

CORRESPONDENCE.

SUGGESTIONS.

To the Editor of V. P. Journal.

DEAR SIR,—Allow me to jot down a few thoughts and suggestions that may be of interest to some of your readers.

“March comes in like a lamb and goes out like a lion.” This may or may not be true. I have watched it for *twelve* years, and in that time it went out nine times as it came in.

For several years the wonderful lights of the north have been watched. The following two facts have been noted. These auroral displays are followed by winds and lowering of the temperature.

“Hot water freezes more quickly than cold water.” This is not true. After careful trial, oft repeated, we announce that cold water will freeze more quickly than warm water.

Will a silver spoon protect canning jars from cracking when hot fruit is poured in at its highest temperature? *Without doubt it will.* The experiment has been made in my presence over a hundred times, and never once did the glass bottle or jar crack. But all cansters know that jars frequently break when hot fruit is suddenly poured in without some previously arranged protection. The truth is evident to the experienced, but is in part inexplicable.

In the last issue of the V. P. JOURNAL one asks who discovered the mode of liberating Antonio from the clutches of Shylock—Portia or Bellario? After reading the work carefully, my conclusion is that it was *Shakespeare*.

Yours truly,

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TORONTO NOTES.

To the Editor of V. P. Journal.

DEAR SIR.—It is a blessed provision of nature that the plucking takes place in the spring before the hot weather comes on. Then there is more opportunity for a lively time