

AMUSING AND USEFUL EXTRACTS.

ODDFELLOWSHIP IN LIVERPOOL.

THE members of this district can now boast of having numbered amongst them one Lord Viscount, one Judge, one Baronet, one Member of Parliament, one ex-Mayor, fifty medical gentlemen, also a number of the Town Council, and, in acts of philanthropy, the society can vie with any other in the world, having paid during the last year to the funerals of departed brothers and their wives the sum of £2615; also to the widows and orphans of departed brothers the sum of £789; relieving distressed brothers passing through the town in search of employment, £51, or thereabouts, this sum being independent of private gifts in the various lodges. There are 139 lodges in the district, numbering 9232 members good on the books, and these men meet in their lodge-rooms, where they are not allowed by any means to discuss either religion or politics, but for the sole purpose of devising means to relieve their brethren, their widows, and orphans, when overtaken by adversity.

PARIS FASHIONS.

A NOVEL patent has recently been taken out in Paris. It is for the making of clothes, in the words of the announcement, "without any wrong side." That is to say, the sleeves of the coat may be turned inside out, and the garment worn reversed, without the slightest diminution in the fashion and neatness of the article. Moreover, the make and colour are different one side from the other, so that a double-breasted black frock may in the twinkling of an eye be converted into a military single-breasted blue, and a fox-hunter's scarlet cutaway be with equal rapidity changed into the Windsor uniform, blue turned up with red. These coats are offered to the Parisian exquisites as extremely acceptable on the score of economy. The fashion has not yet reached London, but like the last piece of Scribe, it is doubtless in course of translation.

QUESTION FOR THE LADIES.

VERY expensive and troublesome things them white gloves be too: there is no keepin' of them clean. For my own part, I don't see why a man can't make his own skin as clean as a kid's, any time; and if a feller can't be let shake hands with a gail except he has gloves on, why nint he made to cover his lips, and kiss through kid-skin too?—*Sam Slick in England.*

A PUNNING PORTER.

FAWCETT, the comedian, who had chambers in the Temple, having called a ticket porter to carry a message, asked his name. He said it was Rus-

sell. "And pray," said Fawcett, jocularly, "is your coat of arms the same as the Duke of Bedford's?" "As to our arms, your honour," was the porter's reply. "I believe they are pretty much alike, but there is a confounded deal of difference between our coats."

BEGGING.

IN Dresden, lately, a little girl was heard to call from the window of a mean house to her opposite neighbour: "Please, Mrs. M——, mother sends her best compliments, and, if its fine weather, would you go a begging with her tomorrow?"

PROGRESS OF STEAM.

AS American paper says that a Mr. Perkins has invented a compound which he calls the "Concentrated Essence of the Sublimated Essence of Steam." A person has only to put a phial of it into his pocket, and it will carry him along at the rate of fifty miles an hour; or, by merely swallowing three drops when you go to bed at night, in the morning you will wake up in any part of the world you may choose.

STATISTICS OF A BEE-HIVE.

THE "masses" of every hive consist of two kinds of bees, the workers and the drones. The first are undeveloped females; the second are the males. Over these presides the mother of the hive—the queen bee. The number of workers in a strong hive is above 15,000, and of drones, about one to ten of these. This proportion, though seldom exact, is never very much exceeded, or fallen short of. A single family, where swarming is prevented, will sometimes amount, according to Dr. Bevan, to 50,000 or 60,000. In their wild state, if we may credit the quantity of honey said to be found, they must sometimes greatly exceed this number.—*Quarterly Review.*

THE WAVERLEY NOVELS.

LORD Jeffrey says he was informed the other day, by Mr. Cadell, that he had sold not less than sixty thousand volumes of the Waverley novels in the course of last year! and, that the demand for them, instead of slackening, had been for some time sensibly on the increase.

VIRTUE.

IF you pursue good with labour, the labour passes away and the good remains; but if you pursue pleasure with evil, the pleasure passes away and the evil remains.

LOVE.

THE approaches of love, if to be resisted at all, must be resisted at the first assault, lest they undermine at the second.