SIX FRET IN AIR,-Some property-holders in Montreal are making a rather pathetic protest against an innovation of the city fathers. A lane in the rear of Cathedral street has been left high and dry because of the alterations in the grade of the street below, and the land owners along the laue find that their property has greatly depreciated in value. The humorous side of the matter under discussion is, however, the statement that horses will no longer be able to use the lane, as the jump of six feet to the main level would be impossible, and that the sharp assent would be likewise impracticable. It would, we fancy, be rather a disastrous occurrence if the horses should by accident take the jump in question.

SICK OR WELL .- Mr. Cleveland's health is a matter for serious discussion between both his friends and his enemier. According to the horrible custom in vogue among sensational newspaper writers many diseases have been attributed to him, and the reports vary according to the will of the writer from simple toothache to malignant cancer. Interviews with medical men have been published, but they are of conflicting natures. One surgeon, who claims in one paper to have performed a serious operation upon the President, denies 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 have seldom been fatal, and the probabilities in the present case are that the President's health is nominally good, although he may be suffering from over-exertion and fatigue.

Too Much Enthusiasm.—There is not a little of quiet humor in a complaint recently made at the police court in St. John, N. B. It appears that one Mr. Williamson has disturbed the musical portion of the congrega-tion of St. James Church by participating loudly in all portions of the service which are to "be said or sung" by the congregation. Mr. William-son—although this is a matter for private opinion—is not generally accredited with possessing a musical voice, consequently his stentorism singing and general assumption of the responsive duties of the congregation have so worked upon the feelings of the various members that they have appealed to the Police Magistrate to protect them from this disturber of their peace.

The outcome of the case will interest the three classes of church-attending people-those who can sing and do, those who can sing and don't, and those who do sing and can't.

A New Provender Plant —The cattle famine in Europe has had the effect of turning the attention of many farmers to the methods by which a similar catastrophe might be averted. In some parts of France the leaves of trees were used with good effect, and in Hungary a weed which helped the cattle over the famine of 1863 has been much sought after. weed is the lathyrus sylvestres. It grows well alike in sandy or strong ground, and as it has enormous roots from twenty to thirty feet long, the dryness of the season does not prevent the roots from absorbing the neces-sary moisture. In appearance the weed is not unlike the wild pes, though its appearance is somewhat changed by cultivation. 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 by acclimatizing this useful plant.

MISDIRECTED ABILITY .- A writer of fiction is dead, and the world is better for the loss. Cruel as this may sound, there are but few, if any, of our readers who will disagree with us in our verdict, for the dead writer was the author of many scores of the dime and half-dime novels dealing with pirates, highwaymen, robbers, etc. He was originally an educated and refined man. His Oxford training had been broad and thorough, and six years ago when he came to New York, at the age of twenty-five, he had the opportunity to diffuse 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 familiarity with foreign literature enabled him to steal incidents and plots for future tales, and for the past slx years he has worked steadily, making from \$4,000 to \$12,000 per year. His stories are all of the penny dreadful variety—they are the more demoralizing because of the ability of the writer, and they have led many lads astray. It is the fault of Arthur Elder Nelson alone, that he has died "unwept, unhonored and unsung."

THE AFRICAN CONGRESSMAN.-Notwithstanding many adverse condition the colored citizens of the United States have made a decided advance during the last thirty years. There are now 1,500,000 of the younger generation of the African race attending the public schools, and it is estimated that since it has been decreed lawful for a colored person to read and write that 2,000,000 of the once-despised race have taken advantage of the privileges. 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 first colored man to be recognized in the Congress, but he is the first veritable African who has been successful in political life. The mullato and the quadroon have long had a hearing, but the recognition of the African people is a step in the right direction. The new politician was born a slave. His opportunities for education have been few and far between, yet as he succeeded in ...'s electoral contest with one of the most aristocratic and wealthy 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 disgraceful lynching scandals of the past year.

K. D. C. acts as a Cholera preventive, by restoring the Stomach to healthy action,

REMEMBER TORONTO. - We trust that Canadians are not yet so far carried away with the accounts of the World's Fair that they have overlooked the fact that the Toronto Exhibition is now open. To sightseers of the most practical stamp there is much more of interest in the Canadian than in the American Fair, although of necessity the most unusual features of the World's Fair are lacking in Toronto. But to a Canadian who is interested in the development of his country, in the progress of Canadian manufactures, in opening up of mines, and in agricultural and horticultural pursuits, the Toronto Fair will be of surpassing interest. "Canada for the Canadiana" should be the motto of the promotors of the Fair, for they have striven in every way to obtain a grand development of the Canadian exhibit now at the World's Fair, and travellets who are so fortunate as to visit both will by no means regret the days spent in the beautiful Queon city.

Hor Risswiege.—We have had much to be thankful for this year in the matter of a cool and comfortable summer. Notwithstanding the drought which has somewhat affected crops, there has been and will be no great suffering because of intense heat. The hot wave which swept over Europe in the two later weeks of August, and which was felt severely in many parts of the United States, did not disturb the even tenor of our life. Throughout England the death rate has been unusually high, and an alarming number of children died during the heated days. Many cases of sunstroke occurred on the London streets, and the policemen of the great city, who are attired always in heavy uniforms, lost several of their numbers from this cause. The death rate from heart failure, caused by exertion during the great heat, has been much increased, and the misery caused by a hot summer has been widely felt. Grumblers who are always comparing our country to its disadvantage with European countries and with the United States would do well to consider the actual cash and comfort value of an even and healthful climate.

DEAF OR DULL.—There is a great deal of apparent stupidity among our young people which can be explained away on the ground of deafness. This is especially found to be true of pupils in the public schools who fail to advance in their studies as rapidly as do the majority of their school-mates. The pupil who thus fails is usually characterized as dull, while in reality he is often slightly deaf and therefore unable to derive the full benefit of the oral work done. An American aurist declares that 13 per cent of the public school children have defective ears. Dr. Weil, a noted aurist of Germany, finds that 30 per cent of the school children of the fatherland have imperfect hearing; and Dr. Gelle, of Paris, who has confined his experiments to the so-called dull children of the public schools, finds that ten out of twelve can honestly attribute their mental density to ear trouble. ten out of twelve can honeally attribute their mental density to ear trouble. The strangest part of the investigation is that pupils, parents and teachers were for the most part quite in ignorance of the fact that there was any loss of hearing power. There is probably much more deafness among the young scholars of our Province than is generally admitted. Messles and scarlet fever leave their mark too often behind them, and during the winter seasons when all forms of catarrhal influenza abound there is an especial tendency towards ear trouble. It would be as well for both teachers and parents to look the matter plainly in the face and consider if the boy or girl of the family is dull because of mental or physical causes. If deafness is of the family is dull because of mental or physical causes. If deafness is the cause, 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 establishment of ear disease both painful and annoying.

LAZY AND IGNORANT .- There is a class of people in every community who suffer severely during the stress of winter and during the months when work is not readily obtained. For the relie of such persons many benevolent societies exist and find ample field for work. Yet, although these benevolent societies do a world of good, and although the Government provides hospital privileges for the sick, though the poor-house stands ready to help those who are utterly beaten in the struggle for life, the condition of the pauper class is not ameliorated to a satisfactory degree. the matter lies with the people themselves-since infancy they have been sluggish and unhopeful, and their children inherit these class marks. The value of money or the value of time, as compared with money, does not dawn on the mind of the job laborer. He does not know how to take advantage of work which presents itself, for it is out of the question to suppose that he will of his own accord seek work, and he has little use for What little he earns is quickly drained away in unprofitable channels, and provision for the morrow is unthought of. He is not a reliable laborer even for the simplest work, for he has not been trained to work either with hands or brain, and the accumulation of surplus wages is no incentive to him. What is true of him is true in the same degree of char-women and scrub-women. While they are as a rule not addicted to drink, they are yet improvident. Householders who have experienced the difficulties of obtaining the help of either men or women of this class soon realise that they might easily be made self-sustaining did they but possess "staying power" and a desire to better their positions. The only remedy for this condition of affairs that presents itself to us is that an effort he made to instill the principles of self-help and self-reliance into the minds of the rising generation, and if possible by means of free employment agencies to ascertain the capabilities of the workman and the workwoman. To our mind the most necessary object in any charky is to help people to help themselves, and it in the present instance the value of independence and of provident foresight are the lessons to be instilled, every effort should be made to teach that lesson thoroughly.

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