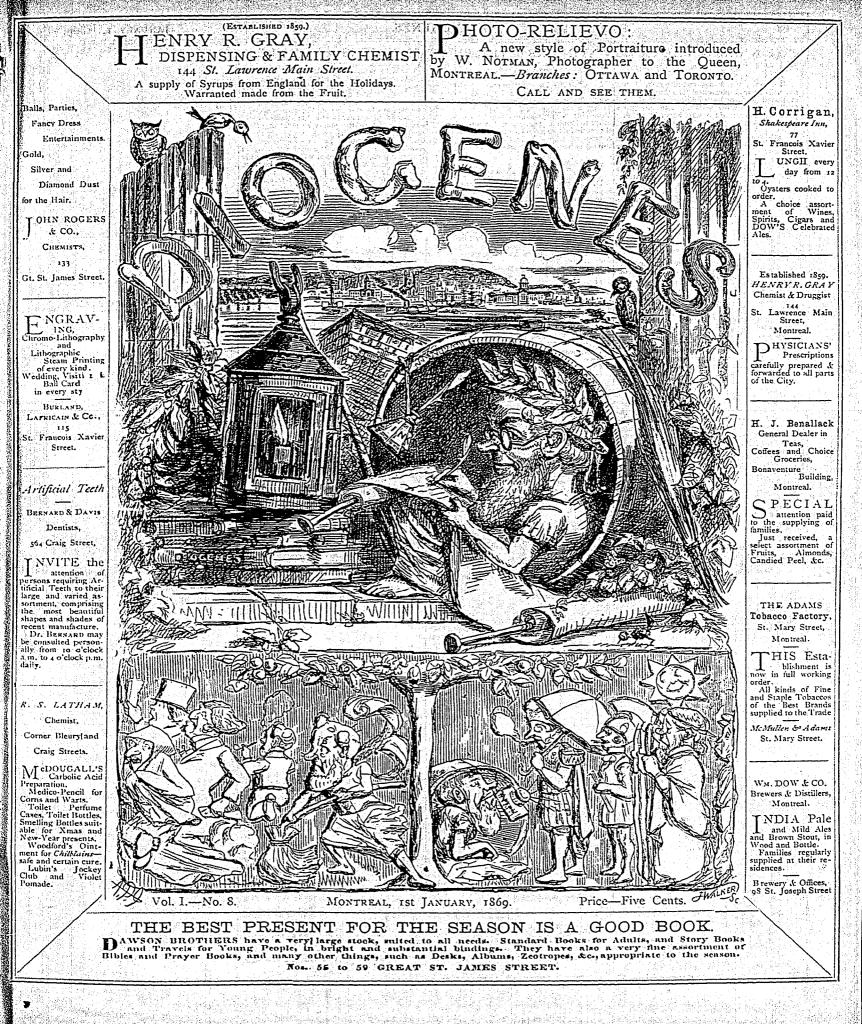
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NEW YEAR'S DAY VISITS.

DIOGENES decidedly objects to this custom, but, as a comparative stranger in Canada, what can he do to put a stop to what has, from time immemorial, been looked upon as a necessary mode of ushering in the New Year? Consequently, he feels bound to throw his Tub open to visitors, and he hopes that to day it will be filled with all the rank. fortune, talent and beauty of this Metropolis. Nevertheless, he wishes to raise his voice against the absurd system of once a year, rushing about from house to house, drinking a glass of "something" under each roof, and indulging in dismal platitudes during the space of three minutes and a half. DIOGENES is prepared to swear, (if for this once only he may be allowed to do such a thing,) that the following conversation will take place from 50 to roo times in every house, where the ladies sit in state to "receive" visitors on the First of the Year.

Scene-A House in Montreal ; the shutters partially closed, so that the carpet shall not be faded by the rays of the sun: the room choked with furniture (from which all the chintz coverings have been removed for this imposing occasion), and the Mistress of the House, decked out in her most gorgeous array, prepared to entertain (?) her guests.

Enter one guest,-say Mr. Jones,-after falling over two or three chairs, and severely injuring his shins.

Mr. Jones .- How-do, Mrs. Smith? the compliments of the season to you.

Mrs. Smith .- The same to you, and many of them, Mr. Jones.

Mr. J.-How dreadfully cold it is to-day !

Mrs. S .- Yes; the weather is unusually severe. Have you paid many visits?

Mr. J .- This is my thirty-fourth, and I have still twentyfive left to do. How many visitors have you had?

Mrs. S .- Oh! You are my forty-second. Will you take a glass of wine?

Mr. J.-Thanks; a glass of sherry, please. Have you seen this week's DIOGENES?

Mrs. S .- Oh, yes! isn't it good? Whose likeness do you think is the best in the cartoon?

Mr. J.-It is really hard to say; they are all so good.

Mrs. S.-The paper seems quite a success. I am so glad of it, for we always look forward to getting it every Friday.

[Ring at bell heard.

Mr. J.-I'm sorry, I must be running away. Good bye, Mrs. Smith ; remember me kindly to your husband.

Mrs. S.-Good bye, Mr. Jones. (Exit Jones.)

Robinson now enters ; and the same conversation commences again.

And so it goes on, all day long, with little or no change ; and DIOGENES humbly desires to know what good can possibly ever come of it. Every one objects to the insane system, yet nobody attempts to give it its quietus. It is not only a melancholy waste of valuable time, but it is in many cases productive of actual harm; for it stands to reason, that, when gentlemen, and more especially young gentlemen, have been incautiously accepting a glass of wine at every house, where they visit, they are not perfectly certain, as the afternoon wears on, whether they are standing upon their heads or their heels.

Therefore, ye leading matrons of Montreal! let it be given out, authoritatively, to-day, that this is positively the last time that you will "receive" on New Year's Day. When it ceases to be fashionable with the leaders of fashion, the absurd custom will have received its death-blow, and the frenzied jealousy that has been engendered between Mrs. Smith and value, and, as such, has attracted for a moment the cynical Mrs. Jones, because Mrs. S. has received five more visitors attention of DIOGENES.

han Mrs. T., will be numbered amongst the things of the past.

DIOGENES concludes his remarks by wishing all his readers a "Happy New Year."

PERSONAL.

Before the year 1868 is buried in the tomb of his "astonished ancestors," (vide Daily News,) DIOGENES returns his sincere thanks to numerous editors and correspondents who have kindly approved of the course he has hitherto pursued. He again begs to state, for the information of would-be contributors, that nothing will induce him to admit into his columns any malicious attack on private individuals; and that even in discussing the public conduct of public men, his articles will never transgress the boundaries of legitimate persistage. As this is the last time that DIOGENES will touch upon this topic, he respectfully lays before the public the following summary of his social creed, in the words of two celebrated English authors :--

"If there is anybody under the canister of Heaven that I hate, it is the slanderer who goes about like a boy-constructor, and circulates his calomel upon honest folks."

MRS. GRUNDY, A.D. 1868.

"It is not goode to speak evill of all whom we knowe bad; it is worse to judge evil of any who may prove goode. To speake ill, upon knowledge, shewes a want of charitie ; to speake ill, upon suspicion, shewes a want of honestie. I will not speake so bad as I knowe of manie; I will not speake more bad than I knowe of anie. To knowe evill of others, and not speake it, is sometimes discretion; to speake evill of others, and not knowe it, is always dishonestie. Hee may be evill himselfe who speakes goode of others upon knowledge; but hee can never be goode himselfe, who speaks evill of others upon suspicion."

Mr. ANON, A.D. 1668.

RHETORICAL TRICKS.

It is not unfrequent for an educated speaker, who is addressing a mixed crowd, and who wishes to gain a few seconds for thought, to express a statement in plain Saxon words, and then to repeat exactly the same statement in grandiloquent terms derived from the Latin. This artifice frequently escapes detection, and the ingenious speaker effects his object. Dr. Johnson, in the same way, thought in pure English, and then translated his thought into what Macaulay has called, Johnsonese. "The Rehearsal," said Ursa Major, "has not wit enough to keep it sweet." Then, after a pause, "It has not vitality enough to preserve it from putrefaction.'

But a fault less excusable than even this is, for a writer to express in two consecutive clauses of a sentence, one and the same idea; at the same time uniting the clauses by some illative particle. It may be said that this is never done. Here, however, is a specimen of the trick, taken from an article in the Chatham Flanet, which was lately republished in the Daily Witness :-

No man can communicate to others knowledge of which he is not himself possessed : and, consequently, whatever knowledge it is deemed necessary to impart to the great mass of society must first exist in the mind of him to whom the office of instructor is

Now, it may be remarked with respect (or rather disrespect) to this sentence, that not only is the truth enunciated in its first clause self-evident, but it is also actually identical with the proposition that forms the second clause. The whole sentence, therefore, is utterly without

RECENTLY BETWEEN DIOGENES, THE CYNIC PHILO-SOPHER, AND JOHN ALLEN, "THE WICKEDEST MAN IN NEW YORK."

(Conclusica.)

DIOGENES is unwilling to weary his readers with more of John Allen's conversation, and will, therefore, conclude in a few words the narrative of Mr. A's career. He was beyond all doubt a consummate hypocrite, and completely bamboozled the philanthropic agents of the Howard Mission. The following extract from the New York Tribune will exhibit loving-kindness, zeal, and integrity of the New York missionthe full extent of his duplicity and their credulity :-

The culminating point of the prayer meeting yesterday was John Allen's public announcement of his hope of conversion, and his prayer for divine help and guidance. He was deeply moved, and spoke timidly as though he felt his unworthiness. He was John Allen to the last, but a modified and solennized John Allen. His prayer was john Allen to the last. The scene was indescribable,—the emotion overpowering. Every heart seemed to sympathize with John and to put up a prayer for his full salvation. The enthusiasm was so great that, after the meeting had been dismissed, a second one was spontaneously organized, and it was with difficulty that the house could be cleared. Since then John has repeatedly requested his fireds to pray with him in private, but until to day be did not seem to have any hope of forgiveness and was downcast and disquirted; but now he believes he has found that peace which passeth knowledge. It is to be hoped that he will be able to hold out in the good work upon which he has so deliberately entered.

What a bitter satire this report now seems to DIOGENES, as he pens the record of Allen's subsequent proceedings After having duly received the rent for his dance-house, and swindled the great American Showman out of a manuscript lecture, the "Wickedest Man in New York," (once more to quote his own words) "guessed he could run the machine alone, without any help from Mr. Barnum." He accordingly at once proposed to turn his infamous life and unenviable notoriety to profitable account, as a public speaker. A New York reporter who visited him about this time, found him slightly intoxicated, and rather disinclined to speak about his simulated reformation. After saying that "he didn't much like them praying folks any ways," he boldly announced his purpose of appearing in public as a preacher, when "he was goin' to sweep everything in Water Street." He finally acknowledged that he should charge a fee for admission, and expected by his lectures and moral exhibitions to raise the large sum of \$100,000. This sum, he declared he would place in the hands of Mr. Peter Cooper, or William B. Astor, for the purpose of erecting a large Magdalen Asylum on the banks of the Hudson River, a short distance above New York. He, (Allen), was of course to be installed as Chief Manager of the Institution. In pursuance of this magnificent design, he promptly advertised that he and the boy Chester would make their first public appearance, on a stated night, at Stamford, Conn. Tickets, 50 cents; children, half-price. A crowd assembled to hear him, attracted by the sensational accounts that had been published in even respectable New York journals. His "pals," Ikey Slocum, and "Big Dick Marvin," acted as money-takers on the occasion, and transferred into their pockets from the Stamford "gulls" a considerable quantity of shin-plasters. But when time was called, and the expectation of the audience was at his height, John Allen made his *debul*, like Andy Johnson, in a pitiaible state of intoxication. A row ensued. The duped inhabitants of Stamford demanded back their shin-plasters. Their demand was stoutly resisted by Ikey and his companion, who assured the audience that there was nothing wrong with Allen, and that he was quite ready to go on with the exhibition. The sequel may be imagined.

The news of Allen's fusco was a severe blow to the Howard Mission. Religious zealots were staggered by his iniquity, and Oliver Dyer almost repented having published in Packard's Monthly his account of the "Wickedest Man." The moment that his lease with Mr. Van Meter had run out, John Allen painted out the sign above his door, wherein the by the paid expounders of the Law of Man, may be faulty, public were informed that his place was "a home for fallen but the Law of God saith, "Whoso sheddeth man's blood Again his dance house became a Pandemonium, I by man shall his blood be shed." women."

SOME ACCOUNT OF AN INTERVIEW THAT TOOK PLACE and evil spirits, male and female, again thronged to his den. The end soon came. Captain Thorne, of the Fourth Precinct. aided by three officers, made a descent one morning on 304 Water Street, and arrested John Allen and his wife, five women, and "Boston Tom." DIOGENES drops the curtain. while this select Company is before the Police Court.

He has but little more to say. He would not have alluded at all to so odious a subject, had he not believed that a great moral, and one that is little understood, underlies the whole painful narrative. Nobody for one instant doubts the aries. But however well-intentioned, they are notoriously weak-headed; and having now by their blind credulity rendered themselves the laughing-stock of the ruffians and abandoned women of Water Street, it will be long before they can hope to effect another foot-hold in the same foul "rookery." If DIOGENES is correct in his views, they announced their Revival prematurely. They foolishly attempted to sow the seed of Christianity, before the soil on which they had to operate was prepared to receive it. The denizens of the Fourth Ward need moral improvement before their spiritual wants can be successfully attended to. They must be cleansed before they are Christianized. Degraded characters like John Allen, Kit Burns, and Ikey Slocum, should be regarded with strong suspicion, when they are declared by enthusiasts to have leapt, as it were, into Paradise, from the rum-shop, the dance-hall, or the rat pit.

POLITICAL NURSERY RHYMES OF NOVA SCOTIA. No. IL.

"HUSH-A-BY BABY."

Hush-a-by, Wilkins, go play with your top, Repeal is "spilt milk," and now leaves but a slop :

When the cry ceases, you'll find that the squall

Has floored your pet project-Vail, Annand and all !

"HUMPTY DUMPTY."

Martin I. Wilkins had a great fall,

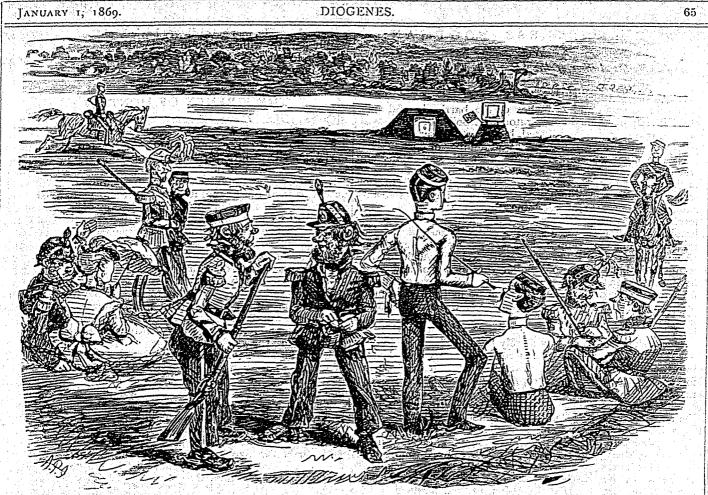
With Annand, the "Minute of Council," and all ; All the big Leaders, and all the trained men Can't set up a costly Convention again !

"A SONG OF SIXPENCE."

Sing a song of sixpence, Repeal has gone to grass, Wilkins, Vail and Company, each proves himself an ass : None can stay the havoc that all around is seen-Isn't it a pretty dish to set before the Queen ?

VOX DEL VOX POPULI DEBET ESSE.

The Evening Telegraph, of the 26th December, quotes Carlyle on the Jamaica Question as follows :- "A Lord Chief-Justice spoke for 6 hours to prove that there is no such thing, or ever was, as Martial Law, and that any Governor, commanded-soldier, or official person, putting " down the frightfullest mob-insurrection, Black or White, "shall do it with the rope round his neck, by way of " encouragement to him. : #/ there must have been, " and is, and will be, coeval with Human Society, from its " first beginning to its ultimate end, an Actual Martial Law " of more validity than any Law whatever." Tom Carlyle ! DIOGENES agrees with you that all insurrection, rebellion, and sedition *must* be put down-with fire and sword if necessary; but is, what you call, "Actual Martial Law" of more validity than the Law of God? Justice, as dispensed



A REMINISCENCE OF THE VOLUNTEERS.

First Volunteer: BE THEY REG'LARS? Second Volunteer: YA'AS; AND ONE HEARS SO MUCH SAID ABOUT THEIR SUPERIOR BEARING. MUST SAY, I DON'T SEE IT.

A FEW WORDS ON THE "GRECIAN BEND."

DIOGENES, like the pleasant writer of the "Ab Antro" essays in the *Gazette*, has been pursuing some researches into the history of the "Grecian Bend." He has not been so successful as he wished to be. He can find but one reference to it in modern times, and will be grateful to any correspondent for further light on the subject. In a Satire entitled "Progress," which was published in 1849 by John Godfrey Saxe, DIOGENES has discovered the following allusion to the outrageous fashion in question:—

- "To-day, she glides along with queenly grace,
- To-morrow, ambles in a mincing pace.
- To-day, erect, she loves a martial air.
- And envious train-bands emulate the fair :
- To-morrow, changing as her whim may serve,
- 'She stoops to conquer' in a Grecian curve."

A note on this passage informs us that Terence (who wrote comedies a little more than two thousand years ago) alludes to this, and a kindred custom *then* prevalent among the Roman girls :

"Virgines, quas matres student

Demissis humeris esse, vincto corpore, ut graciles fiant." The sense of this passage may be given in English, with sufficient accuracy, thus:

Maidens, whom fond maternal care has graced With stooping shoulders, and tight-girdled waist. A SURPRISE.

Yes-it is.-it is her writing, Like fairest copper plate, And my love has been inditing A note to intimate, That tho' sharply she refused me, Her meaning was not such ; And altho' she once abused me, She now finds she loves me much. When I made my declaration, On my knees, with start and stutter, I had settled each tarnation Sentence that I ought to utter; But, "some how or an other," I quite forgot my speeches, For her troublesome young brother Had upset a jar of leeches, And one on the carpet crawling Fixed on my unlucky calf, Which, of course, set me a-bawling, And caused my love to laugh! Why do I stop-confound it-I'll ope the note, I will-

I broke the seal and found it Was the butcher's weekly bill ! DIOGENES.

BRAINLESS FOOTMAN; THE NOT

By the Author of the "Headless Horseman."

CONTINUATION OF CHAPTER 111.

Within 10 yards and 23 inches of the barricade, and quite close to the blackened conspirators, the boiler of the magnificent engine suddenly exploded, blowing the driver into 997 pieces, and the fireman into the same number of portions, bar 12. The eight conspirators were also all sent aloft, and when their scattered remains were collected, they numbered in the aggregate 5,420, or an average of 6771 each. On such solemn occasions we like to be exact in these interesting statistics. The fate of Blondina B. was also sealed. The force of the explosion threw the cars off the track, and the heroine of our story was found imbedded in the ruins-alas! no more. The explosion had been too severe for her system. She was even past Radway's Ready Relief. Alphonse had fortunately been able to weather the blow up, and might have been seen by a casual observer, withdrawing his hand from the pocket of the mangled one; who had risked so much on his account. Oh ! for the depravity of the brute creation !

CHAPTER IV .- THE CONCLUSION.

Our task becomes comparatively light. The characters of our romance having been blown out of our story and elevated into the ethereal atmosphere of the azure sky, it only remains for us to dispose of our hero, Alphonse, the Brainless Footman.

Two months subsequent to the harrowing circumstances of the above mentioned catastrophe, Alphonse might have been highly colored, but do not our cemeteries contain the bodies seen late one night issuing from beneath the portal of a of several of these devoted men who, within the last few respectable but hardly aristocratic-looking residence in the months, have died at their posts,-hose-branch in hand?purlieus of the Quebec suburbs. His eyes were rolling wildv. and his hands were covered with clotted blood : whilst in his dexter fist he grasped an axe of the kind ordinarily used for splitting cordwood. quite evident that he had been splitting something else than cordwood. He had. HE HAD JUST DEMOLISHED HIS WIFE !! Before many hours were over, the bloodhounds of the law were on his track, and that evening he was lodged in gaol. In due time he was brought to trial, found guilty by an intelligent jury, and sentenced to be hanged. His astute lawyer, year is at hand,-a season when the heart involuntarily opens however, having perceived that one of the jurymen during the to the sufferings and wants of others,-let simple justice long and impartial trial had fallen asleep, obtained a new trial, without the slightest difficulty or delay, under a writ of error. A second time he was brought up for trial : a second time found guilty and a second time sentenced to be hanged. A second time he was respited; but on this occasion it was because some one in the Court had handed a newspaper (which contained an account of the opening of the Victoria Bridge) to one of the jury when they were retiring to consider their verdict. This objection was of course deemed valid. and a third time he stood his trial, was found guilty and sentenced to be hanged. A third time he was respited because his counsel was able to prove incontestably that the Judge had taken one glass of sherry too much! It is the last feather that breaks the camel's back !

Alphonse himself at last became tired of all this shillyshallying, and bethought himself of an easier system of putting a stop to all this uncertainty. A nail in the wall, and his suspenders were enough. He availed himself of their valuable services, and, the morning following his third trial, was found in his cell, dead as a coffin-nail!

ed quantity of beefsteak, the whole of which he devoured Greece.

ravenously. He was accordingly buried, as our readers will readily believe, with a stake in his inside! Our tale is told. As for the moral of it-it may be more easily imagined than described.

THE FIREMEN OF MONTREAL.

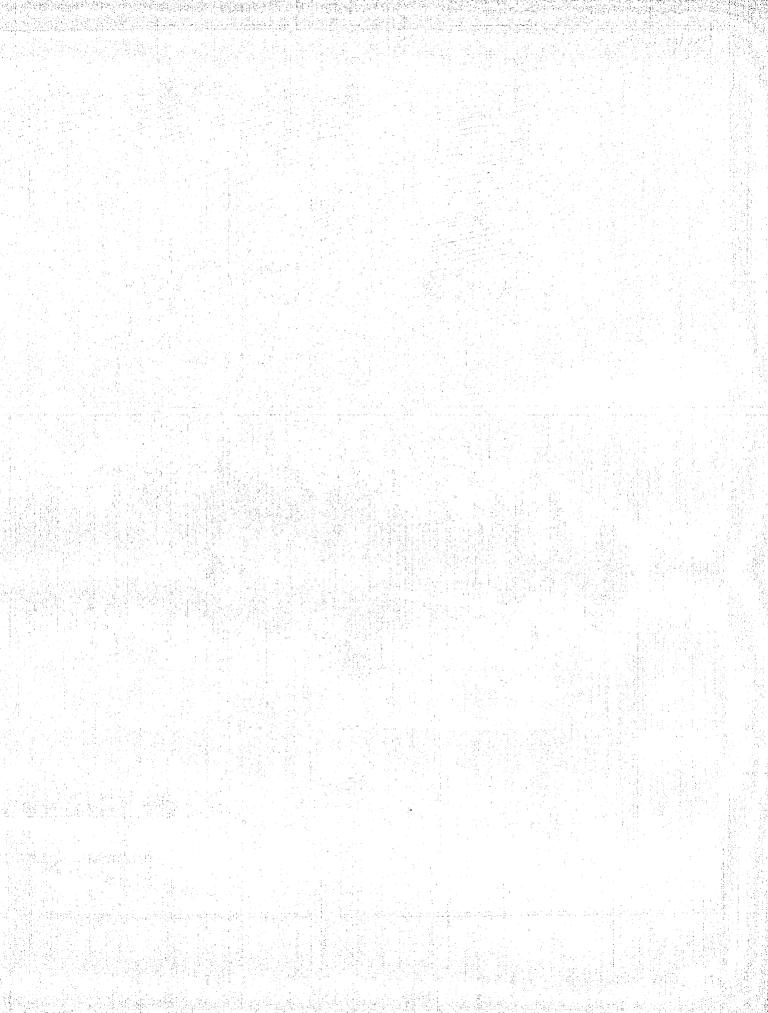
Quite right, Daily Witness ! Quite right, Mr. Alfred Perry ! DIOGENES figuratively pats you on the back. It is a shame that the Firemen should be expected at all times to risk their lives for the paltry pittance of \$300 per annum : less than is given to juvenile clerks, who have only them. selves to keep, or to policemen who frequently have little to do but to wear the Corporation uniform and perambulate the streets. Have nine-tenths of the public any idea in what the duties of these men consist? If not, DIOGENES will tell them. They have day and night to be fully prepared by the aid of one element to repel the attacks of another, and it is only those who have faced a conflagration in all its fury who know These ill-paid the arduous nature of a fireman's calling. and hard-working men may be summoned at any moment, any night, and often every night, to answer the fire alarm and confront the danger of perishing in the flames, or of being crushed by falling walls, while they are gallantly attempting to save life and property. Frequently they are deluged with water from the hose, and are compelled to work hidefatigably for hours, encased in icy clothing, with no possibility of obtaining a change. Often, too, after returning to their quarters they are obliged to turn out again to another fire in a different part of the city.

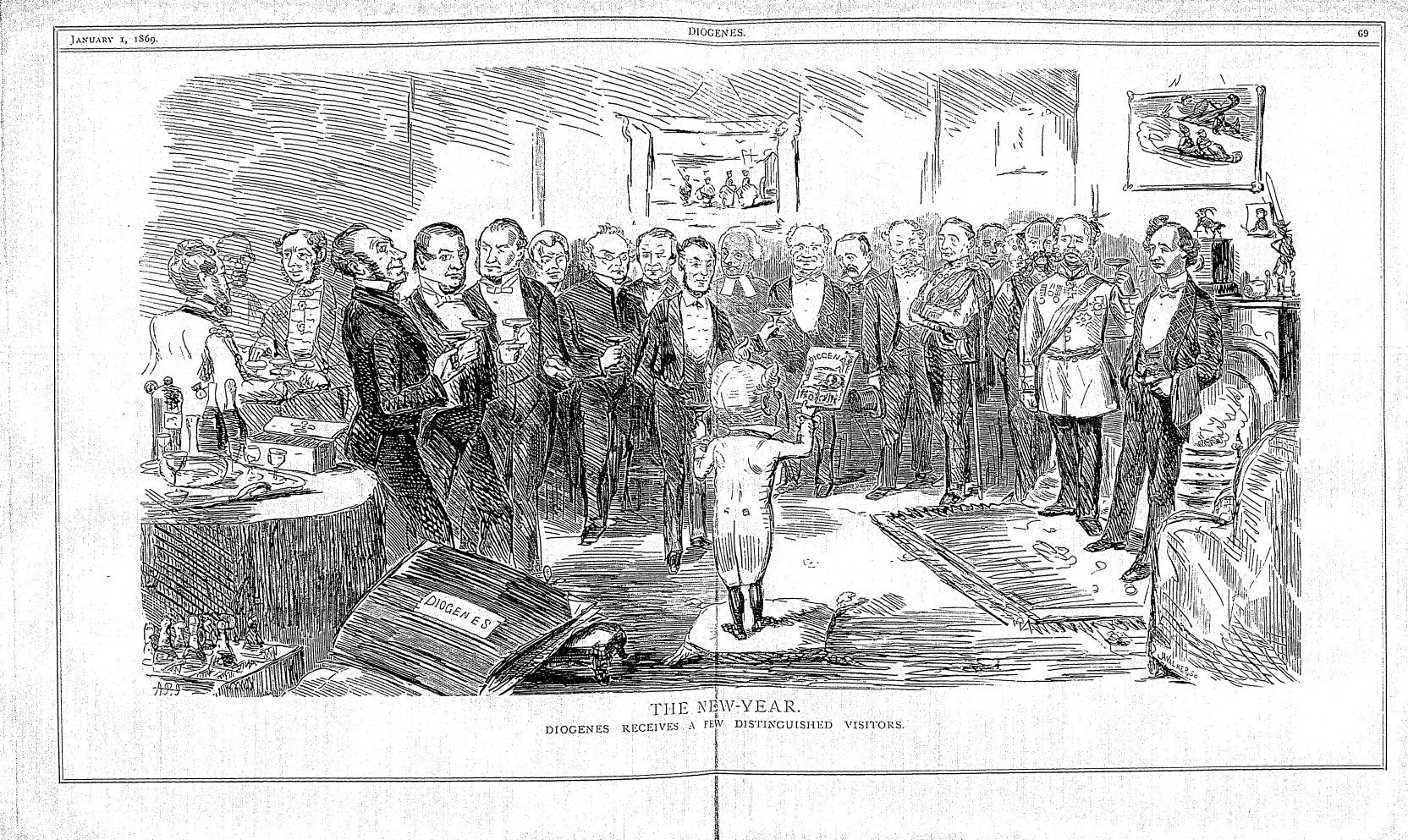
The readers of Diogenes may think that this nicture is As regards the \$300 a year, of course the answer of the Corporation is, "We can get men to face the danger for this despised sum; why then should we give more?" True, ouite From his excited manner it was true, you can; but why trade on the necessities of poor men by offering so paltry a remuneration? Imagine vourselves, if you can, in the position of these tiremen, and then ask of your own consciences whether the sum of \$300 per annum is an adequate " compensation " for services so valuable. Your answer must be in the negative; and now that a new be done by increasing the insignificant pay of these brave Firemen.

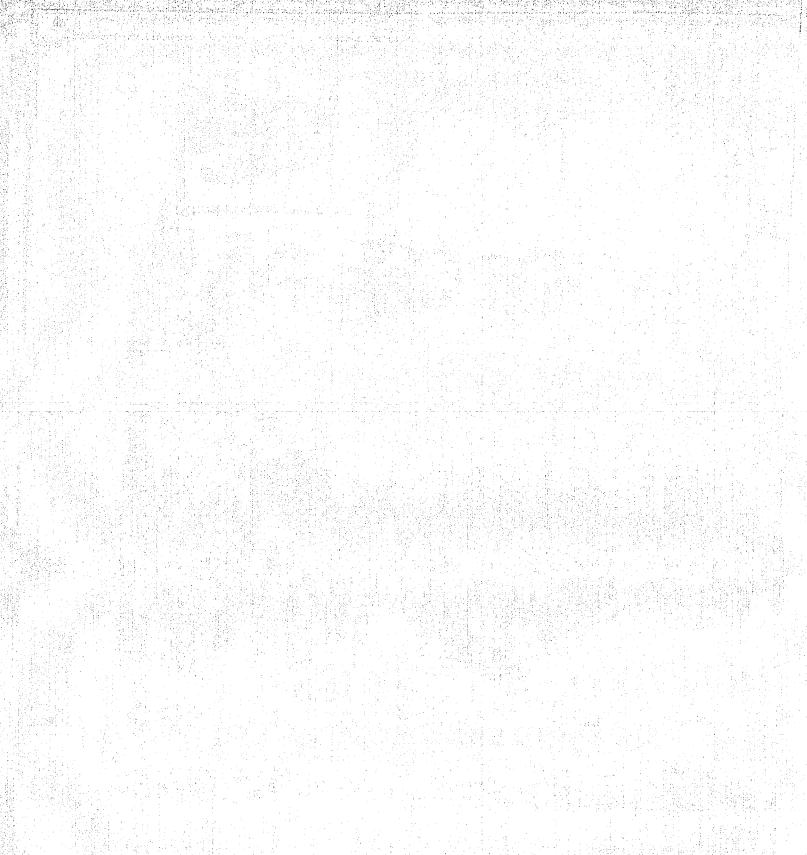
> FREE TRANSLATION BY AN AMERICAN In Vino Veritas. Brandy peaches.

DIOGENES is no croaker-but he observes with some anxiety the proportions of the "point noir" on the horizon of the South East corner of Europe. A late telegram leaves no doubt that the Turkish Government, goaded to madness by the conduct of Greece during and after the Cretan rebellion, has now concentrated troops on the Thessalian frontier ; while the advisers of the Hellenic King, positively refuse to yield anything to the protests of England and France,

The success of our New Year's festivities is closely dependant on the happy and judicious amalgamation of *Zurkey* and Greece ;- and any one must see that the lorch of war once ignited in such a locality can only be extinguished with great difficulty. But on the other hand, when one bears in mind He died game! His appetite on the morning of his suicide how "continual dripping wears away stone," one cannot be was unexceptionable, and, owing to the extreme liberality of surprised that the patience of the Ottoman Government has the gaol authorities, his last breakfast consisted of an unlimit- at length been worn out by the incessant "splurgings" of







DIOGENES.

A PRACTICAL MAN AND HIS POET.

DIOGENES at the present moment is under what is called DIOGENES has learned with considerable satisfaction that "Grand Trunk influence." He has received, he supposes the respectable Dispensing Chemists of the city have deterfrom the author, (with an urgent request for notice) a Poem mined on throwing to the dogs-not their physic, but the on "The Grand Trunk Railway: its Achievements, Institutions, Scenery, Military and Principal Characters. By 1. T. Breeze, a Canadian Poet, author of Poems on Toronto, Belleville, Kingston, Picton, Saughanash Shore, Niagara Falls, Confederation, The Martyred President, &c., &c., &c." As the best compliment that can be paid an author is to quote his finest passages, DIOGENES has much pleasure in adorning his columns with the following sublime panegyric. The speeches last week at the "Brydges' Banquet" were rather ordinary samples of post-prandial oratory, and did but scanty justice to the merits of the guest. DIOGENES, therefore, is by a desire to encourage the others, and not, as is the fashion persuaded that the Managing Director of the G. T. R. will with *pseudo* "inoffensive" daily papers, to represent the latest be delighted to read the ensuing tribute of praise from the advertiser as the only respectable man of his calling. The pen of Mr. Breeze, "a Canadian Poet:"-

To C. J. BRYDGES, Esq.

Hail ! Julius Casar of the present age, Towering above thy foes' most subtle rage Firm dost thou stand as stands the troubled earth When earthquakes rave and mighty winds have birth ; Unmoved but in the orbit God designed For all the attributes of thy mighty mind. No boasting Pompey can thy mind subdue, Nor Cicero's words deter its purpose true-It sweeps a compass like the mighty sun That rules the planets in the course they run. O! how vast the great machinery O'er which thy mind doth cast its eyelight free To plan, arrange, and well dispose the whole With all the powers of thy capacious soul. Thy country's good lies near thy heart benign, Perpetual good thou dost for it divine; Thy mental powers are tutored from their youth 'Neath master minds who rule the world of truth. Thou hast done well to raise our country's fame ; When troubles rise thy purpose stands the same. Thou would'st do better if thy power could, But out of evil brought'st the utmost good. No humble mind could sway the power that thou Dost bring to bear upon our country now. Long live to lend the light that Heaven hath given, And shed its lustre on our country even ; Then shall thy name be hallowed evermore, And sound in song upon our favoured shore !

This magnificent burst of genuine eloquence is scarcely amenable to the ordinary rules of criticism, as it does not bear the slightest resemblance to any composition, inspired or otherwise, that DIOGENES has ever met with. Happy is Mr. Brydges in having Mr. Breeze as his Poet, and happy is Mr. Breeze in having Mr. Brydges as his Patron.

WANTED TO KNOW.

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Has the lady who, in a recent novel, was represented as sitting upon thorns" suffered any great personal inconvenience from her apparently disagreeable position ?

Has the school-boy, who was sent home for the rest of the day, ever returned with it?

When "pop goes the weasel" is he dead or alive, and what sum of money does the pawnbroker lend on the animal ?

What is the number of miles in the Halifax Repeal League? And, where are indignant old ladies supposed to come from when they "draw themselves up"?

SCOTCHED-BUT NOT KILLED.

odious and demoralizing patronage of the 33 per cent. Physicians. As yet, however, only one Chemist has openly announced himself sound on the discount question, and entirely dependent on the good opinion of the public. In pursuance of his expressed intention, Drocenes has transferred to his columns the advertisement of Mr. Gray, and the Cynic hereby calls upon his numerous and respectable readers to "remember" that orthodox "apothecary." In thus drawing attention to a particular tradesman, DIOGENES wishes it to be distinctly understood that he is actuated solely Cynic has no intention of resorting to a system of puffing, which sensible newspaper-readers and respectable advertisers have long since learnt to despise. A puff in a local items column is now-a-days an insult to ordinary intelligence, and is only to be found in journals that have become more or less fossilized.

DIOGENES is informed that the number of Chemists who still hang on to the skirts of the Medicos, is confined to some half a dozen. He thinks it right that their names should be published as an act of justice to those who, like Mr. Gray, have had the courage to resist an odious exaction. If any gentleman of the Chemist's Association will be kind enough to furnish DIOGENES with the necessary information, and at the same time give a list of the professional individuals who exact discount, the Cynic will return to the subject in an early number.

In the meantime he awaits the advent of an Auctioneer who will announce his intention to forego the 50 per cent. discount he has hitherto demanded on advertisements graciously dispensed to the city papers. The Cynic will also be glad to publish the name of the newspaper proprietor bold enough to refuse discount to an Auctioneer, and honestly give the real advertiser-vizt, the individual who employs the auctioneer to sell his goods-the benefit which properly belongs to him.

DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

The softest, gentlest ray of Heaven Shining ere time began ; The purest gem to woman given, The noblest trait in man.

The voice that bids the wretched live And cheers each aching heart; Together, joy and comfort give, But pine and die, apart.

- 1. A Western judge, whose name still classifies a law;
- 2. The blackest character in Shakspere's book ;
- 3. A Dutch commander, London once did hold in awe ;
- 4. An ancient minstrel's wife, lost through a look.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY.

- A salve for the "Bite of a Rope;'
- A tear from the "Wind's Eye
- A wrinkle from the "Face of Nature;"
- A stave from a Barrel-organ; and
- A picture of the Ass that bracd at "Bonnie Doon."

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PRESBYTER ANGLICANUS TO DIOGENES :

"THE CONFESSIONAL"

RITUALISM.—On Sunday night the Rev. Mr. Wood preached a sermen in favor of the Confessional. He said the main object of his recent journey to Eugland was to consult others, older than himself, on the propriety of introducing the practice-a question which had been long on his mind-and, acting on their advice, he had determined to receive confessions from all who desired to make them. No doubt the practice had been abused. It should not consist in improper inquiries of penitents : but properly managed it must be a great "ease" both to the penitents and the clergy. —Montreal Heruld.

See also a recent article in the Daily Witness,-a hint from which has been embodied in the following lines :-

My Cynic friend, you've heard, no doubt, I lately cross'd the broad Atlantic

To seek the best advice about A point that nearly drove me frantic. And now illumined with new light,

No longer fearful of transgression, I practise (when I can) the rite Of full Auricular Confession.

Of course for universal "ease" This offer of Confession made is : And luckily it seems to please One class especially-the Ladies,

Men shun Confession-strange to say, They don't appreciate the system-But though they've always kept away,

- I frankly own--1 never missed em.

Tis sweet to breathe absolving words O'er pouting lips and drooping lashes, More sweet than to Creation's lords

With bushy beards and big moustaches; And if those only who "confess"

Can hope, of grace to be the winners, 'Tis sweetest to remit. I guess,

The petty sins of pretty sinners :

For oh! my friend, I can't believe Their sins are really very awful-They merely copy Mother Eve In sometimes loving things unlawful; And when the Penitents rehearse In trembling tones, their pecadilloes, I bless them that they are not worse,

And send them smiling to their pillows !

INCOMPATIBILITY OF TEMPER.

The public mind has of late been much occupied with the subject of Divorce for "Incompatibility of Temper." A few years ago arose the question "Why don't girls marry?"who, preferring the luxuries of their aristocratic homes, what does an eligible marriage consist now a days? A carcarriages, horses, livery-servants, maids, balls, parties, routs, riage and pair, a footman, the sea-side, or a spring tour, a few dresses and the Park, sneered at marriage, a husband, a dinners, so many bonnets, and a certain supply of new house in Brompton or at Peckham, and £500 or £600 a dresses per annum. A mercenary man marries for money; a year, with domesticity and boiled mutton for dinner .- Nor mercenary woman marries for position. Such a childish was the rising male generation allowed to escape; all expen- passion as love never enters the head of the present genersive habits were attacked. Why should Marmaduke, who is ation. Cupid might put his bow and arrows up to auction. Regalias de Londres and Brandy and Seltzer Water were " crown unto her husband," and he unto her a strong tower touched upon, and public opinion-that self-constituted critic of support against the day of trouble. The victims of the of men and manners-proclaimed aloud that case and vanity mariage de convenance are sometimes to be pitied, as they

(public opinion) should bring them to a proper understanding of their own enormities. The affair was supposed to involve the vital existence of the aristocracy, and some did not hesitate to assert that if things continued long in the same way, England would be ultimately depopulated. Many enthusiasts rushed into an opposite extreme, and it was not uncommon for young couples, hand in hand, to seek the altar of Hymen, after an acquaintance and courtship not exceeding two months' duration. "Marry in haste, and repent at leisure," is an old saw, but not the less true. Many apparently charming and engaging persons conceal the lurking demon of ill-temper, who often shows his horns only when it is too late to recede, and what fate more unhappy than to be linked like a lame ass with a clog tied to its leg, to a partner whom you cannot really respect and esteem.

But whilst quoting early and ill-assorted marriages as prolific in incompatibility of temper, there are others which we must take into consideration of more personal interest for us with respect to the subject we have taken in hand.

There are two great epochs in a man's life; the first is his choice of a profession, and the second and greatest is his choice of a wife. Indeed it has been said, "On marriage one's wellbeing not only here but hereafter mainly depends." In France a young couple are hardly ever allowed to choose for themselves. There the mariage de convenance or mariage de raison prevails ; it is generally a mercenary affair arranged and settled by the parents, and tacitly acquiesced in by the parties themselves, possibly because they consider it too much trouble to dissent, or more probably because they feel that their lot might be cast, peradventure, with some one infinitely more disagreeable. In England it was formerly the custom to make up marriages much in the same way. A young lady was helress to a property-her parents or guardians immediately looked round for some eligible young proprietor in the neighbourhood, and joining land to land was all that was talked of, as if it was more sacred than the rite of joining man to wife. Fortunately the mariage de anvenance is not now in vogue in England, as it can never bring the true happiness through life, and the true solace in old age, which it is the appointed mission of marriage to fulfill. It is calculated only to bring about the verdict of incompatibility of temper,' and is so ably satirized in Mr. Robertson's Comedy, "Ours," that we quote the passage : "I, Brew-"house, Malt-kilns, Public-houses and premises, take thee " Landed Property, Grass and Arable Farm, Houses, Tene-"ments, and Salmon Fisheries, to be my wedded wife, to " have and to hold for evening and dinner parties, for carriage and horseback, to love or to tolerate till mutual aversion do us part.'

But still there is a serious stumbling-block to matrimonial "What is the appointed end and aim of every happiness. Nearly every newspaper in England was loud in its denunci- "sensible woman?" asks a worldly lady of her daughter ation of the "pretty Horse-breakers,"-those young ladies "To make an eligible match," is the worldly reply. And of a clerk in the War or Foreign Office, keep his park-hack, and they'd be knocked down to some Jew pedlar for an old and dine at the Epicurean with all the luxury of early peas and iced champagne? Why should Harry frequent Tatter-"George very well, and then he's got lots of money," but sall's, and why should Arthur employ Poole to cut his coats, what are the gold mines of Ophir or the jewels of Golconda and sport a stall at the Opera? Even the minor matters of to the true, the pure, the real love. "A virtuous woman is a kept the sexes apart and would continue to do so until it are more sinned against than sinning, but ye seekers after

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mercenary marriages—ye searchers after the pomps and vanities of this life—have naught to thank but your own wicked imagination for your incompatibility of temper. Some weak ones say, "We dread the opinion of the world, which " would place us in the category of fools, if we married for "love alone." Fools ye are already. The Emperor Theo-dosius married Eudocia,-a poor girl.-Catherine, consort of Peter the Great, had a Swedish dragoon for her first husband. Guizot's daughters, as my friend of the Club Window informs. me, married for love,—a proceeding which Parisian *bon-ton* characterized as "very indelicate"; but did this weighty judgment affect their happiness in the least, or cause their husbands to repent their choice? Dos est sua forma puella, " her beauty is a maiden's dower," and Syracides observes. "Forego not a wife and a good woman, for her grace is " above gold."

DIOGENES has been at some trouble to show the origin of much of this incompatibility of temper. Marriage can never be happy if man and wife are unsuited to each other, and though DIOGENES does not approve of long engagements, he yet says, "Do not marry unless you are sure you can agree with your future partner." It occasionally happens that love is discovered to be all on one side, but though you love at present without return, nil desperandum, despair not at all; affection and constancy will work wonders in the end, and if you have linked your fate to a worthy object, you shall in no wise lose your reward. It is sad indeed to love, and to love in vain-to see that, whilst your heart is wholly offered on the shrine your of divinity, she in like manner casts hers at the feet of another idol that does not even respect what you would die for.

Pan loved Echo; Echo, Satyrus; Satyrus, Lyda. " Quantum ipsorum aliquis amantem oderat, Tantum ipsius amans odiosus erat.

Sappho, the poetess, loved Phaon, the boatman, of Mitylene, but Phaon's heart being otherwise engaged, Sappho took a sensation leap from the Leucadian Rock. Says Horace :

> "Insignem tenui fronte Lycorida Cyri torret amor ; Cyrus in asperam Declinat Pholoën.

And Allan Ramsay evidently had this verse in view when he wrote the "Gentle Shepherd":

"Then I like Peggy; Neps is fond o' me; Peggy likes Pate, and Pate is bauld and slee, And loes sweet Meg ;- but Neps I downa see. Could ye turn Patie's love to Neps, and then Peggy's to me, I'd be the happiest man."

In the above, we can see without spectacles that, from the moment of civilization's emerging from the mists of an obscure mythology until the present, the proverb, if not entirely correct in its wording, has yet held good in many instances, "The course of true love never ran smooth." Never mind, my reader, go to the fountain head, dam the stream a little here, widen the channel a little there-the course of true love can be smoothed, and the man who wins his wife as wife should be won, need never fear the dreadful sentence, "incompatibility of temper." In conclusion, DIOGENES would severely censure the

highly reprehensible occupation of "Peacocking." The Peacock, as every one is aware, is the type of pride, and "Peacocking" might well be bracketted with that vice in the catalogue of the Seven Deadly Sins. DIOGENES much dislikes to find on entering a room a young Pea-hen endeavouring to monopolize the attention of every Peacock present, or to come across the Peacock who endeavours to cut him out of a dance, and finally carries his partner off by Godfrey de *Bouillon*, and to this redoubtable warrior, and to supper from under his very nose, after having pecked and not to Soyer, is due the invention of Polage a la Palestine.

plumed himself with all the vanity of his tribe. If Pea-hen or Peacock were to mate with any other bird less shallow of brain, the lamentable result would undoubtedly be "incompatibility of temper."

Take heed, therefore, ye sons and daughters of men-be not taken with the outside of the cup and platter-trust not the glare of the tinsel or the glitter of the gewgaw-dwell not too much on external appearances, but think on "the toad which, ugly and venomous, yet bears a precious jewel in its head." Let your thoughts when married be-What can I do to make my husband or wife happier, and our home more agreeable? The *Spectator* says,—"It requires more virtues to make a good husband or wife, than what go to the finishing of the most shining character whatsoever." *Lector*, Vale !

"ROBBING POOR MEN OF THEIR BEER."

Captain Williams of the Melbourne Slate Quarry, Eastern Townships, has decreed that all the workmen who refuse to sign the temperance pledge must quit his employ.

The above editorial appeared a day or two ago in the columns of the Montreal Wilness. Diogenes assumes the statement to be correct, and that henceforth none but rigid tectotalers will be privileged to dig and delve in the Melbourne The Cynic has not the distinguished honour of quarries. Capt. Williams' acquaintance. He does not know whether he is an off-shoot of the Army, Navy, or Horse Marines,-a local volunteer, an ex-commander of a river steamer or a raft, or a mere "ganger" over quarrymen.—Whoever he may be, he may be set down as an exceedingly "Earnest Teetotaler," resolved to enforce his doctrines where he cannot persuade.

DIOGENES, it need hardly be said, admires temperance, and is not at war with teetotalism. The stylus with which these lines are traced will never be employed in ridiculing those who, in the exercise of a noble self-denial and for the benefit of health, family, or reputation, refrain from the use of alcoholic stimulants. But the Cynic contemns with all the force of his philosophy the ignorant fanaticism which decrees that a body of hard-working labourers—not all of them, he would fain believe, positively hoggish in their abuse of liquor -shall be deprived of an opportunity of earning bread for their wives and little ones during the hardest months of a semi-arctic winter, if they refuse to pledge themselves to a total abstinence from their mid-day beer or half-and-half. Capt. Williams, with an aqueous soul beating in his uncompromising bosom, doubtless believes he is promoting the cause of temperance. DIOGENES, on the contrary; thinks him a type of that Repression which acts as a stimulant to Crimehelps to fill our gaols and asylums, and sends forth guileless children to beg from door to door until they become adepts in fraud and falsehood. Such misguided devotion to principle -such intemperate zeal for temperance-as that displayed by this Capt. Williams, can only awaken commiseration. lf drunkards cannot be persuaded to lead a sober life, it is morally certain they can never be forced. If the advocates of tectotalism would only consent to be a little less "thorough" and display less intolerance of human weakness and frailty, their numbers would increase rather than diminish. As it is, DIOGENES notices, with regret, that they display a fanaticism little calculated to win the sympathy of those who, equally with them, deplore the existence of a gigantic evil, and an intolerance calculated to repel rather than attract the objects of their misguided solicitude.

INTERESTING HISTORICAL FACT.

Soup Kitchens were introduced during the 1st Crusade

NO. VII.-SCULPTURE.

DIOGENES, having already directed public attention to the Nelson Column and Fountains of the City, proceeds to describe minor works of statuary, which are none the less deaf. Can it be that the peculiarities of the building are worthy of notice.

THE BAS-RELIEF AT THE BACK OF THE CUSTOM HOUSE.

In passing along St. Paul Street, let the stranger take a glance at the pediment of the building and the sculpture in its tympanum. At first sight, this appears to be a veritable antique. DIOGENES, from his long residence in Greece, should be a judge of these matters, and, when he first beheld this work of art, pronounced it to be a representation of the "beardless Bacchus." The wand was there, but the helmet and shield were new symbols, which puzzled him. friend informed him that it was meant for Britannia. If so, he trusts, that however beautiful it may be in an artistic point of view, it may be immediately removed. It is not seemly that Her Majesty's Custom House should be surmounted by a figure of Britannia in a state of intoxication. Individual sons of Britannia may at times have given way to this vice, but surely Britannia herself, in all her collective wisdom, never fell tottering on her shield in such a helpless rejected. DIOGENES did not examine these drawings, and condition,-at least, since the Dutch were in the Medway. The late humourous editor of the Evening Telegraph once suggested that Britannia was "sea sick," when this portrait was taken. Such a thing never could have occurred. Britannia rules the waves, and not the waves Britannia.

THE COLOSSI IN WELLINGTON TERRACE.

In recent discussions on the erection of the proposed statue to the Queen, nobody seems to have remembered that we have already a statue of Her Majesty of noble and gigantic proportions. The Queen is guarded by her faithful defender, the late Duke of Wellington, who keeps at a respectful distance from his Royal Mistress. When seen from a distance, the whole Terrace suggests the idea of two ponderous ships of war moving side by side, with an enormous figure-head to each. The addition of a few masts and stays would entirely complete the illusion. workmanship of these statues is bold and vigorous, if not street, and whether they appear as other men. very refined.

DIOGENES would not like to live in a house immediately under one of the colossi. He thinks his Tub safer. Not that these exquisite productions are made of massive brown stone. They were cut in wood by a distinguished ship-carpenter and afterwards made brown and "beautiful for ever" by some predecessor of Madame Rachel. As Lowell sensibly sings.

"What need of such a deal of stone When stone of deal is cheaper?"

THE NEW STATUE OE ST. PATRICK.

Far be it from DIOGENES to seem to ridicule the memory of the great Patron Saint of Ireland. Be his birth-place in O-O Scotland or France, any effigy of the great civilizer should be an ornament to Montreal. He asks the stranger, unhesitatingly, is it an ornament? The Cynic is not short-sighted, but altogether fails in seeing whether the figure be bad or good. He expected a noble statue placed on the ground in the centre of the square, and not a vague, indistinct creation in white and gold, standing sentry on the top of the Hall. St. Patrick dwelt among men and not in a pigeon-house, surmounted by gilt fireworks.

While on the subject of St. Patrick's Hall, DIOGENES assures the stranger that very pleasant re-unions are often held therein. DIOGENES attended the Bachelors' Ball, as in

HANDBOOK for STRANGERS VISITING MONTREAL. her sex," with whom, on Christmas Day, he had been tobogganing. (May Jupiter bless the word, and teach us all how to spell it.)

On calling on the lady, next day, he was rather astonished that she did not remember the offer of marriage which he had made to her on the previous evening. The lady is not such that DIOGENES was not heard ?

THE PRIZE FOR IMPUDENCE.

When Montreal lost her wise and good Bishop, it seemed only natural that her citizens should unite in erecting some kind of a monument to the memory of one so loved and revered. After much discussion (not carried on in the most dignified spirit), it was determined to erect some kind of a monument in the Cathedral grounds. Some weeks ago a Committee advertized, in the vaguest terms, for competitive designs for the said monument. In matters of this kind, three things are usual: to offer one or more premiums for the best designs; to give the competitors some idea of the general views of the Committee; and last, but not least, to state the amount of funds at their disposal. All this was neglected. In spite of this, several artists were foolish enough to send in designs, all of which were summarily therefore cannot say whether they were bad or good. The competitors cannot complain of the rejection, because no agreement was ever made for their acceptance. But the letter which each competitor received, after the rejection, is, in its way, a model. He is told, for the first time, how much money is to be spent. He may, if he wishes (that is the word), send in a new design, next month. Be it noted that there is still no premium offered, or any indication of the wishes of the Committee. Not a word of apology, or even thanks for the trouble to which he has already been put; and, finally, as a climax, he is told that he can have his design by sending to a certain office in the city. Surely, had a gentleman left a parcel by accident in a merchant's office. there would be found some light porter to carry it to his residence. DIOGENES is anxious to know the names of the The members of this Committee, to see what they look like in the

DIOGENES sincerely trusts that no artist will again toish to send in a design to this Committee.

Persons totally ignorant of the ordinary courtesies of society can know nothing whatever of Art.

A CONTRIBUTION FROM BEAUPORT.

DIOGENES believes from the bottom of his heart that the following, which he submits to a probably indignant public, is positively and absolutely the very worst riddle in the world.

Why is the difference between Ontario and Quebec the same that exists between a man and a monkey?

Because the one has a tail, but the other hasn't-thus,

P. S.-A few of the discerning public may possibly find the cue to this tale. DIOGENES sincerely forgives them if they do not.

A RIVAL TO THE ABOVE.

What is the difference between a cattle-drover and St. Patrick's Hall?

The one has a cow stick that is his property, and the other has no accustic properties at all.

AN OBVIOUS TRUTH AND A NECESSARY FICTION .- That duty bound. He continued making love to "the fairest of Quebec rules the Dominion and that Cartier is its prophet.



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