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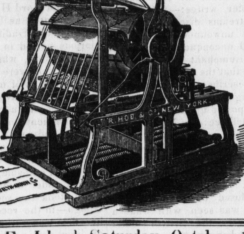

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VARIETIES.

Diocese of montreal.—The Bishop of Montreal has issued a circular to the arch-priests of his diocese, requesting them to assemble and consider the best means of enforcing the decrees of the Council of Quebec. When it is remembered that the most important of these decrees relate to the Seperate School question, the signification of the announcement will be comprehended.—*Toronto Mirror.*

A physician in New York took a quart of strong tea, such as is generally used at ordinary tables, and boiled it down to a pint, and administered small doses to mice, which almost immediately killed them. He then reduced it to a gill, and at that strength one or two drops would destroy rabits in a few minutes. The tea experimented upon was of good quality. This is encouraging to tea-drinkers.

Large Immigration.—For the week ending Oct. 3d, about 1,000 immigrants arrived daily at Castle Garden, New York, from Europe. In the number were 59 organ grinders with their monkeys. Many of the immigrants were from Sweden. A New York paper says:—Nearly all these immigrants came well furnished with means for reaching their Western homes, or were provided for by friends on their arrival. The Swedish passengers are a fine, healthy and intelligent body of men, women and children, and appear to be well provided with worldly gear.—They held a prayer meeting at the Garden, the service being conducted by Rev. Mr. Hedstrom, Swedish clergyman, of this city.

A Bachelor, by the name of Evans, was presented to a beautiful widow, also named Evans. The introduction was in this wise: "Mrs. Evans, permit me to present to you Mr. Evans." "Mrs Evans!" said the spirited bachelor, "the very lady I have been in search of for the last eight years." The fair widow took the remark in very good part, and a pleasant acquaintance ensued. What the future may bring forth this deponent sayeth not.

"I say, boy, whose horse is that you are riding?"

"Why, it's daddy's."

"Who is your daddy?"

"Why, don't you know?—he's uncle Peter Jones."

"So you're the son of your uncle—how do you make that out, young man?"

"Well. I don't know 'zactly how tis," replied the boy, "but you see daddy got to be a widorer, and married mother's sister, who is aunt Sally, and so he's my uncle now."

Mrs. Partington says that if dancing girls are stars, it is no reason why they should be regarded as havenly bodies.

The lady who "took a stitch in her side" has arrived at the conclusion that a stitch in the hole in her stocking would be infinitely more serviceable.

If five and a half yards make a Pole, what is the length of a Hungarian?

Continental Precaution against Adulterations.—The Bavarian government has followed the example of Prussia by issuing an order to all editors of journals to abstain from publishing advertisements of medicines and quackeries of all kinds unless the same shall be duly authorized by the police, after chemical analysis by authorized persons. The most stringent rules are in force in Berlin in regard to the scale of poisonous and pernicious substances.

A Geologist's Grave.—The remains of Dr. Buckland were deposited on Friday week in a most characteristic resting-place in the solid rock below Islip. The rock was blasted, and the body was interred in a cavity lined with Portland cement to keep out the water. He has left by his will all the curious contents of his museum at Oxford to the University.

Gold Mines in Honduras.—It is stated that rich gold diggings, equal, if not superior, to those of California, have been recently discovered in the Republic of Honduras, contiguous to the coast, by a party of practical American miners, who were induced to visit that country by the flattering reports of its mineralogical wealth, as narrated in the works of Mr. Squiers on Central America. The government and natives are favourably disposed to peaceful foreigners. The climate is healthy, and provisions cheap and abundant.

Be careful how you choose your friends. When you buy a horse, do you not examine him, and beseach a trial? then why take a friend in a state of broken need?

A chap went to California poor, and subsequently became very rich, is now so extravagant that he skates on ice-cream.

An Athenian, who was lame on one foot, joining the army, was laughed at by the soldiery on account of his lameness. "I am here to fight," said he "not to run."

The Returning Tide.—The ship Western Empire, Captain Soule, cleared from Boston, a day or two ago, for Liverpool, with 300 passengers. It is also stated that the New York packet ships are conveying back large numbers of passengers, principally Irish. How are we to understand the causes of this returning tide?

Poisonous Substance.—It is not generally known, that the substance of which friction matches are made is very poisonous, and, on no account, should they be accessible to small children. We have frequently to record fatal results ensuing from such culpable negligence. On the 11th inst., a small child of Robert Shields, grocer, West Baltimore, gained possession of a box of friction matches, an evening or two since, the poisonous ends of a number of which it unfortunately ate. It was soon after taken with spasms, and, although medical attendance was secured, it died the following morning.

Peter the Great an Editor.—An exchange says:—"The first Russian newspaper was published in 1703, and Peter the Great was its senior editor. The Imperial Autocrat not only took part personally in its editorial composition, but in correcting proofs, as appears from sheets still in existence, on which are marks and alterations in his own hand."

Portugal.—The Portuguese Government has suspended their Consuls in New York and Philadelphia, on application of the American Minister to Portugal, on account of vessels under Portuguese colours having been seized in those ports for being engaged in the slave trade.