

SKIRTS TOO HIGH! 'TIS A LIBEL!

'ILLUSION' EMBARRASSES ATTACHES OF LOW'S OFFICE.

Very Decorous, She Says, and Offers to Prove Her Statement.

Miss Edie Becker, a much-tinted young woman who does the "half lady" and the "woman in the house" in Edward Owens's museum, at No. 100 Bowery, offered to do the illusions in the Mayor's office today.

She had just begun to raise her skirts to offer living proof of the respectability of the performance when the Mayor's assistant secretary, William J. Moran, objected.

"Stop that!" cried the Mayor's secretary, "that tell us about it, instead."

So the "illusion" was sworn as a witness to contradict the statements of the preceding five persons.

"I do not raise my dress higher than three inches below the knee," she said. The purpose of the hearing was to determine whether the museum should pay for a theatre license or be allowed to do business as heretofore with a license as a common show.

A. BIERSTADT, ARTIST, IS DEAD.

HEART DISEASE KILLS FAMOUS PAINTER.

His Landscapes Adorn Many Public and Private Galleries—A Friend of Queen Victoria.

Albert Bierstadt, one of the most famous of American landscape artists, is dead. He died from heart disease at his home, No. 322 Fifth avenue, yesterday.

He had returned from a ride and lay down to rest, asking a servant to bring him a stimulant. He died alone before the servant returned.

Mr. Bierstadt was born in Germany in 1830, but was brought to this country when he was an infant.

His chosen field was American scenic grandeur and his many pictures of the Rocky Mountains are well known. Several are in private galleries in this city and others are in public collections all over the world.

For many years Mr. Bierstadt lived in England, where he became well acquainted with Queen Victoria. He died privately with her and spent a night by invitation at Osborne House.

RICH WOMAN'S DOG VICTIM OF CRUSADE

PET TAKEN TO MOUNT VERNON POUND AND KILLED.

(Special to The Evening World.) MOUNT VERNON, N. Y., Feb. 18.—Julia K. Dunphy, wealthy and a leader in society of Mount Vernon, has demolished the Common Council to reimburse her to the extent of \$25 for the loss of one of her pet dogs, which she claims the poundmaster killed without cause.

Her action is a side feature to the crusade against canines now in progress here.

Miss Dunphy has a kennel at No. 29 North Terrace avenue, and has a kennel license for her dogs. Recently, she claims, the poundmaster or one of his agents caught one of her pets, which wore a collar bearing a license tag, and took it to the pound, where it was killed.

Later the poundmaster called at her home and returned the collar and tag. He gave no reason for killing the animal.

NO SCHOOLS FOR CHILDREN.

Eighty Thousand Whites in Indian Territory Go Without Education.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—In the House today Mr. Little (Dem., Ark.) spoke of the conditions in the Indian Territory.

"The 80,000 white men had no voice in the government," he said. "With 150 towns and cities and wealth amounting to \$50,000,000, he declared, there were 80,000 white children of school age but no schools."

He believed the territory was ready for statehood, but urged that Congress should enact, at least, some liberal form of territorial government.

"Always Handy." The New York World Almanac, with its 600 pages of the most valuable information, has just reached our office. It is upon the same principle as all former publications, except it bears an even more complete detailed account of everything. It is an encyclopaedia that is useful hundreds of times the amount charged. There should be one in every household and business house; they come in handy all times.

FOUR OF THE FAIREST PING-PONG PLAYERS ISSUE A BOLD PUBLIC CHALLENGE.

Champions of the Frank Daniels Comic Opera Company Defy Any Four of Their Sex to Beat Them.



Before any one accepts this challenge it will be well to consider it carefully. For the young women who issue the "defy" to use a sporting phrase, are making no rash claims when they assert themselves as champions. Here is the challenge:

"To Any Four Young Ladies of Greater New York:

"We, the undersigned, members of the Frank Daniels Comic Opera Company now appearing in 'Miss Simplicity' at the Casino, claim the title of the champion ping-pong or table-tennis team of America, and hereby challenge any four young ladies of Greater New York to contest our claim in a series of games of ping-pong, such games to take place on any afternoons in the week except Saturday, and one-half the series to be played at our rooms, No. 200 West Ninety-fourth street, the other half at suitable quarters designated by the challengers. Furthermore, the contestants shall play for a supper, the expense to be met by the winning team, and a handsome prize awarded by Mr. Frank Daniels. The contest to take place before March 15, 1902. Signed:

"FRANCES PALMER, "GRETTE BURDICK, "URSULA MARCH, "IWA JAMES."

No. 200 West Ninety-fourth street is the apartment of Miss Helen Lord, the Miss Simplicity of Mr. Daniels's company. The ping-pong outfit was presented to Mr. Daniels in Chicago, and as the comedian did not think he needed the exercise he turned the racket, net and ball to Helen over to the young ladies of the company. The game "caught on" like an epidemic and there was a wild scramble for first place in the city.

The honors finally fell to the four young ladies mentioned in the challenge, and having no competitors, the other girls in the "Miss Simplicity" company that they refuse to play without outrageous handicaps, the champion quartet is now forced to seek outside contestants.

"That they are in earnest would not be doubted for an instant by any one who could have a moment's conversation with one of the 'champions,' and if further evidence is required it

may be found in the offer to play for a supper and the fact that Mr. Daniels himself is willing to offer a substantial prize to the winning team.

The offer is now open. If any young ladies imagine that they have a chance of winning let them address Mr. Daniels at the Casino.



BRAIN FOOD

Is of Little Benefit Unless It Is Digested.

Nearly every one will admit that as a nation we eat too much meat and too little of vegetables and the grains.

For business men, office men and clerks, and in fact every one engaged in sedentary or indoor occupations, grains, milk and vegetables are much more healthful. Only men engaged in a severe, outdoor manual labor can live on a heavy meat diet and continue in health.

As a general rule, meat once a day is sufficient for all classes of men, women and children, and grains, fruit and vegetables should constitute the bulk of food eaten.

But many of the most nutritious foods are difficult to digest, and it is of no use to advise brain workers to eat largely of grains and vegetables where the digestion is too weak to assimilate them properly.

It is always best to get the best results from our food that some simple and harmless digestive should be taken after meals to assist the relaxed digestive organs and remedy which may be taken daily with the best results.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets can hardly be called a patent medicine, as they do not act on the bowels for any particular effect, but only on the food eaten. They supply what weak stomachs lack, pepsin, diastase, and by stimulating the gastric glands, increase the natural secretion of hydrochloric acid.

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Women's Handsome Night Gowns. Beautiful Creations at Less than Half Their Real Values. Monday's storm prevented many of these fine Gowns from hurrying away sooner. As it was, great interest was shown in this fashionable display. One of the foremost manufacturers in the United States known for the handsome and fine character of his Night Gowns decided to give up this line and confine himself exclusively to the making of Shirt Waists. We Obtained His Entire Stock of Night Gowns at Concessions That Allow Us to Sell the Gowns at the Most Remarkable Prices Yet Known. The lowest priced Gown this manufacturer produced retailed for \$1.00. All the Gowns in this sale are 60 inches long, and are from 88 to 95 inches wide. Made for the highest class trade. The Prices Are 59c., 79c., 98c., 1.69 and 1.95. WOMEN'S NIGHT GOWNS of extra quality cambric, high and V-shape neck, lace and embroidery trimmed; manufactured to sell for \$1.00; this sale, 59 WOMEN'S NIGHT GOWNS of soft finished long cloth and cambric, V-shape and circular neck, ribbon run; manufactured to sell for \$2.50 to \$2.75, 1.69 WOMEN'S NIGHT GOWNS of long cloth and fine cambric, yokes hemstitched back and front, lace ribbon and embroidery trimmed; 5 styles; manufactured to sell at \$1.50 and \$1.75, 79 WOMEN'S NIGHT GOWNS of long cloth and fine cambric, yokes hemstitched back and front, lace ribbon and embroidery trimmed; 5 styles; manufactured to sell at \$2.00 to \$2.25, 98

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WHAT IS JOSIE TRYING TO DO?

LEAVES HOME AND WRITES BEWILDERING LETTERS.

The disappearance of Miss Josie Grimley, the sixteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Grimley, No. 41 Fairmount avenue, Jersey City, has caused much anxiety. She left a note saying she was married and begging for forgiveness.

The girl, who was wearing her first long skirt when she left home last Sunday afternoon to visit the home of her accepted sweetheart, George Hegeman, of No. 49 Highland avenue, is quite pretty. She left the home of the Hegemans about 6 o'clock, ostensibly to return home. She did not reach home and when Mrs. Grimley prepared to retire she found a letter from Josie saying she was married and begging for forgiveness.

Mr. and Mrs. Grimley supposed that their daughter and young Hegeman, who is seventeen, but looks several years older, had become impatient and had eloped. The next day a policeman called to see Josie and then it was learned that Josie, if married, had married some one else.

A letter was received by the mother of the girl yesterday from the daughter. It was postmarked in New York City and contained no reference to a marriage or husband, but mentioned the storm, a possible trip to Florida and a visit to a theatre.

FINED FOR FRAUD.

New York Woman Convicted in New Hampshire Court.

CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 18.—In the United States Court today before Judge Aldrich, Mrs. Helena Franklin Jones, of New York City, who was indicted in June, 1900, for the use of the United States mails with intent to defraud, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$200 and to serve a sentence of six months in jail.

The jail sentence is suspended during good behavior. Mrs. Jones advertised musical chairs and stamped satins at incredibly low prices.

Ten to Aid Fresh Air Fund. A mid-winter tea for the benefit of the Wayside Workers' Fresh Air Fund will be given at the Waldorf-Astoria on March 11 from 7 to 9 o'clock in the afternoon.

'UNWRITTEN LAW' DOESN'T GO HERE.

JUSTICE FOSTER ON PUNISHMENT BY LAYMEN.

"I do not believe in what is known as the 'unwritten law.' No person in this community would be safe if we were to allow persons with grievances growing out of domestic infidelity to take the punishment of offenders into their own hands. The sooner this is understood among all classes the better."

With these words Justice Foster, in the Court of General Sessions, disposed of petitions for clemency, based on unwritten law, in the case of Gussie Orestein. The woman was convicted yesterday of assault in the second degree. Jealous of the attention her husband was paying to Mary Pamelina, the Orestein woman in July, 1900, threw vitriol at her rival, blinding her. Mrs. Orestein was almost completely prostrated when arraigned for sentence. Her health is bad and on this account Justice Foster was lenient. He sent her to the island for three months.

A COFFEE SWORD.

The Old Things Would "Bob Up."

Coffee puts its sword into people first one place and then another. You may depend upon it, if you are a coffee drinker and have ailments in some of the organs of the body, that coffee is doing its work. You may prove whether it is or not by leaving it off for ten days or two weeks, although it often takes from one month to two years to recover from its effects.

Mr. J. W. Ashby, Mt. Airy, N. C., says: "I was a coffee drinker for 25 years. About three years ago I suffered greatly with pains in the region of my heart and the pit of my stomach. These pains appeared about the same time each day. 'I wondered if coffee might not be the fault, so began the test of leaving off coffee. The pains ceased, but when I began to use coffee again the same old pains would 'bob up.' I have now been using Postum for some time in place of coffee and am entirely cured of the old neuralgia of the stomach and heart. Respectfully,"

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