CARRISONED BY WOMEN,

Talleyrand, the famous statesman, used to tell a remarkable anecdete. "I The Historic Tragedy of a Little Hamlet in the Carpathian Hills. remember, he said, "upon one eccasion having become gifted for a single moment with an unknown and nameless power. I know not to this hour whence it came, it has never once returned, and yet upon that one occasion I saved my life. I was then at New York, and had resighted a ship, in concert with my A quiet little valley, shut in on every side by dark hills; a long, low, many windowed building far below, with red roof and white walls, past which barely visible at this height—curve the little is not threads of the railing. slender iron threads of the railway; a painted paliside across the road about 100 yards beyond it, marking the point where the Austrian Empire ends and the Principality of Roumania commences; a few tiny cottages a little further down the valley (each encircled by its own pool of filth) which are the sole representatives of the "Predeal" that makes such a figure in the local good fellow, of whose friendship I had not the slightest doubt. Everything was embarked for our departure; bills were all paid, and farewells all taken, and we were waiting for a fair wind with most eager expectations, being pre-pared to embark at any hour of the that makes such a figure in the local pared to embark at any hour of the day or night in obedience to the warning of the captain. This state of uncertainty seemed to irritate the mind of poor Beaumetz; he grew remarkably restless. One day he entered our lodging, evidently laboring under great excitement, although commanding himself to appear calm. I was engaged at that moment in writing letters to Europe; maps. Probably not one foreigner in a hundred has ever heard of even the name of Predeal, but among the native population it has gained an imperishable renown from the memory of a great crime and a fearful tragedy. When he armies of Russia pame swarming through the Carpathian passes in 1849, to appear caim. I was engaged at that moment in writing letters to Europe; and, looking over my shoulder, he said, with forced gayety, "What need you waste time in perusing these letters? they will never reach their destination. to crush by sheer weight of numbers the gallant Hungarians, whose valor had swept away the blustering tyranny of Austria like chaff before the whirlwind, it was by way of Predeal and the Tomos Gorge that the destroyers advanced upon the doomed town of Kezdi Vasarhely. But even these grim soldiers afterwards, displayed an unusual offi-ciousness in aiding me to close my desk, and doing other services to quicken my departure, which, at the time, I attributed to his restless desire for chilled with a nameless horror at the first sight of the town. Not a living soul was to be seen. Every house was fast shut and barred, and the only sound heard was the dismal toll of the church bell, which seemed to be lament-ing over the dead. And well it might, for every man of the population had fallen in the lost battle of that morning, and the houses were garrisoned only by women and children, who had sworn not to survive the ruin of their country. Shaking off their first terror, soldiers began to force the doors of the uses, and the final tragedy Every house became a fortress from which stones, boiling oil, and scalding water rained down upon the assailants, heaping the forsaken streets with the dying and the dead. Savage yells, shrieks of anguish and the cease less crackle of musketry filled the outer air, while the mournful bell boomed drearily through the uproar; but those within fought in stern silence, neither giving nor asking mercy. Till nightfall this superhuman combat raged, and then the wearied slayers began to hope that their work was done. But just then a shower of firebrands, cast from the church tower overhead, by the crippled boy who had tolled the deathall, fired the dry roofs of the houses, and the whole town was soon one red and roaring blaze, in which victors and vanquished perished together.—
Correspondence Philadelphia Press.

Superstitions About the Blind.

The superstitions about blind people are so many and so queer as to seem to belong to the sixteenth rather than to be sometimes as the superstitutions about the Blind.

In and left him, and he surface word. A few days repose, bleeding, abstinence, completely restored him to his former sentence. the nineteenth century, says the Principal of the Pennsylvania Institute for the Blind. Many well educated persons suppose that the blind can see in the dark, and that they can hear to a super natural extent, and some who are not particularly learned profess to believe that they exert an evil influence over children. It is a theory that the plea-sure of smoking depends on the satisfaction derived from seeing the smoke and fire. As a matter of fact, we have in-

mates who enjoy nothing so much as tobacco. In some cases we have had trouble in curing patients addicted to the use of the weed, and, altogether, I think there is sufficient evidence to disprove the fire and smoke idea. People acquire the art of smoking after their eyesight has been destroyed.

The general make-up of the blind and those that can see is the same. A great number of blind people have lost the use of their eyes before they were three years old. When they grow up they develop characteristics that one might suppose would only come from the ability to see and compare. The little blind girls, who have not much recollect. seldom if ever troubled by them, the stocks in the larger houses being disblind girls, who have not much recollection of what things in the world look posed of between seasons.

Nearly all the trouble from moths like, get somewhere or other a love of dress, and they display all the vanity of the every-day child, who can see and emanates from the furniture, the buradmire itself in the looking-glass. They learn to know what colors suit them, and insist on being at their best. You will, perhaps, think it strange that they will, pernaps, think it strange that they who cannot see appreciate the existence in others of sight, which to them, must be inexplicable and inconceivable, but it is so, and I cannot pretend to account for it. You would think that on their conceans in a public place they would appearance in a public place they would imperfectly realize that other people could know what they were doing without touching them. Yet when our people give exhibitions of calisthenics and gymnastics they display before going before the spectators every symptom of characteristics. It is a mistake to tom of stage-fright. It is a mistake to absolutely essential to the most moderate success in many professions, but is indispensable to the highest grades in all. In Congress, at the bar, in the pulpit, it is, of course, necessary from the very outset, if the very least eminence is to be looked for. But not only in the professions of which oratory is the very foundation, but in every case of life where a certain degree of eminence has been attained, it becomes of equal importance, and the want of it will be equally felt. The merchant and the manufacturer, even the soldier and salor, when they rise to eminence in suppose that nature compensates for blindness by making the other senses more acute. There is a superstition that a blind man can attain a nicer sense of hearing and of touch than a man who is blessed with the use of his eyes. There have been many pretty things said about the beneficence of a system that divided the energy that belonged to a lost sense among the senses that remained. It is true that a blind person learns to tell a good deal that is going on by his sense of heaving. He can tell on by his sense of hearing. He can tell people by their footsteps, but any one can learn to do this if he will take the manufac'urer, even the soldier and salor, when they rise to eminence in their professions, are called upon to speak in public, and grievously suffer if they can ot do so. Many a gallant spirit which never quailed before an enemy has been crushed and his reputation injured by inability to speak in a public assembly or to answer appropriately a complimentary speech at a public dinner. Indeed, the influence of public speaking in this country is not only great, but daily increasing, and it trouble that a blind man is willing to take in acquiring it. I have tried it myself and have succeeded. At one time, after I had devoted some attention to the matter, I could tell a large number of the matter. of the pupils by their knock at my door,

and even now I recognize the taps of many of them.—Philadelphia Press.

Ont.

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light What you failed to perceive at the twilight's last gleaming; crazy concern that through the long night crazy concern that through the long night O'er the bed where you slept was so saucily

streaming?
The silk patches so fair,
The silk patches so fair,
Round, three-cornered and square,
Round three-cornered and square,
Oh, the erazy-quilt manis triumphantly raves,
And maid, wife and widow are bound as its
slaves.

Exchange.

-Vicar-"Did you ever think what you would do if you had the Duke of Westminster's income?" New curate-"No; but I have sometimes wondered what the dalla

what the duke would de if he had power in either sex, however induced, speedily and permanently cured. Enclo e three letter stamps for book of particulars. World's Dispensary Medical Association,

Even a "bosom friend" sometimes refuses to make a clean breast of it,

Come with me and let us take a turn on the Battery." I suffered myself to be persuaded. Beaumetz, I remembered

change. We walked through the crowded streets to the Battery. When we had

left, and then flung himself upon my " 'Tis true, 'tis true, my friend !

Bloths and their Habits.

The Value of Eloquence.

of public speaking in this country is not only great, but daily increasing, and it confers influence and distinction often far beyond the real merits of the speaker,

in reality it generally arises from want of practice, and often coexists with the

The favorite poem of some of those who made wagers is "Bets and I are out,"

mentioned between us."

If there was ne wisdom in the world no-

ne would suspect himself of folly. one would suspect himself of foily.

—West Toronto Junction is within a few minutes of the Union station by the trains of either the Ontario and Quebeo and the Grand Trunk or the Northern. Real estate in the neighborhood has stead fly risen in value and promises to advance still more rapidly. Some of the best lots in West Toronto are to be had the Correct Clarker 205 Young street. freighted a ship in concert with my triend Beaumetz. Beaumetz was a good fellow, of whose friendship I had rom George Clarke, 295 Yonge street.

Boarding-house keeper: "Why, how deftly you carve the beef, Mr. Smith. You must be an adept?" Smith (with a grunt of exertion): "Yes'm, I am; I'm a wood carver by trade."

-Mesers. Parker & Laird of Hilladale, writes: Our Mr. Laird having occasion to visit Scotland, and knowing the excellent qualities of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, poluded to take some with him, and the result has been very astonishing. We may say that in several instances it has effected cures when ailments had been pronounced incurable by eminent practitioners.

A butcher's apprentice presents himsel at the mayor's office to go through some trifling formality. "Who are you? How do they call you?" says the official, desirous of obtaining his name. "How do they call me? Why, this way," replies the youthful butcher, inserting his two fingers in his mouth and emitting a professional yell that fairly lifts the 100f.

-Many a strong frame has been totally wrecked by rheumatism. D. McCrimmon of Lancaster, was cured of chronic rheumatism by Burdock Blood Bitters. It cures all blood impurities.

change. We walked through the crowded streets to the Battery. When we had arrived at the broad esplanade, Beaumets quickened his pace still more until we reached close to the water's edge. He talked loudly and quickly, admiring in energetic terms the beauty of the scenery when suddenly he paused in his mad incoherent discourse—for I had freed my arm from his grass, and stood A gentleman who was traveling through West Virginia went to a house and got food for himself and companion and their horses. He wanted to make payment, but mad incoherent discourse—for I had freed my arm from his grasp, and stood immovable before him. Staying his wild and rapid steps, I fixed my eyes upon his face. He turned aside, cowed and dismayed. "Beaumetz," I shouted, "you mean to murder me! you intend to throw me from the height into the sea below! Deny it, monster, if you can." The maniac stared at me for a moment, but I took special care not to avert, my gaze from horses. He wanted to make payment, but the woman was ashamed to take any pay for a mere act of kindness. He pressed the money upon her. Finally she said: "If you don't think I am mean, I will take one quarter of a dollar from you, so as to look at it now and then, for there has been no money in this house for a year." The little farm and barter at the store had sup-plied all the absolute wants of the woman. The pink of fashion-artificial blushes special care not to avert my gaze from A nod corner—the family pew.

his countenance, and he quailed beneath it. He stammered a few incoherent -F. Burrows of Wilkesport, writes that he was cured of a very dangerous case of inflammation of the lungs, solely by the use of five bottles of Dr. Thomas Eelectric words, and then strove to pass me, but I barred his passage with extended arms. He looked vacantly right and of five bottles of Dr. Indias Education Oil. Feels great pleasure in recommending it to the public, as he had proved it (for many of the diseases it mentions to cure) through his friends, and in nearly every instance it was effectual. Do not be deceived by any imitations of Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil. Be sure and get the genuine, The thought has haunted me night and day like a flash from the lurid fire of hell! It was for this I brought yo here. Look! you stand within a foot of the

parapet; in another instant the work If there is anything that will make a man cordially hate himself, it is when he takes a walk about a mile to the post-office to find that he has left his keys at yould have been done." The demon had left him, and he suffered me to lead home, and then, on going home after them, to find, on opening the box, that the only thing in it is a card notifying him that his the circumstance was never afterwards box rent is due.

There is nothing equal to Mother Many are not aware that all the pre-sent damage is done when the millers commence to fly, as their very presence No article of its kind has give worms.

commence to fly, as their very presence indicates the absence of the worm. It is to prevent the miller's incubating, that precautions should be taken. A large proportion of the millers never hatch eggs, but die without causing any

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best field for work, where they can be free from annoyance, and find plenty to eat. Many of the furniture dealers of to-day realize their danger, and cleanse the burlap used with naphtha.

It is when the worms are either tired of their food, or it lacks the nourishment that they desire, that they seek an outlet and drop upon the carpet. It is well to examine the furniture once a year at least, to provent such happen. Sixty Harvard freshmen have dropped their Latin, eighty their Greek and one hundred their mathematics. None of them have dropped their baseball or their boating, however, and cellege culture is still safe. vear at least, to provent such happenings.—From "A few facts about carpets."

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