#### YOUTH'S DEPARTMENT. FIRST ATTEMPT AT COURTING.

BY LARRY. I sat on the fence in the moonlight, Watching an open door;
A maiden appeared in the doorway, And a dog was on the floor.

I approached this lovely maiden, And offered her my hand,
When that dog began his howling,
That reminded me of a band.

But I still kept on my journey, And the maiden stepped back in fear The dog sprung out from his station As fierce as a big brown bear.

At this I took my departure, And made for that old board fence; And the dog-well, you can imagine I haven't seen him since.

#### ASHAMED OF THEIR MOTHER.

The advantages of education and refining influences that some daughters are enabled to enjoy through the years of toil of a hard-working mother and father, who have never known other than the never-ceasing round of money-making and saving, with no time for mental improvement, semetimes prove, after all, anything but a blessing to those parents who, having been deprived them-selves, long to give their child all that money will buy in they way of accomplishments that to them seem so de-

sirable.

If at heart the daughter is all right, she will never give them one moment's pain by a shudder of disgust at some ungrammatical expression, or a laugh of liefs upon a divine basis, that of the Bible. contempt at their lack of knowledge of But the history of its own movements things which, of course, she is thoroughly and variations, extending now through familiar with.

stays at home or looks after his business interests and thus avoids the more ants employ it, furnishes no substantial numerous wounds the old lady, who is basis whatever for religious belief, and

fashioned party, who unfortunately hapdeprecatingly shrugs her shoulders for Bible itself, instead of reverencing it. the benefit of outsiders, if she does not

one who bore you may be illiterate, she seem coarse, but she is your mother, and no other in the world would do for you same processes of argument; their ulti-

you have not grounded in you the truest form of good breeding, consideration for others, and especially for this dear, hard-worked creature, who loves you as no elegant acquaintance knows how to do.

away, and days of trial and trouble come, and then how you will regret the small spirit that prompted you so often

to take that dear one to task.

It will not matter when she is gone that her information was not that of moral earnestness and more coherence good society, or her manners those of than modern skepticism, because they a born gentlewoman. You will long, oh, started with more positive priciples and so sit cerely, for that voice, and would looked to higher ends.—Publishelphia gladly exchange the culture and refine—Catholic Standard. ment, superior knownledge and social prestige that your new triends possess for the kindly accents and motherly sympathy that was appreciated so little when they were in your possession.

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#### GIRLS INAPPROPLATELY NAMED

It is indeed a blessing that the Kitties Jennies and Lizzies have vanished and staid Katherine austere Jane and regal Elizabeth reign in their stead. They may sound wonderfully prim and sedate when addressed to the tiny creature of ling the young, and homes are very much a few years of age, but no matter what as women make them.—Samuel Smiles, you call a baby while it is such it is positively the loveliest thing on earth, whether Katherine or Kitty, but when that sweet period of babyhood has passed. isn't it perioctly ridiculous to call the austere young maiden of literary tendencies anything so frivolous as Kitty How many Lillies prove to be dark swarthy, masculine-looking women Blanche is a decided brunette, Mignon nearly six feet tall and averse to pet names. Portia is a rosy, laughing sprite who doesn't look her name a tiny bit, and royal Victoria is tacked unto a meck girl who will never look anything but Vickey. Rebecca becomes Becky, simply because so dignified a name with the frivolous creature who owns it.

Perhaps if we were to choose our own names we would do no better, for certainly the non-deplumes of certain writers are wonderfully funny and incongruous. "Snowdrop" proves to be a middle aged woman, wearing glasses and short hair. "Ajax" is assumed by a frightened looking youth, who must be in constant terror over his own lurid sentiments, and "Cleopatra" has a face and figure that would have hastened her asp. We are a batch of contradictions names, as well as in hundreds of other S.E., England. things, we only carry out the strongest characteristics of our race.

#### MODERN SKEPTICISM.

Religion a Necessity; the Bible Insuffi-cient; A Fine Editorial.

The world has "advanced" from one form of doubt and disbelief to another, until it doubts its own doubts and is utterly skeptical as to whether truth and reality exist at all. Ideas chish with ideas, sentiments with sentiments, opinions with opinions. Each has its own little band of advocates for a time, but none of them acquire the consistency and strength which deep-scated convictions, even though erroneous, exert. Our age is an age of speculation on every subject that can claim the attention or engage the thoughts of men; of speculation which starting from no certain basis, form of doubt and disbelief to another,

guided by no certain belief, and directed towards no certain object, is as aimless and changeable in position and movement as a chip floating upon the waters, tossed by every ripple and impelled by

every fitful gust of wind.

Hence religion, that is, divinely revealed teligion, with its sublime, unchanging and changeable verities, its mysteries transcending human reason to understand or explain, yet commending themselves to our highest reason, and satisfying the highest aspirations of the human heart, as nothing in the merely natural order can, has become a by eword and a theme for ridicule, outside of the communion of the Church.

Men, it is a true, are constantly talking about religion; constantly talking about duties, and right and wrong, the only basis for which is to be found in religion. It is impossible to glance over even the lowest and most demoralizing newspaper without finding some references to religion in them, and some attempts, however, erroneous, feeble, or absurd, at stating or discussing religious principles. This is the case because men simply cannot do without religion. It is a necessity of their existence as spiritual beings; as much so as eating and drinking are necessities of physical existence. But while thus unconsciously driven to tes-tify to the needs and wants of their own spiritual nature, they seek to satisfy those wants by mere speculations, in venting countless theories, and striving to give to their mere imaginings the force of reality, though at the same time they deny the very basis of reality in religion

-divine revelation and authority. Nor does Protestantism form an exception to these remarks. It professes, it is true, to rest its various and varying bea period of upwards of three hundred Every day the dry-goods shops, the years, ought to be sufficient proof to street cars and the promenades see this Protestants themselves, as it is to all type of mother and daughter. Father others, whether Catholics or non-Catholies, that the Bible, employed as Protentso proud of the pretty young daughter, no basis for any authority outside of what man himself creates, and which, The girl thinks nothing of correcting consequently, man can also repudiate the mother openly. She even tries in the street cars to obtain a seat as far as the professed foundation of all the various possible, so that people will not guess at her relationship to the high-voiced, old-fashioned party, who unfortunately happens to be her mother, and if any blunder occurs, she smiles pityingly, and truths is impossible, and has thus practically led men to doubt and discard the

The ultimate tribunal, too, which Proabsolutely apologize in so many words concerning that which she gives everyone to understand is very much beneath with the same with the same that every rationalist appeals to against that every rationalist appeals to against that every rationalist appeals to against breeding.

Ah! girls, do not wound the tender mother's heart by such actions. The testantism professedly opposes rationalism and skepticism, in reality it fosters may do things that to your finer taste and promotes them. They start with mate results are the same, the only difwhat she will.

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I mate results are the same, the only difference being that one has advanced a greater distance on the road along which all three are travelling.

It is not surprising, therefore, that modern skeptcism reigns supreme in the non Catholic world, nor that even with Time will come when that form is laid the supremacy it has acquired, it lacks consistency and earnestness of conviction, even in its own declarations. In this respect it falls far below the skepticism of ancient pagan times. The skeptical schools of those times had more

#### A Perfect Cook.

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by lost .- Cardinal Manning.

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#### HOUSE AND HOUSEHOLD.

THE MOTHER'S HOUR.

In every real sense all hours are the mother's own, from the time of her child's babyhood to the twilight of his later life. No human tie is so close as the mystic band which unites a mother to her children. Their lives, once identical with her children. cal with hers in every heart-beat and every thought, are never altogether dis-severed whole life lasts, and the man is For I love thy wild monotone. indeed an ingrate who, under any provo-cation speaks slightingly of the mother who cradled him in her young arms, and who remains through all decrease and indeed an ingrate who, under any provocation speaks slightingly of the mother who remains, through all chance and change, all loss and gain, his champion,

his defender.
"This world never felt so cold before," said a man, middle-aged, prosperous and self-reliant. "Mother died last week: I realize that I must henceforth breast the storms alone."

Yet there are hours and hours. The wise mother, appreciating her opportunity and the preciousness of the gift of God which enables her to take part in carrying forward the race, is chary of certain times and seasons, which are peculiarly hers for impression and for delight. One of these seasons comes toward the sunset, when it is time for the nursery supper, and the frolic before the children go to bed. Then, if she can, the mother secures a blessed half hour with her darlings, talking over the day and its problems, petting, cuddling, receiving confidences, and sending the children to their nightly rest happy and tranquil. The mother is more than mistaken—she is cruel—if at this time she withholds a caress or speaks in reproof or criticism, except that which is most gentle and loving. No shadow should be suffered to fall on a little heart at bed time, however important the occasion may appear for discipline. Above all, if the mother prize her privileges aright she will herself hear her children say their nightly prayers. Too sacred a duty to be left even to the most trustworthy of nurses, at this rite the mother officiates, associating her own presence and influence with the devotional habit, which, if formed at all must be tormed early in child's life. And after the little ones have grown to girlhood and boyhood, to a cer-tain independence of care and the de-ve opment of their own individualities, who but the mother has still the freedom of their rooms, and who else, ex-cusing herself for a little while from the drawing room and the society of friends can glide softly in for a few moments' chat and a good night kiss upon the un furrowed foreheads and the rounded cheeks so softly resting on the thornless pillows of youth and health? The mother's hour is worth watching for, lest it evade her in the absorption of her intensely occupied day, or under the pressure of her social obligations.

#### NOTES OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

What is civilization? I answer, the power of good women-Emerson.

Our domestic affections are the most salutary basis of all good government.-Disraeli.

If the wemen who look much into mirrors, reflect as much as the mirrors do, they might look into them less.

Unless an Austrian gains the consent of his wife, he cannot get a passport to journey beyond the frontier in his own

cism of ancient pagan times. The skeptical schools of those times had more moral carnestness and mere coherence than modern skepticism, because they started with more postitive priciples and looked to higher ends.—Pailodishidia Calbelle Steadard.

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#### MAKE THE WORLD BRIGHTER.

They may be the most exemplary characters in the world, but they are certainly very disagreeable to meet, those persons who teel it their duty to tell you everything that is unpleasant re-Remember that no penitent son can garding your past, present or future perish. And no soul that loves God can your personal belongings and your own appearance.
It would certainly be in better taste.

laying aside the moral aspect of the case, that compels them to say masty things, if they would keep their thoughts to themselves.

What is the use of cajoling your con-science into the belief that it is your duty to remind your next door neighbor that she did not always keep a horse and carriage and wear stylish gowns. She knows it as well as you do, and she cer-tainly won't thank you for bringing up unpleasant memories that she is doing her best to bury. It is only a mean, spiteful disposition with no religious side to it that makes you repeat to a so called friend all the disagreeable things you have heard about her, taking good care to conceal all the pleasant words that would more than counterbalance the harshness. Do try and say only kind things; repeat the good and ignore the evil.

Cover up old wounds, instead of dutifully tearing away the bandages to let them bleed afresh. Your duty is to make the world brighter, not gloomier, and you will do to others as you would like to be done by, you will have arrived at the correct definition of that much abused term.

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I love thee, my green sod, my own native land.

My sword is ne'er sheathed in the cause of thy glory, My voice is e'er ready to sound thy war-cry; My heart's blood I freely would shed in thine

For I love thy wild mountains, thy lakes and eye is Than thee, O my country! then ne'er let us

-A.F.R.C.



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