Six Faet in Air.-Some property-holders in Monireal are making a rather pathetic protest against an innovation of the city fathers. $\Lambda$ lane in the rear of Cathedral street has beea left high and dry because of the alterallons in the grade of the street below, and the lavd owners along the lane find that their property has greally depreciated in value. The humorous slide of the maller under discussion is, however, the stalement that horses will no longer be able to are the lane, as the jump of aix fect to the main lerel would be impossible, and that the sharp assent would be likewise impraclicable. It would, we lancy, be rather a disastrous occurrence if the horses should by accident taze the jump in question.

Sick or Wabt.-Mr. Cleveland's health is a matter for serious dis. cussion belween both his frlends and his enemier. According to the horrible custom in vogue among sensational newspaper writers many diseases have been altributed to him, and the reports vayy according to the will of the writes from simple toothache to maligoant cancer. Interviews with medical men have been published, but they are of codflicing natures. One surgeon, who cloims in one paper to have performed a ectious operation upon the President, dedies it over his own signature in the next sheet one takes up, and the whole affair is wrapped in mystery. The premature killing of great men has been tried before, but the results bave seldom been falal, and the probnbilities in the present case are that the Presidedt's health is nominally good, although he mas be sufferlog from over-exertion and fatigue.

Too Muci Entuusiasm.-Thore is not a little of quiet humor in a complaint recently made st the police court in St. John, N. B. It appears that one Mr. Willinmson has diaturbed the musical poition of the congrega tion of Si. James Church by participating loudly in all portions of the ecrvice which are to "be ald or sung" by the congregation. Air. Willizm. son-although this is a matler for private opinlon-is not generally accredited with possessing a musical volce, consequently his alentorisn singing and general assumption of the responsive duties of the congregation hove so worised upon the feelings of the vaious members that thoy have appealed to the Pollice Magiatrate to protect them from thls disturber of their peace. The outcone of the case will interest the three classes of church-allending people-thoee who can siug and do, those who can sing and don't, and those who do aing and can't.

A New Profender Plast - The catle famine in Europe has had the effect of turning the altention of many farmers to the methods by which a aimilar catastrophe might be averted. In some parts of firance the leaves of trees were ussd with good effect, and in Hungary a weed which helped the cattle over the famine of 1863 has been much sought after. Thls weed is the lathyrus sylvestres. It grows well alike in sandy or atrong ground, and as it has enormous roots from twenty to thitty feet long, the dsyneizs of the season does not prevent the roote from absorbiog the necesarry moisture. In appearance the weed is not unlike the wild pes, though lis appearance is somewhat changed by cultiration. It takes a couple of years of attention before the bitter alkaloid natural to it is removed, but once this is accomplished a most nutritious provender plant is obtained. It may be that our Provincial farmers will in the future turn their waste land to account bs accilmatizlog this useful plant.

BIisdirected Ability,-A writer of fiction is dead, and the world is better for the lons. Cruel as this may sound, there are but few, it any, of our readers who will diangree with us in our verdict, for the dead writer was the author of many ecores of the dime and half-dime novels dealing with piratee, highwaymen, robbere, etc. He was originally an educated and refined man. His Oxford training had beon broad and thorough, and six years ago when he came to N'em York, at the age of twenty-fire, be had the opportunity to diffure culture to all with whom he came in contact. Instead, he wrote by way of a joke his first blood and thunder tale. The publishers took the story eagerly and engaged more from his pen. His famillarity with foreign literature enabled blm to steal incidente and plots for future tales, and for the past slx years he has worked steadily, making from $\$ 4,000$ to 812,000 per year. His stories are all of the penny dreadful variety-they ate the more demoralizing because of the ability of the writer, and they have led many lads astray. It la the fault of Arthur Elder Nelson alone, that he bas died " unwept, unhonored and unsung."

The Arrican Congressman.-Notithstanding many adverse condlHon the colored cltizens of the United States have made a decided adrance during the last thirty years. There are now $1,500,000$ of the younger generation of the Arrican race attending the public schools, and it is estimated that since it has been decreed lawful for a colored person to sead and write that $2,000,000$ of the once-despised race have taken advantage of the privilegen. Another notable fact is that George Washington Murray Is the representative in Congress for the Seventh District of South Carolins. Mr. Murray is not the firal colored man to be recogoizod ln the Congress, but he is the first veritable Arrican who has been succeesfal in pollilcal llfe. The mullato and the quadroon have long rad a hearing, but the recognition of the African people is a step in the right direction. The ner politician was born a slave. His opporturities for education bave been few and far between, yet as he succeeded in ..is electoral contest with one of the most arlstocratic and wealtioy Democrats of his State, there need be no doubt that he is a clever and able man. The election of a few more men of his stamp might do much to prevent the recurrence of the disgrace. ful lynching acandals of the past year.
K. D. C. acts as a cholera preventive, by restoring the Stomach to healthy action.

Kemember Tononto, - We trust that Canadiane are not yet so far carried away with the accounts of the World's Falr that they have overiooked the fact that the Toronto Eixhibillon is now open. To alghtseers of the most praclicsl atamp there is much more of intereat in the Cansodion than in the American Fair, alihough of necessity the most unasual featurea of the World's Fair are leckiog in Toronto. But to a Canadian who is interested in the development of his country, in the progreas of Canadian manufactures, in opening up of miner, and in agricultural and horticullural purauits, the Toronto Fair will be of surpanaing interest. "Canada for the Canadlans" should be the mollo of the promotora of the Fair, for they have atifiven in every way to obtain a gradd development of the Canadian exhlbit now at the World's Falr, and isavelieta who are so fortunate as to visit bolth will by no means regret the dajs npent in the beautiful Queon cliy.

Her Niskwiers. - We have had much to be thankful for thls year in the matter of a cool and comfortable summer. Notwlithatading the drought which bas eomewhat alfected crops, there has been and will be no great sufferigg because of intense heat. The hot wave which swept over Europe in the twn juter weeks of Auguat, and which wan felt severely in many parts of the United States, did not disturb the eren tenor of our life. Throughout liogland the death rate has been unusually high, and an alarming number of children died ivering the heated days. Many rases of aunstroke orcurred on the London streets, and the policemen of the great city, Who are attired alrage in heavy uniforme, lost several of their numbers from this cause. The dealh rate from heart failure, caused by exertion during the great heat, has been much locreased, and the misery caused by a hot summer has been widely felt. Grumblers who ave always comparing our couniry to its disadvantage with European countries and with the Uaited States would do well to conaider the actual cash and comfort value of an eren and healihful climate.

Deaf or Dull.-There is a great deal of apparent siupidily among out yonng people which can be explained away on the ground of deafoess. This is especially found to be trus of pupile io the public schools who fall to advarce in their studien an rapidly as do the majorlty of their achoolmates. The pupll who thus fails is unally characterized as dull, while in reality he is ollen allghtly deaf and therefore uoable to derive the full benefit ofothe oral work done. Ao American anrist declazes that 13 per cent of the public school children have defective ears. De. Weil, a noted aurist of Germany, finds that 30 per cent of the schosl childrea of the fatherland have imperfect hearing ; and Dr. Gelle, of Paris, who has confined his experiments to the so-called dull childrea of the public achools, fiods that ten out of twelve can hooestly allribute their mental density to ear trouble. The atrangest part of the investigation is that puplls, pirents and teachers were for the most part quite io ignorance of the fact that there wais any loss of hearing power. These is probably much more deafaess among the young scholars of our Province than in generally admitted. Meusles and fearlet fever leave their mazk too often behird them, and during the winter seasons when all forms of catarthal iofuepza abound there is an eapecial tendency towarde ear trouble. It would be as well for both teachers and parents to look the matter plaloly in the face and consider if the boy or girl of the family is dull because of mental or physical causes. If deafoess is the couse, prompt action should be taken and the timely attention of an aurist to the care may not only brighten the youth of the pupil, but it may prevent the establabment of ear disease both painful and annoying.

Lazy and Ignorant.-There is a class of people in overy communily who suffer severely during the stress of winerer and duriag the months when work is dot readlly obtained. For the relit if such fersons many benerolent societies exist and find ample field fus work. Yet, although theae benevolent societien do a world of good, and although the Government provides hospital privilegen for the sick, though the poor-house stands ready to help thoze who are ulterly beaten in the straggle for life, the condition of the pauper class is not ameliorated 102 satisfactory degree. The root of the matier lies with the people themselves-since infancy they have been aluggish and unhopeful, and their children inherit these class marks. Tae value of money or the value of time, an compared with money, doer not dawn on the mind of the job laborer. He dces not know how to lake advantoge of work which presents liself, for it is ont of the question to suppose that he will of hls own accord acek work, and he has little use for money. What little be earns is qoickly drained away in unprofitable changels, and propision for the morrow is unthought of. He is not 2 reliable laborer even for the simplest wort, for he has not been trained to work either with hands or brain, and the accumalation of surplus wages is no incentive to him. What is true of him is true in the same degree of char-women and serub-women. While they are as a rule not addicted to drink, they are yet impiovident. Householders who have experienced the difficulties of oblalning the help of either men or women of this claes soon realise that they might easily be made self-suataining did they but possess "alaying power" and a dedire to belter thelr positions. The only remedy for thls condition of affaire that presents itself to n is ithat an effort he made to instil the principles of self-help and self-reliance into the minds of the rising generation, and if possible by means of free employment agencles to ascertain the capabillies of the workman and the workwoman. To our mind the most necessary object in any chatity is to belp people to help themselves, and if in the present instance the value of independence sad of provident foresight are the lessons to be intilled, every effort should be made to teach that lesson thoroughly.

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