Literary Notices.

ALEXANDER DUMAS' CO-LABORATEUR.—M. Auguste Maquet keeps up the manufacture of historical romances after the old pattern. His last novel *La Maison du Cuigneur* is laid in the days of Louis XIII., and reveals the participation of Marie de Medicis, Duc d'Epernon, Marechal d'Ancre, and the Marquis of Verneuil in the assassination of Henry IV. Since Dumas is silent, his disciple will be listened to with pleasure.

PRINCE LUCIEN BONAPARTE is indefatigable in the publication of his linguistic researches, though he offers them very sparingly to the public. Williams and Norgate, London, announces a work from his pen, entitled *Langue Basque et Langues Feimolses*, of which only a hundred copies have been printed.

THE thousand-yeared Jubilee of the Russian Empire has been signalized by the publication of an ethnographic work, giving a description of all the different nations under the sceptre of the Czar. It was got up by the Geographical Society of St. Petersburg, and is splendidly illustrated.

GLEANINGS IN VANITY FAIR.

VERDANT GREEN.—A female poet remarks that 'there's an emerald region in every heart.' Considering the greenness of divers rhymsters, both male and female, we incline to think that the 'emerald region' is more generally in the head.

SEEDY.—It is stated that 'scarcely a weed comes to maturity without scattering from 1000 to 10,000 seeds.' On the other hand—regarding youth as the seed of manhood—we should remember that scarcely a seed comes to maturity without puffing a prodigious number of weeds. Facts in natural history are very fascinating.

RAPID.—A Philadelphia paper says that one 'James Douglas, of Stony Creek, was born in Rhode Island, August 1st, 1873, and is now in his 110th year.' It would seem that James has lived a very fast life, to say the least of it.

CONCERNING BORES.—The *Tribune* is very hard on 'augurs that won't bore.' If augurs won't bore, editors will—as Mr. Greely has often shown.

POINT BLANK.—In a recent address at Savannah, Mr. P. G. Toutant, *alias* Beauregard, among other gas, said, that 'the only way he could speak now was through the mouths of his cannon.'

We congratulate P. G. T. upon this frank exhibition of his 'mettle.'

We are glad to hear him confess that his peculiar style of eloquence finds fittest expression from a 'mouth of brass.'

A NET OF TROUBLE.—The Cabinet.

CABINET MAKERS.—We hear of a 'strike' among Cabinet-makers, with a view to increased wages. It is natural. Divers gentlemen at the capitol have taught us that Cabinet connections are apt to inspire a keen look-out for number one. The example is significant; and we know of one important Cabinet-maker who would do wisely to make several 'strikes' among his own furniture!

PUT THAT IN YOUR PIPE.—An agricultural writer informs farmers that 'The want of drainage on clays is ruinous.'

In reference to this, a smoking friend of ours says that it's 'nothing compared to the tax upon cigars.'

ONE DEGREE WORSE.—Historians dwell with great horror upon the devastations committed by the hordes of the ancient Goths and Vandals, but we have Hoarders among us who are the modern representatives of those tribes, with all the modern improvements.

AT A DISCOUNT.—'Isn't it strange,' remarked the Broker, 'that, in the present scarcity of silver, the prospect of an issue of a variety of American coin for the benefit of the army should create so much discontent?'

'What variety of coin do you speak of?' asked an anxious countryman, who had a stocking full of 'change' at home.

'I refer, sir,' replied the courteous Broker, 'to the prospect of "Winter Quarters."'

THE TRUTH, BY ACCIDENT.—An eminent phrenologist advertises that he 'will tell you what you are, and what you may become, at small cost *and but little loss of time*.'

The italics are ours. The words to which we have adapted them evince a degree of candor not to be sufficiently admired.

MYTHOLOGICAL MUSINGS.

THE size of Polyphemus has been a matter of controversy for ages. He must have been considerably over the average height; though the only *datum* we have to form any conception of his stature is the statement that the dentists were obliged to use ladders when they undertook to Scale his teeth.

How teeming with suggestions is the record that Inachus was the father of Io!

THE gods of old used to swear by the Styx; and this reminds one of many worthy persons who are always glorifying their prosy preachers.

CHARON used to charge only one cent each for ferrying passengers over to the infernal regions. What a preposterous imposition it is of the Ferry Company, then, to exact three for taking a person over to Jersey!

CERBERUS has been described as the Porter of Hades. Well, most people like their porter with a head on it—but when it comes to three!

TITYUS, the redoubtable giant, is stated to have covered nine acres when lying on the ground. He was condemned—for his ungentlemanly conduct toward Latona—to be perpetually dined on by a vulture, which made another acher.

PERSONS WE SHOULD LIKE TO MEET.

A Policeman with an eye-glass.
A Cabman with an umbrella.
A Parson in white trousers.
A Photographer with clean hands.
A Tailor with good clothes.
A Red-faced Baker.
A Sweep with a white waistcoat.
A Detective without his walking-stick.
An Artist with short hair.
A Letter carrier with a top-coat.
A Railway-guard in a white hat.
A Boatman with goloshes.
A Prize-fighter with whiskers.
A Soldier with a clean collar on.

THE LITERARY SEASON.—Mr. Dion Boucicault the 'sensation' novelist and 'author' of *The Collegians, or the Colleen Bawn*, has a new work in the press called *Rienzi or Nydia the Blind Girl*. The former work has been erroneously attributed to Gerald Griffin, and the latter to Lytton Bulwer.

A SKEDADDLE TICKET.—We should advise Dr. Cumming to emigrate, for on the principle that 'no man is a Prophet in his own country,' he may be a very good Prophet abroad, since there is not the slightest chance of his ever being one in England. The only question is whether, as a Prophet, the Doctor has not been abroad all his life.

CIVILIZATION ON THE MARCH.—The following passages occur in the speech lately delivered by Charles XV., King of Sweden, at the opening of the Swedish Diet:

'Commissions composed of competent persons have been appointed to examine into the state of our means of defence, as well as the improvements of which they stand in need. The formidable increase of armaments in other countries will impose on us considerable sacrifices.

'The incessant progress of society in all its branches constantly gives rise to new exigencies which you will be called on to satisfy.'

The two immediately foregoing statements may be reconciled. Society makes progress, though the armaments of Europe increase. Society is progressing like a crab. Civilization is marching to the right about.

'LA SEMAIN ILLUSTREE.'—The new Turkish Ambassador at Paris, it seems, has taken seven wives with him who have been facetiously nicknamed Madame Lundi, Mardi, Mercredi, &c. Punch is not pround, but he will back his Madame Jeudi—or, in plain English, Mrs. July—against the whole lot of them any day of the week.

GENERAL SCOTT'S MARMION.—The venerable General Scott at the outset of the American War advised the North in a (mis) quotation from Marmion, to let an

Erring Sister part in peace.'

Considering that the words were the signal for fastening up the poor Nun with masonry, his hint may be said to have been taken. The Stone Fleet immediately sailed.

THE LATEST FORM OF BEGGING.—Ragged girl, (*outside Post-Office, and with a folded piece of paper in her hand.*) 'Please, sir, give me a penny to buy a postage stamp to post this letter to my mother?'

WHAT KIND OF HAT DOES THE POPE WEAR?—A Pork-Pies.

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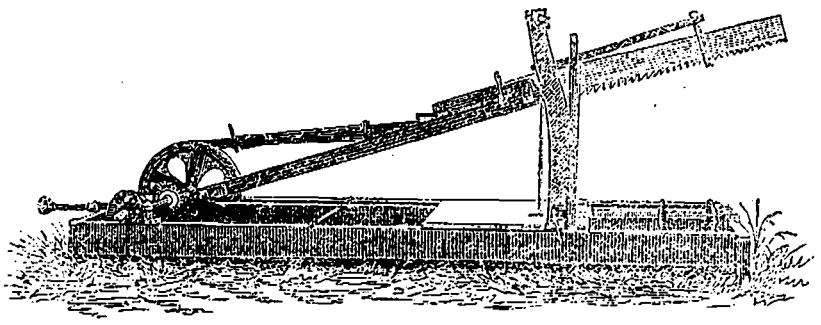

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THE REV. MR. MACNAUGHT.—At the monthly clerical meeting, the Rev. Dr. M'Feile, with great satisfaction, announced that the Rev. Mr. Macnaught had sought, through the Lord Bishop of Chester, re-admission into the Church, and would in a few days publish a pamphlet explaining his change of opinion.—*Liverpool Post.*

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HAMILTON MARKETS.

Prices during the week remain unchanged.

MONTREAL.

Flour—Pollards, $2 25 to $2 50; Middlings, $2 65 to $2 80; Fine $3 75 to $4; Super, No. 2 $4 25 to $4 30; Superfine, $4 35 to $4 40; Fancy $4 65 to $4 70; Extra $4 80 to 4 90; Superior Extra $5 10 to $5 30.

Bag Flour, $2 40 to $3 45 per 112 lbs; Oatmeal per brl. of 200 lbs, about $4 50.

Ashes per 112 lbs. Pots $6 72½ to $6 75 Inferiors $6 80; Pearls $6 30, Inferior $9 25.

Butter—Inferior 10c to 10½c; medium 11 to 12c; fine 12½c to 13½c; choice 14 to 15½. The demand is good, and sales are made at quotation..

Pork Mess $10 50 to $11; Thin Mess $9 to $9 50; Prime Mess $8 to 8 50

Beef pr bbl Prime Mess $8 to $8 50.

NEW YORK.

Flour—Receipts 23,181 bbls. Market 5c to 10c better. Sales 12,000 bbls at $5 70 to $5 85 for superfine State; $5 95 to $6 5 for extra State; $5 70 to $5 90 for superfine Western: $6 to $6 40 for common to medium extra Western; $6 75 to 6 85 for common to good shipping brands extra round hoop Ohio. Canadian flour 5c to 10c better, Sales 450 bbls at $6 to $6 20 for common: $6 80 to $8 25 for good to choice extra.—Rye flour steady at $4 50 to $5 50.

Grain—Receipts of Wheat 115,766 bus; market 1c better, with moderate export demand. Sales 68,000 bus at $1 18 to $1 25 for Chicago spring; $1 32 to $1 33 for Milwaukee Club; $1 34 to 1 36 for amber Iowa; $1 38 to $1 42 for winter red Western; $1 43 to $1 45 for amber Michigan.—Rye quiet at 85 for Western, 95 for State.

Provisions—Pork quiet; sales 150 bbls at $13½ for mess; $11 25 for prime. Beef unchanged.

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