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"What would you give to be as young as I am?" asked a fop of Talleyrand. The wrinkled old wit and diplomatist looked at him a moment and said. "My faith! I would almost be willing to be as foolish."

"My wife," remarked a prominent manufacturer, "never attends auctions." manufacturer, "never attends auctions."
She went once, and seeing a friend at the opposite side of the room, nodded politely, whereupon the auctioneer knocked down a p tent cradle, and asked her where she wished it delivered.

A Few Things to Avoid.—Walking between two umbrellas on a pouring wet day; "just another glass before you go;" being the mediator in a quarrel between a man and his wife, and taking a new hat to an evening party.

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There is a story told of a blunt old sea captain who was noted for his extreme personal plainness. Being present at a party, he had taken no part in the dance, as his hostess had some difficulty in providing him with a partner. At last she led up to him a prim and staid spinster, at the same time whispering a few words of anology in his ear. "Oh, you needn't make any apology, madam," said he, with alacrity, "any old thing is good enough for me."

A Duchess of Queensberry, noted for

A Duchess of Queensberry, noted for her beauty, was in the habit of saying, when any high compliment was paid her: "That is very well, but it is nothing to the carter." The author of the compliment was paturally anyons to hearn how the carter." The author of the compli-ment was naturally anxious to learn how the carter had surpassed him in gallantry, when her grace would reply—"I once in Piccadilly noticed a man who was driving recaully noticed a man who was driving a wagon puffing at a short pipe which had gone out; the fellow observing me notice him, called out aloud, 'Madam, madam, let me light my pipe at your eye.' Oh, no, sir, you are nobody to the carter."

### The Great Puzzle. WHAT THEY ALL SAY OF IT.

The Boston Post respectfully presents the following, showing what prominent people have to say of the gem puzzle. Each person has been allowed to express one unintimidated opinion, which has been fairly counted: Carl Schurz: It ish van pig hoombug and

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Senator Blaine. The man who got it up deserves to be sunstruck.

Dr. Mary Walker: It is exasperating and tantalizing. I would give all my old pants if I could do it.

Rev Jo, Cook: It is the natural offspring of a pathogenic and perspicious perspicacity, and during the protoplasmic stage its inventor should have been percolated insuperably through the innate particles of a barn-door. barn-door.

M. Ferdinand de Lesseps: It bothers me a good deal, but not so much as your pesky

Mouroe doctrine.

John A. Logan: It was gotten up to distract the attention of the people while redtongued rebels plotted for the destruction

of the Union. W. Almon Wheeler: Never heard of the gem puzzle. There are none of them in this (the Adirondack) region, but plenty of

chubs and perch. General Joshua L. Chamberlain: It is a grand thing. I shall order a puzzle for each member of the senior class in Bowdoin College, and hereafter it shall be one of the regular studies of the institution.

U. S. Grant: Have had two sleepless nights, and can't get the hang of the thing yet. Will give any man a position in my new whiskey ring, as soon as I am inaugurated, if he will show me how to do the 13-15-14 combination.

## Polenius' Advice to his Son.

Grandfather Lickshingle started up from a doze in his easy chair and re-marked: "And so you never heard the advice

that Polonius, an old chum of mine, gave to his son?"
The family said no one had said any-

thing about Polonius, neither the son of Polonius.

Polonius.

"Ah, very well, then," said grandfather.

"I—I'll tell you about 'em. You see
Polonius' son, Charley—I think his name
was Charley—was going to Europe on a
little splurge. Charley had engaged passage on a cunard steamer, and they were
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boy had come back to his home to bid the folks good-by once more. 'Yet here?' exclaimed his father; 'aboard, aboard, for shame; the wind sets heavy in the shoulder of your sail; an' if you don't look out you'll get left. Here—my blessin's with you; here's 15 cents for pocket-money, an' these few precepts in thy memory keep: Give thy thoughts no tongue, but allus take cold tongue yourself whe you can get it, 'cause it's easy to digest, 'n' besides, its one of these things that admits of no doctorin.' The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, grapple them to thy soul with hooks of steel, for you don't know how soon you may want to borrow some money from 'em. Beware of entrance to a quarrel, but, being' in, an' you see no chance to get out, then my son, hit out from the shoulder. If thou canst get one in on thy opposer's stomach, I'd have thee do it. If it be that thine adversary has a sore place, hit him on it. T. BEATTIE & CO.,

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HUMOROUS.

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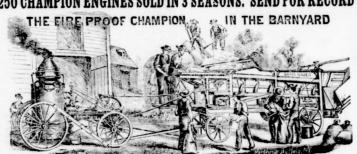
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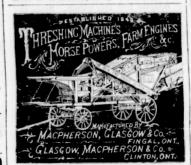
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