Social Swim.

A RESUME OF THE SOCIAL EVENTS FOR THE WEEK.

Too Much Society Last Week Seems to Have Worked a Detriment to This--An Absence of the Usual Number of Surprise Parties, a Wedding. Several Card Parties, Society Gossip, the Aristocratic Malady in the Swim, the Guild Tea, the Shakespeare Club and the Ohio Society, the Dances, Prospective Enterments -- Arrivals, Departures, Personals--Oklahoma Social Swim.

Mr. Carl Summers, after a pleasant week in Wichita, has returned to Kansas City.

Miss Mignon Viele entertained the "Hush" club Friday evening at her home on North Lawrence.

The Scotch haggis for the Burns banquet is in readiness and the invited guests are on a preparing diet.

The Knights Templar give the second of their series of six dances next Tuesday evening at Beal's dancing academy.

The story of an obdurate father and a broken engagement in consequence, is now letting the gossipers "into the secret."

Mr. F. Gray and daughter Miss Ella, of Rock Island, Ill., are in the city the guests of Mr. Gray's sister Mrs. E. H. Anawalt, 1109 North Topeka avenue.

Miss Emma Shafer, of Hillsdale, Mich., has arrived in the city to assume the duties of general secretary of the Young Woman's Christian association.

Wednesday evening the Author's club gave another of its enjoyable hops, and while the attendance was rather meagre the pleasure of the few participating was none the less.

Thursday morning, at the residence of Mrs. Chivington, west side, Miss Anna Pearse and Mr. George Hanford, both of Illinois, were united in marriage, by the Rev. J. W. Tull.

The S. and B. will have another entertainment Tuesday evening, styled the "Dickens Night," which will not fall below the standard of enjoyment of former evenings of this club.

Mr. Robert Duncan, of 802 South Wichita, was surprised Thursday evening and his friends assisted him in celebrating his 67th birthday, an easy chair being presented to him during the evening.

On Friday night the graduating class of '90 met with Miss Ella Taft at the residence of W. W. Pearce, 1018 North Topeka. After a short business meeting the time was devoted to games and general good time.

Mr. Harry Sheppard will hereafter preside at the large pipe organ in the Methodist church, and as Mr. Sheppard is known to be a gentleman of no little musical talent and execution, his performance will be a happy addition to the services.

Miss Mary Young Friday evening entertained the card club that two weeks previously met at Miss Maude Pratt's. With Miss Young as hostess nothing but an enjoyable time was expected, and consequently naught else was realized.

There will be a recital given by the above institution Monday evening, January 13, in the chapel at Lewis academy, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The program will include selections for pianos, voice and violin, a general invitation is extended to the musical public.

Mrs. Dr. Cox very pleasantly entertained a few friends at her rooms on North Emporia avenue Saturday evening. The very pleasant feature of the evening was the meeting and conversing with Prof. J. C. Griffin, of Garfield university, who has just returned from a pleasant as well as profitable sojourn of six months in Europe.

Wednesday evening Mrs. W. S. Corbett entertained at her home on North Topeka. The usual good time was added to with refreshments and social intercourse. The guests were: Misses Emma McConkey, Ella Sanders, Maud Pratt, Lulu Vennard, Sadie York and Tella Tusch; and Messrs. George Hammann, Oscar De Long, J. H. McCall, H. Arnold, I. H. Hettinger, Ed Phillips and O. B. Stocker.

Mr. John Kirwin, Friday evening, was surprised at his home on North Water, and succeeded in giving his friends a very enjoyable evening. Those present were: Misses McCarty, McCollough, Sams, Bliss, Randon, Joseph, Alexander, McPherson; Mrs. Hayden, Mrs. Clintock, and Messrs. H. B. Kerwin, W. Kerwin, L. Dobyns, McClintock, Stout, McClure and McCarty.

Again after a long session of study, the Shakespeare club will take a recess, where naught but what is fun, pleasure and victuals shall prevail. Of course the club with its usual foresightedness, recognized the best cook among its members and of course Mrs. Collins consented to prepare "a peck of provender" which shall stand unrivaled in the record of the club that pertains to appetite. The "peck of provender" will be in waiting at 7 o'clock sharp, Wednesday evening at 410 West Central, where all members with one invited friend are expected to flock.

Tuesday evening with all the good cheer and congeniality that the most affable hostess could summon to her aid, Mrs. W. W. Pearce, at her well appointed home on North Topeka avenue, entertained her friends. The evening was devoted to cards, dainty and tasty refreshments and social intercourse. Her guests were Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Steele, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Kirk, Mr. and Mrs. Tilden, Mr. and Mrs. Creditor, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gewey, Mrs. Stoddard, Dr. Moore and Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Norris.

Mrs. B. A. Campbell was the hostess at the Guild tea Thursday evening at her beautiful home in Riverside. Her guests were Mrs. F. Coen, Mrs. Guyton, Mrs. Geo. L. Rouse, Sr., Mrs. J. E. Hume, Mrs. F. E. Young, Mrs. C. Owen, Mrs. F. C. Wood, Mrs. O. H. Bentley, Mrs. J. Junkerman, Mrs. Murray Myers, Mrs. J. L. Hill, Mrs. Foster Brook, Mrs. T. Jeffries, Mrs. Churchward, Mrs. L. Henderson, Mrs. E. H. Chamberlain, Mrs. M. C. Campbell, Mrs. C. H. Peckham, Mrs. A. T. Bush, Mrs. E. P. Hovey, Mrs. G. A. Smith, Mrs. J. E. Davis, Mrs. Peckham, Mrs. G. L. Rouse, Jr., Mrs. U. S. Hougland, Mrs. Dunton, Mrs. Maxwell, Miss Grace Hill and Miss Kate Junkerman.

Society after such a vigorous exertion as that of last week's, must have surely suffered a relapse. This opportunely came in the form of la grippe. While at present it is generally confined to young gentlemen who reside some distance from those to who they pay attention and are compelled to face the inclement elements and night air, in which the dread microbe lurks, it bids fair to extend to a wider field of operations. Those at present who are reported on the list of the afflicted: Maurice Viele, Dean Garden, Hamilton Schooler, Fred. Baldwin, Shirley Schooler, Will Hoffman, Harry Sheppard, Sherman Skinner and Harry Dunbar. Among the feminine sex, Miss Mary Hall is said to be suffering from a very serious attack of the malady; Misses Minnie and Ida Skinner and many others are victims of the influenza.

The Ohio society of Wichita held its second monthly reunion Tuesday evening at Dr. Stevens' pretty little hall on Water street. The room was comfortably filled with members of the society and their friends and the following delightful program was given:

Whispering Winds, piano...Bruce Priddy
Clan Ohio, original poem.....Miss Nellie Amidon
Waltz in a flat, Moszkowski, piano.....Miss M. L. Pond
Scene from Moliere's Miser.....Miss Alta Wiggins and W. P. Cleveland
Miserere, Gottschalk, piano.....Miss Jessie Clark
Brief address.....Dr. Stevenson
Reminiscences of Alice and Phœbe Carey.....N. Bird

The exercises were all good and were much enjoyed. The hope was expressed that residents of Wichita from Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois and Iowa would form similar societies this winter and give the Ohio society an opportunity to entertain them.

The following program was rendered by the Crescent society of the High school on Friday afternoon, January 10, 1890:

Recitation.....Nine Tales of a Cat, Oella Coen.
Essay.....Biography of Benj. Franklin, Mamie Hoover.
Recitation.....The Painter of Seville, Mary Duncan.
Essay..Great Results From Small Things, Ida Joseph.
Reading.....A Sea Voyage, Harry Tullies.
Recitation.....Way Down East, Ervin Taft.
Essay.....Clouds, Maggie Parker.
First Half the Iris.....Herbert Levy
Recitation.....Cupid Swallows, Noma Jones.
Essay.....Biography of Sir Issac Newton, Carrie Shy.
Reading.....The Night Toast, Agnes Conway.
Essay.....Motives to Study, Richard Bird.
Recitation.....Angels of Beuna Vista, Ida Auchmoody.
Second Half Paper.....Lula Sheppard
Essay.....Conversation, Emma Koehler.
Instrumental Duet.....Flora Caswell and Joe Katz
Recitation.....Larry O'Dee and Widow McGee, Sadie Caldwell.
Essay.....Doing Our Part, Mary Burd.
Report of the Critic.....Florence McCoy.

The exercises were good and many visitors were present. The two papers were commendable and appreciated. Miss Auchmoody's tragic selection was touching and well rendered. Florence McCoy gave a good critic's report and offered some important suggestions.

SOCIETY AT GUTHRIE.

GUTHRIE, Ok., Jan. 9, 1890.

Society is taking a much needed rest since the holiday festivities, and at the same time recuperating and getting in trim for increased activity that will continue until the Lenten season comes with its sackcloth and ashes. The first of the year was duly observed with all the delightful surroundings customary upon similar occasions in the effete east. The ladies were handsome and hospitable, the toilets beautiful as a poet's dream, the music soft and ravishing as it vibrated on the perfumed air, and the champagne sparkling with joy and good cheer.

The struggle for social supremacy goes bravely on, and the result will prove here, as elsewhere, in the survival of the fittest. The popularity of the large entertainments, even though they be for charitable purposes, is on the wane. The objectionable element will get in despite the oft repeated statement that invitations are only issued to the select and the le beau monde prefer to stay at home, rather than take the probable chance of meeting some one not good form.

The new game now being played among the ladies is called "freeze-out," and in popularity bids fair to supercede all other fashionable feminine pastimes. Rumor says a society is to be organized for the purpose of initiating those not versed in the intricacies of this fascinating but rather dangerious game. But it scarcely seems necessary, as every lady who has taken a hand yet has proved an expert, playing the game to a successful termination, regardless of personal friendship or past favors. The danger of the game lies in the unlooked for recoil that comes back on the player, when all flushed with supposed victory, she discovers her enemy, or perchance her best friend, is playing the same game and holding the winning cards. It is then that the lowest temperature in the game is reached, freezing the very marrow in the bones of the player. The gentlemen have as yet taken no hand in these charming pleasantries, but it is whispered about that they are directing the movements of some of the fair players.

The cloud that appeared above the social horizon about a fortnight ago, between two leading factions, and or a time threatened a social upheaval, shows a silvery lining in the fact that one faction can not exist and be a social success without the assistance and support of the other, hence a compromise is on the tapis.

A literary and social organization, to be composed of the "select few," in which the social lines will be distinctly observed, is quietly being planned.

The Pioneer Progressive Euchre club was entertained last Thursday evening at the Women's Exchange by one of Guthrie's handsome bachelors, Mr. J. D. Hull. The Exchange is likely to prove a fashionable resort for club parties and entertainers who are limited as to house room.

A delightful musicale was given Friday last by Hon. and Mrs. M. W. Reynolds at their new home at Edmond. Invitations were issued to a large number of friends in this city. "Kicking Bird" has the inside track for the position of the first secretary of Oklahoma. MARION.

THE COUNTY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Prof. D. S. Pence, county superintendent, has a number of letters from teachers in the county promising to be present at the meeting of the Teachers' association to be held on the 18th inst. He is of the opinion that the attendance will be much larger than usual and that the meeting, judging from the program, will be of far more interest than the average. Is inclined to think that the attendance will be larger than that of any county association to be held in the state, but this is on the quiet and can be estimated better after the returns come in. The program for the meeting is as follows:

10:45—Reading of minutes and miscellaneous business.
Paper.....School Discipline, Florence Flower.
Discussion—F. C. Adams, Viola; L. C. Springer, Derby; Mrs. Geo. E. Clark, Valley Center.
1:15—Music.
Paper.....Energy, with Illustrations, S. L. Davis, Wichita High school.
Discussion—W. S. Williams, Maize; C. E. Kendall, Colwich.
Music.
Address..The War of the Rebellion as a Factor in our Educational Progress, Hon. J. M. Bloss.
Music.
Address.....Geo. W. Winans
Miscellaneous business and roll-call.
Adjournment.

DIED.

Yesterday at 11:10 a. m. Nehemiah Washburn, age 30. Funeral at 3 p. m. today from the residence of his son, J. N. Washburn, 507 East Central.

Mr. G. E. Morgan, of Peabody, spent yesterday in the city attending to some business matters.

PERSONALS.

Mr. E. D. Siekman, Chicago, will Sunday in Wichita.

M. Lippman, of New York City, is at the Metropole.

Geo. Edgar, of Beaumont, spent yesterday in the city.

J. L. Green, of Ness City, spent yesterday in the city.

Samuel Isaac, of St. Louis, will Sunday at the Metropole.

C. H. Brown, of Kansas City, will Sunday in the city.

Mr. M. M. Pratt, St. Louis, was in the city last evening.

E. E. Bond, of Conway Springs, was in the city yesterday.

W. S. Leslie, of Hutchinson, spent yesterday in the city.

Mr. G. W. Black, St. Louis, was at the Carey last evening.

Mr. Robert A. Wilson, Dubuque, is in the city on business.

Mr. E. H. Morse, St. Joseph, will be in the city for a few days.

Mr. T. M. Fowler, Morrisville, Pa., was in the city last evening.

Dr. W. W. Williams took a trip through Oklahoma Friday last.

H. H. Hoover, of Ft. Smith, Ark., is in the city calling on friends.

Mr. Richard Wagstaff, St. Louis, will be in the city for a few days.

Mrs. H. H. Fane, of Springfield, Mo., arrived at the Carey last night.

Mr. J. T. Sutton, of Maize, was in the city yesterday calling on friends.

Mr. C. H. Metcalf, of Boston, is in the city visiting his son, Willis Metcalf.

W. C. Robbins, of Fort Scott, was looking after business matters yesterday.

Mr. J. M. Hirshbriger, Leavenworth, registered at the Manhattan last night.

H. M. Dickey, of Chicago, arrived yesterday and is stopping at the Metropole.

C. B. Bichford, of Oklahoma City, is in the city and will remain two or three days.

Hugh McWebb, of Bedford, Ind., is in the city attending to some business matters.

Mr. Cartwright, of Philadelphia, was in the city last evening and registered at the Carey.

Mr. Gerald Volk left last night for Kansas City, expecting to return tomorrow morning.

Mr. M. L. Lane, Kingman, was in the city yesterday looking up business acquaintances.

Mr. P. S. Mattox, general agent of the Cleveland-Haverly minstrels, leaves this morning for San Francisco.

Mr. M. L. Munn, proprietor of the Englewood Chief is in the city representing Clark county at the immigration convention.

Mr. T. B. Tobin, Kansas City, arrived in the city last evening, and will see his friends at a dollar apiece bright and early Monday morning.

Mr Frank L. Caldwell returned home yesterday from Devils Lake, Dakota, and says he does not notice the weather until it gets down below 20° below zero.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Shelden, of New York City, and Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Shelden of Ottowa, Kan., friends of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Dean, are stopping at the Metropole.

AN ALL-AROUND VAG.

Michael Davis is a vagrant, what is termed an all-around vagrant, and of course is well-known to the police. They used to run him in under the vagrant charge until they became tired of it and then for an experiment they ignored him. For a time this treatment seemed to bring him to terms, but he soon longed for his home again in the calaboose. He took good care not to be guilty of any serious misdemeanor, but would steal a bucket of coal or such like from some poor woman who would, as a matter of course, complain. By this means she would get her coal back and Davis would be put in the cooler in default of fine and costs. A few days ago a passer by noticed that the turnkey would send Davis after Water or on other errands out of his sight and curiosity prompted the question if the turnkey was not afraid of losing his prisoner. "No," said the turnkey, "I am not and would send him to New York if I was satisfied he would not return." It seems Davis finds that three meals a day and a place to sleep is quite a good idea at this season of the year. It costs nothing either except keeping the cooler clean which is quite a comfortable place when Davis is amongst the prisoners. "One half of the world doesn't know how the other half lives."

LAST NIGHT'S FIRE.

This morning at 2:45 the fire alarm was turned in from the corner of Douglas and Lawrence, which proved to be a fire in the rear of the Model barber shop. The supposition is that the fire caught from the furnace. The fire boys were promptly on hand and had the blaze under control before it got fairly started. The fire was first discovered by a passing officer. It is impossible to estimate the damage which will, in all probability, be slight.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

First Presbyterian church—Services tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The Rev. Dr. Hewitt will conduct both services. Sabbath school at 9:30 a. m. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor meets at 5:15 p. m. There will be evangelistic services in the church every night next week, except Saturday, at 7:30 o'clock. The pastor will preach every night, except Monday. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

WICHITA BAR ASSOCIATION.

The second annual meeting of the Wichita Bar association will be held on next Tuesday, January 13, 1890, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., at the district court room. There will be an address by the president and an election of officers for the ensuing year.

H. C. SLUSS, President.
DEAN GORDON, Secretary.

PERSONAL GOSSIP.

It is reported when Edison is employed on a new invention he consumes fifty cigars a day.

Explorer Stanley was paid at the rate of $50,000 a year while he was hunting for Emin Pasha.

John Walter, who succeeds the late Mr. McDonald as manager of The London Times is only 35 years of age.

M. Bartholdi has aged much in appearance since he was in New York. His frame is bent and his beard is becoming gray.

Mr. Hamilton Disston, the saw manufacturer of Philadelphia, gave about $17,000 in Christmas presents to his employes.

Georges Thieband, the reputed founder of Boulangism, is writing his personal memoirs to serve as a history of the movement.

Gladstone frequently speaks in the open air, without wearing his hat, but never suffers any ill effects from the imprudence.

Isaac Coe, who is living in Waterbury, Conn., at the age of 96, is believed to be the oldest living ex-legislator of the Nutmeg State.

Rev. Robert Collyer, who began life as a blacksmith and is now one of the most popular living preachers, recently entered upon his 67th year.

Marshall Wilder, the clever dwarf humorist, made his first appearance on the stage on the back of Mr. Joseph Jefferson in "Rip Van Winkle."

Hon. Bonum Nye, of North Brookfield, Mass., has lived under the administration of every president of the United States. He is still in active business.

RABBIT COURSING.

How the Timid Animals Are Chased for Fun.

OPPOSITION TO THE SPORT.

It Has, However, Secured Quite a Foothold in the East and Has Always Been Popular in the West—Some Interesting Information.

When the nephew of the late Henry Bergh was ousted from the presidency of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, in New York, one of the points raised against him was his action in trying to prevent rabbit coursing. However this may be, the society has continued its opposition, but the Eastern Coursing club has managed, in spite of interference, to hold its own, and the sport will doubtless become an American institution.

RABBIT COURSING.

The English people are not so tender hearted about rabbit coursing, for in England the sport is legal and in high favor. From England, like fox hunting and other such sports, it has made its way to America. About a year ago several gentlemen met at New York and organized the Eastern Coursing club. The officers are: President, W. J. Blackhorn; vice presidents, C. D. Webber and C. S. Wixon; secretary, H. W. Huntington; treasurer, J. Herbert Watson; directors, E. A. Garbutt, T. H. Brush, Robert Lambert, W. B. Growtage, Alba M. Ide, L. Mortimer Thorne, Jr., and the president, secretary and treasurer.

They established their course about two miles south of Hicksville, Long Island, on Mr. Alfred England's farm, consisting of sixty-five acres, but it adjoins other open ground, so that there is an available area of some 5,000 acres. Mr. England having permitted the club to use his land, a warren and runway were constructed and a stock of rabbits secured.

The warren is a small inclosure, a few rods square, which is used as a temporary pen for the rabbits. Adjoining the coursing field, and opening into the warren, is a track where they are bred. It is inclosed so that they can't get away. When the time draws near for the sport men and boys with a long net drive the rabbits to the warren, the net being used to prevent the game from turning back.

IN LEASH.

Once in the warren they can only get out through a trap that opens into the runway leading to the coursing field. At a turn in the runway there is something—either a stack of straw or boughs—to conceal a man and two dogs. This man is the "slipper," who stands holding the dogs. At the further end of the field are a certain number of "escapes." During the week previous to the meeting the rabbits are driven out of the warren through the runway and down the field, where they learn the "escapes." This is to give Jack Rabbit the best possible chance for his life and makes the sport more exciting.

Dogs are trained for rabbit coursing just as a man is trained for athletic games. The fat is reduced and muscle developed as much as possible. Greyhounds develop great speed. The race is usually quite equal between the rabbit and the hound, for though the hound may move the faster, the rabbit can turn much quicker. In a close chase the latter makes frequent turns, the hound every time shooting onward for some distance in the direction he is running before being able to get the hare's new course.

The dogs are made to play at a game of points like football or baseball teams. The dog that gets away first scores one point, and the dog that kills the rabbit scores two. The fastest dog is not so likely to score killing points as the dog behind him, for in his eagerness he is liable at the death to go beyond his prey and the next dog comes up and does the finishing. If the rabbit finds an

THE KILL.

"escape" he goes free, for the "escapes" are large enough to let the rabbit through but not the dog. The killing is done by the dog taking the rabbit in his teeth by the back of the neck and breaking its backbone with his jaws. Trained dogs do not injure a rabbit after killing it.

The Eastern Coursing club have secured the services of an experienced man in rabbit coursing, who followed it in England for twenty years. He is Mr. James Black and recently came from the old country. He has long been the most famous courser in Kent, England, owning a number of dogs and training others for gentlemen who love the sport. The Eastern club ran across Mr. Black soon after he came over and secured him to tbear service. But while no law interferes with coursing in England, such is not the case in America, and Mr. Black has several times been brought up for breaking the law against it.

In England hares are always used in coursing. There two different methods are in vogue—in an open and in an inclosed field. The open is used where there is plenty of hares and one or more is sure to be started. In this sport the "slipper" holds two greyhounds in leash or slip, so adjusted that by pulling a cord the grips on the collars are loosed at once. Thus the dogs get an even start. A flag steward goes down the field looking for the hare, while the "slipper" follows with the dogs. The judge, mounted, is ready to ride after as soon as the dogs are loosed. The hare is allowed a hundred yards start, though this varies as it appears that hare and dogs are well or ill matched. When the "flag steward" starts a hare he signals to the judge of the course. When the judge thinks that the hare has a fair start he shouts to the "flag steward," who waves a red flag to the slipper. He releases the dogs and the sport begins.

One by one English sports have been introduced into America until it seems that there are now no more to bring over. There is nothing, however, that Englishmen amuse themselves with on their own island that cannot be followed in the natural way in some part of America. Before the herds of buffalo were all slaughtered on the western "plains" Englishmen often came to America and engaged in this sport. The buffalo were sacrificed by scores by the venders of buffalo robes, and now no longer exist, but there are plenty of deer, moose, bear and other game roving wild, which, it would seem, would attract the sportsman rather than the satisfaction of chasing a little rabbit over an inclosed ground. This sport, however, is near at hand, while wild game must be followed in the wilderness. Besides, coursing satisfies the cravings of the Anglomaniac.

Mary Moore.

Mary Moore has "come out in the west" to charm Americans, as Mary Anderson went to England to charm the English. She was the wife of a playwright whose plays Charles Wyndham put on the stage with success, but he gave himself up to the flowing bowl and died, leaving his wife with two babies and herself to care for.

MARY MOORE.

She applied to Mrs. Wyndham, who laid Mary Moore's case before the manager. It resulted in his taking the young widow into his company, and she is now leading lady and a great favorite with the company. She has been all over Europe. The troupe were taken to Russia at the command of the czar, and have played in Germany, using the German language.

The little actress does not take her children with her. They are in England, being educated where Mary Moore is so well known both from her talents and beauty, and on account of the plucky manner in which she has taken hold and made herself independent.

Sporting Notes.

"Buck" Ewing, of the New York club of the Players' league, was presented recently, on behalf of the Elks and others, with a handsome watch chain charm. The charm is in the form of a locket, and is adorned with an elk's head, two rubies, seven pearls and twenty-six small diamonds. On the reverse side were these words: "Presented to William Ewing by his friends and admirers, Dec. 19, 1889."

A well known athlete says: "It is a safe prediction that there will be half a dozen American amateur runners on the cinder path next season who will be able to beat 51¼ seconds for a quarter."

The old Pacific Athletic club, of San Francisco, which recently disbanded for various reasons, was reorganized on Dec. 16 as the Alpine Amateur Athletic club. No prize fights will be allowed, and the club will conform strictly to amateur rules.

Gone with the Toy Pistol.

Three years hence it will be a hard task to find a cigarette on sale. They have gone with the toy pistol, the young men of the country having at last been convinced of their baneful effects on the system. One-fourth of the cases of insanity were traced directly to cigarettes.—Detroit Free Press.

STRAY BITS.

In India the government fixes railroad rates.

William Gwynn, of Napa, Cal., carries a watch that is more than 160 years old. It keeps first rate time.

Constantinople has a real German turnverein, which celebrated in November, 1889, its twentieth birthday.

It is supposed that in the next European war artillery can effectually stay advancing infantry at 4,000 yards distance.

The French republic now has a well equipped army of 1,300,000 men, five times as large as Napoleon had for his empire in 1870.

"Goliath," one of the famous trees in California, is twenty-three feet in diameter at the base and estimated to weigh 100,000 tons.

Mexico is to have a magnificent congressional palace, the architect to be Piacentini, who built the Palace of the Fine Arts in Rome.

So eminent a statistician as Dr. Talmage estimates that Solomon at one time possessed $3,400,000,000 in gold and $5,145,000,000 in silver.

Of late years the number of women entering the professions of painting and sculpture has enormously increased in France, Germany and Russia.

The deepest bore hole in the world is in Schladenbach—5,734 feet. It took a diamond drill three years and a half to reach the bottom.

The average watch is composed of 175 different pieces, comprising upward of 2,400 separate and distinct operations in its manufacture. The balance wheel whirls 3,558¾ miles in one year.

The pipe smoked by the Sandwich Islander is made of virgin cork lined with meerschaum, and is curious by reason of the pattern on the cork made by the insects which feed upon the trees.

Fortress Monroe is the largest single fortification in the world. It has already cost the American government over $3,000,000. The water battery is considered one of the finest military works in the world.

James H. Carson of Charlotte, N. C., has in his possession the granite step on which Jefferson Davis stood on the 18th day of April, 1865, when in that city he received and read the telegram announcing the death of President Lincoln.

Four hundred plans have already been received by the committee who offered prizes for the best and second best plans for the proposed Watkin tower—the English Eiffel. It will be so high that all that need be done when fog comes on will be to enter the lift and in a few minutes be up in the clear blue.

Lepers are still numerous in Norway. The number is upward of one thousand, most of whom are found in the seacoast districts. There are four leper hospitals. Leprosy, once common in Europe, has maintained its hold in Norway longer than in other countries, but is gradually being exterminated there.

During the recent floods in Japan 2,479 persons were killed and 155 were wounded; 90,000 were deprived of the necessaries of life; 50,000 houses were swept away or rendered uninhabitable; 150,000 acres of agricultural land with their crops were laid waste; 6,000 bridges were carried away, and hundreds of miles of roads were destroyed.

The diamond and pearl necklace worn on state occasions by Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt has excited the greatest wonder and admiration. The striking feature of this necklace is that the diamonds are pierced through the center and are strung alternately with the pearls. It is said that it required many weeks of patient labor to pierce each stone.

The numbers of cloisters and monks in Spain have increased with astounding rapidity of late years. Spain now has 29,000 monks and 25,000 nuns, in 1,330 cloisters and 179 orders. In Barcelona alone there are 16 cloisters for women. In the last fourteen years the number of monks in Spain has been sextupled, and the number of nuns has been doubled.

The continued trials of the British torpedo boats of the Rattlesnake class point to failure—too much power for the hulls to stand. They are of 735 tons displacement, and their engines are contracted to indicate 4,500 horse power. The last to be tested, the Seagull, nearly shook herself to pieces with a development of 3,033 horse power, and had to be sent to the dock for repairs.

DAUGHTERS OF EVE.

Amelia B. Edwards says that New York impressed her as a big soap bubble. In Boston she felt more at home.

The Duchess of Hamilton devotes much time to personal supervision of her dairy, one of the finest in England.

Mrs. Grover Cleveland is fond of French literature. She spends a great deal of time in reading Parisian novelists in the original.

Margaret Deland has not been so great a success in her picture as in her novel, "John Ward, Preacher," which has reached its fiftieth thousand.

Miss Marie Van Zandt says that she took her earliest lessons from the singing birds that were kept in cages in her parents' house in New York city.

Louise May Alcott was glad to get $5 for the stories which she wrote in the beginning of her literary career, but she lived to receive $3,000 for one of her books.

Mrs. Astor says that well bred women are learning to dress more and more plainly every year in public places. She thinks that jewels should not be worn before evening and never upon the streets.

Marietta Holly, author of the "Josiah Allen's Wife" papers, began to write when scarcely more than a child. She was born in the village of Adams, N. Y., where she has resided most of her life, and is regarded as a very handsome woman.

Mrs. Jefferson Davis will undertake the task of completing the autobiography begun a few years ago by Mr. Davis. It is understood that before his death Mr. Davis had accumulated ample material for the construction of the contemplated volume.

Miss Ida M. Sweet was the winner of the fellowship given by the collegiate alumnæ for advanced study in foreign universities. The competitors were those graduates in the college association who are likely to do original work in science or literature.

Lady Napier, who accompanies Mrs. Bloomfield Moore on her visit to America, is a motherly, gentle and refined looking woman of some fifty odd years, just stout enough to be comfortable looking, and wearing in her cheeks that wholesome bloom which we are accustomed to associate with the faces of our grandmothers.

Mrs. O. S. Warren, of Silver City, N. M., who has recently been sent east on an important mission for the municipality, is one of the busiest women in the world. She is agent in Silver City for twenty-eight fire insurance companies, one life insurance company, one accident and one plate glass insurance company. She is also a notary public and runs a real estate and collecting agency. She is a small woman, about 35 years old, a widow, fair and spectacled, prim and nervously active.

Trotting for Figs.

Some time ago a gentleman visited a pen of tame ostriches in Africa. At his call two beautiful birds came up to him. Being desirous of testing their speed, he arranged with the keeper that they should run a race. So he caressed the birds and showed them a handful of figs, of which they are very fond. The ostriches were held while the visitor walked to a certain distance. At a signal they were set free and began to run for the figs. They came along at a terrific rate, taking twelve to fourteen feet at a stride. They ran neck and neck for more than half the distance, their wings working like arms and making a great sound. Presently one drew ahead, and looking behind, as boys in a foot race do to see where his rival is, and finding him beaten, the winner slackened his pace and gently trotted up for his prize of figs.—Baltimore Sun.

Paradoxical.

Ethel—Oh, papa, why did you invite that undertaker here?

Papa—Whom do you refer to, my dear?

Ethel—That solemn looking man talking with mamma.

Papa—Why, that's Squibs, the professional humorist.—Epoch.

Blanket is called after Thomas Blanket, a famous clothier, connected with the introduction of woolens into England about 1340.—Trade Journal.

At the Play.

The play was bad, the players worse,
And tired of the hisses and jeers,
The kerosene lamps and the gas went out,
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