Downers Grove Acporter.

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DOWNERS GROVE. : ILLINOIS

The trouble with Emperor William's methods is that they are too tonic.

The "pull" as an agency in political affairs is about to be permanently abandoned.

The emperor himself will admit that old Bismarck has once more become a bigger man than young William.

Perhaps the chance to get a standing | course, any vote against a particular shot at a Chinaman was too great a temptation for that young man of Japan lic, very likely have a result directly opto resist.

The Delaware legislature also has a bill for the taxation of bachelors. It would serve that state better to tax all who engage in long senatorial contests.

Prince Bismarck's tribute to the first and third German emperors distinctly emphasized his silence as to the second. And yet, in intellect and character, "Unser Fritz" was easily the greatest of them all.

In making war on window and bill board tickets the theatrical managers should go further and abolish lithographs and the huge and glaring posters. The newspaper advertisement is the only reliable one.

Before the law visits its rigors upon the foreigners who violate the naturalization laws in ignorance, why not get after the ineffable rascals who try to get those foreigners faisely naturalized for partisan purposes?

If the enthusiastic celebrations of Bismarck's birthday count for anything as signs of popular feeling some of the reichstag members who voted to snub the ex-chancellor will presently be looking for employment in other fields.

The offer in New York of a prize for an epic poem has brought out over a thousand lengthy contributions. If a single memorable line can be found in the whole of them the competition is a good thing, but the changes are 100 to 1 against it.

The reason the train robbers in the Kentucky mountains were subjected to the unusual experience of being killed or dispersed was that they had let the officers of the railway company know in advance of the intended attack. Train robbers are not usually so considerate.

Oscar Wilde is said to be growing fat and untidy as the years roll by. His large physique is unimpressive, if not ungainly, and he pays no attention to the niceties of attire. The allegation is even made that his trousers do not fit him and bag at the knees, while his beringed fingers and his use of feminine-like, lace-bordered handkerchiefs condition just as the curtain was about suggest affectation.

Consul Tarrie, at Brunswick, Germany, stiffeests to Americans that they might do well to export meat to Germany, as it is very generally used in nature of the explanation to be made to many of the smaller cities and towns, the waiting audience. and commands good prices. But the advice will not be followed. Horses are cheaper than cattle, but Americans have too much respect for the horse to ever regard him as a food product. The horse stands next to man in this country.

Under the direction of its new pur- clined to the humorous. He made his Inher, Col. Charles E. Hashronk, the way before the curtain, bowed, and in Boston Traveler gives constant signs of his deep, rolling voice addressed the progress and improvement. We knew andience as follows: that Col. Hasbrook would infuse new life into the staunch old journal, and announce that the management the change for the better began just as | obliged to change the bill to-night, owan "I" was dropped out of the vener- ing to Mr. Brown, who has had a severe able Traveller's name. No traveler can attack of bowl complaint." keep up with the procession when hampered with more labials than Noah Web- loke, and, amid general laughter, setster (of blessed memory!) allows.

Ex-Mayor Hugh Grant of New York takes exceptions to the newspaper reports that couple his name with those of different ladies in a matrimonial alliance. He says that it is not legitimate newspaper enterprise, and he is right. The newspapers have no right to couple the name of any young lady with that of Mr. Grant or any other man as engaged to be married without the permission of both the people most concerned. It is not news, but idle and perhaps malicious gossip.

General Booth has repaid some of the hospitality shown him in the United States by paying us several handsome compliments since he returned to England. One statement of his that must have sounded odd in the land of the established church was that Americans are a more religious people than the British, and that there is more churchgoing here than in England. What surprised General Booth more than anything else during his American tour was the audience of twenty-five thousand that greeted him at one of his

Chauncey M. Depew is reputed for his eloquence, but only a casual glance at his speeches and orations (as published) is required to assure one that Mr. Depew is careless in his use of English. Recently this gentleman addressed the graduates of the University of Chicago, and in the course of his address he said: "There is nothing so conservative as the college." What he meant to say was: "There is nothing else so conservative as the college." The omission of this necessary monosyllable constitutes that carelessness which is frequently met with in the discourses of the ignorant or the careless, but which should cerainly not occur in an address prepared for an audience composed of students and scholars.

If we cannot see ourselves as others see us, the phonograph gives us a chance to hear ourselves as others hear us. Bishop Brooks said once he had one in his study for some weeks, and it was "lots of fun." He had learned things about himself which no one had ever taught him.

Rabbi Schindler of Boston, is evidentwell up in the new criticism. The her day, when a lady asked him about anah and the whale, he said: "I don't low anything about Jonah, and I on't know anything about the whale. the same as "Trifby." It's a stored in different parts of the country.

WITH A COMMENDABLE AIM.

bers simply promise to weigh carefully

in their own minds whether they hon-

estly ought to attend the performance

of any play which is generally con-

sidered immoral, or whether they ought

to encourage bad conduct among peo-

ple on the stage by going to see stars

whose general reputation is that of

being immoral persons. Any other

play by the society would, if made pub-

posite to the purpose of the society by

sending hundreds of people to see the

play. The elevation of the morality of

the stage will also be aimed at more

directly by a series for fortnightly

meetings in the height of the theatrical

season. At these gatherings papers on

the drama-critical, historical and oth-

erwise-will be read and discussed, and

distinguished actors and acresses, whose

moral characters is not questioned, will

be invited to meet the members of the

society and to present their views on

the drama and stage. The morality of

current plays can also be talked over at

such meetings. Whether the society

will be restricted to ladies or whether

it will also include men, is one of the

questions not yet decided. It would be

a rather loose organization of large

membership, because its objects will be

better accomplished with large num-

bers." The idea of such an organization

started with Mrs. Christine Ladd

Franklin, the wife of Prof. Fabian

Franklin of the Johns Hopkins univer-

sity, and a member of the Woman's

Literary club and the Arundell club.

It first occurred to her during a discus-

cion of "Trilby" at an afternoon tea.

From the morality of Du Maurier's

novel, the discussion drifted to the

thorality of Ibsen and current dramat-

ists, and it was then that Mrs. Frank-

ONE LETTER LEFT OUT.

"Bowl" Complaint an Excuse for an

Actor's Inability to Appear,

In the early "stock" days of Wash-

ington, before the starring system was

in vogue, it often happened that some

bibulous member of the company sought

surcease of sorrow in a flowing bowl,

says the Washington Post. Salaries

had not reached that fabulous outline

which now prevails, and the ghost did

not always talk, and therefore there

was always more or less sorrow to be

appeared in the popular taprooms

about town where the "profession" con-

gregated. It happened on one occa-

sion that a too liberal indulgence had

rendered hors de combat one of the

leading members of the company, who

is still a prominent and popular actor

to-day. It was not the first time that

be had been discovered in a belpless

to go up, but he was east for a leading

part on this particular night and there

was great excitement on the stage. It

was decided to substitue another bill,

and the question now turned on the

"Announce that Mr. Brown has had a

audden attack of cholera morbus or

bowel complaint," said the distressed

manager of the theater to the stage

The audience caught the spirit of the

tled down to the enjoyment of the per-

The Stranger.

intensity as a person of her good-na-

tured disposition is capable. For ob-

vious reasons the object of her aversion

shall be called Jones. Ada Lewis, the

"tough girl," who well knows the con-

dition of affairs, in a spirit of fun said

one day: "Oh, I saw your friend Jones

in Broadway this afternoon." "You

must have microscopic eyes," answered

Miss Irwin. "He is always with a tall

man. I never see one without the other.

I wonder who the stranger is?" "Ba-

laam, perhaps," laconically observed

Enjoying Her Cry.

young lady whose pocket handerchief

was at work vigorously throughout

half an act. At the dropping of the

curtain she would scarcely smile for a

minute or two. But when speech re-

turned to her, what do you think her

first words were? Simply these: "I am

so enjoying it all." And yet she was a

tender-hearted, sympathetic girl, who

would have fainted with horror in the

presence of a newly stuck pig.-All the

Music and a Fool.

The music made by a Salvation Army

band in a London street was not ap-

preciated by a gentleman who lived in

a house near by. He sent a request for

the band to st op. It was unbeeded

Bookkeeping in Vale.

The faculty have decided to establish

a course of bookkeeping in the Yale law

school, and have engaged an expert ac-

countant as instructor. This is an en-

tirely new feature in law school in-

Jug and Jag.

a girl in that town who refused to go

down street with a jug in the morning

and in the evening she went down

Preparing for War.

improved rifles and 200,000,000 cart-

ridges made of smokeless powder are

Since 1890 Turkey has bought 700,000

A Wichita preacher said that there is

and the gentleman cut his throck.

I have at a moving play sat next to a

Miss Irwin.—Argonaut.

Year Round.

struction.

street with a jag.

There is a pompus little actor whom

formance.

tin proposed the new society.

A New Society in the Interest of Morality and Refinement.

Baltimore women have organized for FOR FAIR READERS. the purpose of discountenancing plays of an immoral tendency. 'The society The Butch Bounet Now Has the Callas a whole will not boycott any par-The Platted Skirt-Dearth of Trimticular play which may be considered improper," said one of its organizers ming-Wemen Have Gone Crepor to an Evening Sun writer; "the mem-

GLASS



Mad-Work Table.

N PONNETS THE Dutck shape has the cay, and the changes that have been male in it from thee to time, have its showing, in a froat view, smaller and sipaller. At last It has slipped right down over the back of the

FASHION

CURRENT NOTES OF MODES

head, and from the front no trace of the bonnet shows, except at the sides well behind the ears, where the swelling bunches of flowers and ribbons make a quaint framing for the face that is voted universally becoming. Indeed, this little bonnet ought to be generally adopted, because it is susceptible of all sorts of variations. The woman inclined to be rather short and a little flat on the head may add to her "Dutch" an uprising tuft of feathers, or a soft spray of nodding wild flowers; or she may wear it right over the top of her head, well to the front, and as long or as short as she likes, bringing the bunches at just the becoming points on the sides. Then she may reach the side of the head. As has been is all the go just now, and that is a sit-

or thing to seeing soil material by velvet or setim ed a coller Communit in the plaid. If a style it should be shrould with black respons to suppliesize the black sure to be present in all plaint Fancy waishs of the newer patterns all show the little padding-bag blouse cffect right in freet. This pattern is universally becoming. The increasing of the length of time from collar to the foot of the bodies gives sienderness and height of effect, which can if necessary be counteracted by the fullness of the blouse. It is the fashion to have the top of the blouse fullness guite flat, and this brings into use perpendicular striping of ribbon and insertion. A piece of sash ribbon stiff as a beard and edged with beading and spanghes is quite the thing.-Florette. in Inter-Occur.

To the Other Extrema. The overskirt scare "has gone up in smoke" and fashlons have gone so far to the other extreme that it takes courage to put any trimming on a skirt. Some daring designers, however, have ventured to lay the new summer goods in plaits and put on a trimming that looks as much like an overskirt as it is possible to make a flat trimming appear. It is not likely that this attempt will meet with success, except in the case of very fine, soft materials. These are always at their best when laid in folds and draped. But since the flaring skirt of the present mode precludes any attempt at a clinging style of drapery. the only resource left is to plait the material. This is better than the plain gored skirt for filmsy materials, because the numerous seams necessary to the actually let the bonnet clasp the head so latter style look very unsightly in thin | clouded and happy as though no cares far down toward the nape of the neck | stuffs like mull and dimity and dotted that its ends are turned forward to Swiss. The new summer materials are for the future. She has no public striped and figured and the patterns do duties to fulfil, and she will have none said, this shape with its modifications | not lend themselves conveniently to gores and many seams. Lace over- She lives very much as do other young uation that always threatens a fash- dresses are being sold considerably to girls of her age, except that much more ion's existence, because of the impend- | be draped over plain materials, but then ing nature of commonness. So, though lace goes everywhere, and this is no in- up with a constant preoccupation of tered. He returned to Major Hillard's

the Dutch shape is yre-eminently sty- dication of the introduction of over- her future destinies. Her life is very recently on a visit, but was promptly

This worthy was a heavy-voiced individual, with a strong Dublin accent, fish, considerations of its possible suc- | skirts. In some cases the outlines of and a Ceitic temperament which incessors is timely. One natty bidder for an overskirt is followed with a strip of Its position is shown herewith, sketched | lace or insertion as in the above gown. in white velours over a caplike founda- | The insertion is set in and platted with tion. The edges are turned back on the | the material. Above this is a short side, the border being steel and dahlia- pointed drapery of guipure. The bodice "Ladies and Gentlemen: I regret to colored galoon. The velvet is drawn and siceves are also banded with inserinto a few plaits in back and garnished | tion. The crush belt is of soft silk. with a rosette and fancy ornament of | Chicago News. steel with dahlia beads. The garniture in front consists of several loops edged with galoon and fasteged with an ornament similar to the one behind. The tlestrings are of dahlla-colored velours. Of course, this shape is a good deal of a departure from the favorite Dutch form, but that is only a recommendation for it, because new fashions are more often than not cuite different Miss May Irwin despises with as much from their predecessors.

A Plaited Skirt. All the latest skirts are made with the plaits extending directly out from the belt line in a way that is rapidly accustoming the eye to the outline the "dress improver" produces, so it may be said that that accessory impends. It's godet skirts of the sort that to-day's picture shows that hint of its coming. and the beauty of these same smooth folds is so enticing that goor woman is blinded to the possibility of the dread improver. This particular skirt has a plain front breadth and gathered sides, the gathers forming small organ folds, and the back has three plaits stiffened throughout. In the bodice a deep corslet of guipure is garnished with black ostrich feather galoon which borders the decollete and drapes the front. From



that are so enormous as to seem ridicrush of blended colors. It is the prop- height.

Women Are Crepun Mad.

Women seem crepon mad. No new material can hope for popularity unless It has some crepon characteristics to commend it. Now that these characteristics are being variegated, a wone of the vogue may be looked for, but not for a while. Meantime there are silk crepons, wool and cotton crepons, silk and wool crepons, and creponettes of all the different materials and in ail their combinations. Chiffon comes in crepon surface, and is lovely and new; ribbon is found with crepon ridges and is new and not so pretty; veiling to crepon-ridged and horribly unbecoming as veiling, too. When the craze comes to crepon mackintoshes and ridged overshoes it will have reached its end.

Ladies' Work Table.

Roll-stitch, one of the newer stitches employed in crochet work, gives very rich and decorative effects, and would be especially handsome applied to laces worked in black silk for ornamenting dresses, mantles, etc.

A handsome cover for a sofa custion can be made of any of the soft shades seen in Agra linen. The decoration of the cover may be applied fancy disks or wheels crocheted in ecru and oldred flax threads, each wheel in a single

A combination of cross-stitch and Italian stitch is exceedingly pretty for borderings, as the latter stitch enables one to express delicate conventional curves which relieve the purely angular and stiff effects of cross-stitch used

Some of the designs in crochet which have roll-stitch as a feature, also al- teaching the children of frigid Alaska most any of the Irish-point crochet de- the art of cooking and housekeeping. signs, can be made up into very elegant and are providing them with better dress sets when done in cream or earn linen thread. Cuff, collar and vest are

included in a set. disk order consists of circles of different sizes embroidered each in a different direction with linen flesses or filoselles, according to the ground. Some may be darned horizontally, others up and down, others diagonally, say, in shades of green on a bluish-green ground; this treatment gives a wonderful play of

the corsiet hang two tabs that fall on excellent stitch for imitating old Gobethe skirt. Plaids still hold their popu- In tapestries. Monastery wools are larity, and bodices are made of plaids used, and a very coarse, open-meshed canvas. This stitch is done over four culous for such use when viewed in threads of the canvas in the height, piece, but when they are gathered into | laying one thread between in the width; the folds, plaits and fullness of the that is, giving the slight slant necessiaverage bodice it becomes merely a tated by passing over one thread in the

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

CURRENT SKETCHES FOR OUR JUNIOR READERS.

A Lullaby for a Contrary Baby-Where Girls Cannot Stay Out Night - Bad Handwrit-



O TO SLEEP, GO to sleep. The little lamb hugs his mother sheep. The little waves nestle on the deep. The little winds to their flowerbeds creep. Go to sleep, my

baby dear. But don't go to sleep till morning!

Rock-a-bye, rock-a-bye, The baby stars shine in the sky. Each baby bird has shut his eye, Each baby bat is on the fiy. Rock-a-bye, my baby, dear, But don't go to sleep till merning!

The Young Queen of Holland.

Her Serene Majesty Wilhelmina Helene Pauline Marie, queen of the Netheriands, is now a charming young girl v? 14, warse life so far has been as unof state were hanging over her head until she comes of age and is crowned. is expected of her, and she is brought thing to say good morning to her mother, and then at 8 has her break-61.1. after which for three hours she in tusy with her lessons and masters. Her first governess until she was 4 jears old was a French woman, Mademoiselle Liotard, who was then replaced by the queen's English governess, Miss Winter, who has been with her eyer since. Queen Withelmina is very pright and clever, and studies hard so as to learn everything that the ruler of a kingdom should know. She has a great deal of spirit, and a quickness of comprehension that will stand her in good stead some day, as you can see by this little story. She was the idol of her old father during his lifetime, and one day, going into his private room, she found the king walking the floor with his hands clasped behind his back, in a thoroughly bad humor. He paid to attention to her as she entered. "Are you angry, papa" she asked, going up to him. Her father either did not hear, or pretended not to do so. The princess stood for a second, and then crossing her own little hands behind her back, she began to walk resolutely up and down by the side of her father, without saying a word. The king made two or three turns more, and then looking down at his small companion, he suddenly burst out laughing, and caught her up in his arms, with every trace of his ill-nature gone. This shows the woman of resource who understands managing men. - Harper's Young People.

On Rad Bandwriting.

One of the most important things for toys or girls to learn to do is to write clainly, so that those who have to read what they write are left in no doubt as to their meaning. Several amusing stories of the embarrassment which has followed not learning to write legibly are told. One of these is of a Massachusetts clergyman who nearly got himself late a peck of trouble because of the bad quality of his handwriting. It was more than a century ago that this clergyman had occasion to address a was received the court ordered the clerk to read it, and was filled with wrath at what appeared to be these words in

"I address you not as magistrates, but as Indian devils." "What!" they cried, "Read that over again. How does he address us?"

"Not as magistrates, but as Indian devila," repeated the clerk. "That's what he says."

The letter was passed around, and the judges were by no means pleased to see that the clerk had apparently made no mistake. Very angry at what they believed to be an insult, the judges passed a vote of censure upon the clergyman, and wrote to him demanding an apology. He came before them in person, when it turned out that where the judges had read Indian devils he had written individuals-which, of course, rade an apology unnecessary; but the reverend gentleman was admonished to improve his handwriting if he wished to keep out of trouble.

A Housewifely Esquime Girl.

Here is a little Esquimo girl who lives at Point Barrows, Alaska, one of the northmost towns in the world. Besides being taught how to read and write, mathematics, geography, singing, etc., the children of Point Barrows are instructed in the art of cooking. There is little cooking done in Alaska, where fuel for fire is scarce, and where the atmosphere is so clear, crisp and pure, that meats and fish are preserved and prepared for food. The missionaries are homes and more comforts than they have hitherto known. Alaska, as all our children know, was purchased by Another pleasant decoration of the the United States from Russia shortly after the civil war. It is an immense country separated from Siberia, the i land into which the great waite czar sends prisoners who plot against his strait. Alaska is almost a barren country, the cold preventing vegetation in any profusion. The people are abjectly poor, but they have few wants, Simple Swedish Gobelin stitch is an and the struggle for money has not yet found place among the natives. Uncle sam, in order to improve the condition of his Esquimo wards is stocking the country with reindeer, which serve as beasts of burden and supplies them with milk. The few natives of Alaska that have been brought to the United States soon tired of our civilization and grew homesick, consequently were taken back to their homes.

Boyish Insunity.

Interference with the course of true love, it appears from a New York case, is nothing less than insanity. George Vezelman annoyed his two pretty sixters, and consequently George is said to be insane. When a "likely young man," as the saying is, called upon either sister, George would persist in remaining in the parlor. When two "likely young men" called on both sisters George would work overtime to make it disagreeable for both, says the Chicago Post. He would make remarks that tended to discourage the young men, and apparently was not susceptible to bribes of any kind. His father argued with him to no avail; his sisters pleaded with no better success. He enjoyed the sport too much to stop in his mad career. With some boys it might have been explained on the ground that he was devoted to his sisters and feared that he might lose them, but no such idea occurred to any member of the Vezelman family. It was insanity, they all said, and finally they called in a policeman and had him locked up on that charge. It was well to have the matter settled definitely, but in view of the explanation what girl will dare attempt to estimate the number of cases of insanity among younger brothers? The thought alone must be appalling to any one of a statistical turn of mind.

A Dude Dogs

Jacques, a snuff colored terrier, was reared by Major Hillard's family at Nut Hollow, N. J. His friends pampered him so that he became a regular dude dog and developed traits of cowardice that finelly disgusted Major Hillard. In fact, the latter grew so sick of the beast that, it is believed, he hired his son to take him away and lose him. Once forced to shift for himself Jacques became a terrible bully-he came of fighting stock-and soon he was the terror of the neighborhood which he had ensimple. She rises at 7, goes the first | ejected after he had tried to kill the cat. Then he went over to Joseph Wipert's and gave the latter's dog a thrashing. From Wipert's he passed on and laid out a pet belonging to Joseph Dilly, and then went across the border line upon Farmer Van Nester's land. Dilly saw him and shot him, and new is sued by his neighbor for maliclous mischief and trespass. Dilly contends that Van Nester cannot recover as he never owned the dog, and threatens to bring a cross suit for damages on account of his injured bull terrier. Wipert, whose pet was so badly injured that it died, is waiting to bring suit for damages as soon as 'Squire Sarge determines who owned the dog in the days of its depravity.

On the Road.

The highwayman had called the good gentleman from his steed and at the point of his arquebus was compelling him to render unto seizer the things that were not selzer's. The good gentleman protested, for he was rich in plunder, and was loth to give up to the robber. But the robber was greatly pleased with the situation and calmly proceeded to fill his pockets from the pockets of his victim.

"My friend," pleaded the good gentleman, it is not meet that you should thus take ray money, my watch and my jew-

"I should say it wasn't," replied the robber, his eye sparkling with greed and gire. "I should say it wasn't meet;

ite ple." Having secured all the good gentleman possessed, he added his richly caparisoned steed to his other accumulations and rode away laughing merrily.

Cannot Stay Out Late.

The famous Moster ordinance, providing that all children under 16 years of age shall leave the streets at 9 n'clock, when curfew rings, has gone into effect and is rigidly enforced at Stillwater, Minn. Any child found on the street after 9 o'clock is compelled if not the child is either home or to the letter to the general court of Massa- city Jail, and parents notified that they chusetts upon some subject of great in- must aid in enforcing the ordinance terest at that time. When the letter | thereafter. Some boys are so venturesome that they remain out after the hell has tolled just for the purpose of tantalizing the officers, but several of them have come to grief and to the lock-up. The ordinance has operated very satisfactorily thus far, and that other cities throughout the state can see the good results of the movement is demonstrated by the number of applications received from everywhere for copies of the ordinance and for short sketches of how it operates.

German Clock School.

The clock school at Furawangen, in the Black Forest, Germany, established by the duke of Baden in 1877, furnishes three years' instruction in preparatory clock making and supplementary courses. It comprises theory and practice, the higher mechanics and electricity. The means of instruction include a large collection of all kinds of tools, instruments, drawings, models, etc., and carefully constructed and equipped school premises. Factories, electric plants, etc., are often visited under the direction of the teachers or of the mechanics employed in the places visited. The library contains books relating to clock and watch making and electricity. Reading rooms, drawing rooms, laboratories, etc., are open to the pupils daily.

Hypnotized a Boy.

Joseph Orr, a 12-year-old boy of Brooklyn, who was discovered wandering in the streets after being away from three days, has been almost constantly delirous since he was found. The doctor who is attending him says that there is evidence that the boy was hypnotized. The lad was delirous when found, and became unconscious soon after being taken home. He said: "I met a man who put a red handkerchief over my face, and then I didn't know anything more until I woke up in Greenwood cemetery. It was awfully cold He or the government, by Behring there, and I got up and walked a long. long way." The boy, in his delirium, gives utterances and expressions of fear and pleading.

A few days since, at Buena Vista, the boys 'round the grocery store tackled the labor problem. One of the horny handed sons of toll happened to be present. One of the lights ventured the remark that he did not do manual labor, but worked with his head.

"Yes," said the son of toll, "so does the red headed peckerwood, and he's a mighty big bore at that."