"of pre-Raphaelitic nastiness," he would satisfy Mr. Faux's fastidious taste, and remove the ban from his book. But to cleanse Mr. Hardy's novel whole pages and chapters—the very framework and substance of the book, the whole method of handling delicate or indelicate topics—would have to be modified; and probably it could not be done.

This, however, has little to do with the matter. Comparisons are of little avail except to show the essential unsoundness and even absurdity of the principle on which this astonishing censor proceeds. He pleads that out of 15,000 subscribers to the Smith Circulating Library, but one has complained. You may not be aware in America of the peculiar feature of the large lending libraries in England. They start out with the conviction that they know what their subscribers want to read better than the subscribers themselves know. You ask for one book; they send you another; for bread, and they give you a stone. A book is a book, and one book is as good as another, unless it happens to be Mr. Moore's, and is boycotted. You are entitled to so many volumes. The volumes will be sent you, but whether they are the volumes you asked for is a matter of chance; with the chances considerably against you. Hence it is that we find Mr. Faux saying:

"Our subscribers pay their subscriptions for books to carry into their homes to read—for books which they ought to read, if I may use the phrase, as a general community. It is our business to give them the books they desire, and to refrain from giving them those which they would regard with distaste."

"The books which they desire,' means the class of books they desire. The selection is to be left to Mr. Faux. You may wonder that the British public submits to this system, which is both tyrannous and grandmotherly. But the British public has to be studied in order to be understood. Messrs. Smith take credit to themselves for not selling "Esther Waters" at their railway bookstalls. To sell and not to lend would, in their view, be "inconsistent." The profit from sales, adds Mr. Faux, ingenuously, is larger than from lending, and his virtue in not selling is to be measured by the profit. I believe I explained in a recent letter that Messrs. Smith think themselves entitled to charge the public 25 per cent more for books than other booksellers charge. That is their "virtue." They have the public in a trap. The traveller who, having arrived at his station, wants a book to beguile his railway journey, must buy of them or go without. Could there be a better reason for extorting an extra 25 per cent?

The Society of Authors, nevertheless, has stayed its hand, and is to take no action, says a letter from Sir Frederick Pollock, Chairman of its Council. Mr. Moore himself desired the Society not to proceed, and Sir Frederick, a barrister of authority, is of opinion there is no legal remedy. Sir Frederick concurs with Mr. Conan Doyle in his protest against the boycott. "The Chronicle" editorially concurs with Messrs. Smith. The editor says ditto to Mr. Faux. That hardly seems the true function of an editor, unless he belongs to the Social Purity clique. Does he, and does Mr. Faux? Will they, as Sir Frederick Pollock suggests, boycott "Clarissa Harlowe" and "Adam Bede"? When Purity becomes mere prurience, anything is possible. G. W. S.

THE DRAMA.

MISS COGHLAN AS PEG WOFFINGTON.

At the Madison Square Theatre last night Miss Rose Coghlan accomplished the task which she has often mastered before, of presenting a spirited and interesting impersonation of Peg Woffington, in Charles Reade's comedy. The part demands a quality in the actress which is always a fair test of dramatic power—that of transparency. Peg Woffington has a soul of deep truth and feeling and an exterior of merriment and mockery. She has to feel wrong and insult and loss, and she must show only abounding spirit and deftness of wit and resource. She must see the happiness of her life destroyed at one blow and must not show that the blow has fallen upon her. She must surrender her love to her rival with a laugh, and must go on smiling for the public, with no other reward than the sense of her womanly dignity, if she can find reward in that. The skill with which Miss Coghlan accomplishes the end of this play is happily well known to the public of this city. The clear and fine touch of Mr. Reade's hand in the play is equally—perhaps more than equally—welcome and refreshing.

A NEW LADY OF LYONS.

Young women with a high ambition for the stage take to "The Lady of Lyons" as a duck to water. It has brave opportunities in it for showing what a young actress can do. It has no nicety of discriminating moods, no delicate gradations of character and impulse; only plain, old-fashioned romance and stage effect. Miss Virginia Stuart, from Philadelphia, hitherto an amateur, emerged professionally as Pauline at Palmer's Theatre yesterday afternoon. Her performance showed that careful studiousness which is usually to be observed in persons in her position; it did not show that ease and unconsciousness of manner which are seldom to be obtained except as the result of long stage experience. Her merits were seriousness and honest effort, and these may accomplish much in time. Her defect was lack of spontaneity. Like many actors of small experience she did best when she had most to do, as in the third and fourth acts. Her action at other times was not always sustained. She has also to acquire repose. Miss Stuart's presence is pleasing and she has good possibilities, but her time as a star of much magnitude is not yet come. Robert Taber won much applause as Claude, and Nelson Wheatcroft was excellent as Colonel Damas, as was to be expected.

MRS. CLEVELAND IN BUFFALO.

Buffalo, May 17.—Mrs. Cleveland, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Perrine, and a party of friends made a visit to the new lake steamer Northwest at noon to-day. Mrs. Cleveland was conducted over the vessel, and expressed much admiration for the handsome apartments and for the decorations which were arranged in her honor.

W. K. VANDERBILT RENTS A DEER FOREST

London, May 17.—William K. Vanderbilt has rented Lord Lovat's deer forest at Brauden, Inverness, and will soon visit that place with a hunting party.

CHARGES OF CORRUPTION IN THE SENATE

LET THE HONEST CLEAR THEIR SKIRTS.
From The New-York World.

It is time for honest Senators to clear their skirts. It is known that the pending bill is the product of purchase and sale. Let the guilty ones, in and out of the Senate, be exposed. Mr. Lodge's resolution calling for an investigation should be passed at once, and the investigation should be thorough.

THE TRUST KNEW WHAT IT WAS ABOUT.
From The Newark Advertiser.

Surely, a contribution of half a million dollars, practically says the Trust, is worthy of some return in the shape of a few words inserted in a tariff bill, and the present condition of the Tariff bill shows that the Trust knew what it was about when it made its munificent gift to the Democratic fund.

INVESTIGATION CANNOT BE AVOIDED.
From The Pittsburg Dispatch.

Senator Lodge's resolution authorizing an investigation presents the matter in a form which the Senate cannot avoid by any other means than the ostrichlike one of sticking its head under cover and imagining its whole body of offences to be hidden. The investigation should be pushed, regardless of whom it hits.

PROMPT AND DECISIVE ACTION NEEDED.
From The New-York Herald.

The course of the Senate in an emergency like the present should be not only above suspicion, but beyond the possibility of scandalous rumor. The fact that such charges have been made and the Senate is called upon by one of its own members to investigate them reveals a new evil of the tariff legislatory, and one which should spur the Senate to prompt and decisive action of some sort.

A FACT THAT NO DENIALS AFFECT.
From The Springfield Republican.

After everything has been explained away, we are still confronted by the mocking fact that the Sugar Trust gets all it asks for.

NO OCCASION FOR REPUBLICAN BRIBERY.
From The Utica Herald.

There is no reason why Republicans should resort to bribery to save the Democracy from the folly on which it is embarked. There is every reason why they should resent attempts on the part of the divided and desperate friends of free trade to cast odium on their motives and actions. The Democrats object to investigation, thus adding another to their blunder score.

MARKED MEN FOR THE AXE-GRINDERS.
From The Wilmington News.

It strikes us that the Democratic Senators have a way of getting into the path of the men who have axes to grind in the Senate. A wholesome ventilation of both of these cases may throw some light upon Democratic methods at Washington.

READY FOR BUSINESS LIFE.

COMMENCEMENT OF PACKARD'S COLLEGE.

ADDRESSES BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE INSTITUTION, PRESIDENT SETH LOW, OF COLUMBIA, AND MR. DEPEW—ABOUT NINETY GRADUATES.

Carnegie Music Hall was thronged last evening for the commencement exercises of Packard's Business College. About ninety graduates received their diplomas at the hands of ex-Justice Noah Davis. Addresses were made by Mr. Packard, President Seth Low, of Columbia College, to the alumni, and by Chauncey M. Depew. The music was conducted by Ivan Aldoff, of the Russian Tcharkassian Orchestra, and the encores were frequent. Prayer was offered by the Rev. William Lloyd. Among those on the platform were Noah Davis, General Thomas Ewing, Dr. J. Stedman Converse, General Henry L. Burnett, W. L. Strong, Warren Higley, J. L. N. Hunt, of the Board of Education; Colonel Thomas W. Knox, Charles Bernard, Nathan Straus, Thomas Hunter, Homer Lee, the Rev. Robert J. Kent, the Rev. Madison C. Peters, J. Edgar Leaycraft, Morris S. Wise, John S. Wise, George Gunton, H. H. Johnson, Nathan Tuttle, C. G. Rockwood, C. C. Shayne, J. Q. A. Ward, Frederic Taylor, W. T. Hawk, George R. Bishop and J. M. Horton. There was a great display of floral offerings to the graduates, and these were piled on the north end of the platform.

MR. PACKARD'S REMARKS.

After the prayer Mr. Packard alluded to the fact that this was the thirty-sixth anniversary of the existence of what is known as Packard's Business College. Mr. Packard, in a pleasant way, spoke of his earlier experiments in the establishment of the institution in part as follows:

Thirty-six years ago there were no elevated railroads, no electric lights, no ocean telegraph. It took from ten days to a fortnight to hear from Europe. There had been no Civil War, no silver craze, no Populists, no Mugwumps. Grover Cleveland was a boy of eleven, scarcely out of the primary school. The city of New-York had a population of 300,000 or 400,000. There were no Sunday newspapers, and no editors who understood their business. Only such men as the senior Bennett, Horace Greeley, Charles A. Dana, Henry J. Raymond, James Watson Webb, David M. Stone, William Cullen Bryant, Moses Y. Beach, James and Erastus Brooks, and that sort. They are all gone, except Dana and Stone, and they are going—on in the same old way. Why, the principal speaker of the evening, Mr. Low, was only a boy of eight. He may possibly have heard of Columbia College, but he had probably not seen even the outside. And now what he doesn't know of the inside isn't worth knowing. And our other speaker who will be here anon, Mr. Depew—he was alive, to be sure, and anxious; but had achieved no marked success. He was not even known as "Our Chauncey"; had hardly flashed his oratorical sword, and had not even had his first law client, and anybody who should have spoken of him as a possible president—even of a railroad, would have been looked upon as a crank—only there were no cranks then. (Laughter.) Think of this city ever having lived without Depew or electric lights! (Loud laughter.)

And, still, there we were, in 1858, stumbling along in darkness, and quite unconscious of it. But we were not altogether in the dark, for the Packard College began its work in that year, and there was hope, at least, of better things.

And is it presumptuous for me to say that the hope has been in some sense realized? Of course, I do not claim that all the progress in science, art and civilization that has been made during the last thirty-six years is due to the Packard College, and I should be just as reluctant to renounce our proper share in it, and I tell you now, and do it without the slightest hesitation or doubt, that if the worthy things done by the Packard boys and girls in this city during the last thirty-six years had been left undone, the world would have been worse for it. Take out from our business life, our public enterprises and our charitable work the energy, patience and directing force of the students of the Packard College, and a vacuum would be felt. Even to-day divest the downtown offices of the efficient work and wholesome presence of the Packard girl, and there would be crape hung on many a door, and a deep sense of goneness felt in many hearts. (Loud applause.)

PRESIDENT LOW'S ADDRESS.

Then he introduced President Seth Low, of Columbia College, who treated the audience to one of his pleasant addresses, dealing with the strong points of the elements which enter into the life of all beginners in seeking an education. Mr. Low showed that progress had been made not alone in the natural growth of the country, but through the developments of natural intelligence on the part of the people, whereby, through educational influences, young men and young women alike had taken their places in the business world and had effected great changes from old methods and had advanced their own independence by energy, pluck and independence.

These were the recipients of diplomas:

School of Business—E. S. Austen, N. Betleman, W. Bohmcke, W. Boye, W. M. Bushnell, J. Connick, H. A. Davis, C. F. Duffy, W. W. Duncan, C. M. Durland, L. P. Eisenlohr, T. C. Eppig, I. E. Ferris, H. Friedman, P. A. Grevatt, E. A. Gunther, J. H. Hafker, G. W. Harnisch, C. E. Heydt, W. H. Hoops, C. O. Horstmann, C. F. E. Huser, C. J. Kelly, B. A. Kelly, W. F. Knickmann, C. J. Lawson, J. Luth, C. J. Maher, G. F. W. Marjenhoff, A. Mayer, M. Mekeel, E. E. Meyer, J. H. Meyer, H. M. Meyerhoff, J. F. Mulholland, W. C. Ott, F. W. Overbeck, E. A. Peppmuller, W. A. T. Pilstrim, H. M. Purdy, D. E. Roberts, G. Rubenstein, H. Siefke, jr.; E. Simpson, E. H. Snedeker, C. E. Spruck, E. B. Strange, J. C. Thompson, H. S. Totten, C. G. Victorius, F. W. Wessel, jr.; O. A. Westfall, jr.; A. P. Windolph.

School of Stenography—F. C. Crocker, P. W. Friedmann, H. T. Grevatt, A. Guion, C. C. Kilpatrick, G. H. Miller, W. B. Smith, L. Steinert, H. C. Vaughan, H. C. Wheeler, E. L. Allen, J. F. Bates, S. Z. Batt, A. H. Booth, G. T. Chandley, M. J. Creagh, M. A. J. Duffy, J. Firth, F. H. Hamilton, L. C. Herbig, J. L. Holley, F. B. Jackson, L. M. Keegan, G. M. Koch, B. M. Krehbiel, L. M. McCann, J. H. McComb, H. M. McFadden, J. L. McKeown, A. S. Mackin, L. Price, M. Ramsey, L. Silver, M. F. Smith, F. H. Spence, M. L. Stout, H. M. Sullivan, H. Sullivan, M. M. Swain, E. P. Van Norden, M. L. Von der Osten, E. A. Warren and F. I. Williams.

FUN AND ADVICE FROM MR. DEPEW.

The diplomas having been awarded to the graduates by Noah Davis, Mr. Depew was introduced, and enlivened the occasion by one of his characteristic addresses. Mr. Packard, in introducing him, said that the picture of Mr. Depew was a conspicuous adornment of the walls of the institute, and had been placed there to remain until the subject had been elected President of the United States. On coming forward, amid great applause, Mr. Depew said, in part:

I never until to-night felt sure of immortality; but since Professor Packard has solemnly announced that my portrait is to hang in his college until I am elected President of the United States, my calling and my election are sure—in Packard College. (Laughter.) I have always admired my friend Packard, and always felt that he filled a large place in the world; but after his introductory remarks, it seems to me that all that has made this country what it is has originated with him—the telegraph, the electric light, steamships, railroads and cranks have all come with Packard. (Laughter.) I started in life just about the time that Packard started his college; so he originated me, and now he asks me to address his last product.

Pointing in an offhand way to the seats occupied by the male graduates, he said:

I do not know much about that side, because I have been looking at this side all the time (pointing to the women graduates), and from its appearances the class of '94 seems to me the most extraordinary I ever beheld. (Laughter.) I welcome you into the great body of workers. Precisely where you are to take your place in this great industrial army is the question that interests you to-night. When you discover you have made a mistake in your vocation, change it; but do not keep on changing it all the time. You will receive plenty of advice from those who know less about you than you know about yourself. My experience is, advice is never taken by those who give it, except in rare instances, where it comes from great experience."

In a satirical way Mr. Depew told an anecdote of a man who was suffering from some disorder, and the doctors were called in and told the patient that what he needed was plenty of out-of-door exercise, and being asked the nature of his occupation the man replied that he was a mail-carrier. Mr. Depew added: "In that case the doctor illustrated the fact that a young man must decide for himself what is best for him in the occupation of life, and then fill it with all the energy and drive which he possesses."

Mr. Depew spoke at considerable length in an advisory way to the graduates, telling many anecdotes of his own life and, of course, referring to Peekskill as the centre of all knowledge; and closed with an urgent appeal to every young man to cling to a purpose in life, no matter what might be the obstacles. He regarded a man who succeeded after many downfalls as far superior to the one who attempted nothing, but rested upon mere possibilities of chance.

At the close of Mr. Depew's address the benediction was pronounced, and the audience separated to the tune of "Home, Sweet Home."

FOURTEEN GRADUATES IN THEOLOGY.

New-Brunswick, N. J., May 17.—The 110th commencement of the Reformed Theological Seminary was held this evening. The graduates were D. Lawrence Betten, Edward O. Chickering, Abram Duryee, Howard Hasbrouck, Jasper S. Hogan, Robert J. Hogan, A. Whittaker Hopper, Henry Lockwood, Arthur F. Mabon, Charles L. Palmer, John H. Raven, Herbert B. Roberts, Edward V. Seale and William D. Strong. At the alumni banquet the orator was the Rev. J. G. Van Slyke.

NEWTON THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Newton, Mass., May 17.—The graduating exercises of the Newton Baptist Theological Institution, at Newton Centre, took place at 10 o'clock this morning in the Baptist Meeting-House, in the presence of a large audience. The annual meeting of the Backus Historical Society was held in Colby Hall on the hill, and was attended by nearly one hundred members. Eleven graduates received diplomas in the regular department and nine in the English department. The trustees' dinner and ladies' luncheon was served at 12:45 o'clock in Associates' Hall, and was followed by speaking by the trustees and others. At 4 p. m. the students gave a reception in Sturtevant Hall.

ANNIVERSARY EXERCISES AT DREW.

WELL-KNOWN CLERGYMEN AND LAYMEN AT THE COMMENCEMENT OF THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Madison, N. J., May 17.—The twenty-seventh anniversary exercises of Drew Theological Seminary began on May 13 with an address before the Missionary Society by the Rev. Bishop James M. Thoburn, of India. On the following evening the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Payne preached the baccalaureate sermon. Yesterday morning the students, visitors, friends and faculty held the annual love feast. The Rev. Dr. Henry A. Buttz opened the meeting and then Dr. Samuel F. Upham took charge. Many alumni took part. Representatives from Japan, India, Persia, Italy, Spain and England made short speeches.

In the evening the annual alumni anniversary was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church. Dr. J. A. Gutteridge presided. The opening prayer was offered by the Rev. J. G. Bickelton, of the Philadelphia Conference. The address of welcome was delivered by the Rev. Dr. Robert W. Rogers. The Rev. J. W. Ryder, of the Newark Conference, delivered the oration before the Alumni Association, and the exercises were closed with a dinner and reception given by the president, the Rev. Dr. Henry A. Buttz.

The public commencement exercises were held today in Christ Methodist Episcopal Church. The Rev. Dr. Lewis R. Dunn opened the meeting with prayer, and the following speakers and their subjects were announced: Lumsford Emory Bennett, "Charles Wesley, the Poet of Methodism"; Frederick W. Coleman, "Interpretation"; Lincoln A. Ferris, "The Pulpit's Mission To-day"; Franklyn Eyer Hartman, "The Church and the World"; Henry Winfield Millison, "John Wesley"; Elwin Sherwood, "The Ethical Ideal"; John W. Stilwell, "The Suggestive Power of Wit."

The exercises were closed with a brief but earnest address of farewell and blessing by President Buttz to the graduating class. Then the following students received their diplomas: W. R. Agate, S. Badal, L. E. Bennett, A. M.; J. S. Burton, F. C. Foust, A. M.; F. G. Hazaman, W. J. Hart, F. E. Hartman, A. B.; T. A. Hearn, A. B.; W. I. Joseph, A. B.; C. F. Kirk, B. C. E.; H. W. Millison, A. B.; F. C. Mooney, G. S. Parker, A. M.; C. E. S. T. Petersen, E. A. Quimby, W. W. Rikeby, C. W. Scarritt, A. B.; W. G. Searles, H. Sheldon, E. Sherwood, A. B.; W. E. Shugg, E. H. Smith, M. A.; R. L. Steed, A. M.; J. W. Stilwell, D. E. Vishanoff, C. H. Von Glahn, B. S.; W. H. White, W. S. Wilcox, J. C. Williamson, B. S.; J. S. Wilds, L. A. Wilsey, D. B. Wilson.

Among the many well-known visitors present were the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. George H. Corey, of Washington; the Rev. Dr. C. W. Millard, the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Price, of Sing Sing; Professor William Wells, of Union College, Schenectady; Professor M. J. Cramer, ex-United States Minister to Denmark, and Mrs. Cramer; Mrs. C. C. McCoon, Miss Mary Graydon, John Graydon and the Rev. Dr. E. S. Tipple.

A new dormitory, costing $100,000 and containing accommodation for 100 students, is now building, and will be finished and ready for occupancy before the opening of the next seminary year. It is the joint gift of two members of the Board of Trustees—William Hoyt and Samuel W. Bowne.

WEDDINGS PAST AND TO COME.

Miss Mamie Oppermann, daughter of the late Frederick Oppermann, jr., was married to William G. Ringler, of this city, at 7:30 o'clock last night, at the home of her mother, No. 154 East Forty-sixth-st. The Rev. L. Halfmann, pastor of the Lutheran Immanuel Church this city, performed the ceremony, in the presence of the members of the family and the nearest relatives of the pair. Miss Oppermann was given away by her uncle, Anthony Doelger. She wore a gown of white satin trimmed with point lace and a tulle veil, fastened with several small diamond ornaments, including a diamond crescent from the bridegroom. Her bouquet was of lilies of the valley. Miss Rosa Ringler, her sister, the maid of honor, was attired in a gown of white chiffon, made with a corsage profusely decorated with pink rosebuds. George J. Jetter was best man. There were no ushers. After the ceremony there was a reception and dinner. Some of the guests were Mr. and Mrs. John G. Gillig, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jetter, Mrs. F. Oppermann, sr., Mr. and Mrs. A. Doelger, Mr. and Mrs. C. Hachemeister, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Ringler, Mr. and Mrs. J. Doelger, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Doelger, Mr. and Mrs. John Frommer and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hachemeister. Mr. and Mrs. Ringler left the city last night for Washington and the South. On their return they will live here.

In the South Congregational Church, corner of President and Court sts., Brooklyn, at 8 o'clock last night, Miss Ruby Hall, daughter of the late Joseph I. Hall, was married to De Hart Bergen, jr., a son of Jacob De Hart Bergen, and grandson of De Hart Bergen, sr., of Brooklyn. The church was handsomely decorated with flowers and plants, and the seats were occupied by a richly dressed company of guests, most of whom attended the reception which was held at the home of the bridegroom's father, No. 411 Sackett-st. The bridal gown was of white satin and point lace. Miss Carrie Couger, of Elizabeth, N. J., was the maid of honor, and Miss Low, of this city, Miss Margaret Poole, a cousin of the bridegroom, Miss Hall, a cousin of the bride, Miss Clara Bergen, sister of the bridegroom, Miss Lillie R. Macpherson, and Miss Abbey M. Vreeland, of Brooklyn, were the bridesmaids. They were attired in pretty gowns of white silk and crepe. Charles A. Armstrong was the best man. The ushers were R. Aubrey Barker, Joseph R. Greason, Frank Cowperthwait, and two cousins of the bridegroom, Ward Smith and Edward Poole. The bride was given away by her brother, Frank Hall, of this city. The marriage ceremony was performed by the pastor of the church, the Rev. Albert J. Lyman.

The marriage of Miss Esther Maria Lewis, the eldest daughter of the late Edward Parke Curtius Lewis, to Charles Chapin, of Englewood, will be celebrated at noon to-morrow in Trinity Church, Hoboken, and will be followed by a reception at the home of the bride's mother, a daughter of the late Edwin A. Stevens, of Castle Point, Hoboken, at No. 533 River-st.

The engagement has just been announced of Mrs. Richard M. Pell, of No. 426 Fifth-ave., to Louis T. Hoyt, of No. 522 Fifth-ave. The engagement was reported some time ago. No date has been set for the wedding, but it is understood that it will not be long delayed. Mrs. Pell is a half-sister of Shipley Jones. Mr. Hoyt's daughter, Miss Aline Hoyt, a few months ago was married to John Woodfield, in St. Chrysostom's Church, this city, without the knowledge of her father, who has since refused to receive either his daughter or her husband.

INCIDENTS IN SOCIETY.

Mrs. R. J. Hoguet's beautiful place, Oaklawn, at One-hundred-and-forty-first-st., overlooking the Hudson River, was yesterday afternoon the scene of a Kirmess, given under the auspices of Archbishop Corrigan, for the benefit of the Dames de la Retraite. The weather, which was threatening, appeared to have no effect upon the attendance, as hundreds of people drove out from town to the pretty spot in the Western Boulevard commanding a superb view of the river. Erected here and there on the green lawn were tents gayly decorated with bunting and flags, devoted to the sale of flowers, fancy goods, toys and refreshments, and to the ever-present Punch and Judy. Besides there were a wheel of fortune and a tent where instantaneous photographs were taken. During the afternoon there was an outdoor concert by the Russian Band. At 5:30 o'clock the guests crowded into the drawing-room to listen to an entertaining musicale, arranged by Albert Morris Bagby, in which Miss Martina Johnstone, the Swedish violinist; Miss Sigrid Wolf, contralto, of Stockholm, and Perry Averill, barytone, contributed several interesting selections each. Orton Bradley presided at the piano. Among the young women at the various tables were Miss La Montagne, Miss Burke, Miss Emily Van der Kelft, Miss Lulu Noel, Miss Nina Byron, Miss Josephine Noel, the Misses Du Vivier, Miss Wilson, Miss Clara Frith, Miss Vincut, Miss Phillips and Miss Kelly. Among the patronesses and those present were Mrs. Frederic Nelison, Mrs. Charles M. Osirichs, Mrs. Paul Gibert Thebaud, Mrs. Paul L. Thebaud, Miss Maude Alice Burke, Mrs. Schuyler Warren, Mme. del Valle, the Misses Bouvier, Mrs. William Hildreth Field, the Misses Gibert, Mrs. Eugene Kelly, Mrs. Thomas Addis Emmet, Mrs. Henry E. Gourd, Mrs. Duncan Harris, Mrs. W. J. de Barril, Mrs. John Lawrence, Mrs. John G. Neeser, Mrs. H. Finlay, Senor and Senora Baldasano, and Mrs. William H. Sadlier. The institution benefited by the entertainment is a French society with headquarters at No. 523 West One-hundred-and-forty-second-st., presided over by Mme. de Grimaldi, the superior. The mother house is at Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Riker, of No. 19 West Fifty-seventh-st., last night gave a dinner party. The table was decked with clusters of pink roses. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Riker, Mr. and Mrs. W. Y. Riker, Mr. and Mrs. E. Ritzema De Grove, Miss Georgette H. De Grove, Mr. and Mrs. D. Sackett Moore, the Misses Wilson, Mrs. D. S. Riker, Henry I. Riker and Arthur B. Graves.

ELECTION OFFICIALS FINED HEAVILY.

Chicago, May 17.—Judge Chetlain to-day fined the Election Commissioners $1,000 each for contempt of court, and ordered them committed to jail until the fines are paid, because of their refusal to produce before the Special Grand Jury the ballots cast at the April election in the Twenty-second Precinct of the Twenty-fifth Ward. Levi Meyer, special counsel for the Board of Election Commissioners, said that he will refuse to pay the fine or appeal, but will surrender the men. As soon as the Commissioners are constructively in custody he will apply for a writ of habeas corpus.

LASKER KEEPS ON WINNING

STEINITZ LOST THE SIXTEENTH GAME BY A BLUNDER.

THE BERLIN PLAYER WITHIN ONE POINT OF THE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP—STEINITZ'S BACKERS CONFIDENT, AND WILL BACK HIM FOR A RETURN MATCH.

Montreal, May 17.—W. Steinitz opened the sixteenth game of the chess match for the championship of the world this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Cosmopolitan Club with a Queen's Gambit, which Lasker declined to accept. He defended the Gambit with 3...P—K 3, and after each player had developed a Knight (White the Queen's and Black the King's), Steinitz at once pinned the latter piece with Bishop to Knight's fifth.

The usual defence—Bishop to King's second—followed; the contestants put the other Knights into play, but while White pushed his King's Pawn, Black brought his King into safety by castling. Then Steinitz played Pawn to Q B 5, and Lasker startled the spectators by boldly playing Kt—K 5.

Steinitz considered a long time before making his reply, and he probably saw that if he proceeded with B x B the position would have become rather simplified, as 8...Kt x Kt; 9 B x Q, Kt x Q; 10 R or K x Kt, R x B would have scarcely yielded anything else than a draw. Te therefore accepted Black's challenge; he took the Knight and afterward the Bishop, and thus left a double pawn on the King's file for his adversary.

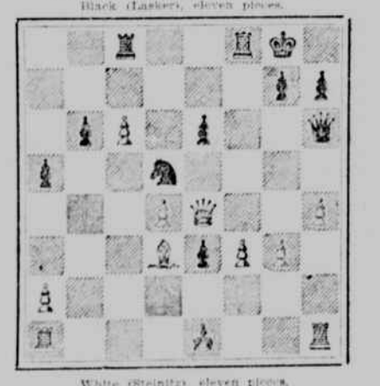
After this the fight was shifted to the Queen's side, and Steinitz finally succeeded in making Black's Pawn on King's third weak by forcing Lasker to play 12...P—K B 4. The following play was exciting. Steinitz's manoeuvre with his Knight was much admired, while Lasker's counter-attack on the King's side was finely conducted. After twenty-three moves the game stood adjourned, Steinitz sealing his twenty-fourth move. The champion then had decidedly the best of the game, as Lasker's double pawn on the King's file could scarcely be maintained. Moreover, Steinitz threatened to play R—Q 8, to be followed by K—K 2, and then to advance his pawns on the King's side for the attack.

SIXTEENTH GAME—QUEEN'S GAMBIT DECLINED.

WHITE. Steinitz.	BLACK. Lasker.	WHITE. Steinitz.	BLACK. Lasker.
1 P—Q 4	P—Q 4	13 Q—Q Kt	P—K B 4
2 P—Q B 4	P—K 3	14 Kt—K 5	P—Q R 4
3 Kt—Q B 3	Kt—K B 3	15 Kt—B 6	Q—K Kt 4
4 B—Kt 5	B—K 2	16 P—K R 4	O—B 3
5 Kt—K B 3	Q Kt—Q 2	17 P x Kt P	P—B 5
6 P—K 3	Castles	18 Q x P	P x K P
7 P—B 5	K—K 5	19 P—B 3	B—Kt 2
8 Kt x Kt	P x Kt	20 P—Kt 5	B x Kt
9 B x B	Q x B	21 P x P	P x P
10 Kt—Q 2	K—K B 3	22 R—Q 3	Q—R 3
11 Kt—B 4	P—Q Kt 3	23 P—Kt 3	Q R—B
12 P—Q Kt 4	Kt—Q 4		

Position after Black's twenty-third move.

Black (Lasker), eleven pieces.



White (Steinitz), eleven pieces.

24 R—Q B	R—Q B 2	40 K—B 3	Kt x R
25 Castles	K R—Q	41 K x P	R x P
26 P—B 4	Q—Kt 3	42 K—Q 4	K—B 3
27 Q x Q	P x Q	43 K—B 5	Kt—B 6
28 R x P	Kt—K 2	44 K—B 4	Kt—K 7
29 R—K 4	R x Q P	45 K—Kt 5	Kt x P
30 R—R 3	Kt—B 4	46 K x P	Kt—Kt 3
31 K R—K	K—B 2	47 P—R 5	Kt—B 5
32 R—Kt	Kt x Kt P	48 P—B 3	K—B 4
33 R x K P	Kt—B 4	49 K—Kt 4	P—K 4
34 R—Kt 7	R x R	50 K—B 3	P—K 5
35 P x R	R—Kt 5	51 R—Q	P—K 6
36 R—Q B	Kt—Q 3	52 R—B 3	K—Kt 4
37 K—Kt 2	R—K 7 ch.	53 K—B 2	K—B 5
38 K—Kt 3	R x R P	54 K—Q	K—Kt 6
39 R x R	K—K 7 ch	55 Resigns	

Steinitz made a palpable error when playing 37—K—Kt 2. He should have proceeded with R—B 7 ch and B—K 1. As it was, Lasker seized the opportunity, and, playing a magnificent game, won after fifty-four moves. The score now reads: Lasker, 9; Steinitz, 4; drawn, 3.

In case Steinitz should lose this match, his Montreal backers are prepared to again back him with $2,000 for a return match against Lasker.

Appended is the full score of the sixteenth game: The Pillsbury blindfold chess contest was concluded at an early hour this morning. Pillsbury won seven games, drew two and lost one. Play lasted from 8 p. m. until 2 a. m., Pillsbury playing through the games without an error in calling the moves.

MISS ANNA GOULD'S ENGAGEMENT OFF.

THE PROPOSED MARRIAGE WITH WILLIAM M. HARRIMAN WILL NOT TAKE PLACE.

The United Press is informed upon good authority that the marriage engagement between Miss Anna Gould, daughter of Jay Gould, and W. M. Harriman, has been broken off by mutual consent.

The reasons that have induced the young couple to cancel the engagement are so far unobtainable. It is understood, however, that they part with good-will and respect for each other.

Miss Gould is at present in Paris, where she went some time ago, it is said, for the purpose of purchasing her bridal trousseau. It is understood that she will join her brother George and his family on their arrival in Europe, and travel with them through France and Switzerland this summer, and that all will return to America on the Atalanta in the fall.

ROBERT L. DARRAGH ILL.

Robert L. Darragh, who has been for many years a conspicuous builder in New-York City, is thought to be dying, as the result of a stroke of paralysis, at his home, in the Chelsea apartment house, No. 222 West Twenty-third-st. It was said yesterday by relatives of the family that Mr. Darragh has been for nearly twenty-four hours in a comatose condition, and that no hope remained of his recovery. For more than a year, it is said, Mr. Darragh has been in failing health. His affliction was of a kind which led his relatives to look closely into his business methods. As a guard against any possible diversion of family interests, proceedings were instituted last week in the courts, whereby he would be prevented from acting, in his failing condition of health, in a way that should delegate to others than those properly interested the right to dispose of his estate. The family relations, it is said, have been somewhat misrepresented. His fortune, it is alleged, is not large, for the reason that in his later years Mr. Darragh has made investments of an unproductive sort. Though a successful builder and a business man of high integrity, it is understood that a divergence from former strict business methods has caused some of his prospective heirs to watch closely the transactions in which he was engaged, and hence the court proceedings were begun.

FOLLOWED M. PATENOTRE'S EXAMPLE.

Chicago, May 17.—François Edmond Bruwaërt, French Consul in this city, and Miss Susan King, niece of Mr. and Mrs. J. McGregor Adams, were married here at 8 o'clock to-night, by the Rev. Floyd Tompkins, of St. James's Episcopal Church.

The French Government has the right to veto the proposed marriage of one of its representatives with a person non grata, and for this reason there has been much speculation regarding M. Bruwaërt's marriage. The Consul, however, said to-day: "This regulation of the French Government has been in existence for centuries. France wishes its representatives to avoid marriages objectionable to either the home Government or the Government to which they are accredited. It would not like me to marry a servant, for instance. When the French Ambassador was married in Philadelphia in March the Government took occasion to remind its representative that the rule had not, as was the impression, become obsolete. A representative, like myself, for instance, is appointed to the service for life, and his widow is entitled to a pension. The same is true of the French judiciary."

MR. AND MRS. BAYARD BACK IN LONDON.

London, May 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Bayard returned here to-day from Dublin, where they have been visiting the Viceroy, Lord Houghton.

DR. EVERETT'S BAD ORTHOEPIC BREAK.

From The Washington Post.

The self-made men in the House are quietly chuckling over a flagrant blunder of orthoepy made a day or two ago by Dr. Everett, of Massachusetts, one of the literary coterie in Congress. In the course of a speech Dr. Everett pronounced the word "octopus" with the accent on the second syllable, the penultimate. As the Doctor has occasionally animadverted scornfully on the orthoepy of the House for his own particular edification, half a dozen members, headed by Speaker Crisp, at once glided gently out of the chamber to consult a dictionary in order to convict the Doctor of his blunder. As a rule the Massachusetts member with the illustrious name is right on such things, and he might be right in throwing his weight on the second syllable of the word "octopus." It was well, therefore, to make sure he was wrong before hurling the charge of a barbarous commission against the English language at his learned head. All the dictionaries in that wing of the Capitol sustained the practice of pronouncing "octopus" with the inflection on the first syllable, and the Doctor's enemies filed back into the chamber with looks of triumph. It is needless to say that the Massachusetts member has had no peace since.

OBITUARY.

THE REV. DR. J. ORAMEL PECK.

The Rev. Dr. J. Oramel Peck, who had been prominent in missionary work in the Methodist Episcopal Church for years, died yesterday morning in his home at the Hotel St. George, in Brooklyn, after a week's illness, from Bright's disease. He was born in Groton, Vt., on September 4, 1836, and he was graduated from Amherst College in 1862. His first charges as a Methodist minister were in New-England. Later he preached in Chicago and in

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Baltimore. In 1878 he began to preach in Brooklyn, and at different times he was the pastor of St. John's Church, the Hanson Place Church and Simpson Church. While he was the pastor of the Simpson Church he became the secretary of the Brooklyn Church Society, and in 1888 he was elected corresponding secretary of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the office of which is at Fifth-ave. and Twentieth-st. He was re-elected to the office in 1892.

For several years he had been chaplain of the 14th Regiment, in Brooklyn. He was twice married, his second wife and two sons by his first wife survive him. His funeral probably will be held to-morrow afternoon in the Hanson Place Church, and Bishop E. G. Andrews will officiate at the service.

THE REV. DR. EDWARD BRIGHT.

The Rev. Dr. Edward Bright, who died yesterday, at his home, No. 170 West Fifty-eighth-