Mr. Train's Lecture to Woman.

A household of women waited for George Francis Train yesterday at the ladies' matinee in the Newark Grand Opera House. A woman had sold them tickets at the box office, and women had acted as ushers. In the boxes were expensively-dressed women, and not a man was to be seen. The combined chatting of the audience was like the humming of a thousand hives of industrious bees. A sharp lookout was kept up lest a man should put in an appearance, and as the proprietor of the building walked down the main aisle to speak to a lady acquaintance a storm of hisses broke out, and ended in a merry peal of laughter. He hastened back. Some elderly women on the front seats kept an eye on the stage, and one, in mitts and spectacles, detecting a scene shaking, jumped to her feet and held both hands up, as George Francis Train marched upon the stage with his head erect and wearing a pigeon-tailed coat and immaculate kid gloves. He held a package of letters, all from ladies, he said, within twenty-four hours.

"There is none but our sex here, is there?" he exclaimed, peering all around. 'You know this is a close corporation. There's the most intensely interested lot of men outside you can imagine—trying to find a crack to look through. Who would think that so many would break the chain of custom and come here alone! That simple fact means emancipation for women. I see rainbows all round the sky or you."

Mr. Train read and answered several letters.

"Whose duty is it to get up first in the morning to attend to the fire—the wife's or husbands?" was one of the questions.

"That," said Mr. Train, "is the question of caste over again. There is no poetry or beauty in a woman's toiling and grubbing over a beefsteak for a great, fat man. If he had any noble manhood in him, a husband would get up and build the fire himself!" [Applause with heels and hands.] "Caste started from Adam. If any one had asked me, 'Did you take that apple off that tree?' I would have said, 'I did, and what are you going to do gbout it?' " [Laughter.]

"Don't take that crying baby out," urged Mr Train, interrupting himself. "I've psychologized him, that's all." Then Mr. Train selected a long note signed: "A broken hearted maiden," asking Mr. Train's advice in her trouble. Her accepted lover was poor in purse and her parents would not let her marry him. "A broken-hearted maiden!" said Mr. Train, scornfully, "Tisn't the heart—it's the stomach. The reason girls use the term heart is because it is easy to get a rhyme for it—and so hard to get one for stomach. Dyspepsia is called a broken heart. Here's a couple to be married," and Mr. Train personified the priest, saying, "Are you willing to take this brown stone front, this miserable fraud, called a man, this tobacco flavored, gin smelling carcass for your beloved husband?" Then with a simper, Mr. Train responded. "Yes," for the bride. Turning to the supposed bridegroom he said fiercely: "And will you take this bunch of millinery; these false teeth, this false hair, this miserable specimen of affectation for your beloved wife?" The bridegroom said "yes" through the speaker, and then Mr. Train blurted out: "What man has put together let the next best man run away with!" [Hysterical laughter.] "Whoever is satisfied with this talk so far may leave." Approval was unanimous.

"But aren't you getting enough of this?" said Mr Train suddenly. "Come next Wedniesday and I'll tell you all that the men tell each other." [Laughter.] Voices—"Tell us now!" "Yes, we'll stay till evening, Mr. Train!" "We like to hear you talk!"

"If you keep the secrets I tell you," he rejoined, "you'll hear more next time."

Religious Insanity.

A singular story of religious insanity is recounted by the New York *World*, which says that Mrs. Margaret Anderson, missing from her home since Monday last week, was married about seven years ago, and is the mother of four children, the youngest four months old. Her husband is an engineer at the Manhattan gas-works. From childhood Mrs. Anderson has been a member of the Methodist church and a zealous Christian. Her religious duties seemed uppermost on her mind, and she showed a disposition to converse upon religious subjects constantly and to urge religious topics upon the attention of her friends.

Not long ago she heard that a young woman, a friend, who had made strong professions of religion, had backslided, whereupon she visit her mother, who was living with her, that she would make this woman confess her sin, and three weeks ago last Saturday night she went to her friend's house saying as she left home, that she would not return until the confession had been obtained.

When her husband returned from his work, she was still absent. She was found at her friend's house, but refused to go home, as the other had not yet made a confession. Words failing to persuade her, a carriage was procured, and she was put into it by force, and taken home, beng carried into the house. As soon as support was removed she fell from weakness. She was put to bed, and fell into a slumber, refusing to stir or speak. A physician was called, who, believing the woman was laboring under an hallucination, spoke harshly to her. In response she merely opened her eyes and smiled. She remained in this condition until Tuesday night. without taking any nourishment in the meantime. Tuesday night she roused, and, calling her husband and mother to her bedside, told them that at 12 o'clock she should die.

She gave full directions as to her burial, naming the persons she wished to perform various offices. A little later she rose and dressed herself in the clothes she said she wished to be buried in. Then she laid down upon the bed, folded her hands across her breast, and said she was ready. Her friends believed she was about to die. and asked her if she did not wish to see her children. She replied in the negative, adding that her children were in the hands of the Lord.

As twelve o'clock drew near she seemed cheerful and exclaimed, "They are coming," and "How beautiful it is." Twelve o'clock came, when, finding herself still alive, she expressed disappointment, but said that "if the Lord still had work for her to do on earth she would remain and do it." Thence forward she grew better. She took nourishment, and seemed more cheerful. Still her friend's supposed transgression seemed to weigh upon her mind, and she complained about her head.

Monday afternoon Mrs. Anderson went out, saying she was going to order groceries. She did not return, and inquiry was made at the grocery where she was supposed to have gone. She had been there, but had remained but a few minutes. It was supposed that she had gone to visit her aunt in Brooklyn.

On Tuesday her friends went to Brooklyn, and found she had stopped over night with her aunt, but had left early in the morning, it was supposed, to go home. Nothing unusual in her demeanor was noticed by her aunt. Since Tuesday morning nothing has been seen of Mrs. Anderson, though her family have made every effort to find her.

Sankey's Instant Relief.

The Troy *Budget* makes the revelation that a few years ago, Mr. Ira D. Sankey was peddling a liniment that he called "Instant Relief." He travelled with a showy wagon, and sang songs to his own accompaniment on a melodeon, thus attracting multitudes, to whom he sold the preparation.

The writer well remembers the traveling establishment to which the *Budget* briefly refers. The wagon had a broad, high box, was gaudily covered with red and gold, and was drawn by six plumed horses. Soon after nightfall the spirited team would dash into the most frequented square of a city or village, drawing the vehicle to a favorable spot for the accommodation of a large audience. Flaring torches were then lighted and placed in convenient sockets. A melodeon in the wagon was opened, and Mr. Sankey (*The Budget* says it was certainly he, and the statement accords with the writer's vivid recollection of the man) took his place behind the instrument. He sang several current songs, usually sentimental, but sometimes comic, playing an accompaniment. By that time a dense throng had collected, and everybody wondered what was meant by the free entertainment. They found out immediately, for Mr. Sanky, standing at the tailboard of the wagon, delivered a harangue on the wonderful "Insant Relief" that he had to sell. Three assistants took bottles of the stuff from boxes, and made ready to sell. Mr. Sankey's address is clearly recollected as having, in its delivery, the style of a religious exhortation of the fervid kind. He spoke of the ills that flesh is heir to, and especially of the various aches with which the human body is afflicted. Then, with a bottle of "Instant Relief" held aloft, he declared that he brought the glad tidings of a sure and instant cure. He did not, he said, ask anybody to take his word for it; but he would on the spot relieve anybody who had earache, toothache, or bellyache. In short, no pain could withstand "Instant Relief." He kept urging the afflicted to come to the wagon, much in the manner that the revivalists beseech sinners to come to the penitential bench, until he was successful in getting a patient on whom to try the liquid. "Instant Relief" was of the familiar class of lotions, with laudanum for a principal ingredient, that rarely fail to deaden pain immediately on being applied. Therefore, having secured somebody with an ache or pain, Mr. Sankey was able to convince his hearers that "Instant Relief" was something that they could not afford to do without. Sales followed fast, Mr. Sankey continued his harangue, as he sopped the aching spots with the lotion, while his assistants handed out bottles and took in fifty-cent shinplasters. Whenever the sales lagged, and the people began to disperse, he sat down at the melodeon and sang several songs.

Mr. Sankey went through the country with his novel establishment, and at times was reinforced by other singers. When he was in the Hudson river and western Massachusetts cities a young woman sang duetts with him, and the party included a comic singer. The upshot of this business is not known, but it certainly had the appearance of prosperity. Not long afterward Mr. Sankey sang in a Chicago revival, in conjunction with Mr. Moody's work, and subsequently they went to Great Britain together, where they made their first great success.

The Romance of Divorce.

The Atchison (Kan.) *Champion* of Jan. 29 has the following relative to a couple who were divorced in that city on the day previous: 'The parties live in Atchison county, and have always been reputed especially respectable—people of wealth ond standing, and the divorce was granted yesterday without alimony or other relief. The wife was the plaintiff, and she is now about 30 years old; the defendant is about 65. The parties lived in Indiana, and when they were married the young wife was less than 18, while the husband was 50. One child was the fruit of this marriage, and for a time they lived happily together. Then the wife accused the husband of infidelity and instituted proceedings for a divorce, and, as he interposed no defense, a divorce was granted, with $1,600 alimony. Both married again, and moved to separate States. The new wife of the old man absconded with a lightning-rod peddler, and the young wife's husband eloped with a strang woman. A year or two after this the man moved to Texas and engaged in the Texas cattle trade, and, coming to Kansas with a drove of cattle, by a strange chance met his former wife in Atchison. They became reconciled to each other again, and undertook to live together once more, Squire Jackson uniting them as husband and wife It seems that the husband had got a divorce from the wife who eloped with the lightning-rod peddler, but the wife had not been so particular. They were now living in Atchison county, duly and legally married, when a great religious revival occurred in their vicinity and both became imbued with a spirit of religion. Under this influence the wife confessed her shortcomings to the minister, and he recommended that they live separate and apart. Again a separation occurred, including a division of all the property. In a short time the religious excitement wore away and once more they joined their fortunes as husband and wife, living together until a few months ago. Then the wife came into the district court and sued for a divorce on the grounds of neglect and ill treatment, with the results as above stated."

The Heathen Chinee Outdone.

A little game has been played in Los Angeles of late which is an immense advance upon the primitive card tactics depicted by Bret Harte in his short card Celestial sharpers; For something over a month past a heavy poker game has been going on in the card-room attached to one of our popular saloons. An unprecedented run of luck settled upon the banners of the experts who were ruuning the game in the interestet of the saloon management, or at least in the interest of those who controlled the card-room of the saloon. A number of the most experienced card sharps in Los Angeles set themselves to unraveling the mystery and to turning the tide of fickle fortune the other way. Still the luck stayed with the house, and the confraternity were worsted to the tune of about $1,500. Now, a professional gambler is prepared to encounter a prettey severe run of bad luck, but here was somthing that put the sagacity of the oldest of them at odds. "'Twas strange, 'twas passing strange," that no outsider could, under any circumstances, win a game in that room, ry they ever so hard, but so it was. Ad last two proficients took possession of the apartment, ostensibly for play, and locked the doors. They at once began a diligent search of the premises and unearthed a ragular system of wire telegraphy, by aid of the outsiders, telagraphed their hands of which a stool pigeon, who saw the card to the manipulators of skin game. A flood of light was poured in upon the mysteious run of luck, and curses, both loud and deep, filled the modest apartment.—*Los Angeles (Cal.) Herald.*

Miscellaneous Paragraphs.

"Truth lies at the bottom of a well." We have often verified this by looking down into a well and seeing Truth's honest contenance in the smooth water.

A politician who escaped from a burning hotel, clad only in an undershirt and a pair of socks, said it was the nearest he had ever come to taking a nude departure.

An astute Freshman reasons as follows: "Things equal to the same things are equal to each other. An idiot is a human being. A man is a human being; ergo, a man is an idiot.

The Fulton street barber did not visit the cat show. He says: "I don't like cats for the same reason I don't like certain kinds of stoves—on account of their dam purrs."

A Scotch schoolmaster having repeatedly and at last angrily demanded of the pupils "Who signed Magna Charta?" a little girl tremblingly replied, "Please, ir it was na me."

A would-be-suicide wrote these farewell words to his wife; "Dear Mary, when my body is dragged out of the river they can identify it by the linen patch you put in the seat of my black cloth trowsers."

An exchange says that a new way of fastening on ladies' hats is to bore the tops of their ears, put in gold hoops and have the hat-strings tied through them. Thus, step by step, we tread the pathway to pertection, and ere the darkness of death envelopes all the world man will have utilized his nose in holding up his pants or pulling on his boots.

As an illustration of the deplorable tendency of this age to the use of "slang," we quote the following from the *verbatim* report of an Omaha Judge's charge: "Plaintiff seems to have got the bulge on the defendant; jury, please take notice." When Longfellow was presented to Mr. Longworth, of Cincinnati, the latter remarked: "There is no great difference in our names." "Yes," replied Mr. Longfellow, "but *worth* makes the man, the want of it the *fellow*."

Boston *Bulletin*: Scientists say that the age of iron is approaching its close, and that steel will eventually take its place. The scientific gentlemen are a little slow; we have been in the midst of the age of steal for some time.

Lady Millicent de Lountchesney—"Give you an old pair of my boots for your daughter, Mrs. Smithers? Well- ye-es—but I'm afraid they won't fit." *Pew Opener*—"No fear of that, my lady. My gal has feet like an elephant."—*London Fun*.

Norristown *Herald*: The butter head woman is now making a life size bust of Lady Godiva. Mrs. Godiva's only wardrobe, according to the pictures we have seen, was her long hair, and Mrs. Brooks should have no difficulty in procuring butter of that description.

Let no one hereafter insinuate that teacher's' institutes produce no good. At the late Bucks County institute a fair-haired, blue-eyed darling of a teacher of the female persuasion forever demolished the base insinuation by the following conundrum: "How do you make a Maltese cross?" "Tread on her tail."

A Bangor man who had paid particular attention to teaching his children politeness had a surprising experience f the results a few days ago. An old friend had dropped in to dinner, whom the children had never seen. Pork steak was served for dinner, of which one of them was very fond, and as the friend was helped to a goodly slice the little fellow spoke: "It's a very hard case to sit here and see the largest piece of lean go into a stranger's plate."

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Hartford (Ct.) *Courant*: A few days ago, in one of the most careful households in this city, where fenders guard the fireplace and safety-matches aggravate the strange visitor, smoke was discovered in a room adjoining the one where the family were at breakfast. Investigation showed that a chair in the room was burning. How it could have taken fire was a mystery, until it was noticed that the sun's rays, falling on a large magnifying lens, used to study photographs with, had been concentrated through it upon the chair, and had set it burning. If the family had not fortunately selected for breakfasting an hour when the sun is pretty near the zenith, and so prudently fixed it to have some one in the room at that dangerous time, the whole house might have been mysteriously destroyed.

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