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## OUR SICK CONTRIBUTOR'S FELLOW-BOARDERS.

## No. 4.-The Scientific Boarder.

This gentleman occupies the largest room in the house. It is completely crammed full of cases, drawers and scientific apparatus. Were it not that our friend is the neatest man in the world, the room would be always in a state of litter. First and foremost is a huge agiearium. The old woman who "does" the rooms steadily refuses to "do" this one. She has observed in the aquarium two small fish with whiskers, like cat-fish. Nothing will persuade her that these are not imps of the Evil One. This idea was further confirmed by the fact of our boarder keeping for a long time a pet snake, which he nourished on milk and other delicacies. A mortality has recently taken place in the aquarium. Somebody surreptitiously introduced a horselech into it. The indignation of our naturalist has not yet subsided. He suspects the old woman.

Our friend, who is simply a clerk in the - Bank, once had a character for extreme dissipation. For several wecks he never came in till two in the morning. The old lady, in particular, determined to give hima lecture about his habits. Suddenly a vast halo of mystery surrounded him. It was observed that, on these occasions, he always took with him a dark lantern. Some thought that he was connected with "resurrection" doings, but, considering that the height of summer is not the season when medical students are attending lectures, this idea was abandoned. About this time, the papers contained accounts of various burglaries which were nighty taking place in the city. The mystery seemed completely solved!. He was connected with this gang of villains $!$ The young man was studiously shunned by every inmate in the house. The landlady abstained from giving him notice to quit, being fearful that he would afterwards return and break into the house some fine summer night. She, however, did her best to allay the alarm. She gave intimation to the Chief of Police and to the Manager of the Bank in which the young genteman went, through his daily avoca. tions. $A$ detective made his appearance, and carefully searched the room. He found no murderous weapons, except one old rusty pistol which our friend had bought during the Fenian excitement, No "jemmies," or other implements of burglars, - but, in the drawers, was an immense collection of newly-captured beetles," walking twigs," and ocher curious insects not yet "set up." These, as it afterwards turned out, had been the objects of our friend's numerous midnight excursions with a dark lantern! We felt that we had been uncommonly foolish, and did our best to make all the amends in our power. The poet presented him with a rare specimen (as he thought) of a species of fly which he found on his window-sill. The naturalist immediately showed him thirty different varieties of the same insect, collected in various parts of the world. Our poet is now meditating a new effusion, to be entitled, "The Universality of the Fly."

On one occasion, our boarder brought home an unfortunate frog, to whom he administered chloroform, and then invited us all to a microscopic exhibition, shewing the circulation of blood in the frog's leg. The next morning, the frog, having recovered from the effects of the chloroform, and not feeling comfortable under confinement, took an airing on the landing, and entered the apartment of a lady who was engaged at her toilet. Hysterics were the result, and our boarder has been reguested not to bring home any more frogs as roomcompanions.

Among other objects, he has collected specimens of trichine, which he kindly shewed us in his microscope. On the following day, our landlady was urgently requested never ngain to produce any pork at table.

But our boarder is not only a naturalist, -he is a chemist ! I
do not think that he is a very delicate manipulator; at any rate, the smells that occasionally issue from his room are not agrecable. He is very fond of making "a little fresh sulphuretted hydrogen for analytical purposes.". In the process of manufacture his apparatus has an unaccountable propen sity for leaking. One day, he accidentally let loose a large volume of chlorine, which found its way through the whole house. The "old lady," who is somewhat asthmatic, threatened to leave if this ever occurred again. This is, however, a periodical threat of hers, and it was not much regarded.

Last Monday, matters came to a climax. We were all quietly sitting in the parlor, when a tremendous explosion took place up stairs, which made every window in the house ratule. On rushing up, we found the man of science extended on the carpet, mimus his whiskers', He was surrounded by innumerable fragments of "retorts", s receivers" and other apparatus. He got up and rubbed himself, coolly remarking that "it was extraordinary how a little carelessness would sometimes cause the accidental generation of chloride of nitrogen."

After this, we rather tremble for our lives

## TO DANCE, OR NOT TO DANCE, SHAT IS THE QUESTION.

Walter Scott tells us that some of the milder class of Cameronians made a distinction between the two sexes dancing separately, and allowed of it as a healthy, and not unlawful, exercise; but when men and women mingled in sport, it was then called promiscious dancing, and considered as a scandalous enormity. The question of "promiscuous dancing " was lately discussed in full Synod by the Free Church Ministers of Argyleshire The Cynic learns that they sat till four o'clock in the morning, and the report of their mecting is lugubrious in the extreme. "In all parts of Scotland"' said one indignant withess, "the evil is raising its head. In Campbelltown, Lochgilphead, Inverary, cien in Rothesay itsclf, midnight balls, revelry, and their consequences are greatly on the increase.". Like old David Deans in the Heart of Mid-Lothian, the ministers reviled dancing as being "a dissolute, profane pastime, practised by the Israelites only at their base and brutal worship of the Golden Calf at Bethel, and by the unhappy lass wha danced aff the head of John the Baptist." They denounced it as a system of "meaningless antics," and defined it to be "a certain shuffling of the limbs, which, rationally considered, was unintelligible and savagely-uncouth." They, however, could not see their way to enforce total abstinence from the unhallowed pastime.

Quaint Robert Burton, who abominated all "lascivious and Pagan dances, and who lost no opportunity of inveighing against immorality, was more tolerant in expressing his opinions. "Tis the abuse," said he, "that causeth such inconvenience, and I do well, therefore, not to condemn, or innocently to accuse the best and pleasantest thing (so Lucian calls it) that belongs to mortal men.' I hold it an honest disport, a lawful recreation, if it be opportune, moderately and soberly used, I am of Plutarch's mind, that which respects pleasure alone, honest recreation, or bodily evercise, ought not to be rejected and contemned? I subscribe to Lucian, 'tis an elegant thing, which cheereth up the mind, exerciseth the body, delights the spectators, which teacheth many comely gestures, equally affecting the eyes and the soul itself? I say of this, as of all other recreations, they are like fire, - good and bad.

The Cynic heartily agrees with the views thus expressed by Democritus Junior.

## "THE NEWVIDEA"



He Cynic has receiv ed the first four num: bers of a weekly paper published in Burling ton, Vermont, byal. Mederic Lanctot. It styles itself, a prac tical self teacher of the Englishand French languages an organ of the unity of North America: With the latter part of this description, Diogenes will not meddle at present, but will briefly draw attention to the system adopted by M. Lanctot, to teach the two languages, and the astonishing manner in which it is carried out. The articles in every case have so-called translations in juxta-position. Thus a novel by Dumas, has an English version side by side with it, and an article from an English journal is rendered into French, in the nex column. The system itself, is unobjectionable, As regards the style in which the system recommends itself to the public, it is only fair to M. Lanctot, to exhibit a slight specimen. Here is $n$ sample taken at randon from The Nequ fitia, and accurately reprinted, verbotint ct litration.

The article is headed "A Fresh Outrage;' 'and is as follows:
WVe hatc alvays maintained that Canada was a source of diticulties for England, and, therefore of humiliation for that power, too weak to undertake a serious contest one of he conductons of the Grand Trunk has just jurnished a neve evidence of that, in refusing, last saturday, to accept from our agent M. Pichot, a pass which, till then, he had found good, not knowring our paper.
-Ah' it is for Lanctots paper ! said the british Conductor-you must pay!

And, lecring upon the enormious parcel of 1 Nev Idea, which accompanied our argent : this paper, this rraitorous paper, headded withrage. ought not to be admitted in Canada !"

- On the contrary, said our agent, it is preciscly in Canada that it must crculate, for it is there more than elsewherre that the want of state oders is being felt:
"Though ar, Pichot has had easily reason, with the wit at least, of the insuit made to the niag of canadian independence by this brutish conductor, we are not disposed to leave that insult unpunished. We will no: adress ourselves to the canadian confederation which is onlya temporary station for the red coats in a strain of ebreity or seduction: we shall adress ourselves to that dear mother country itself. Only as the is stuck obove the head in that Alabama aftair, we will wait for asking satisfaction from John hull, that he has emplied his pocket in the treasury of Brother Jonathan and kissed the foor three times for his liad conduct during the American var."

Diogenes feels that no apology is due to his readers, for the length of this quotation, The startling interest of the narrative, and the felicitous language in which it is cletailed, must be obvious to the meanestintellect., Subscribers to M. Lanctot's New Tila, have indeed a nich treat in store for them!. The Cynic may be permitted to add, that the NTI. Tribune eulogizes the journal as a new champion of himmanitarian progress.:

## NOT ORTHODOX.

The Gazttte had, a, paragraph the other day, headed, "Champion Walkists., Diocenes, who hates with an intensity of hatred, anything approaching to slang, begs to remind his contemporary, generally so sound on the Queen's English-that valkist is not to be found in Walker.

## RABIES-NO. 4.

## - PALS/AN QU1 MERUIT FERAT: ${ }^{\text {P }}$

On the sandy plains of dfricn,
As day and night were blending.
And 2 glorions tropic sumset Its radiance was lending.
A traveller of curious mien
His devious way was wending,
Drawing gradually nearer to, the sources of the Nile.
He had followed the Zambesi, and not found it very easy, And had come near being caten by a sayage tribe or two.
Who had thought that a Protessor might be juicy served up fresh or Salted down and kept in pichir, like his rod, a year or two.

And once bathing in the river, a ner rous sort of stiver Tingled down his dorsal column-what he called his uertebras: For, while in a state of natur', an enormous alligator "Made a mouth" at our Professor, which soon 4 put him up. a tree.

Scarcely was he free from danger, when a most unweicone stranger Met his gaze-appalled his rision-made his very knees to bend; For a mangy looking lion, him had elearly got his cye on, Whisked his tail, as though so warn him he was near his fotter one.
"By Jove," said he, "this is muss-inn medur futissimus:
That maxim taught so often, seems my only chance to be,
So 1 swear Ill stay where 1 m, until, like the Twins of Siam,
I become (how abhor cm) branch of this arborem tree.'
Alasthis onth was fatal, ns Paddy says. "At does bate all;" But he hung there till the tree had absorbed his very fists-
I'es, he hung there till he dropped off, or, like rotten uranch, was lopped off,
Leazing nothing but his palms there, for he dropped off at the wrists !
And tis said this is the repson (tho' I know youll think it treason Against the fanous Ceographteal $S O C 1 E T Y$ I)
How the polm tree got its nomen, althot perhaps some slow men,Like Livingstone and others, max assert 14 is alic.

I hope you're convinced-laugh avay if you like,
Though I can see nothing to jeer at-
That when our Professor was up in a trec.
Mons PanMan pat mertit firof.

## A SAD REFLECTION

The London Daily Ataertiser lately remarked with deep feeling:

The last of the aboriginal Tasmanians (or natives of Van Dieman's Land) is dead. The fading away of inferior races-the North A werican Indians for another instance- lefore the actance of civilization and Anglo-Saxonism, is very full ot pathos and suggestion"

Another instance, even, more familiar than this, might have been quoted., At the present moment, if the Cynic is not misinformed, there are only two Poles on the whole earth, and these, alas $:$ are separated from one another as widely as they can be; viz. -the North Pole nind the South Pole!

## WONDEREUL!

The following is a statement which Diocenes read in a recent number of a Boston paper:-

The great oak which overshadows Boston to-day, and to which the nation looks yith interest, had its acorn in the brain of Mr, P,S. Gilmore.

Diocenes has heard of a person having a corn on his foot, but never acorn in the brain/, Eyeryone will pityP. S. Gilmore (poor suspended Gilmore), dangling about at the end of an oak bough, but no one will wonder at the nation looking on with interest at the sight.

## THE PRTDE OF HERALDRY.

Diogeses recently touched on this subject in connection with a Baronet. He now recognizes the disense in a lower state of society, Tirst, lct him ask, is there in existence a Dominion or a Municipal tax on armorial bearings? Such a tax produces a considerable revenue in Britain, and exists in the States. The Cynic strongly recommends this mode of making money to the Honble the Finance Minister.

Families of the rank and dignity of the Cartiers will not object to pay for the privilege; but it is from the charretier family that the greatest amount of revenue will be derived. Carters are the largest armigeri in Montreal. $1 t$ is only quite recently Dioceres has observed that many cabdrivers have their family arms painted on the door of their cabs, where the number should be, and sometimes is. An inspection of these insignia has been, to the Cymic, an interesting study. He did not before know that so many of these worthy citizens belonged to ancient fanilies. In future, when he passes through the Place d'Armes (where these aristocrats "most do congregate"), he will always feel obliged to remain uncovered. The coats of arms are of great variety, Some are of extreme magnificence, with supporters, and mottoes even. Coronets are common, the ducal one especially. Some of the coronets are rather of a nondescript order, -perhaps foreign, -by which the Cynic means not British. The quarterings are often very elaborate. The, heraldry, displayed is what we should gencrally call false, but this, perhaps, is only, our ignorance, Mretal on metal is very prevalent, or on argent particularly so. One shield, which the Cynic saw this week, in Craig strect, is worthy the attention of an antiquary. It is a combination of a cheoron, a bar sinister, and a portrait of the First Napoleon, with a nose siules! Some of our "Note and Query" gentlemen will, perhaps, explain this.

## RUBBISH SHOT HERE."

Occasionally one finds in the English newspapers the communication of a well-informed mind on some subject of general interest; but, as a general rule, the trenty leading articles in a weck of the Times do not contain a single argument that can guide any man with two ideas of his own As literary productions they may be passable enougb-that is, they are written according to patern, and that of rather a flash colour; but they vant depth, originalit, and, we are sorry to say, sincerity, In fact, to borrow the expression of the Edinburgh Revice, their tone is lote in the worst possible scise. Unfortunately, the weekly and monthly periodicals are scarcely better. It is hardly possible 10 imagine anything more trucuient and vulgar than the Saturdtry Revieq, which lias been the fashion in England for the last eight or ten years. We do not atribute this state. in England for the last eight or ten years. of the press to any natural predisposition amiong the English people to
ignorance and vulgarity, but to the miserable use of the anonymous article from which we also sufter." - Montrat Evenims Tilegrafh

* It would be hard to equal, and impossible to surpass the flippant arrogance of the whole article, from which the assertions above quoted are taken. Nevertheless, it was thought worthy of being re-published in The Gazette:


## COMMERCIAL

In the business coluinns of a contemporary lately appeared the following statement connected with the Montreal mar-kets:-
"Since the late sales, fruit has become more or less a dizg'"
What are we to mply from this? Has medicine become
so scarce that table-fruit will be sold as a substitute
by druggists? Shal we rccelve a neat boo, inscribed, "This
apple to be taken at bedtime" or "Three green gooseberries
to be taken every day, - one before each meal?" Diogenes
sincerely trists that it may be so. He infinitely prefers fruit
to physic.

## TRICHINA SPIRALIS.

## A. WAIL IN THE PORK INTEREST

O Trichina Spiralis/ are we to have no more dishes of ham-and-eggs, because thou hast undermined the domestic hearth and cast suspicion on the hospitality of our restaurants? Is a phantom of destruction to lurk in our corner groceries and overshadow the threshold of our boarding houses? Is the stall of the pork-butcher to be closed, and the voice of the sausage machine to be hushed for ever? By the soul of Gurth the Swine-Herd,-born thrall of Cedric the Saxon, - it shall not be 1 Rather than starve at the behests of the microscope, it were better to die at the hands of the doctor. Are we to be scared by monstrous spectres conjured up on calico discs, by the scientific? Did not St. George, the Patron Saint of England, make his first start in life by a contract for bacon, and is it not probable that his fabled contest with the dragon was only typical of an internal conflict with a voracious Trichina, whose power over the believers in roast-pig, was thus vanquished for ever? But let the cannibals look to themselves, and the despisers of the virtues of caloric as applied to human food, war with the parasite at their own cost, and fight it out on that line with the doctors. The citizens of Montreal have lately suffered much, and the pork butchers more. Pigs' cheek has been banished from our breakfast tables, by the check of the Trichina. They that loved pork and beans have been desolate, - but many a cheerless boarder has rejoiced. It is time somebody's pen were raised to allay the excitement, Buy your pork but cook it; so may you devour Irichina, instead of Trichina devouring you. To those foolish people who say they love pork, Diogenes laughs,-so does the Trichina? You may avoid him, but he will not avoid you. The antipathy is not mutual, you may already be one of the elect,-a chosen vessel of Trichina, for it is well known that they are found in a passive state in at least one person out of thirty. They are met with in beef, in poultry and in fresh fish! You may starye yourself, but you cannot starve them, you can only roast and boil them: Oh! shade of Charles Lamb ! happy enthusiast in sucking pig fortunate wast thou in having lived before the Trichina Spiralis wriggled in the public imagination!

## THE SO-CALLED LLUDICROUS"SCENE IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS:

On one occasion, if Drogenes remembers aright, the late Earl of Carlisle (then Lord Morpeth) and Lord Monteagle (then Mr. Spring Rice), feeling very tired of the progress of a dull debate, and longing for the division bell, adjourned temporarily from the House of Commons to an adjoining lobby to oxygenate their lungs. The process was apparently quite successful, for the two legislators were shortly afterwards discovered giving each other "backs" and enjoying a game at leap-frog, with the energy and zest of two schoolboys. There can be no harm in this. If it be wished, let a gymnasium adjoining the Dominion Parliament be at once firted up for the amusenent of members. But the Cynic strongly protests against the Halls of Legislation being turned into schoolboys' play-grounds. The Press has lately, and in the Cynic's opinion justly, praised our Parliament for the increased dignity which has marked the debates since Canada became a Dominion He trusts that the public whl hear of no more playful gambols between the Minister of Militia and the Lender of the Opposition. They only tend to bring our Parliament into disrepute. The Speaker may not have been in fanlt. It seems he was not in the chair at the time, but Diogenes tenders his thanks to the Premier of Ontario, who seems to liave been the only member conscious that the whole proceeding was indecorous.


Jonathay: "Guess you'd better pay that small account, or you'll get consid'rab' sarse!':

Johs - "As for your account, if my clerks find it right, Iil pay it. As for your sarse, you'd better keep that for home use, or you'll find my dog about your shins, I promise you !"

> ADVICE TO GOOD LITTLE GIRLS.
> Good little girls are never bold, They alwass love their mother;
> They do whatever they are toldUntess it's too muth bother.

They never soil their frocks or bibs, Or very seldom do ir;
They never think of telling EibsUnies ong're arwen to is

They never wink at little boys When anybody's looktyg;
They never prig each others toysUntess they're well wooth hooking.

They never care what clothes they wear, So long as theyre in lashion:
They never tear each others' hairUniless therre in a fassom.
And it's excessively naughty for litte girls ceer to get in a passion :

## A FACT.

The other day a Patlander on board one of the Grand Trunk cars, was asked by a fellow-passenger, what sort of a situation he had got; and how often he obtained a holiday? In reply, he said: \& Begorra, I get a holiday for six months every three weeks, and when I'm there, Idon't often go $1 /$ As for my situation, faix its aisy enough; I'm my own master, except, when I'm at work for the missus, which is mostly from daylight till roo'clock at night, unless when I'm milking the cows, which I generally does on my own hook:"
Passenger did not say another word for the next half hour.

## A DISCONSOLATE HATDEN'S LAMIENT.

Oh mother, comeand sif by me and soothe my aching head My heart is almost brokenand tr would that t were dead; Oh! burn those horrid dresses that hang upon the wall, They oly serve to wind me that my hopes have had a fall. 1 can but lie here weeping with my head upon we knee, For he's gone away to England and -he hasn't taken me: The nrst time that L saw hin- (methinks 1 see him still!) He sealed the heghts of Beaver lrall-it gave me such 2 thrill -A-marching with his Company, in gauntets and highiows, While an icicle hung Eracefuly on ether side his nose: Our eyes met for anoment-ny heart "thump-thunyped" aloud And he might have seen my blashes If 1 hadn' worn a cloud ! That night t met hin once again upon a ball-room noor; He was twiting his moustaches and standing by the door, And when he turned tim to his friend, he spoke of me, I knew, And said, "just introduce me to that jawly girl in blue ${ }^{\text {a }}$ And then wedanced together and then he told me all About London-about Linconshire, and about his father's fiall And about the English pariridges that don't perch on the trees And about young Cawkins of the Greens who wasn't $q$ guite the checse; Aud then we laugned at Polly's hair and Patiy's dismal gown And Canyssed the behaviour of Bell Snith and Nelly Brown. And"had he secn Niagara and the wondrous Horse Shoe Fall :" And did he think Toronto quite came up to sontreal ?" And then we had thar srory about poor Bessy Jones. Who in the days of crinoline became a bay of bones Because her fine young Guardeman, who'd spooned for two whole years, Was forced to end the Gritasy then it reached his father's ears.
Poor Bessy's heirt was broken-she wis sinking to her test, Till a bold lumberer Gime along and took her to- the West: But whit's the use rememberingethose happy hours of yore? He's gone-my dreams are over, I shall never see him more!

And after all ehese soldiers a'int such catches "as thes saj, For theyte seldem any money and when they have they "play;" But then one docsn'tlike so see one's school-fellow or fricad Walk o'er the course when finer girls for victory contend. There's lah, just engaged and she has not been out a year: And I was Bella's bridesmaid when she won her Fusileer; And that red-haired Araminta-they say it soon 10 ofe: They all get married soon enough, but no one pops" to me: I study Voacr Parisiontes-in dresses go it blind, The lowest round the shoulders and the longest train beliind. Ire been rolled out of Toboggans, It eskated at the Rink, And, driving with the Tandera Club, had something warm to drink Whatever any girl could give, 1 m sure he's had it all, The best seat at the theatre, the best dance at the ball: Then his higher, beter ieelings, how hard I strove to reach, How of L coaxed him off to church to hear the Docsor preach: And we ye sung trom the same hymn-book, and l've looked into his face, And thought Ive secr some traces there of holy love and grace !
IVe done cuerything but ASK IIM, Oh: mother, can it be, That he's gone away to England and has not taken me? You say, What use complaining, and grieving o'er my woes? It onlt makes my eyes look red, and spoils my pretty nose That if he has forgotten me, I surely needn't fret, There are more fish in the river that mayyet be brought to net." Thereare Rifes and Artillery, and Enginecrs, I guess, And to get one of the former-I'd alnost wear their dressit A nd out of such a number 1 may find out one wholl do ,An Ensign: may be faithful, though $\rightarrow$ Copain's proved untrue?


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## "EMINENTLY PRACTICAL."

Diogenes has never had the pleasure of shaking the hand of the staunch old editor of the British thitg, but he has often read his paper, find admired the sturdy patriotism which lights up its pages. There is so much namby-painby nonsense written now-a-days by "organists" who pretend to create and foster a heallhy political sentiment-so much cant about the "glorious old flag," about "Britannia ruling the waves, and alt that sort of thing, that it is positively refreshing to come across a few yords of plain common sense written by an old British-Canadian on what some people have tried to make the "topic of the hour." Refering to the cartoon in the Cynic's last number, Dr Barker writes:
a That which is most annoying to a Canadian is the reiterated assertion of the United States Press that Canada wants Annexation. Nothing can be falser, nothing can be more preposterous. That some people here desire ludependence is true, but their number is small, the preas mass of the population being contented to unit witill Great Britain desires it too. That time will come too soon, for Canada is much happier under the protection of a mighty Empire, than with her scant means of defence she possibly could be standing alone 1̧elgium, Cirecec and Demark are pastances of small mations being obliged to succumb to their bigger neighbours. But as for Anmexation, no one wishes it. For what could Canads gain by such a union? She would lose her political liberty and sink into a parcel of insignificant States, at the mercy of New York and Massachusetts. And she would lose her chance of becoming in time a mighty Doniinion, the tuture Russiz of Ancrica And her people would be burthened with heavy taxation, and the manufactures of Europe, now imported at a reasonable tarift, be prohibited by heavy duties. Arid all she could gain by Annexation would be an increase of commercial business in ficr cifics and towns, that increased business, by the way, engrossed by speculative Gankecs, with all their aricks and lack of probity. No. Canada wants no Amection :"

## CHAMPAGNEDRINKING.

Of all the absurd usages of modern convivial "Society;" so-called, Champagne-drinking is undoubtedly the most extravagant. No "feed, now-adays, is considered complete, except there appears in 2 recess of the side board, two or three buckets of iced Champagne; no private thop: is worth attending unless the sanue tempting viand is bountifully supplied to the company. Apparentl, without it, sufficient vim cannot be attained to make people reckless of other people's dresses and toes, and regardless of the jambs of folding-doors, -hose little "disagreeables" without which a banh would lose considerably more than half its charms. If only the Champagne were really the produce of a French vineyard, as it pretends to be, instead of a decoction of nettles, gooseberries, and pale brandy made from potheen, there might be some excuse for the folly of its devotecs, (Diocenes refers to those only, who go in for the "cheap and nasty" article, but considerably more than threefourths of the Champagne now in the market, is known to be no Champagne at all, but a mixture not half so costly to the producer as home made cider, and positively deleterious to the consumer. It seems a wondrous pity that the latter cannot be induced at once to so in for cider, but as thereis little probability of his doing so, while "Society" rejoices in "seeming"-i. 0 , being different to what it really is, -and as Diogenes believes in fostering home industry, and consuming home productions, he draws attention to a new description of Champagne, whichmay, perimps, be advantageously, placed on the Canadian market. It appears that a Belgian chemist has patented a machine for the manufacture of "Champagnes, Sparkling Hocks and Moselles,"- that the produce of his invention can be sold at less than ten shillings a dozen, and that it will yield a profit of $£ 30$ on every thousind botlles l It is described as a "delicinus wine and conmiscirs have declared it superior in bouqued to the faned vintage of La leuve Clicquot, Further, (and this is given with an eye to business and for the benefit
of business men) the residuum of the manufacture can instantly be turned into vinegar, so that there is absolutely no waste in production., About ninety houses have lately obtained the right to use this patent, forming the third batch to whom the privilege has been granted, Now here is a chance of which some smart business man in Montreal, ought to avail himself. While snobbery exists there always will be a demand for cheap Champagne, and the Cynic has been assured that now-a-days, the largest fortunes are made by smart men who operate on public faith, and credulity. "Clicquot," or "Ayala Albrecht," or, "Moet" at rod per bottle: Why Dow and Molson will have to close their breweries, as sure as eggs are cggs, when the clever Belgian's invention is patented in the Dominion $1, A$ City Councillor will be able to get up a feed in his own honor at just a tenth of the cost incurred on a recent occasion! The Oddfellows and the Freemasons will double their numbers in a year 1 There will be no more "dead heading" at public dinners t The National Societies will go "a-picnicking" a dozen times where they now only go once 4 And last, not least, a good many young gentlemen who now annually over-run the constable and lay, thenselves pen to reprisals, will be able to do the "swell", thing and still live within their incomes!

## LEGAL.

Diogenes has been informed that a distinguished member of the Montreal Bar is at this moment threatened with extinction by a bellicose gentleman, who persists in believing that certain words, erroneously stated to have been uttered in Court by the member alluded to, summarily killed off a suffering defendant. Diogenes adverts to the circumstance, in order to caution zealous lawyers to be on their guard against a hitherto undreamtof contingency, It has always been considered that the utterances of an advocate are privileged; in other words, that no lawyer can be called to account for words spoken pro or con in a legal argument, This principle, it appears, no longer obtains. "Pistols and coffee for two" is the dictum now sought to be enforced in cases where private feelings are, or are assumed to be, outraged. Diogeves curiously awaits the upshot of the threatened mbroglio. If every lawyer who offends the susceptibilities of an opponent's client is to be served with a cartel, we may soon expect to see a considerable thinning of the legal ranks,-a consummation which more than one "Briefless" may, perhaps, devoutly wish.

## AN ABSURD CANARD.

An utterly baseless, not to say base, rumour obtained currency in Montreal last week. It was said that, regardless of the well-worn aphorism, "Rest and be thankful," a great banking luminary had aspirations towards the post of Dominion Finance Minister, and that Sir John A. contemplated offering him the portfolio," vice J. R, "permitted to retire" Dócenes immediately put himself in communication with the luminary referred to, and as might have been expected, His Effulgency at once pooh poohed the whole thing, adding that he didn't regard the rumour as complimentary to his cuteness, for he appreciated Kest too highly to sacrifice it to Patriotism. It was well known the latter didn't pay.

## A SLIGHT CONFUSION OF IDEAS.

A Detroit paper, speaking of the Boston Jubilee, says: GGory, be to God on High, from, Mozart's Twelfth

## NOTES AND QUERIES."

AYSWER TO QUERY I IN NUMBER 6- VOL 2 OF DHogenes.
Andover those ethereal cyes,
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- MEnNTSON's *IS MESCORIAMA.?

Among artists a "bar of light" is a very familiar term. It means a luminous streak contained between two parallel lines, or nearly so, something quite distinct from a ray of light, which always increases and diminishes in width. If we notice the head of any man who is gifted by nature with deep. set eyes and a projecting brow, we shall soon observe, in a strong light, this "bar" in the position indicated by the poot Such was a peculiarity of the head of Michael Angelo himself; but I think that Tennyson alludes rather to the favorite practice of the Artist in thoroughly developing this "bar" whenever, in a head, he wished to express force or grandeur. The "bar" is highly characteristic of the heads in his "Last Judgment," and in a less degree. because less required, in his "Cartoon of Pisa." In his famous statue of Moses, this feature is developed with great sublimity, and with a prominence which, in the opinion of some anatomists, is almost chargeable with exaggeration.

## A. B.

There is a review of Tennyson's Is MLesroriair in Essays from the "London Temes," Second Series, republished in New York by the aressis. Appleton. At p. $5=$ of this volume, the stanza in question is adduced as a proof how difficult it often is even for educated persons to identify the exact allusion of the poet, The Reviewer observes on the passage quoted: "We shall not say if we comprehend the closing line. We can keep a secret. But we put it to the last young lady for whom Hayday bound the Primcess in pink morocco, to answer whether the Bar of Michael Angelo raises a distinct image in her mind-so distinct that, in her next lesson from Gavazzi, she will be able to put the passage into good Tuscan for the Father? ?

We cannotagree with "A. B." in considering that Tennyson alludes to any supposed habit that Michael Angelo had of developing to excess the foreheads of his grandest figures. It is in the portraits of Michael Angelo himself that we shall find the explanation of the word "bar" If the reader will refer to Hone's Every Day Book, vol. I, P. I4o; he will find a remarkable profile of the great artist, which shows how appropriately the term has been selected. Turning also io Grimm's Life of Mifichacl Angele (vol. 1, pp 2567), we find the following passage: "Fiery eyes, and a masnificent beard, gave Leonardo Da Vinci a peculiarly imposing appearance. Michael Angelo's head, on the contrary, was almost out of rule. His forchead projetted strongly, his head was broad," \&c. \&c.

Finally, Tennyson is not the only poet who has used the term "bar" in alluding to the forehead. In the works of $S$. T. Coleridge, there is a fine prose composition, entitled An Allegoric Vision. Part of it is as follows: "As I re-entered the body of the temple, 1 heard a deep buzz, as of discontent. A few, whose eyes were bright, and either piercing or steady, and whose imple forcheads, woith the weighty bar, rifgelike, above the cy-browe, bcspoke observation follorecd by meditaifice thought, and a much larger number, who were enraged by the insolence of the priests, had collected in one tumultuous groun." The passage italicized throws a strong light on the meaning of Tennyson, and it is by no means improbable that he unconsciouslyrecollected Coleridge-Ed. Diogenes.

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Mr. John Timbs, the well known compiler, in his little book, "Things not generally known," states that the origin of the term "Brother Jonathan" is as follows:-In the
time of the American war Jonathan Trumbun, the elder, was Governor of the State of Connecticut; and General Washington placing the greatest reliance on his judg. ment, remarked on one occasion, "We mist consult Brother Jonathan on the subject". The General did so, and the Governor was successful in supplying many of the wants of the army; and thenceforth, when difficulties arose, and the army was spread over the country, it became a by-phrase, "We must consult Brother Jonathan," and the name has now become a designation for the whole country." R.W. N.
Bartlet in his "Dictionary of Americanisms," p. 50, tells us : "The origin of the term is given in a recent number of the Norzoich Courier. The Editor says, it was communicated by a genteman, now upwards of eighty years of age, who was an netive paricipator in the scencs of the revolution. The same story as that quoted by R.W.N. then follows, told at greater length. (En. Di.)

## QUERY NO. 3-TUNE 15 .

I have generally heard that " no great shakes," as used by Byron, is connected with hand-shaking. Richardson, in his Dictionary, writes: "Shakes in Byron is a vulgarism, which may be traced to the custom of shaking hands; the shake being estimated according to the value set upon the person giving it, and hence applied to the person." R. W. N.
See also "Notes and Queries," 3 rd S. viit 160, for the same explanation. Hotten's "Slang Dictionary" remarks, that "in America a fair shake is a fair trade or good bargain." (Ed. Dt.)
"Morn broaden'd on the borders of the dark, Ere I saw her, who clasp'd in her last trance Her murder'd father's head -

## A Drench of Fatr Women.

To whom, in the above passage, does Tennyson allude? A. B.

The allusion, we believe, is to Margaret Roper, the favorite daughter of Sir Thomas More, An account of the way in which she obtained possession of her father's head, that had been exposed on a pole at London Bridge, may be found at p. Sr" of a volume lately published, "The fferoines of Domestic Life," by Mrs. Octavius Ereire Owen. "The Houschold of Sir Thomas Aore," a well-known work, may also be consulted. (En. Di)

## LITERARY.

The Poet Urquhart, who, in more ways than one, bids fair to rival Tupper, came out on Wednesday with a new contribution to Canadian literature. He has been "floating on the bosom " of Lake Champlain, and has discovered that the Indian "brave"

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He further says, he would be delighted, had he
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> "Float on for cere oer his trinquil tide"

Some "imp of darkness" in the vaus office very nearly squelched the poci's last effort, by sending it forth to the world "with a large number of typographical errors," so that it became necessary to print an amended version in another part of the paper.

Drogenes, however, infinitely prefers the "typo's" rendering. His transpositions are, to say the least, amusing, while the platitudes of the "poet" excite only a depressing emmi:

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