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## TORONTO，SATURDAY，JUNE 28th， 1873.

## ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS．

＂Ianoramus．＂－You must be one nut to know．
＂Mollie Darlisg．＂－The lines you mention are not contained in 1）r．Watts＂poctical works，nor do we know what joet composed them．The polite version is as follows：
＂If I had a donkey averse to speed，
Do you thiuk I would castigate him？no，indecd！
l＇d give him some proventer and observe，proceed ！

## Ambulate，Hobert！＂

＂Enquirer．＂wants to know tho slowest living thing？We should say our boy on an errand．
＂Aspiteast．＂－We ehould recommend yout to adopt the medical profession，as the bud work jou are likely to do canimet bo returnced oli jour hands．
＂Agilitelturist＂asks who are must interested in the ecming of arech fruit？ Coroners and undertakers，in our opinion．
＂Edmoli：＂－Certainly；you are right to abuse the circus profession，when they will not advertise with you．

## A TERRIFIC TEMPLATION．

## （A TERIIRLY TROE TEMPERAKCE TALE．）

A young man of this city，we forbear mentioning his name for obviuls reasons，was invited to the house of his employer to assist in celelnating the natal day of the said employer＇s daughter．Being Enew black dress coat during the whole of the evening，on which the subject to lits of ubstraction he remained wrapped in thought and a touching incident about to be marrated occurred．Invited to par－ take of a gliss of winc，when the company were standing to honor the toast of the evening he manfully rofused．
＂But you will take just one small glass of wine to my health and prosperity，＂suid the fair young lady in whose honor the toast was given．Our friend stood unuoved and erect in conscious rectitude． Note the unparalleled heroisn of this young man ：heedless alike of the jeers of his companions，the mimifest anger of his host，and last，notlenst，the supplicating gaze of a lovely puir of bluo eyes bent beseechingly on him．And did he yield？Nol With un－ daunted courage and flashing eyes，he exclaimed in a voice husky with cmotion－＂I never do driuk wine，but I＇ll take a little good Scotch Whiskey if you bave it．＂

Nпио．

High Life in Toronto．－One of our young men on whom we can roly，informs us that on Sunday he sav a King，a Qucen，a Duke， and a Durbess going into Church（Street）．［Our young man was there himself．－EDitor．］
$\Delta$ drunken Irishman rather startled $\Omega$ fruit－vendor a few days since by the demand，＂Sny（hic），boss，show us（hic）an Orange－ （hic）－man will you．

## THE SHAH OF PERSLA．

By telegraph from London we learn that the troops have been reviewed in presence of the Persian Shah，for the delectation of that monarch；and tbat the Princess of Wales and Princess Beatrice＂assisted ou the occasion．＂We presume theso royal ladies conducted the dressing up movements．

## ofr calves．

As an illustration of Journalistic incousistency，we quote the following touching＂local＂by the tender bearted＇lrojan who does the police news for a certain little evening paper ：－
Crielty to Animills．－As nur representative was passing through the market to day he henrd one of our leading eitizens remark that it was a disgrace to some of our butchers and farmers bringing in catue and leaving them tit the scorching heat．There were 20 calves，some with their feet tied and others tied to the wheels of different watgons，all of which were in the sim．It is well a Ifumane Socioty is being formed
Notwithstandiug that gush of fecling，the wretched itemizer shows that he is capable of still greater cruclty himself，for he drags not ouly the calves，but also the butchers and farmers into the Sun，and passes on without compunction．

## news of the weer．

＇Whe South Ontario election is the most stirring thing at present on the tapis．Considerable Gibberish is spoken throughout the riding，but there is every probability of the ruform candidate Holden on to a good majority．
Croelty tó animals．－It is actually stated that in this the nine－ teenth century，and on a crowded thorougbfare，a prominent dry goods merchaut in King street，has beeu lately maxing a royal Bengal tiger yell－oh！

Cruelry．－A Hamiltou paper states that on Sunday last the bells were pected at an unusually early hour．We hope that their natu－ ral covering was restored as speedily as possible，as they would be liable to catch cold in this changeable weather．
humors of the day．
The imporative mood．Stand and deliver．
Why is an old building like a madhonse？Because it containg lone attics．

What part of Toronto puts you in mind of the moon on a cloudy night？The Crescent；it is so badly lighted．

Why is a smoker like a braggart？Decause he pufis．
When is a schoolmaster like a carpenter？When he is forming a nuw rule．

When does a lady look her worst？When she is in a bustle．
When does a man like his clothes？When it sults him．
When you see an euvelope＂On Her Majesty＇s Scrvice，＂is it not equivalent to saying＂let us go frec＂（letters go frec）．

What is the average weight of＂lighthouses？＂
Some men earn their living by turning summersaulls．Do they rest in winter ？
Is tying a garotter to the triungle doing the square thing by him？
When can a bull stand more than a man？When it treats him to a horn，and makes him stigger．
The Wimbledon Contest－Friendly rifury．
Goide to Analens．－A bad place to fish in－In vain．
How to get into a scrape．－Shave with a rough razor．

If it is true that＂Nature abhors a Vacume，＂how sho must deprecate a great many City Councils！

False，matirely so．－The Suni printed the statement a few evenings since，that the population of Constantinople numbers $\mathbf{G , 0 0 0 , 0 0 0}$ ．We feel it our duty，in the interests of truth，\＆c．，to give this an emphatic denial．


A certain person bad a frieud who was a miser. One day he said to him, "I am going a journey; give me your ring-then I shall always have you near me; for whenever I look upon it, you will come to my remembrance." The miser made answer, "If you wish to keep me in remembrance, as often as you look at your naked finger, remember that you asked a certain person for his ring, and he refused ro give it to you!"

To the Benevolent.-There is a man so hard up that he even sleeps on tick.

A school-boy being requested to write a composition upon the subject of "Pins," produced the following: "Pins are very useful. They have saved the lives of a great many men, women, and chil-dren-in fact, whole families." "How so ?" asked the puzzled teacher; and the boy replied, "Why, by not swallowing them."

A late poet, in describing his ancestors, who were among the first settlors at Amoskeng Falls, said, with a spice of exaggeration:
"Of the goodly men of old Derryfield It was often said that their only care And their only wish and only prayer For the present world and the world to conse Were a string of cols and a jug of rum !'

## TGE BRIDGE OF SIGH8.

(An Entutional Pocin by Thomas Hoon-wink.)
One more unfortunate,
Robbed of her breatio,
Killed by her husband, Gone to her death.
Take him rup tenderly,
Trent him with care ;
Pry the case slenderly-
Hanging ain't fair.
New York, June 27.

> elderly naval man to the premier. South Ontalio, Monday.
> If you don't Hold-on to your anchor, Jolin, And dimp overboard all your fibbs,
> I'm afraid on a reef yc'll come to gricf-
> I can tell by the cut of yer Gibbs (G soft).

Acembit.-A Gentleman walking along the Esplauade close to tho water's edge accidentally fell in with a friend.

Panadoxical.-That humun maturo crer loatbes to be disappointed, should (during the visit of the great Persian) be willing to put itself about a great dual to secure only Shah-grin.

An old bachelor, who has become melancholy and poetical, wrote some verses for the village paper, in which he expressed the hope that the time would soon come when he would
"rest calmly within a shroud,
With a weeping-willow by my side."
But to his inexpressible horror it came out in print,
"When 1 shall rest calmly within a shawl, With a wreping widow by my side."

Fibld Exercise.-Plowius.
The Hose Cucuit. - Walking about with a baby in the night.
Ought not a lecmit to call his house a man-slune?
Who is the oldest lunatic on record:?-Time out of mind.

Why is a provident man like a monkey ?-Decauso ho's forehanded (four-handed).

Why are the cook's tongs in a ship like great mosquitocs?Becanse they are galley nippers.

A person who tolls you of the faults of others intends to tell others of your faults.

When may tro people be said to be half-witted ?-When they hare an understandiug between them.

An Irish sailor visited a city where he said thoy copper-bottomed the tops of the houses with shect-lead. Perhaps it was the same man who saw a white black-bird sitting on a wooden mile-stone, cating a red blackberry.

## A CHINESE PUZZLE FOR THE INGENIOUS.

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Inth isto wny ouma yofte ns ee
Sto resth attr ytos el lba dt ea
Bu tif toyo nge stre ety oul Irepa ir
Yo ullf indt hepe kinte asto reth ere
Whe recus tom ersa retr eate dwe ll
Asal lwhod ealt heren owc ante ll
Ifg roce tie syo uwa nttob uy
Yo usho ul dth epek inte astor etry
An dify oudo wellp lea sedy oul lbe
Wi tha llyoutastes mel lhe aran dsee.
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