# W. C. T.

## A Slave to Liquor.

Terrible Lesson From the Death of Mrs. Callahan-She flad a Model Husband But Her Unconquer= able Appetite Wrecked Her Home.

(From the New York Advertiser.)

There is material for a sheaf of temperance lectures in the story of the suicide yesterday morning of Mrs. Mary Callahan. Blessed with health, strength, and exceptional good looks, with a sober, industrious and kindhearted husband, with five pretty little children and with a comfortable home, she deliberately took to drink, and it was an attack of delirium tremens that made her kill herself.

Her husband, Peter J. Callahan, is an expert hatter, and has, since he married pretty Mary Kelly in Yonkers twenty years ago averaged \$25 a week at his trade. He was never out of work, and in fact kept a place in the largest hat factory in the country for more than sixteen years. In the first ten years of their married life they lived in a cozy frame house in Williamsburg, on which they were paying purchase installments instead of They were getting along happily and comfortably as could be wished when an epidemic of diph-theria in the neighborhood carried off four of their five children. Mrs. Callahan was prostrated by the blow, and had whisky prescribed to help her in her convalescence.

She grew to depend upon the stimulant, and finally became a drunkard. She fought against it, and was so remorseful after a drunken fit that her husband, who did everything in his power to help her reform, had to herself. The drunken fits were infrequent then, but they came oftener and oftener in the usual way as time went on, and after the birth of her last child, five years ago, she became

an habitual drunkard. By this time the payments had lapsed on the little cottage, and the family went to the tenements. Callahan could afford to have rooms in the better class of buildings, and they had all their furniture, but his wife's excesses would sooner or later bring them notice that they must

EEGINNING OF THE END. Then, in her wild excesses, she began to pawn their jewelry, the furniture, and even her husband's clothes, and the rooms they took had to be in the cheaper neighborhoods. Callahan had to lose so much time in taking care of his wife, for his kindness and patience never wavered, that he lost his steady place, but still his well-known skill made it easy for him to keep at work at almost his old

him, in fact, "a saint," and say that face, which was honest and good-hubacco, and went around in the din- heavy debauch. Close behind him came giest of clothes in order that the a little old woman, decently clad. Her mother's reckless waste of money. Two pale and anxious. wekes ago he got a good offer to work at South Norwalk, during 'the rush said, when the boy's turn came. season, and went there on his wife's "It's John Cleary, your honor swearing to keep straight until he "If I break my word again, Peter,"

she said, "I will trouble you no more." Mrs. Martens, who lives on the same floor of the frame tenement at No. 117 Huron street, Greenpoint, said yesterday that Mrs. Callahan kept sober for a whole week, a record for her, and did not succumb to her craze and was noticed to be in a "shaky" condition on Sunday.

LITTLE ONES SAW HER DIE. It must have been a combination of remorse and delirium tremens that made her wake up her little ones at o'clock yesterday morning, kiss them good-bye and cut her throat be-She used her husband's fore them. razor for the deed, and one frenzied slash was enough. She fell to the kitchen floor, and when the neighbors came rushing in, attracted by the her last. The police took the little ones-three girls and two boys, ranging from 12 to 5 years in age-to the station, and from there sent them to the Children's Society, at No. 105 Schermerhorn street.

Lily, the eldest, was the only one who could tell the story of her mother's suicide. The younger ones were hysterical, and could only cry for their father. Mr. Callahan came from South Norwalk in response to a telegram at noon, and saw that the body was prepared for burial. He is a little, softvoiced, prematurely gray Irishman, and his grief was pitiful.

"She was a good woman," he kept saying, "barrin' the drink, an' I never should 'a left her

He will take his children from the society today and go away with them to another neighborhood, where they can forget and where their pitiful story can be forgotten. He can support them nicely, and it may be that he can come to think, as outsiders do, that his wife found the best way out of all her difficulties.

## The Gothenburg Plan.

asked a friend. "What is the Gothen-burg system like?"

Oh," said the tourist, "as far as I can remember, it's something in this way; you order whisky as hot water, and they put it down in the bill as -Home Journal, Boston. TO SUCH USES HAS ENGLISH

COME.
"What is the matter?" I asked of a tall man at the edge of a street crowd. passed on, wondering what a

## Dr. Clark's Attitude.

Boston Mass., dispatch says: Christian Endeavor circles are much stirred up over an attack on Rev. F. E. Clark, D.D., president of the world's and united societies of Christian Endeavor, by Mr. John C. Woolley, the avell known temperance advocate. on account of Dr.Clark's alleged failure to fully ally himself with the prohibition understood to be that Christian Endeacome partisans in any respect.

more.

At Baltimore Miss Frances Willard carried the W. C. T. U. convention with her in a movement to include in fraternal relations Catholics and Hebrews. The question arose on the following resolution:

"Resolved, that Catholic women and nual conventions to ours and to establish branches of the White Ribbon Society within their own borders."

One of the delegates suggested that it might not be quite consistent for the Christian Temperance to ask Hebrews to affiliate. This roused Miss Wil ard. She said: "I want to recognize these two denominations, because in places where I have been, especially in the south, they exhibited sympathy with our work and have extended every courtesy. It has especially touched my heart that in meetings where I have presented the work of this organization among those who have welcomed me to the platform have been the Catholic priest and the Jewish rabbi. They knew what I came for, they knew what I presented, and if they were broad enough to go half way and extend the hand of greeting, should my hand be so small and withered as to not accept the clasp? I want to welcome them to us if they want to

The resolution was aconted. The convention indorsed the woman's temperance publishing association, conducted by women, in Chicago. It indorsed the temperance hospital, which does not administer brandy and other intoxicants in medicine. It rejoiced in the usefulness of the various young people's societies of the churches. It commends organization of a W.C.T.U lecture bureau, and expresses appreciation of the Demorest temperance medal contests. It asked for a place for women on the divorce commissions

of the various States When Armenia was mentioned Miss council of nations on the subject of Armenia. The amendment carried. Resolutions were adopted extending

watch her to see that she did not kill to Theodore Roosevelt "our hearty herself. The drunken fits were in- thanks for his bravery in standing for the right and demonstrating that the saloons can be closed on the Sabbath in New York city," and also express-"our appreciation of the action of Gov. Culberson, of Texas, in preventing the disgrace of a prize fight in that commonwealth.

Mrs. Matilda B. Carse, of Chicago, presented the "temple report," showing the progress of raising \$300,000 necessary to clear "the temple" in Chicago of that debt. Mrs. Carse reported \$108,-600 on condition that the balance be

raised by Jan. 1. A resolution was then adopted deploring the numerous outrages upon defenseless women and children, and tion of God to man, of Jesus Christ urging that steps be taken to mold pubase the Divine Savior and teacher, lic opinion, or to secure such legislation as would secure to the victim a greater degree of protection. Invitations were received and referred to the committee asking that the W.C.T.U hold its next convention in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, Chattanooga and Nashville.

he never spent even a cent for to- mored, was bloated with a long and children might not suffer from the hair was white, and her countenance

"Who's this, officer?" the justice "It's John Cleary, your honor. We've got his mother to enter complaint against him for habitual drinking. We think if he had a month at the island it would give him a chance to pull up." "You can do nothing with him yourself. Mrs. Cleary?" asked the kindly magistrate, who, used as he was to scenes of suffering, was startled by the dumb agony in the old woman's

face. for drink until last Thursday. After "I cannot, sor. It's five years since dom that she did not draw a sober breath, he took to the drink. It's not Johnny's ods. fault. There's four saloons near by. He was as good a boy as ever mother had. He's good now when he's him-

"He's mad when he's drunk," the policeman interrupted. "He tried to kill her twice."

"Sign the complaint, Mrs. Cleary," the magistrate ordered, nodding to a clerk, who laid a printed form on the table before her, saying, "Write your name on that line."

She took up the pen and then turned children's screams, she was gasping to the justice again. Her thin face was bloodless. "Sor," she said, "he's all the child I've got! I've been fightin' the devil for him for five year. If I sign that paper, I'll hev to let him go. He'll never

forgive me. He'll never come home again." "It's the only chance to save him," the officer said. 'She wrote her name. John was told

to stand up. "Now go into the witness-box," policeman directed her. "You must swear agen him." Her foot was on the step. She suddenly turned. "I can't swear agen him!

I can't!" She clutched her breast with "It's killing me! Johnny, both hands. come here!" Her son sprang toward her, but she

fell at his feet. She was dead when he lifted hier. "Mother! mother! I'll quit the drink!" the startled lad cried. But she did not answer. The physicians said it was

An ambulance was summoned. Some one whispered to the justice. said, and the "Discharged," he wretched lad followed his dead mother home, to be probably held by his vile pauper's grave.

## A Woman's Colony.

A great deal of fuss has been made nouncement that Dr. Mary Walker has founded, or is about to found, a colony in America for women alone, "It's a drunken lady," he answered, where they are to live from the age of 15 to 35 without seeing or speaking to men. The idea, of course, is an absurd one, but all the tall talk that has on the death of a 2-year-old child, the been indulged in about it is yet more absurd; for every nunnery from time immemorial has been based on the same principle, with the addition that the pledge of celibacy has in them been a life-long one. Besides this, monesteries, in which men have shut themselves up under a vow not to see or speak to women, preceded nunneries, have existed for hundreds of years, party. President Clark's attitude is and continue to exist. So rigid is the seclusion of the male sex in these inparties and reform them rather than tery has been the sole place of resi-

The Big Convention at Baltiers have been excluded from the precincts. There is an amusing story in the life of Philippa of Hainault, who, having long been separated from her husband, King Edward III., on one of his campaigns against the Scots traveled to rejoin him, and found him staying in a monastery. The Queen was allowed to enter and dine, but when, thinking no harm, she began to make her preparations for staying the night. the monkish vows interposed, and the Hebrew women should be invited to poor Queen was obliged to reassume send fraternal delegates from their an- her outdoor costume and go forth in her outdoor costume and go forth in the dark to take refuge in a laborer's cottage. Does Dr. Mary Walker's "Adamless Eden" even approach in austerity these male customs and regulations?-Woman's Signal.

There are now before the churches gational.

The Papal proposes that the Prothat Christ is an absentee, and denies the ill-breeding of the well-bred. that presence of Christ in the heart of The prevalence of bad manners is churches.

churches shall surrender something make its power felt in the diplomatic both of their sacred traditions and of matters, and it is because the emphamunion in bread and wine. The libtative the theological definitions of the etiquetts is: being of the church. We have here- after her own fashion. tofore pointed out the reasons why we do not think church union can be secured on such a basis as this.

reported in another column, four articles as a basis of Christian union. These are the acceptance of the Scriptures as the only authoritative revelaof the Church of Christ as the body commissioned to preach his gospel, and of liberty of conscience in the interistration of the church; and on this is boorishness, and neither fine clothes basis is proposed a confederation of nor a heavy bank account can make with anything of Miss Vesey's," I said pretation of the Bible and the adminand Christian churches to aid in establishing the kingdom of God in the world. The plan of the Congregation ceive her air to be. The aggressive lists differ from that of the Friguette of sold inversely belower to the content of the Ine one good point in his wires behavior was the care she took of the five youngsters left to them. She kept them well dressed, well fed and clean, and was careful to have them always at school. It was on this feeling that Callahan kept hoping that some day his wife would reform, and he kept patiently bearing with her.

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Deportment appears to be regarded mainly as a matter of fashion in little to accept the Nicene definitions of the open that of the Episcopal assertion of self invariably belongs to convictions or illustrious, and the social position the plebian, even when the lineage is illustrious, and the social position the plebian, even when the lineage is illustrious, and the social position the plebian, even when the lineage is illustrious, and the social position the plebian, even when the lineage is illustrious, and the social position the plebian, even when the lineage is illustrious, and the social position the plebian appears to be regarded may abandonment of religious traditions. The liberal Christian if the accept the plebian appears to be regarded may abandonment o he kept patiently bearing with her excesses and giving every cent to keep up the home.

The neighbors have nothing but the highest words for him. They call baptize by immersion, and receive only the baptized to the communion table; Quaker many maintain neither bapt-

ism nor a communion table. In short. the union which the Congregationalists propose is, first, a union of spirit; a mutual respect for each other's views and each other's work; a recognition dom of God-is more important than means employed-namely, the bishopric, the independency, the sac- well bred. rament, or the creed; and, growing out of this mutual respect, a cordial co-operation in promoting that kingdom of God by these different meth-

It is hardly necessary to say that of these plans that of the Congregationalists appears to us more hopeful of results, more immediately practicand more in accordance with the spirit of the New Testament. One thing, at all events, is certain, this plan can be adopted even by those who e adopted. While we are waiting for lock.

One secret act of self-denial, one sacrifice thoughts, warm feelings, passionate prayers, in which idle people indulge themselves .-[Cardinal Newman.

## Notes and Incidents.

It is computed that the 708 liquor ter about \$100,000 a week.

Madame Antoinette Sterling, the celebrated vocalist and well known tem- afterward learned that the dentist perance reformer, is about to leave made \$500 out of that set of teeth. London for America for several

Cardinal Gibbons sent through Rev. William E. Bartlett greetings to the United States National W. C. T. U. meeting in Baltimore, from the Catholic churches, and a letter in which he said: "The temperance cause is a I am told a good many faise teeth are most vital subject in our day, as on it hangs social order with domestic peace ivorine, etc. If so, the price of teeth and comfort. As the greatest number must naturally go down, and in time habit to a life of shame, ending in a of crimes and disorders may be traced the toothless one will probably be able to intemperance, those who are labor- to replenish his mouth for an absurdly ing in the repression of this vice are low sum. A set of teeth for \$1.25, among the best benefactors to society concluded the dealer, laughing, "would vention will encourage and stimulate ceiphia Times. in various newspapers about the an- you with renewed ardor in the prosecution of the good cause in which you are engaged.'

Baby Died From Whisky. A Marlboro, Mass., telegram says: The report of Medical Examiner Adams son of Patrick Connolly, last night, shows that the child died from drinking

whisky.

The investigation reveals a horrible soon to displace the hot water. whisky. in an intoxicated condition, with an eight-ounce flask of whisky in his pockwho, after drinking, passed it to the children. The elder boy, not caring for the liquor, gave it to his baby brother. who drained the bottle. The little fellow sank into a drunken stupor and in the afternoon. et. The whisky he gave to his wife, dence open to travelers, women travel- d.ed in the afternoon.

### WELL-BRED, ILL-MANNERED.

How People Try to Appear Superior to Their Neighbors.

Some Foclish Fashicrable Antics Fitly

Observers of social phenomena are agreed that a rise, however slight, in the social scale, is invariably accompanied by an eager thirst for knowledge of the etiquette which prevails among those of gentle birth. It is asserted that working girls' clubs, for example, literally devour the don't and do maxims of society, and, ascending in the scale until the millionaire par-Papal, the Episcopal, and the Congrethe well born deportment is a matter the Vesey carriage. of daily home training, and this sup-The Papal proposes that the Proplemented by Turvey dropism in school They have gone by." testant churches shall acknowledge all and seminary. "She will call for it

legiance to the Pope of Rome, and The desire to appear well bred berecognize his divine right to govern the classes, the observer is justified in exchurch. This plan we do not need to pecting, at least among the well-to-do, discuss. It must suffice to say that that the natural man has been pretty Protestants are not able to accept this effectually subdued in favor of the conplan, because they do not find evidence ventional one. Experience does not, however, confirm this very reasonable in such a dress." either in Scripture or in history, that inference. A tour of the summer rethe Pope has such a divine right, and sorts, travel in drawing-room cars, sobecause acknowledging that he is vice- journ at fashionable notels, on the gerent of Christ upon earth assumes contrary, make one long for a brilliant to my mother, she drew a deep inspirasatirist who shall mercilessly scourge tion.

every believer, which is the funda- a reflection on the thoroughness both mental faith of the Protestant of books and etiquette and the professors of deportment. The proper use The Episcopal Church proposes as 2 of table utensils, the proper distribution of Christian union the acceptance of the Bible, of the two great historic creeds, of the two sacrements, rooms, and the length of time one but." and of the historic episcopate. It pro- should wear mourning for one's in-law Willard offered an amendment calling on the United States Government to churches shall surrender something interest; but these are, after all, minor "Oh, hurry, Louise; here's Missing interest; but these are, after all, minor "Oh, hurry, Louise; here's Missing interest; but these are, after all, minor "Oh, hurry, Louise; here's Missing interest; but these are, after all, minor "Oh, hurry, Louise; here's Missing interest; but these are, after all, minor "Oh, hurry, Louise; here's Missing interest; but these are, after all, minor "Oh, hurry, Louise; here's Missing interest and the missing interest interest are all minor "Oh, hurry, Louise; here's Missing interest are all minor "Oh, hurry, Louise; here's M their sacred beliefs, in order to secure church unity. The Quaker must accept water baptism and a visible com- social savages are in the minority in caught amid the trailing folds of the every circle. Deliberately or accident-silk, and I fell at length upon the eral Christian must accept as authorially, the drift of all the teaching of floor, just as Miss Vesey, with the lisuperior (which is the farthest pos- tion entitled her to, opened the door fourth century. The Congregational superior (which is the farthest postion entitled he ists and the Presbyterians must acside remove from the golden rule of and walked in. cept as essential what neither believes, behavior), and, having learned a and what the first certainly regards as hazardous, if not injurious to the well-

> usually develops what she conceives to like to see mine now. be thoroughbred and impressive hautiness of demeanor. In reality, insolent as haughty as her own (for Capt. Burns action taken at their national council, she is, and nothing more. Those who had followed her into the house), I left seek a veneer of good breeding should the room, and having resumed my own be warned that the haughty pose is dress, returned with Miss Vesey's hangmost difficult to maintain, and that it ing over my arm. requires not less than three generations of cultivation to insure its never de- Streighton had on when we came in,' generating into the impudence of the she exclaimed with an attempt at sartough girl and her brother. To strut casm. "Miss Streighton, would you be to a bank teller's window, and inter- dress with mine?" rupt transactions with earlier comers, assertion of self invariably belongs to out of sight, more discontented than from all supervision. The Baptist may ficialities of behavior, conventional eti-

quette falls short, else to mention only one omission, long ago the art of seeguest, is being privately entertained, that thus early after seeing me he had and surge about the social lion, starthey could keep up the illusion of being

Instances of the ill-breeding of the well bred would fill a volume; the allotted space here is a page, much, in a remark I made to Max after Capt. therefore remains unsaid.-Vogue.

## WHERE FALSE TEETH COME FROM

#### Facts That Will Interest a Large Class of Our Citizons. "Where do false teeth come from?"

said a well-known bone importer, echo- sionately fond of admiration, and tolhope eventual' that another plan will ing a question that a man put to him. erably calculated to shine in the one "Wouldn't you like to know? all Christians to accept the historic creeds, the two sacraments, and the historic Episcopate, we can fellowship quite a mistaken idea, as the majority ly. and like an utter stranger, and as Christians those who are loyal to of false teeth are now made from any- sought my acquaintance, through the Jesus Christ as he is revealed to us thing but ivory. We import large quan- mediation of a mutual friend. n the Scriptures of the Old and New titles of walrus tusks for no other pur-Testaments, and can co-operate with pose than that they made be made in- so ingraticted himself with her that he them in work and worship.—The Out- to false teeth. You go into some big was always welcome at Mount Holly. dental establisment where teeth are Maz came sometimes, but when he made, and you will doubtless find the came two or three times and found of inclination to duty, is worth all the good and, indeed, a highly polished tooth tegether. He just stayed away, and made from a walrus tusk is just as handsome, although not as lasting, as

an ivory one. "A dentist once came to me for an elephant tusk, from which a good set of permanent teeth might be made for a wealthy client of his. He was to spare no expense. I found him a tusk, shops in Dublin take over the coun- which, being an especially good one, I sold for \$12 50 a pound, the usual price being from \$2 50 to \$3 50 per pound. I

"Of course it would be impossible for dentiats to sell teeth so cheaply as they do now if the teeth were all made from elephants' tusks. As a matter of fact. so many people are now wearing false teeth that I doubt if the ivory suitable for this purpose would ever be found. now being made from vegetable ivory, and to the family. I hope your con- create a boom in false teeth .- Phila-

## ELECTRICITY FOR WOMEN.

Convenient Applications of the Fluid to the Requirements of the Tellet.

A new electric device for women's use is an artistic little heater by which crimping irons and curling tongs may be heated without the dangers He did not know himself, but shrank that often result from using kerosene as though he saw a specter, and putting

The means employed will be a flexcase of depravity. It seems that Con-rolly came home early Sunday morning ible wrap of silk that can be applied to any part of the body and heated at once with a current of electricity to temperature desired. Instead of

electric lights are used, these conveni-ences are available. Inside of each is an arrangement of extremely flexible "Max! Max!" I cried. It will all I wires that will conform to any folds given the material in which they are placed. They are connected by a silk covered wire, also flexible, at the end covered wire, also flexible, at the silk covered wire, also flexible, at the silk covered wire, also flexible at the silk covered wire, also flexible at the silk covered wire. of which there is a metallic plug to make electric contact with the lights in the room. There is said not to be the slightest possibility of receiving a shock or of fire from their use, as a shock or of fire from their use, as the details have been carefully some or her tears fell upon it. "My dear son," she said brokenly, "can you forgive Louise all the past never be happy until you do." "Oh, Max, forgive me and love me again or I shall die." all the details have been carefully worked out.

"There the carriage is now, with Milvenu is reached, the same feverish in- dred Vesey coming after her dress; terest is manifested in being consider- you have only got it done in time," my

"No," she added; "I am mistaken.

"She will call for it as she returns," I said, shaking out the rich silk. As I mother lifted herself a little eagerly. "Put it on, Louise. I am sure it would

fit you, and I should so like to see you I was what most people would call handsome; as I turned from the glass

"If Miss Vesey could look half so well in that dress, she would soon secure that Capt. Burns they say has fluttered about her so long. I wish that was your dress, and that you were going to marry some man more likely to be able

Max Hurlbut was a vexed question

"Oh, hurry, Louise; here's Miss Vesey almost at the door." I seized my own dress, and was hur-Show yourself socially cense she probably thought her sta-

"Of course, that is not my dress in after her own fashion.

In the pursuit of this ambition she bles it wonderfully. Really, I should

With an inclination of the head fully "How exactly like the dress Miss

insolently into a tradesman's shop, or good enough to let me compare your "Nothing that Miss Streighton pos-

and fainted away in her chair. In the evening Max came; and just as the Episcopalian may baptize infant ing without looking would have been children by sprinkling, and receive all who are in love and charity with man-kind to the communion table; and the communion who, when our gentle Mistress of the Secretly and almost unconsciously I White House, or some other celebrated felt a throb of gratified vanity to think

resolve themselves into a gaping mob, wandered from Miss Vesey's side. and surge about the social lion, star- I could not help, as I sat there, seeing ing with try-to-see-it-all eyes-if only how different the two were; and as I that the end in view-namely, the king- these rude persons had been taught to was struck by the comparison of Capt. see without staring, how much better Burns' polished exterior, the stylish elegance of his garments, with the worka day attire and bronzed but open features of Max.

The unpleasantness found expression

Burns had come. "Of course, you won't work at your trade any longer, now "Why not?" he demanded. "I'm not ashamed of my trade.' And he went away with that.

coldly than we were in the habit of parting, a great deal. I was young, eager for society, pas-Most and attract the other

My mother liked him already, and he remains of walrus' tusks lying around, Capt. Burns there he ceased coming aldid not send for him. I don't know well how it happened.

but Capt. Burns was always at Mount Holly, and somehow I became engaged to him, though I had never openly broken off with Max. Not long after that we were dancing at the Holly House when one of the

men servants rushed into the hall, calling that the house was on fire. ran with the rest first, but suddenly remembering that my mother had retired to her chamber, and was probably still sleeping, I flew back to seck her. Her apartments were directthose in which the fire had originated and the flames had already

made such progress that it seemed impossible to reach her. I had covered my misty ball dress with a large woolen snawl and was bracing myself to tread that avenue of fire, when strong hands snatched me back and tore me out to the lawn. "Be still," said Max, for it was he, "I will save her."

scarcely dared then to lift my head. When I did I saw Max staggering under the weight of the burden he had rought through fire and smoke. We took a house in the village at

once; Max had to be carried to it, We claimed him, and as he had no kin there, our claim was not contested. Weeks and weeks my mother and I more his nunses: it was a long and ter rible illness. He was frightfully burned and so scarred that we kept him from looking at himself in a glass till he in sisted, and we were obliged to bring him one

"Max! Max!" I cried. It with all I

again or I shall die.' As for Capt. Burns, he took my defection with great equanimity, and was married to Miss Vesey before I was to Max.

### MRS. RORER ON POTATOES.

#### She Urges Her Hearers to Use Them Only Twice a Week.

To most of her hearers the opening remark of Mrs. Rorer's lecture, that potatoes were almost without nourishment and wholly indigestible, came with something of a shock. Nevertheless the fact was scientifically proved, and all persons were urged to remember that indulgence twice a week is all the average stomach ought to be called upon to endure. Various dainty and delicious methods of serving were expounded, however, and at the close of the lecture it had become harder to practice abstinence than it seemed at the start.

To make potatoes in suprise, which is both a novel and fascinating method of serving them at a luncheon, boil a sufficient number of potatoes to make one cup when mashed. Add to them half a teaspoonful of salt, one level tablespoonful of butter, one grain of pepper, the yolk of an egg, and one tablespoonful of chopped parsley. Mix thoroughly and beat smooth; make up into small round cakes about half an inch in thickness.

In the saucepan put one tablespoonful of butter and a level tablespoonful of flour. Mix both together over the fire. When smooth stir in half a cupful of cold milk and continue stirring until the boiling point is reached. Season with salt and pepper, and add one cup of shrimps. In the center of each potato cake put about a good teaspoonful of the shrimp mixture. Make up into croquets and fry quickly in oil Serve garnished with parsley.

Potatoes a la Anna, stuffed raw potatoes and potatoes baked in cream were also demonstrated and were enthusiastically received. The subject for this afternoon was desser New York World.

#### LADY JANET'S GHOST.

#### How She Was Saved in the End by Big Neil

(London Literary World.) From a series of sketches of Strathardle by Mr. Charles Ferguson, we select the following legend: Lady Janet Gordon, by marriage

Lindsay, was condemned for the murder of her husband to perpetual im-prisonment on top of the Raven's rock, a stupendous cliff that rises above the river Ericht. Here, says the legend, every day, before touching food, she had to spin a thread long enough to reach from the prison till it touched the river." Her life was protracted till she was over 100, but even when she died the murdress could not rest. and "her ghost was seen to sit and spin, and often the keen angler, as he fished the Ericht below the Rayen's rock, was startled by seeing a shadowy thread coming slowly down till it touched the water, when it disappeared, and the fisherman knew that the lady's task was over for the day. Year after year went on, and the lady, who had in her veins a drop of the Stuart blood-royal, continued to spin until "the black day of Culloden," when the Stuart cause was lost forever, and many of the brave Strathardle lads who had escaped returned to hide in their native glen. Among others came Big Neil of the Trouts, so called from being a very expert angler. He chose as his hiding place a hole under some large boulders on the bank of the river, a little above the Rayen rock, where he kept himself and some comrades who were also hiding close by well supplied with trout. But a severe thunderstorm passed over upper Strathardle, followed by such a deluge of rain that it brought down the river in one breast of water. Neil of the Trouts lay in his den, no doubt thinking it would put the river in good fishing play, when the water poured in. When he got out the rushng torrent was so strong that it swept

him away down the stream. Just as he gave himself up for lost the eddy swept him under the rock and he saw a thin thread hanging down from the cliff, and, as a drowning man will clutch at a straw, he grasped it, and to his astonishment, it held, and he found it strong enough to bear his weight and check his onward course, and by its help he slowly drew himself to the bank. As he stepped ashore he heard a wild scream of joy overhead, and, looking up, he saw the Lady of the Rock standing on the top of the cliff with her distaff in her hand, from which hung the thread that had saved his life. Her task was done, her punishment over. She had saved the life of a gallant follower of the Stuarts, and her own royal race.

It is hardly, we presume, possible that the penal spinning of the lady of Strathardle should be a faint and faraway echo from the legend celebrated by Tennyson in "The Lady of Shalett."

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