

quick in perception, and ready in debate: so that Demosthenes feared him more than any other orator, and is said to have called him the "Hatchet." Now, can this be the root of the epithet of "hatched-faced;" and may it not have descended from the lips of the great Athenian orator to those of the virago of Drury Lane —

"Of Drury's mazy courts and dark abodes,"—

where we poor moderns are most likely to hear it?
JOHN TIMBS.

ELIZABETH HEYRICK. — A Quaker lady of this name published, about 1823, a pamphlet entitled *Immediate not Gradual Abolition*. This work, and the obstinacy of the colonists, had the effect of inducing the leaders of the movement in favour of the slaves, to adopt the principle of immediate and unqualified emancipation. Any particulars respecting this lady will oblige.
S. Y. R.

JOHN HOKER. — Information is requested as to John Hoker, who is said to have been minister of Maidstone. He was author of an interesting and amusing Latin letter to Bullinger about the destruction of the Rood of Grace at Boxley, written about May, 1538, given in Burnet's *History of the Reformation*, ed. Pocock, vi. 194. There is a translation in the late Rev. G. C. Gorham's *Gleanings*, p. 17.
S. Y. R.

ISABELLA OF HAINAULT. — Isabella, daughter of Baldwin, Count of Hainault, and wife to Philip II. of France, was descended from Hermengarde, wife of Albert, Count of Namur. Where are the several generations necessary to complete the pedigree to be found? There is a gap of a hundred and fifty years or more from Hermengarde to Isabella.

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JEER: GEAR. — A writer in the *Edinburgh Review* for July, in making a quotation from Selden's *Table Talk*, prints "gear" jeer. Does he not misunderstand Selden? It is not that the common people make jeer, i. e. fun (the vulgar not being so irreverent); but "what gear," i. e. stuff, they make of it, that is, they can't tell what to make of it.
NEWINGTONENSIS.

ST. JEROME A "CICERONIAN." — In Alban Butler's *Life of St. Jerome* (Sept. 30) occurs the following passage: —

"The saint, in his long epistle to Eustochium relates that, being seized with a grievous sickness in the desert, in the heat of a burning fever he fell into a trance or dream, in which he seemed to himself arraigned before the dreadful tribunal of Christ. Being asked his profession, he answered that he was a Christian. 'Thou liest,' said the Judge, 'thou art a Ciceronian, for the works of that author possess thy heart.' The Judge thereupon condemned him to be severely scourged by angels," &c.

As I have not a copy of St. Jerome's works to refer to, I should be glad if your obliging corre-

spondent, F. C. H., would give me through "N. & Q." the original account, as narrated by the saint himself.

J. DALTON.

Norwich.

THE LEICESTER BADGE. — It is said that the bear in the Leicester Badge wears his chain only for a certain time, now past, or nearly past. What truth is there in this?
E. K.

Kenilworth.

MILITARY QUERIES. — In some extracts from the *London Gazette* in the *London Courier* of 1795, I find the 8th and 9th Dragoon Guards mentioned. Is this a misprint, or did these corps (as I suspect) exist for a time on the separate Irish establishment?

Where can I see any Irish Army Lists of the last few years before the Repeal of the Union?

Can any of your readers give me any information respecting the Fingall Regiment? They were, I think, numbered the 118th, or St. John's. They were in Dublin early in '95, and the *London Courier* of that year refers to a mutiny of part of the regiment on the march through Birmingham?

Can any one give me any particulars of the following corps: — The Queen's Germans (numbered 97th afterwards); the regiment of Lowenstein; and the regiment of Hompesch? I am anxious to learn when and where the last-named three regiments were disbanded.

MILES PEDITUS.

Glasgow.

PEACOCKS' FEATHERS. — Can any one inform me the origin of the theory, that the possession of peacocks' feathers brings ill luck to the owner?

IGNARUS.

POYLE ARMS. — What were the arms of John Poyle, Esq., and Elizabeth his wife, to whose memory there is a brass in Hampton Poyle church, co. Oxon?
ELUY.

Oxford.

GEORGE QUINTON, a native of Wetheringsett, in Suffolk, was originally a shepherd-boy, but applied himself to engraving. In 1797 he was only nineteen years old. (*Gent. Mag.* lxvii. 939.) Is anything known of his subsequent career.

S. Y. R.

QUOTATIONS. —

"Darting one being through earth, sea, and air."

This is given in a book before me as a quotation from Shakspeare; can you tell me where it occurs? Ayscough gives no clue to it, but I suppose it will be in Clarke's *Concordance*.
Q. Q.

Whence comes the following? —

"Our acts our angels' are, or good or ill,
The fatal phantoms that walk by us still."

A. O. V. P.

[* The line does not occur in Clarke's *Concordance*. — Ed.]