

**Around Town.**

John McDermott is about to indulge in a new rig.

Jo. Jamison has one of the finest drivers in the country.

Harry Pickett is educating his old friends by sending them the COURIER.

Wm. Pettit received a kick from a horse, Saturday, which sent him out on crutches.

B. B. Brown's new house is nearly completed, and will be the finest build-in on Rollin avenue.

The Misses Frazier, who have been visiting Mrs. H. S. Lenham for a week, have gone east for the winter.

The GRIGGS COURIER came to us last week all printed at home, and neat, newsy as ever. Mr. Adams is one of the successful and enterprising newspaper lads, deserving a continuation of the good patronage always accorded him by the live business men of Cooperstown.—Portland Inter-Ocean.

Rev. F. M. Rockwell was returned to the Jamestown asylum, Monday, sharp. He left Friday morning according to the attendant physician completely cured. Friday afternoon, to the ordinary observer, he was as insane as ever. The doctor must have had a great deal of experience with the insane, or be a man of keen perception. In arming the clergyman with a bible, and sending him back the scene of his religious excitement, the alleged cure received a thorough test.

E. D. Stair, formerly of the COURIER, says in the Livingston County (Mich.) Republican: "Since our departure from the place, Cooperstown, Dak., has been improving in some respects, according to this from the COURIER: 'The Cooperstown girls are hearty. A dude from Fargo was up to spark one of them the other evening. At 10 o'clock the old folks went to bed. In the morning the young man was found with three ribs broken and his breast bone driven out through the small of his back. He says she has a hug like a grizzly bear, and in the future shall prosecute his courtship through the mails, or stand her off with a shot gun.'"

In the absence of sensational news last week the versatile editor of the Griggs COURIER came to the rescue with a select stock of nightmares of frightful atrocity, for the delectation of the morbid reader. It was a clever sell and take off on the gore-hungry reader. Were those for whom the irony was intended gifted with a sufficient degree of intelligent humor to understand the point of ridicule they might eventually find a higher plane of interest. The taint of barbarism that scents the trail of sanguinary recital is never accompanied with the genial intelligence of true humor. The cold, stoical Indian manifests the highest delight in scenes depicting bloodshed and carnage, but is dull and unmoved with the brightest sallies of wit, or the liveliest flashes of mirth.—Barnes County Record.

Ballou's Magazine for December contains the final chapter of "Lewey and I" or "Sailor Boys' Wanderings" by Wm. H. Thomas, author of "The Belle of Australia," and "On Land and Sea; or, California in 1843, '44, '45." Here are three of the most entertaining novels of adventure that have been published in this country for many years. The January number will appear in new type, with new features, illustrated stories, heavy white paper, and will be the leading magazine so far as brightness and good looks are concerned, yet the price will remain the same—only \$1.50 per year, or 15 cents single copy. For sale at all news depots. Published at 23 Hawley Street, Boston.

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**The Matchmaker's Enaid.**

**INTRODUCTION.**

The art of matchmaking and eldest-son hunting having been long since reduced to a science by the mammas of fashionable life, it has been thought desirable to embody the same in writing for the benefit of posterity, and in accomplishing this task the method of Enaid has been followed, both as one which will be universally understood and as showing more clearly than any other the connection between the successive steps of the science.

**DEFINITIONS.**

- 1. An undesirable partner is one who has no town-house, and whose income has no magnitude.
- 2. A doubtful partner is title without wealth.
- 3. The extremities of a ball-room are the best to flirt in.
- 4. A bad business is the plain inclination of two young people to one another, who meet together, but are not in the same circles.
- 5. When one fair maiden "sits on" another fair maiden (for "outrageous flirting") so as to make the adjacent company notice her, each of the listeners will call it jealousy, and the fair maiden who "sits on" the other fair maiden will be called "too particular" by them.
- 6. An obtuse angler is one who does not hook an eldest son.
- 7. An acute angler is one who does hook an eldest son.
- 8. A term of endearment is the extremity of a flirtation.
- 9. A blue-stocking is a plain figure having one decided line which is called her erudition, and is such that when forming the center of a circle all young men will be found equally distant from that center.
- 10. A figure is that which is compressed by a more or less confined boundary.
- 11. A good figure is that compressed within an inch of the owner's life.
- 12. Dull partners are such as, being drawn out over so well in all directions, do not talk.

**POSTULATES.**

- Let it be granted—
- 1. That an eligible young man may be drawn by skillful management from any one young lady to any other young lady.
- 2. That an engagement for one dance may be prolonged to any number of dances by a few fibs.
- 3. That a visiting circle may be extended to any extent from a West-end square, and may be made to include a marquis resident at any distance from that square.

**AXIOMS.**

- 1. If your daughter be married to a nobody, the match is unequal.
- 2. If your daughter be married to a duke, the match is equal.
- 3. Elder sons are preferable to younger sons.
- 4. If wealth be added to younger sons, the two are equal.
- 5. If wealth be taken from elder sons, the two are equal.
- 6. Two short lines may inclose a proposal.
- 7. If one young lady meets with too much attention, so as to make the inferior angels on either side of her equal to tearing her eyes out, this conduct, if continually repeated, shall at length meet with such reprobation at the hands of the said angels as shall lead one to believe that they are not quite angels.

**PROPOSITION I.—PROBLEM.**

To secure an aristocratic partner by the help of a given (like) number of charms. Let A be the aristocratic partner. Let B be the given finite number of charms. Let D be the aristocratic partner. It is required to secure D with A B. Bring B to bear on an old gentleman C, whom you know to be acquainted with D. Tell the decided fib E that you are not engaged for this dance. Then, since the decided fib E is equal to a very broad hint, if the aristocratic partner D pass by at that moment, he will be introduced.

Then with your captive D, and to the tune of the last waltz out, describe the circle of the room, and if at any point of the dance you meet the gentleman G, to whom you are really engaged, consoling himself with a new partner H, let that be the point when the dancers cut one another.

Then since it has been shown that your fine eyes B have had a great effect on the old gentleman C, much greater will be their effect on D; and with your charms A B you will have secured an aristocratic partner D. Wherefore, etc., Q. E. F.

**The Rising Generation.**

A bright little miss living on Eagle street was given a warm cookie by a neighbor. Though contrary to her custom, the mother allowed the child to eat it. Shortly the little girl exclaimed, "Mamma, let me go and get another cookie; I know Mrs. — will give me one." "No, dear, it will make you sick." "Well, Mrs. — [her Sunday-school teacher] says heaven is a beautiful place." "You don't want to go to heaven, and leave papa and mamma, do you?" "Well, mamma, you get a cookie, too, and come with me to heaven."

While a little girl on Howard avenue was being reuked by her mother, she said, "Hush, mamma; if you scold so much you will make me nervous, and I shall die like —." "Do you remember?" said the mother. "O yes," replied the little one, "and for mamma scolded and scolded her so much, she got so nervous she went sick and died."

**Lovely Women of Lima.**

The ladies of Lima are alleyes. They have the reputation of being, as a class, the most beautiful in the world, and meeting them on the way to mass in the morning or shopping later in the day, one can easily see how they obtained it. It is the manta, which they wear in such a coquettish way, that gives them their reputation for beauty. For it conceals every feature, except their bewitching eyes and lovely olive complexion. No matter how ugly her mouth or her nose is; no matter how high her cheekbones or large her ears, a manta will make any woman with pretty eyes look handsome, and, like charity, it covers a multitude of sins.

On the street the women look like a procession of nuns, but in their homes, when they are dressed, like the Queen of Sheba. Indoors she is bright, vivacious and winning. With more passion than intellect, with very little knowledge of the world outside of her own orbit, she never reads a newspaper and never looks at a book, but she is up in art and operas, plays the piano brilliantly and with exquisite taste, and talks like a conversational blizzard. She is affectionate, impetuous and strong-willed; gushes over what she likes and shudders at what does not please her. Impulsive, frank and generous, she is easily betrayed, and the principal object in life of her mamma is to watch her like a hawk. At 17 or 18 she marries—often younger still. At 25 she is the mother of three or four children, shrunken and wan, or else inordinately fat. Their good looks seem to go with youth, and old maids are unknown.

The fashionable entertainment in Peru is bull-baiting. The bull is not killed, as in Spain and Mexico and other countries, and no horses are slaughtered in the ring. The animal is simply teased and tortured to make a Lima holiday. The young men of the city do the baiting, and it is regarded as a very hightoned sort of athletic sport, like polo at Newport. The young ladies take darts, made of tin, decorated them with ribbons, lace and rosettes, and give them to their lovers to stick into the hide of the bull. The great thing is to cast these darts so as to strike the bull in the fore shoulders or in the face, and in order to do it he who throws them must stand before the animal's horns. Active young fellows do the trick very dexterously, but it takes nerve and agility, and at times fair senoritas have seen their lovers ripped open.—Lima (Peru) Letter to N. Y., Jan.

**A Sea Captain's Practical Joke.**

A group of steamship agents were talking over cheap ocean passenger rates, when a retired old merchant present said he was reminded of a cheap trip he once took.

"Some years ago," said he, "I owned a goodsized steamer, which I chartered out for grain or other freight to Europe. One season I obtained a cargo for Hamburg, and the notion took me to go over in my own ship and see the Continent. I told my captain of my inclination. He was a jolly old Yankee, and noted as a careful officer. He at once reminded me that the ship was not licensed to carry passengers. 'Very well,' said I, 'we mustn't break the law for the sake of a little economy; perhaps I'll go later on by a Canarder.'"

"O no, no," he replied, "we'dn't do that; I'll fix it for you. Let me ship you as one of the crew! You can pull on a rope when you feel like it, but you can mess and turn in in the cabin with me—see?"

"I was amused at his device, and consented to go in the way he had described."

"We had a rough, uncomfortable run across, and a freight boat is a slow one. I wasn't sorry when we steamed up the Elbe and anchored. I gave the steward directions about my baggage, and started for the Hotel Royal, bidding the Captain, who had come ashore with me, good-by on the wharf."

"I sha'n't say good-by," he responded soberly, "for you'll be aboard before sundown."

"No," said I, decidedly, "I shall be busy all the day."

"Busy or not," replied he pleasantly but positively, "you'll return before night."

"I told him he was mistaken, laughed, and went away. Now imagine my surprise when I received at the hotel a command from the United States Consul to report myself at once to the ship. The official who brought the note said he would have to accompany me, as I was charged with desertion. Back, of course, I had to go. When we rowed out to the ship, there I saw the Captain and Consul (the Consul proved to be an old chum of the Captain) and a number of gentlemen, all looking over the ship's rail, enjoying my arrest exceedingly. I went on board, reported myself, but I couldn't get my discharge until I had partaken of an elegant supper that was held in the cabin that evening, given at the Captain's expense."

The loco weed, which has appeared with frightful rapidity on the Kansas range within the last eighteen months, to the dismay of stockmen, will doubtless disappear within the next eighteen months. Two years ago this singular plant had free swing in the Texas Panhandle and New Mexico, but now it has nearly disappeared in those sections. The plant is a tramp, and makes itself mighty disagreeable to herds where it effects a temporary lodgment. This plant does not give the appearance of gulf, for chemists have failed to detect any poisonous quality in it, but it is an excellent feed for horses and cattle and is much used by them.

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