GOSSIP OF THE HOME CLUB.

BASEBALL BOOM IN TORONTO CONTINUES WITHOUT INTERRUPTION.

Organization of the Singer Club—Winter Trotting at Gravenhurst—A Sixteen-round Battle—McCormick Defeats Dowd—General Sporting News.

Manager Cushman thinks the new rules will work all right, and that his pitchers will be as effective as under the old ones.

The Toronto management believes in patronising home industries. Every article used by the team that can be secured in Toronto is to be purchased from local dealers.

Crane, one of Toronto's new twirlers, has to put in several hours' practice daily, to keep himself in condition. He is a tall, big fellow, with an arm as large as a telegraph pole, and in his practice wears an immense "sweater."

The Princess Rink has been abandoned by the Torontos, and the drill shed will hereafter be utilized in the team's preparatory work.

A Rochester correspondent is the latest "wiseacre" who has come to the conclusion that the Toronto team is entitled to consideration in the selection of the probable pennant-winner.

The manager of a ball team is always classed as a player, and this statement should remove the fears of the Toronto's admirers as to the "unlucky thirteenth" Including Manager Cushman, President Cox's aggregation now has fourteen men signed.

Another of the Toronto team, in the person of Gillnan, has put in an appearance, that player arriving yesterday from Laporte, Ohio. He is an active-looking young fellow, whom Manager Cushman expects to look after his outfield position in the most approved manner.

The Singers Organize.

The annual meeting of the Singer Baseball Club was held at the company's offices, 66 King-street west last night, when these officers were elected: Honorary President, Mr. Geo. L. Hillman; President, A. W. Bell; First Vice-President, J. A. McLeod; Second Vice-President, D. Benson; Secretary-Treasurer, J.G. Fitzgerald, 66 King-street west; Captain, W. Tooze; Committee, Messrs. Trimble, Brown, Downing and Carlton. This club has a membership of seventy-two and belongs to the Manufacturers' League and expects to put a nine in the field this year that can successfully compete with any of the amateur clubs of the city or surrounding towns. The Secretary will be pleased to hear from any local clubs with a view to arranging games for the Saturday afternoons before the league season opens.

Trotting at Gravenhurst.

GRAVENHURST, April 1.—The second day's races of the Gravenhurst Trotting Association closed to-day. The weather was all that could be desired, but the track was slightly heavy. Summary:

Named race:	
Caswell's Telephone	1 1 1
Boyd's Wild Billy	3 2 2
Carroll's Brown Charlie	2 3 3
Time—2.53½, 2.51½, 2.51.	
Free-for-all:	
McRae's Mayflower	1 1 1
Moore's Puzzler	2 2 2
Tripp & Young's Dictator	4 3 3
Smith's Maud Bartlett	3 4 4
Time—2.40½, 2.43, 2.40.	

McCormick Defeats Dowd.

ST. JOHN, N.B., April 1.—The last of the series of races between Dowd of Montreal and McCormick of St. John was skated last night. The distance was fifteen miles. Dowd stopped at the end of the seventh mile on the plea that he believed the race was at an end. He was about four feet ahead when he stopped. McCormick completed the distance and was awarded the race. Time, 59 mins. 35 secs.

Sixteen Rounds Fought.

YOUNGSTOWN, O., April 1.—Shortly before daylight this morning Reuben Hargate of this city and Edward McDonald of Brooklyn, N.Y., with a few friends, met in a barn west of here and had a lively mill for $200 a side. The contest was according to the London prize ring rules, with small gloves. Sixteen rounds were fought, when McDonald claimed a foul, which the referee refused to allow, and McDonald declined to continue the fight. Hargate was then awarded the stakes.

Montreal, April 2.

Editor World: Please let me know where and when the convention of the National Amateur Lacrosse Association will be held?

Percy, March 31. A.B.C.

Spots of Sport.

The race meeting at New Orleans ends to-day.

Oswego is negotiating with Washington for McGlone.

The Orangeville Football Club was successfully organized last night.

The first issue of the National Baseball Gazette makes its appearance April 16.

The New Yorks will have, it is said, quite a striking uniform. So will the Torontos.

The John Macdonald team have reorganized for the season, and are confident of winning the Commercial League championship.

Joseph Laing of Montreal and James Ten Eyck of Worcester, Mass., have been matched to row at Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester, on Memorial Day, May 30.

When the Hamilton Baseball team arrived in Washington yesterday there was six inches of snow there, and their match with the Capital Club was declared off.

The law students of Hamilton are talking of getting up an amateur baseball club and arranging a schedule of games with Toronto, St. Catharines, Brantford, Guelph and Galt.

Harry Gilmore, the well known lightweight, is to be tendered a benefit at the Pavilion next Thursday night. McAuliffe will spar with the beneficiary, and other talent will also appear.

E. H. Geary, D. Rose and R. Macpherson leave Thursday for Montreal to attend as representatives of the Ontarios, the annual meeting of the National Amateur Lacrosse Association.

Manager Powers of the Jersey City team says his team is going to be among the first, and if the men now signed can't get there he will get those who can.

Mr. Charles M. Reed of Erie, Pa., has bought of Major H. C. McDowell of Lexington, Ky., the bay colt, Almo Tadema, 2 years old, by Dictator, dam Elfrida, by Harold, the price paid being $4000.

At the close of the fourth night's play, which was Thursday, of the pool contest in Brooklyn, between Frey and Malone, the score stood, Frey 61, Malone 35, giving the champion a lead over his opponent 29 games.

Mr. W. R. Bingham of the Hub yesterday received from Philadelphia the handsome and valuable black and tan bitch Nanom, 1 year old, weighing 16 lbs. Nanom was a red ticket winner at New York and carried off a diploma at Buffalo.

Jack McAuliffe, champion light weight pugilist, and Billy Frazier of Boston, met in a four-round glove fight on Thursday night at Portland, Me. The fighting was even and the men were well matched, but when Fred Gellet, who acted as referee, gave the fight to McAuliffe no one questioned the justice of the decision.

The Stratford Bicycle Club will be officered this year by the following: M. Wade, President; W. Maynard, jr., Vice-President; W. Lawrence, Sec.-Treas.; C. E. Nasmyth, Captain; C. E. Mayberry, 1st Lieut.; A. T. Macdonald, 2d Lieut.; J. A. McFadden, 3d Lieut.; A. J. Watson, 4th Lieut.; C. P. Smith, Bugler; C. J. Wade, Standard-Bearer; J. S. Benedict and W. Jeffrey, committee.

The postponed pigeon-shooting match at 100 birds each, between Wm. Graham of England and John Brewer of Philadelphia, took place at the grounds of the Jersey City Heights Gun Club at Marion on Thursday afternoon, and resulted in favor of the Englishman by two birds. The score was Graham 89 and Brewer 87. After the shoot Graham offered to make a match, Mitchell and himself to shoot any pair in the country at 100 birds for from $500 to $1000 a side, Birmingham rules.

Two Hamilton sports who were in the city yesterday expressed their willingness to wager at even money that the Ambitious City representative, Mr. Hendries' colt, Wild Bruce, will win the Queen's Plate this year. The twenty-five hundred dollar trainer may not do as well with the son of Bill Bruce as Hugh McLaughlin did last year. Nevertheless there are one or two candidates here that will make the Hamilton colt contend himself for the guineas.

The weights for the Croton and Fordham Handicaps, to be run at Jerome Park during the spring meeting of the American Jockey Club, were announced yesterday. The Croton, at a mile, has sixty-two nominations. Bob Fisher has top-weight, 125 pounds. Charley Boyle's pair, Rock-and-Rye and Bandala, are handicapped 115 and 110 respectively. For the Fordham, at a mile and a quarter, there are fifty-four entries, top-weight, 125 pounds, being allotted to Favor, Springfield and Rock-and-Rye having 110 each and Bandala 109.

The brown mare Busy Bee, foaled 1874 by War Dance, dam Laura Spillman, and the well-known steeplechaser Pilot, aged, by Jack the Barber, the property of Mr. Pendleton, Lachine, P.Q., will be sent to Jerome Park, New York, where they will be sold on April 21, at the sale of Messrs. Cassatt and Castor's thoroughbreds out that date. Mr. Cassatt will dispose of his yearlings and a few 2-year-olds, and Mr. Wm. Castor will offer his yearling, 2 and 3-year-olds and broodmares. The sale will be conducted by Col. S. D. Bruce, who will also officiate as auctioneer.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS.

Arranging the Stipends of Labor in Far-off Fields.

The Home Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church completed its labors yesterday. The subject of the administration of the work in Manitoba and the Northwest occupied the attention of the committee during the whole day. It was decided that in future home mission grants should be made to the fields in the several presbyteries of the Northwest in the same way as those in the other presbyteries of the church, viz., so much per Sabbath each field. Also that in this respect the work in the Northwest be brought into line with that in Ontario and Quebec, only that the applications from presbyteries both for mission stations and augmented congregations and half-yearly claims for grants must be submitted to and approved by the Synodical Committee prior to their being laid before the Home Mission Committee.

It was further resolved that the amounts of the half yearly claims for mission stations and augmented stations congregations be hereafter submitted directly to the conveners of the several Presbyteries instead of through the treasurer of the Synodical Committee. The Synodical Committee was ordered to be notified that hereafter the allowance to student missionaries during the college session will not exceed $5 per Sabbath, and that grants to fields supplied by students shall be reduced for the winter months $1 less than in summer. The mission stations of Winnipeg, Rock Lake, Brandon and Regina were then reviewed, and grants made for the ensuing twelve months. Certain modifications were made in the rules for the appointment of ordained missionaries, particularly in the Northwest. The recommendations to this effect will be forwarded for approval to the General Assembly at Winnipeg in June.

AMUSEMENTS.

The Reduced Prices of Admission at the Toronto—Attractions for To-day.

There will be a "Michael Strogoff" matinee at the Toronto this afternoon and the concluding performance will be given this evening.

No funnier attraction has been given at the Grand this season than "A Parlor Match." It is a continual round of merriment and clean gags on popular topics. There will be a matinee this afternoon and an evening performance.

"Erminie," the famous and favorite comic opera, will run all next week at the Grand. The plan is now on sale at the box office. "Erminie" will be presented by a first-class company and ought to do a good week's business.

The "Planter's Wife" is the first attraction under the new firm of Jacobs & Shaw at the Toronto, and the prices, commencing on Monday next, will be 10, 20 and 30 cents, which is the uniform price all over the Jacobs circuit. Mr. Jacobs has theatres in Philadelphia, New York, Brooklyn, Hartford, Newark, Wilmington, Del.; Paterson, N.J.; Albany, Troy, Syracuse, Rochester, Buffalo, Cleveland, Montreal and Toronto. Matinees will be given Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, of each week. Mr. Shaw will continue in the management, Mr. Jacobs doing the booking.

The Clio Club, a literary society, held its first annual conversazione in Room C, Shaftesbury Hall, last night. The program was mainly a musical one, and was contributed to by Messrs. J. Read, A. Garvie, Sparks and Hall, and Miss Sutherland and Miss Pearsall. Recitations were given by Mr. A. A. Phillips, Mrs. H. Mitchell and Miss Eveline Armstrong.

The Sons of Canada Benevolent Association held a successful concert in Occident Hall last evening. Misses Matthews and Pollard, and Messrs. Fax, Soole, Cameron, Oakley and Rundle took part. Ald. Ritchie occupied the chair. Messrs. Soole and Fax in "The Germans" made the hit of the evening.

"The Workingman's Friend."

Walker of 107½ Queen-street west is the acknowledged leader in supplying the public with carpets, oilcloths, furniture, stoves and general house furnishing goods on terms which suit everybody and prices as low as these goods are sold at in stores doing a strictly cash business. No one need deny themselves the comforts of a home when by calling on Walker they can have their every want supplied on his plan of easy payments. He fails to-day in furnishing this paper with his usual installment of poetry, owing to an accident happening to the machine, but gives instead a fine representation of his yacht "The Workingman's Friend," freighted with all the good things that go to make life worth living for. x

A Popular Photographer.

—No photographer is better known, more liberally patronized, or gives better satisfaction to his customers than does "Lemaitre," 324 Yonge-street. Well known as the most artistic photographer in the city, his winter scenery giving his patrons a lovely and realistic picture of "Canadian Life" exact. x361

Mr. Wiman and the Mail.

From the Montreal Herald.

The latest rumor that finds credence here is to the effect that Mr. Erastus Wiman has purchased, or is about to purchase, the Toronto Mail. The political position of the Mail, and its precise objects, have of late excited some discussion in Canada, the general opinion being that the independence which was first begun by mutual consent of its proprietors and Sir John, has grown to be an independence in reality. What line Mr. Wiman may take in Canadian politics it is not easy at the moment to say—circumstances have such a powerful bearing on cases—but we take it that things telegraphic rather than things political have prompted this purchase. As the controller of the leading Conservative or Independent journal of Ontario Mr. Wiman doubtless calculates that his intended telegraphic operations would be more easy than when his views were unrepresented in the press. Mr. Wiman is a shrewd and successful man, and as proprietor of the Mail—should he succeed in acquiring it—would necessitate on the part of his competitors a little more life and enterprise than they have sometimes shown.

A New Business.

We observe an addition to the industries of Toronto, in the establishment on Jarvis-street of the Mathew's Vinegar Manufacturing Company. This company uses a new process of manufacture which is claimed to be very effectual. The company claim that their goods are pure, wholesome and free from all foreign acids. The company also manufacture methylated spirits, an article largely used in the arts and in certain manufactures. The proprietors of this new company, Messrs. J. T. & H. A. Mathews, are of the Messrs. Mathews, so well and so favorably known to the trade of the lakes for years as vessel owners and shippers. But the businesses are entirely distinct, the shipping firm continue as before to be, J. & J. T. Mathews.

—Steel wire door mats will not wear out. They require no shaking as they clean themselves. They do not fill with dirt and dust; all dust falls through and can be readily swept up. 136

Bishop Warren.

This distinguished divine of the Methodist Episcopal Church is paying his first visit to the Dominion. He is one of Dr. Vincent's active coadjutors in the work of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle, and is the author of a charming text book of the circle, "Recreations in Astronomy." He is brought here by the Toronto Central Circle to deliver two lectures upon his favorite subject, "Astronomy," on Monday and Tuesday evenings, in the Metropolitan and Elm-street Churches. The bishop will preach in the same churches to-morrow. This evening the C.L.S.C. hold a reception in his honor in the beautiful parlors of the Metropolitan Church.

Something "Odd"

—In the line of gents' furnishings. Rogers, on the corner of Elm and Yonge-streets, is showing oddities in gents' neck wear and fine fancy colored shirts, with three collars and cuffs separate, for only $1. We excel in our specialties: gents' neck wear and fancy colored shirts. Fifty cent braces reduced to 25 cents. 36

'Tis Ever Thus.

When warms the sun, and from the fields the snow
Is chased by thaw,
The furnace that all winter would not go
Begins to draw.
—Boston Courier.

DINEEN'S SPRING OPENING.

Their Large Assortment of Hats to be Submitted to the Public To-day.

The clerks in Dineen's hat store at King and Yonge-streets were busy all day yesterday preparing for their spring opening which takes place to-day. This is the best equipped hat store in Toronto, and the public will welcome the opportunity to look over their varied stock. Ladies who have growing boys to provide for are also invited to inspect the assortment of latest children's hats. The most noticeable changes in the style are that the Christie or stiffened felt hat, is becoming smaller—neither so high nor the rim so broad—while silk hats are higher in the corner and straighter—that is, not so belled at the top as formerly. A very useful style is the tourist hat, in the shape of a Christie, but without the firmness of the latter. It can be folded up and sat upon and still be as good as new. It is made without binding, the edge being turned over and sewed. They can be had in all the colors. Besides those mentioned, Dineen keeps a full line of goods that never go out of fashion, and that with occasional brushing will last for three years. This firm are the sole agents in Canada for the extra fine goods of Cook, England, and Dunlap, New York. They also deal largely with the well known English house of Woodrow, Christie, Carrington, Johnston & Co., and Carrick. A large patronage can safely be predicted for this enterprising firm and their store at King and Yonge-streets should be crowded to-day.

Steel wire Mats are now in use in all our principal churches, schools, banks and public buildings. Offices and factory, 6 Wellington west. 136

An Important Invention by a Hamilton Firm.

Messrs. R. M. Wanzer & Co., who have been celebrated since 1860 as the pioneer manufacturers of sewing machines in Canada, and have introduced their goods in every civilized country on the globe, have now after a period of fifteen years utilized their inventive genius in the manufacture of a lamp, which, it is claimed, makes a complete revolution in the coal oil lamps heretofore generally used. The ordinary lamp is composed of brass, beautifully electroplated; it is regulated by clock work machinery in the base of the lamp, which causes a small fan to revolve, and diffuses the air evenly around the oil tank, thereby supplying the required amount of oxygen to burn the carbon, and regulating the heat and light. They use no chimney whatever and no globe or shade is required. The combustion is perfect and therefore there is no smoke or odor whatever; and what is better than all it is positively non-explosive. The cheapest grades of Canadian oil can be used with perfect safety. This lamp consumes only two-thirds the amount of an ordinary lamp. The lamp is now on exhibition at their sewing machine and lamp emporium, 84 King-street west, where Wanzer & Company's representatives will ever be pleased to show their goods to all who may call and inspect them.

Among the City Churches.

Canadian Baptist, April 1: The plans for the new church are now ready. Between $4000 and $5000 have been subscribed by the congregation, which will be further increased.

Ten baptisms in Parliament-street Church last Sunday, seven in Jarvis-street, four in Bloor-street, two in Beverley-street and one in Dovercourt-road.

The semi-annual meeting of the Baptist Home Missionary Society of Ontario will be held at 117 Yonge-street on April 21, at 10 a.m. The semi-annual meeting of the Superannuated Ministers' Society will be held at the same time and place.

Editor Dominion Churchman: Within the walls of the church there are no ladies and gentlemen; we are all women and men, females or males, or girls or boys. I read a boy's paper the other week in an account of a confirmation service, that there were so many ladies and gentlemen. I hope in future you will have it corrected before being printed, as it gives a bad idea to those outside the fold. I would respectfully ask secular papers to please take the hint. F. DEALTRY, Woodcock.

St. George's Branch of the Women's Auxiliary, Toronto, have arranged for a course of lectures on social purity, to be given by a number of prominent gentlemen.

The sub-committee appointed to arrange for the annual mass meeting of the C.E.T.S. Bands of Hope have decided to hold the meeting at the Horticultural Gardens Pavilion, on May 13.

The delegates appointed by the various temperance organizations in Toronto to co-operate with the C.E.T.S., to devise a scheme for celebrating Her Majesty's jubilee, have decided to hold a temperance gathering in Exhibition Park about June 21.

An Esthete in Unesthetic Attire.

From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A painful rumor comes from London to the effect that Mrs. Oscar Wilde wears the nether garment belonging by right to the apostle of sweetness and light.

Important.

—When visiting New York City, save Baggage Express and Carriage Hire, and stop at the **Grand Union Hotel**, opposite Grand Central Depot.

600 Handsomely Furnished Rooms at $1 and upwards per day. European Plan. Elevators, and all Modern Conveniences.

Restaurants supplied with the best. Horse cars, stages and elevated railroads to all depots. Travelers can live better for less money at the Grand Union Hotel than any other first-class hotel in the city. ed

A Valuable Property.

Attention is directed to the advertisement of Dundas-street lots for sale by R. McDonell, land agent, 14 York Chambers, Toronto-street, which will be found in to-day's issue of this paper. Land is rapidly increasing in value in that locality, and there is no reason why lots on Dundas-street should not become as valuable as Queen or Yonge streets. The time is not far distant when Dundas-street will be built up solid from Queen to Bloor streets. West Toronto Junction is now merging into a town, and will soon rival Parkdale in population, and before long those two links will connect the city on the west to the Humber River.

Oak Hall.

A grander assortment than ever is what Oak Hall, the popular clothing establishment, is advertising. Mr. Rutherford says he has had made up for his trade a better and more stylish class of clothing than ever before, as the increasing business of the concern demands better clothing and more of it. Our reporter was shown a few of the leading lines and was greatly surprised at the excellent quality of the goods and the neat manner in which they were made up for the very small prices asked. Those in need of spring clothing should certainly pay this concern a visit.

The North One for Neckwear.

—See Rogers' north window for an elegant display of new spring neckwear, comprising the latest English and American patterns and shapes, ranging from 25 cents up to 75 cents. We are showing a beautiful assortment of 25-cent ties in light summer shades. See the selection and choose your ties. 316 Yonge-street, corner Elm-street. 36

The Patti Concert.

Probably the most popular number on Thursday evening's program was Signor Arditi's famous waltz song, "Il Bacio," which was rendered so charmingly by Madame Patti, Readers of The World who have not mastered the Italian language will be pleased to know that an English version of this song is published, under the title of "The Dream of Home," by the Anglo-Canadian Music Publishers' Association, who also publish a pianoforte arrangement.

A Great Scheme.

Hundreds of merchants complain of the dull times which they have had during the last two months, but Fred Spofford, 1584 Queen east, thanks his numerous customers that he does not have to complain, as his trade is increasing every day. And why? Simply because he sells cheaper than any house in Toronto, for he buys for cash and sells for cash, and his expenses are small. x

York Farmers Honored.

The York Farmers' Colonization Society have received a handsomely engraved diploma and a medal suitably engraved from the commissioners of the Colonial Exhibition, London, as prizes for the magnificent exhibition of grain made by the company grown last season in York Colony, Northwest Territories.

Ambrecht's Coca Wine.

—From the coca leaf, for sleeplessness, and fatigue of mind and body. A powerful nerve stimulant, strongly recommended by the English medical press, and scores of the leading physicians in Europe. Mara & Co., 280 Queen-st. west. Telephone 713. 246

A JUBILEE SUGGESTION.

LABOR COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES WATCHING THE LEGISLATURE.

The City Ferry Bill Condemned—Favoring the Granting of Civic Scholarships to Needy and Deserving Students—An Account on Which There Was a Kick.

The Trades and Labor Council held its regular meeting last night, Presidents George Harris in the chair. The chief business it was to receive and discuss reports of committees. The Legislative Committee placed on record the fact that they were keeping a close watch on the Local Legislature to see that workingmen's interests were protected. They opposed the enlargement of the Horticultural pavilion. Mr. O'Donoghue remarked that the society seemed bent on turning itself into an opera house company. He paid a high compliment to Mr. E. F. Clarke, who spoke strongly against the scheme when it was discussed in committee. It was decided to petition the City Council to have the Horticultural Garden kept open from 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. during the summer.

The Municipal Committee, in their report, condemned the action of the City Solicitor in regard to the Ferry Bill. They also asked workingmen not to forget the twenty-two Aldermen who signed the "round robin."

The Legislation Committee recommended as a fitting way of celebrating the jubilee that the city should grant a few additional scholarships to assist needy students. They thought that the long summer holidays should be done away with, and that studies during the hot months should be varied so as to include athletic training. They thought the children should be trained physically as well as mentally. The Upper Canada College was decided to be a class institution supported by the Government for the benefit of the sons of wealthy men, and the Committee believed that it should cease to exist as such.

George Harris, R. J. Glockling and Charles March were appointed to co-operate with the District Assembly, K. of L., in arranging for the annual demonstration.

Consternation was caused by the reception of an account from the Evening Telegram of $3.70 for advertising. Delegate Hastings enquired in a loud voice what son of toil had presumed to render such a journal financial assistance. The delegates all protested that they had nothing to do with the transaction, and on it being suggested that the bill might be an April day joke, the account was tabled.

Workers of Two Hemispheres.

Lee Meriwether in Harper's Magazine.

The cost of living is greater in America than in any State in Europe. It is ten to twenty per cent. higher than in England; it is twice as high as in France; it is three times as expensive as in Italy. Is this difference in the cost of living commensurate with the difference in wages? Possibly in England. On the continent, I should say decidedly, the low cost of living does not fully compensate for the low wages received. The European workingman manages to exist by reducing the standard of living and buying only such articles as are absolutely necessary. There are men in Italy who earn but seven cents for a day's work of fourteen hours—one-half a cent an hour. Very few skilled mechanics earn as much as a dollar a day; the average does not exceed fifty cents. The Italian mechanic manages to get through on this sum, partly because of the cheapness of living, but principally because of his wonderful temperance and happy disposition which enables him to be satisfied and contented with conditions at which even an American beggar would rebel.

In the large American cities, as New York, Philadelphia, St. Louis, etc., wages appear to be slightly higher than in the small towns, though not sufficiently so to compensate for the greatly increased cost of living. In New York it is simply impossible for the average workingmen to live in anything like comfort. Rents are high, provisions are high, everything is high. Few workmen get off with less than $10 a month rent, and it may safely be said that any habitation in New York city would be at that figure of the most miserable and squalid condition.

He Gave the Bride Carte Blanche.

From the Arkansaw Traveler.

A gawky young man and a shy, "hang back" girl, walking arm in arm, attracted much attention as they walked along the street. The young fellow had told a hotel clerk that he lived near Carney Fork and that he was on his bridal tour.

"Lou," said the husband, stepping near a fruit stand, "order whut yer apertite is er cravin' an' blamed ef I don't pay for it."

The wife selected an orange, and the husband, as he handed over a nickel in payment said: "Oh, when I go on a spree uv this sort I never let expenses skeer me off. Podner," nodding at the fruit dealer, "this is my wife, Youngest daughter of Eph Tutt. Whupped in er head uv er feller that had cou'ted her sixyears an' jes nachu'ly took her away from him. Lou, order what yer apertite is er cravin', an blamed ef I don't pay fur it."

She took a nickel's worth of candy and as her husband handed over the amount, said: "Oh, it ain't often in er man's life that he gets on sich er sleshin 'round spell ez this. Lou, I'm with you an' I want yer to un'erstan' that I'll lam down the cash fur anything yer order. Ef yer'd married Andy Buckner yer would stood 'round here with yore mouth waterin' fur things. Lou, I'm yore husban', ain't I?"

"Yes, Dan."

"Then order whut yer apertite is cravin'."

Nice Girls Who Fool With Barleycorn.

Washington Letter in New York Sun.

"No, we don't offer wine to callers any more," said a bright society girl the other day. "We Southerners don't feel as you do, you known and we have always had light wines, on our table, but this season we really had to stop it. Why, I have heard of such dreadful things! Girls of my acquaintance—nice girls, too—have actually gone home from some of these receptions almost—yes, really, isn't it frightful? It was bad enough for the young men to drink so, but things are getting worse and worse. Yes, the foreign germans and wine suppers at night. We never went to the suppers, but the gentlemen used to tease us at the evening hops until we took wine to get rid of them. Mamma shook her heap at us until her neck was stiff. Some of the gentlemen held fans in front of the girls faces so that their mammas couldn't see them. No, I'm glad to say I wasn't that mean. But when we girls saw how things were going this winter we thought mamma hadn't been a bit too strict."

"Assignee" is the man who has the deal and gives himself four aces.

"The only possible objection that can be found with the house," said the landlord, after showing all the apartments, "is the absence of a bathroom." "That doesn't make any difference at all," replied the would-be tenant; "we are Anarchists."

No One-Legged Coffins. A patrolman on Woodward-avenue had directed him to an undertaker's establishment, and when he met him half an hour later he asked: "Well, did you find the place?" "Yes, but he's no sort of a man." "What's the matter?" "Why the man I wanted the coffin for had but one leg, and this feller wouldn't make a durned cent's difference in the price!"

An Ode Without a Heading.

When winter leaves the lap of spring,
It's all up with tobogganing.
When early crocuses appear,
The baseball season's drawing near.
When flowing is the maple sap,
The sparkling bock is placed on tap.
When geese are flying north in flocks,
We're near the vernal equinox.
When Sol the ground begins to dry,
The clouds of dust begin to fly.
When dust is flying, then I ween,
The watering carts are never seen.
When tearful April wets the ground,
'Tis then the watering carts go round.
When poets sing to spring their sonnets,
Young ladies think of Easter bonnets.
—Boston Courier.

PROGRESSIVE POKER.

A Game that is Now Attaining Some Popularity in Chicago.

From the Chicago Herald.

Progressive poker, now attaining some popularity in Chicago, is played so much that the booksellers are getting in stocks of little ribbon-tied books which tell all about the new game. The plans have been very nicely arranged. At the beginning of play the banker provides the players with chips, each one receiving the same number, say sixteen each, of blue and red chips, and twenty whites. Then the fun begins.

The head table is the one which all the players strive to reach, there being no limit there, except that "table stakes" are played—that is, no player may bet a larger amount in chips than he may actually have at the time, nor more than another player may have who desires to call—and no borrowing allowed. At the second table, the little book says, the limit shall be one blue chip; at the third, fourth and fifth tables three, two and one red chip respectively, while at the sixth or "booby" table one white chip is the largest bet or raise allowable. Jack pots are permitted only at the head table, and when a jack pot is won the call-bell must be rung as notice to the players at the other tables that it is time to "move up." As soon as the bell is rung all must stop playing, except that at any table where there is an unfinished hand the players who are already "in" may "call," and the hands must then be immediately shown; no raises may be made after the bell is rung. If before the draw, the hands must be displayed without drawing.

The rules for "progressing" are as follows: At the head table the players, except the winner of the jack pot, shall cut the cards in turn, and the two lowest ones shall "progress" downward to the booby table. At all the other tables the players who have won the last two pots shall progress to the next higher table. Should the last two pots at any table have been taken by any one, the remaining players shall cut, and the highest shall progress to the next table.

ALL SORTS.

When two fat people run against each other it can be properly spoken of as a mass meeting.

Sir William Turner calculates that the force of a full-grown whale's tail is not less than 145-horse power.

The minstrel who is guyed by the audience on account of antiquated jokes knows what a "roasted" chestnut is.

"I reach and reach, but cannot grasp," writes a poet. The bartender has been forbidden to sell him anything.

Pugilists are not allowed to strike below the belt, and yet when they strike the nose they hit the scenter of the body.

Mrs. Goodington says she doesn't think much of anonymous writers. Nine cases out of ten nobody knows who they are.

Sunday School Teacher: Now, can any little boy tell me what Easter is celebrated for? Good Little Boy (eagerly): Eggs.

The New York Times says the "Mormons are after a State." There is one state they have already got—a little too much. It is the married state.

First Actor: I see Mrs. Brown Potter says she is going to elevate the stage. Second Actor: So I see. She must have been reading some of those high hat jokes.

Mrs. James Brown Potter says she is going to elevate the stage. No use, it's high enough now for the bald heads on the front seats to see comfortably.

One part of pure india rubber melted and two parts of common vaseline is said to be an excellent lubricant for brass. It is non-corrosive and lasting.

A Tennessee man has invented a whisky flash with a music box on the bottom. He had probably noticed that the band always plays at the menagerie.

John L. Sullivan says that all America is behind him. If this be true then "all America" never had a more opportune moment for kicking in all its life.

In talking over the recent cold "snap" a Louisvillian declared very earnestly: "We are bound to have some cold weather in March even if we do not get it till April."

Howells' novel-writing genius comes from his Quaker grandmother. She lived next door to a professor of penmanship and fine writing was quite a novel thing in those days.

Young man, have you ever attempted to take an eel by the tail? No? Well, then, try to take a woman at her word, and you'll soon find out how easy the former undertaking is.

Little "Richy," an uptown toddler, wasn't feeling very well, and his mother solicitously inquired what was the matter. "I feel as if some of me was dead," was the expressive reply.

"Do you think Dudekins is getting ahead?" asked a friend of Colonel Sozzle. "Should say he was," replied the Colonel; "he had about a dozen drinks towards it when I last saw him."

"I wouldn't be a fool, if I were you," said the Fusion editor of the Grand Rapids Leader to an Anti-Fusion Greenbacker. "I wouldn't," responded the latter; "but I would if I were you."

The way to be happy is to be good to other people. You want to do your level best to convince other people of this. It is well that they should make themselves happy by being good to you.

At Lenten service. Miss Molly—Come in our pew, Kate. Miss Kate—Oh, no, come in ours. We've got such nice comfortable kneeling cushions! They don't strain your polonaise a bit.

Simon (going upstairs): Whew! my breath is getting weaker and weaker every day. Tomson (edging away from him): Great Cæsar, man, you don't mean to say it ever was any stronger!

A telegraph wire is now being brought out in England in which the steel is made to cover and surround the copper. The wire is said to be drawn from compound metal, consisting of a hollow ingot of steel filled with copper.

A system of farm irrigation by sewage from Paris has for some little time been practiced at Gennevilliers very much to the detriment of the public health. It is thought it will have to be discontinued on that account.

Clergyman (to dying man): "Be joyful, brother; you will soon be in a better place." Dying Bostonian: "The idea? Why, dear sir, you can't have seen Boston at all. You've just arrived by rail, I suppose."

It was an Irishman at the race-course who offered to bet "$50 that the third horse 'll come in first." A score of bystanders offered to take the bet with a spontaneity that caused the Milesian to withdraw his bet.

A useful cement for experimental use, it is said, is made from equal quantities of gutta percha and white pine pitch melted together. The compound should be without lumps. It improves by remelting and softens at about the temperature of boiling water.

With land at $20 an acre, one glass of beer at five cents represents a piece of ground nine feet wide and twelve feet long. Remember this, and when a fellow asks you to drink tell him you will take five cents worth of real estate instead.

Citizen—to prohibitionist—"You, of all men, ought to be the last to oppose this bill. If you cannot kill an evil, why not restrict it." Prohibitionist—"Friend, thee understandeth not my position. It is all rum or no rum."

If those poor people who lost their lives by the railroad bridge disaster on the Providence road had gone by boat to New York they might have been burned to death in a Buffalo hotel cremation. No one knows what Providence has in store for him.

They were playing an old-fashioned game, and having just the best kind of a time, when just as pretty Miss Tatting cried out, "Button, button, who's got the button?" old Married-man cast a gloom over the game by drawing a nail from his pocket, and saying, "Here it is."

On the tombstone of a little negro girl who is buried near Wetumka, Ala., is the following: "Henri Ritti Demi Ritter Emmi Ritter Sweetpotato Cream Tartar Caroline Bostwick, infant daughter of Bob and Sukey Catlin." It is not strange that the girl died young.

The little folks have a wonderful gift of expression, even if their vocabulary is somewhat limited. Little "Richy," an up-town toddler, wasn't feeling very well, and his mother solicitously inquired what was the matter. "I feel as if some of me was dead," was the expressive reply.

Amateur Artist (to friend)—It's rather an ambitious subject, Charley. I call it "The Gathering of the Hosts."

Friend—What does that big flock of eagles signify, Fred, or are they vultures?

Amateur Artist (faintly)—Neither, Charley; they are angels.—Life.

A BEAUTY IN TROUSERS.

Mrs. Jenness Miller, a Rising Star of the Feminine Firmament.

Washington Letter in Savannah News.

The rising star in the feminine firmament is Mrs. Jenness Miller, the beautiful young advocate of hygienic clothing. Mrs. Miller has just left Washington for New York, where she gives her lecture under distinguished auspices, thence proceeding to Chicago and other points west. The title of her discourse is in itself striking: "Some Reasons Why Women of To-day are Less Beautiful Than Mother Eve." I spent an hour or two the other day with this new light, and was greatly impressed with her in every way. Mrs. Jenness Miller is fortunate in having a husband who admires her reform in dress to such an extent that he thinks all women look "perfectly hideous" beside her. And he is right; they do. Her form is exactly like that of Powers' Greek Slave, now to be seen at the Corcoran Gallery. In features she resembles Mary Anderson, for whom she has often been mistaken. She has the deep sonorous voice of Mary Anderson, too, and this and all her other good points the attributes to her obedience to the laws of hygiene. In writing for a promiscuous audience it is difficult to describe minutely the various innovations on established female attire which Mrs. Miller has made, and which she insists are necessary to health. But let me frankly say she discards that time-honored garment which has the French name; and also, that she wears the breeches. So do all women, really; only theirs are trumpery little things not worth speaking of. Mrs. Miller's trousers are respectable, gentlemanly affairs, but they are very retiring. They do not descend below the ankle. She wears no petticoat, that other time-honored garment which has become synonymous for its wearer, so thoroughly is it identified with woman.

"I swear I saw a petticoat," says Sir Peter Teazle, "in Joseph Surface's rooms."

Mrs. Miller's gown is all in one piece, the skirt attached to the body; its weight depends from the shoulders, therefore the tender organs of lungs, heart and abdomen are subjected to no pressure. What a boon to suffering womankind it would be could this change in female attire become thoroughly engrafted in the habits of the sex! Mrs. Miller differs from all previous female dress reformers, in that she advocates the richest apparel that money can buy if one possess the wherewithal to obtain it. Her husband being in the dress-goods business would naturally forbid her taking the sackcloth and ashes view of the wardrobe question.

THE DAKOTA FLOOD.

The Experience of a Train Conductor in the Inundated District.

ST. PAUL, March 28.—F. B. Thayer, a Pullman car conductor on the Northern Pacific road, gives the following account of a perilous trip of a party of twelve, made across the river at Bismarck Thursday night. His orders were to cross the river, and he managed to hire five men to take him and six passengers across in a yawl. The flood was at its height, the Missouri River was full of floating ice, and it seemed almost impossible for a boat to live in the angry current.

In crossing the river the boat collided with an ice floe, and it seemed as if the party would go to the bottom. Darkness soon set in and the party determined to remain at the anchorage, secured from the tree tops which were a few feet above the water. In this way the night was spent and the sufferings of the unfortunate occupants of the boat were terrible. The roaring of the river and the crackling of the ice were simply awful. At times the party could not make themselves heard; to add to their discomfiture the screams of two mountain lions, probably imprisoned in some tree top, could plainly be heard. The weary hours finally wore away, and with benumbed hands the boat was unfastened from its moorings shortly after daylight, and drifting down the stream was finally got ashore.

A Tell-Tale Button.

From the New York Tribune.

The push-button telephone is one of the cheapest of modern inventions. It can be manufactured, the English journals