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## DEAR OLD DI,

Last weak, our debatin society, wich is entirely komposed of men who her not bin into thee sity Kounsil, \& who hev never, attendid any Sinnod meetins, diskussed thee followin subjec, to wit: "Can our soshul fabrick withstand thee shock consequenshial upon thee removal from amungst us of thee military?" and lasty, "what will bekum of our jung ladees now?

Thec furst speeker wiz a yung man of brite $\&$ intelligent apperance $\&$ in apparent good helth, who, as he alterwards achnowlidged, hed bin let go 4 times by nimilar number of yung ladees, on thee occashun of a new regiment arriviag into our sity.
"Frends $\&$ fellow sitizens," sez hee, " $i$ am fur thee affrmative side of thee question wich is to bee debaicd here this evenin. Thare is much to bee sed on both sides. But thee grate fact remanes, thee military are nearly awl gone and thee horses wich once drawd thee gray Battery
around are now dispersed to thee 4 winds. A gap is left in our midst around are now dispersed to thee 4 winds. A gap is leff in our midst. No more shall wee hear thee squedin bagpipes,"-Meer a Skotchman rose to a questun of privilege. He sed he took excepshun to thee term : Squeckin,' this bein a pursonal insult to every Skotchman present." I agreed with him \& kolld thee honorablespecker to order. He ayolygised $\&$ sed, "hee did'nt mean squeckin,' except in its dowery sense, wich apology bein acceped, he wetat on as follos:-
"No more shall wee hear thee pibroch's melojus sound, a tooting thro our streets, nor contemplate from afar, thee hawty hiland piper a blowin fit to bust, and struttin prowdly on to thee tune so often heard in Lucknow and elscwhare on Ingy's coral strand, namely, Jenny, dinna yee hear thee slogan,-thee aforesed piper a carryin himself as if hee waz thee Kumel of thee regiment and thee Kurnel wus only playin ad iddle onto his horse. Never shall wee again sec so menny bare legs into our streets in warm wether unless thee fashuns change and dri goods bekum more expensive". Heer i notisd sum of thee other members who were a goin to speck, a gittin impashuri, \& sez to thee honorable speekur, "plees imitate Alderman Rodiden \& konfine yourself to thee subjec matter in dispute". "This recalld thee ormatur to his senses.

Sez hee, "wee must look on this grate question from 2 points of vew. Furstly, thair infuence on thee yung ladees $\&$ what will they do fur husbands now, \& secondly, how air our yung men affected bi thee presents of the Queen's servants; (as they style thairselves into thee privet thecatrikles.) The handsun yung men diessed in scarlet array, who hev landid on our shores from old Ingland, air beluved bi our yung beuties on ackount of thair red clothes \& thee peculiarly melojus manner in wich thay speck thee Inglish langwidge. Sum vulgar fellows call it thee "haw hawe. style. It is said to be borrowd from thee dulset tone, so familiar to those who have wandered in thee flowery presinks of Covent Garden about 4 o'clock in thee morning, when thee ear is fascynated with thee chorus of kostermongers' chargers. This tone is closely imitated bi sum of our yung men, but thee genuine tone can only bee exccuted bi thec imported animal. Kittel drums were introjuced bi thee military \& hev bin thee sorce of much matrimony. In this konnexshun inny state that thee present depressed state of thee dri goods traid is owin to thee departure of thee military, as thee gurls air konvinced that thair old dresses air good enuff to ketch sivilians with."

Hecr "time" was kolld \& thee honorable speckur sat down, greeted bi thee harty checrs of thee awjence.

Thee $2 d$ speckur heer arose $\mathbb{E}$ sez hee. " $i$ hev no sympathy with enny Yung Kanajun, bee shee male or fenale, who murders thee Inglish langwidge, bi specking is if hee had a hot potato in his throat. Thee hady who does this, bee shee thee farest of her sex, (A wee hev sum fare ones into our kuntry) is not wurthyto bee kolld a Kanajun. Thair is much in favor of thee nilitary. Thair are sum fust rate chaps amungst thair ranks, \& thee proporshan of sensible men to bee found thareing, is about as grate as in enny other bizness \& in the Rile Artillery a good deal more. Thee hact is, wonder thare aint more of them spoilt in thee "piping times of pees' \& gentlemen," sed this speekur, "who kin get up, privet theeatrikles with thee perfushun of men-karacters to hold up thee curtains \& make things agrecable, like thee gorgeous sons of Mars? Loug may thay withstand thee assaults of such pusillanimous kusses as George Francis Train \& Zachariah Chandler, the blowers of this kontynent." Heer the onorable gentlemav got exsited. \& forgot thee rest of his speceh, \& after a pawse of 15 minnits, as he hadnt then rekovered, i suggested hee shood set down, \& set he did akordingly. After waitin 11 hours fur Sumboddy to make further remarks on this grate questun, thee awjunce kolld upon mee to sum up thee debite.

Gentelmen, "sez 2 , "when marrid mi Betsy thare wuz no offisurs in thee kuntry, that is to siy, whare i livd, konseguently, $i$ hev no hard me of a welthy: gurl, wich i wuz just a goin to be marrid to." Scz $i$, $\%$ for such a nimerous boddy of men thee soldjers air well behavd o thay hev prooved themselves good citizmis. It is troo our yung ladees hev turnd up thair hoses at fellos in tratid, but this will not last long f kommerse will vindykate herself in thee kourse of time. Thare is one konsolashun, girls who liave the military fever, are generally no great shakes of howskeepers, indeed, very few of thee yung ladees nowadays, konsider howskeeping, woman's speer, On thec whole, fhee offisurs $\&$ military; generall, hev allus shown thairselves reddy to nate things piesant, Ei
am sorry thay air levin us. Thare exploits intothis kuntry hev konsisted in toboganing, private thecatrykles, fust rate dancing, good music, $\&$ marryin most of our prety gurls \& takin them to thee East and West Ingys. Hut thare air sum left still \& morcagrowin up. My Evangeliney has not been taken away. Shee remanes \& will be happy to marry any noble marquis who kums out to hunt 'in the Nor West, N-isn't so partikelar as his ancestors wer." Sez i, in konklushun, "i am sorry the
military air a levin us, \& altho thay hev never invied mee into military air a levin us, \& altho thay hev never invited mee into thare messes, i think wee airmuch indebied to them \& to thee old kuntry wich sent them. God bless them awl \& long may shee wave : But i furgot thee most important questun. What will bekum of our yung laclees now? Why thay must put of thate kaytoozelum airs $\&$ kummense to bow again to thee yung dri goods \& hardware clerks, wich thay hev hitherto treeted so scornfully Thare air wurse husbands than dri goods \& hardware chaps. Hevin sung "Thee gurl i lefi behind me," thee meetin broke up,-everyone feelin that we had resecved much instrukshun from this plesanr debate.

Yoors trooly
Zeke Trimble

## WORDS AND BIRDS.

Etymology, which may be regarded as the chemistry of yords, is a branch of philology that has for many years engaged the attention of the Cynic, No study, in his opinjon, can possibly be more fascinating. No records of humanity, no relics or curiositics, can cxcite more surprise and delight than the treasures that are embalmed in the amber of words. Language has been truthfully characterized as fossil poetry, fossil history, fossil ethics; and the geology of words is so far from loing a dull, dry science, that Horne Tooke entitled his labours in this field of study, "Diversions." Mr. Wedgwood's Dictianary of English Etymolosy has been called "a repertory of the fairy tales of linguistic science; "and it has been said that " no intelligent man were to be pitied who should find himsclf shut up on a rainy day, in a lonely house, in the dreariest part of Salisbury Plain, with no other means of recreation than that which this work could afford him." To many, however, whom Diogenes sincerely pities, this poctry, these diversions, and these fairy tales, are wholly devoid of interest. Like Sir Andrew McFarline in Lever's story of Roland Cashel, they say to the successful word-stalker:-It is all very ingenious, but maun say, I see no necessity to be always looking to whare a word gat his birth, parentage, or eddication." Nevertheless, as the Cynic is in an etymological humor, and as his first object is to amuse hinself, his second, to instruct as well as to amuse some of his readers, he here transcribes from his note book a few remarks, that owe their origin $t 0$ one word of an advertisement in a Montreal journal. This notice, which has appeared daily for more than a fortnight, is as follows:
OSI, ON SUNDAY LAST, A PARROQUITE (She bird.) Ang
one finding the same, and returning it to No. - Shakspere Ter-
race, University Strect, will be rewarded.
Now, there are few words in the English language that are allowed by Levicographers to be spelt in so many ways as the name of the bird advertised. Hut DIOGENES has never before seen the spelling, parrogutte. Nor does he believe that it is correct. In the last edition of Webster's Dictionary, (which as regards orthography and etymology may fairly be said to be Webster's no longer, faroutet is the spelling adopted. At the same time it is stated that the word is also written, paroket, parrakeet, and perroquet. Richardson gives us parroquet and farraquito; and these six modes of spelling the word are the only ones found in any of the other best-known Dictionaries. There is, however, a seventh way used by Shakspere. In I Part, Henry LV. Act. 11. sc 3 . Lady Percy says to Hotspur :

Come, come, you foraquito, answer me
Directly to this question the
Directly to this question that I ask.?
The advertiser of the lost "she-bird," prefers to spell her, parroquite; and this makes an eighth way.
Before Diogeves endeavours to fix the derivation, and, subsequently, the spelling of the word, it may be noted that it occurs in ALat. Prior's poem of "The Dove," when Chloc in a passion declares to Cupid :
"I would not give my faropuct
For all the doves that ever fiew."
With respect to its deriration, the following opinions have been held by eminent scholars. Dr. Mahn, (of Berlin,) the Etymological editor of Webster; Worcester: Richardson: Ogilvic, and the editor of Chamber's Dictionary, besides Hensleigh Wedgwood and others, follow Ménage in deriving it from Picror or Perrot, a diminutive of Pierc, Peter. The French perrogued, however, (as Wedgwood remarks) is nore properly derived from the Spanish Perico, a dim, of Pedro, or nather from Periguito, a further diminutive, which signifies both Peterkin sind parrot.

It must be confest that this etymology is not hastily to be rejected. Much may be urged in its defence. Certain birds and quadrupeds, on aecount of their faniliarits with man have received among many nations
the names of human beings. Thus, in English-spenking countries, Tom and Tabby are applied to the cat; Jack and Jenny to the ass; Billy and Nanny to the goat. Neddy to the donkey; Dobbin to the horse, and doubtess, the same is the ease with several other names which at present do not occur to the Cynic So, also, in the case of birds. The sparrow, (which in French is pierrot) used at one time to be called philip English scholars will probably call to mind John Skelton's "Hoke of Phylipp Sparrowe," which Coleridge speaks of as "4n exquisite and original poem." The magpie, (Fr: margot) is so named from wher dim. of Margiret, and Lat., pica, s.e., preta, the painted one; and the children's sweet friend,
"The household bird with the red stomacher"
is known by the name of Robin-redbreast. In like manner, we have the Fack-daw, the Tom-tit, and the F̛nnyywen. The parrot is also humanized, as it were, by being called "Pretty Podl" and Diogenes calls attention to the life-fike portrait of the bird, that Tennyson has drawn in his Prologue to the Princess. Lilia, it will be remembered, is replying to the affectionate banter of her brother, Walter:

## ' O yes, you miss'd us much,

I'll stake my ruby ring upon it you did.'
She held it out; and as a parrot curns
Up thro' gilt wires a crafty loving eye,
And takes a lady's finger with all care,
And bites it for truc heart and not for harm,
So he with Lilia's.:
A bird that behaves in so gentlemanly a manner might well be called Periquito after a gencleman's name, and the analogies above quoted are strongly in favor of this supposition. But Diocenes. believes that in spite of these analogies, the derivation from Periguto is unsound. A very different account of the word may be found in a valuable French work, Auguste Scheler's Dictiontutic ar Etymologre Fratrazise. M Scheler considers perroinet to be a dim. of ferruche, the French word for parrot. This tatter he derives from perruqtic, the original of the English perituig, and says: "C cst cione propromenf loiseate a perriguc. It is evident that this name, the bird with the wig " applies more strictly to a cockatoo, or some other bird with a top-knot, than to a parrot in Scheler of course sees this, and jecordinglu writes: $"$ fe sais bien que 12 huppe nest pas prectisement zut cantiere fistinctif abt perroyuet, mas les noms unlgairts des animatax ne sort pos fondis sur las difintifons scitntifoues oxem rijoureuses." Droceves, while acknowledging the ingenuity of this conjecture, is loth to admit its correctness. In the same way, he rejects as improbable a derivation mentioned in Charrock's "yroba Nominatia." (London, 1865 .) It is there suggested that "finroyuet is a dim. of parrot, from Lat pirrer, a bird whose cry was esteemed an ill omen; perhaps, a jay, The bird parm, it is true, is mentioned in Horace and in Pliny, and the word has been variously transhied, as lap-wing screech-ow, wheat-ear and jay But the identity of the first syilable in the two words proves nothing, and is probably a mere accident of language. There now remains to be mentioned, that, which Drogenes considers to be the genuine original of the word parropuct. Parrochatto in Italian, (a diminutive formed from farothus, the cire of the parisi) is literally "priestling," or "little priest;" and as the farrauth was in olden times a well-known pet of the solitary ecclesiastic, it was from the priest that it derived its name. If this Etymology be admitted to be sound, parraquet is the correct spelling, and parrot may be regarded as simply a shortened form of the same word

This derivation is approved of by Diez in his "Etymological Dictionary of the Romance Languages,' (London Edit, (S64,) and has been adopted by Dr. Scadding, of Toronto, in his interesting series of papers, "On Errata Recepta, Written and Spoken." (cf. "Canadian Journal" for January 1865, p. 39.). The probability of its being correct is increased if we analyse a cognate Spanish word papagayo, which also means a purrot. This term according to the best authorities, Dier, Mahn and otbers, is from papa, a father or priest, and gzyo, a jay, fa bird with griy plumage,) because the parrot was first and principally kept as a favourite by clergymen. The English popinjay, which originally meant a parrot, is derived from the Spanish, papagajo; and it may be remembered that Shakspere uses the word in Henry IV, to denote a prating coxcomb, all noise and finery, "fuss and feathers." As Dr. Scadding has observed in another of his papers: (Canadian Journal, November, 1865, p. 395.) "The gay costumes of mingled orange and scarlet, distinguishing the Swiss guards who lounge in the porticos of the Vatican, are strangely suggestive of this bird and its plumage. Many an Italian Hotspur has possibly found "popinjay" rising to his lips, as be eyed them."

The names of several other birds have a quasi-religious origin. The martin is said to have been named after a Saint, and the sea-fow, known as the stormy petril, (petrillo, "Little Peter;") is so called because he walls the water like the Apostle of old. English sailors call these petrels, Moike Carey's chickets, and the apparently meaningless name Mother Carcy, is probably corruption of Mater Caru, ("Dear Mother,) the title given by Itijian seamen to their special patroness, the Virgin Mary, who, they believe, sends the petrels to forewarn them of a storm.

Drocenes here concludes his rambling sossip about " Words and Birds ;"and, tired with writing, retires "f from labour to refreshment."

wanting) in the Council-room. is deemed an impertinence, and flowers of rhetoric are as much out of place as roses in the desert. The Cynic was therefore some what surprised to read the following report in the Witricss of May rg:-

Coun. Doutre spoke in favour of the gallery, and went on to criticise the idea of a Public Park, when there were no funds for new side-walks

If the reacler will refer to Goldsmith's Poems, he will find the following couplet in "The Ffainch of Venison "
"Such danties to them-their health it might hurt-
"It's like sending then rufiries, when wanting a shirt."
It is strange that the same illustration should have been used by the Poet and by the Councillor-for the Councillor probably never read a line of the loet. Accidents acill hap. pen!

## RAILWAY ENGINEERING.

The advantages of popular government are especially evident in the construction of great public works. The tyrants of the old world, with that brutal disregard for the rights of private citizens which is the result of their effete system, have constructed their railways by the shortest routes from city to city. Our government, based on popular rights, always displays proper tenderness for the interest of the private citizen. Here, for instance, is a sketch of the Grand Logrolling Railway between Slowtown and Mackerelville.


A-Slowtown.
B.-Frogtown, residence of Hon. Mr. Frog, distinguished member of Government.
C. - Notown; so called because nobody lives there; important for way traffic.
D.-Codiown, residence of Hon. Mr, Cod, another distinguished member of Government: He wanted the railway near his house.
$E,-F$-These are the residences of leading Government supporters. Some embarrassment was caused by their peculiar position, but by giving the route a slight turn backwards, both were got into the line.

## G.-Mackerelville.

What could be better-wiser-more considerate? By adopting so circuitous a route, "the greatest happiness of the greatest number" has been obtained. A few villages have not been reached, but branch lines will be built to them Happy are those who live in a free country

## THE "PRIDE OF FERALDRY."

Mr. Fennings Taylor, has, for some time past, been making swans of several Canadian geese, but it required the combined talent of the Ulster King at Arms and our Minister of Militia to transform a diminutive domestic bird into a gorgeous and well-nigh dazzling peacock. In that large crimson-andgold volume, Burke's "Peerage and Baronetage for 1869,", at page 196, will be found, under the heading "Cartier," and the Arms of that noble family, the following description of the Baronet's

## LINEAGE

which Drogenes publishes for general information:-
"The Cartier family were among the earliest setters in Canada.
Pierre Cartiex, of Prullier, in Anjou, France, a lineal descendant of one of the collateral relatives of Jacques Cartier, of SL Malo, the celebrated navigator and discoverer of Canada, had by Marie Banmer, a son.

Jacoues Cartier, $b$ Ifro, who emigrated to Canada in 1735 and $m 6$ July, 1744 Marguerite dau. of Nicholas Mongeon, and aumt of Monscigneur Signai' the first Archbishop of Quebec. Jacques Cartier d. 1766, Ieaving several children, of whom one,

Jacques Cartier, b 11 April, 1750 , was a Leeutenant-Colonel of Militia and member of the Canadian Legislative Assembly; he m. 27 September, 1772, Cecile, dau. of Charles Gervaise, of Chateauguay, by Celeste Plessis his wife, first cousin of Monseigneur Plessis, Bishop of Quebec, one of the most distinguished prelates of the Ronian Catholic Church of Canada, and the only Bishop of that Church who was ever summoned to the Legislative Council. By this lady, (who d. S February, 17S3.) Licutenant Colonel Jacques Cartier, left, at his death, z2 March, 15i4, a son,
Jacuues Cartire, a Licutenant-Colonel in the Canadian Militia, $b$. 29 August, 1744 , who m. Sept 4 . 179 S , Marguerite dant of Joseph Paradis, Esq., of St. Antoinc, and $\pi$. August 29 , IS41, having had by her (who $d$. April $26,1 S_{4}$, ) several children, of whom, survive (with three daus.) three sons, Silvestre, Come and Gcorge-Etienne, who was created a Baronet as above, and is the present Sir Ghorge-Etienne Cartier.

Creathon-Aug. $24,186 S$.
ARMS-Per fess gut and or a fess of the last, in chief an ermine, ppr., and in base fine pallets of the first.

Crest.-An anchor in bend sinister, sa, eable, ppre, pendent therefrom by a gold chain, an escutcheon, gu, charged with a feur-de-lis, or. Morro.-Francet sans dol."
This text from the Englishman's Bible, (as Thackeray called the "Peerage,") invites comment and is very suggestive. Shakspere makes one of his heroines say, "What's in a name?" but Drogenes thinks he can say for the Baronet now in question," much.". There is indeed a mine of ancestral wealth in that coincidence of names, which the Jacques and our Sir G. E. share. This is not the first time that a name has done much for its possessor, In Tomes' "Champagne Country," we read that there was an enterprising winedealer, in Rheims, who, unable to sell as much Champagne as he wished "had long sought the indorsement of some more popular name than his own. After a long search, he found a waiter at a cafc in Strasburg, who was the fortunate possessor of the cabalistic name of koderer. Proposals were made and accepted by the not-unambitious waiter and he became a partner of the discoverer and one of the firm of Theophile Recderer \& Co. The original Roederer's, (Louis R. \& Co., resisted in the Courts what they deemed a usurpation of their rights. It was enjoined upon the new koderer that he should affix to all his bills, invoices and libels the date of the establishment of his house, in order to distinguish it from that of the original one."

So, too, the "Veuve Clicquot" found a representative of her own name in an ambitious mason, who, dropping his trowel, took to the bottle and now rivals his notable namesake as a manufacturer of Champagne. Tomes', bootmaker, at Rheims' who rejoices in the name of Clicquot, told him that in the heyday of youth, he had been tempted by the offer of a wealthy capitalist, to take him, or rather his name, into partnership and establish, a wine manufactory. He accepted, but
his aspirations were suddenly checked by the threat of the then-formidable widow, to bring a suit against him. He, lacking the audacity of the others, gave in, "stuck to his last," and is still an excellent boot-maker.
"What's in a name?" Ask these men, who found it was was worth money. Ask Mary Smith who wishes to make her debut on the stage, why she calls herself Helen De Forrest? Ask Muggins'why he made his name De Mogyns? Ask our Minister of Militia, what the name of Cartier is worth to him in the eyes of heralds?

Upon that foundation of a name, how cleverly is reared the superstructure of descent from Jacques Cartier! Note the circumlocution that one of the ancestors was "a lineal descendant of one of the collateral relatives of the celebrated navigator." In common parlance, he would call himself a "Scotch cousin"-a proverbially-vague and distant relationship being thereby implied, - but your hunter-up of genealogies drapes this vulgar fact in the folds of his grand style. The dexterity of the phrase is, however, equalled by the ingenuity of the artist of the family arms, who has put as the climax of the crest, an anchor! How suggestive that is, to the imaginative mind, of the ancient mariner of St. Malo! Hardly less-suggestive is the "ermine," on the shield, suggestive of the snow-bound fields of the country in which the Jacques, $b$. I7 10, came to dwell. Finally the motto deserves notice, Frant et saiv dol. That smacks of Froissart and Monstrelet! "Dol," is a word which would have delighted Polonius or Horne Tooke. "What is the meaning of the motto?" says the English reader. Literally, it makes the baronet say,
"NO DECEPTION, GENTLEMEN"

## THE MORALS OF DRESS."

A short time ago the Cynic received from Ottawa a lelter commenting in severe terms on the indelicate style of dress, there in vogue among fashonable ladies. It was stated, in particular, that at the opening of Parliament the decollete mode of attire was carried to a censurable extreme, and that both on public occasions, and at private parties, the conspicuous lowness of the ladies' dresses was avowedly the height of fashion. Drocenes, from respect for his correspondent, briefly draws attention to this dangerous topic, but is not prepared at present to suggest a remedy for the evil. He has no doubt of its existence. It is an epidemic now prevailing in almost all civilized countries, and is not dependent on any local cause. Nothing that the stylus of the Cynic could indite, can possibly be more pointed than the epigram uttered by the French girl, who was about to attire herself for a dance: "Je vais me deshabiller pour aller au bal" Truth and satire are here admirably blended.

If it be seriously asked, whose fault is it? it is not very difficult to find a satisfactory answer. What romen, said an American lately-what women win the honours, are spoken of as the belles of the season, and receive at men's hands the most of those courtesies and attentions which are, and which ought to be, fattering? Are they the plainly-dressed women with low dresses and quiet manners? Not at all Setting aside the few, whose rare loveliness commands homage under all circunstances, they are the women whose dress is more or less conspicuous, and whose manners are more or less "flirtatious" and"loud.". This is the whole solution of the question. Women dress in a costly and unbecoming manner because men like it, or behave as if they liked it, which amounts to the same thing. It is not true to say that a woman dresses to please herself, or for the sake of charming other women. She dresses to attract male butterflies. Voila toutt.


PLEASANT
YOUNG SHOTPOUCH AND HARRY BREECHLOADER, AFTER WALKING UP TO THFIR MDDLES IN WATER AND SLUSH FOR THE LAST HALFFOUR, TO GETM SHOT AT A FLOCN OF DUCNS AT STUBBLE PONT, FIND, WHEN THEY GET THERE THAT IT IS ONLX OLD BULL-RUSH WITH HIS DCCOYS.

## Dear Diogenes:

The Montreal City Council is just now exercised over the" "Dor Nuisance." It has been discovered that curs are accumulating, and Dr. Bernard, with commendable promptitude, seeks, like Alderman Cute, to "put them down." The sense of the city is undoubtedly in favor of a radical measure.

But, sir, there are other "nuisances" as bad. if not worse, than the dogs. Those saltatory "cusses," the cats, are worse at night than the dogs are by day. The dogs offend the eye, but seldom the car. The grimalkins, on my rooftop disturb my slumbers, and 1 am betrayed into sinful maledictions. My back-yard is a nightly rendezvous for Toms and Tabbies, and they seem to multiply, month by month. Occasionally Biddy, from below srairs, deciares she'll poison them, for they glide in stealthily every now and then and carry off anything they can lay their claws upon in the shape of fish, lesh, and towl. My wife gets angry, and evidently suspects that the cat is a transmigratory animal, sometimes taking the form of a policeman ; but I reject this theory, remembering old Aunt Mary's dictum, that a good" mouser" is always an arrant thiet, and having, besides, every confidence in Biddy, who is a good girl, says her prayers night and morning, and having a soul above "Bobbies, "is going to marry a highly respectable Corporal in the Prince of Wales' Rintes.

Sir, there are other nuisances which ought to be "put down" undinch. ingly:

Every morning, at about five oclock, when the cats have disappeared, my neighbor's huge " rooster". and half-a-dozen hens, over whom he exercises a lordly protection, suddenly discover that one of the latter has laid an egg, and forthwith the crowing over that apparently simple event equals in vocifcrousness the hideous catervauling of the Toms and Tabbies. Why should I be annoyed in this way? What right has my neighbor to enjoy new laid eggs every morning at the expense of ny nerves?

Then the Bells-oh, those bells ! But I'll say no more. The City Council may interfere with my neighbor; but with the bells-oh! heresy and schism:-never:

Yours,
A DISTRACTED CITHZEN

## MINOR MORALS.

A trial for breach of promise of marriage recently took place in London (England), when the male defendant pleaded "infancy," in addition to the ordinary pleas. The plaintiffs counsel in vain argued that a minor can contract for neces saries" The cruel Judge decided that "a wife does not come within the meaning of necessaries,'" and the filted plaintiff was accordingly non-suited. The other Judges agreed with Mr, Justice Mellor.

It is now therefore distinctly affirmed in law that, up to the age of twenty one, a male human being may ruri into as much debt or love as he pleases, with the full assurance that he cannot be legally compelled to meet his engagements in either case. His billets doux to his lady-love, and the bills of the confiding jeweller from whom he procured for her innumerable gages aramon, are equally waste paper in the eye of the law. The cofant icrrible is thus practically irresponsible. A minor's promises either to pay or to marry are as worthless as his character, if he chooses to be a defaulter.

How legally delightful! How charmingly immoral! © Who would not be a boy again?" in the words of the sentimental ballad. It is really too bad that these inestimable privileres, connected with love and debt, are confined to the short season of boyhood. A Bill should be introduced into the Canadian Parliament to extend the period of this glorious irresponsibility.


## LOVALTY IN RIMOUSKI.

Her Majesty's Birthday has been loyally observed by the Anglo-Saxon race throughout the Dominion. In Montreal we religiously shut up shop, went to see the troops fire a feude joie, invested largely in bunting and fire-crackers, and before retiring to rest drank the Queen's health in decent fashion. Our French fellow-citizens, though less demonstrative, were perhaps not less sincere in their devotion to our beloved Queen. The British flag flaunted from a tower of the Parish Church, and-Notre Dame East and St. Lawrence Main followed their usual avocations. The Queen's taxes must be paid, and true loyalty consists in raising the wherewithal. There are holidays enough pour grace ide $l$ Eglise.

Diogenes has seen in several newspapers an account of a celebration at Rimouski on the 24 th May. It was intended apparently to commemorate the anniversary of Her Majesty's natal day, but, strange to say, the chronicler has omitted to mention the Queen in the connection. It reads as follows:

The first sod on Section 5 of the Intercolonial Railway (Mr Haycock's) was turned to-day with great ectat, His Lordship, Bishop Langevin and clergy officiating. The Volunteers and the Collegians, with the crew of LaZ Canditerne (Government war steamer) were out and fired a fal de joic. The Mayor, and a huge concourse of ladies and others. were present. Rimouski outdid herself in the display of bunting.

So far, Diogenes has read of no 24th May celebration in the Dominion at all to be compared to that above described, as regards both the splendour and completeness of its accessories, and it seems a pity that so great a success should be for an instant marred by a reference to an unaccountable omission. It seems probable, however, that Church, Army and Navy turned out, not so much to do honor to the Queen as to hold jubilee over the commencement of a doubtful enterprise, which must necessarily minister to the material advantage of Rimouski, But for the "Intercolonial" passing that way, it is more than likely the celebration would not have been held. Somebody has defined patriotism to be only "enlightened self-interest." The Blue Noses of Rimouski and the tailors and shoemakers of Notre Dame East and St. Lawrence Main are doubtless of that opinion.

## AS CLEAR AS DAYLIGHT

The other day Diogenes read the following in the columns of his respected contemporary, the Quebec Chronicle. It is hardly necessary to say that it formed part of a report of the Finance Minister's speech on the Budget:-
"Mr. Rose was continuing with his financial statement when the light suidenty srew aim, and he concluded an able speech amid universal applause.
"ME HoLToN rose, and, in the course of his remarks, said he did not sec matters in the same light as Mr. Rose," Sc., 太e.

Of course not. How could he?. The Hon. Luther is not particularly remarkable for seeing things as other people see them, even when circumstances are favorable to clearness of vision; but on this occasion the Cynic holds him excused. Evidently somebody had, before the commencement of the hon. gentleman's harangue, been tampering with the legislative gas.

## ANSWER TO THE DOUBLE ACROSTIC IN No. 2 , VOL. II.

## Toronto.

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## Ontario.

## "TRUTH WILL PREVAIL."

Tre Suaw book Case-This celebrated case, which has now been before the United States courts for the last six months, has at length been brought to a final issue. The jury have found a verdict of guilty, and in favor of the government. The books first seized were seventy-four cases. Of these, eight cases were sometime since released to Bell \& Daldy, the English publishers, who never had transferred the books to Shaw. He was to have paid for them in Montreal before getting possession, but by some mismanagement they passed into his hands unintentionally. Five other cases, consisting of American books, re-published in England, and their sale illegal here, are claimed by the owners of the American copyrights, which claim is yet to be considered. So that sixty-five of the cases are, by this verdict, forfeited to the United States government ; and these, by order of court to save expense of storage and depreciation, were some time since sold at auction, realizing the gross sum of $\$ 19,496,99$ - Toronto Leader.

The above paragraph was reproduced in the Witness of Wedriesday. So far, DIogenes has not observed it in any other Montreal journal.

It is not long since that telegrams were sent to the city press from Chicago, stating, in effect, that the books in question were wrongfully seized, and had been restored by the United States authorities. Later, it was ostentatiously announced, that the books, so restored, had been sold by Mr. Shaw, who had very favorably impressed the fimericans with his incantatorial ability.

And there were "editorials" in more than one city journal, expressive of satisfaction at the happy termination of the "difficulty."

If the above statements of the Toronto Leader are true, those of the telegrams referred to were false.

Diogenes adverts to the subject, because, as he believes, it furnishes an illustration of the facility with which interested parties can use the agency of the press to suppress truth or disseminate falsehood. It is notorious that not long ago a trader in this city, succeeded in getting his name omitted from the list of insolvents telegraphed from Ottawa to one or more of the city papers, and this, because, in addition to being a pretty regular advertiser, he happened to be a prominent, though a somewhat somnolent member of an influential congregation. It mattered not that he had failed several times before and that, perbaps, hundreds of people in the city, were deeply interested in knowing that he had failed again. It was important to "oblige" so conspicuous a man, so consistent an advertiser.

## AN ORNITHOLOGICAL CURIOSITY.

Since niggers have become citizens and voters in the United States, Diogenes has heard of the appearance of a curious bird in that somewhat curious country, vizt, a white eagle with a black tail. Since the " white blackbiad" familiar to his youth, the Philosopher has encountered no more wonderful ornithological curiosity. He recommends his loving neighbours at once to secure this rara azis, have it stuffed and placed in a glass case over the entrance to the Capitol. It ought, certainly, to be henceforth the type and symbol of the "reconstructed" Union.

## ADVICE TO YOUNG SURGEONS BV AN OLD PRACTITIONER.

If you find a patient sinking from the effects of poison, bLEED him TO DEATh, for three reasons:-
rst Because it is strictly professional.
2nd. Because it relieves the minds of relatives and friends.
3 rd. Because it will save you an infinity of trouble, and the authorities will not be put to the expense of a scientific investigation.

"RUBBISH SHOT HERE"
Under this attractive heading the New York Albion used to insert in its columns many supremely ridiculous extracts from books, speeches, and newspaper articles. Droceves borrows the motto which the Albion has ceased to use, and intends to copy its example as regards the nature of the quotations selected. Place aux dames:
I have asked the majestic rivers, mighty forests, and eternal hills that in their yearnings seem to touch the heavens-I have asked the sun, the moon, stars that for ages have looked down on human weal and wo-- 1 have asked my own soul in moments of exultation and humiliation, if woman, who, in thought, can touch the invisible, cxplore the planctary world, encompass land and sea, was made by her Creator to be a slave, world, encompass and and sea, mere refection of another human will? and in soiemn chorus one and all have answered, no! no!! no!!!-From a specth delivered by Mrs. Stanton at the recent mocting of the "Equal Kigits "Association," in Wea York.

## "TURN HIM OUT!"

The Cynic has a Yankee friend, who, unlike the majority of his countrymen on this side the line, is an enthusiastic athlete, and, by consequence, an ardent admirer of Mr . Barnjum. He says, and Drocenes entirely agrees with him,that our most noted gymnast ought to have another syllable added to his name, inasmuch as he must have been a barn (born) jumper !

## EDITORIAL.

DIoGenes presents his compliments to the Editor of the Daily Nows, and begs him to translate, pro bono publico, the classical words that headed a column in his paper of last Friday, The heading in question is De Ommibus Remims Until he fears the explanation of the Editor, the Cynic must regard the word rerim as a rebius.

## MISS MARRIOTT AS"HAMLET" AND "LADY MACBETH.

## MY DEAR Diogenes:

Miss Marriotts perfomance of the character of "Hamlet," presents two aspects to the critical spectator, first as an assumption by an actress of an actor's part, and second, as the embodiment of the poet's creation. With respect to the first, I have no hesitation in saying that she successfully surmounted the difficulties of the undertaking. But, when viewing her representation as a delineation of Shakspere's "Hamlet" I confess that I havesome diffidence in expressing an opinion, the rendering of this part being one of those knotty points about which the ablest critics have widely differed Miss Marriot introduces all the conventional "business,"-as it is professionally termed,-of the modern
"Hamlets" and she adds some delicate touches of her own which are ingenious and appropriate. Her rendering of the the scene with" Ophelia, where the King and Polonius are concealed spectators, was particularly good. This scene has for the most part, afforded actors an occasion for rant and extravagance. Miss Marriott's interpretation seemed on the contrary to be the most intelligent and natural of any that I have witnessed. The closet scene is also well worthy of remark, and Hamlet's death, although somewhat protracted and verging on melodrama, was very effective. I confess however, I was a little disa ppointed in her "reading" of the part. It was monotonous, often "stagey," rarely colloquial, and altogether lacking the comedy clement which the poet has thrown into the assumed madness of "Hamlet" The soliloquies were given like set speeches and her inonation, as a whole, although interspersed with some finely-spoken passages, was stilted and declaniatory, That Miss Marriott had a different purpose in thus rendering the part is probable; because her elocution in other characters, is unexceptional in variety and grace of expression. But,-by the way, when will the Coming Actress arrive, who will, by her example, banish the time-honoured but unnatural lilt with which the stage lady speaks her lines? Our best modern actors are doing something towards rendering the delivery of blank verse more colloquial and life like, but no actress has yet appeared with sufficient courage to discard the old-fashioned cadences, which have been transmitted, possibly, from the beardless youths who sustained the female parts in our early dramas.

I should like to enforce this point strongly ; but as 1 must say a word or two of "Lady Macbeth," I must not trespass too much on your space. 1 am delighted to say that her performance of this, - one of the grandest of Shakspere's creations,-afforded me unalloyed pleasure. Without marked departure from the customary conception of the part, her "execution," was full of vigor and intensity, and fairly entranced the audience. An ordinary actress would have brought down the pit by noisy vociferation and extravagant action, but she, without straining a point to procluce undue effect, drew from the whole audience enthusiastic applause. I was pleased to see a large attendance at each of these performances, and that her acting was well-understood and appreciated. It is gratifying to find that legitimate drama is more popular in Montreal than sensation pieces or indecent burlesques, and that, notwithstanding the inadequate support against which Miss Marriott has had to contend, her engage ment here will prove a fairly-successful onc.

Yours,
AN OLD Play-Goer.

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