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FUN DAY, Carleton.—All your answers are correct but No. 94. Puzzles are very good.

ST. J.—Very happy to hear from our old friend. Yours will have regular insertion. All your solutions are given accurately.

GOLDING.—Your first attempt strikes us favorably. We think your future endeavors will prove as successful.

CIGARETTE, Boston.—Glad to learn you have not forgotten us. We wait your promised puzzles. Please give our thanks to your friend, whose contributions we cordially invite.

DAN D., St. John.—Thanks for pleasing remarks, and excellent contributions. Come again.

CELESTIAL.—We were just beginning to think our name had passed from your recollection, but were agreeably disappointed when your first-class batch of knots arrived.

FANNY, St. John.—Your first effort at solving is very fair; and your puzzles more than passable. Yes we are especially pleased when any of the smaller readers of the *Torch* make our column a visit.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., JUNE 1, 1878.

Bats that often make "hits" in a circus—Acro-bats.

Knotty-cal punishment on board ship.—The cat o' nine tails.

What kind of a bottle is the most appropriate for holding Bass ale? A Bass vial.

Gloves are being manufactured on an extensive scale in California.—*Scottish American*  
Is it a Fairbanks Scale?

The Putnam has published the "Anatomy of the Domestic Cat." There should not be ana-tomy cat in the world without a copy.

What is the difference between a certain firm in New York and a concert given by the Colored Jubilee Singers? One is Ball Black and the other is *black bowl*.

Why is ox-marrow like barren ground?—Because it's steer-ile.

When a reprieve or commutation is refused in the case of a prisoner sentenced to be hanged, what animal's name would be an answer to the petition? Must-(h)ang.

Madrid, Spain, has a college for barbers.—*N. Y. Herald*.

It was probably a case of sheer necessity that the young shavers should have one of their hone.

There is a Frenchman in New Orleans who plays billiards with his nose. He must have some cue-taneous eruptions on it.

INNOCENTS AT HOME.—Mrs. Sillibus asked her husband, the other morning, where he had been so late the night previous, and was perfectly satisfied when he told her he'd been playing "Blind" man's "Bluff." She only remarked,—“You old fool you'd better have been home in bed than playin' them foolish children's plays.”

THE LATE PROF. C. F. HARTT.—The current number of Appleton's *Popular Science* will be gladly welcomed by the many friends of the late Prof. Hartt, on account of the excellent portrait of the deceased scientist with which it is embellished, and of the accompanying concise and appreciative sketch of his life, furnished by Mr. Richard Rathbun.

Mr. Rathbun speaks of Prof. Hartt's recent researches in Brazil, as the "grandest exploration ever carried on by an American in a foreign country."

Prof. Hartt's labors were highly appreciated in Brazil. The *Reforma* of Rio de Janeiro, in a late number warmly eulogises him, and gives expression to the feeling of almost affectionate reverence, with which he appears to have been regarded by the Brazilians.

THE WORST YET.—A young man, whose mind had a philosophic turn, was walking with a lady friend the other day, and, in the vicinity of St. Paul's Church, they passed three young goats. Turning to his companion, he asked her, "Why are they like a pair of fashionable gloves?" Not being able to see the similarity she gave it up.

"Because," replied the "nice young man," "they are three buttin' kids."

THE DISPUTE between Mr. Bullock and the Council was advanced a step, on Monday night—Mr. Bullock then serving the Council with a request from the Supreme Court in Equity, to shew cause why his lease should not be given him; and the Eastern Lands Committee on the other hand, recommending the Council to offer a 21 years lease, at \$90 a year of the land in question, to any one who will build an oil warehouse on it. In view of the fact that the rent offered by Mr. Bullock was \$100 a year, that he provided his own approaches to the land, and that he purposes building an oil warehouse, it is difficult to see the particular advantages of the course proposed by the Eastern Lands Committee.

NEITHER THE LOCAL nor Dominion election have hitherto aroused any excitement. The local canvass appears to be carried on by all the candidates with the utmost good-nature.

#### CLIPPINGS CRITICISED.

Strawberries affect the tissues of many strong people, excite the blood and cause pimples, blotches and boils.—*Ex.*

If tissue it effects don't eat them. We are not strong, therefore weak, can eat them—with cream, &c.

California anticipates an enormous yield of cereals this season. "What shall the harvest be?"—*N. Y. News*.

Suppose wheat rye to answer the corn—drum?

Why is it called a bench show?—*Adam*. Because the committee's stool lazy to think of another name for it.—*Yonkers Gazette*. They must have a lounge for a chair-man. They live soft from here that we haven't an opportunity to ask them about it.—*Norristown Herald*.

Ottoman couch his language in that form?

Successful attempts have been made to utilize nettle the same as hemp.—*Ex.*

As it will give hemp-employment to quite a number it is to be hoped that it will nett lot of money for the projectors.

Mrs. Senator Dorsey is the handsomest woman in Washington, and Miss Ransom is painting her picture.—*Exchange*. Very pleasant for Miss Ransom, who, of course has no woman's whims and vanities as to her own beauty.—*N. Y. Times*.

We don't feel like in-Dorsey-ng the above, without seeing the lady. The paragraphist who said so Ransom risk of being mobbed by the Washington belles.

Edison is at work on an instrument to make deaf people hear.—*Ex.*

What in the rickshof does he want to "make deaf people here" for? We have enough deaf people here already. Please Mr Edison don't.

Mr. Henry Seales has been re-appointed Jailor for this County.—*S. Amerside Journal*.

Having a man of weight for Jailor, or the "scales of justice" should be evenly balanced.

They now cut the apron front in battlement pattern.—*Dan. News*.

The next novelty will be calling "hair-switches" fort-tresses.

"Give the hens a rest," says a country exchange. Just so; a sort of inter-egg-num as it were, adds the *New York Commercial Advertiser*.

Eggs-actly so; let them "lay by" for a while if the "yoke" is more than they can bear.

C. H. B. FISHER, Esq., of Fredericton, has published his card as a candidate for the representation of York County in the Dominion Parliament. Mr. Fisher is a lawyer of good attainments—a good speaker, and has the prestige of a good name. He is opposed to the present Dominion Government, and is likely to be a formidable opponent to Mr. Pickard.

COUNCIL DOINGS.—At the Common Council meeting on Monday night last, the extra assessment of \$20,000 for the present year, was apportioned, as follows:—

Streets,	- - -	\$8,000
Fire Department,	- - -	7,000
Scavenger,	- - -	1,500
Light,	- - -	1,500
Police Department,	- - -	7,000

showing that the Hon. T. R. Jones made a mistake in his first statement of figures of some \$3,000 more than was pointed out, by ex-Councillor Knowles.