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"Miss Ramsden has expressed my own sentiments," Aymer chimed in. "Never have I been cast for a pathetic role that my nose hasn't begun to titillate till I was forced to contort my countenance in such a hideous manner that the spectators giggled when they ought to have wept. So we are at the end of our resources, and have come to no decision," he said, when the laugh raised at his expense had died away. "Cannot you help us, Viva? You know what taith we all

have in your inventive genius."
"There was a pause, during which Lady Vivien meaitated, and indolently fanned herself. Sir Innis gianced up from the book in which he professed to be absorbed, and mentally acknowledged that no tairer picture had ever greeted his eye than the queenly figure in those nowing robes of white, her face-robbed by her fall of its customary hue-scarcely as rosy a pink as the nowers in her bosom; her eyes haif hidden by the heavy lashes resting on the delicate cheeks, her attitude less tately, but infinitely more feminine, and therefore more charming, than usual.
"I have an idea," she said at last, and with one accord, everyone drew nearer to her, eager to hear what new mode of pastime she had invented.

CHAPTER XXI.

"I have been thinking," said Lady Vivien to her attentive auditors, "that we might get up a series of national dances. Our hum-drum quadrilies are very wearying; while, on the other hand, a regular fancy ball would in-voice our gathering together all the

county families, or affronting them.

"Go on," said her brother. "At present you are not very lucid."

"Impatient!" she cried scornfully.

"Everyone understands me but you. Each lady present shall pair off with a gentleman, and select and learn one of the quaint dances peculiar to some country or district, cancing in appropriate costume on the night appointed. You may be Hungarians, Tyrolese fixedes, or what you will, only the ress and the dance must accord."

"A capital idea," said two or three, while the ladies began to gravely speculate as to which continue would speculate as to which costume would

be most becoming to themselves. a good old-fashioned dance, a morrice, or cotillion, or Sir Roger de Coverley: and at the close, the representatives of all the nations shall combine in a Greek romaika."

"Are we to decide for ourselves what we shall dance?" asked Lotty Rams-

"Certainly. I shall only throw out a few hints. When I say that Mrs. Carmichael in powder and patches, and a brocaded court robe of the time of George III., would sail through a minute with Mr. Douceby charmingly, I do not propose to restrict her to that. And though I think the Spanish cachucha, or the dances and dresses of the Biscayan of Italian peasantry, would admirably suit Miss Estridge and her sister, they are at liberty to make other selections."

The proposal was received with great approbation. Everyone began to rack his or her brain, and to try to remember all they had ever heard respecting Polish and Spanish national dances, and questions were heard on all sides. Had the Swiss any national measures, or the Tyrolese, or did they only in-dulge in Jodels and the Ranz des Vaches; and what could those old English dances have been of which we read under the puzzling names of corantos, and galliards, and lavoitas?

But no voice rose as high as those of Jane and Julia Estridge, for both had elected to assume the character of Spanish guitanas, and dance a bolero; and the quarrel ran high till Vivien's offer to lend one of them a pink silk costume which, when trimmed with black lace, would do admirably for the cachucha, restored peace.

As soon as he was able to make himself heard, Aymer proposed that his sister and Sir Innis, attired as Queen Elizabeth and the Earl of Leicester, should pace the hall in one of the dances the Virgin Queen approved; but Vivien promptly declared that she had already promised to be Mary Queen of Scots to the Lord Darnley of the Marquis of Mandeville.

Aymer bit his lip and looked annoyed. Not so Sir Innis; his brow was unruffled, and as he smilingly thanked her for sparing him the unpleasant of displaying his awkwardness, Vivien felt, as she generally did when an attempt to shub him, proved

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a failure, that she had been unneces-

against his being a mere spectator. Ramsden, I'm afraid I shall be com-"It is a task to me to struggle through pelled to deny myself the pleasure." a set of quadrilles, so I shall be glad "Miss Smith," said Sir Innis kindly, if I may decline an active part in your as he saw her look of disappointment, entertainment."

"No one ever thinks of, or suggests selyn's substitute, I think I can teach anything for me," complained Cressida. "Lady Esselyn sees no reason saw some Egyptian Almehs or dancwhy I should not dance a polka-ma-zurka in the lovely Parislan costume I up the Nile."

"Query," interposed Aymer. "Do the grave followers of Zoroaster trip it lightly as they go to the measures of the last new polka? Let us be as consistent as we can, and so tell me, Cressy, do they?"

"He must be mercenar Nothing will induce me to "We do not know that they don't," Cressida argued, profoundly. "It says all these pains to oblige that stupid in somebody's novels that they have Cressy."

European furniture, and why not European dances? Besides, my dress is so becoming—at least, it will be when it is finished, for it is to be copied from Byron's Maid of Athens."
Smiles began to appear on the faces

of her hearers, and Jane Estridge sarcastically commented on the young lady's defective geography; but Cresgood-humoredly defended her-

ber the capitals of all the different graceful attitudes; in another the countries, because if one should ever pretty widow Swan, had glided, and happen to really want to know, there's always plenty of gazetteers and geograppies in every house.

I wished you had impressed that upon me before I racked my poor brains in a college," said Aymer; "then at the examinations I could have blandly referred the dons who were catechising me to the books on their shelves. 'Why ask me those things, my dear old fellows?' I should said, 'when modesty compels me to admit that you'll find them all, explained in much better language than mine, within those mighty tomes.' But tell me, fair Persian, who is going to Hassan to your Nourmahal?"

failure, that she had been unneces-arily rude.
"I am no dancer," he averred, when lighted, and so on, but having agreed two or three of the ladies protested to attempt a tarantella with Miss

"if you will put up with me as Es-

The offer was gratefully accepted: but Vivien looked after the baronet, as he led Cressida away to show her an engraving in a volume, and her beauti-

"He must be mercenary after all. Nothing will induce me to believe that it is purely from good-nature he takes

Lady Esselyn entered with unusual alacrity into the scheme her step-daughter had proposed, for she had been dreading the trouble amateur theatricals always entailed upon the lady hostess; and three or four days of incessant rain, that would have taxed her energies to keep her guests amused, passed off quite pleasantly, while everyone was rehearsing the intricate pas and movements they intended to execute. In one of the draw-"isn't Athen's in Persia? wen, but ing-rooms Lady Vivien inight be it's somewhere out that way, so it ing-rooms Lady Vivien inight be cannot signify, can it, Viva? I never striving to teach the shy, awkward young marquis to imitate her own attitudes: in another the sunk nearly to the floor in elaborate courtesys, while her partner, Mr. Douceby, sat and looked on, declaring that if he fatigued himself too much in rehearsing the minuete he should be fit for nothing—positively nothing when the evening arrived. In other rooms might be found the damsels who had agreed to represent respectively Scotland and Ireland in white tarlatane, adorned with the nainsigna of shamrocks and

thistles, in silver and green satin.
"I cannot think what made you fix upon the tarantella," Lord Esselyn me, fair Persian, who is going to observed to his chosen partner, Lotty the Nouredden Ali or Bedridden Ramsden, the first time they strolled into the music-room to commence their "Can't you?" asked Cressida, point rehearsal. "I haven't the remotest idea blank. "The dear countess said she knew you wished it." (To be Continued.)

in Woman's Interest

The Beauty of Cleanliness.

"Cleanliness is next to godliness," runs the trite saying. Music is a heavenly art, we know. It is not hard to argue from these two facts that musicians should have a closer acquaintance with cleanliness than mortals who have not a spark of the sacred fire. Yet, so far from this being the case, it is quite the reverse. Ordinary people are not apt to be more scrupulous as to neatness, cleanliness and freshness of garb and person than musicians. In the lobby of the hall where the Federation of Women's Clubs of Pennsylvania is holding its meetingsthat tascinating, gossipy lobby which has lured many a woman away from the burning discussions to which !!!! home club had sent her to listen-stood be most becoming to themselves.

"We will do honor to our nation,"

Vivien went on, "by commencing with noted philanthropist as well, a champion of women's rights in the highest sense of the world; their right to a common sense education, their right, if shop girls or seamstresses, to be paid a living wage, their right to enter the professions if they will, and their capability of composing real music. It was in her relation to music that was most prominent this day, al-

> though it is not to be denied her gown was a greater source of interest to a any visiting club women. She had on such a gown as a beautiful woman might wear, gay in contrast to the somber colors which were generally worn by the delegates. It was a French blue foulard silk, blocked in white, a small pattern, the blocks being not larger than an eighth of an inch. The skirt was very long. The flounce was trimmed with narrow white ribbon put on in points which ran from the top of the flounce to the trailing lengths which lay on the floor—for the skirt touched quite an inch in front and nearly two in the back. About the hips the skirt fitted very closely; the fullness was all thrown to the middle of the back, but no fullness at all showed, and the only sign that the placket was there was a small jeweled brooch which pinned the waist and skirt to-gether, or, rather, pinned the skirt to the belt, which was simply a narrow fold of white foulard. The waist was round, that is, only showed above the belt like a shirt waist, but fitted snugly both back and front, and was finished with a yoke of white foulard. Both the yoke and waist, as well as the sleeves, were covered with diagonal rows of white satin ribbon about half an inch wide, which was stitched on in diagonal rows about an inch apart. The oddest effect of the gown was the joining of the waist and sleeves to the yoke. They went on in rounded points, having the effect of the calyx of a flower as the petals came out of it. There was no fullnes whatever at the shoulders. The collar was of tucked white foulard-and here comes the point of the reflection on cleanliness. There was a tiny white blond—wash blond—ruching inside of the white silk stock. And this wash blond, alas! sadly needed a visit to the tubs. A small detail, perhaps, for the ruching scarcely showed half an inch. Taken in connection with the solled look of the hem of the skirt, which had trailed the whole afternoon on the dusty carpet

of the hall, it spoke volumes of a want of cleanliness, and the art watched over by St. Cecilia. It has certainly been shouted from the housetops that smartness of apparel can never be attained without utter spotlessness. It is as impossible for a woman to make an impression of modishness with a creased gown, as it pression of the same sort unless part • question of temperament whether a woman has this last touch about her or not. Many women who can and do have most beautiful gowns lack the finish needed to carry them off—that well-groomed look; while other women who have to be most moderate in their expenditure for clothes have the air of the well-gowned woman. It should be more than a matter of temperament, it should be a matter of difference between a lady and a would-be aspirant for that title, this cleanliness. Clean gloves, poliched shoes, well-brushed skirts are far more necessary to pleasing and fashionable attire than are gowns imported from Paris. Dressing is an art, not an inexpensive one, by any means, but she who does her dress-

ing with brains wil need scarcely a

purpose successfully that will be used by the woman who gives little thought to the matter, or rather whatever thought she gives does not apply the right kind.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Invitations This Winter Are Almost Telegraphic in Their Brevity.

Of all the oddities of the day, the very queerest is the fashionable New York invitation. A score of hostesses have invented something quite new, and the notes now beginning to go out bear evidence of having been composed on the 1898-99 model. Ingenious is the scheme, and particularly is it adapted to the needs of the busy woman whose

correspondence is overwhelming. For this new note of invitation is almost telegraphic—that is, as regards its brevity. Just the bare "invite" is set down, the facts alone, with no superfluity of language, and no turning of a phrase prettily. Thus the modern fashionable note reads:

"My Dear Mr. Jones: Come and dine with us tonight; 7 o'clock. Sincerely, Celia Brown Smith."

Another would run about as follows: "Come and sup Monday evening." Yet others have simply the words "Come and sup," 'Come and 'tea.' "The latter means that you are invited to drink afternoon tea with the writer of the note on the day given. It signifles that several other people have been asked. You are supposed to know all this. Your would-be hostess acts in the interest of brevity.

Hair Ornaments.

Hair ornaments are more universally worn than ever; and every article from an aigret to a stickpin is in vogue. Evening coiffures are crranged high, and in spite of all reports to the contrary, the pompadour remains popular. It is less extreme, but is combed over a small roll and stands out well at the sides. Little curls of the careless variety are finding their way on foreheads. In Paris the coiffure is arranged quite high in a loose loop. In it are worn jet wings, Louis XIV. knots of velvet or colored ribbons, and in some instances a band or twist of ribbon encircles the coiffure and ends in a smart bow. Jeweled aigrets are one of the extreme novelties, and they are certainly very effective, although somewhat pronounced. Lace wings with white aigrets and various flowers arranged with loops and ends of ribbon are seen, as are also compons of lace

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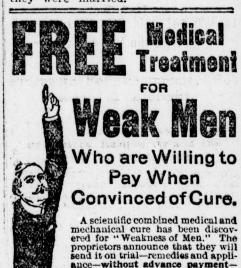
His Views on the Philippines-A Revenue Problem.

Washington, Nov. 29 .- Mr. Dingley's view on the Philippines question may be somewhat affected by Canadian tar-iff lessons. In the course of a talk yesterday with a Washington Star interviewer he said: "In the discussion of the open door policy I notice that many papers assume that it is the uniform policy of Great Britain in her relations with her colonies. It should be borne in mind, however, that there is a conspicuous exception to this in the case of Canada, her most important colony, which admits imports from Great Britain at 25 per cent less duty then they are admitted from the United States and other countries. It is understood that this policy was adopted by Canada, if not on the suggestion, at least with the approval, of Mr. Chamberlain, British secretary for the colonies, and that he is urging other colonies of Great Britain to give a similar preference to that country. It should borne in mind that a very vital point as to revenue is involved in the possible admission of Porto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines into the Union as territories or states. These tropical islands are capable of producing every pound of sugar and many other tropical products that the United States consumes. If they should be admitted into the Union in such a manner as to extend our tariff over them, and there-by allow the free importation of their products, we should probably lose not less than \$60,000,000 of revenue annually, which would be a very serious situation under existing conditions. of these difficulties only serve to emphasize the soundness of the suggestion that the true policy for the next year is to continue the military ad-ministration of whatever islands fall into our hands, and in the meantime make such a thorough investigation of every phase of the serious problems which must be met as will properly prepare us to meet them with wise leg-

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