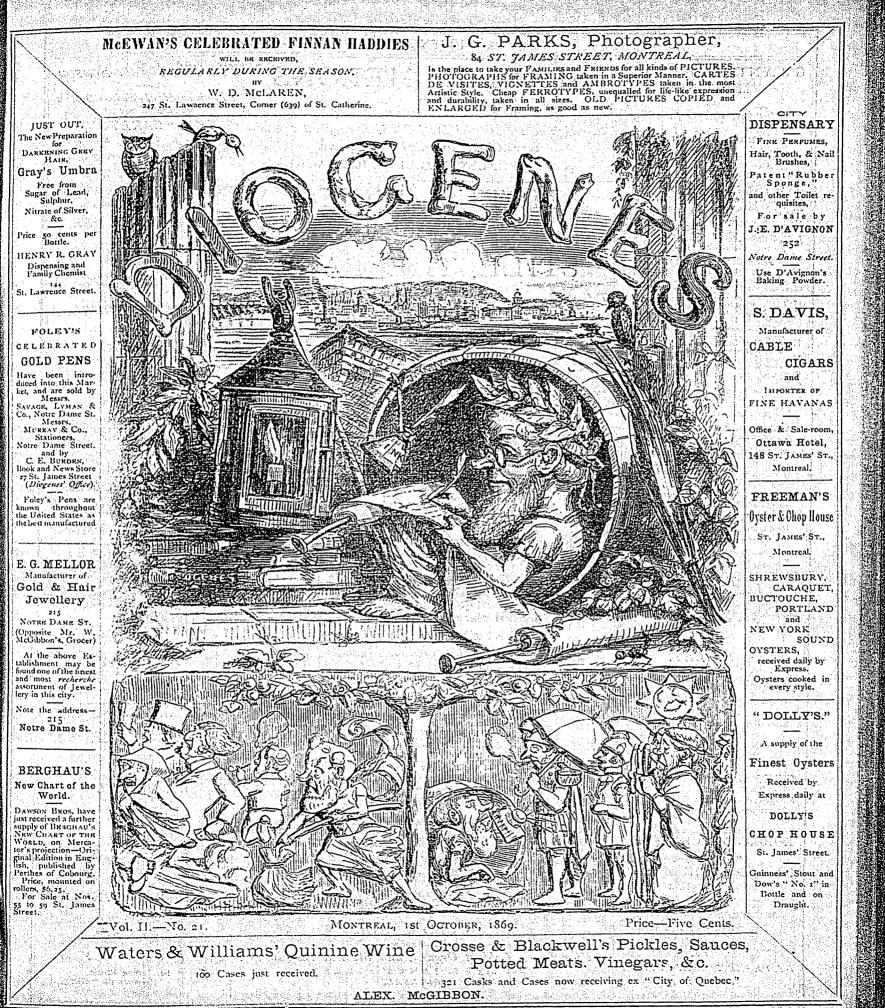
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#### DIOGENES.

## DIOGENES AMONG THE CARMEN.

DIOGENES, having been delivered from his own troubles in the Recorder's Court, was reminded by the Cabmen of his promise to appoint a Special Commissioner to inquire into the Tin Medal grievance. We suggested that a small deputation of the most intelligent of their body should wait upon us and tell us their views of the matter in their own words,that we would do our own "specialling."

The result of these preliminaries was, that at an early hour this morning a rap at the bottom of our Tub,-turned up as usual on account of the dew,-roused us up to the cares and toils of the day. It was a sharp, decided rap,-not the rap of a dun,-that is a disagreeable, bullying kind of rap,there is insolence in it, mixed with the dregs of the politeness that tempted you to order that last tweed suit, for which payment was "no object." It was not the baker's rap,-his is a rollicking, devil-may-care rap-a rap which says " there's your rolls old boy-take them in if you like, or leave them if vou like." It was not the rap of a friend,--all the Cynic's friends accompany their raps with a jolly greeting and stand with the grin of fellows who have some refreshing thoughts in their heads. No, this rap was that of a man who had business on hand and was waiting, like a paid telegram, for a reply. We wondered who it could be, so we opened the door,-that is, we kicked the "inner circle" of our Tub-which immediately rolled on to its bilge, and certified to the rapper that DIOGENES was at home,-revealing to us at the same time, the good-humoured face of our friend Peter. Peter smiled a good morning to us, as wide as he could smile with due regard for the safety of the "dudheen" which filled the air around with fragrance. Our visitor was accompanied by his dog, which was in the attitude of what Heralds would call, demi volligeant-that is to say, when he saw his master hit the Tub with the butt-end of his whip, he made up his mind that underneath there must be "varmint," and therefore he set himself in the position we have so learnedly described; but when the Tub rolled over, and he saw it was only the Philosopher, he drew back with a look of doubt, and perhaps, disgust; growling at one end as if angry, and wagging the stump of a tail at the other end-signifying thus that he was quite ready to take his morning nip at a rump steak if at all encouraged. DIOGENES objects to these canine familiarities,-for a bite of a dog, as Pantagruel says, is the most severe of tooth aches. " He won't bite you, sir," said Peter, with a marked emphasis on the pronoun, "he looks "pitifully at ye, for he thinks the bobbies will be pisinin of "ye for going about without your badge." In fact the dog did look kindly at us, and being satisfied that DIOGENES was not a badger for him to draw, he became a dog couchant, wagging the remnant of his tail in a most friendly way.

Peter in the meantime continued his smoke, but this we language. could not stand; "it's ill speaking between a fou' man and a fasting;" give us a light we said, filling our briar-root pipe, with some of Rattray's best, " and now, friend, tell us your business?

"We are the Cabmen's depootation, sir," was the reply. "We," DIOGENES said ; "you and the dog do you mean?" "Yes, sir,—*Blootcher* has as much right to complain as any one, —havin't them Corporations put tallies upon the dogs too?" Blucher growled, and again wagged his stump of a tail. It was perfectly true, there was one fellow-man proud of his birthright as a free-born Briton-proud of his exalted position he felt that it would do him good to swear at the True Witas having dominion by Divine Charter over all the very, or any other of the evangelicals, his friends, we should beasts of the field, condemned along with his dog-and for shout the first syllable of any wicked word which his memory no crime—condemned by his fellow-man the Magnates of might suggest, and he could quite innocently shout the Smallendom, to wear a "Canada plate" with a number on second, and vice versa. The high contracting parties it, as if he were a convict or an escaped penitentiary bird, and agreed, and we returned to our Tub and shouted across Blucher,-poor Blucher-the dog, the faithful companion of the street-"This tin plate business is an insult to our

man-true to him in sorrow or in joy, proud of his poor master's caresses,-no prouder of the rich man's,-he too made ridiculous with a nasty Alderman's badge dangling round his neck !

DIOGENES has not put in a comma in this last sentence. We leave the "nasty" to be applied either to Alderman or badge according to the taste of the reader. If any "Att. for the Plff.," threatens us with legal proceedings, we declare that "nasty" applies to the badge.

DIOGENES smoked thoughtfully. Peter smoked too with a soothed, yet sorrowful look at his fellow deputy; he was indignant at the treatment his old companion was compelled to submit to, but his own tally caught his eye; he said nothing but the "tin had entered his soul." Drocenes was the first to speak; his heart was full of STERNE and quite sentimental; he thought of the old man and the dead ass, and of Maria and her dog. "It is an abominable shame," said the Philosopher !

" It is a —"

"No Peter, never swear-even at an Alderman!"

"If you had to wear one of these things, with your number on it, you would swear too," said Peter, and he gave a stamp with his foot, to which the dog responded by a wag of his stump. "Would it do any good to swear?" we suggested. "It would be some satisfaction at any rate," said Plooky, who was now a little red in the face. "Yes," he continued, "if a man when he is angry does not swear right out, he swears between his teeth, and that's worse." There was some philosophy in this we thought, for after all that has been said of the latent force of compressed air, how shall we calculate the danger, if compressed with a mixture of suppressed oaths ? We felt that Peter had a good plea for abusing the Corporation, and we too were tempted to swear. In fact, we must swear at the dunces who think they have a right to insult a hard-working class of their fellow citizenswe mean the Cabmen, not the dogs. But in scolding we must adopt the plan suggested by Tristram Shandy's Nuns. They agreed, it will be remembered, in the absence of their drunken coachman, who always did the swearing for them. to divide the improper expletive. We proposed this to Peter, but he scorned the compromise. " By golly," says he " I won't go halves at all, I'll swear at the whole pack;" (he was thinking of dogs) "as long as I am forced to wear this dirty tin plate outside of me." DIOGENES however feels that it would do him good to rap out a warm expression or two. Many times, in fact, were it not both low and immoral, we would eniphasize our sentences in that way, but the impropriety of the thing muzzles us. Others feel as we do,-in fact, in a confidential chat with the Witness the other day, he confessed that the want of some pious expletives was a defect in our

Bidding Peter to sit down and requesting "Blootcher" to look after our "plunder," we went across the way to the IVitness, and, referring to our recent conversation, read STERNE's plan for producing all the effect of the sin without committing it. John had never read Tristram Shandy ; he thinks STERNE a loose character, but the artful dodge of the parson pleased him. We would have proposed the thing to the Gazette, or the Herald, but they, like Peter, do their own spelling, so we proposed to our dear chum, that, as we had many scruples on the subject, like himself, we should adopt this plan-that when

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good friends the Cabmen.—the law is an abomination, —and its supporters are a pack of senseless—"

" — !" cried John. " — !" added DIOGENES—who is now quite refreshed, while the *Wilness*, delighted at the pious method of giving vent to a virtuous anger in a style of emphasis not quite according to *Cocker*, is preparing an Editorial of great pungency against the *True*—with half an expletive at the end of it, just to give it a flavour.

# NOTES AND QUERIES.

Answer to Query No. 1, Vol. II., No. 20.

# Derivation of the word "CANADA."

Mr. Thomas Hodgins, of Toronto, gives the following derivations :- One, taken from an ancient Castilian tradition, of an early visit of the Spaniards, (before the French.) who, perceiving no appearance of mines or riches, exclaimed, in the hearing of the natives, Aca Nada, "here is nothing," and this being repeated by them to other European visitors, was supposed to be the name of the country. Father Hennepin gives another, confirming this early visit of the Spaniardsthat, finding nothing to gratify their desire for gold, they called the country, El Capo di Nada, " Cape Nothing. These, however, as well as the speculation of its being named after M. Cane, a French nobleman, are unreliable. The more generally received derivation, which is supported by the analogy of other names, is, either that given by Charleroix, from the Iroquois, Kanata, "a collection of huts," or, by other writers, from two Indian words, Kan or Can, "a mouth," and Ada, "a country," signifying " the mouth of the country," originally applied, perhaps, to the River St. Lawrence, and mistaken for the name of what is now one of the greatest colonial possessions of the Empire, the Province (now Dominion) of Canada.

The name "Canada" is plainly the Spanish Canada (pronounced Canyadah), a common word in topography, applied by earliest discoverers. See article, by T. S. B., in Montreal Gazette, in the time of Abraham—not the Abraham of earliest record, but the Editor of that name, more than twenty years ago. ANONYMOUS.

In Mr. Parkman's "Pioneers of France in the New World" is the following note :--- "The derivation of the name of Canada has been a point of discussion. It is without doubt not Spanish, but Indian. In the vocabulary of the language of Hochelaga, appended to the journal of Cartier's second voyage, Canada is set down as the word for a town or village. "Its apellent une ville, Canada." It bears the same meaning in the Mohawk tongue. Both languages are dialects of the Iroquois. Lescarbot affirms that Canada is simply an Indian proper name, of which it is vain to seek a meaning. Belleforest also calls it an Indian word, but translates it 'terre,' as does also Thevet."-ED. Dio.

> Answer to Query No. 2, Vol. II., No. 20. N. E. W. S.

Yes. When newspapers (or sheets) were in their infancy, they had a + at head of page, with the letters (as above) of the cardinal points of the compass, intimating that their information came from every direction, or from all quarters of the globe.

The following is a doggrel epigram from a book called. "Wit's Recreations," published in 1640 :

"When Netw doth come, if any would discuss The letter of the word, resolve it thus: Netw is conveyed by letter, word or mouth, And comes from North, East, West, or South."

At the time when this was written, newspapers were coming into vogue, though the earliest English one, "The English

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Mercurie," was printed in 1588, at the time of the Spanish Armada, and was not a regular periodical. The idea of the above epigram is, however, much older than newspapers. It occurs in Piers Plowman, but I have not the book at hand to quote.

Should we not rather look upon this idea as a mere fanciful conceit than as the etymology of the word? The word *news* seems to come so obviously from *new*, just as we derive goods from good, or odds from odd, as a Frenchman calls news *les nouvelles*; or a German *der neueste*, or the newest thing.—ED. DIO.

# Answer to Query No. 3, Vol. II., No. 20.

I find the word "Samite" in Spenser, and my Bailey's Dictionary gives the definition as "Satin."—H. M. Webster's Dictionary says : Sa'mite-n-(old Fr.)—"A

piece of silk stuff." (Chaucer.) (obs.)

In Chaucer the word Samette occurs. This comes from the old French word Samet, silk. Samile is used by Spenser in the same sense. Our Poet Laureate seems to have been guilty of a slight anachronism. Silk, though well-known to the ancients, could hardly have reached Britain in the legendary days of King Arthur and the Round Table.— ED. Dio.

Some unusually interesting communications and replies to this department are unavoidably postponed.

# "WHITHER ARE WE DRIFTING."

"The future of Canada!" This spectral enigma looms up largely just now. It makes every one think who has a thought in him. There are hundreds of prophets to predict us a destiny, and thousands of pilots to steer the somewhat cranky bark, each to his own pet harbour. " Independence " and "Annexation" have both their several apostles. Monarchy and Republicanism have their forces arrayed for combat. But DIOGENES looks-and rather contemptuouslyon all these manifestations, and fearlessly avows that he regards them as the offspring of the same feeling that inif he didn't that he would be thrown out of the window. The Cysic cannot disguise from himself the fact that our mother England is heartily tired of us, nor avoid thinking it is with very good reason. He fears we have been naughty and ungrateful children ; that we have regarded the old mother only for what we could get out of her; and have shown her neither favour nor affection. He thinks we have acted, ever, pitifully to our brothers, and have never regarded the family connection in any other than an extremely selfish light-rejecting even reciprocity in our intercourse and relations. It has been all for ourselves, -- nothing for those who protected our infancy, who defended, and still defend our youth. and for whose strong arms we squeal most piteously whenever danger threatens or shadows scare; and what is more, we never squeal in vain. An instance or two of how we act in small things will indicate how we do, or would do, if we could. No Englishman, Irishman, or Scotchman, living at home, can hold a patent in Canada. No lawyer or doctor, with British qualifications, can practice in the Dominion! We actually have the good taste to exact as high,—in some instances even higher, -duties on British manufactures than on those of other countries, but we never hesitate to go there when we want money, surety, or aid ; and, indeed, we go nowhere else, and have nowhere else to go. It is all take, and no return. This won't do. If we desire to retain the English connection, we must, at least, act squarely. Gratitude, probably, will be dispensed with.

A decidedly Carniverous Animal-Van Amburgh's Lion.

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# OUR SICK CONTRIBUTOR'S FELLOW BOARDERS.

# NO. 14.

# "OUR BOY."

We call him "Pete," but I will certainly not vouch that he was thus christened. He is about fourteen years of age and is distantly related to Bridget. His mother,-a widow,does washing for several of our boarders. Pete thinks it very unjust that the "old woman," as he terms her, should send him out to work instead of supporting him at home. He was, however, allowed his choice between this and going to school and he unhesitatingly chose the former. He is one of the laziest little vagabonds I ever saw! He came to us last spring with an odour of innocence about him which, I believe, was all feigned. He had been, for a very short time, a bell boy at the St. Lawrence Hall, but he felt the running up and down stairs too much for his weak constitution and prevailed upon his mother to take him away. His dress is of a very varied description. He has an extensive wardrobe of waistcoats, all much too big for him. These are mostly of the "summer" kind and have, doubtless, at some remote period, been washed. They have been gifts from various boarders. His trousers, probably for the same reason, are always hanging about his heels. He has one pair with a military stripe upon them. These he is very proud of. He bought them near Bonsecours Market with his orun money, as he boastfully adds. I can conscientiously say that Pete never came to my room when I was alone. without asking if I had "an old pair of breeches to give away.

Pete hates all indoor work. Cleaning knives is his destestation. Poor Bridget has generally to clean them over again. Pete has been sent away several times, but always refuses to Pete has been sent away several times, but always refuses to to a close. Four hus, by this time be hearing inter or means of the house and its boarders. Before taking leave, I wish to make one observation. Do not imagine that these have been hack in a day or two. Pete likes to be sent on errands. back in a day or two. Pete likes to be sent on errands. The streets are his natural element. It takes him just an hour and a quarter to go to the grocery at the corner and back. He has numerous juvenile acquaintances in all parts Jones? How I should like to see him shewn up in DIOGENES. of the town with whom he plays at marbles. It is no use to attempting to keep Pete in the house during the evening. He will get out at the back door and scale the fence. He visits the Theatre, where he occupies the front row of the pit, or, more frequently, the orchestra railing. He distributes liberal applause with the heel of his boot. I rather fancy that I once saw him on the stage in the garb of a super- mence a new serial entitled. numerary. On these occasions, he prevails on the "Athlete" or the "Yankee," with whom he is a favorite, to let him in with their latch keys. But the boarder whom he cultivates most is "The Old Drunkard." "A fellow feeling makes us," but no, I must not quote that,-I forget who wrote it! The fact is that Pete though only fourteen years of age drinks like a fish. He can stand a great deal, so that he is not often visibly drunk. Many a drink of whiskey does he coax out of the poor old man. He shews his gratitude by fetching in liquor for him. Many a sixpence does he thus earn. He the papers that was once caught drinking the Captain's wine which was accidentally left out, but he received such a thrashing from the Captain's servant, that I do not think he will repeat the offence.

Whether he is a thief, or not, I cannot exactly prove. No article of value has yet been missed, but cigars, tobacco and minor articles of clothing have recently been known to disappear mysteriously. How that boy can swear! When he is not overawed by somebody's presence, an oath comes out at about LATEST FROM QUEBEC. every third sentence. The Old Lady has done her utmost to If the emigration of Bank Cashiers continues at its present be sent out during lesson hours. In fact he tries to be always cash here.

out. He frequents livery stables and may often be seen on the back of a horse, exercising him up and down a neighboring street. I once caught him selling newspapers in St. James Street on his own account, when he was supposed to have gone for the Doctor for Mrs. X----. He is partial to penny ice creams for which he "tosses" with his youthful acquaintances and always contrives to win. He haunts fruit stores and has become expert at abstracting apples and peaches. He once got into the clutches of the police for this, but was released at the request of the bystanders out of pity for his tender years. What a deal of sympathy is wasted in this city upon youthful criminals! Some of our boarders,— the "Athlete" and the "Yankee" especially,—think him good fun. The former has taught him sundry gymnastic feats which he practises during leisure moments." He "does" the clog-dance incessantly, particularly if he happens to be on the landing outside my door. He sings, or rather shouts negro melodies all over the house. He can weep piteously at a moments' notice, when scolded. He sets up such an unearthly hullabaloo, that the person scolding has to desist for comfort's sake. The landlady once boxed his ears. From the noise he made, one would have thought that he was seriously injured. He dared her to do it again and threatened lawyers' actions for assault, &c., in such a way that she was positively frightened. We have often petitioned to have this young vagabond dismissed. He can be of no use to the landlady, and he is a great nuisance to us, but we always meet with the invariable answer, "His mother is a poor woman." I will only give this advice to poor mothers. If you have any regard for the welfare of your boys, do not send them to be servants in boarding houses.

And now, gentle reader I feel it right to bring these papers to a close. You must, by this time be heartily tired of the a remark as "Ah, that's Smith, I am glad the Sick Contributor has got hold of him"; or "I wonder if he knows Yow, I can state, on my honor, that my characters, though founded on facts and derived from personal observations of human nature, have, in no instance, been actual portraits. If the garment has happened in some cases to fit an individual I cannot help it. I did not take the measure.

I propose, next week, with your kind indulgence, to com-

"THE HISTORY OF A LOAFER."

#### ORIGINAL.

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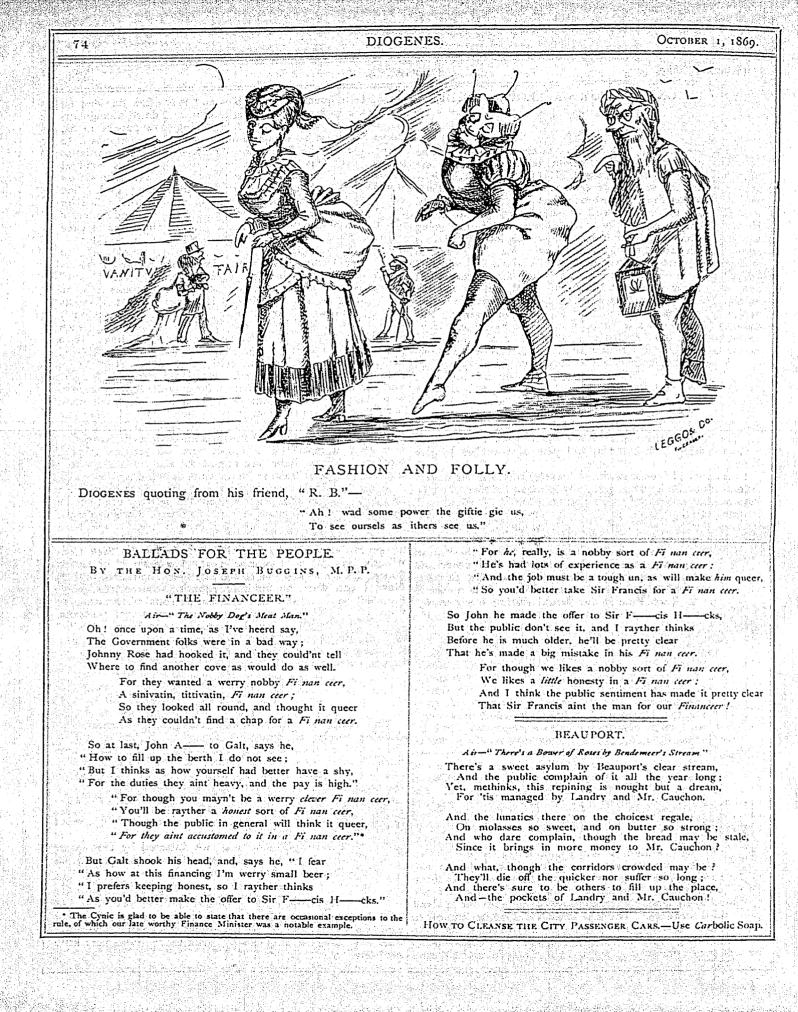
The entire Dominion has been greatly exercised in devising modes of reception for distinguished visitors-Princes, Governors-General, &c. : and some places have been at their wit's end in getting up striking and original effects. St. John, N.B., certainly succeeded. We see by

The police magistrate of that famous city allowed all prisoners arrested during the visit of the Governor-General, to go free, in order that every one might have an opportunity of seeing the distinguished visitor.

If the Governor-General was not flattered by this queer compliment and the Saturnalia proclaimed in his honour, he must have been very difficult to please.

#### LATEST FROM QUEBEC.

reclaim him. She voluntered to teach him to read, but Pete rate, we shall have to change their designation, because, has found this a very uninteresting process and takes care to after they have left, it is usually found that there is very little





What is yon' quivering clod of earth, That in the gutter lies? Sad subject of those urchins' mirth, Who watch its agonies?

Can it be man's most faithful friend, The guardian of his hearth— THE DOG, who meeting thus his end, Goes back to Mother Earth?

It is-poor Fido's race is run, His body strychnine racks; And would you know what harm he's done ?--He has not paid the tax !

So dogs and carters pray take care, You'll sure meet Fido's fate, If in the streets you do not wear The Corporation Plate.

You "Cabbies" wear it on your breasts, You "Doggies" on your collars; If you evade the laws' behests, They'll take your life-or dollars !

ZEKE TRIMBLE ON "OUR PUBLIC MEN."

DEER OLD DI.

Thay hey giv a dinner to John Rose at thee St. Lawrense Hall,-tickits six dollars a pees. Sum wood say this wos a cheep way of gittin rid of a frend. A spirit from thee vasty deep, mite ask-Whot wos thee objec of this dinner? Well, thare air different opinions on thee subjec. Sum of thee fellers, who hey subscribed, air glad he's goin,-others air sorry-principally the Huntingdon chaps. Sum say hee's a jolly good feller, but he can't manage a hotel, nor run thee finanshel masheen, with John A. & Kartchee a drawin on thee bank. Others say he wants to git out of a kuntry which is rejuced to thee last stages of konsumpshun, and hes to employ Captin Jinks, from Muskovado, for casheer. Thee fac is. John has played his last card, & is trumpd out. How beautiful it is to see our leadin pollytishuns a migratin to other kuntries, while sum poor ignorant kusses up to Ottywa are diskussin projecks for bringin out thee enterprisin & muscular emygrants from Europe to settle in our midst. They say thay air intent on developin thee vast resorces of our Doughminion, wich now extends from Gaspy Bay to thee Rocky Mountanes, & furnishes room enough to feed thee starvin millions of do godden Europe. Well, we shall see; but I think our grate men are settin a bad example a emygratin to Europe. Whot field kin a place like London aford to a man who hez bin the Finanse Minister of the Doughminion of Kanady? Thee idee is ridikylus! It is troo we air rather run out for finanseers now, havin lately imported a poor specymen from a hot climate. But we air a growin an expansive kolony. Thare's Ryfenstine & yung Ketchum. It is troo thee former is in judicial diffikulties at present, & thee latter is on a short visit to the nashinall institooshun at Sing-Sing, but thay will be available soon, and we might wait; and thare air sum fellos who left Queebeck lately. Minister. But "revenue to our mutton," as thee butchers say. Ef thee sitywashun hed bin offered to me, I wood hev as the above. replid. "Georgy, thare ain't money enuff in thee bank fur me, & yu hey borrod about as much as we kin aford to o, & 1 am dubious about thare bein any balanse into the Treasury, or thee other fello wood hey staid in your imploy. Thare ain't much enkouragement to finanseers in a kuntry whate its telegrams from Ottawa :steppin stone to a kolonial governorship, or a clerkship proceeded with this full. thee natives air a runnin away from it. When I see a man in a small bank, methinks thare is sumthin rottin into

Denmark. Mi Betsy sez its like rats desertin a sinkin ship, & she woodn't do it ef she wos him. And, Georgy, I woodn't take offis in a administrashun whare thee sole object is to hold offis at enny expense. And I dont believe in a Koalishun Government. Its mity bad ile that mixes with water; & I think your reign is about played out. Captin Jinks, of the Muskovado Marines, will rooin you."

But a troos to these sad reflexshuns. In thee words of thee immortal Shakspeer, "Scots wha hay with Wallace bled." That must bee our motty now; &, in konsequens, we must unite to form a helthy publik opinion, & to stik to thee boys who intend to stay in thee kuntry, & make it thare home. Let our motty be, in thee words of thee grate irish musician, "Skead Milly Faille," to all emigrants to this kuntry-except those frum Guiana. And let us, abuv awl, try & git sum honest pollytishuns at the head of affairs.

Yours trooly,

ZEKE TRIMBLE.

#### HIGHLY IMPORTANT TO STOCK RAISERS.

Although the CYNIC cannot claim to be a sportsman in the ordinary acceptation of the term, yet he takes great interest in all legitimate sporting matters. He, of course, subscribes liberally to the Montreal Hunt, and views with immense interest and admiration the inspiriting spectacle of its gallant members-resplendent in their scarlet vestments,-going to or returning from the chase; though he rarely avails himself of the oft-repeated offer of a mount, from his friend the Master. Indeed, he regards the horse as a very noble animal, to be admired and appreciated from a respectful distance, as, notwithstanding the frequent tanning he received in his youth, the Cynical cuticle is not sufficiently tough for a more intimate connection.

The Philosopher is desirous of calling the attention of the sporting community to a remarkable article in the columns of the Turf, Field and Farm, in which the writer informs the public that "Black Sophia produced Birmingham and Beeswing - her two best runners -- after she had six or eight foals every year immediately preceding the foaling of these two!

This beats kittens! and DIOGENES earnestly recommends Mr. Cochrane, or some other of our great stock-raisers, to endeavour to procure, at any cost, this remarkable mare.

## EFFECTS OF THE LAST CARTOON.

DIOGENES cuts the following advertisement from the Globe :-

Wanted, by an American Gentleman, a correspondence with a number of Canadian Ladies. No notice taken of unpaid communications. Address "Milo," Box \*\*\*, New York.

The Cynic wishes, heartily, that, for the nonce, he could transform himself into a Canadian lady. The American "gentleman" should have a "correspondence" with a vengeance ! Not one, forsooth, but a *number* of ladies wanted ! Altho apparently thay don't like to kum back, still thay might DIOGENES would like to see the lady anxious to be a Venus bee injused of thay were offered the hi post of Finanse of Milo. At the same time, the Cynic cannot compliment the Glabe on its taste in publishing advertisements so equivocal

#### VERY SIGNIFICANT.

The Witness of 24th has the following paragraph among

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#### THE DEVIL'S GOLD BALANCE.

'Twas on a tranquil summer day, By a conception bold, The Evil One, when snaring prey Taught man the use of gold. The prey came in, well decked with sin, And miseries manifold.

But as with evil good may hive, In spite of man's transgressing, Good sense and commerce may contrive, To make e'en gold a blessing.

The devil groaned,-his folly owned, His oversight confessing.

He went to work right merrily, And made a pair of scales.

"Aha !" quoth he, "now man shall see How devilry avails !"

The first of these with gold was filled, In the other there was seen A paper imp of weakly build With back of dingy green.

"Hold on," said Nick, "there's room for me In both of these, I ween."

Upon one side a grizzly Bear Hard at the scale did pull, And when the gold went high in air, Loud roared a joyous Bull. "This is the way," the fiend did say, "To keep my larder full ! "

But Bull and Bear, both pulling strong, Broke scales and beam and all : Their calves and cubs in mighty throng Were crushed amid the fall. "Hurrah !" said he, "thus you may see How rolls the gambler's ball !"

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

My DEAR DIOGENES :

I ain't a bit "litery," and when I read about the squabbles you folks have among yourselves, about who wrote this and who wrote that, I feel happy I ain't. I am in the dry goods myself,-(some folks call it the rag trade,)-and I'm sure I don't care a remnant whether Mr. Shakspere or Mr. Garrick wrote the line about "fellow's feeling." What does it matter? So long as it sells, what's the odds? I can't help thinkin' that you "litery" gents make a great deal of fuss about nothin'. If you would go to work and get up somethin' new-what we calls "a novelty" in our trade-it would sell better than tradin' on the shop-worn goods of Mr. Shakspere or Mr. Any-body-else. This here tradin' on dead men's brains seems to be the whole business of some of you "lits." You don't get up anythin' startlin', and you think you're "some" if you turn over a bit of Virgil into everyday talk, or write a shabby imitation of some of the Hodes of Horace. Who cares about them old fogies? Who cares about the played-out stuff that people, who brags about bein' educated. gas" about. What I want is, that a man should go in on his own bottom, and do somethin' out of his own head. Them Greeks and Romans and Shakspere and Mr. Garrick were all well enough in their time ; but what I want to know is-why is it that a fellow, who don't know anythin' about those men, should be set down as a fool? Between ourselves, some of the greatest donkies I have ever seen were "chokeful" of Latin and Greek, and I know a fellow who can quote Shakspere by the yard, who is as mad as a March hare. Them fellows put on airs about what they had crammed into them at school, and all the time they couldn't do a common sum, or tot up the rate on a Bill of Exchange. What sot me a thinkin' about this was what I read in a

magazine the other day, about the "Suppression of Useless Knowledge." I go in for that ! We have got to push our way in this here world, and what we want is learnin' that will help us in pushin' our way. No man can learn everything-that's clear. Let us in Canada know, and let our "young uns" learn to know, what is to be useful to us and help us to push on, and get our daily bread and, if we can, "cakes and ale." My boys go to school, and they are tolerably spry when there's mischief to be done, and they ought to be good on learnin' too. Well, they ain't. They learn Latin-they ain't got to Greek yet-and when I ask them how they are gettin' on, they say they don't like Latin, and really, my dear. DIOGENES, I don't see how they can. What can these here boys care about old Seeser fightin' the Switzerlanders, or what Mr. Virgil wrote in a foreign tongue about farmin? I can't say, myself, what I would learn boys instead of these old-fashioned things, because I ain't much posted except on dry goods. But I see you have a column for fellows who are always askin questions, called "Notes and Queries," and this here is my conundrum, "What shall our boys learn in school that will best fit them to get on in the world ?"

I ain't used to writin' letters. I never wrote one to a noospaper before, but as I heard a friend of mine savin' that the young men of Canada warn't up to the old ones, I thought I'd ask you if schoolin' hasn't somethin' to do with it? No more at present from

#### Yours trooly,

## BOMBAZINE CALICO.

"." Although Mr. Calico's letter is rather rambling, the question he asks is a most important one, and we shall gladly give reasonable space to any intelligent writer who has something to say on the subject of his query.-ED. Dio.

#### "THE HYÆNA" REMONSTRATES. (Private and Confidential.)

MY DEAR DIOGENES :

You have been down on me pretty hard lately, but that I don't mind, because its your legitimate business, and I know you mean it all good betable its your regioning outsites, and I know you mean it government in a government of the second Mrs. Mac.-(I beg pardon, I should say Lady Mac.)-strumming away on the plano to that infernal tune, "Captain Jinks." and I know by the way she and old Mac. sniggered when I was almounced, she had been singing the new adaptation. I tell you I felt small. But what I was going to say is this: I do object to such a paragraph as the following, which you will find in the Telegraph of Wednesday :

It is reported that Sir F. H . . . 's will run for the constituencies of North Lanark

and Huningdon. Simultaneenstr. an old penitentiary bird, named Quencile, was up before the Police Magistrate to-day." &c., &c.

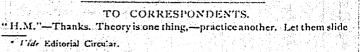
Now, dash it, old fellow ! I think you will agree with me, to quote the remark of our mutual friend, Sam Weller, ---with reference to the pork pie that was all fat, --- " this is rather too rich "; and as you have had a good deal of fun out of me lately, you might give a hint to the dailies not to poach upon your preserve, because you see in these journals it is nt easy for the public to discriminate between the nonsense and the earnest.

> Yours, &c., " THE HY.ENA."

## "IN THE LOWEST DEPTHS," &c.

If our friend Tupper is dull, he has, occasionally, the merit of being impartial. Witness the following :- In yesterday's impression, he had the audacity, in the heading of his Ottawa telegram, to describe the Hon. John Rose and Sir Francis Hincks as " New Insolvents,"

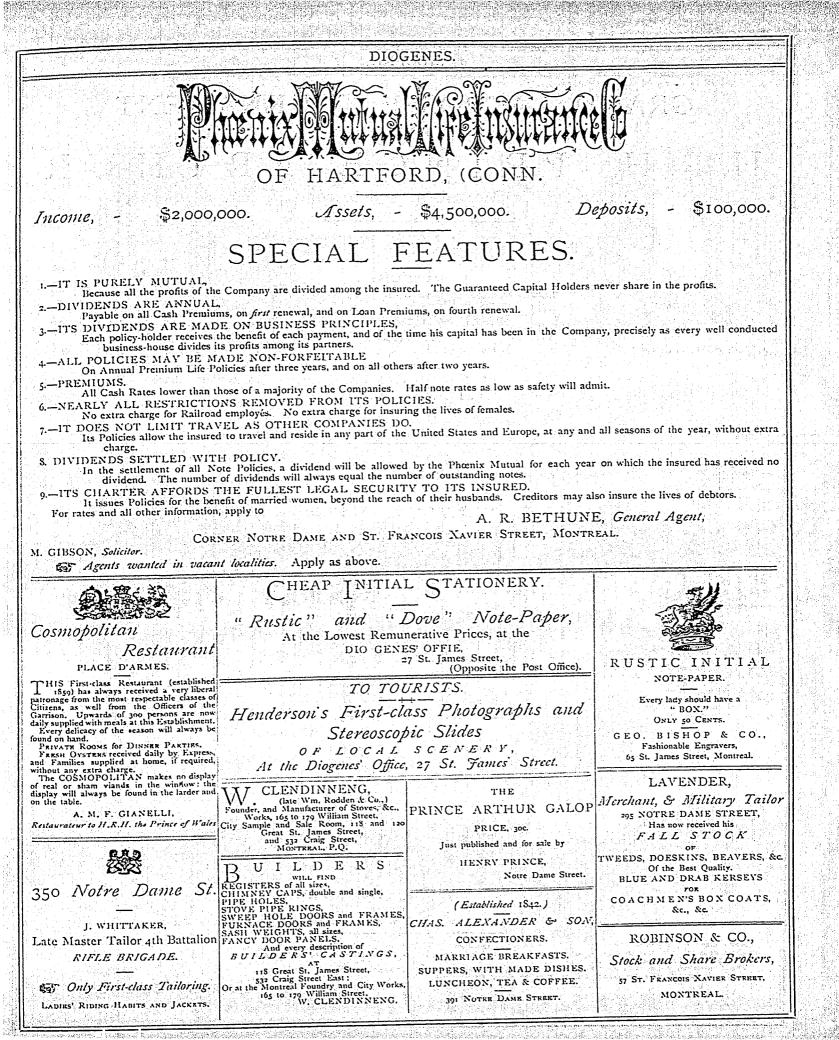
In another part of the paper he informed the public that a room in a building burned down that morning, was occupied by the St. Caristopher Society ! If this style of carrying on a newspaper is considered "mode-ratively Conservative,"\* DIOGENES devoutly hopes soon to see the Acay decidedly and uncompromisingly Radical.



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