

Bolus arrived; and gave a doubtful tap;—
Between a single and a double rap.—

Knocks of this kind
Are given by gentlemen who teach to dance;
By fiddlers, and by opera-fingers:
One loud, and then a little one behind;
As if the knocker fell, by chance,
Out of their fingers.

The servant lets him in, with dismal face,
Long as a courtier's out of place—
Protending some disaster;
John's countenance as rueful look'd, and grim,
As if th' apothecary had physic'd him,
And not his master.

"Well, how's the patient!" Bolus said.
John shook his head.
"Indeed!—hum!—ha! that's very odd!"
"He took the draught?"—John gave a nod.
"Well,—how,—what then?—speak out, you
dunce!"
"Why then?"—says John—"we *shoot* him
once."
"Shook him once!—how?"—Bolus flam-
mer'd out:—
"We jolted him about."

"Zounds! shake a patient, man!—a shake
won't do."
"No, Sir—and so we gave him two."
"Two shakes! odds curse!"
"T'would make the patient worse."
"It did so, sir!—and so a third we tried.
"Well, and what then?"—"then sir, my
master died."

TO A FRIEND, UPON HIS BIRTH DAY.

WHEN born, in tears we saw thee
drown'd,
While thine assembled friends around
With smiles their joy confess;
So live, that, at thy parting hour,
They may the flood of sorrow pour,
And thou in smiles be dress'd.

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SIR,

THE following *Placet* is extracted from a very old edi-
tion of Corneille's works. A *Placet* in itself, is no-

thing very curious nor uncommon, but a *Placet* in rhyme,
is something extraordinary, and this one of COR-
NEILLE'S, it will be admitted, is not a bad one.

PLACET.

Puisse au ROY, ne plus oublier,
Qu'il m'a depuis quatre ans promis un bénéfice,
Et qu'il avoit chargé le feu Pere Ferrier
De choisir un moment propice,
Qui peut me donner lieu de l'en remercier.
Le pere est mort: mais j'ose croire,
Que si toujours Sa Majesté
Avoit pour moi même bonté,
Le Pere de la Chaise auroit plus de mémoire,
Et le seroit mieux souvenir,
Qu'un grand ROY ne promet que ce qu'il veut tenir.

MARCHE'S.

A QUÉBEC, 14 Mai, 1803.

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METEOROLOGICAL TABLE, MAY 1803.

Days.	M's Age.	Weather.	Wds	Barometer.		Thermo.	
				Inches.		Degrees.	
				M.	A.	M.	A.
8		fine		29.7	29.7	34	46
9		fine		29.7	29.7	38	48
10		fine		29.9	29.8	40	60
11		fine		29.8	29.6	46	60
12		cloudy	E	29.8	29.8	47	50
13		showers		29.5	29.4	44	58
14	(fine		29.5	29.6	43	49

☉ N. Moon. ☽ 1st. Quar ☽ P. Moon. ☾ last ☽.