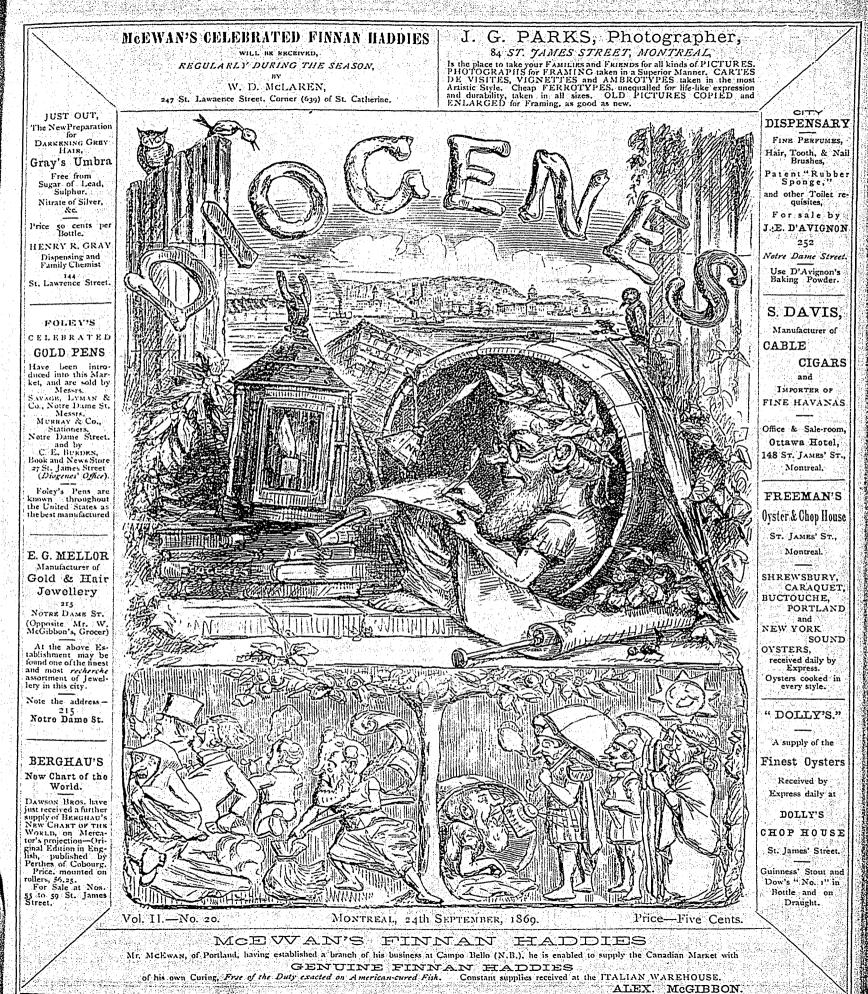
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PUBLIC NOTICE!

FRANCIS HINCKS, General Jobber, begs to inform his friends and the public in general, that he is about to re-open his office at the New Stand, in Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, where he will undertake Jobs and Contracts of every des⁻ cription on reasonable terms.

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A NEW BALLAD

AS SUNG BY A VETERAN POLITICIAN TO THE ELECTORS OF NORTH LANARK.

Air-" Capt. Tinks."

I'm Francis Hincks of the Windward Isles, I come to seek your votes and smiles, I'm sure to please you with my wiles, If you send me to the Parly—ment: So if you want a job, you know— A job you know—a job you know, You'll always be certain where to go, If you send me to the Parly—ment.

Spoken—Yes, brother Electors I that's a part of political business I flatter myself I understand as well as any man; so if any of you want a berth in the Customs, a Commissionership, or a snug little sinccure of any kind, you've only to come to me, because you know—

Chorus-I'm Francis Hincks, &c.

When Rose resigned, Mac did'nt know For a good financier where to go— So he fixed on me, and he'll tell you so, If you send me to the Parly—ment. At financing I'm a regular swell— A regular swell—a regular swell— And you'll benefit so, I can hardly tell If you send me to the Parly—ment.

Spoken—Yes, brother Electors ! I consider I am rather a swell at financing. Just look at what I did for you when I was in power, years ago. Why, you hadn't even a public debt worth speaking about before I took matters in hand; and you can't be a great country without a big public debt. So if you want it doubled, you've only to apply to—

Chorus-Francis Hincks, &c.

So now you've got the choice you see, 'Twixt Francis Hincks and Malcolm C—— And if you're wise, you'll vote for me, And send me to the Parly—ment. DIOGENES.

- Then if you want a railroad new-A railroad new-a railroad new-
- I'll tell you exactly what to do,
- If you send me to the Parly-ment.

Spoken—Yes, gentlemen Electors ! I know something about making railroads, and a very profitable business it is. I don't mean to the Shareholders, but to

Chorus—Francis Hincks of the Windward Isles, Who comes to beg your votes and smiles; And if he gets over you with his wiles, There'll be the deuce to pay in the Parly—ment!

HOW TO RECEIVE PRINCE ARTHUR IN MONTREAL.

1. Let us bore him, run after him, stare at him and intrude on his privacy as much as possible. This is only showing respect and he has no business to be disgusted with it or he should never have been born a prince.

2. Let every society, small or big, present him with an address. This gets its name in the papers and the officers can say that they talked with His Royal Highness.

3. Should he, from good nature and desire to please, receive an address from some obscure body of very doubtful reputation but of which he had never heard, let us abuse him and vilify him in the strongest terms—this is the way to show our spirit and to make it clear to him that we are not to be bullied even by a member of the Royal Family.

4. Let the National Societies get up a row about precedence in his presence. This will give him a great idea of the dignity of our Dominion.

5. Let the St. Crispin Society insist upon presenting an address first.

6. After having satisfied our snobbishness by going through any quantity of idle, useless ceremony of quite a superfluous character, originated only in our own brains, let us go home to declaim against the "barbarous requirements of Royalty" and the immediate necessity for

" CANADIAN INDEPENDENCE."

JUST HOW THESE THINGS END.

We are sorry to record a breach of the friendly relations which have subsisted for so many years between our esteemed friends Jones and Brown. Jones, it seems, was explaining at some length to Brown the various causes of his ill-success in life. Brown, desiring to change the subject, proposed that they should step into Alexander's and have some soda-water. They stepped in accordingly, but Jones was not to be " shunted off" in that manner, so he resumed: "If I could only have a fresh start, that is all I would ask."-" Well here you are,-darn the expense !" exclaimed Brown with enthusiasm, snatching at the same moment a certain confection, value one penny, from the counter, and presenting it to his friend. "What do you mean?" said Jones. "Why," replied the other, "didn't I hear you say just now that all you wanted was a *fresh tart i*. What do you call this?" The words. were scarcely uttered before such an ominous change passed over the countenance of Jones, that Brown sprang to the door, where, however, he was overtaken by the tart, which deposited its nucleus of raspberry jam on the back of his New Dominion Paper Collar. Jones, we are told, talked for some time about a "hostile meeting," and was only led to give up the idea on reflecting that a man of Brown's propensities. was sure of the gallows some day or other, and that, if anything, he would rather see him hanged than shot.

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DIOGENES.

FASHIONABLE INTELLIGENCE.



OW rejoice all ye dwellers in Beaver Hall and be glad ye swells of St. Catherine Street, for the immortal *Jenkins* has taken up his abode among us! No longer shall your kettle drums, your musical *soirces*, or your tea fights be unrecorded, save in the columns of the scoffing *Star*. Now

shall the elaborate rollet of Mrs. City Councillor Wiggins be fitly recorded and full justice be done to the fascinations of Mrs. Captain de Boots.

"Jenkins" gives as a gentle intimation of his presence in the columns of a morning contemporary, wherein he records the arrival of Prince Alfred. There, he tells us, with some simplicity, that Lord Alexander Russell *first entered* the sacred precincts of the car containing His Royal Highness. He does not, as an inferior artist would do, weaken the effect by dilating upon the trembling awe with which the gallant nobleman approached the royal presence. He knows there are some achievements which, in their majestic daring, are beyond the power of language, however flowery, to exalt.

Then he recounts how the Prince stept upon the platform, and "enjoyed a few minutes conversation with his admirers," after which he entered his carriage and drove off to the residence of the Hon. John Rose, where he was entertained at dinner. Although there can be no doubt that "Jenkins" was present at that entertainment he does not give us any particulars thereanent, and the Cynic can only express a hope that His Royal Highness enjoyed his dinner, at least as much as the conversation of his admirers, and that he derived even more benefit therefrom.

Seriously, DIOGENES would suggest to the chroniclers of the movements of H.R.H. that this absurd style of writing can only tend to excite the derision of our republican neighbours, and can be neither agreeable to the Prince nor to those who sincerely respect him.

VERY. FUNNY!

The press and the public have all along been under the impression that the Government would not venture to foist Sir Francis Hicks upon them in the face of their almost unanimously-expressed disapproval of the job. Sir Francis, on the other hand, seems to be equally certain that he will be welcomed with joy and gladness. It is curious to contrast Sir Francis's credulity and the public's incredulity.

The Cynic suggests a new spelling of the noun, which in future should be Hinckscredulity.

NOTES AND QUERIES.

A correspondent enquires why this department of DIOCENES has been recently discontinued? The Cynic assures him that its temporary absence has been only owing to unavoidable changes in his literary staff. This column, which was originally introduced simply as an experiment, has turned out, as far as it has gone, extremely successful. It is the only one of its kind in the Dominion, and should be the medium of interchange of thought among literary men. He has good means of knowing that the institution of this little portion of CROOK to be straight forward.

GENCE. OW rejoice all ye dwellers in Beaver Hall and be glad ye swells of St. Cathe paper has given, so far, great satisfaction to those for whom it was intended. He would take, however, this opportunity of saying that it never was designed to be exclusively *literary*. Questions on art and science, or, indeed, on any subject not absolutely frivolous, will always be welcome.

During this interval, the following Queries have been lying in the Cynic's Tub :----

- Query.—Can any of your correspondents furnish me with the real origin of the word "Canada?" I have seen many, but am still unsatisfied.—"J. D.," Waterloo.
- Query.—A friend informs me that the English word "News" was originally derived from the letters of the cardinal points of the compass—N. E. W. S., from which all news comes. Is this correct?—"J. M.," Montreal.

Query.—In Tennyson's "Morte d'Arthur," and again in "The Idylls of the King," we find—" Clothed in white Samile, mystic, wonderful!" What is Samile 1

Query.—What is the origin of the word *bull*, in the sense of an Irish Bull ?—A. B.

WHAT I WOULD I WERE.

RABIES NO. 8.

I would I were a bird Of song and plumage rare,— A songster from some distant land, Some climate bright and fair :

But then I would not be a bird, And on queer diet feed ; For little birds you always find Quite early "run to seed!!"

Then, would I were a horse,— A steed of famous breed; A courser great, of high renown, Unequalled as to speed.

I guess I wouldn't be a horse, I cannot see the fun Of doing what's your "level best," Then find your "race is run."

Well, p'raps I'd be a pig, And try *that* for a while, And eat and drink, and sleep all day,— In short, just live in *style*:

But then, pigs are such dirty things, Of husks they never tire; Besides, they wallow in the *mud*— An act I don't admire.

Well, perhaps, 1'd better be a sheep,— At least, 1'll think it over; For, unlike men, when "gone to grass," They always "live in clover!"

PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE!

A portion of our mercantile community is exercised concerning the alleged misconduct of a certain Anglo-Canadian Firm towards a brother merchant.

Without committing himself to an opinion on the merits of the case, DIOGENES would simply remark that it is unreasonable to expect a CROOK to be straight-forward.

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A ROCKY REVERIE

'Tis sweet to stroll upon the rocks, And watch the flowing tide ; To gaze o'er ocean's vast expanse, To watch each vessel glide

Like fairy bird, on snowy wing, Cleaving the western sky; Gladdening the lonely watcher's heart,-Lighting that watcher's eye.

'Tis sweet, on moonlit eve, to gaze On scenes thus fair and bright, Till fancy bears the soul away To realms of endless light.

Here, Charles broke on my reverie,-Said he, " My dear, I wish You'd not forget, those vessels' freight Is less of love than fish !'

And that each bark, which seems so fair, And stirs your very soul, Is but some grimy-looking craft,---Some collier carrying coal !

EVA HEAD.

DEAR OLD DIO.

Honestly now, don't you feel a little anxious to know, how your fondly-loved Eva, has fared since you left her at Montenegro? Don't you feel a few qualms of conscience when you reflect how you left her, an unprotected female, in a bachelor's establishment on the Montreal Mountain ?

Well, my philosopher, you espoused my side, if you didn't espouse me, and so this time I forgive you.

I have been staying, reading, living, whatever you may call it in your horrid vocabulary, at Newport, R.I., since the death of poor Henrico. Alas, poor Henrico! I feel as the cabmen did under similar circumstances; he said no one could tell " how he missed his missus !" I'm afraid you'll say the salt air has weakened my puns. Well, well, it often happuns. So, my dear Cynic, forgive me this time. And, oh my! you don't know what a pretty place this Newport is. Why, Dio dear, I have only seen one plain girl since I have been here, and I can't complain of her, for she had a plaintive voice, and explained to me that she was going to get rid of her freckles very soon by using Ladd's "Bloom of Youth." Oh, Dio I don't put this last in print, please,-that's a dear ! I didn't intend to write it,-only my pen slipped. Well, you know, we go down to the beach every day, and its such awfully jolly fun ? We all don such nice suits, just like queens, you know, and then let the surf come rolling all over us. In fact, we are regular slaves of the serj and this going down on the beach, is becoming habeachual I saw Dr. Barker down here the other day, but he with us. didn't recognise me : he seems to grog very much and wears a whig now, dear old man I. You can't imagine what lots of swells are here just now,-(now, you provoking Cynic you know I don't mean that stale old pun about "swells on the ocean.") E. H. K., and that candidate for the moated Grange-you know him; he was ogling me too, the monster, but I don't think he'll suct me ; no I never can forget dear Henrico you know, mon cher Cynic.

And then the drives, and flirtations, and the sails, and the sells, and the "pork-an-beans," as M. Assolant would call it;

* Habitual ? Ed. Dto.

D10 dear, I tell you truly, if it wasn't for indigestion, and sorrow at poor Henrico's loss, I would ask you down herecan't you come ? "Tub be or not Tub be," as one of your writers says :- do write and let me know, and bring down plenty of shin-plasters with you dear old Cynic-and please six pairs of 5²/₄ "Touvins" from whoever advertises most in your paper, my philosopher.

Please dont let Mrs. Dio see this ; and, oh ! Schwartz says rememember him to-on second thought no, as he says we have enough *weeks* here as it is.—Sara Jane sends a "sable osculation," and says she wishes you wouldn't put so much politics in, for she knows "some white folk's" niggers' "gwine to be killed with jest such foolishness"-and she has discarded you for the " Dominion Monthly."

> Your own ever, EVA.

ALMOST TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.

A rumour has been current for some days in "The Capital," and has A runnour has been current for some days in "The Capital, and has even found its way into the newspapers, that a successor to the present Minister of Public Works has been selected, and that, solely on account of his competency for the office! Surely the Millennium must be near at hand! It is believed, and on good grounds, that Joseph Merrell Currier is to be the new Commissioner. Now, J. M. C. is neither a violent political partisan, nor a great talker. He is not a deep schemer. He has not aided in the concoction of any little midnight jobs. He has never battered bis principles for pelf or nlace. He has the character of never bartered his principles for pelf or place. He has the character of being honest in all his dealings, and, odd to say, pays his debts! These negatives and affirmatives go some way towards making up a desirable man. He is actually so unpretending, that the world would be astonished at section a man in an office who was not above outerding to be at seeing a man in an office who-was not above attending to its duties. But the discouraging feature remains. He is believed to be intimately acquainted with the management and details of business generally, and with the special business of the office in question in particular. If this does not prove a bar, DIOGENES will, even yet, have hopes of his appointment.

Well, well ! we shall see. The times are pregnant :- who can say to what prodigy they may not give birth?

ROSES HAVE THORNS.

Tis a sad thing a melancholy truth! but nevertheless, young men and women, and, sometimes, their seniors, too, will flirt. Not even the holy bands of matrimony are always a bar to the pleasant and innocent dissipation.

dissipation. Mrs. B.—, and Mr. C.—, both in chains—were, recently, under the influence of a severe attack of the gentle malady. And the fever waxed warm. "Remember Mr. C.—," said Mrs. B.—, "that you are forbidden to covet your neighbour's wife." "True Mrs. B.—," said Mr. C.—, "but here, as in every thing, the ladies have the advantage of us :—I am not aware that it is anywhere forbidden to covet your neighbour's husband!" "Perhaps, not," said the lady, "but the prohibition extends to your neighbour's animals. I think it probable that one of these, (which, it is

neighbour's animals. I think it probable that one of these, (which, it is Mr. C-.. flirted no more that day !

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RATHER NICE.

R-., an elderly man, was admiring a fine, chubby baby which a pretty young mother was exultingly exhibiting. The pretty young mother had been sensible enough to select a man just old enough to take care of her. R-'s commendation assumed this horrible shape-"What a tit-bit it would make in some of the South-Sea Islands."

"I believe they prefer old men, there," said the pretty young mother, " and so do I ! R-, felt bound to fall in love without further notice !...

A NEW PRONOUN FROM THE "DOMINION GRAMMAR. Nom. : Hic-Hec-Hoc. GEN.: Hink-Hinks-Hunks.

The (hard) cases will be supplied hereafter.

DIOGENES.

ANNEXATION AND INDEPENDENCE.

A little pirate ship was manned By men of desperation ; A moody discontented band, Who called her "Annexation."

To every British port she sailed, But met a cold reception: No specious promises availed To sanction the deception.

"What's to be done?" the Captain cried, "Our ancient worn-out rigging, By wind and weather often tried, Seems but a type of prigging.

They're all beginning to find out Our smug pretentions hollow ; We'll change our pattern in and out, For something they can swallow."

Repainted then, from stern to bow, No stars and stripes were seen, But here and there her hull, I trow Was "wearing o' the green."

Then was she "Independence" called, A lofty sounding *name*; 'Twas strange—the Britons, un-appalled, Saw through her just the *same*.

A harmless joke is upright,-fair, Though easy of solution : No little pirate cock-boat e'er, Can make a recolution.

OUR SICK CONTRIBUTOR'S FELLOW BOARDERS. No. 13.

BRIDGET-(Continued).

I spoke in my last of the fact of Bridget having two lovers. This is not all. She is irrevocably betrothed to both, to her own great embarrassment. Now, do not judge lightly of poor Bridget until you hear the circumstances, which are these

About three years and a half ago, Bridget became acquainted with Zephyrin Boncœur, an extremely good specimen of a French Canadian. You may trust Bridget for that: she never had any sympathy for "loafers." Zephyrin is a native of Gaspe, and, as may be guessed, an amphibious individual. From his boyhood, he had served on board some of those small crafts which ply between the different ports of the Lower Provinces and Quebec. Latterly, he had become permanently attached to a schooner, which plied at regular intervals, between Montreal and St. John, N.B. One would not think him exactly the man for Bridget to take up with. He is considerably older than she, and no one can call him handsome. However, tall men always like little women, and trice versit. Bridget is a giantess, and Zephyrin a little spherical-shaped man, like, as he facetiously observes, *un gros boudin.* The courtship was not long. Like Celia and Oliver, they "no sooner saw than they looked, -- no sooner looked than they loved,-no sooner loved than they asked each other the but had been persuaded by a gentleman from New York to invest them in bonds of the Irish Republic, which, as yet, had not produced the promised dividend, although she was assured they would ultimately be paid at the City Bank. Zephyrin was ardent, enthusiastic and willing to marry at once, but Bridget,—an extremely sensible girl where Irish Republican agents were not concerned,-declined the proffered honor, and, at last, succeeded in convincing her swain that it was not desirable to marry on three dollars and a half. The prudence and good sense which she showed, only excited her lover's ardour the more. He became heroic,-desperate,-and ready to go through fire and water for her sake. At last the matter was settled thus : He was to attach himself to some vessel about to cross the Atlantic,-was to remain abroad for two years,-not longer,-to live upon almost nothing, and save almost everything, and, at the end of two years, was to return to claim Bridget's hand; while she, on her part, was to try and save some money too. The parting was tender and pathetic, and Zephyrin went forth to seek his fortune. What follows is almost "Enoch Arden" over again; but it is a true story. A year passed away, and no news of "Zeph." There was nothing very extraordinary about this, seeing that neither of the lovers could read or Now Bridget considered reading and writing most useless acwrite. the absence of them in a man. Besides, how else could she hear any-thing of the wanderer ? Another year past away. Bridget became fretful "," It is needless to say the Cynic does not intend to die at all!

and impatient. Another six months and still no news : Bridget indignant : and impatient. Another six months and sum to news r bridget indignant : yet another six months and Bridget—bad formed the acquaintance of Lance Corporal Smart, of Her Majesty's 60th Rifles. Her friends said she was right. Bridget was twenty-seven. Zephyrin had promised to be back in two years, but had out-stayed three. He was either dead or would never come back. Now the Corporal was three years younger than Bridget and, like all her friends, was very steady. He was a tectotaler, (which much advanced him in Bridget's eyes), and could read and write (which much advanced him in briggers eyes), and could read and write well; --in fact, was employed as a clerk in one of the military depart-mental offices, by which means he more than doubled his pay. He had some money in the Savings Bank. He had obtained leave to marry. Bridget had consented. He had gone to Ottawa with his regiment, whither Bridget was to follow him next month.

Such was the state of things, till, one day last week, when I was talking to the Captain, there suddenly came a furious ring at the door. Bridget proceeded to open it, and then-a loud scream, followed by a still louder shout ! and Bridget was sobbing in the arms of a little round man. with bronzed complexion and iron grey hair 1 I guessed what had occurred. This was Zephyrin come back. The Captain soon called him by name, and shook hands with him. By bits and jerks he told us his story. He seemed, almost, to have lost his French Canadian accent, but had acquired one much more unintelligible, and which, I afterwards heard from the Captain, was derived from the "pigeon-English" of Hong Kong,

He had sailed to Bombay and while there had earned some money in . the employ of a merchant. Had sailed to Calcutta, was more prosperous. opened a little shop of his own and got on better still. Sailed for China, was wrecked and lost everything. The did not imitate "Enoch Arden." He did not remain "under a palm tree." on an island in the Southern Seas. He got himself picked up by a French vessel and taken to Hong. Kong. He was soon on his legs again. His knowledge of both French and English turned out very useful to him. Suffice it, that, having got a friend to write a letter home to Bridget telling her of the misfortunes he had suffered, -- which letter she never received, -- he went to work again. He made several voyages to Manilla and again opened a shop at Hong-When he thought the proper time had arrived, he set sail for Kong. England with a quantity of Manilla and Chinese goods of his own. These he had sold in London and he had now come to claim his bride with two hundred and seventy-five pounds in good Bank of England notes with two hundred and seventy-live pounds in good Bank of England notes in a large leather pocket-book which he always carried about his person, not being willing to trust it into the hands of any of those "banking sharpers." He had also brought some Chinese curiosities which he pre-sented to Bridget before he had been with her five minutes ! " Zeph " remained till late that evening. We had him up into the parlour, to the great disgust of Mrs. X——, and the great anuscment of every one else. He had plenty of varues to tell and by no means despised the cold beef and great with which our landlade merched him. and grog with which our landlady regaled him. Bridget is in despair. She evidently despises neither "Zeph" nor his money-but 1 think she personally prefers the Corporal. "Zeph" has certainly not grown younger or handsomer during his travels; his speech is louder and coarser; he has not learned to read and write and he—drinks grog, which is Brid-get's abomination. The embarrassing part of it is that "Zeph" knows nothing about the Corporal, nor the Corporal about "Zeph." Each is ignorant of the others' existence, and Bridget has not the courage to undeceive them. It appears, that some years ago, there was a drunken row in Champlain Street, Quebec, between some soldiers and civilians. The whole affair was not very creditable, but "Zeph" was concerned on the civilian side, and was most unmercifully beaten over the head by the buckle of a soldier's belt. Ever since that day "Zeph" has not had a good word for the British Army and still less for individual members of it. Bridget says that if "Zeph" once hears about the Corporal, he will go direct to Ottawa and kill him with that sailor's knife of his, and then he will be hanged ! Bridget evidently has no idea of getting rid of both lovers, but declines to say which she prefers. In this state of doubt, what does Bridget do, but what every other

sensible person in the house does, when in difficulty ;-consult the Captain. He has promised, when he goes to Ottawa next week, to see the Corporal, and break the news to him. I am afraid that the Captain,—military man though he be—in this case, like the rest of the boarders, sympathises rather with the sailor than the soldier. Ladies take warning from poor Bridget and do not cultivate

"TWO BEAUX TO YOUR STRING."

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MY DEAR DIO :- Certain " green and yellow melancholy ' individuals are busy just now predicting your speedy demise. Will you permit me to express a hope that, should such an event unfortunately occur, you will die a natural death,not didactic?

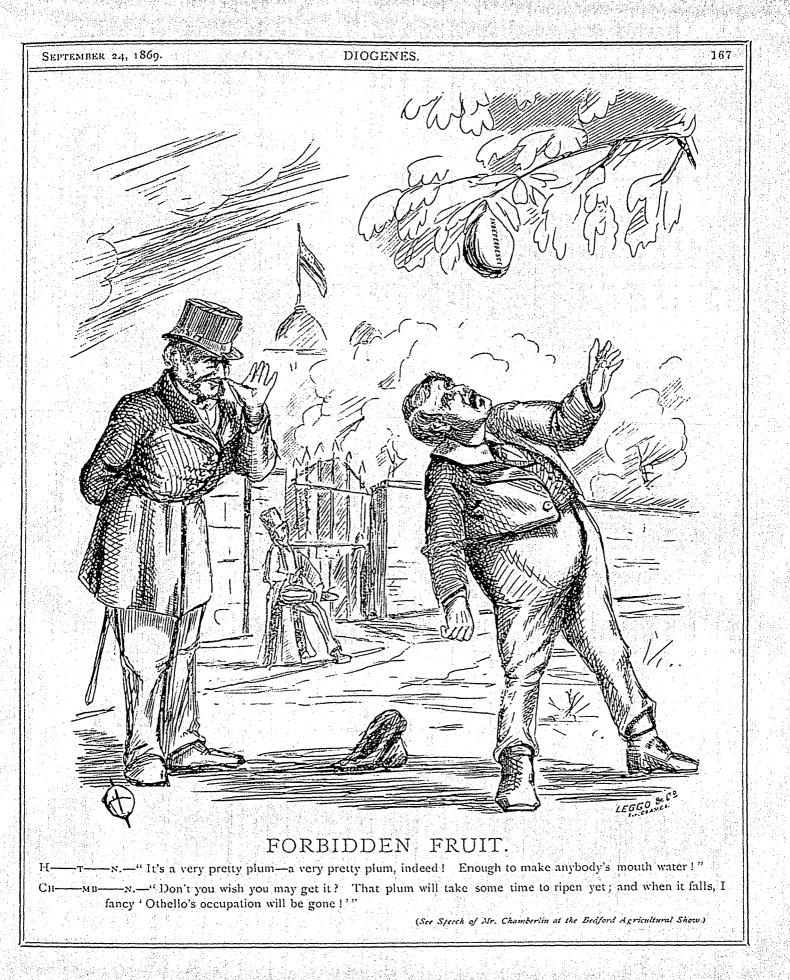
Yours faithfully,



TEMPTING OFFER. A

JONATHAN-" I'm told, Ma'am, you don't make any objection; and I'm sure the young lady is sufficiently sensible to appreciate a good offer." Mas. BULL-" If she wishes it, I'm sure I don't object. She is old enough now to know her own mind; and as it is purely a matter of taste, I have no wish to interfere ! "

Miss MAPLE-LEAF-" Mamma, I think 1'm owre young to marry yet," and I'm not quite sure that celibacy is not, after all, the happier lot. Thanks to your kind-ness and forethought, I am assured an ample competence. I only hope the Stewards I may be called upon to select will do their duty. If they do not, you can tell the gentloman to call again. Meantime, I am deeply sensible of his kind intentions."



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AUNT TABITHA'S TOUR.

"COUSIN WILLIE AND THE BIRDS."

MY DEAR DIOGENES :

"Speak well of the bridge that carries you safely over !" If the Grand Trunk deposits you, for forty-eight hours, at Fogville, pray don't be ungrateful, and complain,-for Fogville seems to have been specially designed for such an emergency.

designed for such an emergency. Such were my thoughts, on making my appearance, on Sunday, at a comfortable breakfast, at which my Aunt and Mr. Brown were already busily engaged. I verify believe that, finding me a "bore," they stole a march on me by getting up very early, and thus managed to indulge in a matutinal "spoon," undisturbed by the proverbially long ears of "little pitchers,"—a favorite phrase of my Aunt's, which she uses for my edification, though, for the life of me, I have never been able to discover any trace of such appendages in our crockery

Everybody was pleased with everything,-except, perhaps, our being kept awake all night by a wretched little cur, that seemed to have to do all the barking for the village, and kept up an incessant yelp day and night. But even he had his friend and admirer,-for my Aunt declared that his bark made her feel quiet at home,-it reminded her so much of Martin Luther ! Mr. Brown's face here exhibited slight signs of mystification, which became more and more intense as she proceeded, for, although not particularly well up in history or literature, he had a vague idea that he had heard, somewhere before, of Martin Luther, and that he wrote novels, or was a popular preacher.

"That Martin Luther," continued my Aunt, " is a remarkable creature ! While leaving home, just as we were going out of sight of our house, I waved my handkerchief to bid them all good-bye, when what should I see but Martin Luther wagging his tail, just like a Christian !?

Here Mr. Brown's amazement at this remarkable trait was so evident, that I ventured to relieve him from his perplexity, by informing him that my Aunt had called her favorite terrier after the great German Reformer, as a special mark of her admiration for him. Her excessive reverence for him, I confess, I greatly suspect to be due to the fact, that, though late in life-(for, as she remarks, "it is never too late to mend,")-he saw the error of his ways, and, by abandoning celibacy, set a very good example to his sex.

Thinking that I had better leave Mr. Brown to the undisturbed enjoyment of the numerous interesting canine anecdotes that I saw were coming, I slipped out of the room, and stole off into the woods for a ramble; and when I was our of hail, the temptation to play truant came so strongly upon me, that I succumbed. It is true that I had a vague impression that my Aunt, in spite of her strict Sabbatarian notions, would, for once, forgive me for keeping out of the way. If I had any doubt, I gave myself the benefit of it,-although I have been almost persuaded by my Aunt that I am sure to be hanged. She is never tired of telling me that every man that has been hanged played truant on Sunday when a boy ; and as I am sometimes an offender, I suppose I ought to take a somewhat gloomy view of my future.

But my rambling tastes, in spite of all that my Aunt says, are owing, not to a tendency towards the gallows, but to an old notion that I cannot get rid of, and for which I am indebted to my little cousin Willie.

He was a queer, quaint child, who, all the old women used to say, was too good and too pretty to live,—a thing they never said of me. He used to have the oddest ideas, that did not seem a bit like those of a child. I have often heard his old Irish nurse, Biddy Sullivan, say that she verily believed that he was a "fairy child," which "the good people" had changed for the real Willie, and that he would be sure to go back to them before long; and, as far as that went, she was in the right,-at least, he did not stay with us very long. Often and often I thought of what the old woman said, when he would come out with some queer outlandish speech that would puzzle my Aunt and myself completely. Once I used to be almost afraid of him,-only he was too good and too fond of us for any one to fear him.

I remember well one Sunday, when we were at the Three-Mile Church, -my Aunt, Willie, and L. The windows being open, I noticed, before the service commenced, the birds singing, and the pleasant sound of the water-fall close at hand. I heard all sorts of birds,-linnets, robins, Tom Kennedies, and many others whose names I did not know. Willie behaved very well until we began to chant the Litany, when, all of a sudden, I noticed his eyes open with intense surprise, as he listened with the greatest delight to something outside. At length, he got so excited that he kept constantly turning round and "nudging" me, whispering "Do you hear them? Do you hear what they're saying?" I could not make out what the child could be dreaming of. My Aunt, every now and then, would frown dismally at him, and he would relapse into quiet; when, presently, his eyes would steal towards the window, and the same singular look of delight would come over his face again.

singurar 100% of dengat would come over his face agam. On my asking him what he meant by his very odd behaviour, he seemed much surprised. "Didn't you hear the little birds outside all saying their prayers, and joining in with us? I could hear one saying, every time we did, 'Good Lord deliver us !!" These were the very words it kept repeating ; and then another bird began to sing with us, 'We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord !" I am sure it meant what it said, for it same ever so much as if it wished what it was saving should be for it sang ever so much, as if it wished what it was saying should be

heard. But they didn't get tired of singing it, as we did, for they kept up the same song—0! there they are now, singing the very same words over and over again, as plainly as can be. I have been wondering who can have taught the birds all they know, and whether the angels, which they say can fly, and are always singing hymns, may not sometimes turn My Aunt was greatly shocked at his listening to the birds, instead of

to Parson Grimes .- for, as she sternly remarked, "they have no sense if they could, they might sing till they were to try; and even if they could, they might sing till they were tired, but they couldn't be heard. It's of no use for any except good Christians to sing hymns, for all others-heathens, heretics, beasts and birds-are all alike, and are nothing to Providence. So be a good boy, or you'll be no better than the birds !

My Aunt's homily didn't cure him of the odd notion that he had got into his head. In fact, it was a source of deep regret to her, that, just before he was taken away from us, he didn't seem to hear or to mind any thing we could say to him; but when a little bird began to sing outside the window, his eyes brightened, and he made us a sign to be silent, and so he kept on listening to the last, as it sang the same words to him over and over again.

My Aunt has groaned and lamented many, many a time over his misspending his last moments in listening to the song of the foolish little bird; but she hopes he will be forgiven in the next world, and I'm disposed to think that he will be.

I never could get this notion of Willie's out of my head. Every time that I go into the woods, I fancy I hear the birds, the trees, and the brooks all saying something, though what it is I cannot tell. Sometimes it is very cheery, and sometimes it is solemn enough. Often, in the midday, I hear the sound of the wind from a long way off, and as it passes over-head, the leaves begin to rustle and to dance merrily, and the sunbeams go flitting and skipping about on the moss, as if they were off on a holiday. But in the evening, when the shadows grow dusk, and the wind dies away, I can hear the trees whispering and murmuring to one another, till I sometimes feel half frightened, and hurry home,—just as I felt once when I went into the Cathedral at twilight. There was no one there but myself, and as I saw the figures of the saints looking down at me silently from the windows, I grew half afraid of disturbing them by my footsteps,

and was glad to steal out on tip-toe into the open air. I cannot help feeling that Willie, young as he was, had a vague glimpse of truths that are worth more than all the hard axioms of my Aunt's cast-iron Christianity,—truths that extend our sympathies to all creation, enable us to hear the litany of the woods, "find tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones and good in everything." I hurried back to the hotel somewhat sooner than I intended,—not

because I was oppressed by the solemn voices of the woods, but because I had serious misgivings that Mr. Brown might be taking advantage of my absence to whisper soft nothings into the ears of my confiding Aunt 1 Thank your stars, DIOGENES, that you are not blessed with a maiden aunt on the shady side of fifty, who is spoiling for a lover! . How I acquitted myself in the performance of the onerous duties that were so unexpectedly imposed upon me, I shall tell you in my next. Yours very truly,

AUNT TABITHA'S NEPHEW

CORAM THE RECORDER, SEPT. 20TH.

The Court, as we said in our last, was full, and we, who have fed sumptionsly every day since, confess that we have had terrible qualms of conscience when thinking of the Recorder's sufferings while undergoing a week's fast, waiting for us to listen to his judgment in the Great Oyster Case. For the rest of the audience too, we feel acutely, particularly for the Parsons and the Cabmen. The first hate waiting for dinner,—saving short graces before meat, and long-enough ones after it. "Cabby," we are afraid, swears if his dinner is not ready. We hope the Church does not do so when there is no dinner. We shall be glad to be reassured on this point, for DIOGENES hates all immorality. We know that there is no difference between the sensations of a hungry Parson and a hungry Cabman. We know that like causes produce like effects. We know that, emptus venter non pracepto andit, and, in short, we fear that all this that, emptus renter non prizecolo andar, and, in short, we lear that all this delay of ours, causing so much fasting, must have caused much profane swearing. "Plooky Peter" says it did. "Venter mihi crepitat," said the Clerk :—"Don't speak so loud," said the Recorder, who begins to forget his Latin, and who only heard something about "my eye." Don't speak so loud :- we must not be heard swearing in open Court.

At length, however, we must let the hungry Justice speak, and now we

At length, however, we integrited the ling of plastice speak and how we hasten to publish the judgment. "I have searched," said the Recorder, speaking with a kindly look at the empty shells,—touching remains of the "Carlton's " Exhibit No. 1— I have searched "all history." DIOGENES protests,—for he has twentyfour hours' license to abuse the Judge if he chose,-that the Court did not look as if searching had been hard work, for His Honor was round, plump, and comfortable. Had he searched, it was not in burning the midnight lamp, for no shadow of the "pale cast of thought" was to be seen on his honest brow. All about the worthy gentleman bespoke the casy conscience,-the sound sleep,-the inward peace of a man who takes

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things easy, and who enjoys a pleasant salary with excellent digestive powers. To search " all history," involves an amount of labour which would ruin any powers of digestion, corrupt all sources of happiness, and destroy, for ever, our most excellent Beak-but we are glad to think that he, like other Judges in higher Courts, merely used the expression for forms' sake. "I have searched all history, then, and I find nowhere recorded the name of the inventor of the Oyster-neither in Strabo, nor Pliny, nor Dion Cassius, nor in Goody Two Shoes, nor in Knickerbockers New York, nor in Sinbad the Sailor, nor in Guliver's Travels, nor in Macaulay's "England," nor in Debrett's "Peerage," do I find the name of the inventor of the Oyster. As with too many of the greatest benefactors of our race, his name has perished in the gray mists of a hoary antiquity; and though his spirit mingles in the Halls of Valhalla"-here the Recorder got a little misty himself, dispersed by the spirit,-not sure whether it was Spirits of Wine or Old Rye, and doubtful about the mingling with anything but water, with three lumps of Redpath's refined ;but seeing John in our Tub, looking as if ready at the climax of the sen-tence to come out with his "Neesh! Neesh! !!" and feeling that his climax had vanished in these villainous Gothic walls, he looked severely at "John," and told the Crier, with the bad cold, to enforce silence. The Crier, forthwith, with a gasp and a frown, cried, "d-order," During this diversion he left the inventor of the Oyster, climax and all, to his fate, resuming-

"One thing, however, I have discovered, that our glorious bivalve was known in the time of Antoninus Pius, Heliogabalus, and other Roman Emperors :- had it not been for this our American cousins, who boldly assert that everything was invented in New England by a Yankee, would. long ere this, have found a name for the inventor. Rome, however, even in the days of Heliogabalus, was older than Boston ; therefore, as I said before, the name and fame of the Oyster inventor,-patent and all,-have vanished in"

" Tinues amas," suggested the Clerk, who is always grunting Latin.

"Yes," said the Recorder, grasping at the relief, vanished ten years' ago. Oysters, then, were known in the days of the Romans, and the fame of English Oysters had reached the city of the Seven Hills, so that Julius Cæsar was sent to fetch a cargo of them. He went and found our Island occupied by a few tribes of turbulent savages, called by him, and all Roman historians, "barbarians:" but he found the Oysters-ate but he found the Oysters-ate "NATIVES"—a name which, during Two Thousand Years, has made the "NATIVES — a name which, during I wo I housand Years, has made the English Oyster famous. How he came back, without leave, or fish either, overturned the government and sent King Brutus to "paddle his own cance," may be seen in the life of Julius Casar, by his nephew, the Emperor Napoleon, Vol. 45— "Page?" said a distinguished Q.C., preparing to take a note. "Passim," said the Recorder. The learned Q.C. knows "Erse," but no Lative accent, indeed that a glass of pothern is Latin for these thoses.

Latin, except, indeed, that a glass of potheen is Latin for roast goose ; he felt that in presence of so many of his countrymen he ought to look as if he understood the word, so he wrote down "pass him," thinking it looked learned, though not intelligible.

"Natives," - continued the Judge, with the air of a man who was sure of the assent of 'his audience,—"Natives." were eaten by the Romans, and have been eaten ever since. For preparing a "native" for his fate is the defendant brought before this Court; for completing the history of a dozen or more, stands DIOCENES accused to day. To be eaten, the dozen or more, stands DIOCENES accused to-day. oyster must be opened ; no one will contend that the Romans,-made of iron as they were,-ate them-shells and all ! The Oyster to be eaten, I repeat, must be opened. This settles the case. Into the manner of If the peak, must be belief. This settles the clise. This the initial of opening I am not called upon to decide—whether cruel or the reverse. If Mine Host of the "Carlton" had no right to open the oyster, then he is guilty of "forcible entry and detainer." Of this he is not accused, nor could the "Sec. for the So, for the Sup." institute such an action. To maintain such an accusation, the Oyster himself must have appeared and made affidavit of the facts. If it be alleged that, being deal and dumb, he could make no affidavit, then, on an axis de perdu, the "Sec." might have been appointed Attorney, ad litem, to all Oysterdom - but, before this Court, the Oyster could not come complaining, by his Attorney, the "Sec. for the So. for Sup.," of forcible entry and detainer, or for a burglarious entry even. Over such crimes and misdemeanors I have no jurisdiction ; my power being limited to the punishment of breaches of the peace to the extent of "five bob or eight days." Against the first defendant then, Plaintiff's action must be dismissed, sauf a se pourvoir, on being appointed Curator to the Oyster family.

At this stage of the proceedings, the irrepressible "John" had very nearly committed himself again, but as the "Neesh! Neesh!" was this time applauding the deision of the Judge, the Court was to his "failing" just " a little kind."

"But," resumed the Recorder, "the action failing as concerns the first defendant, it cannot be maintained against DIOGENES; if the first defendant, as opener of the Oyster, is declared innocent, then, as a necessary inference of law, no Oyster was opened at all; consequently, unless the Philosopher swallowed him-not "in the shell," but shell and all,-no "Native" was swallowed, dead or alive,-with or without vinegar. The only thing proved,-and with that this Court cannot here interfere,is, that the Cynic did take sundry "raw nips," but as, legally speaking, no Oyster had been eaten, of course the "Pale" could hurt no native, hurt no one-not even the Philosopher-for the Court is glad to certify, as

known by frequent personal experience, that nothing but genuine "stingo" is to be found at "Mine Host's." Besides, the death of the Oyster has not been proved-the corpus delicti has not been producedthe law will not condemn, unless the body is seen ; as in the celebrated case in Liverpool,-the tide may have carried away a living child ; and there is a "tide in the affairs of man" which may, at its ebb, have carried off a living Oyster! The action, therefore, as concerns the second Defendant—the most excellent DIOGENES—is likewise dismissed.

Remains only the question of costs. The "Sec. for the So, for the Sun," ought not to pay the costs, seeing that he acts, in a manner, on behalf of the Queen, against whom no costs can be awarded, and is, besides, no doubt, actuated by the very laudable desire of saving the "natives" from bad usage—from roasting, for instance, or picking. On the other hand, no action ought to be dismissed by any Court,—none has ever been dis-missed by me,—without costs. I dismiss these actions, therefore, and condemn the Bailiffs who served the summonses, to stand trial.

Diogenes will not attempt to tell the sensation which this decision produced. Every man in Court heaved a deep sigh of relief : all present felt that, henceforth, no man need fear to cat Oysters, for unless they can appear legally represented in Court, the "So, for the Sup," must confine its attentions to fellows who pluck feathers from chickens which persist in kicking after the spinal cord is broken.

"A FELLOW FEELING MAKES US WONDROUS KIND "

The above well-known and oft-quoted line has been attributed to half the authors in the English language, and, last week, an esteemed contributor fell into the common error of setting it down to Shakspere.

The ink of our friend's paragraph was hardly dry, before the great "Onontio" of Montreal criticism-who, just now, makes it his business and pleasure to watch for Diogenesian peccadilloes,-rushed into our Tubas fast as his legs would carry him, -and, in a state of excitement, border-ing on hunacy, demanded a volume called "Familiar Quotations," This volume is an exceedingly handy one for persons with short memories, and is much in request among writers whose literary talent lies in the direction of "stuffing." To his intense joy the critic discovered that the line was not Shakspere's, but that of Shakspere's great delineator, David Garrick.

The Cynic has been informed that the critic was anxious to communicate his discovery to the principal journals of the Dominion, but as such a proceeding would have involved trouble and expense, he has contented himself with carrying about with him one of the free copies, with which Diogenes is pleased, weekly or weakly, to regale him, and shewing it to his admiring friends at street corners. As the number must soon be soiled and worn, Diexignes has given instructions for his critical friend to be furnished with another on application at the orifice of his Tub.

APOLOGETIC.

Some stupid people imagine that, in our "Hielan contributor," who was fined for kicking up a row in the Recorder's Court the other day, we meant to indicate the very grave and reverend Signior, of the Montreal Witness, and we are even told that that most esteemeil representative of temperance principles, feels aggrieved at the idea of his being enthusiastic on behalf of Oysters and "fixins." DIOGENES hastens then to say, that the contributor, who rejoices in the same well-known name of John is no relative of John of the *Winest*—that he is the laughing, comical, dancing, jolly, "young John" only; and we hereby heartily apologise to our venerable friend, who is none of these, for inducing the belief that he could jump on a Tub, or do, or say, any funny thing. We must ailid, however, that we do not see how such a mistake could occur. Surely a career of thirty years of most consistent Bieotian dulluess-thirty years of a Witner which never said a lively thing or was known to provoke a smile, ought to have assured the world that its editor was no contributor to our pages ; but to make the matter perfectly clear to the reading world, we hereby declare that he did not jump on our Tub, that he did not shout " Neesh," that he was not in Court with a Glengarry bonnet on, that he was not fined for riotous conduct, and, finally, that he highly disapproves of Oysters, on account of their affinity to the " Pale."

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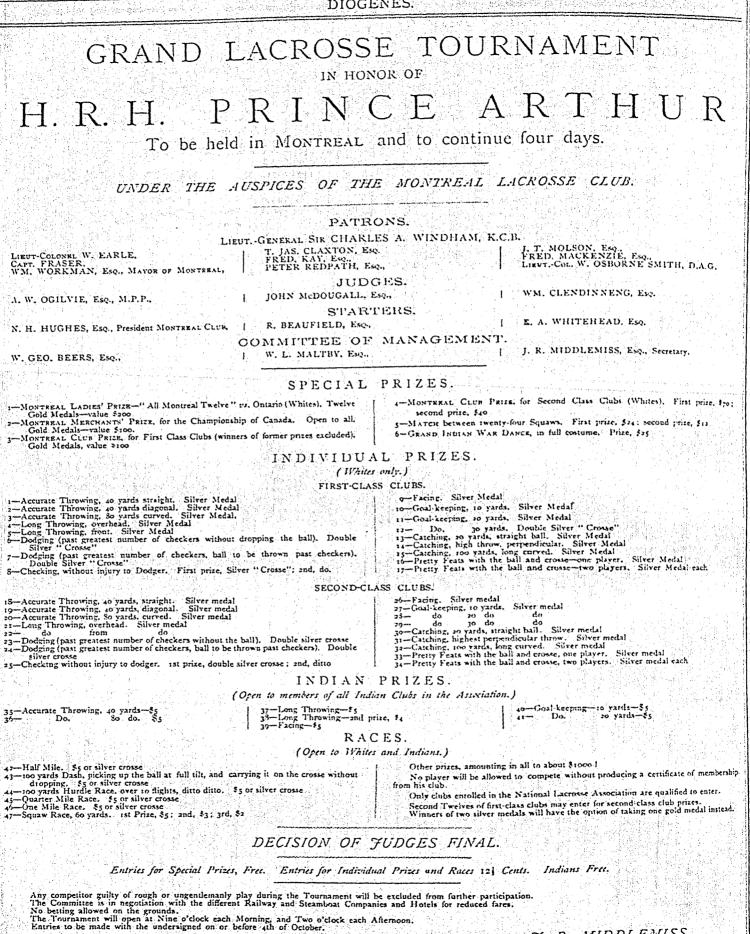
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