

FREEHAND NOTES.

LENT APPROACHES—HOW IT WILL AFFECT FESTIVITIES.

Some Socials and Some Dressy Features—The Fire at the Conservatory—Sad Destruction.

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The distressing fact is promulgated by those who have consulted the proper authorities, almanacs or prayer-books, that Lent comes early this year, Ash Wednesday falling on the 7th of February.

Numerous contemplated entertainments must be given speedily or not at all. Many have been the bold spirits who designed to set at defiance the influence of Lent on balls, but Lent has in every instance come out winner, and Lenten balls are infrequent; no one who has given one ever seems to summon her courage to give another.

William T. Coleman are talked of as entertaining the amiable intention of opening their houses.

To their friends, and Mrs. McMullin, whose New Year party gave all the pleasure that was anticipated from it, contemplates amusing her world with a domino party.

Mrs. Charles Crocker's pretty idea of a fancy dress German is to be repeated this winter, only the hostess this time is the bride, Mrs. Timothy Hopkins.

Mrs. Crocker's last year Mrs. Hopkins, then Miss Critchfield, in an Oriental dress, and Mrs. Coit in the dress of a mermaid.

French post-revolutionary days, were strikingly contorted figures that are talked of still. Mrs. Gwin's kettledrum last Saturday was graced by the presence of Mrs. Stoneham, who was dressed in a costume of the pale terra-cotta color which Oscar Wilde would say makes one dream.

To-day Mrs. Frank Pizley gives one of the perennially favorite kettledrums. A PRETTY OBJECT OF ART Has been selected by a gentleman of the city in one of the principal Japanese curio shops, and it has a pretty story attached to it, while its intrinsic beauty is great.

It is a choice little vase of paste, exquisitely fine, the prevailing tone a smooth, rich vermilion, and there is good gold-work about it. A group of three small figures represents two nobles reclining under a tree, listening to a poet—Damo, as shown by his cap to those leaning in and listening who are reading his verses for the delectation of these aesthetic magnates.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

"Bacarak: the Age of Fire and Gravel," is the title of a work by Ignatius Donnelly, and is from the press of D. Appleton & Co., New York. It is certainly an original and striking book, and it antagonizes the accepted theory and holds to the doctrine that the changes attributed to the glacial period were the result of volcanic eruptions and deposits.

The work consists of a chain of arguments and facts to prove that the Drift Age, with its vast deposits of clay and gravel, its decomposed rocks, and its great reefs in the face of the globe, was the result of contact between the earth and a comet, and that the drift material was brought to the earth by the comet; that man lived on the earth at that time; that he was highly civilized; that all the human family, with the exception of a few persons who saved themselves in caves, perished from the same causes which destroyed the mammoth and the other great preglacial animals; that the legends of all the races of the world preserve references, derived from the same causes which destroyed the mammoth and the other great preglacial animals; that the legends of all the races of the world preserve references, derived from the same causes which destroyed the mammoth and the other great preglacial animals.

"Helen of Troy," by A. Lang, is a 16 mo. vol. of 175 pages, from the press of Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. It comes to us from A. L. Bancroft & Co., San Francisco. Mr. Lang has told the story of the beautiful Helen in a beautiful and polished style. It is this peculiarly adapted to poetic treatment. He has taken that view of the tale that holds Helen to be not a paragon, but an unfortunate victim of the passions which she was so vainly struggling to resist.

"The Claverley Mystery," is a political story by W. A. Wilkins, a humorist of the Whitehall (N. Y.) Times. It is from the press of Francis Howard & Hubert, New York. The book affords food for both mirth and sober reflection. The tale and its moral are one and the same throughout—a showing up of the wrongs of our present "machine politics," not only among the politicians and their offices, but also in the daily life of all who are connected with them, directly and indirectly. And this is done in a manner apt and graphic.

"The Still-Hunter," by Theodore S. Van Dyke, is from the press of Ford, Howard & Hubert, New York. The author will be remembered as having written the book entitled "The Rifle, Rod and Gun in California." His present work will be found of interest to hunters and to those who are complete and practical treatise on deer-stalking.

"The Wide Awake" (D. Lathrop & Co., Boston) is at hand for January, and proves a brilliant number, richly illustrated and more varied and interesting than ever in the matter of contents. It is certainly a holiday number that is worthy of the reputation of this admirable monthly for youthful Americans.

"Mr. Isaac" is the peculiar title of a tale of modern India, by F. Marion Crawford, and is from the press of Macmillan & Co., New York, and is for sale by the Honghons, Sacramento, at \$1. It is a novel that retains the attention and awakens an interest in the characters drawn and their adventures.

From A. L. Bancroft & Co. we have Vol. 3, "The American Declaration," compiled and annotated by A. C. Freeman. The cases noted are of the era represented by the years 1812-3-4 in American reports of adjudication.

Susan N. Carter has edited two of Putnam's art handbooks, which are at hand from Bancroft & Co. The first is "Hints for Sketching in Water Color from Nature," by Thomas Hinton, and the other, "Drawing in Black and White," the latter being from her own pen.

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