

COURTING TWO GIRLS.

Kate, when Das something to say on that subject. If you quite a smart man to court two girls at once, and do it successfully. Where the fun comes in, we do not understand; perhaps, because we have never been a man, and courting two girls at the same time.

The man who does this, must be very circumspect and careful, or he may get things mixed. Minnie's picture may be worn when he visits Laura, and vice versa, if he be not careful. The lock of fair hair may be brought to the front, when the auburn tress ought to be displayed. The treasured knot of blue ribbon may creep out of the vest-pocket on the heart side, at the very time when it would seem so sweet to her to see the scarlet in its stead.

When the young man who is courting two girls, writes love-letters to them, he should put the delicious morsel in the wrong envelope? What if he should take Minnie to the opera, and Laura should sit opposite? He must be in a perplexed frame of mind for the most of the time. He loves them both the best, and if all were in the river drowning at once, he would not know which to save, and would be obliged to let them drown, and save himself. He is as happy as a prince with either one of them, but if both should appear on the scene at the same time, he would be supremely miserable.

He divides his time between them; he buys candy, and peanuts, and perfume, for both of them; he plays backgammon with both papas; and holds them to wind for both mamas; and gives the little brothers and sisters, and both girls to put molasses-candy in their whiskers, and cracker crumbs in their hats, and submits to have her rub her hair off on his black clothes, longing to wring her neck while she does it; and he keeps cool while Laura's poodle snaps at his heels, and tries not to think of hydrophobia when the little wretch's sharp teeth penetrate his corduroys.

He vows to each fair enslaver that he never loved before. That the sun, and moon, and stars, and most of the respectable comets, may fall, before he proves untrue. He hopes the earth may open and swallow him if he ever ceases to love. For him there is but one guiding star—but one beacon—but one heaven—and she is there. Unfortunately, there are two shes in the arrangement. The same catalogue of vows answer in both cases. They are patented, and ready for use on any occasion. Both girls are the dearest, and sweetest, and loveliest, and he is so anxious to marry—so very anxious—just as soon as he can get down the heaviest in bridal port. Of course, a young man has to look out for his own interest. He loves them both, but he can marry but one, and so long as his affection for both is so sincere, he must decide in favor of the one whose family desire the most earnestly to get rid of her, and insure success by bestowing on her a liberal dowry.

It seems to us that the young man who is courting two girls, must be between two fires. We don't envy him the struggle he must make to keep his affair with one girl a secret from the other. And it is generally all a man's life is worth to be able to please one woman, and how on earth does our young man manage to please two?

By and by, both girls find out the game he has been playing, and then, to one, they both "mitten" him, and he has to begin the world anew. And all the bouquet, and candy, and perfume business has to be gone over again; and by the time he really gets ready to marry, all the girls have found him out, and wouldn't marry him to save themselves from having Miss engraved on their tombstones.—New York Weekly.

THE FIRST CHEW OF TOBACCO.

How It Feels for a Boy to Try to Be a Man Too Suddenly. The boy said it was a peculiar kind of tobacco, known as molasses tobacco, because it was so sweet, writes W. D. Howells in Harper's Young People. The other boys did not ask how he came to know its name or where he got it—boys never ask anything that would be well for them to know—but they accepted his theory and his further statement that it was of a mildness singularly adapted to learners without misgivings. The boy was himself chewing vigorously on a large quid, and launching the juice from his lips right and left like a grown person, and his boy took as large a bite as his benefactor bade him. He found it as sweet as he had been told it was, and he acknowledged the aptness of its name of molasses tobacco. It seemed to him a golden opportunity to acquire a noble habit on easy terms. He let the quid rest in his cheek, as he had seen men do, when he was not crushing it between his teeth, and for some moments he plunk up and down the canal boat with a sense of triumph that nothing marred.

Then all of a sudden he began to feel pale. The boat seemed to be going round and the sky wheeling overhead. The sun was dodging about very strangely. Drops of sweat burst from the boy's forehead; he let fall his pole and said that he thought he would go home. The fellow who gave him the tobacco began to laugh and the other fellows to mock, but my boy did not mind them. Somehow, he did not know how, he got out of the canal boat and started homeward, but at every step the ground rose as high as his knees before him, and then, when he got his foot high enough and began to put it down, the ground was not there. He was deadly sick, as he roiled and staggered on, and when he reached home and showed himself, white and haggard, to his frightened mother, he had scarcely strength enough to gasp out a confession of his attempt to retrieve the family honor by learning to chew tobacco. In another moment nature came to his relief, and then fell into a deep sleep, which lasted the whole afternoon, so that it seemed to him the next day when he woke up, glad to find himself alive, if not very lively.

Perhaps he had swallowed some of the poisonous juice of the tobacco; perhaps it had acted upon his brain without that. His father made no very close inquiries into the facts, and he did not forbid him the use of tobacco. It was not necessary; in that one little experiment he had got enough for a whole lifetime. It shows that after all a boy is not so hard to satisfy in everything.

No soap in the world has ever been imitated as much as Dobbins' Electric Soap. The market is full of imitations. Be careful that you are not deceived. "J. B. Dobbins, Philadelphia and New York," is stamped on every bar.

The Paris tailors are organizing against the swallow-tailed black coat for dinners, theaters, concerts, etc. They intend to introduce a garment of lively colors, with silk linings, embroidery and brass buttons.

A newspaper reporter accidentally knocked a ladder down, but immediately set about righting it up.—Judge.

The most appropriate pastry for a free-lunch counter—sponge cake.—Philadelphia Call.

J. C. SIMPSON, Marquess, W. Va., says: "Balf's Catarrh Cure cured me of a very bad case of catarrh."—Druggists sell it, 75c.

Why is a buckwheat cake like a caterpillar? Because it's the grub that makes the butter fly.

Bromides is cured by frequent small doses of Pilo's Cure for Consumption.

THE marriage certificate is one of the newspapers that have not declined in price.

BRECHMANN'S PILLS cure Sick-Headache.

Why is death like a tin-pan tied to a dog's tail? Because it is bound to occur (a cor).

HUMAN FRATILITY.

Were frail creatures physically—the most robust among us. The unhealthy man or woman is in great measure incapable of benefit to society. If, for instance, biliousness, a trouble of frequency and often obstinately resistant of ordinary medication, obstructs the harmonious action of the liver and the bowels, the sufferer is sure to be dyspeptic. The three disorders mentioned are sure to be confirmed by neglect. Under the same conditions, there is no hope for him, an impression in all likelihood confirmed by the use of objectionable remedies, the sufferer is apt to become neglectful, may, even reckless, and that sooner he is removed from the sphere of human endeavor the better for all parties concerned. What a series of mistakes! His liver is responsible. It is an incorporate part of himself. How disastrous it? By the aid of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, a certain medium for the re-establishment of united, regular action in the stomach, liver and bowels. It also cures and prevents malarial, rheumatic and kidney troubles.

Unnecessary Precautions. A duel was recently fought at a little village on the Belgian frontier in which everything was conducted under strict antiseptic precautions. The sword blades were first placed in boiling water and then carefully washed in a 5 per cent. solution of carbolic acid. The surgeons were ready with a corrosive sublimate solution of one to a thousand and a number of gauze pledgets which had been rendered aseptic by thorough baking. Unfortunately for the success of the experiment, the duel was of the ordinary French kind and the only wound received was a slight cut on the hand, which healed promptly after the application of a small piece of aseptic court plaster.

A LAUREL tree growing on the crest of Sonoma mountain is said to measure around at the base thirty feet, and is forty feet high. It is estimated that the tree will make forty cords of wood, and Mr. Rickett has been offered \$75 for it standing. It is thought to be the largest tree of that variety on the coast.

The stream of lava flowing down the southern side of Vesuvius advances slowly and majestically, and is said to be a beautiful spectacle from the observatory at Pompeii.

THOUSANDS of miserable and puny little children have been restored to robust health by using Dr. Bull's Worm Destroyer administered to them by kind and loving parents.

AUSTRIAN insane asylums are now the subject of a special government inspection, provoked by the numerous scandals in them.

"GREAT exertions don't always end in great results." Don't work so hard. Use SAPOLIO and save half the labor. Sapolio is a solid cake of scouring soap. Try it.

CALIFORNIA has 1,200,000 people, yet they pay as much taxes as Pennsylvania does with 5,000,000.

PLYMOUTH, Mich., has three factories turning out toy air guns.

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Nomenclature in Rhyme.

Here, according to the Seattle Journal, are some of the names by which towns and places in Washington are called: There's a blunder making out the bill. But most of Washington is represented still. Pysh township, L. push, Cathlapode, too. Casmino, Utsalanda; Enumelaw and Yew, Duwamish, Shiloh, and Stillaguamish. Nisqually, Yelm and, also, fair Snohomish; Ringoluc bright is found upon the list. And Semiahmoo's not among the missed; Okanogan is there and Winatche, Puyallup, Similkieen and Chewahelic. There's Puyallup, in the eastern side. And in Yakima Ashtamun too hide. All towns or precincts, thriving every one, A part and parcel of fair Washington.

You don't have to take our word for the good qualities of DeLobins' Electric Soap. Just get one bar of your grocer, and let it tell you its own story next Monday, and be governed by that, good or bad.

Suicide of Children. Since Jan. 1, sixty-two children, forty-six boys, and sixteen girls, have committed suicide in Berlin. Of this number twenty-four had attained the age of 7, fourteen their 14th year, nine their 13th, while seven were only 12 years of age, and one had not attained the age of 7. In most of the cases the immediate cause for the act remains a secret, but it is supposed to have been due to exceptional severity on the part of servants or teachers.

Why is a snow storm the best of jokes? You can always see the drift of it.

A Fair Trial

Of Hood's Sarsaparilla for scrofula, salt rheum, or any affection caused by impure blood, is sufficient to convince any one of the superior and peculiar curative powers of this medicine. The following statement is taken to the point: "My son was afflicted with the worst type of scrofula, and on the recommendation of my druggist I gave him Hood's Sarsaparilla. To-day he is sound and well, notwithstanding it was said there was not a good medicine in Illinois to effect a cure." J. CHRISTIAN, Illinois, Ill. N. B. Be sure to get

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