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THERE IS FAR TO understand, in this controversy over the Federal Elections Bill, as the failure of the proposed Tenth of electoral reform to offer to introducing the Australian ballot, pure and simple, this plan has been adopted in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and other States where the genuine reform sentiment was strong enough to control legislative action, and it is accepted by thoughtful, intelligent and patriotic men everywhere as the most effective practicable guarantee of pure and honest elections. If, therefore, the sole aim be to secure the integrity of Federal elections, why not adopt a plan which has been tested and approved? The people of the South would offer no serious opposition to such a measure. A few of the politicians and office holders might object, because the perpetuation of their influence and emolument depends upon a maintenance of existing political conditions; but the good people of the South are just as sincere as those of the North in wishing to rescue politics from the domination of ignorance and vice. They would join the ballot reformers of New England as heartily and as cordially as could be desired in the work of purifying the institutions of the Union. Is it because they do not believe this, or because they do not want the South to have free and fair elections, that Messrs. HOAR and LODGE withhold the Australian ballot plan, which will give peace and prosperity, and offer them, instead, a plan which will produce irritation and disorder?

IT SEEMS, HOWEVER, that lottery advertisements can be driven up and down the public thoroughfares.

AS MR. BALFOUR'S plans for the relief of Ireland begin to take intelligible shape, the American mind will inevitably give itself to a comparison between them and the plans of Mr. PARNELL to the same end. It seems to be Mr. BALFOUR's aim to help the Irish by giving them employment in public works which will not only benefit Ireland permanently but relieve the rents and secure the future welfare of the Irish people. The practical effect of his plans will be to make the Irish contented, to give them the self-respect which comes of self support, to afford them honest and wholesome occupation. What does Mr. PARNELL propose? So far as we can see, he proposes to keep them in turmoil and distress for political ends. His scheme contemplates their eviction as the result of organized non-payment of rents, their more or less sufficient support in idleness by charitable contributions from America, and the maintenance of this forlorn and mischievous condition of things indefinitely. We do not clearly see where the Irish masses themselves are to be greatly benefited by this arrangement. It does not strengthen or ennoble a people to keep them in dependence and distress. Human nature is apt to degenerate under such circumstances. And whatever victory Mr. PARNELL may eventually reap as the result of his policy, it is likely, if the consummation be long delayed, to come to him at the expense of Irish character and Irish manhood. Such, at least, is the appearance of things to the disinterested observer at this distance. Mr. BALFOUR seems to have much the best and most benevolent philosophy.

REPRESENTATIVE HARMER of Pennsylvania has made the startling discovery that the country needs a rest.

REVIEWING THE STANLEY expedition as narrated and described by STANLEY himself, the New York *Evening Post* says:

"There comes of cruelty and disorder being up the question whether the expedition, on the whole, was not a tremendous mistake. We think that it was. What was its net upshot? Several hundred lives were lost, fearful sufferings were incurred, $21,000 were spent—for what end? To deliver from two Nubians one irresolute and rather ridiculous European savant, who did not know whether he wanted to be delivered or not, and a few hundred Egyptians, who, according to the best accounts we can get, were not worth so much, man for man, as the Zanzibari slaves who lost their lives toiling through the African jungle to save them.

Passing the question whether EMIN wanted to be delivered—we have always understood that he repudiated any such wish and resented STANLEY's action as meddlesome impertinence; has the *Evening Post* really given the true motive after all? Was not the rescue of EMIN BEY a mere pretext, and a rather transparent one at that? Was not the motive at the bottom of the proceeding the same motive that has inspired all of English enterprises in remote and uncivilized countries, to wit: the acquisition of territory and the aggregation of portable property of value? We think it was. We do not believe that those who equipped the expedition cared one straw about EMIN or would have spent one hour of time or one dollar of money in his relief. The expedition had for its eventual purpose the acquiring of something marketable, and the future will establish the truth of this proposition if, indeed, the present has not already indicated it.

EMIN PASHA HAS been successful in some battles with the natives about the Nyanza Victoria. It will be noted that STANLEY was out of the country.

THE NEWLY ELECTED member from the First Louisiana district, General ADOLPH MEYER, is a member of the great New Orleans Cotton House of V. A. A. MEYER, which yesterday failed for $2,500,000.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN good and bad reputation in Cincinnati appears to be $2,000. Anyway, the comptroller of the city declined an offer of $6,000 for an office within his gift and gave it to a gentleman who could only pay $4,000 for the place. The difference being as to reputation.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

"NEWS FROM NOWHERE." By William Morris. Boston: Roberts Brothers. Washington: Robert Beale, Price, $1.

It will be remembered that "The Earthly Paradise," when it came out in England, made a great sensation in the literary world, and at once placed Mr. William Morris in the front rank of the school of aesthetic and socialistic philosophy, so, through the medium of Colonel Inger Gooll, endeavoring to create a sensation in favor of the elevation of the laboring masses and the betterment of their moral and intellectual condition, in "News From Nowhere," Mr. Morris follows up his idea in the form of a modern romance in which he set forth the gospel of his argument and the cause of suffering.

"WHERE, NOT WHEN?" By William Everett. Boston: Roberts Brothers. Washington: Robert Beale. Price $1.25.

Mr. Everett has made his mark familiar to thousands of households through the medium of such stories as "Changing Hands," "Double Plays," "School Sweethearts," and a number of others adapted to young readers. His stories are always entertaining and wholesome and are, as they deserve to be, made welcome by parents everywhere. We can confidently recommend "Where, Not When."

"THE DOMINION OF DARKNESS" and "WORK WHILE YE HAVE LIGHT." By Count Tolstoi. Published by Charles H. Sergel & Co., No. 378, Dearborn street, Chicago.

The first is a drama in five acts, which was brought out in St. Petersburg, and was intended to elevate the conditions of the Muzjiks, but the government stopped the performance of it and it was not allowed to be offered for sale in Russia. "Work While Ye Have Light" is a tale of the early christians, and is written with the virile realism and terse force peculiar to Tolstoi. To students of the works of this high priest of self annegation, these books will give food for reflection.

"RHYMES BETWEEN TIMES." By Thomas MacKellar. Published by Porter & Coates, Philadelphia.

There are 336 pages of small poems on almost every conceivable topic. There is some spice in so much variety, but Mr. MacKellar's muse rarely rises above the newspaper poetry of the day. Mediocrity is written in most of the poems.

PERSONAL.

The friends of Mrs. Georgia Upton, wife of Judge William H. Upton of Walla Walla, will be glad to know that she is to spend the season with her sister, Mrs. Admena Williams.

A sister of Dr. Koch lived at one time in Syracuse, N. Y. She was the wife of Alexander Fleischmann, a music teacher. Afterward she removed with her husband to Cazenovia, but, though clever and industrious, succeeded so badly that they returned to Germany, whence they had come. There are now reported to be people of position in Berlin.

Captain von Pirschkow, of the Fifth Regiment of the guards, in Potsdam, has long enjoyed the reputation of being the tallest soldier in the German army. This distinction, however, is no longer his. A few weeks ago a so-called "volunteer" was enrolled in one of the regiments of the Garde du Corps who is 6 feet 10 inches tall, while the Captain is "only" 6 feet 6 inches in height. The "volunteer" is taller than any man who has served in the German army since 1850.

Ernest Renan, the French religious historian and critic, lives in a modest house that seems almost lost in the woods of Brittany. He is a tall and very stout man, with curious long hair.

In the new biography of R. H. Dana, jr., (the Dana of "Two Years Before the Mast" fame), there is preserved one item from his journal describing his meeting with Dickens when the novelist first visited the United States. "Disappointed in Dickens' appearance," he writes. "He is of the middle height (under, if anything), with a large, expressive eye, regular nose, matted, curling, wet looking black hair, a dissipated looking mouth, with a vulgar draw to it, a muddy-shoe complexion, stubby fingers and a hand by no means patrician; a hearty, off-hand manner, far from well bred, and a rapid, dashing way of talking. * * * You admire him, and there is a fascination about him which keeps your eyes on him, yet you cannot get rid of the impression that he is a low-bred man."

Maud Banks, the actress, who is winning great popularity in New England, broke the middle finger of her right hand last week while fencing on the stage at Bath.

The Rothschilds have opened another free hospital in Frankfort-on-the-Main.

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THE CRITIC's ten lessons in shorthand will fit you to write the words of the fastest speaker.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

Metropolitan—F. B. Adams, Baltimore; H. E. Lynch, Boston; John A. Woolston, Philadelphia; A. G. Galloway, North Carolina; Allen Potts, Richmond, Va.; A. G. Thornley and wife, Marietta, Ohio; F. R. Arundell, Salisbury, N. C.; R. R. Atkinson, Stanton, Va.

National—P. M. Goff, Rochester; H. J. Stubbs, Fayette County, Pa.; E. B. Stevens, Brooklyn; Daniel Larsher, Baltimore; Benjamin A. Richmond, Cumberland, Md.

Arlington—A. B. Smith, Charlotte, N. C.; M. T. Sanderson, Harrisburg; Henry E. Sharkover, Danville, Va.; Charles T. Bull, Philadelphia; George G. Prentice and wife, Bridgeport, Conn.

Willard's—Scarlett Woodward, London, Eng.; W. F. Delano, Worcester, Mass.; C. B. Mason, Chicago; M. V. Hutchinson, Philadelphia; A. Winchester, Boston.

Ebbitt—W. W. Cook and wife, Buffalo; E. E. Keller, Chicago; A. O. Glover and wife, Chattanooga, Tenn.; J. G. Young, jr., Boston.

Raleigh—Alex G. Lithauer, New York; W. F. Hunt, Portland, Me.; John H. Shannon, Saco, Me.; Al. D. G. Brewing, Philadelphia.

Worthington—C. C. Round, New York; J. S. Runnels, Chicago.

Shoreham—Miss Katie Sinclair, F. P. Tatch and wife, Charlottesville, Va.; Charles E. Cook, New York; William E. McIntyre, Montreal, Canada.

Gilsey—J. P. Clarkson, J. S. Fassett, Elmira, N. Y.; E. M. Ford, Iowa; S. L. James, New Orleans; John H. Flagg, Mr. and Mrs. I. P. Rothschild, New York; W. K. Tuttle, Pittsburg; O. V. Morgan, M. P., London, England; J. W. Coolidge, jr., and M. C. Beale, Boston.

Arlington—Mr. and Mrs. H. Van Kenren, Carlisle, Pa.; Arthur Arrington and wife, Louisburg, N. C.

Normandie—Richard Gordon, St. Paul; F. E. Smith, Chicago; D. H. Thomas, New York; William L. Abbott, Pittsburg, Pa.

Ebbitt—General T. S. Peck, Vermont; Alliance Morris, West Virginia; W. W. Schenck, Lafayette, Ind.; Jackson S. Hollins and Richard L. Erbes, New York.

Hotel Johnson—J. H. Fickler, Fredericksburg, Va.; Colonel Walter Gwatt, Boston; E. W. Miller, Maryland; J. A. Holmes, Massachusetts; Edw. Graham, New York.

Dwight's—Captain Lodgwick, Mississippi; H. Hitchcock, Duluth, N. Y.; T. J. Horgan, Auburn, N. Y.

Union House—J. A. Allen, Philadelphia; Samuel Pickett, New York; R. S. Kirk, Olney, Md.; Thomas H. Hamilton, Baltimore; Edward D. Fitzgerald, Baltimore.

IN THE SWIM.

The opulent and elegant dwelling house of Mr. and Mrs. Pulitzer was thrown open yesterday afternoon and evening for the view of Washington. The house is finely located in the very street of all that is refined and costly in a modern town house. The appointments, interior decorations, furniture, wickerwork and the appointments are in exquisite taste.

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The wives and daughters of Senators are arriving daily, and those who own houses here are very busy putting their homes in order for the winter. Mrs. Call has leased for the city, and now occupies the Call Mansion, No. 1001, N street. Mrs. Colquitt and Miss Colquitt are delightfully settled at 228 New Jersey avenue, and will be at home on Mondays in December.

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The Belgian Minister will entertain Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Stanley at dinner tonight. A distinguished party will be invited to meet the great explorer and his wife. If Mr. Stanley prolongs his stay it is understood that he will be, figuratively speaking, herded around in society on a rotation.

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The return of Mr. Alexander George of the Boston Legation will give a fresh impetus to fox hunting and outdoor sports. The members of the Dumbiane Hunt Club will ride to hounds with this daring and fearless horseman most look well to their laurels and be firm of seat and steady of hand.

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Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Chew have rented their pretty home and taken apartments at The Milton for the winter.

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A number of the friends of Mr. Eric Dahlgren are going over to New York next Thursday to attend the wedding of that gentleman to Miss Lily Drexel.

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The venerable Mrs. William T. Carroll, the mother of the Countess Esterhazy, Mrs. Lieutenant Bolles and Mrs. Brown of Portland, Me., returns in a wonderful degree that spirit of serenity and cheerfulness peculiar to her, and an activity and interest in social life here that is remarkable.

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Mrs. Roosevelt, No. 1820 Jefferson Place, receives this afternoon. Her beauty, culture and high social position place her easily in the front rank of reigning favorites. Mr. Roosevelt is, as everybody knows, one of the brightest and most effective conversationalists of the day, and is equally racy and vigorous with his pen.

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During the winter there are to be several tableaux, in which the amateur talent in society will have an opportunity of showing its skill and progress in the art divine.

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Apropos of this, the Chevalier Taverni is a fine modeler and plays Hungarian airs and the best classics with the finish and technique of an artist.

AMUSEMENTS

Boston Symphony Club at the National.

The Boston Symphony Orchestra Club, probably the most complete organization of its kind in America, and now on its fifth annual transcontinental tour, will give a grand record concert at the New National Theatre tomorrow evening.

This organization is under the direction of Mr. Max Rocholz, and is composed of the following artists: Mons. Alfred de Sève, violin virtuoso, whose distinguished abilities have been recognized and most enthusiastically praised by the leading critics of Europe and the United States, and who had the rare good fortune of studying as a private pupil, with Vieuxtemps and Sarasate; Richard Fitzmann, violinist; Richard Stoelzer, viola d'amour; Ernst Ochley, violincello soloist; Frederik Fucquoy, flute and piccolo virtuoso, and Mlle. Lea Van Dyck, prima donna.

Mlle. Van Dyck, who has been a pupil of Madame Marchesi of Paris for the last three years, is said to possess a voice of rare quality and sweetness. Mlle. Van Dyck is a member of one of the oldest families of Virginia. The box office will be open tomorrow from 1 to 3.

"Shenandoah" at the National.

Bronson Howard's latest and best play will be given its initial production at the New National Theatre next week, and great interest is already being manifested in the event. The sale of seats has beaten all records so far at the regular prices. The play has an unusual interest for the Washington theatre-goer, as this city is the home or scene of the fourth act, where all participants are brought together.

The story of the play is one of the brighter threads running through the sombre woof of the civil war. There is a dash and spirit to it that holds the interest from beginning to end. The audience laughs, often immoderately and then again the more susceptible to pathetic scenes are moved to tears. There are climaxes that burst forth in a spirit of patriotism and true devotion, awakening the deepest admiration in the auditor, whose heart responds to the inspiring call of noble sentiments. Pathos and comedy run hand in hand. The heart is thrilled with a noble sympathy, and one's whole being is wrought up to a high pitch, when, like a cooling breeze in the summer sun, comes a shower of comedy that carries the audience away in the most happy and pleasant thoughts, while they laugh with redoubled energy, and the tear stained eyes sparkle anew with merriment.

It is the wonderful interlacing of the pathetic, the patriotic and the humorous, that makes the production a literary gem, worthy of the highest honor. No one is "starred" in the cast now presenting the play, but every member of the company has been selected with an especial view to his or her fitness for their respective roles, and is the original home company that played in the first production at the Star Theatre, New York, and now comes direct from New York from its second great run there.

Troop A, District National Guard, H. S. Barbour commanding, have engaged 100 seats to see "Shenandoah" at the National on Monday evening. They will attend in full uniform.

"The Henrietta" at Albaugh's.

The play is a satire written by Bronson Howard, the successful author and also author of the "Shenandoah," that has played to such large business throughout the country. Bronson Howard, upon modern American life or rather some of the features of it—features, after all, in imitation of or borrowed from our English cousins, the most pronounced of which are the money and stock speculators of the dude. The dude is not an American production. In characterizations, of course there are exaggerations, in order to make the life scenes more vivid and impressive.

In "The Henrietta" is the combination of a ballet dancer, a mining company and a racing colt, of course these get mixed up in a farcical way; but there are more Gotham elements to the comedy, which the uncultivated mind of the West, as the one-eyed man of destiny would say, Mr. Weedwhat is a Wall street magnate with a Vanderbilt face, while Stuart Robson, who loves pictures of actresses and buys them in wholesale quantities from photographers and gives a premium for autograph signatures, possesses the love of a delicious young girl, and that certainly should be sufficient happiness.

The comedy will be excellently produced and most effectively performed, and whatever "The Henrietta" has been produced the capacity has been inadequate to accommodate the crowds. Mr. Robson will present "The Henrietta" all of next week, including Wednesday and Saturday matinees. Saturday evening "She Stoops to Conquer" will be presented. Sale of seats will commence to morrow morning.

"One of the Finest" at Harris'.

It is a comedy drama that will entertain the patrons of Harris' Bijou Theatre next week. "One of the Finest" was made famous by Gus Williams, the eminent German comedian. As presented by E. J. Hanna's Company it will have the talents of an uncommonly good collection of performers and the touch of unobtrusive elaborate scenic accessories. The Fall Opera House in New York is represented as a most vivid manner, with a river of real water on the stage with all sorts of craft plying to and from it. The cast of Jerry Mooney, who has been established in popular song as well as on the stage, is portrayed by Edwin M. Ross in a manner that has won him plaudits warm and unstinted. The story is one of deep interest. The play has undergone many alterations since its first production some years ago, the comedy being increased tenfold without any sacrifice of smoothness. The film is wholesome and irresistible, and altogether the entertainment is one that may be relied on to please. The company is varied in its accomplishments, including Miss Marion Gray, a very graceful dancer; C. Edgar Foreman, clever in character changes and specialties, and George H. Hassan in amusing imitations. Nothing is spared to give realistic force to the entertainment. A number of novelties enliven the scene about the docks, and their aquatic excellence are frequently quite startling as well as funny.

The matinee performance of "One of the Finest" on Tuesday afternoon at the Bijou will be an interesting event, as the manager must have invited the children of the public officers to attend. The little ones will doubtless be greatly interested to see the policemen, with whom they are so familiar, made a stage hero. A large number of acceptances to the nearly gotten up invitations have already been received.

Jefferson and Florence at the National.

Joseph Jefferson and W. J. Florence begin an engagement of one week at the National Theatre Monday evening, December 15, opening in "The Heir at Law," which will be repeated Tuesday and Wednesday. Mr. Jefferson will then be seen in his exquisite comedy creation of *Mr. Dombey*, and Mr. Florence in his admirable impersonation of *Zekiel Homespun*. The distinguished comedians will have the assistance of F. C. Bangs, Frederick Paulding, Fred Boos, George Denham, Joseph Warren, Misc. Fenton, Viola Allen, and Elsie Lombard. On Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings and at the Saturday matinee "The Rivals" will be presented, with Mr. Jefferson in his famous impersonation of *Bob Acres*, with Mr. Florence as *Sir Lucius O'Trigger* and Mrs. John Drew as *Mrs. Malaprop*.

Harry Williams' Company at Kernan's.

Harry W. Williams' Own Specialty Company, direct from his Academy of Music, Pittsburg, Pa., will make its first appearance at Kernan's next Monday. Mr. Williams has the reputation of sending out superior attractions. This season, by a happy combination of American and European artists, he has succeeded in eclipsing all former efforts and sends out the most pleasing, the largest and the most expensive company on record.

Never has there been a more costly importation than the famous Bros. Byrne from the Royal Aquarium, London. Their carriage ride with six mishaps, from the ludicrous start to the exciting explosion, is highly realistic and calls for rare gymnastic skill and daring. In agility the Bros. Byrne are unequaled and extricate themselves from the most dangerous predicaments with astonishing ease. J. W. Kelly, the famous minstrel, is on the bill and will prove a rare card. The Sisters Coleman from the principal European theatres are accomplished vocalists and graceful dancers. Among the companions Von Gofre, the European marvel, who is acknowledged the most mysterious artist of the age. Billy Carter keeps a well tuned banjo and a fund of original songs and jokes. Fallen and Cusick, the Trans-Atlantic comedians, are original and pleasing.

No musical artist has earned a wider reputation or given greater satisfaction than Slocum, Elwood's greatest concertina soloist. Mathew, the juggler, keeps abreast of the time and introduces feats that are entirely original. Dogmar, the Danish warbler, is a handsome, gifted woman, whose rich voice is sure to please. Besides these artists there are Napier and Marzello, the gymnastic comedians; Byrne and Helene, the aerial artists and dancers; Austin, the black-face king, and Larry and Lizzie Smith, the favorite duo. Ladies' matinees Monday, Tuesday and Saturday. December 15, Henry Burlesque Company.

Globe Theatre.

"Monte Cristo" will be presented at the Globe next week by a good specialty company. The programme offered also includes a large number of well-known vaudeville performers.

RIGOLETTOS.

Editor—What does it mean? I hear that the Postoffice authorities have seized the mail edition of the paper. Was it because of the lottery ads?

Business Manager—Yes; that is, the marriage notices!—*Exchange.*

Chance for a Fortune.

Seedy Gentleman—Will you help me to win a wager, sir?

Bank President—What do you mean?

Seedy Gentleman—Why, me and my friend here have made a wager. He bets me $1,000,000 against 50 cents that I can't eat thirty quails in thirty days. I've got the 50 cents. What I want to know is if you'll help me to a fortune by providing the quails.—*Somerville Journal.*

Miss Gushing—I dote on the beautiful South, with its palms and orange trees! Do not you, too, love sunny climes?

Miss Tartleu—No; I can't say I do. When I have to climb, I prefer to have it shady.—*Light.*

"The meek shall inherit the earth," quoted the minister to a parishioner not noted for his meekness.

"Yes," replied the layman, "but the hustler is contesting the will very vigorously."—*Harper's Bazar.*

Weary druggist, we'll remind you
That this act all life sublimes,
When you sell stamps and keep smiling
Daily, several hundred times.
—*Pharmaceutical Era.*

Little Alice (looking over a book of religious pictures)—Papa, what are "Primitive Christians?"

Papa—Why, they were the first Christians, the early Christians, the first ones, don't you know.

Alice—Then we're not (regretfully) Primitive Christians are we?

Papa—N—no, not of course not.

Alice (brightening)—But we get there just the same, don't we, papa?—*Puck.*

Grave Cause for Suspicion.

Sagacious Employer—I fear, Mr. Toogood, I shall have to dispense with your services.

New Clerk—Why, sir, I know I have only been here a week, but have I not during this time been thoroughly faithful to your interests?

Employer—Oh, you have been faithful enough and capable enough, but—

New Clerk—But what, sir?

Employer—Well, I saw you take a postage stamp out of the drawer yesterday.

New Clerk—Yes, sir, but I put two cents in its place.

Employer—That's just what I can't understand. I guess you'd better go.—*Boston Courier.*

The Limit.

She had stayed with most galore
She lived with husband number eight,
And hoped to wed as many more—
She'd diamonds lost in every State.

But she blushed, and declared herself out of the race
When they named her to star in the "Chemistry case."
—*New York Sun.*

An actual conversation in Delmonico's: "Aw, Cholly, didn't I see you have on a dress suit of that new baby cloth the other night? I like it immensely, but, dear boy, Pelaez wasn't he no howcome. He's my tailor, you know, and he's to dress me and I'm not to interfere, you know, whatever he gives me."

The other dude: "How very remarkable."

"Yes, father makes an arrangement with him by the year, you know, and I'm too devilish glad of it, you know, to make any bother, don't you see."

"Why, I saw it at Tiffany's—Mr. Starr's, you know. I saw lots things there and he pays for them, you know, so I saw this and I got it. Father never won't let—"—*N. Y. Sun.*

The Rich Uncle.

Sir (desperately)—Tell me the truth. Is it not my poverty that stands between us?

She (coolly)—Yes.

He (with a ray of hope)—I think that I am poor, and so, unfortunately, is my father; but I have an aged uncle who is very rich and a bachelor. He is so terribly old and cross.

She (brightly)—How that a cod (emphatic) you are! Will you introduce me to him?—*New York World.*

Oh, my! those Finch Combination Suits at J. C. Parker's, 503 Seventh street.

PLEAS AND SENTENCES.

A Number of Criminals Arraigned Before Justice Bingham.

In the Criminal Court today a large number of prisoners were arraigned before Chief Justice Bingham, some to plead and others to receive sentence. The following entered pleas of not guilty: Alphonso Amarison, violating section 5209, R. S. U. S. (internal revenue laws); Henry Hayes and David Scheyer, violating internal revenue laws; William R. Mills, violating policy laws; William Johnson, colored, violating section 5548, R. S. U. S. (postal laws); Samuel James, colored, larceny from the person of J. E. Payton on October 18 last; Michael Nulty, false pretense in obtaining a carriage robe valued at $8 from E. S. Wheeler on November 11 last; Clifford E. Baird, false pretense in passing a check for $25 on the Second National Bank on November 8 last; John Hayward, larceny of bicycle from A. S. Atwater & Co. on November 7. The following pleas of guilty were entered: James Warren, violating internal revenue laws; Lucy Edelin, assault with intent to kill, and Matilda Hicker, violating policy law. In the case of John Brown, for assault with intent to kill, forfeiture of recognizance was set aside.

Thomas Lewis pleaded guilty to the charge of housebreaking and was sentenced to two years at Albany after the expiration of jail sentence. John Gordon pleaded guilty of larceny and was sent to Albany for two years. August Free, the discharged Government employe who stole stationery from the United States, was sent to the District Jail for sixty days. William Dimes, alias Slocum, who robbed old Sam Johnson of his watch and chain, received a sentence of a year and a day in the penitentiary. Henry Lee, who relieved the same Samuel Johnson of his cash, was arraigned, but sentence was deferred until the prisoner's previous record can be examined.

Nathaniel Sykes, the young man who stole a bicycle from John F. Parsons, and sold it in Baltimore, was sentenced to a year and a day at Albany. General Carrington, his counsel, stated that he had sent a petition for Sykes' pardon to the President, and asked that the prisoner might be detained at the District Jail until the petition was acted upon. District Attorney Hoge called the counsel's attention to the fact that the Executive would hardly take any action on a petition that was sent to him before the prisoner was sentenced, and that it was customary in granting pardons to wait until the prisoner had arrived at the penitentiary. General Carrington therefore withdrew his motion.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Wanted—An able-bodied man of sound judgment to assist me to decide whether I shall stand for the Senatorship in 1891 or wait for the Presidency in 1892. All communications treated as confidential and correspondence cordially invited. One Grover Cleveland need not apply. Address D. B. Hill, Executive Chamber, Albany, N. Y.—*New York Tribune.*

Intellectual Bostonians are finding a much-needed relaxation in the game of "Tiddle-de Winks." And it is a beautiful sight to see one of the old Brahmins of that town snapping the counters into the little baskets.—*New York Tribune.*

It was faithfully promised in 1888 that the tail of the British lion should be snatched from its socket. Yet here is Dr. Harrison writing: "The friendly relations of our country with the nations of Europe have been undisturbed."—*Courier Journal.*

A gentleman out in Chicago bought his little son a toy pistol for 50 cents.

Ten days afterward it cost him $50 for a handsome headstone.—*New York Herald.*

Mr. Andrew D. White says that while traveling through Europe he could find almost nothing that reminded him of his dear, native land. Everything was strange and unlike what he had been accustomed to. But when he reached Constantinople, the dirtiest city on the Continent, and viewed its filthy streets they so sharply recalled New York that he became positively homesick.—*N. Y. Herald.*

This is a very poor, fiddle faddle sort of business, dismounting the War Department orderly and putting him on a bicycle. We venture to say the bicycles cost more than a forage ration would amount to in four or five years. Give the trooper back his house, stuck, spurs, sabre, $8 bit and all the rest of it, and let people see something military about the War Department when they go there.—*N. Y. World.*

Two Fallen Monarchs.

From the New York Tribune.

The other day Dom Pedro presided at a lecture on "Oriental Poets," delivered by the famous Sheikh Abou Naddara, who is now a permanent resident of Paris. The Sheikh was one of the leaders of the revolt in Egypt of which Arabi Pasha was the ostensible head; indeed, the Sheikh was really the soul and mainspring of the whole business. He now edits a paper here and delivers lectures. Dom Pedro not only introduced him to the audience, but listened very attentively to the lecture, and at its close shook hands with the speaker and congratulated him. "For, tell me," said the ex-Emperor, "why you were obliged to quit Egypt?" The Oriental historian replied, "Ismail did not fulfill the engagements he made with me. I accordingly tried a revolution. It failed, and here I am!" "Ah!" said the ex-Emperor, with a smile, "that explains it. But I am here because some one else tried a revolution which was successful!"

Cable Transit in Chicago.

From the Chicago News.

1. Passengers who have had their teeth jolted out, thus saving dentists bills, should not disturb their fellow-passengers by unseemly exultation.

2. When late to supper because the cable broke, remember that cold victuals will satisfy hunger more rapidly than hot ones.

3. If you have caught a car you should not complain if unable to catch your breath.

4. When unable to secure a seat assume a look of indifference and a statuesque pose.

5. When thrown down in alighting from a car rise gracefully and explain to bobbsitters that you always jump off that way.

Almost as Good.

From Munsey's Weekly.

Wife—What makes you so happy? Does that letter contain a check?

Husband—No, but it doesn't contain a bill.

No Wagnerian Gems Over There.

From the Sunday Herald.

London has three thousand miles of paved streets and yet she gets along without a hickory committee. They do know some things over in England.

Georgia's Business.

From Harper's Bazar.

"Is your son doing anything for himself, now, Barkins?"

"Oh, yes. George does his own cravats now."

FINANCIALLY EMBARRASSED.

A Brooklyn Soap Firm Solves the Difficulty by Reorganization.

NEW YORK, DEC. 6.—It came to light yesterday that Charles S. Higgins & Co., the extensive soap manufacturers of Brooklyn, have been financially embarrassed for some time because of the tightness of the money market, and for the past week they have been unable to meet their obligations, and were compelled to stop payment on their notes, and that as a way out of the difficulty the firm has been dissolved and a new stock company, to be known as the Charles S. Higgins Company, has been organized, in which several creditors of the firm are members and will take an active interest.

This news came to the surface in a very strange manner. During the afternoon it was rumored that Thurber, Wyland & Co., the big wholesale grocers of this city, had failed.

The special partner of the firm, H. K. Thurber, was found at his home last night. When the matter was referred to him he said: "I have not failed, either individually or as the special partner of Thurber, Wyland & Co. I will say this, however, I am the indorser on some paper that is due and that has not been paid yet. I can pay every dollar that I am indorser on, even if the parties did not pay a cent on it, and then have as much money left as, perhaps, is good for me to have. I could not pay all of my indorsements at once."

"Can you tell me some of the parties whose paper you have indorsed and which you say you may have to pay?"

"No, sir; I cannot."

"Is it true that you are a large indorser of the paper of Higgins & Co., the soap manufacturers of Brooklyn, who are said to be temporarily embarrassed?"

"Yes, it is true."

Asked for particulars, he continued: "Higgins & Co. have been temporarily embarrassed for some days, and found it necessary to stop payment last week. I am an indorser on a large amount of the firm's paper, having been doing that for several years. I will not say to what extent, however."

In regard to the cause of the trouble, Mr. Thurber said: "For the past ninety days there was no paper of any account that could be negotiated. Mr. Higgins has made some large investments in realty recently, and his money was otherwise tied up so that when the present monetary tightness came about he found himself unable to meet his paper, and was forced to stop payment. The company has made no assignment, and I do not think that will be necessary. The present firm has been dissolved, and has been reorganized into a stock company, and the business will be resumed by Monday or Tuesday next. The new company has already been incorporated, and will be known as the Charles S. Higgins Company."

Mr. Thurber added that Higgins & Co. did a yearly business amounting to nearly $1,000,000 and that for the past seven years he had earned an average profit of $42,000 per annum. He had known Mr Higgins for forty years and in all that time the firm had never had any other similar embarrassments. In 1866 or '67 Charles S. Higgins and his brother, who were then in partnership, quarreled and a receiver was appointed, but no money or account was owed, every cent of the sum was paid.

WITH MILITARY HONORS.

The Remains of Surgeon-General Baxter Consigned to Mother Earth.

The funeral of the late Surgeon-General J. H. Baxter took place this afternoon from All Souls' Church at Fourteenth and L streets. The services were very impressive and were conducted by Rev. Dr. Rush R. Shippen, pastor of the church. The church was crowded with the friends and old comrades of the deceased soldier.

The members of the Grand Army of the Republic assembled at the G. A. R. Hall at noon and attended the funeral in a body. The comrades of Lincoln Post of which General Baxter was Past Commander, were present as an independent body. Among those who witnessed the obsequies were many Army officers and members of the Loyal Legion and Masonic bodies to which General Baxter belonged.

At the conclusion of the services the casket containing General Baxter's remains was borne to the hearse by eight soldiers detailed from the Third Artillery. The funeral cortege was then formed and proceeded to Arlington, where the interment was made with military honors.

The pall-bearers were as follows: Assistant Secretary Grant, Dr Charles R. Greenleaf, Senator Platt, Dr. F. C. Ainsworth, General Veazey, Mr. J. R. Thompson, Dr. H. N. Howard, Mr. M. M. Parker and the following, representing the Loyal Legion: Brigadier-General Richard C. Drum, U. S. A.; Brigadier-General Richard N. Batchelder, U. S. A.; Brevet Brigadier-General Chauncey McKeever, U. S. A.; Surgeon Joshua O. Stanton, late U. S. V. The official committee representing the Commandery of the Loyal Legion at the funeral was Companions Surgeon-General J. Mills Brown, U. S. N.; Brigadier-General Adolphus W. Greely, U. S. A.; Brevet Brigadier-General W. W. Dudley, late U. S. V.; Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Heywood, U. S. M. C.; Chief Engineer George R. Johnson, U. S. N.; Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Sanford C. Kellogg, U. S. A.; Surgeon DeWitt C. Patterson, late U. S. V., and Brevet Major Wyllys Lyman, U. S. A.

WANT THEM TO COME.

Kansas City Irishmen Preparing to Receive Dillon and O'Brien.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 6.—The following telegram was sent to John Dillon and O'Brien at Chicago by the committee having in charge the arrangements for the reception of the Irish envoys:

"Committee on arrangements actively working for your reception. The telegrams in the Chicago and Eastern papers concerning the action of the committee have no foundation in fact. The Irish Americans of Kansas City will give you a rousing reception. Wire us when you will be here.

"W. J. DALTON, Chairman."

Notice is called by A. L. Saltzstein, jr., to the public to call at his store on Seventh street and get one of those guessing cards and try and guess the number of glasses that will be put in the box between now and Xmas.

A Valuable Invention.

READING, Dec. 6.—Harry Harris, a well known iron man of this city, has perfected an invention for converting old steel rails into malleable or merchant iron. To day successful experiments were made in the presence of New York, Philadelphia and Reading capitalists at Bristol, Bucks County, and all pronounced it a perfect success. Instead of crumbling into pieces the steel after being heated by the Harris process was run through the rolls and converted into various shapes.

Do you need a full-dress suit? If so, the place to buy it is at Robinson, Parker & Co.'s, the American Clothiers, southeast corner Seventh and D streets northwest.

Baptist Bazar.

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. P. Holtzman, No. 1214 Twelfth street northwest, was full of life last evening from 6 to 10 o'clock. A bazar was held there by members of the First Baptist Church, this city, for the benefit of the Baptist Church at Hagerstown, Md., Rev. G. A. Clark, pastor. Among those present were Rev. and Mrs. Charles A. Stakely, Miss Stakely, Miss Dearing, Miss O'Bannon, Miss Parks, Mrs. G. E. Gibbs, Mrs. Robert Dunkard, Miss Reynolds, Miss Maggie Clark, Miss White, Mrs. Yewell, Mrs. Toms, Mrs. Alf. Perry, Mrs. R. L. Gibbs, Miss Cowles, Miss Fox, Professor J. M. E. Hall, A. T. Holtzman, Mr. Fox, Mr. P. S. Foster of this city, Miss Holtzman of Virginia, Rev. Clark, Wm. H. A. Hamilton, Calvin Thirston, Fred Myers and Mandel Seser of Hagerstown, Md. Everybody enjoyed themselves, and success crowned the efforts of the ladies and gentlemen actively engaged.

Exemplification of an Old Saw.

Last month Archibald Martin, an old veteran, came to Washington from a remote town in New Hampshire for the purpose of collecting a pension. No sooner had he reached here than he began drinking alcohol, and has kept it up ever since. The other evening he started out from the Hotel Berlin on a carriage drive, and upon his return found that he had been relieved of $190. He is unable to give the number of the hack he employed or tell just where he went. It is known that he spent money rather lavishly in a number of disreputable places and thinks that a portion of the money was disposed of in this way. Martin has been so intoxicated since coming here that he can give no reasonable explanation as to what became of his money.

Trying to Escape the Noose.

A bill of exceptions in the case of William D. Cross, who is sentenced