Presence of Mind.

If we could command good gifts from some beneficent fairy, as in the fine old times of magicians and genii, fa'l are, for the most part, men who the first on the list would be pres- as children were over cared for, and ence of mind. Without this, indeed, all the others have but half their value; for of what use is a chariot was on them. which can be got ready only after In conversation and the play of wit, you have finished your journey and presence of mind is a necessity, if waded through the mud on foot? or one would not be worsted and put a fire escape which appears at your into the lower place. The most fawindows only when you have been mous anecdotists, the most popular scorched and blackened in the humorists, and their consequence flames? So of what good the wit and offshoots, the most favourite which lags behind the occasion, and divers-out, have had this quality in comes in limp and damp when the rich abundance. They could cap antime of the fireworks has passed and ecdotes, quotations, histories, strange the brightest flash falls dull and dim? events, with unfailing quickness and or the courage which is only like the felicity. There might have been in blind strength of Samson, eyeless, the room some who knew more than confused, without the power of discriminating means or the ability to available because of the want of that discern opportunities? What we mental readiness which is, in its way, ready tact, the quick eyesight, the to shine; the larger gave no brillacile word, the prompt act, the use of the faculties which measure ob denseandlet nothing through. Readnind, no faculty we may possess has speaker. He has to fall many times either full play or full value, and for before he learns to run swiftly, and

drowned, or in convulsions. Theoretically she knows exactly what to do. She has read it often; been in- any other, those succeeding best who old, having been married seven years, structed in all the stages of procedure, and knows the whole thing by heart, beginning, middle, and end-in her armchair. Put her knowledge to the test, and it has gone; exhaled in frightened screams, in agonized distress, in tears which do no good to not thyself, and take thou heed as her child or anyone else, in wringing much as thou canst, not to spit, cough of hands and tearing of hair. When or to blow thy nose; but if it be need too late she remembers what she ful, do it dexterously without much ought to have done, but, lacking pro- noise, turning thy face sidelong. sence of mind for the occasion, the moment of deliverance passed, and ton. the child died or was maimed for life in consequence.

This is by no means an exaggerated very little, and very new, and that picture of nervous incompetence, or all the others did the same, or the an unfrequent occurrence. Among major part. the saddest deaths of a family are those which might have been prevented had there been a little presence of mind with those in authority, ders, or thine arms on thy chair inand less yielding to hysterical confusion and distress. We are constantly exposed to dangers where we can either save ourselves by promptness and coolness, or where we are lost by flurry, blindness, and inability to act with understanding. A runaway horse is a case in point. Take a carriage full of ladies, say, with a driver-less, bitless horse, careering like a mad thing along the road-death gal loping by their side, looking them in the face, whether they sit still or get out; but in the former case the chances between destruction and escape nearly even, in the latter the chance of escape reduced to zero, those of destruction raised up to certainty. The women with presence of mind sit still, keep silent, and hold on; those without presence of mind scream loudly and struggle to get out. Their screams only frighten the already-terrified horse the more; and if they do get out they are either killed by the concussion of the fall, or at the least have broken limbs by reason of the wheels passing over them. Those who hold on have all quid thing. the chances in their favor. The horse may leap the bridge, may dash down and try conclusions with the express train; or he may be stopped in time, and no real harm done-all within quitte peur la peur ! He may upset up the bank, or hustling it against boulders and telegraph posts; or he not, nor tear the flesh with thy teeth. denly took his greasy cap, saturated may keep fair and square in the middle of the road. So long as there remains an "if" in the quiver of chances, the balance is in favor of quietude, and presence of mind carries the day. And what is true of this kind of accident is true of every other kind. A stormy sea and a rickety boat; a sudden cry of " fire!" by night, and the licking tongues of flame creeping through the stifling smoke; a severed artery, and the life-blood spurting out in jets; choking; drowning; the thousand and one perils that come upon us unawaresthey are all continually to be passed over safely by presence of mind where want of this inestimable quality leads sate and sure to ruin.

One evil result of very careful home training is that children are not suffered to run their little dangers, so never learn how to get out of them when they come. And as presence matter of use and education, we can not wonder if the adult tails because the child has never learnt, and that vives the years when care was always parts, we advocate the system of others. wise neglect" which allows children to run into smal! childish difficulties, and leaves them to get out of keep them firm and settled. them again without help, rather than that which removes every straw from their path lest they trip over it, covers every smallest bruise with cotton wool, and suffers no free use of their faculties lest that free use should include the wholesome lesson of pain taught by experience and the unimportant consequences of minor mishaps. We think the cultivation of that faculty, or rather of that roady result of many faculties 24. Puff not up thy cheeks; loll that ready result of many faculties, called in the concrete presence of to attain. It may save life in the not one of thine eyebrows higher future to have a contusion now; and than the other.

a crushed skull at eight-and-twenty. The most daring men are generally those who come triumphant out of the danger; and those who fail and so have never learnt how to take care of themselves when the hour of peril

want is the presence of n ind to make mental vitality. The lesser light both wit and courage available on burned the brighter because it had the instant and when wanted; the the larger openings through which stacles coincident with those which ing makes a full man, writing an actalance powers, so that we may see curate one, speech a ready one, says where the danger lies, and at the our great legal sage; and quickness great coat. same moment where the means of of speech, like presence of mind. escape are to be found. Without this comes from practice. No one jumps power of ready use, this presence of at once into the position of a smart ail practical purposes we might as to suffer the consequences of more well be without those powers of which than one blunder before he hits on we cannot get the good or make full the right method of sharp reply, of use when required.

Take a tender, timid, easily-distanced and distracted mother, with ther child in flames, badly cut, half drowned or in completion. being hopelessly incapable.

Proverbial Etiquette.

1. Being set at the table, scratch 2. Take not thy repast like a glut-

3. Break not bread with thy hands, but cut it with a knife, if it be not

4. Cast not thyself upon the table with thine arms stretched out even to of March, covering the three stately any differents between a oyster and a thy elbows, and lean not thy shoul-

decently. 5. Eat not with cheeks full, and with full mouth.

6. Sop not in wine, if thou be'st not the master of the house, or hast not some indisposition or other.

7. Taking salt, beware that thy mife be not greasy, when it ought to be wiped, or the fork; one may do it neatly with a little piece of bread, or with a napkin, but never with the mouth.

8. Blow not upon thy meat, but if t be hot, stay until it be cold. 9. Smell not of thy meat, and if thou holdest thy nose to it, set it not

afterward before another. 10. One ought not to east on the able cloth cones, parings, and such like things; notwithstanding, if one beconstrained to spit something which was hard to chew, or which causeth irksomeness, then may one throw it hammers at the Crewe Steel Works, dexterously forth, taking it decently England. After leaving his work with two fingers, or with the left Bradshaw entered a beerhouse, where

11. It is indecent to soil the tablethe precipice, may break the fences clean one's face, or wipe away one's fault with him at his work, and Flun-

the carriage by dragging one side them not with two hands, but with as Bradshaw, unconcernedly, had his one solely and properly. Gnaw them back toward Flunkey, the latter sud-

table-cloth or napkin, or with thy from his head, and placed it on the fire. tinger, fork, or knife; much worse The cap blazed up fiercely, and with would it be to do so with thy nail; the burning oil and grease streaming bat use thy toothpick.

14. Sing not with thy mouth, hum ming to thyself, unless thou be alone, strike not up a drum with thy fingers nor thy feet.

15. In coughing and sneezing, make not a great noise, if it be possi-

16. In yawning, howl not, and thou should'st abstain, as much as thou canst, to vawn, especially when thou speakest, for that sheweth thee to be | mans, or £3,000,000; while the expenweary, and that one little accounted diture, including the lavish outlay of of the company.

17. When thou blowest thy nose, trumpet.

manners.

wise thy preacher, wriggle not thy- or mines. The Provincial Governors the habit of screaming for help, and self, as sceming unable to contain are mostly the Shah's relative, and are standing paralysed till it comes, sur-thyself within thy skin, making show devoid of any administrative capacity. of thyself to be the knowing and suf- Their tenure of office mainly depending about and help at hand. For our own ficient person to the misprice of the on the sum they forward to the central

> 20. When thou sittest, put not indecently one leg over the other, but amount. Considering the diamonds

21. Gnaw not thy nails in the presence of others, nor bite them with thy teeth.

22. Take heed that with thy spittle thou bedew not the face of him with whom thou speakest, and to that end approach not too nigh him.

23. Set not in order at every hand-

a scalp-wound at eight is better than 25. Buttonhole not thy neighbor, crown rents.

Miscellaneous Items.

Owed to spring-fresh violets.

A heavy business-importing clephants.

The worth of woman-double you, O man. What is the Spiritualists' paper?

(W)rapping paper. The ex-Empress Eugenie is said to be a confirmed consumptive.

There are said to be fifty seven women editing newspapers in the United Why is the capital of Turkey like a

whimsical patient? Pecause it's con stant to no pill. It is easier to bear up under our mis-

of our friends on them. A little man observed that he had two negative qualities: he never lay they.

long in bed and he never wanted a A plain Wisconsin man, horrified at

out to attempt suicide. "I don't care much about the bugs," boarding house, "but the fact is, and and I haven't the blood to spare; of winkin' when out a-gunnin'."

"But," says the general. "this you can see that yourself."

A elopement in Millbury, Mass., had no rovel feature, but it called attention you?" to a strangely complicated family. The mind is a thing to be learned like wife who eloped was twenty-one years by a previous wife are married to his daughter.

> This being the fiftieth year of the organization of the American Sundayschool Union, a series of semi-centennial celebrations are to be held in the chief cities of the United States. Since its formation 60,000 Sunday-schools have been organized and 3,000,000 teachers and scholars have been gathered together. The Union now contains over 1,200 Sunday-schools in the United States.

The Honolulu Gazette says a violent ncessant and terrific claps of thunder. mountains capped with snow in the

"When I was travelling in Massa chasetts, some twenty years ago," said a traveller, "I had a seat with the driver, who, on stopping at the post-office, saluted an ill-looking fellow on

A most cruel and dastardly outrage was perpetrated the other day upon hand half shut, so that it be not a liquet of Flunkey, and who was a laborer in the works. It so happened cloth, and that which is worse, to that Bradshaw had occasion to find sweat, with the napkin, and with the key determined to have his revenge. same clean one's nose, or one's dish. Bradshaw being a fine, powerful fellow. 12. Suck no bones, or at least in and Flunkey rather diminutive, the such wise that one may hear it; take latter dared not attack him openly; but 13. Cleanse not thy teeth with a with the oil accumulations of years, from it, he clapped it on Bradshaw's ments, setting the hair on fire, burning his head and face in a terrible manner, and rendering him nearly blind. Bradshaw gave a yell of agony, and leaped of grule. forward, dazed, upon which the ruffian escaped.

The Allgemeine Zeitung gives a deplorable account of the condition of Persia. The revenue is 8,000.000 tothe Shah and his numerous harem, is 5,000,000 tomans. A certain sum in make not thy nose to sound like a gold is yearly deposited in a gigantic stabbed. vault, where since the times of the 18. To sleep when others speak, to early Kings chests of gold have been sit when others stand, to walk on placed and lie unproductive, thus gradof mind is, like everything else, a when others stay, are all things of ill ually exhausting the wealth of the country. The Shan cannot be induced 19. Hearing thy master, or like- to spend any of it on railways, canals, treasury, they are sometimes superseded by men who offer to furnish a larger possessed by the Shah and his wives. he is, personally, the richest sovereign in the world, but his country is the poorest that can be found. The 30,000 persons who annually make a pilgrimage probably expend 9,000,000 rupees out of the country, and all imports have to be paid for in cash, so that gold has almost disappeared. The water supply is very unequally distributed, turn thy beard, thy moustache, or thy and is not economized. Dams and canals would fertilize hundreds of miles of barren soil. The tolls levied on not out thy tongue; thrust not out telegrams passing through the Persian mind, worth a little pain and danger thy lips; wry not thy mouth; lift portion of the line amount to about 51 lacs of rupees a year; but there is no GENERAL STAGE OFFICE other source of revenue besides the

Job Dowling's Funeral.

Many years ago I was one of a party in Washington City, when South and Ague without fever is no great North vied with each other in convivial life. Another of the party was Gen. Dawson, member for Western Pennsyl vania, whose homestead was Albert Gallatin's old home. He was an admirable story-teller. I recall somewhat sadly, now that he is gone, how well he illustrated the laziness of a class of Virginians. The story was a part of his Congressional canvassing. On one occasion he got across the Pennsylvania line into a village of Virginia. He was If there is anything on earth that beats four aces it is a kind and amiable wife.

If there is anything on earth that in the midst of a group around the tavern. While treating and talking, a procession approached which looked like a funeral. He asked, who was to be buried?

"Job Dowling," said they. "Poor Job!" sighed the general He was a good-natured, good-for-nothing, lazy fellow, living on the few fish he caught and the squirrels he killed, but mostly on the donations of his fortunes than to survive the comments neighbors. "So poor Job is dead is

"No, he sin't dead, zactly," said

"Not dead-not d- Yet you are going to bury him ?"

"Fact is, general, he has got too in over-hearing his wife ejaculate, "That's fernal all-fired lazy to live. We can't the kind of a clothus-pin I am," went afford him any more. He's got so lazy that the grass began to grow over his shoes-so everlastin' lazy that he put said Warmley, to the head of a genteel out one of his eyes to save the trouble "But." says the general, "this must

not be. It will disgrace my neighborhood. Try him a while longer, can't

"Can't: too late-coffin cost \$1.25 Must go on now."

About this time the procession came have most natural aptitude, but none and the husband whom she left was up and halted, when the general prosixty-seven. The husband's two sons posed, if they would let Job out, he would send over a bag of corn. On recreant wite's two older sister, and her this announcement the lids of the cofbrother is the husband of her husband's fin opened, and Job languidly sat up the cents dropped from his eyes as he asked.

"Is the corn shelled, general?"

" No, not shelled."

"Then," said Job, as he lazily lay down, "go on with the funeral!" Harper's Magazine for May.

Little Johnny's Compositions.

Some fokes that has wrote about ansnow storm visited Hawaii on the 2nd | imels before have been one able to see summits of the three mountains of that ostrich, and said they was the same, island. On the low lands it rained but thats cos they had never et any, very hard, and the lightning played but I have, so I kno. If it wassent for brilliantly over the island, followed by the eatin lde like to be a syster, cos I cuile jus shet myself up in my shell and The next morning a grand and beauti. sass the loosters, and they cuddent help ful sight was presented—the most beau- their selfs. If I had a shell de go and tiful every seen in that region -three bek Sammy Doppy before I git up out of this chair, and then I wade shet up ike a book, and say wot was he a goin to do about it, for I bleeve that boy is a coword, that's wot I think !

My sisters young man has give me some poetry wich he has been a making wile Missy was a gittin ready to come the steps with, 'Good morning, Judge down to the dron room to tel him if Sander; I hop; you're well, sir'? she ever see a fline fish perchin on a After leaving the office, I asked the spray, wich is wot he says he come to driver if the man he spoke to was real- ask her. I don't under stan the poetry, ly a judge. 'Certainly, sir,' he replied. cos it was rate so quick, for Missy was We had a cock fight last week, and sent only a little wile comin down to he was made a judge on that occasion." tel him a bout the fline fish, but they went in the garden for her to tel it. The poetry is call the oyster, but its all about a book, and if the spellin is bad, wy, it aint mine but hisn.

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> At an amateur minstrel entertainment at Woodbury Falls, N. Y., a rough in the audience hissed a song. The performers at once left the stage and invited the critic and his friends to go out into the street and fight. In the contest that ensued the tambourine man was shot and a banjo player was

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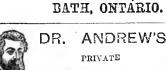
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