a class of young ladies the theory according to which the body is entfrely renewed every seven years, said, "Thus, Miss B., in seven years you will in reality be no longer Miss B."--"I really hope I shan't," demurely responded the girl, casting down her

"Do you believe it is true," said a gentleman of rather slim reputation for honesty, to a lady, "that whenever a man gets into trouble, there is always a woman at the bottom of it?"—"I don't know but it is true," demurely replied the lady. "I've heard that in your own case there was a certain misdemeanor at the bottom of your

"SPEAKING of bathing," said Mrs. Partington, from the steam that arose from her tea, as a veil to her blushes, when touching upon so de-licate a subject, "some can bathe with perfect impurity in water as cold as Greenland's icy mountains, and India's coral strands; but, for a charger my part, I prefer to have the water a little their little torpid."

IMPERIAL ROMANCE. A correspondent thus relates the romantic way

in which the Empress of Austria captured her Emperor. The Empress is the youngest daughter of Duke Maximilian Joseph, of Bavaria, and sister of the ex-Queen Sophia of Naples. Francis Joseph was to have been affianced to the Princess Sophia, to make acquaintance with whom he went on a visit to his uncle's castle of Possenhoffen, where his four young lady cousins had been born and brought up. The Princess Elizabeth, then in her sixteeenth year, and remarkably beautiful, was not to have been allowed to see the young Emperor, both on account of her youth -she was not supposed to be "out" and also because, being much handsomer than her sisters, the wily Duke desired to secure him for his eldest daughter before the former should have been allowed to catch sight of his youngest, as he felt very sure that the hand of such a beauty as she promised to be would be sought far and wide when it should be in the matrimonial market. So the young lady was told that she was to stay with her governess, and not to presume to show herself in the drawing-room during the visit of her Austrian cousin. But, being lively, spirited and brimful of curiosity to see the youthful Emperor, the Princess Elizabeth contrived to give her attendants the slip, and to hide herself in a corridor, along which the Imperial guest, who had arrived an hour before, would have to pass in going to the banquetinghall. As the young sovereign passed along this corridor, the Princess, who was watching for him, sprang out of her hiding-place, laughing at the success of her maneuvre, and crying gaily, "Cousin Franz, cousin Franz! I wanted to see you, and they wouldn't let me, and so I hid my-self here to see you go by!" It appears that Cupid's bow, so innocently shot off by the merry girl, who had no thought beyond the gratitication of her curiosity to see the grand young cousin, went straight to the mark. The young Emperor fell over head and ears in love with the gay and beautiful vision that had presented it-self so unaffectedly before him. What passed self so unaffectedly before him. What passed between the two young people has never transpired; but a few minutes later the Imperial guest entered the drawing-room with his young cousin on his arm, and presented her to the

amazed circle of relatives and courtiers who were awaiting his appearance as "The Empress of Austria, my engaged wife." The marriage took place when the Princess reached the age of sixteen.

HUMOROUS.

TROUSERS obtained on credit are breeches of

"What's going on!" said a well-known bore Douglas Jerrold. "I am," was the reply, and on he to Douglas Jerrold.

"You are a nuisance; I'll commit you," an offended judge to a noisy person in court. - "Yo have no right to commit a nuisance," said the offender.

A schoolboy being asked by his teacher how he should flog him, replied:—"If you please, sir I should like to have it upon the Italian system of pennanship—the heavy stroke upward and the down one

THEODORE HOOK once saw an exceedingly pompous man walking in the street, in London, whom he immediately accested thus:—"Sir. may I inquire if you are anybody i particular?" He then walked off, without waiting for a reply.

A wag tried to annoy a popular preacher by asking him whether the fatted calf of the parable was male or female? "Female, to be sure," was the reply; "for I see the male," looking the questioner full in the face, "yet alive in the flesh before me."

THE following epitaph is from a tombstone in

Under This sOd our Babie LieS. it nether cRies nOr HolErs IT LivEd Just twenty 7 DayS. And cost us \$40.

A clown who had a fancy for hearing the Latin disputes of doctors at a university was asked what pleasure he could derive from them, when he could not even know which party had the best of it. "For that matter," replied the clown, "I am not such a fool but I can see who's the first that puts t'other in a passion."

DEAN Swift has found an imitator. An advo-DEAN SWITTING TOURGART IMPRIATOR. Att advocate of Colmar has left one hundred thousand francs to the local madhouse. "I got this money," says the candid lawyer in his will. "out of those who pass their lives in litigation, in bequeathing it for the use of lunatics I only make restitution."

"AND you have taken the tectoral pledge, have you?" said somebody to an Irishman—"Indude I have, and I'm not ashamed of it, aither."—"And did not Paul tell Timothy to take a little wine for his stomach's sake?"—"So he did; but my name is not Timothy, and there is nothing the matter with my stomach."

THAT Baltimore man's flying machine is not an overwhelming success; Keely's motor is as quietas the grave; Virginia has refused to take part in the Centennial; but a German chemist has obtained forroeyanide of tetramethy hammonium by saturating ferroeyanic acid with tetramethy lammonium hydrate—and this is some consolation anyhow.

PERSONAL.

MRS. WILLIAMSON, sister of Sir John A. Macdonald, died on the 18th inst.

DR. TUPPER has returned to Ottawa; hi father, is not dead, but still suffering severely.

HON, P. J. O. CHAUVEAU has been appointed chairman of the Quebec Harbour Commissioners.

GENERAL SCHENCK will not, in any event, be esturned to England as United States Minister.

THE Ottawa Free Press says that Louis Riel, of Manitoba notoriety, is an inmate of an Insane Asylum in Montreal. Go from home to get news.

Dr. Worms, the motion for whose extradition was granted by the Quebec courts, has been surrendered to the United States authorities.

PREMIER ELLIOTT of British Columbia is s ill that it is doubtful whether he will be able to attend the present Session of the Legislature.

MESSRS, A. and GEO. C. HOLLAND, shorthand writers, have been awarded the contract for the re-porting and publishing of the Senate debates for 1877.

THE Rev. Mr. Burnfield, of Scarboro', has accepted the call to the First Presbyterian Church at Belleville. He will be inducted in May.

REV. JOHN DUNBAR, of Glenmorris, after 23 years' faithful service, has dissolved his pastoral tie with Glenmorris Presbyterian congregation.

MR. J. G. BUCHANAN, of the Hamilton Times, took suddenly iff in Buffalo has week, while on business relating to the excursion of the Canadian Press Association to the Centennial.

THE Rev. Geo. McDongall's body has been recovered amid the snows of the North West. He was lost about Jan. 25th, and his body recovered about two weeks afterwards.

HON: MALCOLE CAMERON, M. P. for South Ontario, who is now sixty-right years of ago, has been lying seriously ill at Ottawa. Mr. Cameron is one of the three oldest members of the House.

JAMES STEVENSON, Esq., President of the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec has been elect-ed an honorary Fellow of the Royal Historical Society of London. Mr. Stevenson will please accept our congranulations.

DOMESTIC.

To RENOVATE FADED SILKS .- Sponge with warm soap and water; then rub with a dry cloth on a flat board; then iron on the inside with a smoothing

Waterproof Boots, -Melt equal parts of beeswax and mutton suct into a Equid, and rub it well over the edges of the sole, and all parts of the boot where water is likely to penetrate.

GREASE FROM CLOTH .- Pour some turpenbriskly till quite dry. Repeat the application if necessary. Hang for a few hours in the open air to remove the ary. smelt.

To PREVENT GRAY HAIR .- To check pre-10 CREVEST GRAVITATE,—10 CHECK promature grayeness, the head should be well brushest morning and uight, with a brush hard enough to irritate the skin somewhat. The bristies should be farenough apart to brush through the hair, as it were, rather than over it. Oil, rather than pomade, should be used. Common sweet oil, scented with bergamet, can be recommended.

MACARONI Sovr .- Into a pan of fast-boiling