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ZEKE TRIMALE ON THE CARTEP QUESTION: DEER OLD DI,

Hevin resecved your instruktions to speshilly reeport thee proseedins to ventilate the Karter's grecvanses, $i$ hied me to the randyvous of the enemy. Thee headquarters of this infooenshial bodyi ascertained to be sitooated in a one-horse grog-shop, containing one story, and a gallery, into Blank Street. Droseeding into the sanktum of thee Kummittee of Arrangements, (wich wos into a little privet,offis behind thee bar, about 7 feet square, i found tharein assembled thee beuty and fashun, of the Montreal Bar. Mr. Paint-Brush, Mr. Black-Currants, 4 EB., S Mr. Chapo, the S 1200 lawyer awl members of the Brotherhood \& Head-Centres thareof. Thay awl had green necktics on, \& looked green about thee eyes, wich ithot might prosed frum the nine-mile whisky wich is sold therein. Thee Kummittee vere busy smokin \& drinkin, $S$ draftin resolushuns. Thee Karters had a deputashun there also. Says Paint Brush to the hed man thareof, "Hev yoo brot enny munny with yoo to defray thee expenses of this meetin? " Thee Presydent of thee Karters replide, "Worthy brother, times are hard and munny is scarce; can we not prósed on tick?" Black-Currants smiled grimly, $\mathbb{E}$ sez hee," We air willing, ef thair is no munny in your krowd, to proseed on tick, but yoo must deposit with our lurned brother, Chapo, your wotches as security tharefor."

This kawsed sum konsternashun amungst thee Karters' kommittee, whareupon the Presydent spoke up, \& sez hee, "Ef thers to bee enny pawbrokin, we hed rather trust Paint Brush with our wotches \& jewelry." After konsultashun amunkst the perfessors of thee nobil art, Paint-Brush delivered thee judgment of the court in thee followin terms: Sez hee, "Mi frends, wee love yoo; weemall reesolved to trust to yoor onor to pay us for thee sooperhumin exershuns wee air makin to. preeserve yoo from thee frends of law $\&$ order, but times air precaryous, $\&$ offishul assynees air numyrous; $\&$ we allus make a rool to get awl the klient has before we start." "Heer, heer" sez Chapo, "dems my sentyments" sez he. Black-Currants, in, a speech of flowery eloquence wurthy of Daniel O'Konnell, ef he had lived, sed, "My worthy brothers, we air poor in munny and rich in spirits. We kin raise munny on watches, but promises, never paid a whisky bill., Our motty has allus bin "no tick,", so shell out yoor tickers." Thee tickers were projuced \& konsined to thee care of paintBrush, who wiped his whiskers \& drunk sum whisky \& cried, "Hooraw for Cartchee $\&$ virtew." Thee krowd outside in thee streets, wich wos komposed of peesful, sober $\mathcal{E}$ virtuous karters, who hed just returned frum beetin 2 or 3 karters wich were a konformin to law and warin numbers, begun to make a noise, when, in konsideration of the finanshul questun hevin bin settled, the kommittee adjourned to the gallery outside.

Paint-Brush was thee fust speaker. Hee moved, seconcled by Black-Currants, "That whareas numbers were inkonvenient on carridges, in konsequens of thee owners thareof bein likely to be found out when thay run over or robbed people, tharefore thay shood be abolished."

Mi frends, sez he, "thee Chief of Poliss is a tyrant \& a despot; hee is a forsin you to ware numbers bekos he is a spekylating. Thee karters ware badges enuff already. Sum had red noses, \& sum liadn't; sum got drunk \& sum didn'r; sum wore a nunber on thare hats, $\&$ most of them carried thee number in thare pokits, As a klass, thee karters were not more frequently represented befour thee Recorder than thee klass hee beelonged to, wich wos next to thee klergy. It wos wrong to insist upon, harters warin numbers at all. Thare shood be free trade in harters, and thay shood be allowed to make karpet bags disappear, and insult thee grate publikin thee same way as anee other perfession, of which he was
proud to be a infuential member. For his part he was a Q. C., and ef he was not, or thee bizness was bad, he wood fly to the perfession of a karter for his daly sustenance, But as a rule, he did not care to earn his livin in such a arderous way by thee swet of his brow, Hee preferd to make uther peeples brows swet for it, But lee yood not detane them anee longer. In konklushun, hee wood sing them an old song, to wit, "God save thee Queen.

Mr. Chapo, now addressed thee krowd. Hee is a lawyer of very prepossessing apearanse, long hare, sum branes, \& plenty of tongue. Sez he: "Tam in favor of shuttin up thee korporashun, $\&$ abolishin thee numberin of karters." Sez hee, "i am indebted to a karter wich onse took mee round"thee mountain to meet a client; hee took mee in thee rong direcshun, \&i made munny thareby. I have furgotten whether hee hiad enny number or not, Mi, frends, 1 am a member of thee legislatur, \& bein out of trurk now, 1 will see you rited $\&$ thee best way to git yoore rongs rited, is to subscribe a good sum of munney, mi frends." (Heer thee honorable member wuz interrupted by kries of "Long-toe, Long-toe", S" shoe, shoe", wich 1 understood to meen, that thee honorable speeker was originally a cobbler)

Black Currants then kame forward. Hee is a hansum yung man \& a graceful speeker, $\&$ reminds, mee of $D$ an. O'Connell, with whom, in mi yuth 1 wuz very intymate. Sez hee: "Mi lurned brethren, thee karters of Montreal air a prowd $\&$ impulsire race, sum peeple say that thay air awl honist, but i think this is a exaggerashun. It has been asserted frum this platform, that thare never wuz a kase of incivility known to be performed by a Montreal karter. Indeed thee Rekorder's Court could not be supported for one day, ef thare wuz no karters, \& whare wood wee be in eleckshun times ef thare wuz no karters. Thee karters' profes shun is not to be sneared at, indeed, it wood be better for sum lawyers ef thay ware carters, \& i am thinking that in these hard times, i kin make more munny drivin a bus than into thee legal professhun. Gentlemen of thee jury"' sezihee, ir rekommend you awl to atend thee nextKounsil meetin \& heer Rodden \& David \& Bernard \& Stephens, speek onto this grate question.
A kollexshun wuz now taken up, amountin to 72 cents, \& thee krowd broke up. I returnd to the offis of DIOGENES to discharge thee mournful task of ritin up those reflevshuns.

> Yours trooly,

## Zeke Triaible.

## "FROM GRAVE TO GAY."

The irrepressible penny-a-liner scribbles advertisements so rapidly, that his paragraphs are often placed in most quaint juxtaposition. Here is a case in point from the columns of the New York Sun

The bar-room of the Astor House has been newly painted and adorned in the highest style of art, and the parlors and sleeping-rooms have been furnished with nearly 300 Bibles, presented by the American Bible Society.A new stock of choice liquors has been laid in for summer usc."

The writer of this notice is apparently of opinion that men's spiritual and spirituous wants are intimately connected. The true spirit of his"puff" is evidently contained in its last paragraph, as the cream of a lady's letter is often kept for the postscript.

## RRUBBISH SHOT,HERE'

What John Bull is going to do, we cannot say, fast at present he is actine the part of the choteric individual in the play, who seises a quaiet Quaker by the shomider, skakes him well, oants to krow sohat he loses his temper for, and screams: Why cart your be calm like me? It is one of the most curious demonstritions the world has winessed for a long time, the most curious demonstrations the worid has

## KORN KOBB REPLIES TO A CORRESPONDENT

## DEAR Diogenes, -

The following leiter was received by me yesterday afternoon:

DEAR SIR, - I vant to write for DIoGEEES, and, as I know you have 2 good deal of innuence with the editor, I address myself to you. I belong to a Literary and Debating Sociery, and I have written lots of pieces of poetry which the girls in our neighbourhood say are splendid, 1 could write funny, things too if 1 had a mind, (sic) and 1 am only nineteen.
F Now I want to know, what writers for Drogeves getmostly Can I make more noney that way than by going into a grocery store? If you think I can, I'll send some pieces I've written, and you can give me your, opinion of them. Don't you think poetry would pay better than prose?
What sort of fellow is the Editor? Does he encourage rising talent? Ls suppose he has read nearly all the books there are? Hoping to receive an early answer, I remain,

Yours, ete,
Thonas
As I have had several communications within a fortnight, all requesting information on the same subject, I propose for the benefit of all concerned, to answer this one publicly, in the colunins of Diogenes.

My dear Thomas, I have received your modest epistle, and it is now my pleasing duty to furnish you with the advice and information you require Your desire to become a contributor to Diogenes, is a laudable, though not byany means a singular one, being shared by you, in, common, with about three hundred young, gentemen throughout the Dominion. Still it evinces an ambitious spirit, and as merit is worthless, unless spurred by ambition, it is safe to infer that you are possessed of at least one of the qualities which ensure success.

You say truly, that I have a good deal of influence with the Editor, but didnc it strike you, Thomas, that you approached, me in rather an unusual way?, TVasn't there something left out, something forgotten in your communication, some little formula dispensed, with, that is considered necessary among business men? N'ot that I want anything for myself, I would scorn the imputation, but if you had enclosed ten dollars, begging me to confer it on some charitable instistution, with your conpliments, it would have been a grateful and graceful acknowledgment of the value you placed on my services. However, I know that a hint on this matter will be sufficient.

So you belong to a Literary and Debating Society, do you Thomas? Those societies are very good things in their way. 1 read of one the other day, that decided Napoleon to be a usurper and without any legal claim to the French throne: This decision, however, of which the Emperor, must have. been made cognizant, by this cime, doesn't seem to have affected his policy much, So far, he has shown no signs of an intention to abdicate.

And you've written lots of pieces of poetry too? Why you must be a great fellow, Thomas \& Belong to a literary society and write lots of poetry, and only nineteen! And the girls in your neighbourhood sayit's splendid Berter and better! But say, Thmas, if I were you 1 wouldr't lay too much stress on what the girls say, Girls, Thomas, are not the very best judges of poetry. Take their advice on the colour of a ribbon, or the price of a bonnet, but poetry, no Thomas theyre not reliable!

And you could write funny pieces if yoú had a mind J Very likelygou could, Thomas, A great many people could write: fünny pieces if they had the minde Iut they haven'tgotit you sec. That's where the rub is, Thomas.
What do writers for Diocenes get mostly? Well they get abused, like thunder, by the Editor, mostly, when he has becn compelled to wade through three orffour sheets of drivelling. nonsense, without finding a single good thing, Men, who
can write, however, get paid, and, paid well. I don't think, though, this latter circumstance will affect you, just at present, Thomas.

Could you make more money llat way, (by which, 1 suppose you mean writing, than by going into a grocery store? That depends a good deal on circumstances. Manuscript is a shaky commodity, -a very risky, raticleqindeed, Thomas, event the best Besides writing is hard, work and a man of Your physienl organization night find wtestling with an idea, much nore fatiguing than hoisting a barrel. Un the whole, I think, Thomas, if I were in your place, I'd take my chance on the groceriés. As to that little suggestion about sending me some of your pieces to rend, I beg you to reconsider it I never harmed you that know of, and I don't see why you should entertain other than friendly feelings for me- Ao, Thomas, retain your manuscript It may be of use to you sone of these days.

Don't I think poetry would pay better than prose? Well now, do you know I dont think it would. And I'm quite sure, ncither would pay you half so well a's chopping wood or digging potatoes.

What sort of fellow is the Editor? Well he's'a very decent sort of fellow, and he just has read lots of books. You may safely invest all your pocket money on that You can't come round him with any of your stale jokes or stories, cribbed from somebody else, and foist theme on him for original, not much, Thomas! If, Jou did you'd soon find out what sort of fellow he was.

Yes, he encourages rising, talent. And so do 1 now encourage you to go home, and burn every bit of rubbish you ever penned, and if ever you feel, an inclination to scribble again, ger a pickaxe or a shovel and, go out and work like thunder and lightning, till the malady has leftyou. Hoping you will be benefited by my ndvice, 1 homas,

## I remain, your friend,

KORS KOBB, JUNR.

## A REVEREND PUNSTER•

The Levizthan of Literature once asserted that "the man who would make a pun, would pick a pocket." This assertion must be received with considerable reservation., puns have recently been made-if we are to believe, the newspaper reports-by members of Parliament at Ottawa. Of course; none of these Illustrious men would ever pick the pockets of the public Nay, more, The Rev, Mr. Punshon lately punned near Ottawa, and Drónenes has extreme satisfaction in embalming, his well-anthenticated pun., Mr, liddy (of Hull), who is well known to the Cynic, chartered the steamer "Alexandra," for the purpose of saing down the Ottawa and showing $\mathrm{Nr}_{\mathrm{r}}$ Punshon all the beauties of the scenery. There was a pleasant party of about 150 excursionists. Before reaching Ottawa, the eloquent Methodist thanked his enterainer for his kindness, and closed a brilliant eximporespeech in the following terms :

- de had alwyys associnted in his mind with an eddy the idea of dread or danger, something, in fact, to le avoided if possible, or encountered with extreme caution, but henceforth the word vould be significint to
him of very diferent class of feclings, and he only hoped he might continue to hayethe good fortune of being sucked into many a similar vortex or EDDY.
 desiperén loco Inta short time Diogenes wille expect acontribution from your pent Don't spare your puns? They will be duly appreciated, now that yourtability lins been, made known, jand there is many:a-Nedry in Ganadawho willaford you opportunities of making innumerable jokes.

OURYSICK, YCONTRIBUTOR, CONTINUES, HIS DESCRIPIION OF HIS TELLOW-BOARDERS.

BOARDER NO, $2-$-THE ATHLETE."

He is, also, a young man, of apparently about twenty summers, - decidedly a liandsome specinen of humanity, not very tall, certainly not at all stout, with a jovial, good-tempered pair of eyes peering under his dark locks. He is wonderfully strong and amazingly active. He seems, physically, constructed of no flesh and all miuscle. One, would almost think that a certain nmount of wire-rope formed part of his arms and legs, How seldom we see a stout man excel in feats where, activity must be combined with strength. The stout, strong man is made for lifting weights, "putting the stane," "tossing the caber" Sc . How seldom we sce a stout cricketer? I remember in my boyhood, to have, once or twice, seen the veterain long-stop Beagley. He was the fattest man Lever saw on the cricket field Beagley never leta ball pass him, and, therefore, never had to rungifter one. Nobody liked being in with Beagley, because, splendid bat, as he was, he could not run, and the old man always obstinately refused to let any one run for him.

But to return to our young man, He was educated at the Figh School, and, to judge, from his intelligent countenance, I do not imagine that he, in any way, disgraced that institution. He is at present in a hardware establishment, where he attends with great regularity, and where, $I$ feel very certain, he does his duty to his employer.

But how does our youth spend his leisure? He rises at a very early hour, and before the rest of the house are awake he is out at the swimming bath, or practising Cricket or La. crosse, or taking a long walk in the country. I think it would would be well if some more of our young men would imitate him in this respect. He certainly is in splendid health, and prides himself not a little on the means taken to attain it. He despises sickness. I am looked upon as an interloper, an sort of contamination of the healthy athletic atmosphere. Were it not for his natural courtesy, I believe that I should hardly be treated civilly, He spends his evenings with a party of other young athletes generally in the room over mine. Here Lacrosse, sticks and Cricket bats are repaired, and athletic sports form the sole and invariable topics of conversation. Joward a later period of the evening these young gentlemen generally improvise a gymmastic "bout." By the applause of the bystanders, I imagine that wonderful feats are there performed. Occasionally, a heavy body descends with a loud" thud, and nearly comes through the ceiling over my head, Now all this is very pleasant, but 1 confess I am not sorry that these youths are going to move to Lachine next week for the boating season. I, however, readily acknowledge that, with all its drawbacks to me personally, this is a much more rational way of spending, an evening than perpetual "night after night" cuchre and old rye, wo comnon with young men in boarding houses.

Our athlete's library consists of a Bible (which was, a present from his mother), a list of the city fire-alarm boxes, a book about Lacrosse, and the last rules of the Marylebone Cricket Club. He despises reading and readers. The other day, our "poet" asked him if he could tell him who was the author of the line,

## Afusic hath clarms to soothe the savage breast""

He replied, with a look of withering scorn, "Who cares now-a-days about who wrote anything, - there are so many pretenders, to this sort of thing?' This was severe but he hates the poet, and the dislike is mutual. The sole pursuits of this young man's-by no means limitedleisure, are athletic sports, and had he not to work for his
living, Is believe he would make of them the business of his life. Surely this is too much or a good thing.

A few days ago, the Witness published an article extracted from an English paper, entitled, 6 Too much athleticism. The article was an excellent one, but went rather too far. Lord Adelbert Cecilthas recently regretted the hours he spent at the gaming table, So far, so good, but why link with the gaming-table the healthy sorts of Cricket and Boating, in which, when I knew his Lordship, some years ago, at Hamilton, he was so proficient? The Rev. Charles Kingsley did gool service when he took up the cudgels in their favor, and Gam glad to see the Rev, Ward Beecher following suit Athletic sports are good for body and mind. rhey ins duce health and manliness, and not least, they are among the greatest antidotes to hard drinking that 1 know of. A drunkard could never pull stroke" in the Oxford or Cam bridge crew, But there is, even in Montreal, "too much athleticism. We Gymnastic displays are being degraded to acrobatic edhibitions, As much ofrings, horizontal bars, léaping, vaulting, dumb bells, and Indian clubs as you please, butlet us abolish the trapeze. . The time spent in learning to hang by the feet, from a suspended bar, is simply time wasted. It degrades the gymnast into a circus performer. Irend, too, the other day, that at a recent amateur gymnastic entertainment, Mr, delighted the spectators with some wonderful exhibitions of "contortion" If these sights are considered healthy and improving, our taste is degenerating.

Of all the men of the athletic school that I most despise, commend me to the nembers of the "Alpine Club.: These consist of a number of gentlemen, whose sole object is to eadanger, their lives and limbs by scaling peaks hitherto deemed inaccessible, and for no other object than to be able to say that they have succeeded. From this sweeping censure, let me except two eminent scientific members who have taken part in these dangerous ascents, (and still more dangerous descents, for geological and other worthy purposes; but the majority of the members have no such eicuses. Three gentlemen have already lost their lives in these rambles. I am of those who consider that no man has a right to risk his life unless he has, at least a commendable object in view.

Perhaps, after all, my dear Dío, our long friendship inclines me to be too cynical. You will, perhaps, say it is easy for an invalid to sit in a chair and $\%$ rail" at the pastimes which delighted his youth. Perhaps you are right, but I think there is rather "too much athleticism," nevertheless.

## MUSIC FOR THE MILLION.

What a hubbub there will soon be at "the hub of the universe !" The Musical Festival at Boston is to last three days. There are to be 20,000 performers, and 70,000 persons are expected to be present. The programme as given in some American journals, reads like a burlesque. It is to open with the national anthem, "Hail Columbia, to be rendered in the following manner:

Symphony-Hail Columbia, once through by the full band of one thousand performers. ist yerse-full band of one thousind, and grand chorus of twenty thousand, and verse-full band, grand chorus and chiming of all the bells in the city, 3 rd and last verse full band of one thousand, grand chorus of twent thousand bells chiming, drums rolling, infantry firting, and cannons pealing in the distance in elact time with the nusic.

The bells are to be rung and the cannons fired by electricity from the music-stand.

If it be really true that" music hath charms to soothe the savage breast," it is to be hoped that Messrs. Sumner, Chandler, rrain, and the Fenian Head, Centres will all be present at this Monster Concert:


FRIGHTFUL APPARITION:
MONTREAL MILKWOMEN THROWN NTO "Higestrikes? By THE SUDDEN APPEARANCE OF A YEIEND IN HUMAN SHAPE, " Who Rings an ALAAK BELL AFTER THE MANAER OF "those Harum-scirum firemen."

## A CIVIC ITEM:

The Telegraph has caught the Nicholsonzfever, and is ptrying hard to inoculate the City Survejor with the utrus. That official appears to have partially succumbed, but, the Telegraph, determ’ned to rid itself of the infection, is anxious to communicate it to the whole official: body, Drogenes is curious to see if the City Suryeyor will bear the process without wincing. A litule cauterization occasionally does good, and under certain circumstinces, may conduce to health and longevity. The Cynic will be delighted if it has this result in the case of the City Surveyor who is an able and painstaking officer, deserving of public support.

## EMULATION.

Sir George having settled the Volunteers, John Rose, not to be outdone, wants 10 settle the Banks, while the great question, How to settle the country? still remains unsettled. This is the momentous question. Who will answer it?

## RABLES NO. 2. <br> A FISHY TAIS

## ALEGEODOFMMRAM1CHI.

In the sheltered bay of Miramichi,
On the silvery, soft, 'tho' saline sea,
A schooner lay with canvas free,
Her sails quite idly flapping;
For the Captain had been on a drunken spree
(An ignorant kind of cuss was he,
And cussedly fond of napping.)
From a snooze he woke with a kind of start,
Crying, "Shiver my timbers," and "Smash my chart,"
"I guess I'm not over partikler smart,
To bellying here idly wishing,
When I ought, at least, to be making a start-
Plying my craft and using my art,-
In short, when 1 art to be fishing."
Then strolling forward he gazed o'er the side,
Thro' the rolling deep cerulian tide.
And down in the depths below he spied
A fish that was worth the catching;-
A monstrous thing, as long and wide,
As St: Patrick's Hall on the Craig Street side, And he sighed as he stood there watching.

Then he swore, till the deck beneath him shook, And an oath, (with a spoon and sugar), he took, And he got him a bait, and he got him a hook, And dropped it into the ocean,-

While the fish glanced up with a knowing look, And waggled his tail till his scales all shook, At such a taking notion.
Then opening his jaws to a fearful size, Like the good little boy who shuts his eyes, Not knowing but what it may be flies

That Fate is after sending, -
As I hinted just now, he gave one gulp;
And the captain, and ship, and crew were-pulp, -
A very cravill ending!
And they say to this day in Miramichi,
That the ghost of the captain haunts the sea
In a state you might possibly call pulp-ee,
Near that bay so fair and shelly;
And that after sunset the sea shines bright,
With a kind of phosphorescent light
Like an ocean of calves-foot jelly!
MOR-I-AL.
This narrative is fishy,
Now pray don't think it stale.
I may, perhaps, be crring,
But "tis very like a whale"

## A DOUBTFUL QUERY.

What is to be done with the Drill Hall ? is a guestion often asked, but never satisfactorily answered. Can the City Council propound the conundrum $2-G a=e t t$, , Yume 10 .
The Cynic thinks they can-but who can solve it?


JOHN- (loq.) - OHI LOON HERE, NED, THERE'S SOME OF THE BOYS HAVE BEEN AND GONE AND STUCN PINS INTO THE BIG BLADDER, AND NOW I'M BLOWN OUT! I'M AFRAID SOME OTHER BOY YILL HAIE TO RAISE THE WIND!'!

## A SENSITIVE PLANT:"

A few days ago, an amusingly irate article shot like a rocket from the Montreal Gaselte. It was fired in conse quence of a remark in the Edinburgh Rezizae that" the tone of the Colonial press is low and ignorant, yet the newspapers are the only publications read by the people.

Now, Drogenes is very far from believing that either of these statements is literally true: but, if, with a carelessness which seems culpable, the Reviewer has gone astray in one direction, the Gazettc, as surely, has floundered in the opposite. The Reviever undervalues the intellectual character of the Canadian Press and its readers, - the journalist overrates them, through unrefiecting patriotism. The truth, as usual, lies somewhere between the two writers.

Though enunciated with an air of authority, the dicta of the Colonist are not weighted with facts. For instance, he says: "Now, we utterly deny that the newspaper, good or bad, forms the staple of our reading." The late Hon, T, D. MccGec, who was, probably, on this point betterinformed than the Gaselle writer, was of a very different opinion. In one of his latest lectures, he spoke as follows of the Press in the new. Dominion: "This newspaper literature forms by much the largest part of all our reading." The Gazette continues: "Owing to the cheapness of books, all who choose can find means of gratifying the love of literature." This statement is unsatisfactory on account of its ambiguity. The Cynic, while admitting that "all who choose can find means," denies that very many do choose or do find means to gratify the love in question. In a large number of the houses of even wealthy Canadians, the library, if there is one, is a meagre collection of ill-selected and in-arranged volumes, whereas the opposite is gencrally the case in the homes of people of corresponding means in England and Scotland.

According to another of Mr. McGee's statements, founded on the authority of one, whose daily, business makes him acquainted with the facts, works of fiction form 44 per cent of the sales of books in the Dominion, religious books, is, and poetical works, 10 the remainder comprising volumes on historical, scientific and literary subjects. "The demand for novels, however," said Mr. McGee's informant, "is not nearly so great as it was;" and this he traced to the growing preference for newspapers and periodicals that contain serial stories and romances in chapters. The Daily Neus of this city would probably lose more than half of its subscribers, if it were rashly to discontinue the publication of "Siballa the Sorcercss," "Biddy McCarthy", and other red-peppered and "highfalutin " balderdash. A country newspaper, the Fluntingdon fournal, -has lately disinterred the fossil remains of the "Scottish Chiefs," and galvanizes in its weekly columins the corpse of that weakly romance. Under all these circumstances, it is worse than a blunder to compliment Canadians on their" love of literature, or to "deny that the newspaper forms the staple of their reading."

But the Gaselte continues: "Nay, nore; we may venture to say, that taking population into account, the Edinhurgh Revicu itself, is more read and better known in Canada than in Scotland; and that the sweeping accusation against writers and readers hás been seen and angrily denied by more men in Canada than in the city of the cold mists and unfinished monuments.", Drogenes positively refuses to swallow, with out a protest, the former statement of this paragraph. He learns from a trustworthy source that about two hundred copics of the Eitinburgh Recticu are all that are sold in the Dominion, and this, though the American reprint costs only, fifty cents, But even if the sale in Canada were larger than in Scolland, the wonder would not be great, The Gazette writer has allowed himself to be deceived by a name. The EElinburg/t Reficuenowhas nothing to do with Edinburgh. It is printed and published in London, and is not the
accredited organ of Scotchmen, Moreover, in the "old country," it costs six shillings sterling-a circumstance which will limit its circulation to reading-rooms and lending libraries, to clubs and the weal thier classes.

As regards the latter statement in the sentence above quoted, the Gazette cannot be charged with audacity when it ventures to say that" the sweeping accusation of the Edinburgh Revicer has been angrily denied by more men in Canada than in the city of cold mists and unfinished monuments." Of course it has., It would be a marvel if it hadn't for, prob, ably, no one in Edinburgh has noticed an accusation which concerns him very slightly, or has troubled himself, if he did notice it, to investigate its truth, "However", says, the Gazette, "we are not so thin-skinned as to! suffer immeasurably under the Reviewer's taunts: Prardon me, Mr. Jours nalis, but you are thin-skinned, and though you may not "suffer immeasurably," you stil, suffer considerably, or you would never have fired off that brilliant, but irrelevant, epigram about 's the city of cold mists and unfinished monu ments.' People who live in glass houses, you know, should not throw stones, and the climate of Canada is by no means so delightful that we can afford to poke fun at the atmospheric misfortunes of other countries. As regards the "unfinished monuments," If the Cynic's memory does not play him false, it would sorely puzzle the epigrammatist to name the memorials at which he scoffs.

Once more, at the conclusion of his article, the writer betrays the thinness of hisskin when he describes the peccant Reviewer as" sneering from a fiftenth garret" The phrase is, strictly speaking, devoid of meaning. But what of that? It was intended to be cruelly sarcastic. It is, doubtless, ludicrously untrue.

## MR. AND MRS. WATKINS.

My dear Diogenes
Having read highly favorible notices of the performances of Mrs Watkins, (Mrs, Charles Howard,) in the London newspapers, I was prepared to see in her, an actress of merit. I assure you that 1 have not been disappöinted. Musical art and dramatic talent are seldom developed together, - it being very unusual to find them united in the sanie person; yet, I confess, I scarcely know whether to admire Mrs. Watkins most as an actréss, or as a vocalist Her acting is sweetly, simply pathetic, full of earnestness and unaffected grace, and without a shadow of wulgarity or exaggeration. I made use in one of my former letters, of the expres, sion "stagey," as denoting a faut in an otherwise excellent performance. Mrs. Watkins'acting is just the reverse of "stagey", indeed, her strongest ieature is matiralness, and an almost entire freedom from those conven. tionalitics of speech and action which mar the representations of some of our ablest actresses. She is, at the same time, a cultivated singer; possess! ing a contralto voice of great power and richness and her selection of songs is immeasurably superior to the dittics with which sensation stars usually cke out their attractions.
Mr. Watkins is'a good actorand seems to exercise a wholesome infur ence over the stock company, which is improving, althoush still far from being axellont.

I observe that it is intended, during the presentengagement, to produce some of the coniedics of Mr. Robertson, the most successful play, writer of the present day. Your readers need scarcely be told, perhaps, that he is looked upon as the dramatist whose style in comedy, is expected to reform and revive the languishing drama. His plays possess, great Iiterary talent; the dialogues sparkling, with wit and humour, and the dramatic situations although treating of the events of every day life, being invested by hint with a charming attractivencss. Mr. Robertson's celebrated comedy of "School," will, I understand, be preserited on Friday evening. It is one of his best, and has been very popular in London and New York, As it may interest your readers, 1 propose in miy next letter to sive you an epitome of the plot and principal incidents of this play.

Yours,
An old playgoer.

## SURGERY EXTRAORDINART.

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DR. B.- "Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer by this worm of pork:"
DR. G.-. Is that Trichine that I see before me?
Conc, let me clutch thee !?
$\mathrm{DR}_{\mathrm{F}} \mathrm{F}-$-Your worm is your only Emperor for diet"
DR. $T$, "I see it not! nor will $I$ this beliere, without the sensible and true avouch of mine own eyes.
LEARSED PORKER- "There are more things in Bacon and Ham, Foratio, than are dreamt of in your philosophy. But-let us come!"

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## Dear old Diogenes,-

All honor to you for your gallant defence of "The Queen's English," against its mutilators whose name is Legion; but pray pardon my presumption, if I venture a mild remonstrance against an expression which dropped from your venerable lips on the 2 rst of last month. It grated on my car, it stuck in my throat'; and although $I$ have been told by the authorities, that I ought to swallow it without making a wry face, I have not been able to do it, The Parliament and people of Canada are an unit, -there-read that sentence aloud and tell me how you like it. An unit, an unioursity, an unicorn, an yewtrce, All these may be right, but it seems to me it would be better to go a little wrong for the sake of euphony. I am tempted to write an euphony for after all it is a nciuffuny phrase. (Oh!)

But,-joking apart,-my dear old Cynic, -surely English grammar is not one of the exact sciences. May we not therefore, in such cases interpret it by the spirit of the law, instead of by its letter? Spare our nerves and ears, though the ghosts of dead grammarians may wince! Yours submissively, UNir.
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