### THE BELLE OF THE SEASON.

They say she's the belle of the season. The Queen of the very elite: And this I suppose is the reason. She has has all the men at her feet. They bow, and they smile, and they flatter. In a way that I'll not try to tell : For its nearing the close of the season. She is rich-and then she's the belle. They dance and they ride and they take

Out rowing at night on the lake. They wine and they dine and they make

Like a martyr of old at the stake. They give her no moment of leisure, But they hurry and worry and tease. Till she sighs and declares there's no

In life with so little ease. Like the tale of the moth and the candle. That we read of so long ago,

They'll hum, and they'll flutter and dandle And-get burnt in her ladyship's glow For they know not that after they leave her, With regrets that the evening's so brief, If she told them they would not be-

She goes, with a sigh of relief, To her room and donning the neatest, Little wrapper of white and of blue, Takes paper and writes just the sweetest Little note to a fellow named Lu. She hope's (bless her heart!) she's not

hurting His feelings; he mustn't feel bad. And tells him how awfully she flirting, And cautions him not to get mad. "For you know" (let us read what she's

written)
"I think it's the jolliest fun To see these fellows all smitten By one girl-and to think I'm the one! But, Lu, dear, if you were a miner.

And my heart were a vein of rich gold, I would say you had struck a big shiner, And 'twas yours, now, to have and to hold."

-W. A. R. in Chicago Herald For The High School.

# THE NATIVE AMERICAN.

Some Suggestions on the Indian Question.

Now, since we have disarmed the Indians, the question naturally arises, what shall be done with them? There are numerous ways of disposing of them, some of which have been tried others yet to be tried, are still some what theoretical and enveloped in no little obscurity. Different methods of civilization have been successfully operated, others less so and still others have proved to be total failures. But that method is still to be discovered which will prove successful, and at the same time, unattended with enormous expenses to the government.

Then what do we want in this regard? Do the people of this civilized community wish to adopt the method of total extermination? Is it the policy of this government to risk the lives of her soldiers and defray the expenses of an army of sufficient magnitude and strength for that purpose? No, God forbid that the people of the United States should become so totally depraved, even in the last extremity, as to resort to the trade of a butcher in order to rid themselves of a burden morally placed upon their shoulders. No, we have no right, nor do we wish to extinguish the Indian race root and branch. Annihilation is not, and should not be our motto in this regard. The blood of the Indian is the blood of the native American. Their fathers the soil of America, long before the tance. Let not our soil, the soil of panse of country? Could they not be free America, be moistened and become red with the blood of her native race. True, if they disobey the laws of na- ble and practical farmer, whose qualitions, of civilization or morality, they fications for office should be an amiable they disobey those particular laws knowledge of the best mode of farming

nations. Have they obeyed those laws? Some say they have not. Well, may be, in some instances they have deviated from those laws. But when we ask, can you find that nation which has always been right.

But not withstanding all this it is the policy of the United States to put a stop to their warring and depredations, and dispose of them, but in some practical and humane method.

The situation of the Cherckee nation to-day is the result of long years of contention and enormous expense to the government. The squalid and indecent condition of the Winnebagos and tribes in Northern Nebraska, is the result of inattention, a want of good example, competent and honest teaching; and the barbarous and nomadic character of the western tribes, under Red Cloud and other chiefs, is the natural result of leaving too many of them together, and then having no other employment than roaming over the prairies hunting for a living.

The western tribes have made treaty after treaty with our government, but owing to a display of bad faith on the part of one party or the other, the compact has invariably been infringed upon and ultimately broken. Winter after winter have they been fed and clothed by the government, only to resume hostilities in the spring.

This state of facts is the natural result of their position toward the whites. A spirit of patriotism still pervades the breast of the Red man, just as that same spirit animates us. Tradition tells them that their forefathers were brave and powerful, that with a single blow they could have crushed their in- also those who manifest a willing in the physiognomy, where it advertises truders and thrown them back into disposition to work and learn. Offer itself as conspicuously as any other pecuthesea. And now, when they fully realize them a clear title to fifteen or twenty liarity of disposition. It is one of the their weak and helpless condition, when acres of the land thus cultivated as a traits of character that is quickly disbefore their eyes their glories fade, reward for so many years of useful la- cernable by others, seldom known to when they see their power gradually bor. This would create something for ourselves and less frequently acknowldying, when they recognize the fact which they might become ambitious. edged. To be a successful flirt, so than Robert Burns. Tam O'Shanter that before many generations have past, It would be the inroad, the key to that no unpleasantness will be occastheir blood will become extinct and their final civilization, and at the same lioned by plying the unenviable habit, their existance cease, do you wonder time the boundless prairies of the west one must be a keen discerner of huthat they should become imbued with a spirit of vengeance toward their oppressors, the invaders of their homes and marauders of their hunting

And now it is proposed that they shall leave their present home and go in quest of another. It is proposed that of maintaining them in idleness; that spark may answer spark without that they shall go to Indian Territory, there to be maintained at the expense of the government. Gen. Sheridan demurs to this manner of disposal and says that we have no right to throw a civilized Indians. The General says, the Missouri, where provisions and clothing can be shipped to them at the least expense."

All very good General; but why should we be at the enormous expense of supporting so many Indians, when we can devise a practicable and at the same time humane method of making

them support themselves. There are thousands of acres of fertile, uncultivated and unoccupied lands in Western and Northern Nebraska, as well as in Indian Territory. This were in rightful and legal possession of land as it now lies is utterly worthless to the government. Could not those white man was cognizant of her exis- Indians be distributed over this exdivided into parties of twenty-five, under the supervision of one good, sensishould be punished; but only when disposition, and thorough practical should they be so treated, for they the western soil? Let the whole numare not amenable to the laws of the ber of bands be under the care of a United States any more than a subject | committee or Indian bureau, appointed of the British Empire, and have never and receiving its power directly from been recognized by us as citizens. congress. Let this committee act con-Therefore, they are governed in their jointly with the high chiefs of the Inintercourse with us only by the laws of dian nations in question.



View of the Omaha High School Building.

art of raising corn, wheat, oats, barley, and other bread-stuffs; the mode of planting and transplanting trees; and sively by those of vain tendencies. of raising what vegetables they want. Once the habit is acquired it becomes Offer them some inducements to forsake their idle and nomadic habits.

better and best farmers among them, would be cultivated, and become a man nature; be able to distinguish mine of wealth to the country.

sive for the first year, but would be a by the returning fire, and an inclinasource of revenue ever afterwards, tion for justice that will not allow the Even for the first year, the expense of treacherous arrows to be directed at carrying it out, would not much exceed any with a nature softer than steel, so the only extra expense would be in smoke lingering to tell the tale. Flirts

effect, justice would be done to the Indians as well as to ourselves. In a not receive that deep rooted and never pack of savages among peaceful and few years we would have on our west- changing love that is bestowed on the ern borders a class of people placed in more serious. The habit of dropping "Let us quarter them along the banks of a position to earn their own living in- artificial love here and there often unstead of a nation of savages continually fits them to bestow as sincere and sinpreying upon our pioneers.

G. W. SHIELDS. For The High School. FLIRTING.

Flirting grows gradually. It is acquired by habit. Sometimes by striving to please the opposite sex with affected delicate words, significant votion. Love springs from the most glances, and stolen signals; sometimes by endeavoring to create admira- not be trifled with without causing tion for ones-self. Occasionally affec- pain. It controls the mind with a tionate sentiments are exchanged with force unequaled by any other passion. laughing, rougish looks, and over- It is never satisfied until the reciprocal drawn tenderness. This is burlesque love is as that bestowed. Flirts are flirting, and is practiced openly in triflers. They counterfeit the actions company, without attempts at con- of those deeply impressed, and often cealment. It is indulged as much for make use of extravagant ideas and the amusement of others present, as language to show their dissembled that of the principals. Probably no other affection. The burlesque thereof may style of flirting is fraught with as much be amusing to the looker on, but it there are, who under the guise of tenpleasure, and as little harm. Some der solicitude, and endearing patronage may often bring bubbles of amusement strive to make others love them. to the surface, but sometimes a treach-Their actions are prompted purely erous seed is dropped that finds its way with out loving. They have not thought of the consequent pain to the

Let each branch with its superior, deceived, when the deception will be be placed on a tract of land say 320 unveiled; or, if they have, their cruel acres. Let this tract be converted into a selfishness so far exceeds every better school for teaching the Indians the trade feeling, that the thought will but add of a farmer. Let them be taught the to their morbid gratification instead of causing remorse.

Flirting is practiced almost exclualmost a second nature, and is as difficult to suppress as any other objec-Establish a system of rewarding the tionable trait in the catalogue of human weaknesses. Its index is found the soft from the adamant; have a This plan might be somewhat expen- heart of flint that will not be affected furnishing them farming implements. do not command the average respect. Should this principle be carried into They may be considered ornamental and entertaining at times, but they do gle an affection as that which they re-

It does not necessarily follow that because flirting is superficial that the flirt is incapable of a deep and sincere devotion; but for whom they feel this devotion they do not flirt, and with whom they flirt they feel not this desensitive chords in the system, and canmay cause the person addressed to exgreeable than entertaining. Flirting from the selfish motive to be leved, to a peculiar soil, from which a plant of silent anguish will blossom to be nurtured in secret.

GRACE DARLING.

#### For The High School. ROBERT BURNS.

The twenty-fifth of last month was the one hundred and eighteenth anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, which event Scotland fitly celebrated by the erection of a handsome monument at Edinburgh, in honor of her thirty-seven, beloved by all who realnoblest bard. The author of Tam O'Shanter was born on the 25th of life of a rare prodigy, whose intellect-January, 1859, in a small cottage near the river Doon, about two miles from Ayr. We obtain the best knowledge fire will e'er relume the hidden light of his life from a letter written by himself to Dr. Moore, an autobiography in which all its chief incidents are related and which is generally prefixed to every edition of the poet's works. Whence this assembling at Edinburgh of all classes of Scotch and English society to do honor to the memory of one of Scotia's rustic sons of toil? Is it not that his originality, his patriotic fire and the ardor of his verse have endeared him to the hearts of men?

The poems of Burns are especially noted for their originality, great depth of feeling and a lively imagination, which clearly denote the presence of the true essence of poetry. To define poetry, however, by citing some of its attributes is very like the pedant in Hierocles, who when he desired to sell his house carried a brick in his pocket as a specimen. When we hear the question, what is poetry, there is not exactly derised a definition of words rythmically arranged, but a definition of the essence of thought most beautifully glowing in rhyme. This sentient feeling Hickok describes by nicely defining the power which infuses it, and which he calls genius. Genius, according to the author of the "Science of the Mind," is the rare gift of the power to infuse sentiment into the production of the imagination. We could cite no more fitting example of this definition is aglow with humor and sentiment, and is withal probably the finest production of the author's imagination.

What shrew would desire a thought more expressive of her own feeling than this from Tam O'Shanter:

"Ah! gentle dames! it gars me greet To think how monie counsels sweet How monie lengthen'd, sage advices, The husband frae the wife despises."

Or when we have tried all that life in its turn can supply, what simile is more expressive of the effervescence of pleasure than the following from the

But pleasures are like poppies spread, You seize the flow'r, its bloom is shed; Or, like the snow-falls in the river A moment white-then melts forever: Or like the borealis race That flit ere you can point their place : Or like the rainbow's lovely form

Evanishing amid the storm." What poet more faithfully depicted the sublimity of a storm.

"The wind blew as 'twad blown its last The rattling showers rose on the blast, The speedy gleams the darkness swal low'd; Loud, deep, and lang, the thunder

bellow'd. Before him, Doon pours all its floods; The doubling storm roars thro' the woods; The lightnings flash from pole to pole;

Near and more near the thunders roll; When, glimm'ring thro' the groaning Kirk-Alloway seemed all in a bleeze."

We have all probably known streams more impetuous than the Doon, or more clear-winding than the Devon, but none ever appeared more beautiful than his beloved Ayr described in his immortal "Mary in Heaven." 'Ayr gurgling kiss'd his pebbled shore O'erhung with wild-woods thickening

The fragrant birch, and hawthorn hoar. Twind am'rous round the raptur'd scene, The flowers sprang wanton to be prest, The birds sang love on ev'ry spray Till too, too soon, the glowing west Proclaimed the speed of winged day."

Burns was a hapless son of misfortune, save in the galaxy of song, in master of the situation. JAY GEE.

which he was destined to be a poetic star of the first magnitude. The hardships of his life undoubtedly gave to his mind that tone of despondency so characteristic of such poems as "Man was made to mourn."

He died prematurely at the age of ized in his death the departure from ual greatness gave to man a clearer perception of the Beautiful, and whose of thought. MANFRED.

For The High School, READINESS.

Artemus Ward says: "I have the gift of oratory; but I have not it about me."

Bottom is a good thing. It is not the speed for a few rods that tells, but the endurance at the fifth heat. Yet we know of horses having a record of 2:30, being beaten by a 2:38, because, when the moment came to pass the competitor, a slight balk, a want of readiness to answer to the bit, left them distanced by an inferior. In the race of life, the ready man often passes the better equipped and stronger man in the same business, and occupies a better position.

A man should thoroughly train himself for his calling, he should not merely seem to be, but should be master of it. No man can sustain himself by erratic flights, nor by cramming himself on special occasions. There come times in the life of every man, when, if he were only ready, he might signalise himself forever; but, it must be done at that moment, without any time for preparation, and if the man find himself, like Lord Nelson always was, fifteen minutes ahead of time, like Erskine, his fortune is made; because, by this men realize the man is greater than the occasion, and that he has "large deposits in his bank of memory, that he can draw on when he needs."

Sir Robert Peel's father made him repeat over, aloud, the sermon and lecture he heard, so that at ten years of age he could repeat them almost verbatim, and so he gained the power of restating the arguments of his adversaries; and answering them, having gained power of attention and memory. He who studies a few pages of a book, in any language, and confines himself to those pages till he possesses them, will gain the language quicker than he who discursively passes over many books. Power of attention, and previous thought are necessary to readiness.

John C. Cashoun had gained such mastery over the power of attention, that he could confine himself to any subject, and it was a habit of his, in his rides and walks, to think out some subject and not suffer his attentian to wander till he was satisfied with the examination; this made him

An old physician, of very large and successful practice, told me that in the early days of his work, he had long rides, and that to use the time, he would imagine cases of fracture, accident, &c., and plan what he would do in case of a sudden call. In after life, he found almost every case that he had imagined had its reality, and he knew exactly what to do. One of the most ready public speakers I ever met, told me that he passed hours in preparing imaginary speeches, and he always found, afterward, the time and place came when he could use them.

We are told, that some of the most eloquent "bon mots," that seemed to fit right into the occasion, had been waiting in the minds of men for weeks before they were delivered. Of course, this requires tact and levelheadedness, but the levelheadedness generally is with the man who is ready, and, therefore,

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THE original Charley Collins, formerly of the Sioux City Times, is now publishing a paper at Atlantic, Iowa, called the Democrat. What did you do with that Black Hills steamboat, Charles?

GOV. GARBER recommended in his message that one wing of the State Penitentiary be used as a reform school for the present, and he was seconded by every intelligent man in the State. Capt. L. F. Wyman, who has recently been reappointed warden-a fitting compliment to one whose past administration of that office was entirely satisfactory-volunteers to take charge of this school, and do all he can toward making it fruitful in its results. As yet we have not heard of any definite action on this matter by the Legislature, but we are almost certain that the proposition will be carried into effect.

THE NEBRASKA PRESS ASSOCIA-TION met at Lincoln, on the 4th inst., in the parlors of the Commercial Hotel. The attendance was quite general and several matters of importance came before the meeting. J. C. McBride was elected president; W. H. Micheal, vice president; J. H. McMurphy, secretary, and W. A. Connell, treasurer for the ensuing year. It was decided by a unanimous vote that the association indulge in an excursion to the Pacific coast sometime during the coming summer, probably in May, and the executive officers were delegated with full power to make all arrangements. Previous to starting on the excursion the members will hold a meeting and literary entertainment in Omaha, on which occasion Mr. W. H. Micheal will deliver an address and Mr. Fred Nye read a poem.

#### COMPULSORY EDUCATION A. What shall we do? FAILURE.

Michigan has had a law for nearly six years to compel children to attend school, and it is a fact that not a single instance of its enforcement can to-day be cited. New York State adopted the Compulsory Education Measure in 1873, but beyond a mere attempt at enforcement that most ingloriously failed, nothing has been accomplished. The views expressed by the High School some three years ago, -viz : that compulsory education, however good it might appear in theory, was decidedly impracticable—have been proven correct. Essayists and debaters may arrive at conclusions that compulsory education is a great desideratum, but repeated failures to carry out the system wherever tried prove that it is not wanted by the people, and can never become popular in America.

#### VALUABLE HISTORY FOR SCHOOLS

We have received the University Edition of Our First Hundred Years, just published by the United States Publishing Company, No. 205 East 12th st., New York. This work is an abridgement of the history of our first it, viz.: That although Mr. Saunders hundred years, written by that eminent historian, C. Edwards Lestor, and is specially adapted to the wants the straight path of honesty. To be of universities and schools. It has able to say this of a public man in been unanimously adopted by the New | these days is to say a great deal, and York City school board and is fur- although his reward was slow in comnished as a text book in history to the ing, it finally did come, and it can be schools under its control. Quarto, 480 doubly appreciated by both himself Publishers.

SUPERFICIAL SENTIMENTAL. ITIES

Unpremeditated Descantings on Everything in General and Nothing in Particular.

THE open hostility of an avowed enemy is far preferable to the underhand detractions and blows of a pretended friend.

THE individual who can hold up his head and look every one straight in the face, is the one who, though he may do wrong every hour in the day, does not act the part of the deceitful villain in dealing with the characters of his fellow men. There is an air of true nobleness about such a one that we cannot but admire. That man never existed who could justly lay claim to perfection in all his actions. That man who haughtily assures himself that he, of all others is immaculate, is full of vanity, and the longer he continues so the more limited will become the number of his admirers.

NOTHING was more characteristic of that noble trait in man which we so ardently admire as the remark made by Leonard Jerome, of New York city, when the actions of James Gordon Bennett were brought up for discussion before the court of public opinion. When asked if he thought Bennett did wrong, he said that he wanted it distinctly understood that he was a friend of Bennett's, whether he did right or wrong, especially if he did wrong, for then is the time that he needs friends. In saying this he struck a key note which finds a sympathetic chord in the heart of every true man in the land. It is too often the case that all the pretended friends a man may have will immediately cut themselves off on hearing of a reverse in business, a misfortune or a downfall, and an exception like this is certainly refreshing.

NEVER make a big ado about a newspaper item concerning you. If it is true, it may hurt your feelings, but you will call more attention to it and only make the matter worse if you flounder around and try to explain it away. If what is said about you is not true, your happy consciousness of that fact will relieve you of any remorse on account of it.

THERE is a brace of young men in this city who draw their rations three They are better grammarians, for, havtimes a day and stand around on street | ing become so familiar with every vathey are not like some men. They don't like the High School. They wouldn't subscribe for it if it was given to them. We can't please them.

Never allow yourslf to become involved in difficulty with a scullion or a scavenger. We know persons who will fan the slightest cause into a flame, not with a desire of revenging any real or fancied injury, but for the sole purpose of dragging you down to their own level, if possible, by associating themselves with you in a quarrel. Certain grievances, for which there can be no redress, you will inevitably meet in the course of life. The historic individual, who was ostensibly victorious in his encounter with the speckled quadruped of the feline species, was forced to the conclusion after the battle was over that, although he killed the "bird," he was himself the real victim. | should be a lasting one. If permanen-There is more real victory in avoiding difficulty with some persons than there would be in vanquishing them, though you could easily do the latter.

Ex-Gov. A. SAUNDERS, of this city, was elected by the Legislature to represent Nebraska in the United States Senate for the next six years. The history of his life has been widely published since that event, and young men who read it can deduce this fact from has been actively engaged in politics all his life, he has never deviated from pp., price \$2 50. Send direct to the and his friends because it came honestly.

### **FDUCATIONAL**

A bill has been introduced in the present session of the Nebraska Legis lature for the abolition of the Agricultural College, and is now in the hands of a committee. We earnestly hope it will not pass, as it would certainly have a very discouraging effect on education in genereral. The fact that the Agricultural College has in the past been very unsuccessful should not bring down the censure of our legislators on its now defenceless head, but on the other hand this institution, should receive every encouragement that can be given it.

The following item was clipped from the January number of the Pennsylvania School Journal:

HARRISBURG, Dec. 8, 1876. To Hon. J. P. Wickersham, LLD, Superintendent of Public Instruction:

Having been unanimously elected to the Principalship of the Nebraska State Normal School, and having accepted the same, I hereby resign my position as Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction in Pennsylvania, my resignation to take effect December

Respectfully and truly yours ROBERT CURRY.

Prof. Curry takes the place at the head of the Normal School of Prof. S. R. Thompson, also a Pennsylvanian, and well known among selool men here, who has recently been elected Su-With Thompson as her educational affairs.

One of our educational exchanges contains the following conclusions of a plete our collegiate or professional

I have found it to be a universal fact, without exception, that those scholars of both sexes, and of all ages, who have access to newspapers at home when compared with those who have not, are: 1. Better readers, excellent better spellers, and define words with ease and accuracy. 3. They obtain practical knowledge of geography in about half the time it requires of others, as the newspapers have made them ac quainted with the location of the important places of nations, their government and doings on the globe. 4. orners fervently thanking God that riety of style in the newspapers, from the commonplace advertisement to the finished and classical oration of the statesman, they more readily comprehend the meaning of the text, and constantly analyze its construction with accuracy. 5. They write better compositions, using better language, containing more thoughts more clearly and more correctly expressed. 6. Those young men who have for years been readers of newspapers are always taking the lead in debating societies, exhibiting a more extensive knowledge upon a greater variety of subjects, and expressing their views with greater fluency, clearness and correctness.

> Some educators advocate, with con siderable display of wisdom, the permanent employ of teachers in our com mon schools. The continual change of teachers certainly works more or less injury to a school. When a teacher is suitable in every respect, his position cy of occupation were insured to those teaching, and good salaries, many persons eminently fitted for the school room, both by inclination and talent, would be induced to devote their time

> to teaching. We observe and deprecate the stand taken by some of the school districts in this State, in regard to wages of teachers. In some districts it is the aim and practice of the directors to hire teachers who will work for the least salary, regardless of experience and qualifications. The lamentable conseinstances, of men and women incapa-

them to broader views and sounder

policy .- Hesperian Student. A bill is now before the Legislature to abolish the office of County Superintendent of Public instruction. The object is economy, and the result, if passed, will be the complete disorganization of nearly every school outside of the larger cities in the State. The Superintendent is the life of a school district, and it is false economy to cut him off for the sake of saving money. The leading educators of the State look with disfavor on the measure, and it will doubtless fail; at least we hope it

#### COLLEGE NEWS.

[Gleaned from our College Exchanges.] Brown University has led off by abolishing the morning prayer and rescinding the rule that made attendance at the chapel compulsory.

Out of one hundred and seven ladies in the Michigan University, only four have taken to law. How many have taken to lawyers is not stated.

Capt. Ostrom, of the Cornell Crew, did not pass examination last term, and he will have to attend another year. It is hinted that many were interested in having him fail that he might remain at Cornell next summer and lead the crew. A thousand dollars has been subscribed by friends of this crew to send it to England next August.

The University of Michigan had last year 101 female students, distributed as follows: Medicine, 37; law, 2 perintendent of Public Instruction in homeopathy, 2; literature, 60. "The experience of the past year," writes the Superintendent and Curry as pricipal president of the university in his anof the Normal School, we expect Ne- nual report, "confirms the opinion we braska to make rapid advancement in had been led to form by experience of naval officers who have been with us former years, that women who come here in good health are able to comcourse of study without detriment to their health."

The National Amateur Rowing Association has decided to hold the next regatta at Detroit next August. This is a recognition of the importance of the Western rowing interests which in pronunciation, and consequently read | could not longer be delayed. The more understandingly. 2. They are championship virtually rests with the West, and it was scarcely the fair thing to expect that the Western clubs would | present were Mrs. Nellie Grant Sarto continue to attend the Eastern regattas | ris, in a superb pearl colored brocaded without a murmur. Detroit is centrally located, is a boating city, and will, we believe, take care of the regatta better than any other place in the

An exchange says: "We are in receipt of two poems, one on the 'Throb- son, exquisite pink silk; Miss Leila bing Brain,' the other on a 'Bleeding Ray, silvery gauze over blue silk; Miss Heart.' We will wait until we receive one on the 'Stomach ache,' and publish the three together."—Harvard

A young man applying for admission to Cornell University, spilled ink | Miss Nannie Smith, Miss Dennison, all over his examination papers, rubbed out the blots with his tongue, sucked his pen clean at the end of every sentence, spelled the name of the father of his country, "gorg washingten," said | Fred Grant and his wife. Mrs. Exthat "gullus decius Brutus discovered America, and that it was at least 679 miles from the earth to the moon, and | Washington society, and Belknap himnearly twice as far to the sun;" but when it was ascertained that the applicant was Robinson, the Union Springs, N. Y. oarsman, his papers were marked 125 per cent., and he went into the Sophomore class.—Ex.

## COASTING:

ONE of two things, says the Norristown Herald, must be done right away. Men must stop discussing the political situation on the street corners, or boys must quit coasting on the sidewalks. Two men were standing on the corner of Main and DeKalb streets this morning, engaged in a warm controversy, and just as one brought his fist down in his open palm and somewhat excitedly observed, "I tell you this country is rapidly drifting into a military despetis-" a boy on a sled rapidly drifted into his legs and the man rapidly drifted into a gutter, with the "m" of "despotism" on his lips and a look of horror in his eyes. When quence is the employment, in too many he got up and assured himself that the back of his head, like the star spangled citated, by lack of mental acquirements, banner, "was still there," he turned to to train the young. We believe, how- the other gentleman to inform him that ever, that this shortsightedness in on the country might go to Halifax, for the decrease, and the experience, which all he cared, when he saw that those who have control of the educa- person drifting rapidly down the street. tion of our youth, have had with the It is a pleasure to add that the boy's "poor pay system" is fast prompting sled was not damaged by the shock.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20th. [From our Washington Correspondent.] In sending a communication from this city for the delectation of the HIGH SCHOOL readers I presume nothing would be more inappropriate than to talk about the affairs of Government. Just what to write about was becoming a serious question with me, after I had consented to act as your Washington correspondent, when the happy thought struck methat your large number of lady subscribers and patrons migh be interested in society news.

Balls, receptions, and dinner parties are now the order of the day, the affairs being mostly gotten up for the entertainment of senators and members of Congress. Of course everybody understands why a Senator is dined and wined at Washington, and there is more truth than poetry in the assertion of Mark Twain, that a "man never realizes just how important he is until he becomes a Senator in charge of Uuquestionably the social event of

the season, thus far, was the German given during the holidays by Mrs. Ross Ray. Never before have such beautiful and expensive favors been seen in our city, and never before have so many hours been consumed in the figures, many of which were entirely new. The number of invited guests was limited to thirty-two couples, and the German was led by Randolph, of the army. In fact, everything was carried by the military, who were present in goodly numbers, and were the lions of the evening, civilians and some time receiving little attention, and not till six o'clock in the morning did the merry ones reach their homes. Those bearing away some of the choicest favors were "Gunnie" Bingham, a set of frosted gold studs; Perrin Busbee, U. S. N., handsome seal ring; Miss Anna Barnes, ring of square setting with six pearls; Miss Carrie Luce, handsome pair of sleeve buttons; Miss Coffin, a beautiful gold pencil; kid gloves, three buttons for the ladies and two for the gentlemen. Among those satin court train and white satin petticoat; Miss Waite, daughter of the Chief Justice, in white silk; pretty Miss Minnie Pelouze, in purple and white; Miss Emily Chubb, white silk and blue trimmings; Miss Hallie Patti-Miller, daughter of Justice Miller, in white silk; while Miss Porter, Miss Wainwright, Miss Slack, Miss Emory, Miss Dodge, Miss Poor, Miss Woodhull, Miss Ella Ray, Miss Bradford, Miss West, Miss Heap and Mrs. Long Edes were in very becoming toilettes. Mrs. Sartoris is spending the winter

at the White House, as is also Col. Secretary Belknap still maintains her old position as one of the leaders of self still rears high his head, despite the little unpleasantness of last summer. We often see Gen. A. S. Paddock. senator from your State. He is engrossed with business, and is always found in his seat attending to business during the session days.

Among the Omaha representatives now in Washington are Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sutphen, Miss Hattie and Master Ed., who will hereafter make this their

We noticed in the papers the other day the arrival in town of Hon. J. M. Woolworth, and Mr. Chas. P. Woolworth of your city. LUCRETIA.

#### RECOLLECTIONS OF DON QUIXOTE.

Here are a few extracts from Don

Keep your mouth shut and your eyes Squires and knights errant are sub-

ject to much hunger and ill-luck.

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THE HIGH SCHOOL was the recipient of numerous compliments for its enterprise in getting out a fine eight page holiday number, last month.

ANY of our subscribers outside of the city of Omaha can save the amount of their 1877 subscriptions by sending us in a club of four subscribers.

MR. THOS. R. ASHLEY, of Blair, Neb., is the authorized business representative of THE HIGH SCHOOL at that place. He is now collecting subscriptions for 1877.

MR. J. M. WOLFE, who has been actively engaged in getting up a Business Directory for several months, will publish the same in about three or four

THE advertisement of T. L. Van Dorn, proprietor of the Van Dorn Machine Shop and Foundry, No. 256 Harney, will be found in another column. This establishment does all kinds of machine work and easting, from a small job to a large one.

THE IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN held their semi-annual election of officers last month with the following result: W. M. Bamberge, Satchem; Jas. Donnelly, Jr Seinor S.; Ed. Kreissman, Junior S.; E. O'Sullivan, C. of R.; D. S. Moore, K. of W.; Jas. Donnelly, Sr. Vice Great Inchonee of the jurisdiction of Nebraska,-elected in ample form on the twelfth sleep of the cold moon, G. S. D. 386. This order is purely American and is benevolent in its character.

WE are now making out new lists of subscribers for 1877, and our annual visit to each subscriber within the limits of the city can be expected. All subscribers outside of the city should remit \$1.00 by mail. We always send the paper until ordered discontinued, and should any subscriber fail to get his paper promptly we hope he will notify us by postal card or by personal application at publication office, Odd Fellows' Block.

MR. J. J. IMHOFF, the enterprising proprietor of the Commercial Hotel at Lincoln, and who, by the way, is one of the most accommodating and thoroughly successful hotel men in the State, has recently added to his hotel an electrical annunciator, by which a fire, or even a heat over 120 degrees, in any part of the house is instantly registered at the office, and to make assurance doubly sure has placed Babcock Fire Extinguishers on every

ANOTHER course of lectures for the benefit of the Library Association fund has been arranged, the lecturers being Rt. Rev. James O'Connor, Bishop of the Catholic Church, Rev. E. B. Fairfield, Chancellor of the State University, and Rt. Rev. R. H. Clarkson, Bishop of the Episcopal Church. Tickets for the course are sold for the low price of one dollar. The first lecture of the course, delivered at Clark's Hall, Wednesday evening, January 31st, by Bishop O'Connor, was well attended, and his subject, "The Greek Church," was full of historical interest and instruction.

LIKE the moon, the Western Union Telegraph Office frequently makes changes-we mean that now and then, or occasionally-just as you will have it -from one to a half dozen new men may be found any morning quietly sitting at the desks of their predecessors. However, what we want to say is, that at the present writing that office has, taken as a whole, one of the best corps of boys that ever gathered to a common center. They are skilled in their profession, courteous, obliging, accommodating-handsome. They are models of neatness, living examples of health, and paragons of virtue.

On our first page this month will be found an article from "Grace Darling," who handles the subject, "Flirting," in a masterly manner. "Grace Darling" displays rare abilities as an epigrammatic writer. Mr. G. W. Shields presents some radical views on the Indian question, which we publish without expressing our opinion on them either way. Determined not to allow the birthday of Scotland's poet go by without a passing mention, our valued contributor, "Manfred," furnishes an article on Robert thing right. Burns. Our lady readers are specially directed to our fashion article, and the communication of our fair correspondent from Washington.

WE are glad to note that Mr. T. P. Elliott, the coal man, has been appointed General State Agent for Nebraska for the Cedar Valley Coal Company of Iowa. This is one of the strongest companies in that State, and can successfully compete both in quality and price with any other. The C. V. Company, owing to heavy railroad contracts, have been unable to fully supply the trade demand, but having extended their mines are now in shape to fill all orders. Mr. Elliott has also secured the State agency for a celebrated Lower Vein coal, which we have seen used and know to be first-elass. It is destined to take the place of Fort Scott, We wish him success.

#### PERSONAL.

C. C. Weston returned to Deadwood on the 20th.

Geo. Jewett says he is going to the Black Hills.

Miss Mellie Butterfield is now teaching school at Grand Island, Neb.

Mr. Jos. Oberfelder has gone to Sidney, Neb., to go into business with his brother. John Staley has gone to San Francisco where he will reingage in his old business of theatricals.

C. T. Taylor, formerly of the Journal of Commerce, has gone to Austin, Texas, there to reside.

Geo. C. Darrow Esq., of the Sidney Telvisit on the 27th

Prof. J. A. Dodge is now attending the University at Leipsig, Germany, where he will complete the study of sciences.

Geo. Lake, who has been absent from Omaha for nearly a year, returned on the first of last month. He says he will soon go east again.

Mr. C. M. Cunningham, of the W. U. Telegraph office, recently received the appointment of special correspondent Wilkes' Spirit of the Times.

We acknowledge a call from Mr. Geo. Windsor, who has been visiting Omaha, for the past month, the guest of his brother-in-law, Rev. R. Doherty.

Frank Castetter Esq., of Blair, accompanied by his sister, Miss Minnie, and his cousin, Miss Alice Phelps, of Burlington, Vt., spent a few days visiting friends in Omaha last month.

Ed. Robbins and Jim Robinson, of Council Bluffs, were among the number of callers at our sactum last month. Our latch string always hangs out to our young friends of the Bluffs,

Mr. Geo. E. Howard, who graduated with destinction from the State University, writes from Munich, Bavaria, where he is a student of the Royal University. Mr. Howard, who is a sound scholar and a good judge of what to read, sends all this distance for the HIGH SCHOOL.

Alvin Frank, who was for a few months assisting in the office of Col. W. B. Smith, has gone back to his home in Falls City. Alvin is one of the best third-base men in the State, and it was hoped that he would remain in Omaha and join the Clipper club that will be organized next season.

#### New Literary Society.

A new literary society, composed of young ladies and gentlemen, was organized January 27th at the Great Western College rooms, where a stage has been erected and every facility arranged for giving first-class entertainments. The officers elected are Miss Jennie Doolittle, President; Maggie Miller, Vice President; Allie McLain, Secretary; Mary Ostrom, Treasurer, and Prof. Rathbun, Manager. The name of the society is the "The Great Western Lyceum," and meetings will be held every week- The programme carried ont on the evening of the 27th was as follows: Declamation, Jennie Doolittle; Reading, Prof. Rathbun; Song, Mattie Kennedy and Mary Nile: Dialogue, Mary Ostrom and Wm. Spaulding; Declamation, Mary Ostrom; Dialogue, James Gridley and William Brown; Select Readings, S. Prince; Declamation, James Gridley; Violin Solo, Prof. Rathbun; Farce, entitled "Jonas Jones' Marriage," participated in by Prof. Rathbun, Will Spaulding, Miss Jones, James Gridley and Mary Ostrom. The literary exercises over, the hall was cleared and the balance of the evening meant him, and he had come up to "lick was consumed in dancing.

### Giving Up a Ring.

A young lady who lives not a thousand miles from Omaha recently met her former lover, which meeting was by appointment, and gave him back a ring. This meeting was a sad one, but a necessary one. All real animosities were buried on the return of that ring and each went a different way. The cause of this meeting was a lovers' quarrel, the cause of which, were it properly considered, do it anyhow." would amount to nothing. This is but one instance of thousands in which the brightest illusions of lovers culminate in bitterness, and it occurs to us that to avoid such crises there should be but one eat his whip, kneel down and beg parcourse for them, and that is perfect don, promise to subscribe for the Republifrankness. Just what proportion of the can ever after, and never, never try to world's quarrels result from misunderstandings it would be impossible to say, but that this is a fruitful source no one will deny. A false pride often prvents an explanation that would make every-

Central Barber Shop, are now better prepared than ever to give satisfacartist-Mr. August Klenke, of Chicago, has for a number of years been a lead- dent. ing barber there. Neatness and cleanliness, and courteous attention to the wants of sustomers are special characteristics of this establishment

"THE MONARCH OF THE GLEN," a beautiful oil painting, the production of Mr. N. D. Elting, artist, attracts considerable attention at Hospe's. It is pronounced by able critics to be the finest specimen of the artist's brush ever turned of J. F. McCartney, Odd Fellows' out in Omaha.

#### MUSICAL NOTES.

If there is any one thing more than another that the fair city of Omaha can justly feel a pride in it is its vast array of musical talent. This is no idle boast, and we do not say it with a view of flattering the many excellent singers and musicians, but in a spirit of congratulation that Omaha is thus fortunate.

A notable event of the month was the

Cantata arranged and given by Miss Van Boskerck, assisted by Mr. Sanders, Mr. Estabrook, Mr. Wilkins, Mr. Simeral, Mrs. H. L. Latey, Misses Spoor, Cheswell, Atkins, Calderwood, and fifty others. The Cantata was first given January 9th, and we can pay it no higher comegraph, paid the High School office a pliment than to simply recall the fact that it was repeated by request of many leading citizens on the evening of the 19th. Deserving of special mention was the faultlessly rendered song, "The Last Rose of Summer," by Mrs. H. L. Latey, who certainly does better every time she appears before an Omaha audience. Miss Ora Cheswell has a clear and charmingly sweet voice, and her efforts were thoroughly appreciated. Miss Ella Spoor always pleases, and her and scythe," was represented by Mr. Saunders, whose enviable ability as a bass vocalist was well displayed. Mr. Estobook sang a solo between acts. came on the stage, sung his piece, and stole off without creating much of a commotion among the audience. To be candid (and THE HIGH SCHOOL aims to be candid and impartial, regardless of either fear or favor, in making criticisms), we would mildly suggest (we do not complain) that this young gentleman has not the requisite ability to appear unaided and do himself credit. To sing a solo poorly and rely altogether on the indulgence of friends is an error that many others besides Mr. E. have fallen into, As a whole the Cantata was a decided but on the city at large, that it had within its limits such an array of talent.

THE CONGREGATIONAL CONCERT. A none the less important and decidedly successful affair was the concert given by the choir of the Congregational Church, on the evening of January 30th. We were unable to attend, but judging rare musical feast. The following was the programme:

Quartette—"The Sea hath its Pearls"...Pinsuti
Mrs. Latey, Mrs. Sherr.ll, Mr. Northrop
and Mr. Reed.
Piano Duet—"La Chasse au Lion"......Kolling
Mrs. Wilbur and Miss Congdon.
Solo—"Friend of the Brave".......Calcott
Mr. Reed.
Trio—"Charity".....Rossini

MR. I. W. MINER, the handsome and complished local of the Republican. very unpleasant truths in a general way. The day following he was called upon by a burly citizen, who pointed out the article with the butt end of a "blacksnake" and asked him if he wrote it. Mr. M. told him he did. Whereupon the "bulldozer" informed him that said article

the man that wrote it." "Well, take a seat and we'll talk about

this matter." "No; it ain't so, and I'm going to lick

you right now,"

"Look here, my friend, you say it ain't so, then it can't mean you. If it is you, and the article is true, you cannot blame me; if it is not true it certainly does not allude to you. Can't you see?" This logic was very conclusive, but the bulldozer" said he "didn't care;" he came up to lick him, and was going to

This last remark precipitated war. The erudite editor gave him a "lefthander" that knocked him through a partition. He furthermore made him "bulldoze" an editor again.

### Board of Education.

Tho Board recently adopted a resolution providing that future meetings be held in the upper southwest reom of the MESSRS. KIRNER & STEEL, of the Grand | Third Ward School Building. This change will prove very convenient, not only to members, but to citizens who tion to their customers. They have may wish to attend. Mr. George W. added to their establishment another Gray has been elected a member of the Board vice H. G. Clark, resigned, and Mr. an old and experienced hair cutter, who E. K. Long has been elected Vice Presi-

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#### Amoug the Clubs.

The Entre Nous Club, which consists of a limited number of young ladies and gentlemen, gave a select party at the Grand Central in the early part of the month, and on the evening of the 26th held a German at the elegant new residence of Hon. Geo. B. Lake, cor. 22nd and Dodge.

A private party was given by Miss Jennie Barney to her intimate friends, at the residence of her mother, No. 349 Chicago street, on the evening of January 5th.

The Ladies' Hospital Association gave two charity balls at Clark's Hall last month, both of which were greatly enjoyed by all present. The proceeds of these entertainments are turned to the use of the homeless and friendless sick, and with such a noble object in view, we cannot see why the most scrupulously religious person in the city should not attend and dance. While we are doing evil, (if dancing is evil) it is at least a consolation to know that some good comes from it.

The series of parties gotten up by Vesta Chapter No. 6, of the Masonic Fraternity, to raise a fund for furnishing the inside efforts were warmly applauded. "Old of the New Masonic Temple, is another Father Time," "Fierce spirit of the glass | instance where the insatiable desire for the pleasure of dancing is twisted into a means of doing good. These parties occur every two weeks, and contribute not a li'tle to the enjoyments of home life.

The second series of hops given by the Bi-Weekly Dancing Club was inaugurated, on the evening of the 26th, by one of the most enjoyable affairs of the seo-This club was organized under the management of Messrs. J. B. Detwiler, C. F. McLain and F. B. Bryant, some two months ago, and the complete success of the first series of dances created such a general desire to have them continue, that no trouble was experienced in arranging another. Among those in attendance were Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Latey. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Remington, Mr. and success, and it not only reflected the Mrs. Frank J. Ramge, Mr. and Mrs. highest credit on Miss Van Boskerck, Chris Hartman, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Purvis, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Withnell, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Detwiler, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Swobe, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Nason, Mr. and Mrs, John Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Shull, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Barber, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lovett, Capt. Spoor, Earl Vankuran, Arthur Vankuran, J. Woodard, from the remarks made by those who Will Clark, W. T. Rodgers, E. F. Test, were present we conclude that it was a C, F, McLain, F. B. Stout, Samuel Smith, H. H. Glover, Samuel Orchard, H. P. Duvallen, Ed. Dickenson, Jno. G. Jacobs, W. Wilkenson, F. B. Bryant, Ernest Long, G. Mertsheimer, J. B. Wallace, Dr. A. W. Nason, Chas. D. Woodworth, Hobart Williams, F. M. Drew, A. K. Mc-Kone, J. F. McCartney, Misses Ella Spoor, Jennie Barney, Mollie Whitlock, Jennie McCoy, Annie Dunham, Emma Brown, Rose Dunham, Hattie and Lizzie Duncan, Libbie and Eliza Withnell, Lulu Vankuran, Mollie Mackey, Jennie Allan, Belle Allan, Hattie Stanard, E. M. Watson, Miss Crozier, Miss Fleming, Miss Atkins, and many others, whose names

we cannot recall. EVERY nook and corner in the Third Ward School is now occupied, and strange as it may appear the fact is that another school house could be comfortawrote up an article not long ago in which he mentioned no names but stated some and applicants at this school. The only diate use. Very respectfully yours, word we could get from any of the teachers, when we dropped in there last month, was "Full."

### COUNCIL BLUFFS NOTES,

Miss Rose Brown leaves about the 3d for a few weeks' visit to friends at Tabor,

Miss Nellie Roberts, of Galesburg, Ill., is in the city, the guest of her young friend, Miss Anna Blanchard. Mr. C. E. Parrott and Mr. Chas. Stubbs

have gone to St. Louis to accept positions in a wholesale musical establishment.

Mr. H. C. Reynolds is collecting subscriptions due for 1877 from the Council Bluffs subscribers of THE HIGH SCHOOL, and is also taking a new list. Hand him your subscription.

The city has been shaken from center to circumference by the monster revival that has been going on for the past few weeks. Council Bluffs has never had the reputation of being a vary wicked place, and perhaps that question would never have been called in doubt were not that those representatives of Moody and Sankey had stopped there and awakened the recreant sinners.

THE PHILOMATHIAN LITERARY SOCIETY held a very successful meeting January Large and select stock of Watches, Jewelry and Fancy Goods constantly on hand 2d at the residence of Mr. J. M. Phillips. The order of exercises included a Harmonica Solo by Mr. C. E. Stubbs; Aria, piano with flute accompaniment, Prof. Hahn and Mr. C. E. Parrott; Declamatien, "The Sailor Boy," W. C. Erb Bone Solo, James Robinson; Essay, Miss Lottie Oblinger; Song, Miss Carrie Robinson; Song, Messrs. F. Rockwell and A, M. Treynor. At the conclusion of the exercises refreshments were served and an hour or so pleasantly passed in dancing. Another meeting of the society was held on the 16th at the residence of Dr. McKune, the members being received and entertained by Miss Lottie Oblinger. We failed to secure a report of the exercises. The meeting that was to have taken place on the 30th was postponed till the 13th of February, on account of the religious revival.

ton, Gus Smith, Miss Maggie Jefferis and and Sixteenth. Messrs. H. C. Reynolds, Douglas Pat-

Miss Anna Jefferis, of Council Bluffs, came over to attend the Bi-Weekly Club party, at Clark's Hall, on the 26th, and, from what they said, enjoyed themselves. They were all made welcome by the managers and members of the Omaha Club; and right here we would say that we are glad to see a disposition among the young people of the two cities to make things mutually agreeable whenever they can. The fact that the older heads of these rival towns have in the past often been bitterly opposed on matters of commercial interest need not necessarily prevent the new generations from exchanging courtesies and treating each other civilly, and whatever may be the feelings of the Council Bluffs boyson

this subject, we are confident of the truth

of our assertion when we say that there

exists nothing but the most friendly

feeling among the Omaha boys toward

their Council Bluffs orethren

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A savage in tropical climate, does not blush if accommodated with garbut, while she would shudder if launched into a drawing room in a pair | ples .- Saturday Evening Herald. of serge inexpressibles and a tunic, with bare feet and ankles, even though the male occupants of the room may be among her most intimate friends, she does not consider that she violates propriety if she exhibits herself in bathing attire, regulated according to the manners and customs of the watering-place where she takes her bath.

In England, e. g., while ladies do not parade themselves on the sands in | should have an eye in it. Sew! dripping attire that, close clinging, but sets off the contour of the frame which it is supposed to veil; the male population (ill lately everywhere, and still in some less fashionable resorts) could gentleman referred to." disport themselves in utter nudity among the breakers not a hundred yards from the throng of morning loungers on a beach, and, from force of less reserved, the gentlemen more so, in their ideas of propriety in bathing. The former will parade and gossip with male acquaintances, robed in the tion. scanty wardrobe of the bath; the latter adopt clothing as complete in its way as that of their fair companions, before they exhibit themselves to the curious eyes of spectators. An actress, let us say of unimpeachable fame, will play her part without flinching in male attire in burlesque or opera, and exhibit her well-turned limbs in silk tights and hose, a la Henry VIII., to the admiration and criticism of even the Whitechapel "gods" in the gallery; yet, if asked to join a supper party, non professional, an hour later, wearing the same as ume, instead of her to an evening or dinner party with a shirt as decollete as that of an ordinary blue jacket, showing all the contour of his neck and collor, he would be considered to violate proper prudery, and the ladies would affect to blush and turn away their heads. Yet they, at the same moment, would show a far larger expanse of neck and bosom without arriere pensee.

In the United States, especially be fore the days of abolition, the same curiously relative ideas of the refinements of decency were prominent. For a slave to be seen scantily attired, or for a child of color to parade in utter nudity, was a matter of no moment even among an assembly of educated whites. The sight was so customary that it produced no more effect than the natural nudity of one of the brute creation; but a similar expose on the part of a white individual would have evoked a general exclamation of scandal. It needs but a character fifteen or twenty years ago, to recall the extreme length at which those "inexpressible" garments were then worn by ladies. The least elevation of skirt in stepping over a puddle displayed the edge of a pantaloon almost as low as the ankle. For a lady not to show the lower end of this sort of raiment might have been construed to imply that she was neglectful of wearing them at all. Fashion has turned, and not only grown ladies, but even small, avoid showing the least trace of these mysterious undergarments. To wear them in these days so long that they could be perceived on ordinary occasions, would be interpreted as an unnecessary reminder of the existence of staff. Bow low the head, boy, as you raiment which is now sought to be cut short from sight and from disquisition. The low-necked custume of full evening dress for ladies found its way first into European society in days when courts set a public example of will stretch out his hand to lift him licentiousness; it las unconsciously up."-Eddin Sadi.

held its own to these days of compa-rative chastity at courts. But had it never gained a footing in times when ladies were prodigal of their charms, we much doubt if it would have been capable of introduction in these times. As a matter of conventionality, when analyzed, it cannot but strike any one as curious that a lady, while so prudish about even her ankle joints, should be so lavish of her bust.

To the pure, all things may be pure, and we do not imply that the present fashion of toleration of a more than half-naked female bust in the evening, has any material effect in sapping the innate modesty of young girls. We rather look at the matter from an op posite point of view, and argue that, if conventionality enables us to tolerate this style of dress without any feeling of indelicacy, it must be conventionality, and not any real necessity of propriety, that prevents a lady from abandoning ments to the extent of a waist-cloth. the side saddle, wearing boots and An Esquimaux, compelled by climate breeches in the hunting-field, or from to wear substantial clothing at all times, adopting Bloomer costume at rinks or would, apart from the physical sufferat lawn tennis. We have no wish to ing of semi-nudity, feel mortally urge upon any lady that she should shocked if compelled to undergo it. A make herself conspicuous by such mode Mahommedan woman veils her face of proceedure. Conspicuousness in dress, and covers her neck and bosom, but even if the dress itself fulfils all redisplays coquettish trousers and trim quirements of decency, is in itself a ankles. A European dame may expose first step toward a disregard of the all of her face and three parts of her bust, but must not, says the lex non point to current fashions in this and in scripta of her local society, show her less civilized countries, and to compare ankles, still less parade in trousers as a one with another, as a proof that the normal and ordinary state of costome; fashions of modesty are based upon relative rather than upon positive princi-

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Spilkens always insists on spelling needle-niedle. He says every needle

The following is good grammar: "That that 'that' that that man uttered is not that 'that' that that other

One is easily led to doubt the assumed claims of a person to the title of a gentleman who so far forgets the custom, uo scandal was supposed to proprieties as to rush or skate across exist at the exhibition. On the Con- the floor at a private club party in ortinent and in America the ladies are der that he may secure the first seat at the supper table. Such persons should remember the Bible injunc-

> The excuse a base ball nine put in last autumn was that "the pitcher was

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### Bow low the head, Boy.

In speaking of an old man, some one has beautifully and touchingly said: "Bow low the head, boy; do reverence to the old man as he passes slowly along. Once like you, the vicissitudes of life have silvered the hair and changed the round face to the worn visage before you. Once that heart beat with aspirations co-equal to any you have felt; aspirations crushed by disappointment, as yours are perhaps destined to

glance at Leech's sketches of life and be. Once that form stalked proudly through the gay scenes of pleasure the beau ideal of grace; now the hand of time that withers the flower of yester day, has warped that figure and destroyed that noble carriage. Once, at your age, he had the thousand thoughts that pass through your brain-now, wishing to accomplish something worthy of a nook in fame, anon imagining life a dream that the sooner he woke short-skirted children, now carefully from the better. But he has lived the dream very near through. The time to awaken is very near at hand, yet his eye ever kindles at old deeds of daring

> "Let him who neglects to raise the fallen, fear, least when he falls, no one

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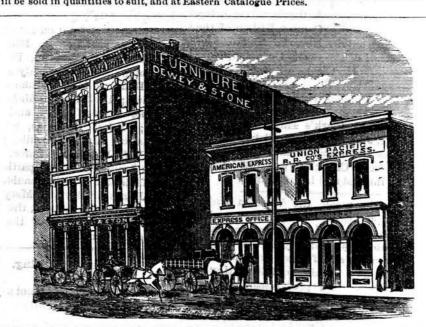
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