



seen last Monday afternoon on the corner of Thirteenth and streets, wearing unmistakably terrestrial adornments decorating the entire right side of his ordinarily well brushed black suit.

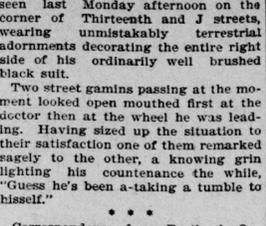
Two street gamins passing at the moment looked open mouthed first at the doctor, then at the wheel he was leading. Having sized up the situation to their satisfaction one of them remarked sagely to the other, a knowing grin lighting his countenance the while, "Guess he's been a-taking a tumble to hisself."

Correspondence from Portland, Or., says that the citizens of that place have given a large testimonial concert to our old friend Kinross, from whom we have not heard for some time lately. Some of the best talent in Portland were participants in the event, which, according to accounts, was as great a success as could possibly be desired. Vive Kinross.

A mischievous young woman of this town tells a good story, which though perhaps not as satisfactory to the victim of her joke, filled her own soul with a keen relish not to be resisted when the opportunity came so "pat." A friend and herself attended church one morning in company. "I felt really too wicked to go to church," she said, "some way everything the least bit out of the way that I encountered gave a most hysterical desire to laugh. Carrie looked so horribly pious and sanctimonious it only made the matter worse. I could not stand it to see her so daddled, proper when I was so wicked and full of glee. Finally, through a spirit of impishness, and just to shake her out of her primness, I said suddenly, 'Carrie, your hat's on wrong.' The result was somewhat different than I had expected. Reaching up nervously to adjust her hat, she said to me, 'Well, my dear, if you will play with boys you must take boys' play.' Come on, 'Things are getting too lively for me.' And we went.

The friends of Mrs. Frank Orcutt will be pained to learn of her serious illness, which is a return of the malady from which she was prostrated last year. Her sister, Miss Bessie Scott, has been summoned to her bedside, and hopes of her ultimate recovery are entertained with the aid of skilled medical treatment and careful nursing.

The Saturday Club opened its season auspiciously on the 31st ult., and a very fine programme of miscellaneous compositions was rendered, with the assistance of Mr. Adler, our new violinist, who seems to have created a more than favorable impression among musicians in our town, and young Master Eikus, who did himself great credit in his skillful rendering of a piano solo, a Mozart concerto, accompanied on a second piano by his mother. He responded to an enthusiastic encore with a mazurka by Chopin. Tad had very much to say for work, and it is really quite a wonder to all who hear him in the manner in which his little hands conquer mammoth chords and intricate runs.



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condensation of an article on the "Higher Schools of France under the Third Republic." The usual departments of book reviews, educational notes and new publications complete the journal, every page of which is full of suggestiveness and value.

The "Medical Record Weekly" for October 31st (45 East Tenth street, New York), like its predecessors, is filled with matter of first interest to the medical and surgical fraternity, only this number is fuller, has more pages than any one we have seen. The "Record" we esteem one of the most valued of our many scientific exchanges, as it assuredly is the leading weekly journal of medicine in the country. In the current number there is an illustrated article on bicycle posture as related to spinal affections that is of high value, and teaches much wisdom as to the proper position of the handle bars and saddle. This article should be read outside of the medical profession generally.

"The Critic" (New York) of October 31st contains a half hundred book reviews, an account of the sesquicentennial at Princeton, with a list of those honored with degrees and portraits of five of the six doctors of letters who received the titles of Doctor of Letters honoris causa (Professor Baird, Richard Watson Glider, Professors Lounsbury and March, and Horace E. Scudder and Charles Dudley Warner); a view of George du Maurier's new house at 17 Oxford Square, London; a portrait of the late Cyrus W. Field, accompanying a review of his daughter's biography of him; an account of the Howard Hall, Furness of "The Town of Tribby," in Florida. From this number we learn that M. Ferdinand Brunetiere, the well known French critic and editor of the "Revue des Deux Mondes" is to deliver a course of lectures on French poetry, Baltimore, in March next.

"The National Magazine" (Boston) for November contains the opening chapter of a remarkable serial, "Christ and His Time," by Dallas Ross Sharp, abridged from the famous religious paintings. The table of contents shows the menu and special dishes eaten by the English in America, Australia, England, Canada and India, and is followed by "Some Old-Fashioned Thanksgiving Dainties," by Eliza R. Parker. Miss Cornelia G. Boardman gives an exhaustive and valuable article on "Greece," Miss E. Marguerite Lindley on "Dress and Its Effect Upon Health and Mind." Mrs. Burton Kingsland tells of "Hospitality in Germany," and Mrs. M. C. Myer describes the "Chinese Woman of High Castes," and her home life. Responsible Menus and Entertainments, and the Housekeepers' Inquiries are full of help and information for the housekeeper and home-maker. Any of our readers sending their names and addresses to the Table Talk Publishing Company of Philadelphia, Pa., are offered a sample copy of the magazine free.

The "Pocket Magazine" for November (F. A. Stokes Company, New York) has this month a complete list of Correspondents, A. Conan Doyle; "Rosanne," Jane Barlow; "The Lady of the Red Admirals," Arthur T. Quiller-Couch (Q.); "Dirge," Charles Kelsey Galtner; "The Borrowed Plumage," W. W. Jacobs; "The Voice," M. C. A.; Stephen Crane; "The Ghosts of Ye Old Doverie Road," Percie W. Hart.

That splendid worker for better municipal conditions, Municipal Engineer (Indianapolis) is at hand for November with all its departments on roads, sewerage, city lighting and cleaning, bridges, sanitation, etc., full of matter of great interest to city residents, besides several special papers, such as report of the "Meeting of the American Society of Municipal Improvements, With a Critical Review and Outline of the Proceedings," "Advantages of an Asphalt Paving Laboratory," N. P. Lewis; "Special Requirements for Asphalt," "Asphalt Mixtures and Tests," W. Dow; "Repairing Asphalt Pavements," E. B. Guthrie; "Modern Street Railway Track Construction on Asphalt Paved Streets," F. W. Cappelien; "Testing Paving Brick," A. D. Thompson; "Paving Streets with Bricks," S. J. Fitzaway; "Establishing of Brick Pavements," Ernest Adam.

The "Outlook Illustrated Magazine" for October 31st (43 Astor Place, New York) is at hand. It is very freely illustrated. Its contents concern the "Junior Republic at Freville," by Washington Gladden; "Princeton 1746-1846," by Henry Van Dyke, D. D.; "A Visit to William Morris' Factory," by R. F. Tuelbin; "Sir George Williams, Founder of the Y. M. C. A.," by Lord Kinraid; "Kate Carnegie," serial by Ian Maclaren.

"The Church at Home and Abroad" for November (Philadelphia) has a great many pages on church and mission work of the Presbyterians, and has also special articles on "Freedmen," "Education," "Colleges and Academies," "The Indian," "Ministerial Relief," "Church Erection," etc.

The leader in the November number of "The Engineering Magazine" (New York), "The Industrial Effects of Financial Isolation," by Logan G. McPherson, is a masterly exposition of the penalty our industries would pay for the national adoption of the silver standard. Colonel Prout discusses "Luxury as a Stimulus to Travel," the second of "Three Phases of American Railroad Development"; Dr. Chance contributes to the engine-room economy series a strong paper on "The Conditions Governing the Choice of Fuel"; the municipal engineering feature is an excellent article on "The Importance and Economy of Pavement Maintenance," by Major S. Whitney.

Henry Roland's second of six Explanatory Papers on "Chemical Management," "The Influence of Isolation and Environment at the Cheney Mills," illustrated, has the highest interest for every employer of labor. There are two other of illustrated papers, "The Cantilever in Building Construction," by John Beverley Robinson, and "Use of Electric Power in Small Units," by William Elmer, Jr., besides three more leading articles and the usual thorough and valuable review and index of the entire industrial press.

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