

ice be broken in certain places which appear darker than others, the swallows are found in great quantities, cold, asleep, and half dead. If they are taken out and warmed by the hands, or before a fire, they soon begin to exhibit signs of life; they stretch themselves out, shake themselves, and soon fly away. In other places they retire into the caves or under the rocks. Between the town of Caen and the sea, along the banks of the Orne, there are many of these caverns, where, during the winter, clusters of swallows have been found suspended, like bunches of grapes, from the roof of the cavern. The same thing has been long ago observed in Italy.

#### THE CHOICE OF A WIFE.

THE whole secret of choosing well in matrimony may be taught in three words—*explore the character*. A violent love-fit is always the result of ignorance; for there is not a daughter of Eve that has merit enough to justify romantic love, though thousands and thousands may reasonably inspire gentle esteem, which is infinitely better. A woman-worshipper and a woman-hater both derive their mistakes from ignorance of the female world; for, if the characters of women were thoroughly understood, they would be found too good to be hated, and yet not good enough to be idolized.

#### EATING SALLADS.

A YORKSHIRE lad who had lately gone to service, having had salad served up to dinner every day for a week, ran away; and when asked why he had left his place, he replied "They made me yeat grass i'th summer,

and I wur afraid they'd mak me yeat hay i'th winter—and I could not stond that, so I wur off."

#### CURIOUS FACTS.

IN France, servants always walk before their masters. It is otherwise in Italy: masters walk before their servants in summer, on account of the dust, and in winter behind them, on account of the roads.

There is a German invention lately introduced, for printing the name on ladies' name cards in gold, silver, or copper. The ingenious author means, by this method, to imitate the relative attractions of heiresses.

The wealthy classes among the Chinese, allow their nails to grow often one or two inches beyond the ends of their fingers. This is considered as a distinctive mark of riches, implying that the wearer is not reduced to the necessity of manual labour, which, in fact, under such circumstances, would be impossible.

The Japanese are said to have the finest toned instruments in the world. The music they produce is of the most enchanting kind, and there is no European who ever heard their whole band, or gamelan, who does not confess, that it approaches nearer to his idea of the celestial strains than any thing which ever before saluted his ear.

The power which the Dolphin has of exhibiting a variety of colours in the agonies of death, is one of the most remarkable facts in the science of natural history. A traveller mentions that he observed one of the most beautiful of the species in the act of dying, change from yellow to blue and purple.

#### TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Q. is received.

M. N.—t is under consideration.

H. Y's request cannot be complied with.

We refer R. O. to Pope's "Elegy to the memory of an unfortunate young lady." Plagiarism of this kind does not give a very favourable opinion of his poetical talents.

To Henry, we must say, that his talents as a poet are respectable. Our American neighbours do justice to the rising genius of Nova-Scotia, by giving publicity to their effusions.