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## "KORN KOBB ON THE AT ABAMA CJALMS.

HE FURNISHES A BILI, HE THINKS TIE AMERICAN IEORLE WILL NOT REJECT:

Mr. EDITOR, - I fatter myself I understand something about the Alabama claims. I have investigated the subject thoroughly, and have come to the conclusion that the American Senate was perfectly justified in rejecting the Bill negotiated by Johnson. The American people have been treated shamefully by the British Government, and it was just simply an insule to offer such miserable compensation to a free and enlightened nation-a nation, ioo, that would scorn to take advant tge of any other country in difficultics.

Now, Mr. Editor, I propose to setile the matier thus; and should ny suggestions be acted upon, the thought that I may have been the humble instrument chosen to keep the peace between the two great free nations of the world will be a source of satisfaction to me, compared to which any pecuniary profit I may derive from the transaction will be as dust in the balance:-

Imprinis-Great Britain will hand over at once and for ever all her American possessions, North and South, to the United States.

Mr. Monroe will be canonized, and the anniversary of his birth observed as a statutory holiday throughout the United Kingdom.

In case of war between the two nations, the rights of Nova Scotia, as a neutral power, will be respected.

The Hon Joseph Howe will be banished to Alaska; and Messrs. Wilkins, Murray, and Annand constituted life-members of the New York Common Council as a reward for distinguished services.

Hhe American people will be put in immediate possession of the A thantic Telegraph, the Gulf Stream, the Banks of Newfoundland, and the Aurora Borealis.

Should any future British explorer discover the North Pole, he will mmediately give it up to the United States to serve as a national fag-staff for the Cireat Republic.

All titles of nobility, from Duke down to Colonial Knight, will be abolished; those only excepted whose owners have intermarried with Americans.

The Queen will be allowed the title of the "Honorable Mrs. Guelph.:

Any loss or damage resulting to the property or persons of American citizens from earthquakes, storms at sea, floods, high tides, volcanic cruptions, June frosts, electric Huid, catue disease, weevil, potato blight, or other supernatural agency, in any quarter of the globe whatever, will be made good at once, out of the Mritish Treasury.

Mr. Sunner, Mr. Chandler and Ben Butler will have seats in the British House of Commons, placed at heir disposal, in order to give them a chance to educate public sentiment and promulgate uheir peculiar ideas on the rights of man.

Mr. Roebuck will reccive imprisomment for life, with hard labour, and Earl Russell, Mr. Laird and the Eclitor of the Times, be hangel immediately, without benefit of clergy.

In all European Courls, a, free and independent American citizen will take precedence of Englishmen of all degrees, and Queen Victorin must cross the Atintic, at least tivice a year, to kiss the toe of the President of the United States.

Gibraltar, Malta, and the Cape of Good Hope, will be ceded to the Republic for coaling stations, and as soon as the Americans, can, manage their own affairs, at home, they will take charge of Austrialia, New Zealand, and the Indian Empire:

The British Lion will have his teedh pulled, his claws
clipped and his mane and tail shaved, and then be handed over to Miss Columbia for a poodle-dog.
"Yankee Doodle" will be, hereafter, the National A nthem of the Britishers.

Macaulay's New Zealander will be required to start imme diately for 1 -ondon Bridge.

The Union Jack, God save the Queen, the Magna Charta, Mr. Vernon Harcourt, and the Satiiriay Revices, will be buried in the Goodwin Sands.

For the present, England will be allowed to retain possession of Great Britain and Ireland:
Lastly, England will be required to give up her lines of Steamships, all her "Alonitors" and armor-clad vessels; suppress all newspapers inimical to American supremacy, pay off; the United States National debt; blow up the House of Lords; shoot a few hundred bloated aristocrals; and walk mighty considerably darned straight in future, if she does nt want to get the American Eagle into her hair:

## WOMEN IN PARIS.

In answer to an Ottawa correspondent, the Cynic stated in his last number, that certain strange manners and objectionable habits were now prevalent among the women of most civilized countries. A short time ago, Mr, and Mrs. Burlingame, and the natives of the Chinese mission, gave a grand ball, at which "all Paris" assembled. One of the Mandarins named Te-to-tum, wrote home an account of this fete, which he kindly permitted a French gentleman to translate. From this letter Drocenes borrows as much as suits his purpose in corrobation of his statements to his friend at Ottawa.
After describing a "severe dinner," at which he had been present, the observant Te-totum, thus speaks of the Ball given by the Ohinese. "Our rooms would permit, 500 men and women to circulate with ease, but we invited 2,00\%, because to make fashionable people in Paris happy, you must make them uncomfortable, by packing them densely. All the ambassadors honoured us by their presence. Some of them asked us most stupid questions. The men generally are very ignorant. The women look at each other with enyy and jealousy. All the bad feelings of humanity prevail in high society, The best-mannered people are the waiters, the best-dressed, the footmen. Heaven forbid that we should import any Erench social habits! Oh! if you had seen the women at our ball. They came half-undressed-that is to say, the upper part of the body was wholly exposed; but they are jealous of showing their feet, and seem to desire to hide the floor also, as each woman drags about with her a long robe, on which it is nor ctiguctle to place your shoe. Their eye-brows and eye-lashes are generally painted, and they use carmine for their lips and cheeks, as well as pearl-powder for various exposed sections of the frame. They purchase the hair of the dead, and have it worked by artists into various designs. Then the women put it on their heads with flowers -and yet, they are not a dirty people. Nevertheless, any one of these women divested of her ornaments, and thoroughly washed, would, doubtless, present a very different appearance. The high-caste women are allowed every license. At our fetc, they were clasped around the waist by men to whom they were previously unkiown, and they danced with painful vigour, -for it was hot."

This extract will probably satisfy the Cynic's correspondent that the ladies of Ottawa are not yet upon a level with Parisian belles.

## RATHER A DEEP DRAIN.

The following is from the Daily Witness of May 3 x :-
When Letitia Power was arrested she had a bottle of whisky in her pocket, which she drained to the bottom while the policeman's attention pocket, momenarily drawn from her.?

## OUR SICK CONTRIBUTOR GETS INTO A NEW BOARDLNG-HOUSE AND DESCRIBES SOME OF HIS FELLOW BOARDERS.

Here Iam; I am all right now; no more Sherift's sales; no more opium. They are rather a pleasant lot of people there. All characters of a peculiar kind, But I nust describe them striation.

## BOARDER NO. 1 - A POET.

This is a young gentleman of about two and twenty summers,- a native of Virginia. His hair is long; his garments seedy; his collars are not at all byronic, but scanty and whitey-brown, They are the ruins of some manufactured by Zeke Trimble, about five and twenty years ago. The great peculiarity of our poet is a constitutional difficulty in speaking civilly to any one. We are all beneath him. He complains that we do not understand him. I differ from him. I think we all do. He is easily seen through. Poet he may be, though I doubt ic He is unmistakeably a loafer. He treats nobody with any deference except our landlady. Of her he seems to stand in awe. I sometimes hear rather stormy altercations between them, in the passage at a late hour. There are whispers that he has not paid his board for many months. His habits are lazy. He lies in bed late of a morning. His appetite is gluttonous. His propensity for drink, extreme, especially when he can get it for nothing. He bores me excessively. He says that he has taken quite a fancy to me. I am patronized by him. He sits in my room for hours. There is but one way to get rid of him and that is to lend him a quarter, - a favor which he is not siow in demanding. The process is, however, expensive. After receiving the coin, he immediately disappears and is not heard of till a late period of the evening, when he comes in with an unsteady step. It is reported that he spends these quarters at a tavern in the neighbourhood, where he is thought a great man by a few fools to whom he spouts his own poetry. This morning he entered my room with blood-shot eyes, and enquired whether $I$ had such a sum as ten cents about me. He left me a copy of a new poem which he informed me he was going to send to Drogenes, at the same time asking me what I thought he would pay for it? Tou will doubtless receive it, but $I$ cannot refrain from sending you a few stanzas. The poem is entitled:

## THE POOR HORSE

The noble steed abused by man. And made to draw a rruck or van, And ruled by force :
Have we no pity in our hearts, Or no compassion for his smarts? Alas 1 poor horse.

Files in his ears and nostrils ion,
Thick 25 the drups of morning dew On mountain gorse;
A saddle on his chestnui back, Giribed as 10 make his stomach crack. Alas ! poor horse.

The iron shoes upon his fect Clatter along the noisy strect Of woes a source; In cruel shafts he's made 10 it, And in his mouth an iron bis Alas! poor horse.

Since the days of Mrs. Jeo Hunter's "expiring frog, I have never seen anything to compare with this effusion. Our poet affects a great sympathy for the brute creation, although he did not scruple, the other day, to give my dog a most unmerciful kick. He especially objects to the cruelty of making animals work. In fact all work, other than writing maudlin verses, is to him an abomination, On one occasion, I, with the kindest intentions, offered my services to try and
get the poet something to do, seeing that, he was very much out at elbows. He was deeply offended, ind replied that the had not expected such an insult from me.

He is a borrower of other things besides money. He is especially a borrower of books. He returns them torn and "dogs-eared", that is, when he returns them at all., The other day he borrowed of me, two volumes of "the Spectator." He has just coolly informed me that he lias lost them, thus making an irreparable hiaths in a whole set of British essayists which once filled my top shelf, I have come to the conclusion that our poet is by no means a desirable acquaintance, and must take an early opportunity of shaking him off:

## SCOTCH "WUT:

Sydne, Smith, "rare Sydney; according to Moore, "Smug Sydney" according to Byron, was wont to assert that few Scotchmen are eapable of understanding a joke. He, moreover, entertained a very low opinion of what is popularly known as Scotch "wut" DIOGENES is far from coinciding with his extreme views on these two points. Nevertheless, a recent report in a Scotch journal is calculated to gain converis to the dogmas of the English Dean. At a concert in Edinburgh a short time ago, Professor Blackie, who presided, took occasion to make a rambling speech on music and poetry. Among other strange passiges, the following is reported in the Solsintis.
Although the animal Scotch is a noble creature-(lauphter)-there is one qualty he mants very much-he has not the faculty of amusing himself, and if he dece try it he docs is in a way that would disgrace a beast (Luughter.) He makes himsclf as drunk as a beast, or worse than a beast (great hughter) - beedase a betst may be druik by accideat, but man is drunk systematically and on perpose. (1) angher) He goes and puts a thief into his mouth 80 stcal away his brains, as Will Shakespeare says: (Laughter.)

The Cynic is at a loss to account for the excessive laughter recorded in this report. If the assertions of the Professor are true, there was assuredy little cause for mirth, if they are untrue as regards a lirge majority of the Scotch people, the "wut" of the orator is by no means obvious. In any case, the bad taste of the speaker is equalled only by the bad taste of his hearers. If these festive occasions are of frequent occurrence, either the Professor or his audience ought in future to be muzzled. No credit can be gained by such unseemly exhibitions.

## OUT OF RESPECT FOR THEIR FEELLNGS.

Diogenes sees no reason why Mr. MeConkey should have withdrawn his motion to make the 1 st of July a legal holiday. The Nova Scotian members who opposed it, were wrong in so doing, Until they are willing to keep it as a festival, (which will probably ere long be the case,) they might have kept it as 2 fast, and a solemn day of mourning. It might possibly have soothed their feelings to have a whole day which they could devote to lamentations for their unhappy condition. But they were probably afraid that if the holiday was appointed, the majority of "Blue-noses" would not spend it in lamentations.

## ANELOQUENT EBULLITION.

Under the head of Editorial Items, DIocenes finds the following glowing passage in the petcrboroligh Revita.
Is our Mayor, whose solicitude for the interest of the inhabitants of the town cannot ordinarily be questioned, going to postpone a Dog Proclamation until we have a case or two of chullitions about bites of mad dogs? The matisd is so wide sprendithat ve canmot rasomably biariantee that no such cast can ocairin Peterborang:.

The Cynic draws particular attention to the latter portion of this paragraph, and also to the elegant use of the word, ebullitions
"YHO SHALL, DECIDE VHEN DOCTORS DISAGKEE?".

$A N \Lambda D I A N$ newspapers have copied pretty extelisively, the fol, lowing. statement from an English journal:
Another leaf of history must be re-written. Socrates did not drink hicmlock, or if he did it did not kill him. It is proved that hemlock is no poison. Experiments mace with it show that only the blightest cficts follow very large doses of pure juice or hemlock leaves.'

One thing is quite certain, Socrates is dead. His contemporaries, and succeeding generations were convinced that he was poisoned by hemlock, and Drogenes himself has no doubt whatever on the subject.
To decide the matter, once and for all, the CYnic proposes that the writer of the sceptical paragraph, shall publicly swallow a pint of hemlock-juice, neat. This pleasing experiment will probably result in setting both the question and the journalist at rest for ever.

Since writing the above, the Cynic found the ensuing quotation in the Daty Witness of June rst.
"Two youing children named George Trudel and Elacar Trudel, of the parish of St George, dicd on the loth inst, having been poisoned by hemlock (cigue) One of them was found dead in a field.- Tournal acs Trois Rovieres.

## JUDGE BRIDLEGOOSE AND JUDGE LAFONTANE

Mr. Wright (Ottawa) lately moved in Parliament for a select Committee on the administration of justice in the District of Ottawa. According to the abstract of his specech published in the newspapers, "he showed, by official documents that Judge Lafontaine had been guily of false returns, and of malversation of office, and that his decisions vere a mixture of the grotesque and the horrible-a by-word and a derision in the whole district, till no man would trust to his judgments. He ciled a parallel case in Prance, in which the judge had decailed by dice, and fie affence thon maile for him twas not untike that which he had heard mane in the House for Guidfe Lafontaint".

As Dogenes has failed to obtain a full report of Mr. Wright's speech, he is not aware of what case in France was cited as parallel; but he recollects that there is a chapter in Rabclais (Chap. XVNIX. Book III.) entitled, How Pantagruel was present at the trial of Judge Bridlegoose, who decided causes and controversies by the chance and fortune of the dice." As few people now-a-days read Rabelais, it may be well to quote a few passages from this trial, and it will be interesting to compare hereafter the excuses of Bricllegoose and Lafontaine 4 Pantagruel, entering in, found Bridlegoose siting within the middle of the enclosure of the court of justice, who immediately, upon the coming of Pantagricl, accompanied with the Senatorian, members of that worshipful judicatory, arose, went to the bar, had his indictment read, and for all his reasons, defences and excuses, answered nothing else but that he was become old, and that his sight of late was very much failed and become dimmer than it was wont to be. 3 y reason of this infirmity he was not able so distinctly and clearly to discern the points and blots of the dice as formerly he had been accustomed to do : whence it might well lave happened, said he, that as old dim-sighted Isiac took Jacob for Esau, I, after the same manner, at the decision of causes and controversies in lav, should have been nistaken in taking a quatre for a cinque, or a trois for a deuce." Bridlegoose ceplains further, that, in the particular
case which has brought him into trouble, "he had made use only of his small dice. 'His mode of using the dice is too good to be omitted. I posit on the end of a table in my closet all the pokes and bags of the defendant (containing his pleas, \&c.), and then allow unto him the first hazard of the dice, according to the usual manner of your other worships. That being done, I thereafter lay down the bags and satchels of the plaintiff, unsum wist, just over against one another-for Opposita juxta se posita clarius elucescunt. Then do I likeways and semblably throw the dice for him, and forthwith liver from his chance." "But," quoth Trinquamelle, "my friend, how come you to know, understand, and resolve the obscurity of these seeming contrary passages in law which are laid claim to by the pleading parties?", "Even just,", quoth Bridlegoose, "after the fashion of your other worships, -to wit : then there are many bags on the one side, and on the other, I then use my little, small dice in obedience to the law, semper in obscuris quod minimum est sequimut, I have other large, great dice, fair and goodly ones, which I employ when the matter is more plain, clear and liquid, that is to say when there are fewer bags." "But when you have done all these fine things," quoth Trinquamelle, "how do you, my friend, award your decrees, and pronounce judgment?"
"Even as your other worships," answered Eridlegoose; "for I give out sentence in his favour unto whom hath befallen the best chance by dice,-judiciary, tribunian, pratorial: what comes first."

The decision in Judge Bridlegoose's trial is at length left to Pantagruel, and he pronounces his opinion that he should be pardoned, first on account of his old age; secondly, for his simplicity; and thirdly, because he had previously "given and pronounced an immense and vast ocean of just dooms and sentences?" There are certain conditions attached to the pardon, and, finally, Pantagruel says to the Senators and Counsellors: If you interd to depose him totally from his office, and to deprive him altogether of the state and dignity of a Judge, I shall cordially entreat you to make a present and free gift of him to me, who shall find in my kingdoms charges and employments enough wherewith to busy him, for the bettering of his own fortunes and the furtherance of my views."

DIOGESES recommends to the Senators at Ottawa that a similar course be pursued in the case of Judge Lafontaine. Let Parliament "make a present and free gift of him" to Sir Geo. E. Cartier, who will, possibly, be able to "find in his kingdoms charges and employments enough wherewith to imbusy him." If Sir George objects to receiving this "free gift", a pension to this modern Judge Bridlegoose is a pleasant and simple way of solving the difnculty. Nous terrors.

## "RUBBISH SHOT HERE."

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$A, F A C T$.
 ABATDON, YE WHO ENTER HERE.'
MISS STADACONA- "Who SAID That?"
P. C DANTE"

MISS S, -WVHO IS MR. DANTE? IS HE IN SOCIETY HERE?

## DRINK DEEP, OR TASTE NOT THE PIERLAN <br> SPRING:

Here is a question, of but slight importance, which has offen excited the Cynic's wonder, How is it that forty-nine out of fifty educated people are unable to name correctly the authors of the most hackneyed quotations in the English language? How is it that they blunder ridiculously, when they attempt to settle the literary parentage of any particular maxim or sentiment? To illustrate his meaning, Drogenfs cites a few of the best known sayings that occur to him on the spur of the moment:-

> Whereignorance is bliss,

Tis folly to be wise.'
"Fine by degrecs, and beautifully less:"
(Thisline is almost always quoted, "Small by degrees.')
"Then Greeks joined Greeks, then was the tug of war."
(Generally quoted thus
When Greek metts Greck, then comes the ug of war.")
Hese We leftour country for our countr,'s gpod."
How many people constantly quote these lines, without an idea in whose writings they occur?

Again, how few know the author of the couplet so frequently, of late years, quoted in the English House of Com mons:
"Perhapsit was well to dissemble my love,
But why did you'kick me down stairs?

Or of this distich, that loes steady duty in Yankee journals:
No pent up Utica comtracts our poivers.
But the whole lboundless continent is ours.
A quotation from the Semimental fourme, Cod tempers the wind to the shom lamb", has more than once been attributed co Isaiah, while Butler's, "Spare the rod and spoilt the child, is cited as a text from the leverbs of Solomon.
In the same war, "Cesar's wife muse be above suspicion," is supposed by many to occur in Shakspere, and there are milions of decent people at present lifing who will swear that the lines,

We Hefrot Gight and runs away,
May live to fight anollier day,
are to be found in Fhimibutas.
In the Eramination Paper on © English Literaturef for the Indian Civil Service, 1560 , (a paper which is nowlying before Diocenes; the 7 th question is as follows:-

Name the author who wrote each of the following passages. Mention the work and the context in which each occurs.

This question is followed by thirty quotations from English poets, and the Cynic will wager a trifie, (to be given by the winner to some public charity), that no one in Montreal (barring one gentleman), who will make the trial at his office, will succeed in correctly araswering more than half of this question.

Diogenes pointed out in a former aumber of his paper that a clergyman, writing in the Daily Witness, had erroneously attributed to the pen of "Tom Hood" the powerful ballad of "The Pauper's Funeral", The same mistake was made in the first words of a leading article in the London Daity TClgraph, of April 19 th. In "Breaking a Butterfly" the latestnovel of Mr Liwrence, author of "Guy Livingstone," the following passage occurs:-
FThe Earl of Nithsdale held Pope to be the very chief of English poets, simply for having penned the words,

God made the country, and man made the town'
That hacknejed line seened to him the embodiment of one of the noblest truths that have ever been promulgated in prose or verse."

The Earl of Nithsdale's reason for his admiration of pope was certainly a very remarkable one. "That hackneyed line" Which he glorifed is nowhere to be found in the writings of Pope, but may be discovered in the first book of Cowper's Task.
The idea is not original even with Coyper. $A$ century before his time, Cowley had written in his Essay entitled The Garden, "God the first garden made, and the first city Cain." The following quotation, which the Cynic exhumes from an article on Bibiomania, in the North Nifish Raicu (February, 1864), will show that Cowley also uas probably a borrower of the sentiment When Varro sives the remarkable reason for the grenter longevity of those who live in the country than of people bred in towns, grod divina natura dedil ugros, ars humatia iedificavit turbes, the singular thought you may be sure, does not escape Wordsworth, and he quotes Cowper's version of the sentiment, God made the country, but man made the town, at the foot of the page."

## A MISTAKE SOMEWHERE.

During his speech in Parliament ony the Irish Church question, Mr. Holton is reported to have said
The Minister of Militia himself, and he was glad to hear it, boasted of being an Englishmin, spenting French:

This bonst requires explanation, to prevent ts being start ling, Drogenes has hitherto considered the Minister of Militia to bemerely a Frenchman, speaking English ereerably. He is as delighted as Mr. Holton to acknowledge his error., $-4+$


"LOOK HERE, UPON THIS PICTURE, AND ON THIS:"
OR genuine pathos, few scenes described either in history or fiction can surpass Anthony Trollope's account of a misfortune which hap pened to him in the United States. It may be found in Chapter XIX. of his work on "North America," and is worthy of being transcribed. "I shall never forget my agony as I saw and heard my desk fall from a porter's hand at a railway station, as he tossed it from him seven or eight yards off, on to the hard pavement. I heard its poor weak intestines ratue in their denth-struggle, and knowing that it ras smashed, 1 forgol my position on American soil and remonstrated. It's my desk, and you've utterly destroyed it,' I said, 'Ha! ha! hat'laughed the porter; and then all the crowd laughed. Guess you'd better get it glued,' said one. So I gathered up the broken article, and retired moumfully and crestfallen into a coach. This was very sad, and for a moment $I$ deplored the ill-luck which had brought me to so savage a country. Such and such-like are the incidents which make an Englishman in the States unhappy, and rouse his gall against the institutions of the country.

From this heart-rending picture Diogenes turns with unfeigned pleasure to an article recently published in the Mining and Scientific Press. From it he learns that a native of the same country in which Mr. Trollope's desk was smashed has patented an invention to prevent a traveller's luggage from being injured by rough handling. The arrangement, like many other great inventions, is at once simple and beautiful. It is merely an india-rubber ball to be fixed on each of the eight corners of the valued article. The writer who describes the patent is so delighted with it, that he makes no attempt to restrain his enthusiasm. "We can "magine," he says, "the fiendish look of rage and disappointment which passes over the countenance of the baggage-smashing porter, who, for the first time, sees one of these contrivances. The delight of his life is gone. The malignant chuckle with which he used to drop a lady's travelling-trunk from his shoulder to the floor-in full view of the agonized, but helpless, owneris "played out." It is stated that a trunk filled rith books, if protected by this means, may fall from a height of twents feet without injury. Drogenes has posted a marked copy of this paper to the aggrieved English novelist: "Better late, than never."

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## Montreal, June 2nd, iS69.

Dear Cinic,
Do you believe in" Fairy Land?" If ever in your philosophic dreams you have formed a poetical conception of that charming region, go now with your latern into the street that is devoted to Exchange and Stock-Brokers, and you will find ans architectural realization of "Fairy-Land:" In that prosy, matter-offact thoroughfare, you will find "Fairyland" sculptured in immortal stone, over the principal entrance to a couple of stores.
Perhaps, the owner is building for the reception of the fascinating, but sometimes malevolent spirits. Perhaps, he is about to establish a wn-work Exhibition of Fairies 1 If so, I am afraid that the speculator has mistaken the nature of the locality as well as the character of its denizens.

In your visdom, yu may possibly suggest, that the building in question owes its origin to some egotism, on the part
of the owner. Should this unfortunately be the case, he has erected a monument to commemorate his bad taste. It may be that as the building is at present unfinished, a slight application of your satirical stylus may restore to a state of calm reflection the perpetrator of this act of egregious folly. He may yet be brought to acknowledge the error of his ways, and the rash inscription of "Fairy- ${ }^{2}$ and" may yet be obliterated or justified.

Two odiously unromantic red brick houses in University Street bear the same inscription less offensively displayed. Even there the strange label is scarcely to be pardoned, but in the Lombard street of Montreal, it is glaringly ridiculous.

I remain, my dear Cynic,
Your admirer,
Mal-a-PROPOS.

## MLR PROCTOR AS "VIRGINIUS."

## My Dear Diogenes

Miss Marriott concluded her engagement on Saturday evening in presence of an overflowing audience, who repeatedly called her before the curtain to receive their applause. In a neat speech she expressed her gratitude for the warm reception which had been given her, and hoped that at some future period she night again have an opportunity of appearing before a Montreal audience.

Mr. Joseph Proctor, who is advertised as the great American tragedian, made his first appearance on Tuesday evening in SheridanKnowles' play of Virginius. Shakspere has said; "Some are born great," some achieve greatness, and some' have greatness thrust upon them." Mr. Proctor must have had greatness thrust upon him. That he is a respectable actor, I am not disposed to deny, but that he is "great" excepting that he is, like Falstaff, a good, portly man, of a cheerful look, a pleasing eye, and a most noble carriage," I cannot conscientiously admit. His conception of the character of Virginius is no doubt intelligent and carefully studied, but he is sady, deficient in, expression, his rendering being mosly tane, tedious, and drawling, even his, bursts of passion have not the genuine "ring", about them, - and fail to arouse the sympathy of his audience. If one could imagine the part of "Virginius" performed in dumb show, I have no doubt Mr. Proctor would be highly successfuls, but as an interpreter of the dramatist, he is only passable. Doubtless the meagre attendance somewhat damped his spirits. Perhaps I am ungracious in judging so positively of a first appearance but $I$ have no alternative, as his nett part is in a dramatization called "Nick of the Woods," a play which I have seen once, but shall not voluntarily see again.

The performance altogether was very dismal, although the pit managed to extract some amusenent from it by ridiculing the numerous blunders and imperfections of "our excellent stock company, as the playbills have it. Mr. Albaugh, however, played a spirited "Icilius," and my old friend, Mrs. Hill, as "Servia," acted with her usual good judgment.

Yours,
AN OLD PLATGOER.

## NOT BAD.

A respected correspondent sends Diogenes an item, which he thinks ought to be rescued from oblivion. He , says he was present at the Laprarie Rifle Shooting Match last fall, when a young Englishman, fresh from the old country,-was introduced to a high Cabinet Minister of the Dominion. The following colloquy ensued

Eng. ( 109.4 - 1 believe you belong to the Militia Depart ment, Mr.

Min-(in French English," "Oh! no sare, de Militia Department belongs to the :
(Young Englishman immediately collapsed.)

## EDITORIAL.

Last week the Cynic amused himself, (though he cannot fiatter himself that he amused his readers), by indulging in a few erymological speculations. Conscious that such diver. sions" are caviare to the general," he has no desire to prolong the discussion; but, as an act of simple courtesy, he now publishes, without comment, a letter that he has received from an intelligent correspondent. His views, it will be seen, differ materially from those of the Cynic. The public who "pay their money," have a right to "take their choice", As regards the plan of occasionally devoting a column to "Notes and Queries,? DIogenes heartily approves of it, and if the public will only send "Queries," the Philosopter, aided he hopes by his numerous readers, will endeavour from time to time to write "Notes" in answer.

The following is the letter alluded to above:

## My Dear Diogenes

4 Your article of last week on the ctumology of the word perobect,-or howeyer we may consent to spell it ,- raises an interesting question 1 differ from your very ingenious derivation, and I am sure you will allow me to state my reasons for so doing. Had you pursued your Italian analogics a little farther, I think you would nor have so hast ty rejected M. Auguste Scheler's derimation from forticutie.
The word farrocchatso is in itself a corruption. The best autborities Write it farrucchecto, and I cin state from personal experience, that it is so pronounced by natives of Italy, Now forriaci is a vis, Aarriactictia a litte wis; and, by a transition common in the language, furtuchetito in the masculine, is somebody or something wearing a little wig. I quite agree with you that this term was probably first applied to the species of tuif-bearing parrot, known as the cockatoo.
I certainly would understand the Spanish word A0 $0_{50}$ yo in a simpler sense than you do. This seems is to me, to be the bird which, trom superior size and brilliancy of plumage, is the greatest jay of ?" jay, the Pope-jay in fact, easily corrupted into our fofinfay. This if surely more intelligible than to represent the bird as 2 companion or favorite of priests.
But it is still more to the purpose to pursue the parallel in the language in which you started, 2 , e, the ltalian, The word faftogulto, the Italian for parrot, chough very similar in sound, has quite a diferent meaning. Gallo means cock or fowl, but the word pappe, speit with three $p$ 's has not the slightest connection with pope or priest It means simply, bread soaked in water or milk,-our word fop, -the ordinary food both of parrots and babies. When used as a prefix, pappo often denotes gluttony. Thus, papoote or pappolouc, 2 great eater, pappalardo, almost literally a ch chaw bacon: Papagazallo may therefore be said to signify $/ 3$ greedy, pap eating foul," which is no libel on the parror, but the sord has no allusion whatever to a favorite of the clergy. Until I hear further reasons to the contrary, I must prefer the etymology of M. Scheler.
Would it not be possible to derote a column or perhaps more of DIOGENES, every weeh, to the reception of " Notes and Queries?" This arrangement would, Ithink, give much pleasure to many of the inhabitarits of Canada, and to none more than to

Yours truly
A Lover of Etynology

## DOUBLE ACROSTIC.

That, without which no man of woman born Has ever breathed the breath of life,
Yet without which two souls once dwelt on earth, And these two folk were man and wife.
That, without which no mortal can attain The Heaven to which we all aspire,
That, which few dare inflict upon themselves, Whose long postponement most desire.

1. That, by the right of which a fablediJew Essayed to take a rival merchant's life.
2. That, which we feel when cherished hopes are wrecked, And gusts ot passion stir our wrathiful souls:
3. The sign that designates as brave a band, As ever gave their lives at England's call.
4. A. vulgar adjective, that marks the state

To which, weak mortals often are reduced.
5. Twill sometimes hold full twenty thousand men, And yet tis found within a garden-plot:

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The weight of your wisdom may crive
Refbal is just pow in extrenis
Down here where our noses are blue.
And this the resule of our drean'" itTo bid it farewell as-"a do:"
In future your dare litue paper
(Tho' chraf 1 estecm it, as well)
May be of our tortuncs 2 shaper If our dus in it you will tell.
Aye-rell us ir you have a notion Which now our firse daty should be.
Shall we try for perpetual motion, Or seek for odd fish in the sen?
Shall we sigh a rew compact for Uvios.
Forgetting the chayrin we feel.
Wish Sew-found-land join in commanion,
And embrace with our arase the great seal:
The course of events has bereft us
Of Leaders-who played us'sad pranks.
And even great Joseph has left us
To join the Executive ranks
Then Wilkins and Annand together Can only mislead by their wiles,
For while the first shows the "witite feather, The last is the patron of "stules."
Then Dio-thou critic of critio-
Advisc-now our blood has grown cool-
We are sickened as if by emetics
By Leagues that our senses befool:
 Tho' lazely to duty grown blind,
Then sell us,-shall we eschetw "parties,"
And leave our old follies behind?
If such be gour candid opinion,
Come now,-let your dietum be seen.
WITH 2 cheer for the rising Domistos
AND three for Victoria our QuEE: :

## RABIES. NO. 1.

Ay little son Frank I caught one day
On the steps with my netghbour's small daughter;
With one hand he seized her bright flowing locks,
With the other a new silver quarter.
As he saw me, he cried, "Oh! papa, just look,
Little Mary has said she is, willing;
So I'm just going to do what Gran'ma did to you, And aut off her hicir zuith a shilling ?
*- Diogenes inserts the above as an evidence that the weather is begining to take effect on bipeds as well as quadrupeds.

## CARTS AND CARTERS.

The Carters.- The Mimetor, in an article on the carters, condemns the action of Chief Penton, in forcing carters to carry numbers on their hats as well as on their vehicles, stating that, is unnecessary, and that the old system of pocket numbers was the better one.-Guatte.

Diogenes disagrees with his French contemporary and would go further than the Chief of Police. He believes in a badge attached to a string, worn, round the neck of the carter, as symbolising the penalty which ought to be visited upon him for demanding more than his fare. SThe Cynic has not a high opinion of Montreal Police manage. ment, and the display of a little vigor on the part of the Chief is noteworthy, He might do a little more and prevent the cars loilering on St Jame's Street at all hours of the day and night, when they ought to be on the appointed stands.

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Q.E,D.Thanks for, your communication, It was, perhaps, too elaborate for the occasion Drocenes yill be happy to hear from you again:

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