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#### CRACK THE NUT AND TAKE better than those who never even make THE KERNEL.

and especially on a winter's night, than sitting down and eracking and eating nuts, not keeping the enjoyment all to yourself, but cividing generously with friends. But who would be so foolish as to sit for any length of time, say even a few minutes, cracking nuts, finding in them good meats, and then wastefully throwing them away, benefitting thereby neither himself nor his friends? No one, unless he were very foolish would do such a silly thing; he would crack the nuts and take the kernels, or if he did not wish them for himself, leave the nuts for some one else to crack.

great, good or bad, is a lesson assigned us to learn. From earliest childhood these lessons are laid out, at first small, simple ones, but they must be well learned or the after ones will come the harder for their neglect; later they are to be found in the school room, from the stumbling over the A, B, C's away up to the sciences and languages; after the school room is left, and the boy and girl have entered young manhood and young ladyhood, they think they have left lessons behind them forever, they did so wholly, they left in a greatdecessor. There is work in the world for every one and nothing can be gainwould sit idly with folded hands, dreamand fame and success to come to him, without putting forth an effort for himhe remembered that, "companionship teaches men and women to know,

who have the opportunity for obtaining

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What is more enjoyable at any time

We have been told by sages that life

is a school, and experience the teacher, and every event that happens, small or and rejoice accordingly; but it is not long before they find them awaiting them at every turn, more difficult than any they have ever before attempted to commit, and made the more puzzling by their former neglect or slighting of school duties. They discover now that they but half cracked the nuts, or if er part of the kernel-every lesson made harder by the neglect of a former one, every duty more unwelcome and difficult from the slighting of its preed without patience and labor. He who ing away his days, wasting the precious moments as they fly, of no more worth than a mass of inanimate clay, a mere blank in existence waiting for fortune self and grasping the chances as he meets them, will find to his sorrow that he will have to continue to wait until death comes-the only friend that ever will come without a half-way meeting-and claims him for his own, when there will be no more hope for the improvement of his gifts, and he will have to confess as did the wicked and slothful servant that he wrapped his one talent in a napkin and buried it in the earth. Even if we do not expect to gain fame and fortune, we do not wish our lives to be failures; we would have some one mourn our loss, some one feel the better and happier for our having lived and the poorer for our having died. To every one is given the ability of gaining friends, and the chances of doing good, and he who has no friends and feels that he stands alone in the world and has made no mortal the richer by his living, has himself to blame. How much more beautiful and enjoyable would his life have been had

judge and treat each other justly." How foolish are the boys and girls learning and gaining accomplishments success could daunt; no doubt discourto fritter away their precious time and age; no opposition dis-spirit; no work spend the hours that should be devoted break down, no lack of means deto study and the attainment of some stroy her resolve. When Arkgood in silly nonsense, deceiving their wrig as well instroyed all his models parents and guardians and friends, who and works, he began anew. When Carfondly imagine that they are accom- lyle's first M. of the French Revolplishing wonders, but still these are ution, was burnt by the ignorant maid-

a pretense of laying aside bits of knowledge, for by the hard labor of their patient and much overtasked instructors, they succeed in acquiring at least the skimmings off the surface, while the others have gained absolutely nothing. In after years when these boys and girls become men and women, and go out into the world and mingle in society, coming in contact with business men and gentle, lady like women, with polished gentlemen and refined ladies. with men and women of learning and culture, with well-read and highly accomplished, scholarly people, when the younger generation naturally looking to them for guidance, come to them with questions for help and pleas for assistance, and they find themselves incompetent to assist them, then they feel in truth the bitterness of a wasted life and the stings of the sharp chains of ignorance, and in bitter sorrow they look back upon their wasted boyhood and girlhood; upon the golden days of youth and maidenhood so carelessly thrown away in the intoxicating pursuit of pleasure; upon the years of young manhood and young womanhood which might have been so promising, but in which they had already began to feel the marks of dissipation, and the woful want in the balance, both social and literary, attendant upon those who pos sesse a mind untutored and a heart untaught, and in keenest agony and repentance they discover how much better it would have been to have cracked and taken the kernel, and not have foolishly wasted the precious meat which now they so long to possess. Truly, "Its less pain to learn in youth, than be ignorant in age." "Where ignorance is bliss it were folly to be wise," has long be a favorite motto, but 'twould seem that at the present day, it would be more sensible to change it into, "In a land where Wisdom and months, made nothing, abandoned grit. reedom stand side by side and where learning is so cheap, it is sheer wickedness to be ignorant."

Not in the search for knowledge only is it right for us to get the best of what is to be gotten, but this same rule holds true in all the pursuits of life. In literature we should make the choice of the best books and authors; in art we should select our gleanings from the finest artists; even in common every-day work, amongst men in their places of business, and women at their home-work, chances for self-improvement and ways and means for doing good are put into our hands, if we would only take advantage of them. It is useless to delve and dig if nothing comes of it; foolish to study until our head-aches if we do not put our heart into it and go to work with the steaefast determination to come out victors perfectly useless to attempt anything of t, and for all such waste of time and talent be it no more than one talent we will surely be called upon to give an

The nut is given you, the hammer is raised ready to strike, crack the nut and be sure you take out the kernel.

LOTTIE OBLINGER.

#### GRIT.

Alas! he has not the gift of contin-

Webster defines grit as firmness of mind, courage, spirit, determination, resolution. All men, who have done anything for themselves or the world, have been gritty men, that no lack of



race. A man may have a right estimate | better than the princesses of olden times. of himself, he may be a ready man; failure. He sent out "Falkland, a Every day finding some new nse. novel," and it fell flat; However, he his heart into it, he wrote "Pelham," and then they believed in him. The ahead" said the Western Pioneer. "Be miner in California who worked three strong, invincible men." Have true his claim, and then found, a few days after, another man had taken out of it \$20,000 in three days had not grit

It seems, almost, as if the first steps of the ladder were rendered difficult so that weak-backed, weak-kneed, no-account kind of folks, should give up. settlement of the country, is to keep fellows the dangerous ones? Have out of it all those who have no grit, you any fair friends who have suffered so that the fathers and mothers of Nebraska may leave after them a strong flowing whiskers or exact proportions sturdy race of self-reliant, pushing, Are the emotional tragedies evoked gritty men and women, everyone of from animated fashion-plates and walkthem possessing "the two virtues of a ing tailor's blocks? Give a man of hardy race: perseverance in purpose, fine person and presence fervor, sensi-

with his tools; the man with no grit is the soft war of the sexes. But, then, you always deploring his lack of means, have been more bounteous than nature tools and time, but the gritty man who usually bestows with half-opened works with what he has, makes his hands. She rarely confers on her sons own tools and time. Herschell having neither telescope nor money, made one ters—the charm of body and the charm for himself and that not suiting him he of mind. When she does she often prepared a second, and made 200 specula, before he got one to suit.

from lack of sympathy and appreciation. Hunter, Harvey and Jenner, after years spent in studying and certiflying their discoveries, when they gave them forth to the world, received nothing but obloquy, and, though the worlds bene factors, were, financially, their physical perfections! losers for many years; but they knew and intrepidity that never faltered.

servant he immediately wrote it over gritty men. Howe not simply endured again. The rats destroyed about a until the sewing machine would work, thousand of Anderson's pictures, that and he grew rich, but mark the stirring had been gathered at great trouble, of brain in other men, to improve, and weariness and expense; he shouted out, the thousands of men employed in the thankful, that now he could make manufacture. Then the rapidty of the much better pictures of the feathered work, so that now the ladies are dressed

Goodyear not simply fought it out, till but if he would do any thing, he must he could vulcanise rubber, and then by make others believe in him. How? his new industry gave bread to thous-By his grit. Bulwer published "Weeds ands of workmen, but to-day that ruband Wildflowers." The poems were a ber is one of the necessities of life.

We all admire this grit because in its did not sit down and cry, but putting bravery-no man has faith in a coward. "Be sure you are right, and then go

JAY GEE.

#### THE MEN WHO FASCINATE WOMEN.

Who are the real favorites with wo men, as a general rule? The men of attractive or plain exterior; those who shine or revel in photographs, or those I do believe that the reason we have who are averse to them? In grasshoppers in Nebraska, in this early our own circle, are the splendid looking sentimentally from regular features, and a spirit of conduct that never fails." bility and character to match, and you A poor workman always finds fault have equipped him with undue odds in —generous as she may be to her daughrevenges herself for a profusion by implanting a weakness, that turns her Neither does grit become discouraged gifts awry. How many handsome fellows who have had possibilities of merit have been spoiled by their handsomeness? How many more have been without such possibilities, and never missed them, because absorbed in

No healthy mind can or does despise how to wait. They had that blood in beauty in any shape; but between their veins, of which Montalembert, beauty and brains there is only one speaking of the English, Irish and choice. And it does seem, generally, Scotch people in India, during the ru- in spite of many exceptions, that the tiny, says: "Not one of them shrunk two are at variance in our sex, so much or trembled-all, military and civilians; does one encroach upon the other-not young and old; generals and soldiers: necessarily, but commonly. Beauty, resisted, fought, perished with boldness of course, is here understood conventionally, as it is applied to women-The world owes a great deal to these including delicacy of feature, softness witching cook, and became so incensed the better are his chances of success.

actness of proportion. There are some hundreds of fine-looking, actually handsome men who offend æsthetic canons; who, judged by the ordinary standard, are plain, perhaps ugly, and who never acquire the reputation, popularly at least, of being handsome. A man may be admirable in physique; he may have a face artists would love to paint, a figure sculptors would delight to model, and be as strong, broad and efficient as if he turned mirrors to disfavor. Beauty cannot be harmful to a man by whom it is regarded as an accident. Considered as an essential, it enervates and undermines him. Numbers of the world's he oes have been physically magnificent; but they have determined to be magnificent in performance, as well. But he who is ever conscious of personal attractions, and shows h's consciousness, tacitly admits that they are the best of him, and becomes emasculated. His shallow vanity makes him womanish, and no womanish man can awake a grand passion in the breast of a womanly woman. Self-delight with the body and all that belongs to it, a certain self-stimulation of sensuousness, a sovereign satisfaction with form and feature set off to the best advantage, and distinctly feminine traits, and the man who shares these cannot expect to share anything else woman has to give. She naturally looks to him for what she has not and cannot get from herself; and, finding her pleasant and piquant vanities refracted as weaknesses and follies in him, she turns from him and from them in contempt.

When a woman has once been charmed by a man—for this seems to be the effect often produced upon her -she loses her power to judge of him rationally. She remembers but vaguely how he appeared to her before her heart had taken fire. Since then he slow-coach. has been transformed; he has taken on the hues of her fancy; he is woven into the woof of her life. However plain he may be, he does not seem so to her, since the glamour of passson is on her eyes. If he were handsome as better than were he commonly endowed; so that his looks would avail him

Pietro Aretino, celebrated as a writer in the sixteenth century, who was as devoid of comeliness as decency, was a wholesale heart breaker. An illegitimate child, all of his pleasures and most of his pursuits were illegitimate. Corrupt even for Italy and his epoch, he was so clever with his pen, so ready with his tongue, that he won princes and princesses to his support and his arms. His biographies, produced by Berni. Dujardin, and Mazzuchelli, are extraordinary comments on the manners and customs of Southern Europe three hundred years ago. He seemed to have nothing to recommend him but talent, and that he prostituted whenever and wherever occasion offered. Compelled to leave his native city. Atezzo, by reason of writing a sonnet against indulgences, he went to Perugia, and supported himself by selling books-almost the only honest calling he is known to have had. Such plain the contemplation and admiration of business irked him; he walked to Rome and got employment in the service of Leo X., and of his successor, Clement VII. Certain licentious writings compelled him to retire; and, having set out once more to wandering, he arrived in Florence and attached himself to Giovanni de Menici, who, two years after, died in his arms from a wounds received in battle. The author himself had been stabbed, mean while, by a rival in an ardent attachment to a be-

at the Pope for his unwillingness to punish the would be assassin, that he swore he would never forgive him. Aretino was indiscriminate in his gallantries until the frolic of his blood was some what tamed-saucepans being as alluring to him as coronets and pedigree. He painted and carved with skill; he fared sumptuously; the noblest beauties of Venice melted at his glance. Still he was a coarse scoundrel. He was a glutton, a sensualist, a blackguard, and not unfrequently he was waylaid and beaten, and several times nearly murdered, for his transgressions, literary and moral. He was designated as the scourge of princes. Why some of them did not have him put out of the way in that era of easy poisoning and poniards passes compre-G. D.

#### MORALS AND MANNERS.

The common schools would be more iseful if some attention were paid to morals and manners. We live in an rreverent and self-sufficient age, and in a peculiarly irreverent country. The young man speaks of his father as the "old man;" of his mother as the 'old lady." Scholars call their teacher by his given name. The minister of the gospel, whose calling was once venerated and respected to a degree that is hardly credible, is not now treated with the deference that is due to him.

In many schools the intellect only is cultivated. The astronomer who can calculate the perturbations of the heavenly bodies, and by analysis locate a hitherto unseen world, is respected and praised for his great achievement, but no commendations are heard for the moneyless senator who refuses a hundred thousand dollar bribe. The metropolitan speculator who makes a fortune is extolled, but the country store-keeper who sells a good article and does not overreach, is called a

The plain preacher, the honest mechanic, the conscientious teacher, pass away and are forgotten; but the brilliant scholar, the magnetic orator, the rich capitalist, the successful soldier, are held up as models for the young, hyacinthus, he would show to her no and their names are graven on brass and marble. We would not belittle intellectual education, but we would raise moral education to its proper level. and we would begin in the common schools. If we would have moral education in the common schools, we must introduce a carefully prepared text-book on morals, and give systematic instruction. We must teach that it is better to be honest than to be intellectually brilliant. A little time should be devoted to the study of civil government, say ten minutes daily .-Educational Weekly.

# A WORD TO THE YOUNG.

We would say to every young person, decide early upon an object in life. It helps a man or woman greatly to have some definite and fixed purpose. The successful people in all time have been those who had an object to carry out, and who made up their minds at an early age what they wanted to do. The first and most certain sign of what we call genius is the having a strong bias or bearing in any direction. Watt, even in childhood, began mechanical experiments; Mozart turned toward music: Napoleon to Military study; Horace Greeley drifted to newspapers and types; and Faraday to science. Sometimes a man does not develop the special ta'e its with which he is eidowed until late in life. Washington and Cromwell were men of peace until quite an advanced age. A. T. S ewert disliked finance in every form in his youth, and James Gordon Bennett tried a dozen occupations before entering journalism, for which he had such a special gift. Many other similar examples might be cited. The principle first stated is, however, still true and the sooner a man can find out what he is specially fitted to do, and makes up his mind that he will do that thing, OMAHA, NEB., MARCH, 1877.

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It is proposed in the New Jersey Legislature to furnish every schoolmaster in the State with a rawhide or rattan for purposes of juvenile castigation, with directions for using them to accompany each instrument. The object is to prevent the use of rods and other more cruel weapons of pedagogical warfare.

WE are glad to announce that the threatening cloud that hung over the educational welfare of this State has been dispelled. The measures for the abolition of the county superintendency, and the discontiunance of the agricultural college were both ignominiously defeated in the State Legislature.

The Holton (Kan.) Recorder commenting on an article relating to compulsory education that appeared in our last issue says: "What is said by the High School of Michigan and New York might truthfully be said of Kansas. So far as our observation has extended, in not a single instance have the provisions of the compulsory-education-law been enforced. The law is a dead letter in Kansas, and had as well be striken from the statutes. It is just as impracticable to attempt to compel people to become educated, as it is to compel them to become religious or refined."

WE thank our numerous exchanges for the many complimentary notices they have recently given THE HIGH School. Our proverbial modesty has ever forbade us to quote any of those notices, and it is under a strong protest from that delicate factor of our organization that we here reproduce one selected from a large number. It will serve to show that THE HIGH SCHOOL is appreciated abroad, as well as at

THE HIGH SCHOOL, a monthly periodical published at Omaha, Neb., is one of the most creditable papers of its kind in this broad land. Its typography is superb, its editorial discussion of school matters, college news, art and society gossip, talks to and about young folks, and a general melange of news that cannot fail to interest, makes it at once an indispensible adjunet to teachers and the more advanced pupils of both sexes in our high schools and academies. Mr. J. F. McCartney, its editor and founder, is a young gentleman whom we have known since his babyhood. He was born and raised on the borders of Iowa, and is thoroughly imbued with all the vim and brains, and progressive energy, that characterize the best type of a Western man. Subscription price, \$1 per year.—Atlantic (Iowa) Democrat.

#### UNWISE LEGISLATION.

The manner in which the State legislature cut and slashed the various appropriation bills during the close of the session has been a source of general regret, and not a few of the senators and representatives have since become ashamed of themselves for the parts they took in this matter. It seems that every country grocer and back county politician who was sent to the Legislature got possessed of the idea that he must reform something, and with this idea uppermost, each item in the estimates of the officers of the down a little. The estimates for the Board, who has worked faithfully for k nd of material which is so easily at their home the most distinguished the interests of the institution, is now worked that every one has a hand in of the residents and strangers to be that he will be glad when his term ex- thinks for himself and fearlessly speaks pires. The appropriation item for the State Penitentiary was a gross injustice to the best interests of the State, and necessary expenses of the institution cannot be furnished for the next two vor when they show their colors, for years without an extra session of the Legislature. An extra session will cost the State a large amount, and the consequence is that instead of reform legislation it has been ruthless ex-

THE highest ambition of the society going individual, is the attainment of popularity; and if that can be gained the cost is seldom counted. Popularity, like all other commodities of today, is current, and its cost in almost every instance is cash. To such an extent is this true, that a faultless attire and a long credit column with the banker, would induce society to clasp hands with a corpse. And yet social reformers are declaiming against the evils of the age, and loudly clamoring for remedies. They cry out against the want of culture in society, and proclaim reformation without taking even the first step in that direction. Whatever is demanded as the price of popularity will be paid, and while it is held at cash rates it must go to the highest bidder. In England at a time when wealth descended directly from generation to generation, a landed title was a tolerably sure indication of respectability. But with an age in which aristocratic inequality in rank are removed, when wealth follows enterprise as a natural result, the tendency is toward the accumulation of wealth at the entire cost of intellectual attainments. If intellectual attainments, truth and honesty-if real merit be the cost of in giving these, and that object can respectability and the standard a high one, no amount of real estate churlishly hoarded can be taken as its equivalent.

#### EDUCATIONAL.

THE COMMON SCHOOLS.—The common school, as an American institution, will live while America lives. Not only this, but the signs are unmistakable that it is to be more far-reaching in its efforts and results than it ever has been. Popular education is one of the primary functions of the State's life. No democratic government can long exist without it, and our best people are thoroughly confirmed in this conviction. We have taken up the subject simply to show that the State cannot "go back on" its record without the surrender of the policy which grows out of the instinct of all living organizations for self-protection and self-preservation. To surrender this policy would be not only foolish, but criminal; and there is not one American institution that American people would sooner fight for and die for, than that which secures an educated and intelligent nationality. - Dr.

F. G. Holland .-Prof. David Kirk, of Minnesota, strongly urges the importance of instructing common school students in hygiene. He says: A few minutes daily devoted to this branch would be worth more than the hours given to arithmetic and grammar. The time may never come when we can dispense with the services of specialists in medicine and surgery, but we look for a time when men will know better than to go to sleep in a small room as tight as the "black hole of Calcutta," and then try to purify their poisoned blood by nostrums whose base is poor whisky, and whose principal ingredients are poisons. A thousand reforms in dress and diet are needed. If the study of physiology cannot be thorough and extensive in common schools, it will at least be suggestive.

#### ENEMIES.

Have you any enemies? Upon receiving your answer to this question we will venture to tell you who you enemies go straight on and mind them furnished by officers of the Board, who around them and do your duty regard-

so completely disgusted (yes, disgusted) it. A sterling character—one who what he thinks—is always sure to have enemies. They are more a blessing than a curse, for they keep him alive and active. They do him a great fathen they furnish him an opportunity to draw a line of demarkation. They then furnish him a formidable weapon of defense. This is all he needs, all he would have, if he is our ideal man. The only real danger we stand exposed to is the stealthy thrust of a concealed foe. A celebrated character who was surrounded with enemies used to remark—"They are sparks which, if you do not blow, will go out themselves." Let this be your feeling while endeavoring to live down the scandal of those who are bitter against you. If you stop to dispute, you do but as they desire, and open the way for more abuse. Let the poor fellows talk: there will be a reaction if you but perform your duty, and hundreds who were once alienated from you will flock to you and acknowledge their

#### OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON D. C. Feb. 20. The city for the past month has been aglow with excitement occasioned by every acre of land and every pound of the Presidential problem, and to keep pace with the times the society life has been equally lively. Lent does not appear to have caused much cessation of pleasures, in fact the season exists only in name. The present time above all others is the one when receptions, balls and dinner parties cannot well be dispensed with, for you doubtless understand that there is generally an object in view aside from pleasure only be accomplished when Congress is in session. The past week and the current week, being the last two of the official term, not only of the President, but most of the members of his cabinet have been the gayest of the season. Society birds have been out in full force, and the cabinet receptions on Wednesdays have surpassed in interests, attendance, and grandeur all their predecessors. The greater part of the afternoon Mrs. Fish's parlors were thronged, and regrets without number were heard on all sides that the time was so near at hand when we should have her no more in Washington. Long years after she has been laid to rest will her name shine brightly on the pages of "Society Life in Washington," for not only has she peculiarly graced the high position to which she has been called, but, seemingly engrossed with her social duties, time and money have systematically been given to certain charitable objects, which will ever hold her in grateful remembrance, and many will rise up and call her blessed. Another objective point was the residence of the Secretary of War. It is so novel a thing to see so young a mistress at the head of a house of a cabinet officer, that many were imperatively drawn to see how this maiden of eighteen would do the honors that are trying and irksome to the experienced matron. We found her in a steel-colored silk with pink facings and trimmings, very courteous, dignified and genial—fully equal to the arduous duties resting upon her. She is tall and rather slender, light hair and blue eyes and a lovely complexion; has younger brothers and sisters who look up to her for guidance and direction, and all her housekeeper's cares, upon it the responsibilities and burdens that properly belong to those of much | for : maturer years. Rumors have been in circulation of the Secretary's matrimonial inclintions, but they are discredof the Senators and the residents of I

Mrs. Grant, and the West End was System of Education. are even though we have never seen wide awake, for the residents of F

throne. One thousand invitations were issued, making the House which is sufficiently spacious for ordinary occasions quite inadequate to the comfort of the many guests, who represented social, potitical and diplomatic circles, the ladies appearing in the richest and lovliest costumes seen this year. Madame toilette of creamy silk, almost comtle superb diamonds, of which every man, woman and child in Washington has heard; no lady can even approach her in these priceless gems. In her ears, large solitaires glittered, and on the white neck, a magnificent necklace, reaching to the waist, composed of costly jewels, sprays of leaves and flowers shown with great brilliancy. All gazed in wondering admiration at these peerless creatures surrounded with so much dazzling beauty, in the rich of the most elaborate character, and a perfect success. seemed as though the realm of fairy land had opened upon us. The recess under the stairway was filled with orange and lemon trees bearing their golden fruit; the hall and stairway were a mass of flowers, while the mirrors were surrounded by large and lovely garlands of flowers, and all we can say of the table and music is that it was in keeping with the features of the entertainment already mentioned. Mrs. Hickox, the neice of Fernando Wood who is presiding over her uncle's mansion this winter, wore the most beautiful and effective toilette, a white silk, with white crepe lisse overdress looped and trimmed with silver, and silver wheat. Commissioner and Mrs. Phelps gave their daughter, Miss Sallie, a lovely party on Thursday evening, only for young people, an innovation upon the social ideas of Washingtonians that was not received with as good favor as the esteemed parents deserve, and thirty regrets were sent by maidens whose fastidious parents would not consent to the acceptance to a party where no chaperones were invited. As I write, great preparations are

found at the national capital. Saturday

has recently become interesting from

the weekly hops that have been started

at the arsenal, given by the officers

temporarily stationed here The event

of the week was the magnificent fele

given by Senor and Madame Mantilla,

the Spanish Minister and his handsome

wife, in honor of the second anniver-

sary of King Alfonso's accession to the

going on at the White House for the last reception of the season. After this Mrs. Grant, who has admirably fulfilled the exacting duties incumbent on a lady in her position for the past eight years, will retire to private life. A great deal of speculation is rife on how the next lady president will behave in this exalted position.

LUCRETIA.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12, 1877. 145 East 21st Street. (Gramercy Park.)

To the Editor of the HIGH SHCOOL. DEAR SIR:-In the very kind review of "Our First Hundred Years," in your Feb., number, I notice an inaccuracy which I should be very sorry to see go uncorrected. You speak of the university edition as an abridgement. reader, and wrong the author and his down.' publishers. The matter is explained resting upon her. It is unfortunate in the following note addressed "To that so young a life should have thrust | THE EDUCATORS OF AMERICA," Feb. 1st, which I hope you may find room

"Many of you who had seen "OUR FIRST HUNDRED YEARS," as it appeared in its first edition last year, in ited. Thursdays belong to the wives two octavo volumes, asked me to prepare an Abridgement, since so expen sive a work-\$8,00-could not be gen-Friday has this year been claimed by erally introduced into the American

This I could not do, for the work various State institutions was clipped or heard of you before. If you have and G street were at home to their itself was but an epitome. I had used, many visitors, who divide their time or wasted, half a lifetime in trying to Deaf and Dumb Institute in Omaha, not. If they block up your path, walk between these streets, the White House write so brief a Life of my Country, that one of the best members of the good for nothing. He is made of that the very select gathering One meets my History of England, as you would son's.

your favorite pointer: cut him in two and let you take which part you choose; I should only be sorry for the dogand his purchasers."

But I thank you from the bottom of my heart for the kind suggestion, and I have hit on a plan which will meet your wishes, I hope, and save the dog and the buyer, too.

I sat down with my publishers Samong the very best men of their class], and we made a close calculation on the lowest possible price for which the entire work, unabridged, printed from the same s.tereotype plates, could be sold to Schools of learning, Libraries, Teachers, or anybody else, in one finely printed and substantially bound volume of 1,000 pages, and it was agreed that it could be sold for two dollars and a Mantilla was attired in a charming half (\$2.50) per copy, prepaid to any address. As a matter of course nobody pletely covered by falls of elegant lace will grow rich on this plan. But I and relieved by garlands of tea rose hope you gentlemen who have sent buds, the corsage cut very low, display- kind messages to me from so many poring her beautiful neck and arms, and tions of our beloved land, about "Our First Hundred Years, "will see that I have done what I could to meet your

The patience of school boards has been worn out by persistent importunities of agents, and the education funds sadly reduced or squandered by the exhorbitant prices charged for school books we determined to have nothing to do with agents but to deal directly with Loard trustees and Teachers themselves-thus saving all commssions, and gay toilettes, and the exquisitely and furnishing the cheapest school book beautiful floral decorations, which were ever produced. The plan has proven

> Truthfully yours, C. EDWARDS LESTER, Author.

THE inflammatory articles which have recently appeared in one of the daily papers are productive of much harm to many worthy teachers in the Central and North schools. Upon inquiry of good authority we learned that there was no child beating, and nothing that could create any excitement, unless facts were perverted, and there was a disposition on the part of the writer to create a sensation. There never has been any occasion for complaint on the score of cruelty to childaen in Omaha, or THE HIGH SCHOOL, which is strongly opposed to the rod in school, would certainly have found it out and condemned it.

The Nebraska State Teacher's association will meet at Fremont on the 27th of this month, and continue three days. Addresses will be delivered by Chancellor Fairfield, Dr. Curry, State Supt. S. R. Thompson and others. It will be an instructive meeting, and every teacher in the State should be

#### JOHNSON'S NEW UNIVERSAL CYCLOPEDIA.

We call attention to the advertisement of this work in another column. Having examined the first volume, we think it has the following claims to public faver:

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The work is finely illustrated. The maps are not only accurate but very beautiful, and the wood-cuts are abundand the Smithsonian Institute, where that if any man asked me to abridge it antand appropriate. Any one wanting knew just what was needed, were alless of their spite. A man who has no the ladies of Prof. Henry's family wel- I should have to say, as Macaulay did a first-class cyclopedia at a moderate most entirely disregarded; and we learn enemies has no friends, and is generally come many callers, and are known for to his Publishers:—"Yes I can abridge cost, cannot fail to be suited with John-

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THE Board of Education has voted to meet hereafter at the High School instead of the East School.

WE believe there is a general desire to have the school formerly known as the "Third Ward School" called the "East School." So mote it be.

THE ferryboat Irene, which has plied between Omaha and Council Bluffs for moorings by an immense ice gorge and wrecked on a sandbar.

THE attendance in the primary departments of the City Schools has been rather low for the past month, owing to many of the little ones having the "mumps."

THE lenten season which commenced on the 14th of last month, has had the effect of checking the many home amusements and social parties. Omaha is certainly nothing if not a religious and highly moral city.

THE Central School has now enrolled 209 students in German, 22 of whom belong to the High School. East School has a roll of 34 names, and North School 40. Everything is progressing finely in this branch.

MR. J. O. HILDEBRAND has recently been appointed agent of the Pacific Coast Steamship Co., in this city. This company has concluded to open an office here, and we can only congratulate it on securing such an efficient agent.

IF you fail to get THE HIGH SCHOOL at the 1st of the month please send in your complaint to the publication office and the mistake will be rectified. We have recently made out new lists, and it is just possible that a few mistakes have been made.

RECENTLY defensive articles have been introduced in base ball, Mr. Thayer, of the Harvard College Club, having invented a steel-mask for protecting the face of the catcher of the nine. It is constructed of upright bars about an inch apart, and stands out from the face three or four inches, being fastened at the top and bottom. It has proved a valuable protection to the face.

#### Roller Skating.

The Roller skating Company, of which Mr. J. W. Hearn is the traveling manager, opened on the 22nd of last month a skating rink in this city. The attendance was flattering to the managers, and the young ladies and gentlemen of Omaha thoroughly appreciate this addition to the amusements of the winter. Roller ham were married on the 8th. The cereskating has been reduced to a fine art, and | mony was performed by Bishop Clarkson a person can accomplish as many feats at the residence of I. W. Miner, Esq., on on rollers as on ordinary skates. The exercise is very healthy and hence it re- and only the most intimate friends of the ceives the encouragement of instructors, guardians and teachers.

This amusement has created quite a furore this winter in Kansas City, St. Joe and other southern towns.

The right to continue the rink in this city has been purchased by Mr. C. S. Brown, who will conduct it during the balance of the season.

# Sudden Death of a Teacher.

Mr. M. W. Welch, a young gentleman whose father lives at Peru in this State, died very suddenly at Sarpy Centre last month. He was Principal of the school at that place, and feeling unwell one day was compelled to remain at home; during the course of the day he laid down on a sofa making a casual remark that he would soon be well, and he went into a sleep from which he never woke. The absence of any reliable medical authority in that section left the cause of his death a matter of doubt, but it was believed to be rhuematism of the heart, or appoplexy. Mr. Welch was a graduate of the State Normal School, a young man highly esteemed by all who knew him, and his promises for the future were bright. He was an old friend and former schoolmate of Mr. C. F. McLain of this city, who was deeply pained on hearing of his untimely death.

Business Notices.—The commission house of Chas. Banks & Co. has removed to 207 Deuglas street. Mr. M. J. Johannes, well known as one of the most thoroughly competent manufacturers of jewelry in the State, has recently established himself in business at No. 236 Douglass street, between 14th and 15th. M. Shutt, the gunsmith, has removed to 505 12th street, where he has opened up a well stocked sportsmen's outfitting establishment. Attention is directed to the advertisement of the New York Slate Paint Co., who advertise an article of paint which is destined to work a sevelaltion in this industry. It is dumble, ornamental and extremely cleap. Rend the eards of those business tuen who advor them with your patronage.

#### PERSONAL.

Miss Mollie King has gone to Chicago to hereafter reside.

Mr. S. Jacobs is making a three week's visit in New York.

Mrs. Elenora Koenig left last month for Dresden, Germany, where her son Willie is attending school. Mr. Wm. Scott, formerly of Detroit,

has taken charge of the Eighth Grade, in

place of Mrs. Field, resigned. Thos. F. Little, Esq., has returned from St. Louis, and may stay here permanently.

CAPT, A H. BOGARDUS, the celebrated pigeon shot, visited Omaha last month, and, contrary to his expectations, found one or two gentlemen in this city who

could beat him at his own game.

H. H. Cook, formerly train dispatcher of the O. B. T., and who has been connected with the road for the past ten years, leaves this month for Tampa, Florithe past nine years, was torn from her da. In common with the many friends of Mr. Cook, we regret to see him leave.

Walter Bullens left on the 10th of last has accepted a situation in a railroad office. As a matter of course, he ordered his absence.

We regret to learn that Miss Sarah Rollinson has determined to sever her connection with the Central School at back and he paid; then she paid and the expiration of the present term. She then he paid, and they have been kept will go home and live with her parents at Gowanda, N. Y.

Miss D. M. Posey, of the Central School, resigned her position as teacher last month, and intends to make a pleasure tour of America and Europe in company with her brother. Traveling for pleasvre is certainly preferable to teaching, and we don't blame Miss Posey for making the change.

#### MARRIAGES OF THE MONTH,

LITTLE-HARTNETT.

Mr. John Little, well known as one of the grocery firm of Little & Williams, was married at Chicago on the 11th of last month to Miss Nellie Hartnett, a voung lady who will be remembered as one of Omaha's residents some five years ago. Mr. Little and wife will reside in a neatly fitted cottage on Howard street, near 16th.

BRADFORD-HOPT. Conductor A. A. Bradford, of the dummy train running between this city and Council Bluffs, has persistently defied the charms of the fair sex for many long years, and would probably have still been pursuing his wonted course were it not for the change that came over him on meeting Miss Frank Hoit, to whom he was married on the 22d. Miss. Hoit was formerly of Concord, N. H., and will brighten the neat home that Mr. Bradford has fitted up.

M'SHANE-TAGGART,

Mr. T. A. McShane, was married last month to Miss Celia Taggart, of Lexington, Perry county, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. McShane arrived in Omaha shortly after and will make this city their home.

TEST-DUNHAM.

E. F. Test and Miss Rose Dun Capitol avenue. No cards were issued, contracting parties were in attendance. Among the presents, which were numerous and costly, we note: Set silver spoons, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Vining; two silver napkin rings, Miss Jennie McCoy: silver cake basket, gold lined, Mr. and Mrs. Miner and Miss Anna Dunham; silver butter knife, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. P. Bemis; toilet set bohemian glass, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Burnes; silver butter dish, Mr. W. C. B. Allen; cut glass and silver pickle dish, Dr. A. W. Nason; pair silvered glass and gold mounted vases, Mr. Samuel Smith; silver butter dish, Capt. W. A. Jones, U.S.A .; silver knife and fork holders, Mr. ane Mrs. Edgar Zabriskie; silver syrup cup and plate, Mrs. W. A. Jones; silver cake basket, Mrs. R. D. Hills; silver bell, A. B. Hubermann; silver butter dish and cake basket, Miss theatre. It was successful of course, for Carrie Test, of Councol Bluffs; silver pennant and flower stand, Chas. Needham, F. R. McConnelland W. H. Potter. Mr. and Mrs. Test are now "at home' to their many friends in a comfortable house on Capitol Hill.

## COUNCIL BLUFFS NOTES.

Miss Nellie Huber has returned from an extended eastern trip.

Miss Maggie Dohaney has returned

from Davenport Iowa. Miss Eva Smith a handsome and accomplished young lady of Grand Island

Neb., was in the Bluffs last month visiting friends. The Roller Skating Company have concluded arrangements with Mr. Dohany for the use of his hall, and the enjoy-

skating has been added to the list of popular amusements.

able and exhilerating exercise of parlor

THE PHILOMATHIAN SOCIETY. The first meeting of last month was held at the residence of Hon. L. W. Ross on the evening of the 13th. The members were received and entertained by Misses Hettie and Edie Ross, and they certainly formerly Miss G. Estabrook of this city. succeeded in Making everyone leel "at composed the only operetta ever perhome." At the conclusion of the exercises a little business was transacted, among other things the election of officers among other things the election of officers for the ensuing year. The result is as for the ensuing year. succeeded in raking everyone feel "at home." At the conclusion of the exercises a little business was transacted, you can consistently do so you should among other things the election of officers brook. The music throughout is credita-

the retiring officers was passed and the

meeting adjourned. Tuesday February 27th, the society convened at the residence of Hon. Thos. Officer, on Willow street. The programme, which was an excellent, one, consisted of-

Bone solo, James Robinson. Oration, Prof, A. E. Clarendon. Select reading, Miss Rose Brown. Vocal duett, Misses Jennie and Nellie

Cook. Essay, Charles M. Ross. Vocal solo, Fred S. Rock well.

Oration, H. H. Skelton. Song, Miss Carrie Robinson. Select reading, Lyman E. Robbins. Piano solo, Miss Nellie Roberts.

The report of the President of the Counil Bluffs School Board shows an attendance of 95 in the High School course, and 1,300 in all the other schools, making a grand total of 1,395 enrolled.

That Council Bluffs chap has got a good thing of it who made the wager of a month for Pattonsburg, Mo., where he kiss with his girl that Tilden would be elected-he to pay if Tilden was, she to pay it if Hayes was elected. On the THE HIGH SCHOOL sent to him during the morning of the 8th of November he called and paid the bet; on the 9th he called and took it back; that evening she paid the bet; next morning she took it busy by the contradictory dispatches ever since, and both declare their willingness and ability to hold ous until Congres decides the question. They don't like the compromise bill.

> Miss Anna Blanchard and Miss Smith were in Omaha on the 27th,

Miss Maggie Jefferis, who has been visiting her cousins, Misses Parthenia and Anna Jefferis, during the past winter, returned last month to her home in Wilmington, Del.

A Council Bluffs girl sat on her lover's hat and kept him three hours over time. The next time that young man calls he should hang his hat on a nail instead of holding it in his lap.

#### OPERA.

The drama in its ordinary prose character is entertaining. When it is resolved into poetry, it becomes more graceful and its beauties more refined. But when this poetry is adapted to music, and the poetical drama is rendered through inspiring song, the result touches the sublime. This is opera. Unfortunately as the beauties increase, the appreciative decrease, and the greatest delights are experienced by only the few. The excellencies which abound in poetry are limited to those whose whole minds are more or less cultivated. But the lofty rapture and brilliant transport which lives in opera is known to those only, who can appreciate the beauties of poetry, who have a tion, and language, all expressive of the if it be seen falling foul. same idea, the combination is one calcu- The following are

lated to envelope us in the ecstatic. Harmony may be likened to a grand landscape where lofty cliffs impress us with their vast magnificence. Look or to the expansive level beyond, all tends to infuse the senses with poetical delight. Harmony is embellished by language as the sublimity of that scene would be heightened by a flow of water curving over one of the cliffs, thrown in mad confusion as it touches the relentless rocks beneath, then resuming its tranquility, and winding its way through the lovely valley until it is lost to eager eye among a shroud of foliage in the distance. Music as well as language is susceptible to burlesque and that which is comical, that which is ludicrous becomes more so by being arranged to appropriate music. The first comic opera was an experiment, a piece in one act, played in an obscure it was wicked, and in Paris. Since then. Offenbach and Lecocq have issued new works in rapid succession until they have

become an institution almost universal. These writers ought to take in the fact that the disreputable quarters of Paris, for which their compositions were first adapted, are but a small fraction of the musical world, and they ought to modify their writings accordingly. For either the tone of the people must be depraved to the level of the ordinary comic opera, or the opera must be refined until it will gether. There is no more harm in funny the fun be of an innocent nature. What Omaha: we want now is some composer who will give us a comic opera without the French freedom of speech or insinuation which characterizes the present style. Operetta is fast becoming popular. Its music is from opera, but the after impression is and play your club; not so lasting. Mrs. Clowry, of St. Louis,

follows: John Baird, President; Miss last chorus, "The world is full of joy," is coming season. It will doubtless be the operetta is founded, and showed in the "Joust" that she understood the especial styles which are peculiarly suitable to the different parts for voices. The "Joust" was performed by Mrs. Latey, soprano; 'Miss Campbell, alto; Mr. Northrep, tenor; Mr. Sanders, baritone, and Mr. Reed, bass, assisted by a chorus in which most of the best singers in our city participated. Notwithstanding that only two weeks intervened between the first rehearsal and its production on the stage, portions of the acting were highly commendable, and as a wholeit was generally complimented. There was a noticeable absence of that stage fright which eharacterizes amateur performances in general. The result of the undertaking, which was put on the boards for two nights and an afternoon, was a financial success, the proceeds of which Mrs. Clowry generously divided among the performers. We hope to see Mrs Clowry, who has returned to St. Louis, in our midst shortly again, and that we may hear of her personal labors being rewarded by greenbacks as well as glory.

#### BASE BALL.

New Rules for 1877 .-- The Coming Season and the Omaha Nine.

The base ball season properly has not opened, but the continued spell of fine weather has had the effect all over the country of waking up the athletes and bringing the topic to the surface The League Association of America held a meeting at Chicago last month and adop ted some new rules, as well as revised many of the older ones. The League Association is composed only of first-class clubs, and it is generally believed that its rules for 1877, will be the only set recognized, at least we hope so. From

among the new or revised rules, we quote RULE 2, SEC. 2.—The home club shall first take the bat. The fielders of each club shall take any position in the field their captain may assign them, with the exception of pitcher, who must deliver the ball from his appointed position.

BULE 4, SEC. 4.—When a "foul balk" is called, the umpire shall warn the pitcher of the penalty incurred by such delivery; and should such delivery be continued until three foul balks have been called in one inning, the umpire shall declare the game forfeited.

RULE 5, SEC. 4.—Any batsman refusing to take his position at the bat within ne minute after the umpire has called for the striker, shall be declared out.

Section 11 of the same rule now reads If the ball from a fair stroke of the bat first touches the ground, the person of a player, or any other object, either in the front of or on foul-ball lines, it shall be considered fair.

If the ball from a fair stroke of the bat musical ear, and who feel the subtility of first touches the ground, the person of a music Influence their dispositions. Music, player, or any other object behind the in its naked harmony, is capable of caus- foul-liner, it shall be declared foul, and ing intoxicating delights. When its pas- the ball so hit shall be called foul by the sion is further developed by gesticula; umpire, even before touching the ground,

foregoing section:

All the balls batted directly to the ground that bound or roll within the foul with their grandeur, and deep ravines lines between home and first, or home darkened by summer's foliage awe us and third bases, without first touching the person of a player, shall be considered where we will from the cliff to the ravine, fair. All balls batted directly to the ground that bound or roll outside the foul-lines between home and first, or home and third bases, without first touching the person of a player, shall be considered foul. In either of these cases the first point of contact between the batted ball and the ground shall not be regarded.

In running the bases the only new rule we notice is the following:

Any base runner who shall in any way interfere with or obstruct a fielder while attempting to eatch a fair fly ball, or a foul ball, shall be declared out. If he wilfully obstructs a fielder from fielding a ball, he shall be declared out, and, if a batted ball strike him, he shall be declar-

Other than the above, we believe there are no more changes from the old rules. The description of the ball, (which must by all means be furnished by the secretary,) is regarded by some as what would be termed a "live ball," in contradistinction to the "dead ball," of last season. The season will open early in this city as the Omaha Club has now two games in prospect, one being a return game to the "Occidentals" of Fremont. who intend to come down to retrieve their lost laurels, and the other being in the shape of a reception and entertainment not be offensive to the average of man- to a visiting club of San Franciscans. kind; for they are bound to come to- This club is now making arrangements for an eastern trip, and, as will be seen singing than in funny acting, provided by the following letter, intend to stop at

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 1st, 1877.

To 'he President of the Omaha B. B. Club: DEAR SIR:-The Centennial B. B. Club of this city having reorganized, will make an extended tour of the states. I take lighter than the opera, so that most may this opportunity so as to give you ample understand. It resembles opera as light time to receive us. Please send answer drama does tragedy. The temporary en- as soon as convenient, stating what injoyment derived is often equal to that ducements you will make us, to stop over

> Yours very truly, L. H. DAVID, Sec'y.

Hettle Ross, Vice President; Miss Lottle a composition of which she may be best club in the State when it gets per-Oblinger, Secretary. A vote of thanks to justly proud. She evidently compre- fected during the coming season, as there hends the true principles on which have been several very good players, (of whom we shall speak hereafter,) added to the ranks.

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#### DINNER TABLE ETIQUETTE.

The following need not be read by those who "knew it before," and we will premise our remarks by stating that our main object in this article is to furnish our younger readers with that information which must be acquired sometime. It is one of the objects of THE HIGH SCHOOL to educate the rising generation in the great West on all those fine points of ett quette which are indispensable to the ambitious student, not of his text book, but of the world at large, its manners and

If you should happen to meet with an accident at table, endeavor to preserve your composure, and do not add to the discomfort you have created by making an unnecessary fuss about it. The easier such things are passed over, the better. A very accomplished gentleman when carving a tough goose, had the misfortune to send it entirely out of the dish and into the lap of the lady next to him, on which he very coolly looked her full in the face, and with admirable gravity and calmness, said, "Madam, I will thank you for that goose." In a case like this, a person must necessarily suffer so much, and be such an object of compassion to the company, that the kindest thing he could do was to appear as unmoved as possible. This manner of bearing such a mortifying accident gained him ward carving.

not expect from very young persons; but even they may refrain from all extheir clothes; and refuse all such assistance, in wiping the place, as would derange the company or interrupt the conversation. If you break anything ice is low and trimmed with ruffles belonging to the person you visit, you round the neck, short sleeves. Gloves should express regret and blame your own awkwardness; but even then take with it. The hair with such a coscare not to say too much about it. tume is worn high and arranged in What is the loss of a tumbler or wineglass, compared with the discomfiture cessively high heels are worn. of a guest, or the interruption of con-

Some persons at a dinner, are so enpany, and you wish to listen to it, you may do so with propriety, provided your countenance shows that you are an attentive and pleased listener; but to sit silent and with forbidding looks. or a dull, tired expression, is a tresspass against the social feelings of all present. To yawn, or gape, is an unpardonable rudeness. When you send your plate for anything, whether by the hand of a servant or friend, take off the the knife and fork and lay them down on the cloth, supporting the ends on your bread, or else hold them in your hand in a horizontal position. But if the dinner be a grand one, you will have no occasion to send your plate, as each dish of the various courses will be passed in turn. Even are apt to be embarrassed when unemployed. When you have no further use for your knife and fork, leave them placed parallel upon your plate, with the points of the forks downward. Never cut your bread or bite it at the dinner table, but always break it, and use a piece of it in your left hand, when you are not holding your knife, to assist your fork in taking up your food. It looks very awkward to see one hand under the table while eating, and still worse in seeing it employed in playing with your bread, glass or napkin ring when not eating. Avoid blowing your nose at table, or touching your hair, or adjusting a comb; these are, in some person's eyes, great offences. There is nothing which marks the lady or gentleman more than manners at table, unless, indeed, it be their mode of writing a note. But while there can be an excuse for send ing a slovenly note, there is not one for destroying the comfort and pleasure of ius, the most brilliant wit, the proa dinner by disregard of manners which foundest thinker.—Lessing. are of more importance than some are aware of. In the eyes of the initiated

#### THE FASHIONS.

[Gleaned from the most standard auth rities by our fashion contributor.]

Trailing skirts are more lengthy than ast season.

Elizabethian belt buckles are of black Russia leather, mounted with GROCERS. gold or silver.

Broad elastic bands are better than strings to tie back skirt and polonaise draperies.

The popular combination for skating costumes is navy blue and cardinal red. Antiquity is to be revived in the

shape of shawls for the coming spring. The wide-brim hats are much affected by young girls, but in full dress the tall peaked crowns and narrow

brims are more in style. The newest pocket handkerchiefs are of cream or ecru silk, with initials or monograms artistically worked iu blue, red or brown silk.

The appropriate flowers for this month's evening dresses are Christmas roses, hyacinths, chrysanthemums, snow drops and crocuses, and leaves and berries of holly, ivy and mistletoe.

The latest evening dresses from Paris show only one color. A light allowance of trimming of a contrasting shade is seen, but the fashion of one fabric is coming back again, for evening dresses at least.

For mourning handkerchiefs there is no departure from the plain linen cambric ones, with plain black hems or borders, and the initial or monogram is black in one corner.

The Josephine style of evening more credit than he lost by his awk- dress is to be revived. This consists of a white, satin-finished silk, plain, Such presence of mind as this we do gored skirt, trimmed with three or more rows of white lace, put on as ruffles and finished at intervals with satin clamations when anything is spilt on bows. There is no train in the skirt which scarcely more than touches the ground at the back, and is so narrow that it needs no tying back. The bodreaching above the elbow are worn puffs and little curls. Shoes with ex-

Plain cassimeres and tweeds for gentlemen's suits will prevail during the coming spring and summer. The tengrossed by the good eatables, that they | dency in colors is decidedly in favor of care not for conversation; others are the dark modest ones. Fancy plaids so occupied with talking they forget to will not be worn. Pants will be cut eat; the first annoys the company, the in a pattern about midway between latter your hostess, so it is better to the extreme wide legs and the former avoid both extremes. If conversation spring bottom. The Prince Albert flourishes among the elders of the com- | coat is a permanent fixture and is always in fashion.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

One of our ex's informs us that "Eve was the first swearer on record" and adduces the following in proof of the assertion. "When Adam asked her to let him kiss her she said "I don't care A-dam if you do." Univ. Press.

Little Robbie went to a show, and saw an elephant for the first time in his life. Whan he came home his mother asked him what he had seen. "An elephaut, mama, that gobbled hay with his front tail."

A Chicago man who was detected in family dinners are frequently served in an attempt to conceal a deep excavathis way. It is well to take something | tion in his front yard by a thin coverat each course, as very young persons ing of lath and snow, finally admitted that he was building an Ashtabula bridge for his mother-in-law.

> TEST OF AMBITION.—When great men suffer themselves to be subdued by the length of their misfortunes, they discover that the strength of their ambition, not of their understanding, was that which supported them. They discoverer, too, that, allowing for a little vanity, heroes are just like other men.—Rochefoucalt's Maxims.

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