DANCING FOR GERMANY.

How Gentle Maidens Drive to Spend their Pleasantest Years.

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One might write a volume upon the "German" as a moral educator, because of the opportunities it gives to foster some very unlovely traits, as shown by the following inside desk, which is perfectly true:

There were three young ladies who, by virtue of the social position of their fathers, had the assurance of always having partners themselves for the cotillions, if there were men enough to go around, which, because of the scarcity of the masculine article, in Washington, especially at the dancing kind, determined a few winters ago to "boycott" all the girls not in their own clique who came to the city as visitors; and this is the way they managed it: A modishly attractive girl was visiting a senator's wife, but knew very few gentlemen in Washington; for the second ball with whom she was half, for the second ball with whom she was half not have been long, and it so chanced that in a certain quarter the young lady knew but three men besides her own partner. She bribed these men to dance with her own partner. She bribed who had learned the danger signal visitors know. this last, and by making themselves well acquainted with most of the gentlemen dancing that night, including the three the young lady knew, they determined among themselves to regularly "take out" from those whenever the stranger was on the floor before she could do so, in order to prevent her, as she was too modest to "take out" any but an acquaintance, from having any one with whom she could dance except her own partner.

In pursuance of this amiable conspiracy, the three girls actually succeeded in causing the young lady to be left stranded in the middle of the ball room, looking hopelessly at the strange faces of the men who were passed, while the three men she knew were kept by the three girls who had planned this disconcerting for her, for no other reason than a desire to see her perplexed as a contrast to their own bellehip, and to discourage her and other visitors to the city from "poaching upon their preserves" by dividing with them the attention of the few young men in society.

Especially does this particular clique of girls—for though the three who carried out the plan above described are married now, they have their counterpart among families where homes are in Washington—look with disfavor upon congressional families, whether those of cabinet or representatives, though they sometimes, as a party concession, admit the daughters of members to their set, if the latter have lived long enough in Washington for their daughters to grow up here, or if they can succeed at all here, or invite their girl friends to join them in their pleasant homes in the winter, from all parts.

But the real belle of Washington is a girl of 5 higher type than those who plot to buy; one whose pride, good, beautiful, proper and highly accomplished, and a great favorite; she is always surrounded with great with partners for every dance, but says the newer but a good time if other girls are not neglected thereby. "I do think," enthusiastically remarked another young and pretty belle, who is the idol of many admirers, "she is the best girl in the world. She is so sweet to Bashful girl every way. other girls. She is so sweet to Bashful girl every way. other girls. She is so sweet to Bashful girl every way. other girls