

WINTER is conquered and Spring overcome by the successful arms of Summer—first the shooting buds and leaves, then the sharp blades of grass, and finally the pistils of the flowers opened out, and Summer, hot and sweltering from the contest, has settled down into a Sirius mood during the monotony of dog-days.

THE first railway introduced into Hindostan did not astonish the natives. But it produced a religious and mystical emotion. They prayed to the goddess "Vapor" to take pity on them, and offered garlands of flowers and melted butter. They then entered the carriages, on which the notice was posted up in English and Hindostani: Those gentlemen who would wish to take first or second-class tickets, must have a shirt."

SPECIAL advertisement, copied for the benefit of S. D. G., living, or his heirs if dead, taken from a Toronto daily paper: "S. D. G., who left County Antrim, Ireland, forty years ago (if living, his heirs if dead), will hear of something to his advantage on application to H., Barrister." Now, we presume he was living when he left Ireland. Again, we admit that the daily has some chance of communication with "his heirs if dead," since at least one part of the next world is represented; but, even so, what good will it do "his heirs if dead" to hear of something to *his* advantage? We sincerely trust for the good of all concerned that S. D. G. will make application in person.

THIS is a world of progress. Necessity is the mother of invention. In many cases American ambition is the father. Truly the world does move. The days of windows, blinds, shutters, gates, and guards must surely be at its greatest swing. But we must restrain ourselves. The cause of all our excitement is to be found in one sentence contained in an advertisement taken from the *Globe*: "It is the only Iron or Steel Guard manufactured in the world that furnishes light and ventilation that can be folded away"!! Pure air, pure light furnished and fit to be laid away for future use. The cholera antidote has come. Eureka!