Literature.

A MATRIMONIAL SCHEME.

John Barclay of Barclay, Chumings & Co., looked wearily at the stock of letters which the postman had just deposited upon his desk and then, turning to his

ed to her that we were thinking of

have heard it from

hello, it is addressed to you personally.

It is addressed to me personally, but as manager of the house, Cummings has-

when Phillp opened the envelope he discovered the photograph of a very beautiful girl, and he was puzzled exceedingly

as no gentleman can ignore, I should

At precisely 2 the following day a dainty card bearing the name of Miss Catherine Austin was handed John Barclay by the office boy.

Tell the lady we'll see her in just a minute, he told the boy and then, tossing this young person. We have not yet during the time she may be in our employ show her any attention more than the

and the young partners shook hands. room, with his arm resting on the mantel effect of Miss Austin's appearance upon his partner without being himself ob-

She appeared-tall, lithe, and graceful, wearing very deep mourning. Every bit of her showed the lady, but when she fall down and worship her. She was womanly and queenly. I place the attri-bute of womanliness first, because I consider it the higher of the two. Miss Austin was dignified and perfectly self pos-

After a few words Barclay dictated a skill, and as the result was satisfactory, she was engaged and duly installed. As time rolled by every one in the out-

er office came to regard Miss Austin with admiring deference. One bright day in June, Philip took

Barclay to task in a jocular way. "I've been trying for some time." he consideration,' and I didn't know whether it included bringing a beautiful bouquet every morning from the country and placing it upon our fair employee's desk. Perhaps as you are the author of the ex-

then with a look of mischief in his eyes

replied:
"Yes, flowers are certainly permitted, but most assuredly not bonbons or love

Philip stepped into a hreproof value of safe off the private office, where lec-documents and letters were filed, stepped into a freproof vault or

him to reconsider such a determination, and to remain where he was.

"I love you better than my life," John me new and go with me to Europe."

Philip could almost hear his own heart beating as he waited for Miss Austin's

said, "I am very sorry for you. I'm sure I respect you, but I don't love you and cannot think of marrying you. It is hard to love and not to be loved in return. I know it, for I have suffered it. A silence followed. Then Barclay said, "You must love some other man."

"I do," replied Kate. "Tell me," said Barclay. t—Philip you love?'
'You have no right to ask, and I have no right to tell you," answered the girl

Miss Austin, you have my respect and

Philip heaved a sigh as he heard then go out and close the outside door after the steamer next day and noticed that he was as philosopohical and cyncical as as ever—no more, no less. Then he ter and addressed it to Miss Catherine Austin and posted it at so late an hour that it could not be delivered before the fingers' ends, that profess

While Philip was opening the mail the next morning Miss Austin came and stood at his elbow. She had an opened much agitated.

"Mr. Cummings," she began, in voice calm and exceedingly low, I cannot, me play with her. understand this letter. You say my services will not be required after 12 o'clock Ethel? to-day. May I not beg for an explanation. Although you say your decision to dispense with my services is final and it- as mean as you are. revocable, and I do not wish to appeal from it, still I think that as I have a gest that we grant the request for an faithfully and satisfactorily I have a right to an explanation."

Philip's face was a study for a moment. "You certainly have a right to an ex- and one of them said to him: planation, but I have no right to explain "Be quiet! At your age I was an as my action until after 12 o'clock. If you'll myself,' allow me I shall be most happy to do so

the card over to Philip, continued: I ed to her desk and busied herself with her duties. The clock was on the last stroke of 12 when Philip arose and went

of this firm, Miss Austin," he said, "and is akin to bacon." my wife. I love you-I loved you before I saw you. I even loved your

Miss Austin was weeping hot tears of

ed her. Catherine was silent for a mo-

sent for you, and if my partner had seen it he would certainly would not have per- 33-1yr. mitted me to do so. He always was afraid of handsome women.

Catherine understood it all after ment's reflection. "And why did you wait until you had dismissed me before you asked me to narry you?" she asked.

Philip was about to tell of the compact between his partner and himself, and then he remembered Barclay's violation of it and generously forbore.

"Why?" urged Catherine, notice

"Well, you see, I didn't want any one o say I had proposed to an employee of

his engagement to the beautiful type plague Egypt were but very poor comwriter and expected a storm, but she pany. Sunlight kills germs within a very only said: "It's just as I wanted it to short time. Germs are not found in be. Kate Austin was my chum at Vas- mountain uplands. They must have a sar. Her parents died having lost all moisture, tlampness and darkness. their money, and as I loved her I wanted They multiply in the damp, dark cellar. her in the family. It was I who got her where neither sunshine nor air current was I who directed the letter to you, and it was I who put the picture in the letter is is often as easy—if there was nothing less to be considered in the matter—to

"You just trust a girl for that," ex-laimed Julia. "I had any number of pictures at college, and I told her pictures at college, and I told her when I had any number of Dewey," the world's greatost By Mirat Halstead, the life orts of stories about you. Why, I er in love with you long before she

Humorous.

Professor Wetthedust (a few year nence)-Good morning, Mr. Tiller! Anymy balloons and explosives along Mr. Tiller (American farmer)-Well,

dunno. What's the price of rain now? gentlemen, Miss Discordant will nov sing "Only Once More."

Only Once More," Miss Discordant will sing "Forever and Ever."

She-Which would you rather be little toad in a big puddle or a big toad i a litle puddle?

He (after long and serious thought)-Well, all things considered, I'd rather b big toad in a little puddle. She-There! I have always though

Mr. Lingerer-"I must tell you abou he dream I had last night; ic was an aw

Miss Weary (indifferently)-"Indeed! Mr. Lingerer-"Yes, I dreamed that I vas hundreds of miles away from here." Miss Weary (with enthusiasm) - "Oh,

McSwitters - Even real estate-Syra

Coals of Fire.

Watches. Ethel-Lottie Totkins said you was too mean to live, 'cause you wouldn't let

head I said I hoped her mamma wasn't

At a cafe a group of gentlemen were

discussing politics. A young fellow enhis argument did not please the others

"You are wonderfully well preserved, sir," was the immediate and crushing re

A felon by the name of Hogg once appealed to the witty Sir Nicholas Bacon and besought him to spare him on the score of relationship.

"But," answered Sir Nicholas, "hog is not bacon until it is hung. Until you are hung you are no relation of mine."

TO CONSUMPTIVES.

Miss Austin was weeping hot tears of sorrow now. Philip put his arm about her and drew her to him. She looked up into his eyes.

"I have my answer," he said and kissed her. Catherine was silent for a moment then she said:

"You spoke of my photograph. Where and when did you see it?"

"Why, it came with your letter of application for a position with this house. If it had not, I don't think I should have sent for you, and if my partner had seen

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It was now Cummings' turn to blush, and the affair ended in a hearty laugh on both sides.

Late the same day the firm received a cable which summoned Barclay to London, and he prepared to leave by the steamer which was to sail at at 11 e'clock the following morning.

After the office closed for the night Philip steeped into a fraction of the family after all."

It was I who put the picture in the letter in the letter without her knowledge, knowing you dear, old, susceptible fellow that you could not resist it. I knew that I had only to start the ball rolling and the end would be happy."

But you dear thing, how did you know she would not fall in love with my partner, and then you would not have her in the letter is is often as easy—if there was nothing else to be considered in the matter—to think of some "really work," as a new game. It is surprising how many useful things these little helpers can do with a little thoughtful, patient, supervision from the mother, even less than is often needed to keep them simply amused, and aside from the actual assistance, they are learning habits of industry and helpfulness, which are invaluable.

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