

## BRISBANE NOTES.

(From our own Correspondent.)

### THE JOKE OF THE WEEK.

The joke of the week has undoubtedly been the discovery of the convicts who were supposed to have escaped from St. Helena, on the island itself right under the very nose of the authorities, where they had been for the previous 12 days and nights. While the police and detective forces were searching Bristle Passage, the islands and the coast-line generally. The news of the discovery was at first received with incredulity, but when confirmation came the joke which had been unintentionally perpetrated at the expense of the police naturally aroused considerable comment of a humorous and well as a vicious character. St. Helena has a total coast-line of three miles and a length of 11 miles, and the fact that two escaped prisoners could remain hidden there for nearly a fortnight, in spite of the difficulty of obtaining food supplies, has naturally aroused suspicion, especially as the conditions of life at the penal establishment have already the reputation of being anything but strict. At time of warrant of apprehension inquiry was being held, and the probabilities are that the investigation may go still further.