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JUSTICE TO THE CHILDREN.

It is hard that the children of this town should have to suffer in their endeavors to get an education. The disgrace of not having schools enough for the little ones is a crying shame for New York City. But there is another existing abuse which affects the children who are fortunate enough to get admission to the school-houses and which should be corrected at once.

In order to avoid getting late the children frequently arrive at the school half an hour or more before it begins. They find the gates closed, and they have to linger on the street till they are opened.

This is already objectionable enough, and parents may well feel anxiety at the thought of young children thus loitering about the streets. But when the weather is inclement the harm is much greater. When a child gets wet from rain and has to stay for four or five hours in school after it its health may be seriously impaired.

This is no fancy sketch of an imaginary defect. It is an abuse which should be remedied at once. The janitors may not dare to open the doors and admit the children to shelter before the appointed hour, but the School Commissioners should authorize them to do so.

A STURDY DENIAL.

Gov. HILL has given Mr. PORTER a snub, which people will feel was richly deserved. The right to ask certain questions was conferred on the Census Bureau by the Government. Gov. HILL received a letter in which about two hundred questions were propounded relative to State matters.

The Governor has returned these questions unanswered, with a letter to the effect that he considered this categorical inquiry unwarranted, and on that ground alone to be resented. Moreover, the information sought by the questions can be obtained from other sources than the Governor of the State, and Gov. HILL did not feel justified in giving the time and work which answering them would involve.

This is dignified and right in the Governor, but it is something of a snub to the Honorable Superintendent of the Census.

The New York Turners have been merry-making since Saturday, and will wind up their fun to-day at Washington Park. It is a delightful sight to see these fine fellows, with their wives and mothers and sweethearts, enjoying themselves so heartily and so reasonably. Athletic exercises are the main feature of the entertainment, but there has been feasting and drinking and song. The memorials these robust revellers carry away with them are not "swelled heads," but contented hearts. The Teutonic aptitude for philosophy is well applied to their enjoyment. Nobody has so much good fun and so little regret after it as your good, honest German.

A white minister in the South has shot a colored minister. The colored minister was charged with theft and the white minister was attempting to arrest him at the time the shooting occurred. Just where the Gospel comes in is hard to tell in this encounter. "Love ye one another" is a text which is preached best by example. Altogether, the incident is not an elevating one.

It is a little tiresome to hear of duels in France on account of Gen. BOULANGER. He is not the man to arouse a passionate personal devotion. Frenchmen must have some vent for their naturally effervescent natures, and BOULANGER supplies it for the moment.

Autumn days may be "melancholy," but they are more bracing than the languid Summer ones.

SPOTLETS.

Republican members of the House feel as if they had a good deal in the Locker.

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When a young lady is like a newspaper. When she is in a wrapper it needs a stamp to make it go—the stamp of elegance.

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In Russia they simply thought three young fellows had killed themselves by strangulation, leaved them. There is a weird simplicity about Russian justice.

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Shouldn't wonder if a great many people would build up to Madison Square Garden this evening.

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Although the night be dark and damp
And your heart be full of woes,
You needn't fear to meet the tramp
Who whistles as he goes. —*Judge.*

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When a giddy young actress is called Birdie she feels that she must be very "fly."

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When a boy presents his little bill, everybody helps to rub it the point of it.

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England may be proud of "putting up her prices," but it is our democratic pride to pull them down.

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The expense of a thing is quite different from sixpennies.

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"I breathed a song into the air," sings the poet. Perhaps if he had breathed a little music into the air of the song it would have been better.

THE WAYS OF WOMAN FAIR.

Fads, Fancies and Fashions That Interest the Gentler Sex.

Novel Heroes and Heroines—An Association for Shortening the Work Hours of Bar Maids—Plain Shirts for Street Dresses—Beware of Gilt-Edged Stationary.

All the heroes in the novels that women write are very tall and broad-shouldered, while the heroines are addicted to luxurious fur wraps and the very bad habit of going to their rooms, locking the door and throwing their lithe forms on their bed in a perfect paroxysm of grief. Their tears are invariably burning, and when, later, the faithful maid raps on the door she has a cup of chocolate and a biscuit.

INVERNESS COAT.

A Western girl, graduate of Smith College, who has been employed as a special teacher in an uptown boarding-school, addressed her class, during the first recitation, as "young women." The preceptress was horrified. A reprimand followed and the novice was threatened with dismissal if the offense were repeated.

Mothers, who are wise enough to keep their little children in the open air as much as possible are adopting the cloth dress.

Make your street dress with a perfectly plain skirt, and to have it fit across the front and hips, cut five darts in the upper part of the gores. These must be carefully sponged and shrunk to fit closely and carefully pressed in shape.

The Countess of Rosebery has a special department of her own in encouraging and fostering the sale of the work of the women among the Highland poor.

Lady Alexander Levison-Gower, the only daughter of the Duke of Sutherland, has become a probationer nurse at one of the London hospitals.

Mrs. Villari, the well-known novelist and translator, is an Englishwoman, married to the well-known historian and Senator, Prof. Pasquale Villari, who is at the head of the Florentine University. Helen Zimmern, writing of the literary lights of Florence, Italy, says: "Mrs. Villari's maiden name was White. Her father was for some time secretary to Gladstone and a leading Liberal. She herself may be called the leader of Florentine English society. She must work very hard, for she produces many original books, besides the translations of her husband's great histories; but she always seems as if she had no other occupation than to be kind and charming to all her friends who live in Florence, and to make the time pass pleasantly for those who come from abroad. Her first husband was also an Italian, and her Italian sympathies are naturally deep and warm. Her sweet and gracious ways do much to bind England and Italy in one golden chain,' as the inscription over the Casa Guidi says of Mrs. Browning."

A five-minute brushing every time the toilet is made will give almost any head of hair a lustre and the admirable appearance of neatness.

Gilt-edge cards, note-paper, menus and the like are pronounced emblematic of snobbery.

Now there are cat collars in trade made of a braided pattern in blue beads for white Angoras and garnets for the graceful throats of Tabs and Toms.

The red, white and blue ring is by no means as common as patriotic things usually are. The pure ruby, the perfect diamond and the fiery sapphire set knife edge average about $200.

Notwithstanding the German birth of Queen Emma of Holland, her daughter, Princess Wilhelmina, the heir apparent to the throne, has not yet learned a word of German. The first governess of the Princess was a French lady, Mlle. Lucard, who comes still every year to spend a few months at Leo. The Princess' present governess is an English lady, Miss Winter. With her parents the Princess always speaks Dutch, but she can express herself very well both in French and English. Her primary education is almost at an end, and she is now receiving lessons in French, the only foreign language in which she is now getting instruction. She is also being taught music. Miss Winter lives present at all the lessons. She has a pretty garden of her own, with chalet and pigeon-cote. The Princess rises at 7 and goes to her mother's rooms. Then she goes to her father and gives him a morning kiss. At 9 the royal family take breakfast, the Princess being present at all the meals. After breakfast she receives lessons till 11 o'clock. She then goes to the Queen's rooms, where the time is spent in conversation, or Her Majesty reads and explains a chapter of the Bible. Before luncheon, which is served at 12:30, the Princess takes a drive in her pony carriage or amuses herself in a boat on the large ponds of Loo. After luncheon she has more lessons, plays with her pets and takes a drive with the Queen. At 6 dinner is served, and a few hours afterwards the royal family retire to their apartments. It has become already usual to celebrate with enthusiasm the birthday of the future Queen of Holland, which is looked on as a National festival.

BRIDAL JUNIORS.

How Much Should the Husband Be Older Than His Spouse?

"Evening World" Readers Discuss This Social Science Problem.

A Golden Double Eagle Awaits the Winner of This Latest Contest.

Should husband and wife be near the same age, or should the wife be much younger?

Every reader of THE EVENING WORLD is invited to compete in this contest.

Contributions in this contest are subject to similar conditions of those in former competitions: The letters must not be over 200 words in length; they must be written on only one side of the paper and must be addressed to "The Marriage Age Editor, EVENING WORLD, 31 and 32 Park Row, New York."

Selected communications from those received will be printed in daily instalments. The best one of all, picked out by competent judges, will win for its writer a prize of a golden double eagle.

No letters will be returned unless a request to that effect is made and postage stamps inclosed.

Personal Appearance Count.

To the Editor:

In my opinion, a man should marry a woman from at least five to ten years his junior. When this is the case the man is more apt to be looked up to and the wife, when in trouble or in search of advice, would seek his counsel oftener than were he nearer her own age.

There is no doubt that a woman shows her age sooner than a man and this is only another reason why the woman should be the younger of the two.

After twenty years of married life a man still wants a wife he can take out with him and of whom he can be proud; in other words, a woman who will make a good appearance among his friends.

This can only be accomplished by the woman being some years his junior, and, after the trials of motherhood and household cares, she still be a young woman, and a suitable companion for her husband.

When this is not the case, the husband is likely to go out nights—alone. He gets into bad company, drinks a little and rapidly goes from bad to worse. B. D.

Speaks from Experience.

To the Editor:

A man should most decidedly be older than his wife. My husband is thirty years older than I am and I have an affection and respect for him that I could not have for a man of my own age. His worldly experience tempers any indiscretion on my part which, however well meant, would occasion cold looks from others who did not know the motive of such actions.

He has read some of the letters on the subject and says he does not wish me to be one day older than I am, as my youth makes him take an interest in things he would otherwise tire of.

My opinion is that a man should be at least ten years older than the woman. NAN.

Views of a Pessimist.

To the Editor:

A girl's purity and innocence depend, in a measure, upon her age. For this reason alone, I think, a man should marry a woman younger than himself. The influence of his love may educate and guide her in accordance with his own ideas, and if he is a good man they will be happy.

It is difficult for a woman to fully agree with a man younger than herself, and it is impossible to speak of an ideal union without harmony. Besides it is essential to the man's happiness that his wife should attract him by her personal charms.

The older a woman the quicker fades her power to fascinate him, and a termination of the honeymoon is often the grave of their love's dream. Every young man marrying a woman older than himself deserves his fellow-beings' sincerest commiseration. PESSIMIST.

Ten Years' Difference Desirable.

To the Editor:

Lycurgus, the wise ruler of Lacedonia in ancient Greece, instituted as a law ten years seniority in the husband. Woman is as advanced in thought at twenty a man is at thirty. Man at thirty has sufficient worldly experience to serve as a guide and protector to his wife.

While the wife is young the excess of ten years in the husband influences her to look up to him with respect. Man at thirty has in the ordinary course of life seen enough of the world to have formed his judgment as to the partner he would choose for life and, marrying a woman ten years his junior, can influence her without combating her tastes to assimilate them to his; being of the same or approximately the same age as the woman he could not do so.

From a medical standpoint man at thirty is best fit to be the husband of a woman twenty. O. A. D. P.

Seven Years' Difference.

To the Editor:

To be happy after marriage I think it is necessary for the wife to be seven years the junior.

Where there are troubles of any kind the wife generally looks to her husband for counsel, and unless he is older than she is he is not much more competent to give advice than she is.

Love is also a necessary factor, but respect for your husband is better, as love in many cases comes after marriage. HYPO.

ATHLETES IN REPOSE.

F. W. Walker is one of the prominent pedestrians of the Pastime Athletic Club. He is well liked by his comrades and is always a "Frank Walker."

F. M. Clute is more or less of an all-around athlete. His particular motion, however, is bowling. He is one of the crack bowlers of Harlem and President of the Phoenix Bowling Club.

Richard Munro, who is distinguished for the faithful manner in which he performs his part in a race, is one of the pluckiest and most enduring harriers in the Dauntless Rowing Club. He is a member of the Seventh Regiment. He has the knack of bowling down fast.

"Gabe" Hollander is a rolling man in the mile. He promises to show well at that distance in the armory games this Winter. He wears the colors of the Pastime Athletic Club.

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NOTES OF THE STAGE WORLD.

Gossip Heard Here and There on the Rialto.

Coming Novelties of the Fall Theatrical Season.

The first of the Seidl promenade concerts at the Madison Square Garden Amphitheatre, Saturday night, was a distinct success. New Yorkers want such an entertainment, for to many men and women comes a time when a legitimate theatrical performance is a bore, and when something free and easy, that can be accepted without an effort, appeals. And the introduction of the "cooling" drink on Saturday night had a great deal to do with the general enjoyment. Seidl will probably be generous enough not to mind permitting the cup that cheers to be just a little bit responsible for the enjoyment.

Why that cup was absent during the Strauss concerts is a question that could hardly be very satisfactorily answered. Beer and music must have some slight affinity. The Germans have linked them together for ages, and no people on this earth understand the art of intelligent, wholesome amusement as thoroughly as do the Germans. The first Seidl concert with beer was merry and charming. The programme was admirable, and at times educational, especially in the second part, when Wotan's farewell and magic fire scene from "Die Walkure" was given. Of course, it would be cruel to assert that very few people understood it, because the applause was very enthusiastic.

So a few doubts on the subject of the general understanding will suffice. Other features were Liszt's grand polonaise No. 2; Delibes's "Ballet Suite;" the "Tannhauser" overture, a gavotte by Gillett; ballet music from "Le Cid," by Massenet; the overture to "The Merry Wives of Windsor," by Nicolai; and the ever popular "Hungarian Rhapsody No. 2."

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It is rumored that W. J. Florence will star all by himself next season, the partnership with Joseph Jefferson being dissolved after the coming tour.

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Trifles have overthrown nations. Miss Sibyl Johnstone's costume in "The Clemenceau Case" is an airy nothing that she could put in her pocket. Yet it has effected marvellous results. It is said that the receipts at the Standard Theatre on the second night of the production were $200. On the second night of Miss Johnstone's appearance they were $1,600.

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Miss Rosina Vokes, with her husband and company, left the city Saturday night to open at Niagara Falls. The week's business will take place next Saturday at Donnelly's Grove, College Point.

H. Donat has been elected President of Branch 2 of Bakers' Union No. 54. No Union labels will be given to the branch to bosses using Fleischmann's yeast.

"Scab" painters are working at the new building on Hamburg avenue and Troutman street, Brooklyn, and it is probable that the other building trades will strike the job.

The Socialists of the Seventeenth Assembly District will nominate a candidate for the Assembly Saturday, Oct. 3, at 408 West Forty-first street.

The Brooklyn Garment Cutters' Union complains that one of its members was compelled to leave Wanamaker & Brown's shop because he refused to join the K. of L.

The Tresco-Painters' Union will have an evening entertainment on Oct. 18, at 303 East Fifty-sixth street. At the last regular meeting three new members were admitted.

The Progressive Painters' Union has settled its differences with the Varnishers' Union, and will no longer oppose their admission to the different central bodies.

The Cartman's Union complains that the organized workmen do not properly assist them; they should ask all cartmen who are delivering coal for their union cards, whose color is red at present.

The trustees of the City Hospital, of Istra, Italy, have announced that henceforth members of labor associations will not be treated at the hospital free of charge.

Walters' Union No. 1 has appointed a special committee with instructions to amend the constitution. Last week contracts with twenty-one proprietors of halls and restaurants were made for the season.

Boss Baker Benner, 158 Meserole street, Brooklyn, has not had Bakers' Union No. 31 that he will keep union hours, while Boss Goldberg refuses to recognize the union.

The municipal authorities of Milan, Italy, have threatened to take the license from a saloon-keeper who proposed to place a sign over his door inscribed: "Dedicated to the sons of toil."

The Union Hill Framers' Union will fine any of its delegates to the Local Executive Board $1 for failing to take part in the proceedings of that body. Next Saturday the proposition of reducing the hours of labor will be discussed.

The delegates of several trades unions of Berlin, who convened to organize a Central Labor Union in that city, have been arrested for political conspiracy; also those who proposed to form a similar organization in the City of Magdeburg, province of Saxony.

Ratification meeting of the Socialist Labor party of Kings County this evening at the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum: Professor Daniel De Leon, Isaac Bennett, A. Jonas, F. Seubert, and the candidates nominated last week, are announced as speakers.

Cigar Packers' Union No. 251 admitted twelve new members last week. Two applications for permission to strike were granted. Members failing to pay their assessment for the Binghamton strikers this week will be suspended.

Philip Hauser and William Pett will represent the Millers and Millwrights' Union in the Building Trades Council of the Central Labor Federation. The new officers are F. Heil, Recording Secretary; C. Schlenger, Financial Secretary; E. Suesse, Treasurer. The Labor Bureau was removed to 240 Broome street.

A theatrical benefit will be arranged by the Brooklyn Central Labor Union for the striking cigar-makers of Binghamton. The secretary of the B. C. L. U. has also been instructed to wire Gen. Hill to interfere in favor of the strikers against the unjust discriminations on the part of the Binghamton authorities.

H. Quintmeyer has been nominated for the office of corresponding secretary of Bakers' Union No. 92, and Mr. Neundorf for trustee. The delegates to the Joint Executive Board will be nominated at the next regular meeting. Counsels were appointed yesterday to regulate matters at the shops of Messrs. Adler, Edelstein and Ehring.

John Meehan has been elected a member of the Executive Committee of Framers' Union No. 1, Brooklyn, in place of Frank Kluth. The Examination Committee for the Admission of Candidates is at present composed of Otto Olsen, Frank Senkewsky and George Gemelsen. Last week $47.00 were received for dues.

Credentials for new delegates were received by the Central Labor Federation yesterday from the Robert Fulton Association of Iron-Moulders, Carl Schurz Club, Architectural Iron-Workers, Ale and Porter Union No. 1 and the Amalgamated Brass-Workers. The delegates of the Carl Schurz Club were not admitted, as there was an objection raised to one of their number.

The only furrier shops where the nine-hour work day has not yet been introduced in this city are F. Boss & Bro., 449 Broadway; C. A. Herpers, 93 Mercer street; Miller Bros., 34 Mercer street; Kaye & Einstein, 355 Broadway; E. E. Baldwin, 89 Mercer street. Union furriers are not permitted to work for these firms.

The New York Framers' Union withdrew its members yesterday from the jobs of Boss Henry Kuhl. An invitation to join the Building Trades' Council of the Central Labor Federation was laid upon the table. Strikes were ordered on the jobs of Bosses Meeking and Kettels. William Doherty was elected member of the Finance Committee. Sam DeLeate Investigeich was withdrawn from the Executive Board.

One of the principal questions to be considered by the Fifth Annual Congress of the Socialist Labor Party of Italy will be whether to levy a per capita tax or to raise voluntary contributions, as has been done heretofore, to defray the expenses of the party. Another important proposition to be made is that the economic movement be conducted by the Executive Committee, which so far only had the management of the political movement.

Bakers' Union No 65 is boycotting Boss Kuhner, and Boss Blasser will be boycotted if he does not send his men to the Union immediately. A Committee was appointed yesterday with instructions to establish a labor bureau. Messrs. Augustus, Volz and Brantigam were elected as a Board of Managers. J. Augenstein was elected Vice-President and William Schuber, Corresponding Secretary. It was resolved to co-operate with the Socialists in their political action.

Branch 83 of the Upholsterers' Union has nine new shops to deal with. The Furniture Workers' and Carvers' Unions will be requested to assist in organizing the upholsterers at the shops of Herter Bros., Hess & Co. and Potter & Stymus who refuse to join the Union. At one shop a reduction of the hours will be demanded this week. The upholsterers of H. Schmitz & Co. and of Oppenheimer & Co., who promised to join, have not, yet none of Hudnutzski's the Branch will meet every first and third Thursday at 210 East Eleventh street.

Theory and Practice.

(From Street & Smith's Good News.)

Mistress—Mercy on me, what a kitchen! Every pot, pan, and dish is dirty, the table looks like a junk shop, and—why it will take you a week to get things cleaned up! What have you been doing?

Her Girl—Sure, mum, the young ladies has just been down here showing me how to roast a potato at the cooking school.

A Case of Cancer.

(From Munsey's Weekly.)

Benevolent but Near-sighted Employer—Patrick, what's that under your coat?

Pat (who is working the growler)—I'm sorry to say it is a can, sir.

Employer—Great heavens, Patrick! Stop work and go straight to the hospital.

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IN THE REALM OF SPORTS.

An International Billiard Match Among the Possibilities.

Prosperous Boat Clubs Increasing Their Athletic Accommodations.

George F. Slosson is as enthusiastic and hopeful regarding billiards as he is skilful in playing the game. Ever since last June he has had lines out for another big tournament, to take place this Winter. He thinks the New York public is ready to support another meeting of the experts. Last Spring's tournaments in this city and Chicago have served to stimulate interest in the game.

One of the facts brought to light in these tournaments is that the last ten years have developed but one player who may be said to be in the first rank. This player is Frank Ives. He is now in his twenty-first year. With this one except on the honors of the late tourneys were all taken by experts who have been before the public for years.

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The Hudson Boat Club is to be congratulated on the fine race which its large crew rowed against the Palisades Saturday. Their victory is due very largely to the faithful training and practice which they did. They trained almost as rigorously as a college crew, at least during the last two weeks prior to the race.

Although the form shown by the crew was not perfect, still the excellent condition of the men enabled them to row with their utmost strength, making up in power and endurance what they lacked in science.

The Palisades, although vanquished, have no reason to feel at all chagrined. They pulled a very plucky race and in the mile-and-a-half were only beaten by the close margin of a length and a quarter. Their boat, too, was not so fast as that of the Hudsons.

It is such contests as this which serve to intensify interest in rowing and maintain enthusiasm for the sport.

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The events to be contested at the games of the Orange Athletic Club Oct. 15, will be 100, 220 and 440 yard and half-mile runs, 220-yard hurdles and kicking the football. It will be the initial set of games on the new grounds.

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The Varuna Boat Club not only contains more than its full quota of expert oarsmen, but also numbers in its ranks some of the most scientific boxers in the amateur ranks feather-nuts.

For the benefit of the runners and jumpers in the Club, a cinder path of the first quality is contemplated. The track and other accommodations used by the athletic oarsmen are being outgrown, and it looks as if fully equipped athletic grounds and club-house were among the probabilities for the future of the Varunas.

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The Palisade Boat Club has filed plans for a new club-house in addition to its present boat-house. The new building will be erected on the property lately purchased by the club.

It will be filled with the latest improvements. First-class tennis grounds and cinder path will be among the acquisitions.

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The Canadian championship track and field meeting will take place next Saturday and the New York athletes will turn out in numbers to attend it. The New York and Manhattan athletic clubs will be as usual very well represented.

About twenty of the crack athletes from both Clubs will compete, and it is believed that a majority of the prizes will find their way to this city.

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The Kearny Rovers' Football Team are organized for the season and are ready to arrange dates with all the first-class clubs. Their first game on their new grounds will be played next Saturday against the Caledonians.

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The recently organized Bank Clerks' Athletic Association will celebrate election day with a big cross-country run. The membership of the new association has already attained sufficiently large proportions to warrant the success of nearly anything of this kind it may undertake.

The bowling team organized by the New York Athletic Club for the season is said to contain championship material. The aim of the team will be to walk off with first prize in the Athletic Bowling League.

HIS WIT SAVED HIM.

How a Guest Turned the Tables on a Union Club Connoisseur.

There is a Union Club man who prides himself upon his knowledges of wines, as nearly all Union Club men do. It was at a dinner where ladies were present on a recent evening that a little game was put up to deceive the connoisseur, says the Kansas City *Star's* New York correspondent.

The gentleman giving the dinner was somewhat anxious to bring his guest into ridicule before a certain pretty young girl that was present, and so he had a very valuable and rare wine served with one course and a peculiarly cheap wine with another.

Now it happened that the rare wine was not an attractive one, considering its great worth, while the ordinary brand was astonishingly excellent at its price. Any but a trained palate would have been much more pleased by the latter than by the former.

At dinner the fine wine was served with the joint. It was drank without remark by all of the guests. It was noted that the connoisseur tasted it most carefully and gave a moment's thought to its effect upon him, but though there was a long pause made by the entire company he did not give an opinion.

Next a bird was served, and with it came the cheap but pleasing wine. The connoisseur touched the glass to his lips several times, and then filled in the convenient gap made for him in the general conversation with the remark:

"A most excellent wine, Billy. Truly good, I assure you."

Now was the host's opportunity. As he spoke there was a ring of triumph in his tone:

"Yes," he said, "a fair wine, my boy, but it is not worth one-tenth as much as the red wine that went before it. You did not speak of that.

"Ah, no, I did not," promptly responded the connoisseur, with the utmost composure. "There was no occasion to, Billy; that red wine spoke for itself."

Needless to say, the laugh was turned upon the host, and the pretty girl whose favor he sought began to love his rival for his unconscious readiness of speech. The latter's connoisseurship in wines goes undisputed still.

Observing the Rules.

(From Judge.)

Drowning Man—Help! I am drowning.

Stranger on bank, hastily divesting himself of his clothes—Horrible! Can you swim?

Drowning Man (rising to the surface, and for the last time)—Of course! Don't you see that notice on the bridge: "Bathing strictly forbidden here?"

A Wise Caterer.

(From Puck.)

Waiter—A guest has ordered frogs' legs on toast and we have none left. What shall I say to him?

Proprietor—Tell him that we have some, but that you wouldn't care to offer them to him. That will give him the impression that you wish to serve him well, and at the same time it will keep up the reputation of the house.

Very Near It.

(From Puck.)

Lawyer Hubble—The Fifth National has failed and I've been victimized!

Old Fobbs—Really! The news must have quite upset you.

Lawyer Hubble—No, I was not upset; but I lost my balance.

FUN LOVERS SMILE HERE.

A Collection of Witticisms Culled in Humor's Field.

A Careful Waiter.

(From Harper.)

Proprietor—What do you mean by drinking that coffee?

Waiter—Use only tastin' it, boss. It's fer er gent who is mighty perticuliar about his coffee, an' I allus do it fer see if it is all right.

Very Liberal.

(From Life.)

"What do you think of my poem?"

"Which one?"

"The 'Ode to Peace.'"

"It's fine. The way you rhyme Peace with 'pleasant' and 'decent' and 'decant' shows that your mind is a very liberal-minded young person."

Anything to Be Rid of Him.

(From Munsey's Weekly.)

He—I wish this were the age of chivalry.

She—It would be nice, wouldn't it? You would then go away on long pilgrimages and crusades and be away ever so long.

An Old Saw Aptly Applied.

(From The Jewellers' Weekly.)

Watchmaker—The first time I cleaned your watch it was in a gold case; the next time in a gold filled case, and now it's in a silver case.

H. A. B. D. Uppe—Yes, sir; "circumstances alter cases," you know.

The Funeral Was Small.

(From an Exchange.)

Mrs. O'Rourke—Did yez see Mishter O'Tool's funeral, Mrs. Rafferty?

Mrs. Rafferty—Oi didn't.

Mrs. O'Rourke—Only three carriages! Faith an' if Oi couldn't have a better funeral nor that, Oi'd rather not die.

Careful of His Trousers.

(From Puck.)

Miss Cashley—You have dropped your handkerchief on the floor, Mr. Van Dudekin.

Van Dudekin (preparing to get on his knees)—I did it with a purpose, dear Miss Cashly——er——Edith, I love you: will you be my wife?

Something Unusual.

(From Judge.)

Thespis—I wonder did Banter have a successful season?

Patelite—Oh, yes.

Thespis—How do you know?

Patelite—He set up the cigars yesterday and had enough money in his pocket to pay for them.

Hard Up All Around.

(From Puck.)

British Assisted Immigrant—Beg pardon, sir, but couldn't you 'elp a poor feller as has just come hover from Lunnon, sir?

Howell Gibbon (who has spent a year's income there in two months)—Devilish expensive place, London; I don't wonder you left it. I went broke there myself this season.

Reunited—Redivided.

(From Munsey's Weekly.)

Percy—Forgive you, darling? Why, it was all my fault! You're an angel and I am a brute! And now, dearest, we can fix the day again.

Arabella—No, Percy, I couldn't marry you now—after what you have just said. You see you are not my equal.

WORLDLINGS.

The last picture painted by Meissonier is owned by a Pittsburg gentleman, who paid $5,000 for it. It is entitled "Gathering Fagots."

The largest two distilleries in the world are in Peoria, Ill. One uses 7,000 and the other 6,500 bushels of corn a day.

Prof. William R. Harper, who has been offered the Presidency of the new Chicago University, is only thirty-four years old. For the past three years he has been professor of the Semitic languages and literature in Yale College.

Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth, the popular novelist of a generation ago, lives in Georgetown, D. C., and though seventy years of age still writes. Most of her literary work is done in the open air on the piazza of her country home.

Pittsburgh is properly spelled with a final h, or that is the orthography of the city's charter.

VAGRANT VERSES.

The New and the Old.

When first McGinnis swung his club,
And started on his beat,
He was all to arrest each man
He saw upon the street.

But now, when several months have passed,
Growing up to the place,
He walks around
A place where there's no row.
—*Washington Post.*

Incomplete.

Dear, the sweetest songs are those
That have never yet been sung,
And the holiest deeds of all
Are the deeds we have not done.

And the tenderest prayers are those
That are in the heart to voice;
While the dearest loves of all
Are the loves we have not died.

Dear, the joy we know is the best
Is the joy that we have yet to win,
And the friends we love are those
We have never yet had to love known.
—*John Bennett, in Pulitzer News.*

The New York Idea.

At last the enthusiastic have hit upon a scheme whereby they can
Finally erect a fitting tenant monument erect on the ancestral mount to sit.
The party say they have secured in a foundation they intend.
And, if they can get a start, they'll let futurity do the rest.
Whatever this accomplishes so that they may
They work remove
They intend themselves together and they'll add another foot or two.
But if the world shall stand until their work is completed, action force,
Then [illegible] will be too old and weak to ever show the hoist.
—*Chicago Evening Post.*

Bouquets Are Scarce.

This line of verse to a play
The critic may utter are quite uncertain,
And few and far between are they
Which the flowers that bloom are away
Are called to show the curtain.
—*Chicago Evening Post.*

It Talks

For itself—day by day, Hood's Sarsaparilla tells its own story and wins its way more and more into the confidence of the people. It talks for itself in the scrofulous and impure blood made rich and pure, in the relief it gives from the trying and harrowing of salt rheum, in the satisfaction at meals experienced by the former dyspeptic, in the hap. ness of those cured of malaria and catarrh, in the buoyancy of spirits and the good appetite enjoyed by those recently weak, tired and run down. It is by such results as these that Hood's Sarsaparilla makes its hosts of friends and does its own best advertising.

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FROM THE WORLD OF LABOR.

Bakers' Union No. 34 will elect a new executive board on Sept. 27.

The Union Hill Painters' Union has changed its meeting day from Thursday to Tuesday.

The bakery of F. G. Sieging, 471 Bushwick avenue near One Hundred and Forty-sixth street, is now a union shop.

The weekly receipts of the Williamsburg Framers' Union at its meeting held yesterday amounted to $110.70.

The Jersey City Framers' Union resolved yesterday to join the Building Trades Council of Hudson County.

The Painters' Union of Passaic City has gained the nine-hour day in all shops under its jurisdiction.

A mass meeting of stationary engineers has been called for to-morrow evening at 1422 Second avenue.

Machine Wood Workers' Union No. 38 resolved yesterday to join the Socialists in their political campaign this Fall.

The New Zealand Legislature has sent copies of all bills before it to every labor organization in the colony, with a request for criticism.

The nine-hour workday at ten hours' pay has been granted to the upholsterers at Boss Marquette's shop.

The Brooklyn Architectural Iron Workers' Union has made application for admission to the Central Labor Union of that city.

The Brooklyn Central Labor Union admitted new delegates from Cigarmakers' Union No. 132, and from the Machinery Moulders yesterday.

Furniture-Workers' Union No. 7 will elect delegates to the Indianapolis convention of the International Furniture-Workers' to-morrow evening.

The Clothing-Cutters' Progressive Union reports that, in spite of the opinion of the K. of L., it gained four new shops last week.

A strike is in progress against the employment of non-union men on the building of the Brooklyn Furniture Company on De Kalb avenue.

The Boot and Shoe Workers' Union has over one hundred and sixty members. Negotiations with the K. of L. have been entered into with a view of settling existing difficulties.

Printers' unions are now being organized in Brooklyn to support the candidacy of Judge Courtney for the Shrievalty of Kings County. He belongs to the craft himself.

The grievances of the Buttonhole Makers' Union against several contractors were referred yesterday to the Grievance Committee of the Central Labor Federation.

The Central Labor Federation proclaimed a boycott yesterday against the firm of Strauch Bros., action manufacturers, for refusing to employ union men.

Bruce Wallace, editor of *Brotherhood*, the organ of the Typographical Union of Great Britain, has made arrangements for a series of lectures in this country on "Labor's Rights."

The inaugural shore dinner of the Master and Journeymen Plumbers and Gasfitters' Association of Brooklyn will take place next Saturday at Donnelly's Grove, College Point.

H. Donat has been elected President of Branch 2 of Bakers' Union No. 54. No Union labels will be given to the branch to bosses using Fleischmann's yeast.

"Scab" painters are working at the new building on Hamburg avenue and Troutman street, Brooklyn, and it is probable that the other building trades will strike the job.

The Socialists of the Seventeenth Assembly District will nominate a candidate for the Assembly Saturday, Oct. 3, at 408 West Forty-first street.

The Brooklyn Garment Cutters' Union complains that one of its members was compelled to leave Wanamaker & Brown's shop because he refused to join the K. of L.

The Tresco-Painters' Union will have an evening entertainment on Oct. 18, at 303 East Fifty-sixth street. At the last regular meeting three new members were admitted.

The Progressive Painters' Union has settled its differences with the Varnishers' Union, and will no longer oppose their admission to the different central bodies.

The Cartman's Union complains that the organized workmen do not properly assist them; they should ask all cartmen who are delivering coal for their union cards, whose color is red at present.

The trustees of the City Hospital, of Istra, Italy, have announced that henceforth members of labor associations will not be treated at the hospital free of charge.

Walters' Union No. 1 has appointed a special committee with instructions to amend the constitution. Last week contracts with twenty-one proprietors of halls and restaurants were made for the season.

Boss Baker Benner, 158 Meserole street, Brooklyn, has not had Bakers' Union No. 31 that he will keep union hours, while Boss Goldberg refuses to recognize the union.

The municipal authorities of Milan, Italy, have threatened to take the license from a saloon-keeper who proposed to place a sign over his door inscribed: "Dedicated to the sons of toil."

The Union Hill Framers' Union will fine any of its delegates to the Local Executive Board $1 for failing to take part in the proceedings of that body. Next Saturday the proposition of reducing the hours of labor will be discussed.

The delegates of several trades unions of Berlin, who convened to organize a Central Labor Union in that city, have been arrested for political conspiracy; also those who proposed to form a similar organization in the City of Magdeburg, province of Saxony.

Ratification meeting of the Socialist Labor party of Kings County this evening at the Brooklyn Labor Lyceum: Professor Daniel De Leon, Isaac Bennett, A. Jonas, F. Seubert, and the candidates nominated last week, are announced as speakers.

Cigar Packers' Union No. 251 admitted twelve new members last week. Two applications for permission to strike were granted. Members failing to pay their assessment for the Binghamton strikers this week will be suspended.

Philip Hauser and William Pett will represent the Millers and Millwrights' Union in the Building Trades Council of the Central Labor Federation. The new officers are F. Heil, Recording Secretary; C. Schlenger, Financial Secretary; E. Suesse, Treasurer. The Labor Bureau was removed to 240 Broome street.

A theatrical benefit will be arranged by the Brooklyn Central Labor Union for the striking cigar-makers of Binghamton. The secretary of the B. C. L. U. has also been instructed to wire Gen. Hill to interfere in favor of the strikers against the unjust discriminations on the part of the Binghamton authorities.

H. Quintmeyer has been nominated for the office of corresponding secretary of Bakers' Union No. 92, and Mr. Neundorf for trustee. The delegates to the Joint Executive Board will be nominated at the next regular meeting. Counsels were appointed yesterday to regulate matters at the shops of Messrs. Adler, Edelstein and Ehring.

John Meehan has been elected a member of the Executive Committee of Framers' Union No. 1, Brooklyn, in place of Frank Kluth. The