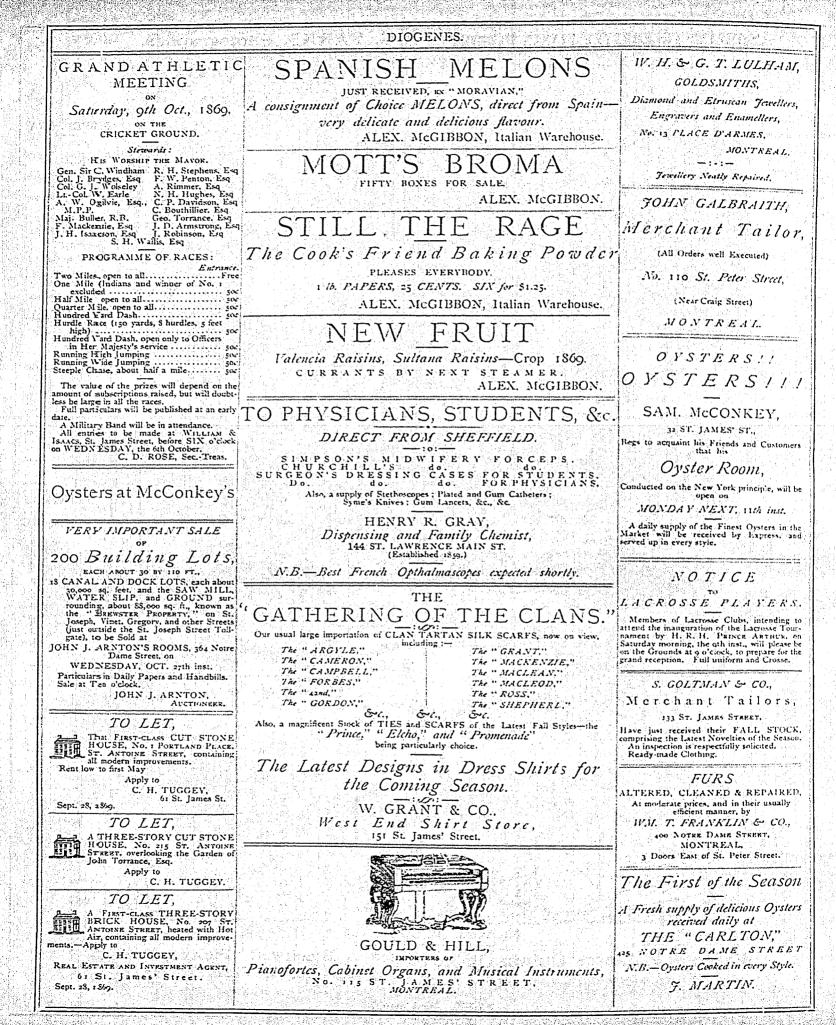
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DIOGENES.

"BALLADS FOR THE PEOPLE."-No. 3.

"THE SIDE WALKS."

Sung by the Chairman of the Road Committee. " Break, Break, Break."-Tennyson.

Break, break, break, Your arm, your leg, or your knee, So long as you don't an action bring, It matters nothing to me.

The nails stick up from the boards, The holes are many and deep; You walk at dusk, in risk of your life, But still our seats we keep.

The mother, she tears her skirts, The father, he breaks his shin The papers complain of us every day, But we only chuckle and grin.

Break, break, break, Each limb of your body for me; But wait till a Councillor comes to grief, And then a change you'll see !

LACROSSE AND LOYALTY.

A noteworthy fact in the history of Lacrosse in Montreal deserves to be chronicled, which may serve to illustrate the tendency of the game to inculcate and develop the nobler and manlier virtues. At the time of the Trent affair, when war seemed imminent between England and the United States, a few young men, members of the old Beaver Lacrosse Club, proposed, one morning after practice, to organize a rifle company from among the members. Messrs. Middlemiss, Beers and Huddell took the matter in hand, canvassed, and in a few hours had enough men enrolled. Several preliminary meetings were held, and finally, at a general meeting, held in the old building of the Mercantile Library, Mr. W. Osborne Smith-now Lt.-Col.-accepted the Captaincy, and the organization was named the Victoria Rifle Company. In a few days it became a corps, and now stands on the Volunteer Militia list as the Victoria Rifles, commanded by Lt-Col. Hutton. Every officer, from the Colonel down, has served in the ranks.

UMPIRES IN LACROSSE.

Game, for suggesting that Umpires in Lacrosse should at worst possible taste, he wound up with least have a clear vision. We may at any time expect The limits of an address of welcome prohibi least have a clear vision. We may at any time expect The limits of an address of welcome prohibit our making more than a mistakes and disputes at goal, if Umpires are chosen who require the aid of an eye-glass or a pair of spectacles to see prosperity of our city on the British basis of sure and steady progress. when the ball passes through the flags.

The Montreal Club are determined to introduce Lacrosse to the Royal Family. In 1860 they gave the Prince of Wales some sticks and a ball, and to morrow they are to present a beautiful Crosse and a copy of the work issued lately on the game, to Prince Arthur.

THE OLDEST LACROSSE CLUB IN EXISTENCE The Montreal Club has always flattered itself that it was the oldest one in existence, but the pale-faces are far behind. When the St. Regis Indian Club sent in its annual returns to the National Association, they gave as their date and organization "Hundreds of years ago." The Caughnawaga's hearing of this, and determined not to be outdone, sent in their return, " Thousands of years ago.'

A NEW HERO OF WATERLOO-Mr. Brown Chamberlin, M.P.

THE HON. JOHN YOUNG'S ARITHMETIC.

Let me suppose that a farmer has a horse to sell. The best market is across the lines. He can get a hundred dollars, in gold, for the horse there, but he cannot sell it till he pays the duity at the Custom House of twenty dollars. But for the duty, he would get one hundred dollars for his horse, but, as it is, he only brings back \$80.—Extract from the Hon. J. Young's Speech at Shefford.

Not so, Mr. Young! DIOGENES speaks of what he knows something about. In by far the greater number of recent horse-dealing transactions between citizens of Canada and the United States, it is the Yankee that has come to Canada to buy, and not the Canadian who has sent his horse to the States to sell. The buyer pays the duty, and instead of the farmer selling the horse for eighty dollars, it is the American who pays a hundred and twenty for it.

Now for the comparatively rare instances of a Canadian taking a horse to the United States to sell. The horse is, let us say, fairly worth a hundred dollars in gold. The farmer, of course, in crossing the frontier, pays twenty dollars duty. Would any dealer, in his senses, not add the amount of the duty to the price of the horse? The market value of the horse would, then, become, in the States, twenty percent. more. Who ever heard of a seller paying the duty on goods entering a foreign country, unless he felt certain of recovering the duty by the extra profits of the sale? For instance, a merchant in Montreal buys a case of hardware from a manufacturer in Birmingham. Who pays the duty on the arrival of the case in Canada? Clearly not the English manufacturer. Or suppose that the Birmingham man sent the goods over on his own responsibility, and consigned them to an agent for sale. Of course he would, in that case, pay the duty; but unless the hardware sold at a price sufficiently high to take in duty and all, he would not be likely to send any more goods to the Canadian market.

Mr. Young,-you are picturing a commerce which does not exist, in order to devise a system of politics equally chimerical.

MODESTY-UP WEST.

Our neighbours in the Providence of Ontario, as the Telegraph has it, seem disinclined to hide their lights under a bushel. The visit of Prince Arthur has given them an excellent opportunity for blowing their trumpets. But of all the long-winded addresses to which both Governor and Prince have recently been condemned to listen, DIOGENES commends his readers to that of the Mayor of Toronto. DIOGENES may be excused, as an admirer of our National After a long string of vain-glorious boasts, conceived in the

If this be only a "cursory" allusion, to what "limits" would not the Mayor have prolonged the address had he been allowed to have his fling? Sir John Young knows well how to reply to a tedious harangue, and Prince Arthur has not been ill-instructed. The Cynic commends the brevity, conciseness and good sense of their answers to the careful study of the Mayor of Toronto.

DOUBTFUL.

The News says :-

"The telegram we published yesterday from the seat of Government tells us that Sir F. Hincks will be sworn in as Finance Minister on Fri-day, the Sth inst. We wish he would change both the day and the date. Friday is not a day proverbial for good luck, and there is no necessity for selecting one with so doubtful a reputation."

Which? The day or Sir Francis?

WHY, CERTAINLY!

SMALL BOY.—"Shine, Sir?" BONA-FIDE TRAVELLER.—"How much?" SMALL BOY.—"Big 'uns, Sixpence, little 'uns, Thrippunce. American gents always gives Ten Cents!"

Traveller succumbs.

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THE MOON-RATHER FAST.

All the world knows, or ought to know Mrs. Macgroother. She is an excellent old lady, a neighbour of ours, who drinks much tea is of an inquiring mind; thinks very little of the "girl of the period;" has no children of her own; is devoted to her husband, who faintly resists, and has thereby lost much hair. She is a terribly active member of the Presbyterian Church at the corner of Free street, to three of the ministers of which she has been of such unceasing heip, that, in search of peace, they have gone as missionaries "in fartibut." Finally, she is of the true Hielan' blood of the McPhails, who are descended from that gentleman, Macphela, who sold a double lot in his cemetery to Abraham, and jewed him in the price, they say.

and jewed nim in the price, they say. Mrs. Macgroother is a great friend of ours, and, on her daily percgrinations about town, often pays us a visit to discuss things of public interest. The other morning she stopped, put her spectacles on, and pulled out Saturday's Gazette, which contains a terrible article on the proposed doings of the moon on the th. "What," said she, "is the earth's equator?" It is not an easy thing to explain to a lady whose ideas of Astronomy are very limited, what an equator is, but DiOGENES must do his best to suit himself to the capacity of all. "It is an imaginary zone—belt—sash or circle round the earth's centre," we tersely said. "An imaginary sash only, do ye say?" She looked very much surprised, and laid huge emphasis upon the word imaginary, making a note, however, of our explanation. "What, then, are atmospheric disturbances?" "Oh," we replied, "disturbances in the upper regions,—wind, rain, and such like." "About the centre!" Mrs. Macgroother insinuated. "Just so," said DIOGENES, laying his hand on where most hearts are now-aday's situated. "Humph!" said she, "peppermint, with a little gin, would cure that disturbance; but what is this about Perigee,—where is that place?" "That means the nearest possible point to the earth's centre," was our plain explanation. "yoon," said our friend, reading from her Gazette, "this is a pretty "story. According to this sailor lieutenant,—who, I suppose, brought the "news home from abroad,—the moon is to be on the earth's imaginary "zone,—or girdle, d'ye call it ?—at twelve o'clock, when in Perigee, and "nothing can prevent a disturbance but a miracle. All I have got to "say is, that both moon and earth ought to be ashamed of themselves,

"and, if there was a disturbance, she got all she deserved,—she had no "business there, the shut! But I think the *Gazette* might leave such "naughty stories for the *Witness*. I'm sure John will be distressed to "see what this earth's coming to,—in broad daylight, too?"

Mrs. Macgroother put her paper in her pocket, shut up her spectacles, making the steel case snap upon them angrily, as if they had been responsible for what her eyes had read, "Stop, dear Madam," said the Cynic; "we have made ourselves

"Stop, dear Madam," said the Uynic; "we have made ourselves "misunderstood. Although we use zone, or girdle, remember no such "thing exists; and, although Perigee means the nearest point to us, "there would still be a distance of minety-five billions of miles between "them."

"them." "Then." said Mrs. Macgroother, shaking her fist at us, and speaking as though we had been her husband, "then you and Licutenant Saxby, and "the *Gizette* to boot, are bletherin' fools, for how the moon could be on "anybody's equator when a billion of miles off, is: more than 1 can. "comprehend, but she is a dait jade at the best."

Our fair friend left us, and we felt rather crest-fallen. It was clear that in our attempt at explanation we had miserably failed; and it just strikes us that it would have been better had we told the simple truth, that we knew no more of the moon than she did, but then to say so would have made us look so inferior in intelligence to the Gazette.

Dear Gazette, pray print only what you understand, or, dear Mrs-Macgroother, henceforth go straight to headquarters for explanation

A WAY TO MAKE MONEY.

The London Free Press says :--- "The rumour is, that a most exorbitant account has been sent in to the Board of the Agricultural Association by Mr. Glackmeyer for the use of his house, and for the supplex incident to the visit of Prince Arthur, Further, that the Board indignality refused to pay the charge, amounting to some \$2,500, but voted the sum of \$1,000, which, however, it is understood, Mr. Glackmeyer has not accepted. Certainly, ordinary people, can't understand how such a sum could be dispensed in so short a time, even though Mr. Glackmeyer may have received all his accounts after the following fashion :--

To

ALD. GLACKMEVER, Dr.

To driving Prince Arthur from the Station to your house, and round the city.

Considering that the charge made was for a thirty minutes' drive in a fusty old cab, drawn by a worn-out pair of greys, the conscience of 'cabby' seems to be fully equal to that of Mr. Glackmeyer in elasticity. Another Alderman, we learn, wants \$250 for the loan of two carriages in which the Prince rode! Is the word Alderman to be a synonym for 'extortion' hereafter?

THE CHARGE OF THE LONDON ALDERMAN.

Suggested by the above extract, and respectfully dedicated to the citizens of London; Ont (Ner by the author of "The Charge of the Light Brigade.")

It would so much have cost, They'd rather the visit lost Of the Prince Arthur.

Ne'er shall the glory fade, Of the great charge he made, When the town stood dismayed In great consternation; Honor the cheek of him! Let not his fame grow dim! Make an M.P. of him;— That's his vocation.

SOMETHING IN THE OLD FLAG YET.

A Montreal contemporary, of strong Independence proclivities, informs us that, recently, two British subjects were arrested and wrongfully imprisoned at a Cuban port. They were, however, shortly afterwards released, in consequence of the energetic remonstrances of the British Consul. Both these gentlemen were Canadians.

Now, supposing that we were an Independent Dominion of the Huntington stamp, what would have occurred under such circumstances ? Assuming, for the sake of argument, that, in the absence of a Canadian Consul at an obscure Cuban port, we had an Ambassador at Madrid, and that the imprisoned gentlemen were permitted to send a messenger to that functionary. Weeks would be consumed before the messenger could reach him, and, taking into account the proverbial delays of Spanish officials, and their indifference to protests unless backed up by the presence of an imposing force, it is highly probabe that the prisoners would, at this moment, be repining in that very undesirable summer retreat, a Spanish dungeon within the tropics. Our "Cabinet" would meet in council, of course, and our "Minister of Foreign Affairs" would write furious despatches, no doubt. Our "Minister of War" would direct Messrs. Cantin to "hurry up" with those iron-clads. A draft would take place, and young men would be drilled night and day, previous to making a descent on Corunna or Cadiz. We should form an alliance with Cuba, which would not be of any use to us. England would not lend us any assistance,-it would be no business of hers. Jonathan would look on and smile; and thus, entirely on our own account,-if we had the spirit of a nation,-we should find ourselves embarked in a Canadian Peninsular war! In a short time, our Dominion would be bankrupt, and Sir Francis Hincks in a lunatic asylum.

The mere prestige of England's power and moral greatness was sufficient to release these two prisoners in a few hours. Are we to consider this one of the "restrictions, embarrassments and disabilities" under which we labour, according to Mr. Huntington, "in consequence of British connection?

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Answer to Query No. 2, Vol. 11., No. 20.

The absurd derivation, about which J. M. asks a question, may be found in *Public Opinion*, of May 2, 1868. The passage is as follows: The word news is not, as many imagine, derived from the adjective new. In former times (between the years 1595 and 1730) it was a prevalent practice to put over the periodical publications of the day the initial letters of the compass. Thus-

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importing that these papers contained intelligence from the four quarters

of the globe; and from this practice is derived the term *newspaper*." The Rev. W. L. Blackley, in an entertaining book, lately published under the title of "Word Gossip," thus disposes of the writer in *Public Opinion*: "How delightfully is the statement put, 'The word is not, as *many imagine*, derived from the adjective *new*.' And what a condescending definition we are given of when ' former times' existed, namely, from ing demittion we are given of when "former times existent handly, from 1595 till 1730. But the word *meas*, in its present form, and that of *mease*, occurs far earlier in our literature." (Here follow instances from early writers.) "Finally, what sort of a guidance, other than a *diametrically* wrong one, can we expect from a writer who, merely to support his preposterous theory, makes the East and West change places on his compass card? The fact is that though the word ends with an s, it is in the singular, and is strictly analogous to the German neuter adjective employed as a substantive—Neues, a new thing. See pp. 204-207 of "Word Gossip."

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

Samite (according to Cotgrave, quoted by Richardson) is "a silken or half-silk stuff, which hath a gloss like satin, but lasteth better than it." The term is, undoubtedly, derived from the Greek *hexamitos*, *i.e.*, from hex, six, and milos, a thread, woven with six threads ; just as dimity is

cloth woven with a double thread. The word Samile occurs in Chaucer, and even before his time. Sumite. I am in doubt whether satin, as we understand that material,

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is the correct definition of Samile. "Vivien," speaks of the material as The Laureate, in his poem of

"Samile without price, a robe that more exprest Than hid her."

By this description I should imagine it to be of a transparent texture, and, probably, identical with a material common in the East, woven from pine-apple fibre. It is as transparent as muslin, but has a showy satin-like surface. This would dispose of the anachronism.

ORIENTAL.

Answer to QueryNo. 4, Vol. II., No. 20.

"Bull," in the sense of Papal rescript, is from Lat. bulla, the seal affixed to the document. Richardson, in his Dictionary, remarks on the word : " A *bull* is also applied to that which expresses something in opposition to what is intended, wished or felt; and so applied from the contrast of humble profession with despotic commands of Papal bulls." See the following quotation from Milton's Apology for Smeetymnus : "But that such a poem should be toothless. I still affirm it to be a *bull, taking away* the essence of that which it calls itself. For if it bite neither the persons nor the vices, how is it a satyr? and if it bite either, how is it toothless?"

Sydney Smith, in his lecture on the "Conduct of the Understanding," writes as follows : "The pleasure arising from bulls proceeds from our surprise at suddenly discovering two things to be dissimilar in which a resemblance might have been suspected." He gives, subsequently, the following instance of a *bull*: "A gentleman, in speaking of a nobleman's wife, lamented very much that she had no children. A medical gentle-man, who was present, observed that to have no children was a great misfortune, but he thought he had remarked it was *heredilary* in some families ! Take any instance of this branch of the ridiculous, and you will always find an apparent relation of ideas leading to a complete inconsistency." $G. \Lambda$

The Battle of Culloden (1745) was generally believed to put an end to the last hopes of the Jacobites for the restoration to the Crown of Great Britain of the male line of the Stuarts. Nevertheless, to maintain the appearance of Royalty, and so as not to compromise, in any way possibly, existing rights, the Pope of Rome, Clement NIII., consulted (apparently at least) the representative of the House of Stuart, in the person of the Chevalier de St. George, Pretender, or James III., in the appointment of Bishops to vacancies in "his Irish Kingdom," as may be seen from the extract from the "Limerick Bull" which follows. Accordingly, with all pomp and form, two Bulls of Irish Roman Catholic Bishops were issued in 1759 and 1760 for the vacant Bishoprics of Limerick and Killala, the former in favor of Daniel Kerney-consecrated 1760, died 1775-the latter in favor of Philip Phillips or Philips, afterwards Archbishop of

Tuam (1780), died 1791: "Jacobo III Magnæ Britanniæ Regi, jura nominationis ad Episcopales Sedes Catholicas præservat carissimo in Christo Filio nostro Jacobo Mag. Britt. Regi III.

"CLEMENS PAPA XIII.

" carissime in Christo, &c., &c.

Cum nos • • habere volumus Ecclesiæ Limericen, in Regno tuo Hiberniæ vacanti Dilectum Filium Danielum Kerney • • • quemque Nobis Majestas Tua per suas literas ad id nominavir, in Episcopum præfecerimus, &c., &c., Datum Romæ apud S. Mariam Majorem sub Annulo Piscatoris die NNN Novembris MDCCLIN. Pontificatus Nostri Anno Secundo."

That of Killala is much the same, except the heading, or address, a little different. Killala is called " Ecclesia Alladen," why I know not; and the date is 24 Nov., 1760.

These two Bulls-appointments by a King without a kingdom, and a Pope whose pretensions were laughed at-were, of course, treated with ridicule at that time by the Hanoverian, or reigning party, and hence, we believe, originated the term "Irish Bulls," as something valueless, ridiculous, &c.

In an old slang dictionary, published annonymously, in London, in 796, it is stated that the term took its rise from one Obadiah Bull, an English lawyer, celebrated, in the reign of Henry VIII, for these kind of blunders, and that, afterwards, seeing that they were characteristic of Irishmen, the word was applied more exclusively to that nation. My authority is, however, not of the best.

Another correspondent, " H. M.," suggests that the word took its rise in the time of Sir Boyle Roche, the well-known bull-maker of the Irish Parliament. This, I think, is hardly tenable. Both the word and its Irish application are considerably older. ED. D10.

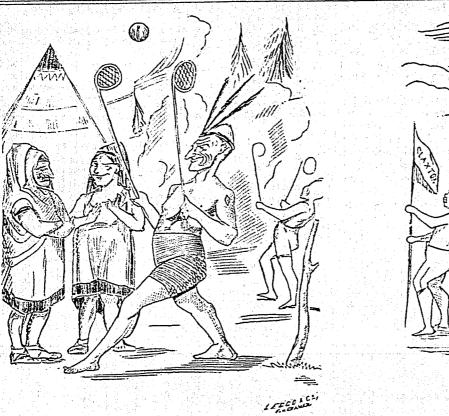
ORIGIN OF LACROSSE.

Kole Oyle says, our National game is named after the senior partner of Crosse & Blackwell, because the player is always in a pickle !

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DIOGENES.

OCTOBER 8, 1869.





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FOLLOW THE BALL.

BY EDWARD CLUFF, OTTAWA.

When the sun's bright rays Break through the haze, Away to the fields we go, With eyes so bright, In the morning light, To follow the ball, "Heigho!"

As we tramp along, With shout or song, In cadence high or low, Folks wake from sleep, To take a peep, At the boys who shout "Heigho!"

Make up your mind, Leave care behind, Come with us where we go; You'll see us play, And learn the way To follow the ball, "Heigho!"

The bracing air Will drive 'way care, And the sun's rich cheery glow Will bronze the cheek, Make strong the weak, Who follow the ball, " Heigho !" The flags we place,— The Centres face, With knee to knee bent low; No sound is heard— We wait the word To follow the ball, " Heigho !"

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The game's begun,— See how they run ! And what a splendid throw ! And, now, they toss From crosse to crosse, And follow the ball, "Heigho !"

See, two are down, And not a frown, But up and away they go;

We don't mind a toss

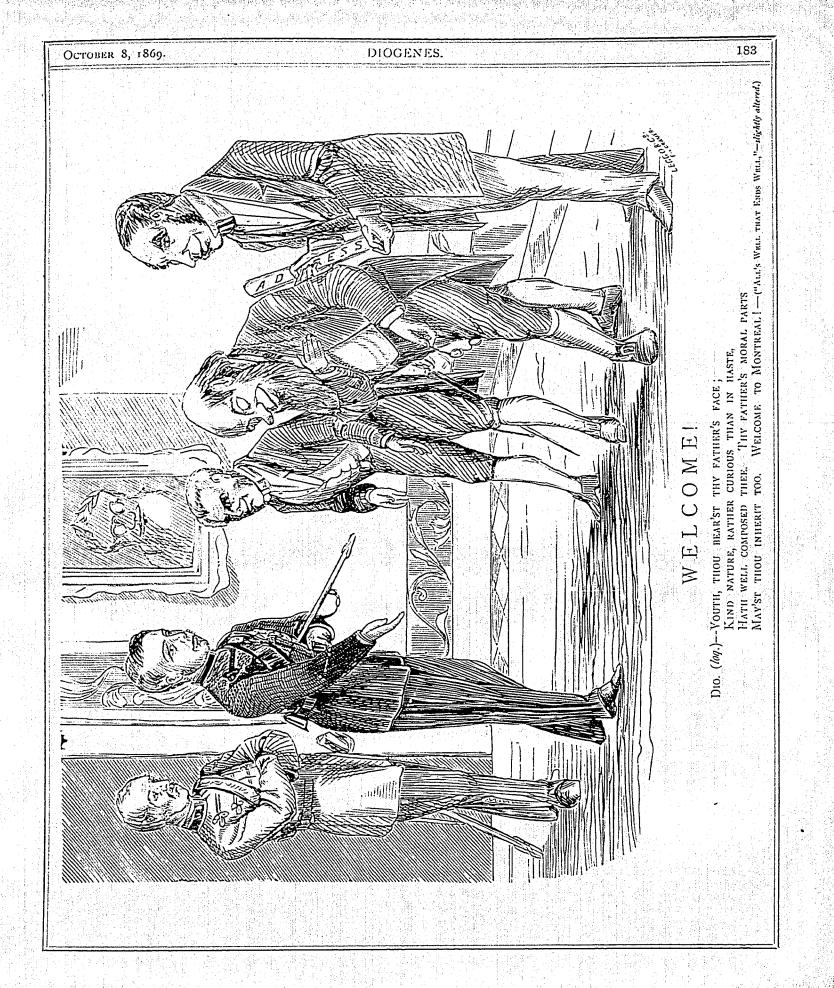
When playing Lacrosse,

But follow the ball, " Heigho !"

The game is done, And we have won,— They cheer us as we go; Hip! hip! hurra! For the boys at play, Who follow the ball, "Heigho!"

MUSCULAR CHRISTIANITY.

At Brantford, they inaugurated a new church by a sermon and a Lacrosse match. Very sensible.



DIOGENES.

THE HISTORY OF A LOAFER.

CHAP. L.

THE FOOL OF THE FAMILY.

"I never was more astonished in the whole course of my life !"

The astonished person was the Rev. Charles Winter, a comfortable looking portly clergyman, who sat at breakfast with his son and daughter. The cause of the astonishment was a telegram which he had just received, and had read aloud. Before describing the contents of the telegram, it will be necessary to introduce the reader of it to the reader of this.

Mr. Winter was well to do in a worldly point of view. He was rector of the village of Woodshot, in Blankshire. His living was worth between six and seven hundred a year, and his private means were about as much more. Before receiving his present appointment, he had been English chaplain at a Mediterranean port. He was a well read man, of elegant tastes, conscientious in the performance of his duties, although constitutionally inclined to indolence-a man of much kindness and benevolence, of a hot temper, and as obstinate as a mule.

Blankshire has the deserved reputation of being one of the ugliest counties in England. There is hardly a pretty spot throughout the length and breadth of it, though, here and there, it certainly contains some magnificent trees. Its sole manufacturing industry is a little straw plaiting and hand lace making, both branches being much on the decline. It is a purely agricultural country, and the agriculture by no means of an advanced description. The peasantry, though not absolutely indigent, are poor and very ignorant, and, as a matter of course, combine with their ignorance most of the vices incidental to it. Near to Woodshot is the seat of the Earl of Blank, the principal Whig landowner of the county, the Conservative interest being represented by Viscount Cipher, who occupies the more northern portion of the shire. Blank Abbey is a hideous pile of stone of the time of King William III. It is, however, a show house on account of a very fine collection of pictures, which the present Earl does not in the least value, but which are held in high estimation by Mrs. Crumbs, the housekeeper, who makes a considerable addition to her income by showing the gallery to admiring visitors. The house was, in olden time, a monastery, dissolved by Henry VIII., the kitchen of which still remains ; and an old oak in the park, marks, according to tradition and some verses by the village ironmonger, the spot where the last Abbot of Blank was hanged for contumacy.

Mr. Winter occupied a very convenient and what had been a very ugly red brick parsonage. By trailing creeping plants nearly all over it, and carefully cultivating a flower garden, he had made it one of the prettiest spots in the neighbourhood. Two large fields contained Mr. Winter's cows and Mr. Winter's pony,—besides producing annually a good crop of hay

The parson had known two great misfortunes in life. These had been the loss of his wife, shortly followed by that of his eldest son,—both from consumption. The latter had died about five years ago, when twenty-four years of age. He had been bred an artist. His portrait in crayons hung over the mantel-piece, and the one picture which he had exhibited at the Royal Academy, in a conspicuous place in another part of the room. It was a Scripture subject, weak but clever, and treated in a strong præ-Raphaelite manner. Great store had he set on this son, and greatly did he feel the blow which had deprived him of him. Since his death, all his hopes seemed centred in his youngest son, Gerald, a remarkably clever lad of thirteen, whom he was educating at home under his own eye. His partiality for this son was in no wise concealed. Gerald did with his father pretty much as he liked. He was a fine fellow, but a spoilt boy. Everybody in the village liked the lad and his winning ways. Lizzie Winter was, unnistakeably, 2 lovely girl, of nineteen summers. She was clever, too, and possessed her dead brother's love of art and poetry, not that she was a mamby-pamby damsel, though she did affect Tennyson and Matthew Arnold. She regulated her father's household well, and the parson had never to complain of a bad dinner,-a subject about which he was by no means indifferent.

But there was another member of the family who was much apt to be forgotten. This was Gilbert, now the eldest. It was idle to deny that he did not occupy a large share in the affections of his father and sister. Lizzie usually called him "poor Gilbert" whenever she spoke of him. His appearance and manners were, certainly, not prepossessing. He had red hair, and a head much too large for his body. He was knockkneed. His face was not repulsively, but comically, ugly. His laugh would shake the house. He had two voices-one a deep bass when he was pleased, and, when excited, he emitted a sound like that of a penny whistle. He was not uncleanly, but singularly untidy in his person. defy the most accomplished tailor in the world to make a suit of clothes that would fit Gilbert Winter. His garments hung about him like a half-filled carpet-bag. And then he would never sit still. Every joint of his was always in motion. Put him for half-an-hour in a room by himself, and, during that time, he would have occupied every chair in the apartment in succession. The parson was a nervous man, and these peculiarities irritated him. If Gilbert was thinking or studying,—and he was much addicted to brown studies,-he always whistled unconsciously,

and whistling nearly drove the parson mad. Gilbert, too, was apt to differ from his father, and was in the habit of expressing his opinions in a manner more American than respectful. Now, one of the parson's pet obstinacies was a hatred of public schools, and Gilbert had always begged him to send him to one. This irritated his father, who looked upon it as shewing disregard for his wishes, and disrespectful to himself, who was superintending the boy's education. Gilbert had a great love of figures and geometry, which the parson had not. He also delighted in all the analytical portions of language, such as grammar and etymology, and for these his father also cared little. But when Mr. Winter tried to impress upon him the beauty of certain passages of Virgil and Homer, the boy yawned. The beautiful seemed to him a scaled book—he had no perception of it. Nothing could induce him to read a work of fiction. As a child he never delighted in fairy tales, or was frightened by hobgoblins. The "Arabian Nights" he contemptuously termed "a book of lies." He was, essentially, a matter-of-fact youth. Mr. Winter unhesitatingly pronounced his son a fool. Getting at last disgusted with the task of his son's education, he yielded to his wish, and sent him to the school department of Somerset College, London. Here he remained three years, and the reports which came home quarterly spoke highly of his progress. These Mr. Winter did not believe, but put them down as part of the humbug of public schools. His son was a fool, and nobody could persuade him to the contrary. On leaving school, Gilbert, in tones far more respectful than usual, besought his father to send him to College. The parson laughed, and asked him what use Cambridge would be to a born fool. But Gilbert now met with an unexpected ally. The Earl had found him out, and recognised in him a plain, shrewd, practical mind, a good deal like his own. He interceded with the parson, and offered to bear the whole expense of his College career. This Mr. Winter declined, but to Cambridge his son went. He came home during the vacations, and seemed more self-opinionated than ever. His sole amusement was cricket, in which he excelled. That ungainly, awkward form at the wicket, bat in hand, was grotesque enough to the eye, but the runs he always made added no little to the already high reputation of the county. Field sports he hated. He described hunting, as "setting a whole pack of dogs after one poor animal of a fox" "Why," said he, "there was more fair play in cock-fighting." Now, the parson, in his youth, had followed the hounds keenly, and but for his cloth, would have done so still. His son was evidently a fool. And now, one fine morning, arrived this wonderful telegram, which so astonished the parson. It ran thus:

"CAMBRIDGE.

Honor lists just out. I am fifth wrangler. "GILBERT WINTER."

(To be continued.)

THE MEETING OF THE AUTHORS.

-, a gentleman who had just published his first attempt Mr. Cat authorship, which met with remarkable success, was, shortly after, met by a seedy-looking individual in the Queen's Hotel, Toronto. The latter extended his hand, and, in a tragic manner, exclaimed, Allow me, sir, to welcome you to our ranks,-the ranks of authorship."

The peculiar appearance of the individual rather amused Mr. C-and he replied, "Thank you, sir; but may I venture to ask who you are and what work bears your name?"

Certainly, sir. Have you ever heard of Tennyson, the Poet Laureate ?" "Yes," said Mr. C-

"Well, I am not he. But have you ever heard of Longfellow ?"

"Yes, but I have never seen him. Surely you are not Longfellow?" " No, I am not he.'

"Then, who the dickens are you?"

"Ah! there. Have you ever heard of Charles Dickens ?"

" Yes, but I know you are not Charles Dickens." " No, sir,—I am neither Tennyson, Longfellow, nor Dickens ; but, sir, I, the individual who stands prominently before you, in the noble person a man,-I, sir, am-

Well, sir, who are you, and of what are you the author ?"

"I, sir, am Ionathan Ezekiah Washington Jefferson Piggleton, and I am the celebrated author of a Recipe for taking grease spots, tar, oil, and all stains out of cloth, wood, marble, carpets, &c., &c., and which I will be most happy to sell you, or any other gentleman who now looks upon me, for the small sum of twenty cents !"

Mr. C---- collapsed.

BIBULOUS.

Why may we mistrust the consistency of the National Lacrosse Association, in the resolution passed at the annual meeting in Toronto, discountenancing the sale of intoxicating liquors on Club grounds?

Because, after the resolution passed, Malt by was elected President, and Beers Secretary.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

MAISTER DIOGENES.

SUR,-I see that in yer bit paper ye let intill't letters that fouk write oot o' their ain heeds, an' pit intill' their ain words. Gif it hadna' been sae, I, for ane, wadna' hae dar'd till sen' ye this epeestle. Ye us'd to be awfu' parteeclar aboot fine Inglish; bit I'm pleas'd tae see that ye are noo no sae pernickety aboot the words, sae lang as the maitter is richt; and I'm gled that, on that account, ye're mair pop'lar than ever ye were.

I'm the faither o' a wheen unco fine bairns, altho' I say it that shudna' say it, an' it is the airnest wish o' me an' the guidewife to hae them decently edicated ; an' whan I read o'er till her what the bit cockney body, "Calico," says aboot his laddies, it gaed me an' Jannet a sair thocht. I'm a Scotchman mysel (but I hae leeved sae lang in Caniday that naebody wad ken I was frae Scotlan' by my languidge), an' Scotchmen hae aye been thocht to ken a gude deal aboot skules. Hoo this is I dinna ken, but Jenny says it's maybe because sae mony Scotchmen are skulemaisters. But that maun be a' havers, for fouk say that skulemaisters dinna ken themsels what laddies shud be tocht-that they're a' clean wrang thegether. The grate fouk, that hae naething tae do but think an' write aboot hoo to mak the warld better than it was in the days o' oor forebears-some o' the cleverest o' them says, that skulemaisters, insteed o' pushin' on, are haudin' oor bit bairns back-that when they shud be keepin' up wi' the progress whilk is bein' made in a' ither airts, the dominies are just daunderin' alang tae the same tune as they did in the aulden times when Geordie Buchanan, wi' his Latin an' his Greek, made sich an unco gouk o' oor gentle King Jamie. Gif this be true, (an' I'm thinkin' there's a bit truth at the bottom o't,) what's puir "Calico" an' me, an' bodies like us, tae do for oor bairns. Somebody 'll say "Calico's" bairns an' your bairns are nae warse all than their faithers were. But that's no it,-I reckon that the struggle tae rise in the warld will become teuchar as the warld gangs on, every generation findin' it harder wark than the ane that gaed afore it, an' that it is principally to mense an' edication that oor bairns maun look for help. An', besides, I say that we want the bit lammies, that hae been gi'en tae us, tae be better aff than we were. What's the use From the lips of a ladye with blonden hair, like a wealth of golden o' the siller that we hae hayned, if it be na for the gude o' the weans. Maybe I'm coorse an' dinna ken muckle ; but for a' As she lifted the light of her beauteous eves to the questioning lips that my hairt yearns after the bit mannocks, an' baith Jenny an' me wad like tae think that they shud haud up their heeds wi' the lave, when their auld faither an mither are lvin' smoolderin' in the kirkyaird.

There's a learn'd man in Montreal, an' he's a kintryman "I know thee! I know thee! for thou art the Khouli Khan, o' mine, altho' he was born in Americay, -(a man's no a stot And I am the Empress of Allahabad, or any other man; because he's born in a byre,) an' I have been tell't that he And turtle soup is lifting its crest o'er the stars in the twilight dim says that at hame, an' amang the furrin' bodies in Jarmanee an' amang the Frenchers, an' even amang oor neebours the Yankees, they're gie'in' their lads "Sceeintcefic Edication." An' they tell me that it's a kind o' skulin' that plooghs up an' harrows an' tap-dresses the harns o' the callants, sae that the chiels are able to mak' a staun' for themsels onywhere, an' are far abune the blatherin' chiels that " Calico" grumbles And gave response to the Knight's demand in accents sad and low: aboot.

I am unco ankshus to hear mair aboot this kind o' skulin' an' I wish that oor gude Principal Dawson wad jist expoond to us a' aboot it—(he's graund at expoondin')—so that "Calico" an' me wad understan' it; an' if it's what they blaw it up to be, we'll hae oor bairns taucht it, if we hae to sen' tae the Yankees for skulemaisters. No that I wad like my laddies speek correct Inglish, an' I wadna' like them tae Ex-crescences.

learn tae blather thro' their noses like oor freens frae the States.

That's a' the noo frae yer freen,

THAMAS SPRAT.

DEAR DIO:

DIOGENES.

The enclosed verses were sent by me to the Editor of London Society for insertion in that magazine, with a request that, if convenient, he would remit me, by return mail, the usual konorarium. I mentioned return mail as there was a little matter of indebtedness, anent which my landlady had, once or twice, vainly remonstrated with me.

The verses, however, were returned by the Editor, L. S., without the accompanying L. S. D., together with a short note to the effect that the copy" was unsuitable on account of its lucidity,-the class of readers who affect London Society requiring something a trifle more vague and mystical than the poem which I now have the honor of laying before you.

Yeu, I know, will appreciate it, and reward it us it merits, - so please paste it in a conspicuous place outside your Tub, that all who run, (and have 5 cents.) may read.

Yours, crumblingly,

A KNEADY BAKER.

"DOST KNOW ME?"

"Dost know me? dost know me?" was all the maiden said, As she streamed her golden tresses through the half unkneaden bread While the sunset light came sheening athwart the oaken floor. And the Headsman chaunted his roundelay at the soul-beshriven door.

"Dost know me? dost know me? " rang o'er, the heather wild, While the dew-drop lifted its golden head and the hoary bull-froe smiled -

And every eye was dim with tears, as the shadow of Time replied, And the echo from over the moonland drear,

In its cloistered glory and voice of cheer,

Silently welcomed the Bride

"Dost know me? dost know me?" and a soul from out the gloom, Welcomed the rippling brooklet flowing past the tomb,

Gilding the steeples, near and far, with a dusk and dimsome spleen, Tipping with crest of golden fire.

Rising like some great funeral pyre,

In its wealth of golden sheen.

"Dost know me? dost know me?" efisoones the answer came

flame.

of the Knight,

And muttered a word of import dire,---And flashed her eyes with a baleful fire,-Alas I did he hear aright !

And shall I, an Empress of regions fair,

And a wealth of succulent blonden hair,

Elope with a Khouli grim !!

Ah, me ! 'twas sad, and a gruesome night, when ye maydene tair said "No!"

Yet if my poem is "somewhat sadde and myxed," pray tell to me

If it is not at least a poem clear,

As poems which oftentime appear In ye London Societye!

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