

of the sterner one. Before long men's ideas of virtue and vice will be completely changed, and they will view all things from our standpoint. Patience, then comrades, all things are possible for us if we will but wait.

### ✂ Clippings.

A PHRENOLOGIST having examined Queen Victoria's head said it greatly lacked adhesiveness. It was, however, her head on a postage stamp.

"OH, dear!" blubbered an urchin who had been undergoing an application of birch, "they tell me that forty rods make a furlong, but let 'em get such a plaguey lickin as I've had and they'll find out that one rod makes an acher."

THE Talmud has never been translated into English, valuable as are its contents for the theologian and the archæologist. The American Hebrew, of New York, has just begun to publish a translation of the treatise *Aboda Zara*, (idolatry), by the Rev. Dr. De Sola Mendes, of the Forty-fourth Street Synagogue.

THE proverb that fingers were made before forks used to be sometimes quoted in connection with the alleged very modern origin of that useful implement. But forks, if not so old as fingers, are now ascertained to date a long way back—as far as the prehistoric age of our race. They have lately been found, formed of bones, and evidently for table use, in the debris from ancient lake dwellings, while spoons, which for many purposes forks have superseded, are of still greater antiquity.

THE first representation of Tennyson's one-act comedy "Falcon," at the St. James' Theatre, was a complete dramatic failure, notwithstanding the careful preparation and costly mounting. Mr. and Mrs. Kendal were unsuited to the chief parts, but no actors could secure success. The piece throughout is merely versified narrative and wants action and dramatic interest. The management placed "Falcon" as an after-piece, anticipating a catastrophe. The audience contained numerous friends of Tennyson. There was some applause, but the public received the piece with perfect coldness.

IN his new book on "Whist," Cavendish gives an admirable method of shutting up a nuisance who is to be met with at three tables out of four. This is the "if you had" partner, who, after every hand, informs you that "If you had done so and so we should have made so and so." This is the remedy:—"My favorite retort to him is to ask him if he has ever heard the story of 'your uncle and your aunt?' If he has he does not want to hear it again, and is silent. If he has not, and innocently falls into the trap by expressing a desire to hear it, I say in a solemn voice, 'If your aunt had been a man she would have been your uncle.'"

PRINCE BISMARCK is reported to have once said in one of his familiar discourses:—"In politics I act as I do out duck-shooting—I put my foot on one boulder, and do not take it off till I see my way to another. When I do, I step on to the new boulder and leave the old one behind; and so on until I am out of the marsh."

SAYS the London *Spectator*:—"Hardly anything that had a 'purpose' in it which Dickens ever did was done well. His astonishing genius, his unfathomable stores of humor, his quaint and wild power of caricature, were all apt to go terribly astray directly they were put in harness by that—in his case—most destructive agency, a moral purpose."

JAPAN has iron coins worth about one-hundredth of a cent. They are alleged to be chiefly used for alms and offerings to gods.

THE population of our globe, estimated at about thirteen hundred millions, is raised to 12 emperors, 25 kings, 47 princes, 17 sultans, 12 khans, 6 grand dukes, 6 dukes, 1 vice-king, 1 nisam, 1 radia, 1 imam, 1 bey, and 28 presidents, besides a large number of chiefs of wild tribes. Of the republics, nineteen are found on American soil, having only nine for the rest of the world.

AN old Scotch lady was told that her minister used notes, but would not believe it. Said one, "Gang in to the gallery and see." She did so, and saw the written sermon. After the luckless preacher had concluded his reading on the last page, he said, "But I will not enlarge." The old woman called out from her lofty position, "Ye canna, ye canna, for your paper's give out."