### Shop Early.

O, women, tender hearted, Who shared the negro's threes, Whose gentle tears are started By dogs' and horses' woes; Who feel a sister's pily For women far away— For slaves in your own eity Woask your help to-day.

Young girls and lads still growing. Young women and young men The seeds of death are sowing In many a stilling den. In close shops daily toiling, From early morn to eve, And you it is who're spoiling Their one chance of reprieve.

The hearts of masters sotton, They see the have wrought: But ladies will too often Shop later than they ought. O, heed your sisters 'crying, Kind English maids and wives; It isn't "goods" your buying, But human creatures' lives.

Shop early-give the weary A little breathing space, To make the toil less dreary, The shattered nerves to brace. The white slaves' chains to brighten, Be yours the noble task; Their hard, dull lives to lighten-That's all the boon we ask.

O, women, tender-hearted. 0, women, tender-heartod, Who shared the negro's threes, Whose gentle tears are started By dogs' and horses' woes; Who feel a sister's pity For women far away— For slaves in your own eity We plead with you to-day.

" Forget-me-not."

"Forget-me-not," I asked of thee, Long years ago, beside the soa--Fair Southern sea with blue waves swelling While to thine eyes the tears came welling; Twas there that thou didst promise me,

Thou saidst, " All good and true I'll be; From all the world to thee I'd ilee," The while, thy smillng lips were spelling "Forget-me-not."

Ab I cruel fate, thou did'st decree For methe same old history. False maid, midst palme and olives dwelling, When secrets to the birds thou'rt telling, When blossoms forth the orange tree, "Forget-me-not."



## BY THE DUCHESS.

Author of "Molly Bawn,', "The Baby,"

Fairy Lilian," etc., etc. "My dear fellow, you grow bearish," expostulates Sir Mark, with raised brows and amused glance. "We wither beneath your words. Abuse yourself as much as you please, but do spare the rest of us. We imagine him ready to make a fresh offer like to think ourselves perfection; it is every time people left us tete-a-tete. I very rude of you to undeceive us so brusque-And how can you give utterance such sweeping assertions in such company? myself.

Have you forgotten your wife is present ?" "No"-with a forced smile-" I have not. Have you forgotten your wife is present?" "No"—with a forced smile—" I have not: But I fear even Mrs. Carrington cannot be considered altogether harmless." He points this remark with a curiously unloving expression cast in my direction.

Never mind, Mrs. Carrington," exclaims "Never mind, Mrs. Carrington, exclaims "Said, my dear! I could not nave even Thornton, with his usual vivaoity. "At all events you may count upon one devoted thought of anything at the moment, I was all events you may count upon one believe so confused. It is the simplest thing posyou have a fault in the world." "Thank you," I answer gayly, though

secretly I am enraged at Marmaduke's look and tone. "Thank you very much. Mr. Thornton. I consider myself fortunate in having secured your good opinion. But, Marmaduke"-addressing him with the utmost coolness-" how uncivil you can be I say nothing of my own feelings-I know I am hopelessly wicked; but your guests, what must they think? Take Lady Blanche, for instance: is she not looking the picture of innocence, though no double obless with indignation ? Surely you will exonerate her?"

will exonerate her?" "No, not even Blanche," replies Marma-unae, but even as he condemns her he sends upon her one of his very sweetest 444

"I am the more pleased that you do not," tones, returning his glance fourfold. " Even if it were possible, I would not be altogether good. Perfection in any shape is the one

"The day is clearing; the rain has almost ceased," announces Lord Chandos, solemnly, at this moment. I spring to my feet.

"No !" ory I, " you don't mean it ?" "I am almost sure I do," replies he, sen-

in less than three minutes the door was reopened, and Chandos came in.' Well?" I say, as she makes a long

pause. "Unfortupately, it struck me that his coming back so soon again to where he knew I was alone looked, you know, rather particular-as if he wished to say some-thing private to me; and-I had no desire to hear it. "Oh, Bebe !"

Well, believe me or not, as you will, I really dreaded his saying anything on the --old topic--to such a degree that I rose and made as though I would instantly quit the room. Oh!" cries she, with an irre-strainable blush and movement of the hand, "I wish I had died before I did

"Why, darling?"

"Oh, need you ask? Don't you see how it betrayed my thoughts? Why, it looked as though I made quite sure he was going to propose again. Can't you understand how horrible it was?" says Bebe, burying her face in her hands, with a hysterical laugh. "Ile understood it so, at all events He stopped right before me, and said, deliberately, with his eyes fixed on mine, Why do you leave the room ? I came for a book and for nothing else, I assure you. Thus taken aback, I actually stammered and blushed like a ridioulous school-girl, and said, weakly, It is almost time to think of dressing. We start so soon. And besides—I——.' Could anything be more foolish? 'One would think I had the plague or the pestilence, the way you rush from the room the moment I enter is,' says ne, impatiently. 'I swear I am not going to propose again. I have had enough of it have no desire whatever to marry : woman against her will. I asked you to be my wife for the second time, a week or two ago, thinking my poverty had been the cause of your former refusal, and was cause of your former refusal, and was justly punished for my conceit. Believe me, I have brains enough to retain a lesson once I have learned it; so you may sit down, Miss Beatoun, with the certainty that I shall never again offend you in the

way.' I could never tell you how I felt Phyllis, during the utterance of these words. My very blood was tingling with shame. My eyes would not be lifted ; and besides they were full of tears. I felt ]

hated both myself and him." "It was a very curious speech for him to make," say I, feeling both puzzled and indignant with Chandos.

indignant with Chandos. "I think he was quite right," declares she, veering round to resent what seems like an attack on my part. "It must have angered and disgusted him to see me so confident of his lasting affection as to every time people left us tete-a-tete. I think any man with spirit would have done just so. No one is to be blamed but 'On the other hand, why should he con

that effect had I been you." "Said, my dear! I could not have even

sible to think what would have been the correct thing to say, and to make up neat little speeches, half an hour after the opportunity for uttering them is passed, but just on the instant how few have presence of mind !"

"It was provoking," say I, "and"-with an irrepressible little laugh-"funny, too. My own impression is he did come back to renew his pleadings, but saw by your man-ner it would be useless. Pity you did not insist on knowing the title of the book he was so anxious to procure. At all events it is nothing to be miserable about, dear Bebe.

"Oh, I shan't be miserable, either. Now that I have told some one I feel better. I have had a good cry, brought on by thorough vexation, and will now dismis

am the more pleased that you do both the occurence and his lordship from says her ladyship, in her low, soft my mind." "Shall you find that an easy task? The

latter part of it, I mean?" "Quite easy-nothing more so," replied she, with a saucy uplifting of her chin as

she leaves me. As the hat I wish to wear has been locked way in a certain part of a wardrobe where am certain no hat was ever stowed

before, it takes me some time to discover it. When at length I do so, I find I am

myself presently laughing gayly and with just as you do now. Indeed, I think you a very promising beginner." He leave us, and Harriet and I fall to all my heart, the galling remembrance of the last few hours swept completely from my brain. I cry "Oh !" at every casualty, oriticizing the performers again. After all, I think the beginners amuse me most, more especially nov, when I can "deeply memory and their their the second and grasp my companion's arm; I admire and smile upon the successful. I begin to

sympathize" with their terrors. The way they stumble against each other, their fre wish that I too could skate. Here comes the adept, with eyes fixed quent falls, their earnest faces-carnest as questioningly upon the watchful crowd. Their approving glances fire him with a though it were a matter of life and death n which they are engaged-all combine to mad desire to prove to them how superior he is to his compeers. He will do more excite my risible faculties to the last

legree. than skate with consumate grace and case he will do better than the "outside edge he will waltz. "Oh, daring thought! Now shall he almost at my feet. bring down the well-deserved plaudits of

the lookers on. He turns-one. two, three riet, patting me on the shoulder, and laugh--it is a swing, a hop, not perhaps a ball room performance, but at least a success. Eyes become concentrated. He essays it

again, and again victory crowns his effort. Yet a third time he makes the attempt— alas! that fatal three. Is it that his heel with pleasant amusement. There are little boys with spindle legs catches his too, or his too catches his heel who look all boots and no body; little boy rinkers and little girl-rinkers, who do their The result at least is the same ; over he goes; disgrace is on him; with a crash he and the asphalt meet. "It is monotonous, I think," breathes work so beautifully and show such unlim ited go as puts their elders to shame. Sir Mark comes back again, and again Sir Mark in my ear, in a deprecating tone,

and then looks past me at Bebe. "It is fatiguing," murmurs Harriet, with a yawn. "James, if you don't get me a chair this instant, I shall faint."

this instant, I shall faint." "It is delicious," dcolare I, enthusiasti-cally; "it is the niceat thing I ever saw. Oh I I wish I could skate." "It makes one giddy," says Lady Blanche, affectedly. "Do they never turn in this place?" Almost on her words a bell tinkles somewhere in the distance, and as if hy magic they all swerve round and as if by magic they all swerve round and move the contrary way—all, that is, except the tyros, who come heavily, and without a moment's warning, to their knees. And now the band strikes up, and the last fashionable waltz comes lingeringly to

our ears. Insensibly the musical por tion of the community on wheels falls into a gentle swinging motion and undulate to the liquid strains of the tender "Manolo." "This is better," says Lady Handcock, sinking into the chair for which her faithfu James had done battle.

Bebe and Thornton, hand in hand, skim nast us. "Oh! I must, I will learn," I cry

"On 1 1 must, 1 will learn," 1 cry, excitedly. "I never saw anything I liked so much. Sir Mark, do get me a pair of skates and let me try. It looks quite sim-ple. Oh, if Billy were but here !"

must see it, too. Sir Mark goes to obey my commands and I stand by Harriet's chair, too inter Disengaging myself from Sir Mark's sup-port, I stand alone, though insecure, and and I stand by Harriet's chair, too inter ested for conversation. How they fly feel that I am rapidly becoming the color of a rich and full-blown peony. Certainly along ! the women with more grace in their movements, the men with more science. movements, the men with my bitterest enemy could not accuse me of blushing prettily; and this knowledge added to what I am already smarting under Here is the fatal corner turn : the number are increasing : whirr, grash, down the come, four together, causing an indescrib-able scene of confusion. Two from the outside circle rush in to succor their fallen renders me furious. I repent my first move. I regret having so far given in to popular opinion as to with draw myself from Sir Mark's sustaining darlings. It is a panio — a mclee. Yet stay; after all it is nothing; they are up again, flushed but undaunted : it is all the fortune draw myself from arm.

arm. Hastily turning to him again— unmindful of Harriet's kind little speech—I hold out to him my hand, and address him of war. Vogue la galere. A tall young man, blonde and slight, attracts my notice. Half an hour ago he with unwonted impressement. "Thank you," I say; "but for you struck me as being the gayest of the should have come to ignominious grief in the very midst of my boasting. I am in your debt, remember. Will you add to your now his expression, as he slowly wends hi way through the skaters, is sad and care worn in the extreme; the terrors of the rink are oppressing him sore, anxiety is printed on his brow; he has but one thought from start to finish-how to reach uninjured the chair he has just left. He never takes but one turn at a time round the arena, and never gains his haven of safety without a long drawn sigh of relief. The fear of ridicule lies heavy upon him sight. But what will you? Rinking is the fashion and for what does a young map live if no to follow the mode?

I see, too, the eiderly gentleman, who with bent knees and compressed mouth essays to rival his juniors. He will be young, and he will skate, whether his doc

tor "will let him or no." Vine la jeunesse La jeunesse, in the form of a diminutiv damsel, follows closely in his wake she is o tiny build, and has her hand clasped by one of the tallest young men it has ever been

my luck to behold. "I pity that young man," says Harriet. "Titanıa has secured him for her own."

And indeed it seems like it. Where she nay choose to lead him for the next bou there must he certainly go. Were he dying to leave her, to join some other, "nearer and dearer," he will not be able to do so hour here after dinner?" Can he act the brute and ask her to sit

demon of jealousy is working mischief in

"What wonderful vitality that small

chair, she would declare herself

remarks Sir James, gazing after

"I have been watching her," says Har

"She is Mrs. Elton, whose husband

the heart of his beloved as she sits silentl

watching him from a distant corner.

CURRENT TOPICS.

THE eccentric Scotch Professor Blackie has written a clever poem on "Female Beauty." After describing certain physical

unaractorisitos, he says: All these, fair maid, may show— A faultless mould from tip to toe— Yet lack the one thing that makes woman, More than the daisy of the common, The one fair thing to mortals given To bridge the gap from earth to heaven— The inspiring soul that to a godlike grace Atunes each move and spreads a giory o'r the face. haracteristics, he says :

degree. I laugh merrily and heartily, my color rises, I clap my hands with glee as two fat men, coming into collision, fall prostrate A PARLIAMENTARY paper shows that the

total cost to England of the Suez Canal shares (including £99,414 paid as commis-"How you enjoy everything !" says Harsion to Messrs. N. de Rothschild & Sons) rier, patting me on the shoulder, and laugh-ing herself through sympathy. "It is all so new to me," I return, with delight; and, glancing up at her, I also eatch Sir James' eyes fixed upon me, filled was £4,076,622. The Khedive has since paid yearly £198,829 23. (being interest at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum on the actual purchase money in consideration of the deferment of the right to receive dividends on such shares), and it is estinated that the amount of debt on the transaction remaining unredeemed is £3,-455.406.

ST. PAUL's is a resting place not for the energotically, and it is expected that the first crossing of the Columbia will be made ampersuaded to rise and court fortune. In my turn I scramble and totter and push dead only. There is no greater contrast to be found in London than by passing into by the middle of October. A great deal of and try to believe I am enjoying the moment. At length I break into a little wet weather has been experienced during the summer, and has to a great extent im-St Paul's from Ludgate Hill on one side or Cheapside on the other. At noontide, especially on hot summer days, the cathemoment. At length I break into a little slide—insensibly, as it seems—and after that matters go more smoothly. "Ah! now you are getting into the way of it," exclaims Sir Mark, almost growing excited over my progress. "Just keep on like that, and scon you will master it." Half an hour elapses. The others of our party, who have been at it longer than I have end to whom it is no novelty have peded the progress of the work. Those almost daily rainfalls can no doubt be dral is well filled, if not with worshippers, at least with quiet and orderly visitors accounted for in some degree by the constantexplosion of blasting material. Track laying was commenced this sesson at a Round the aisles there is a steady stream of sightseers, but on the benches in the nave there are all sorts and conditions of men and seven or eight miles have been laid and women, some of them workmen dozing in the unwonted quiet, others men of busiand to whom it is no novelty, have ness pausing for a moment from the hot tired of skating, and stand once more As I approach them, attended by Sir Mark, I pause to utter a few words. chase

orty-five THE report on the city companies, says will be covered by rails during the mark, I pause to utter a lew words. "It is lovely, delicious. I am getting on capitally. I shall do it perfectly in no time," I gasp, conceitedly; and, instantly slipping, I fall forward helplessly into my the London Truth, shows that £100,000 per annum is spent in eating and £175,000 in "maintenance." This latter item covers a multitude of strange practices. Generally companion's arms. I get a severe shock, but think myself lucky in that I have escaped the ground. a city company becomes the spoil of some particular family or gang. The solicitor is one of these favored individuals, the archicrosses the Columbia the second time. Sir Mark holds me a shade longer, and perhaps a shade more tenderly, than the tect another, the surveyor another. When anything is to be done a committee is Then it runs through the Gold Range by the Eagle Pass, crosses Valley Lake and passes down the shores of Thompson River possion requires : and, looking up, I catch appointed, and the committee lunches and pockets fees. In this sort of nonsense and Blanche Going's eyes, and can see that she wears upon her handsome face a smile, to Kamloops, where it will connect with in feeding, £275,000 is annually expended, whereas all legitimate requirements might the western division. The distance from half insolent, wholly suspicious. The others Laggan to Kamloop3 is 270 miles. be covered by about  $\pm 10,000$ . Extreme anger grows within my breast. rock cutting has been pretty heavy work,

the cuts in some places being 25 feet deep. From the head of Kicking Horse A BERLIN correspondent writes that the malady of the Empress of Germany, which From the head of Ricking horse Lake to the Columbia River the work is also heavy. The Tunnel Mountain tunnel is progressing rapidly. The distance to be tunnelled through the side of the mountain is about 200 feet. has assumed a cancerous character, dates back forty years, to the birth of her daughter, the Grand Duchess of Baden. To the repeated recommendations of her physicians to quit Berlin, she has always Work has been pushed from both ends and given the answer, " A home needs a house wife and a court a Queen." Her residence some twenty years ago at Coblentz is said to have been suggested in an unmistakable in the middle, and this difficult task will soon be completed. The force of men now employed numbers upwards of 5,000, and this number will be increased as the work progresses. At present the operations of manner by her husband, in consequence of her having shown a disposition to oppose the view of Prince Bismarck. The Emthe contractors are concentrated on a short listance of line that more than the present press' sufferings have helped to make her deeply sympathetic with those of others. force can not be utilized to advantage. In few weeks they will commence to spread out, and work will be afforded to a much

The statistics of suicide in the Austrian army show that of late years military goodness by taking my hand yet again for a round or two? I want to be a degree more assured. It is not every day, I add, incently grand, surpassing in beauty that of the eastern slope. No imagination can conceive, no peu can paint the panorama of sublime grandeur which suicide has been considerably on the increase, and, as this phenomenon is by no with a gay, coquettish laugh, "a lady will make you a generous offer of her hand." means confined to Austria, it seems to indicate an increasing aversion on the part Marmaduke, as well as Blanche, hear of the modern European to military service every word. Sir Mark takes my hand very The total number of suicides committed readily, and together we vanish out of from 1869 to 1878 is 2.536, or an average of 253 per annum. In 1878 the average was As usual, once my naughtiness is a fait 307 : the year after 314. The lowest numaccompli, I suffer from remorse. When next I find myself near 'Duke I am mild ber was 197 in the year 1873. Mutilation and attempts at suicide are generally found and submissive as a ringdove. Would he but speak to me now I feel I could pardon and be pardoned with the utmost obserfulamong the subordinates, but in 1878 there were 22 higher officers and 98 officers of lower rank among them. As far as the ness. Alas ! he remains mute and appa motives can be ascertained, fear of punishrently unforgiving, being in the dark as to my softened mood. ment, monetary trcubles, dissatisfaction with the soldier's life, and mortified ambi-A deep curiosity to learn his exact humor tion are said to be the most common. Death towards me seizes hold of me, and for the was generally inflicted by revolver.

satisfying of it I determine to open fire and MASSACHUSETTJ is becoming somewhat be the first to break down the barrier of silence that has risen between us. "What a pity we must leave this place so soon !" I say, with exceeding geniality. alarmed at the growth of illiteracy, as she may well bc. The last census showed that

there were in the State 75,635 persons It opens again at half-past seven. If we above the age of 10 who could not read being 5.03 per cent. of all persons above do not start for home, 'Duke, until ten o'clock, why should we not spend another

that age, a proportion which is exceeded by no other Eastern State except Rhode Island. The last Legislature passed a law "At that hour the place will be thronged

# THE C. P. R.

The Progress of the Road Through the Mountains.

Dr. Brett has just returned from the Rocky Mountaine, where he has been super-intending the work of the medical staff along the whole line of construction. Only one serious explosion has courred, that being on the 4th of July, when two men were killed. The utmost caution is constantly exercised in transporting the dynamite and in making blasts. The material used is the safest that can be obtained. The medical staff consists of five doctors, who visit every camp daily. Two fully equipped hospitals have been erected on the work and these are furnished with a doctor, steward and nurses, from whom the patients receive every possible care and attention. No deaths have yet occurred and the general condition of the men is much better than was expected. The camps are kept clean and every precaution is taken to prevent the outbreak of disease. The climate is in itself healthful and invig-

citizens. The family consists of the hus-band, wife and two children. We briefly narrate the thrilling experience of this family. Mr. X. hurriedly entered the room where his wife and family were seated and from the determined expression upon his face, Mrs. X. saw at once that something was amiss. He demanded his razor, which had accidentally been removed. The borror experienced by Mrs. X. may be imagined, and in order to divert his attention inquired for what purpose he wanted to use it. Imagine her relief when he stated his intention of removing a corn or two which ached terribly, and like a true woman she was equal to the occasion. for she had already purchased a bottle of Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor, of which, on every hand, she had heard nothing but Avoid the evils of domestic life y praise. Avoid the evils of domest

A Terrible Tragedy.

A terrible tragedy was happily averted the other evoling by the presence of mind of the wile of one of our most respected

orating, of which fact the robust appear-ance of Dr. Brett, after his six weeks' visit An expert baseball player ought to have there, is unquestionable proof. The railway is being pushed forward plenty to do in the summer, when good fly.catchers are in order.

Ronest and True.

This is eminently the case with Polson's NERVILINE, the great pain cure. It is an honest remedy, for it contains the most powerful, the purest, and most certain pain subduing remedies known to medical science. It is honest for it does all it claims to do. It is honest, because it is the best in the world. It only costs 10 or 25 point about three miles beyond Laggan. cents to try it, and you can buy a bottle at any drug store. Nerviline cures toothache, neuralgia, pain in the back and side. All to the present time. The road bed has been completed for a considerable dis-tance beyond this and the remaining pains are promptly relieved by Polson's Verviline. miles to the Columbia River

Among the unostentations heroes at Toulon may be mentioned Dr. Tourettes, aged 24 years, who is on foot night and day

three months. After crossing the Colum-bia the line follows the river bank north-ward for about 40 miles, and this portion giving relief to the scourge-stricken cholera will be easy to build, very little rock cut-Datiente. ting being necessary. The line then turns sharply and runs southwesterly down Moberly Creek for 65 miles, where it --Any lady who desires further infor-

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nation than can be given in the limited public space of newspaper columns can obtain Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham's pamphlet Guide to Health" by sending a stamp to Lynn, Mass.

Young physician-No, it is not in good taste for a young physician when writing to a patient to sign himself "Yours till death."

At the Tuilleries Garden dog show, Paris, a canine bathing costume is exhi-bited; also rubber shoes for get dogs to wear in damp weather.

A horticulturist says there are 209 varieties of cherries, 60 of apricots, 239 of peaches, 1.087 of pears and 297 of plums.



must be seen to be appreciated. The numerous streams which traverse the mountains in all directions abound with LYDIA E. PINKHAM'S **VEGETABLE COMPOUND \*** tish which are easily caught. The valley, and timbered districts contain an endless

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Its Position as an Article of Food.

CHEESE.

The scenery, Dr. Brott says, is magni-

spreads out at every turn. The towering, snow-clad mountain peaks, the rugged rocks tottering on the verge of bottomless

chasms, the glistening mountain streams

ushing madly down deep gorges, all these

relieved at frequent intervals by glassy lakelets and patches of greenest foliage

variety of small game, besides black

bears, mountain deer, sheep and goats, which afford exciting sport to the hunter

and tourist. The invigorating atmosphere beautiful scenery, abundance of game, sto

will doubtless attract a large number of tourists and holiday seckers to the moun-

tains during the coming autumn.-Winnipeg

arger number.

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tentiously.

run to look at them, shines out a dazzling piece of blue sky that grows and widens as I gaze.

"It still wants a quarter to one," I say, rapidly. "We will have lunch at oncego to the gardens. Sir Mark"—in a coquet-tishly appealing tone, casting at him a very friendly glance from my gray blue eyes ' will you come with me and take care of me as far as the gates? I have something

very particular to say to-Cummins.' raise my long lashes just so much as per-mits me to obtain a glimpse of Marmaduke.

He is talking pleasantly to Lady Blanche, and evidently means me to understand that he is ignorant of my conduct. But I forehead and cercan see a frown on his tain lines about his mouth that tell me to him, and, turning up my face, kisses me plainly be has both seen and heard and condemned, and I am satisfied.

" I shall be delighted," says Sir Mark, it prudent coldness, and together we with leave the room.

An hour later; lunch is over, and I am rushing up the stairs to don my walking-On the topmost landing stands attire. Bebe already dressed and about to de- walk rapidly away. soend

As I meet her gaze it arrests me. Surely some expression that closely resembles woe curving downwards ; her cheeks are innocent of nature's rouge ; a suspicious pinkness rests upon her lids.

Dear-dear-dear / is there nothing but trouble in this world? I, of course, am this rand hot belongs the rink, and thither we bend our footsteps. wretched-that goes without telling-but pretty, bright, piquante Bebe, must she too be miserable? What untoward thing can have occurred to bring that wistful look into her eyes?

Turning to my maid, who is following me at a respectful distance, I speak aloud 'Martha, I will dispense with your services this afternoon. Miss Beatoun is here,

and will give me any assistance I may require.' Bo saying, I drew my friend into my

room and closed my door.

"Now, Bebe, what is it ?" I ask pushing her into a lounging-ohair, and beginning a vigorous search for my seal-skin jacket Martha is a good girl-the best of girlsbut she can never put anything in the same

place twice running. "Oh, it is nothing--nothing," answers Bebe, in a tone almost comical in its dis-gust. "My pride has had a slight fall-my is a been a little lowered — no more. gering, balancing toward us; evidently her I hate myself" (with a petulant stamp of acquaintance with this new mode of locothe foot) "for taking it so much to heart; motion was of the vaguest half an hour but I do, and that is the fact, and I cannot ago. The orowd passes on, and she must yet overcome the feeling. If I did not follow it; so, with a look of fear upon her know I must have looked like a foolish face that amounts almost to agony, she culprit all the while. I think I would not so totters onward to brave a thousand going in a maddening fashion; and then his tone—so quick—so ——" is not a solution of the solut

"Chandos' tone, I suppose, you mean?" But you forget, dear; I know nothing." "True, of course not. Well, after you left the library that time with Mark, the whole ground, when a kindly hand from behind party broke up and dispersed about the house seized her, steadies her with good-natured to prepare for this drive, all except myself. I force, and, with a smile of acknowledgment, stayed on—unluckily, as it turned out—to that confesses the misery of the foregoing finish my novel, until I should be called minutes, she once more cotters, trips and to lunch. It interested me, and I thought crambles to her fate. myself sure of solitude for a little time, but I am delighted, entranced. I find smiling. "Once on a time they all felt to weddings;

considerably behind time, and catching up to do? Can he feign fatigue when she And there indeed amid the clouds, as I my gloves, run hastily along the gallery betrays no symptoms of flagging, and regards him with a glance fresh as when and down the western corridor, that will bring me a degree sooner to the hall below they started? He must only groan and As I turn the corner I come without any uffer patiently, even though he knows th warning upon Marmaduke and Lady

Blanche Going, evidently in deep and inter no matter whether we eat it or not-and then we shall start for Warminster, and I shall see my rink after all. But first I must Rage and indignation fill me at this unexpected encounter. What can this

creature develops !" says Harriet. "Pro-bably, at home, if asked to rise twice from woman have to whisper to my husband that might not be said in public? fatigued and ennuyee to the last degree Blanche, with the utmost composure, here she keeps in motion for an hour at nods her head, smiles, and vanishes down

stretch, and is still smiling and radiant." the staircase, leaving me alone with Mar "The game seems hardly worth the can 1 make a little pause maliciously, and maduke; while he stands frowning heavily dle." and apparently much annoyed by Titania's very insipid-looking cavalior. just been said. His black looks deepen as

his eyes meet mine; but as, with raised head and haughty lips, I pass him by, he "My dear, it is worth ten thousand can-lles," returns his wife. "That is young suddenly moves towards me, and, throwing Woodleigh, and you know he came in fo his arms round me, strains me passionately all that money at his uncle's death. In such a cause you would not have her coun twice, thrice, upon my mouth. enance fatigue "Here comes her contrast," remarks Sir

Still smarting under my angry thoughts James, as a slight, dark woman, very pretty, with just a soupcon of coloring on and stand "How dare you ?" I gasp. " Don't her rale cheeks, and enough shading round

attempt to touch me." "What! has your indifference already her lids to make her dark eyes darker skates by. ohanged to hatred ?" says he, bitterly, as riet.

The sun shines with redoubled power died last year-much to her satisfaction, as and brilliancy, and, toiling up Carlisle street, we find ourselves before the door of people say. See, Phyllis, how she is sur rounded by admirers; every tenth minute characterizes her face. Her eyebrows are goodly turnout as ours is seldom seen even she accepts a new aspirant to her hand, as far as rinking goes. Ah, my dearl see what it is to be a bewitching widcw—far better than being a lovely girl. And James in this busy, bustling town, and the waiters and hostler come out to admire and tender positively refuses to give me a chance of trying whether I would be a success if so their services. To the enterprising owner

ircumstanced.' Sir James smiles comfortably, and so do I, while watching the gay widow as she beams, and droops, and languishes, accord-To see the world on wheels-to see th atest, newest vainty of the Great Fair-i my ambition. Turning a corner, we enter

ateway adjoining the hotel; we pass the ing to the mood of each companion-amus aystic portal, we pay the inevitable shill ing all in turn, and knowing herself as uni the moveable barrier, and find ourselves versally adored by the opposite sex as she is detested by her own.

"I had great difficulty in getting your skates. I wonder if these are small enough?" whispers Sir Mark in my ear; there. Just at first the outside circle of admirers prevents our catching sight of the performrs, and the dull grating noise of the and, turning, I behold him fully equipped machines falls unpleasantly on our ears. W for the fray, followed by a subdued little draw nearer the chattering, gaping crowd, boy, who carries under his arm the articles in question. They proved to be the right size, and soon I find myself standing on and by degrees edge our way in, until we too have a full view of all that is to be seen. "Surely there is a mistake somewhere, four wheels (that apparently go every way and it is wheels, wheels, wheels," not love in the most impartial manner), grasping that "makes the world go round."

frantically my mentor's arm. "Oh, what is the matter with my heels? On they come, by twos and threes, in single file, in shaking groups, all equally important, all filled with a desire to get-They won't stay still !" I ory, desperately as my body betrays an inclination to lay itself flat upon the ground. "They can't be right, I am sure. Are all the skates like nowhere. A novice comes running stag

these ?' "Yes. Try to walk a little, and you will find it easier. It is wonderful how soon one gets used to the sensation "

I summon all my pluck, and get round the place three times without stopping or falling, thanks to Sir Mark's strong arm. As I reach my starting-point once more, I ordinary occasions, to judge by their appear

pause and sink into a vacant chair. " I will rest a little," I breathe hastily. "I am dreadfully tired and frightened. I had no idea it would prove so difficult. Go away, Sir Mark, and take a turn by yourself; and perhaps later on, if you come back for me, I will try again. Oh, I wonder how on earth it is all these people manage to keep upright?' "Don't lose heart," says Sir Mark,

replies he, in his coldest tones, withrally,

out looking at me. "I should not mind them in the very least," eagerly.

"I dare say not: there are few thing you do mind; but I should," returns 'Duke, slowly and decisively, and, walking away, leaves me tete a-tete with Sir Mark Gore.

All the sweetness within me changes to gall. I am once again angered and embit-tered; nay more, I long to revenge myself upon him for the severity of his manner. At such moments who has not found the tempter near?

(To be continued.) Time's Changes.

Last evening, says the Long Branch correspondent of the Chicago Inter Ocean, I saw the latest startling novelty in dress worn by a young lady who was waltzing with a son of Sir Hugh Allan, a youth re markable for his combination of lilao vest and tweed trousers and coat. The young lady is a Philadelphian, a beauty and an heiress. She was incased in a flesh colored silk, " tailored " to her figure so closely that every curve and bend of it was ex posed. The sleeves fitted so tightly she ould hardly raise her arm to her partner's shoulder, and every respiration was visible Over this skin-fitting silk was a plain drapery of exquisite black lace, the effect of which was absolutely startling, the wearer appearing like a flesh-tinted marble figure under a black veil. Shades of the departed ! What would the great-grand mother of this young woman have said ? If she knew it her very ashes would fly. Only this morning I read in McMaster's delightful "History of the People of the United States" how Pine, the artist, brought over, in 1784, the first plaster cast of the Verue de Medici ever scen in this of the Venus de Medici ever seen in this country, and how all the prudes of Phila delphia set up such a cry of shame at the nude statue that Pine, abashed, showed it only to his friends in strictest privacy. Even twenty two years later, when anothe generation had grown up, there were put on exhibition in the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts fifty casts of famous statues in the Louvre, but they were pronounced "indecent," and on the one day in the week when women were allowed to attend the exhibition, the undraped figures carefully covered up. Marvellous are the ohanges of time.

#### The Dukes and the Goose.

The following incident is told us of the Duke of Buccleuch, who recently died in England. Not very long ago, while travel-ling with the Duke of Northumberland, they found themselves in a carriage with a commercial traveller. The conversatio between the three soon became general. At Alnwick station the Duke of Northum berland got out and was driven away in a showy equipment. "That must be a swell," said the commercial traveller, "do you know who he is?" "He is the Duke of Northumberland," replied his Grace of Buccleuch. "And yet they say that our nobility is haughty! Why, he talked to us two snobs as though we had been his pals !"

A Baltimere spinster has become insane over the death of her pet dog. She should have stuck to parrots. They never die. In New York they charge for admission

which, it is hoped, will tend to check th advance of this percentage. It provides that any person who employs a minor 14 age, who cannot read and write, years ( shall forfeit from \$20 to \$50, and that any person who employs a minor over 14 years of age who cannot read and write, providing such a minor has been for one year resident of a city or town wherein free evening schools are maintained, shall for feit from \$50 to \$100 for every such offence to go to the benefit of the evening schools

THE Chinese farm house is a curious looking abode. Usually it is sheltered with groves of feathery bamboo and thick-

spreading banyans. The walls are of clay or wood, and the interior of the house con

sists of one main room, extending from the floor to the tiled roof, with closet looking apartments in the corners for sleeping rooms. There is a sliding window on the roof, made of cut oyster shells, arranged in rows, while the side windows are mere wooden shutters. The floor is the bare earth, where at nightfall there often gath ers together a miscellaneous family of dirty children, fowls, ducks, pigeons, and a litter of pigs, all living together in delightful harmony. In some districts infested by marauding bands houses are strongly fortified with high walls, containing anertures for firearms, and protected by a moat crossed by a rude drawbridge.

THE first time Mont Blanc was ascended was in August, 1786, by two Frenchmen. During the ninety years from 1786 to 1876 no fewer than 535 expeditions, consisting of 661 persons, reached the highest point, known as the "Monarch." Of unsuccess-ful attempts 115 were made from 1857 to 1861, while in the following fifteen years n less than 420 such are recorded--a fac which shows how much mountain climb ing is developing in our days. Among the 661 persons who ascended Mont Blanc 385 were English, 110 French (including the 72-year-old Marquess Turenne and a lady of 17 summers), 70 Americans, 34 Ger-mans, 30 Swiss (among whom Mille, Marie Haradis, the first woman who reached the Monarch," in 1809), 8 Italians, 7 Russians, 6 Australians, 4 Spaniards, 3 Poles 2 Dutch, 1 Swede and 1 Norwegian. In 1878 three Danes, Count Schulin-Zeuthen and his wife and Herr Carl Hall, who furnishes the present statistics, swelled the ranks of the successful climbers. The number of victims claimed by Mont Blanc during the present century amounts to about 30.

The Orange Tree.

The orange tree is the longest-lived fruit tree known. It is reputed to have obtained the age of 300 years, and it has been known to have flourished and borne fruit for more than 100 years. No fruit tree will grow and produce fruit so well under rough treatment. It commences to bear the third or fourth year after budding, and by the fifth year it will produce an abundant orop, but its yield will increase gradually under favorable circumstances, and as the years pass on it will become a very pro-ductive tree. The early growth of the orange is quite rapid, and by the tenth year it will have increased more than in the next fifty years, so far as its breadth and heighth are concerned; but as its age multiplies its fruit stems greatly, and an old tree will sometimes bear several thouand oranges.

There is talk in England now regarding that important article of diet, ohees Certain objectors assert that in the raw state cheese is an unhealthy article of diet As a result of this experiments have been made. Au Englishman, Mr. Matthew Williams, kcturing on the subject lately before a Dairy Conference, pointed out the fact that cheese is the most concentrated and economic ood in the market, a 20 pound cheese conteining more nitrogenous substance than sheep weighing 60 or 70 pounds; and, although it is of the greatest importance for feeding the million, yet in this country

it does not hold its own, and it is compara tively neglected in favor of far more costly neat diet, even by persons of considerable

intelligence and very limited means. Mr. Williams asks why it has not super seded meat, and proceeds to answer by pointing out one reason-that people found

difficulty in digesting it. This was because the salts of the milk were left in the whey when cheese was made with rennet. These, especially potash, were most necessary to assist digestion, and food which did ot contain them should not be taken alone Reasoning upon these two scientific truths, he had made a number of experiments as to various ways in which cheese might be made digestible. Casein itself was not ndigestible, because it was taken with advantage by infants; and in milk there were two salts which were necessary to nutriment and easy digestion.

His aim in the experiments he had performed was to bring these constituents to gether and see what nourishing and palatable foods could be made from them. By putting a sixth of an ounce of bicar

nate of potash with a pound of scraped sheese, and adding to them a small quantity of milk, he found them to dissolve and asume a liquid form. He used double Gloucester cheese in this instance, and the experiment was must successful. With American cheese it was not; and from this fact he was led to presume that double Gloucester cheese was made with rennet,

as it ought to be, while the American checse was not. The question of the solubility of cheese

might therefore become a test as to its purity, but in any case Gloucestershire was right. In Italy cheese was used in an infinite variety of ways, of which sprinkling it over soup was one of the most common. Macaroni cheese, as it was served in England, was frequently browned. The idea of browning cheese—half carbonizing it — before it was caten was worse than cating it in raw lumps, because it rendered it more indigestible than evcr. One excellent

it and put it in porridge. Mashed potato mixed with cheese scrapings made a capital pudding, which was fit to eat. Cheese stirabout was excellent food.

very insipid, but when taken with grated cheese it was a different thing altogether. Instead of taking lumps of bread with lumps of cheese for supper, a far better plan was to make a cheese pudding. This could be done by placing alternate layers of thin break and cheese in a pie disb, with a little milk and butter, and cooking in an oven,  $\Delta$  most delicious and perfectly digestible pudding was the result. When an egg or two were mixed with the ingre-

dients a meal was made fit for a Roman emperor, and withal it was one of the most economical dishes that could be made.

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