#### HUMOUROUS.

If the plural of goose is geese, the plural of moose should be meese; but every hunter who ever camped in Canadian woods knows that it isn't. Moose hasn't any plural. A fellow thinks himself lucky if he sees one.

ENFANT TERRIBLE: "Why have you gray hair, mamma?" Mamma: "Because you are such a naughty little girl." Enfant terrible: "Then how naughty you must have been, mamma! Grandmamma's hair is quite white."

Jones: "Are you going to Europe, Brown?" Brown:
"Yes." Jones: "Take your wife with you?" Brown:
"No. She is not very well, so I shall leave her at home."
Jones: "What are you going over for?" Brown: "For my health."

Two Ladies are conversing on the qualities and demerits of their own fair sex. Said one, with a twinkle of her beautiful blue eyes: "I have never known but two women who were really perfect." "Who was the other?" asked her companion, with a smile on her thin face.

"THE poet is born, sir," said a man, haughtily, as he rereceived a scroll of manuscript from the editor, with a shake of the head. "Oh, is he?" replied the editor, with a pleasant smile. "Well, when he gets old enough to write something, tell him to come and see me. Good-by." And he resumed his labours,

OH, THE WRETCH.—"My darling, you do not bestow upon me so much affection as you did before we were married," remarked pouting bride of four years to her husband. "Don't I?" he replied. "No, Charles, you do not; you pay very little attention to me." "Well, my dear," observed the wicked husband, "did you ever see a man run after a street car after he had caught it?"

A BACHELOR minister living in a cosy manse in the "Garden of Scotland" was pleased the other day at dinner at seeing on his table nicely cooked chuckie. "Well, Janet," asked the minister, "where did you get this nice fowl?" "Oo, sir, it's yer ain beastie." Minister, looking astonished, "Eh, Janet, woman, why did you kill the cock?" "Well, sir, as it never laid ony eggs, I thocht it wad be better to pit it oot o' the wey, an' so I thrawed it's neck."

The poet Whittier, although a very grave man, has a humorous impulse now and then. An instance of this appeared when a gentleman wrote to him, asking if he had a copy of the poem called "Maud Muller's Reply." His answer was as follows:

AMESBURY, I mo., 25, 1873. Dear Sir,—I never saw or heard of "Maud Muller's Reply," I am glad that the poor soul could speak for herself.—Thine truly,

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