

FOR THE LADIES.

Some Things to be Avoided by Young Girls Abroad.

Some Seasonable Hints and Pleasant Bits of Gossip.

Hundreds of young girls find their way from New Brunswick to Boston, and although the most of them do fairly well and comparatively few fall victims to the temptations of the city a word or two of warning may not be out of place. A correspondent writes:—

It is here that women of the worst character often have benevolent features and motherly means, sit by bay windows, in palatial mansions, and drop lace handkerchiefs, as if by accident, requesting passing school girls to kindly bring to the front door. They innocently complying, are enticed into the house, where they are

Lost to Home and Friends

forever. Here, ladies advertise for respectable girls to read to invalids; here rooms are advertised at alluring prices, but woe to the woman who calls unattended to inspect them. Remember, please, that we pride ourselves upon our independence and the enviable self-possession of our girls and their ability to take care of themselves. Our women travel across the continent alone, go upon the lecture platform, and Kate Field lives among the Mormons without exciting comment. They practice medicine, and go at midnight to attend patients; carry revolvers, and occasionally use them. And because our women are so independent it is almost impossible to distinguish the good from the bad.

Some amusement has been caused by the fact that the official records disclose the fact that there is upon the pension list of the United States no fewer than

Nineteen Thousand Five Hundred and Twelve Widows

of soldiers who served in the War of 1812. If the army of 1812 was as much married as this indicates, no wonder they were anxious for war, as it must have seemed like peace by comparison with their domestic life.

Of course every body would like to be good looking and it is unquestionably the wish of every lady to be as pretty as she can, and most of them are. A casual observer in the New York Graphic says he is a grim old fellow, but he is susceptible to the seductions of a pretty face and in his daily promenade throughout the year it has become a matter of speculation, not to say serious reflection, with him to decide in which of his numerous and varied gaily lovely women is most lovely in the springtime, when she dons the heavy concealing wraps of the preceding season and gets out fresh and sweet as the violet she wears at her belt, he smiles and thinks the "young man's fancy" not so far astray, but when a little later the soft, warm air of June paints a sea of blue upon her cheek and deepens the tender brilliancy of her eyes while a white dress and a delicate suggestion of coolness and comfort, he finds

The Picture so Pleasing

that he wonders if it could be more fair. Then autumn comes, and with her keen sense of harmony from the rich colorings she chooses her garb, the gray hues of her costume rivaling the sparkle of her smile as she catches the exhilarating breath of the clear crisp air—and again to him who watches her she seems a dazzling and enchanting vision. But while he looks the snow falls, the bells ring in the new year, and now my lady walks out clad in warm enveloping fur against those dark background her fairness is brilliantly conspicuous; the diamonds in her ears glitter and scintillate like midday stars of the winter's sky, her cheeks glow in the keen sweep of the North—she is radiant with health and vigor—in this, as in all her phases, she is a lovely woman still!

All this being said, it is well to know how beauty can be secured or, at least, deformity prevented. The New York Tribune tells us that: Miss Julia Thomas' address at the Manhattan Temperance Club meeting in Masonic hall recently was based on the Scriptural declaration that the plans of the parents are visited upon the children. The subject was

Physical Beauty.

Miss Thomas has been a teacher in the public schools for years, and is a member of many charitable societies. She said it was in visiting the institutions of New York city, where she heard the plaintive cries of cripples and the shrieks of insane men and drunkards, that she found courage to talk plainly about the physical structure of man. In the schools she found crooked backs and legs, narrow shoulders, bad eyes and a thousand troubles. She knew that it was necessary to go back to grandfathers and grandmothers to find the source of these ailments, and she was anxious to warn the children more closely and develop their forms. A healthy birth is first necessary, and to be healthy it must be free from taint of nicotine or alcohol. People are apt to say of young girls that they do not know enough to get married because they cannot take bread. The speaker said they are not fit for marriage because they cannot nurse a child. She created a laugh by announcing that her own waist measures twenty-seven inches and she was proud of it. People wash themselves outside, but they never take a long-bath, cleansing the blood vessels.

Current Gossip.

Ladies are now having writing paper to match their complexions. The reason that red and blue are so fashionable in England is because they are the guards' colors. Hats and bonnets are this winter most fantastically extravagant. They are odd shapes borrowed from history, from fables, and even from the stage. Chestnuts and their leaves imitated in fine silk cord covered with beads are used by the English dressmakers to trim their large velvet cloaks.

The Japanese girl when she goes into company paints her face white, her lips and the corners of her eyes red, and with a slate colored spots on her forehead.

Among Miss Astor's jewels is a necklace of four rows of pink pearls, lovely knots of rubies and sapphires separating the pearls at every tenth pearl.

The leaf in the marriage register in Hawthorne Church, on which is inscribed the name of Charlotte Brontë, has been so often handled by American travellers that it is falling to pieces.

The best shot in Dakota is said to be a woman, Mrs. Lowmyer, wife of Colonel Lowmyer of Fort Totten. She has killed 114 prairie chickens this fall and the first deer ever brought down from Moose River.

Miss Lelia J. Robinson, a bewitching

young lawyer of Boston, went out to Seattle, W. T. to settle a short time ago. She has been winning cases from the best lawyers of the Territory, and the people now talk about making her a judge. This modern Portia is also said to be a good newspaper—mean woman.

"Madame," said a husband to his young wife, in a little altercation which will spring up in the best regulated families, "when a man and his wife quarrelled, and each considers the other at fault, which of the two ought to advance toward a reconciliation?" "The better natured and wiser of the two," said the wife, putting up her mouth for a kiss, which was given with an unhesitating. She was the conqueror.

Many an honest, good man impairs his usefulness by going out to do battle with great evils with an equipment entirely unsuited either to his own capacity, or to the effect he seeks to accomplish, or both.

The prettiest new work basket is in the shape of a gypsy kettle, both kettle and sticks being made of wicker. A great bowl of wicker in the bottom of the basket is bound around the centre of the sticks and another is on the outside of the kettle, which has a lining of nasturtium silk and pockets innumerable.

Cracks in floors, around the mould board, or other parts of a room, may be neatly and permanently filled by thoroughly soaking newspapers in paste made of one pound of flour, three quarts of water, and a tablespoonful of alum, thoroughly boiled and mixed. The mixture will be about as thick as putty, and may be forced into the cracks with a case knife. It will harden like paper-mache.

Miss Rachel Huxley, daughter of Prof. Huxley, on the occasion of her recent marriage to Mr. Alfred Eckersley, wore a dress of cream satin, with long square train, and a flounce of Mechlin lace over the petticoat, tight fitting bodice, and a spray of myrtle and jasmine on the left shoulder, with a wreath of the same, and tulle veil fastened with a diamond brooch. The bridesmaid—Miss Harley (two), May, Pollock, and Arnold were dressed in the same style, their costumes being of sage green velvet and satin merveilles, the skirts plain, with drapery at the back, and tight bodices open in the front, showing satin waistcoats. On their left shoulder they wore some chrysanthemums, of which flowers their bouquets were likewise composed, being tied with a large bunch of yellow satin ribbon. Their hats, which matched their dresses, had tufts of maroon and aigrettes.

A young queen of fashion has arisen in the person of the young Marquise de Belbeuf, daughter of the Duc de Moray. This lady possesses a taste for the bizarre and eccentric in dress, and is likely to impress her fancies more or less upon a wide circle of admirers. She looks as often like a Watteau figure of the eighteenth century as like a piece of the Sevres china of this. It is her fancy to wear a ball-room crowned with a wreath of autumn blossoms, not too bright in color, and with a bouquet of similar flowers in her corsage. Presently she touches a secret spring, and both wreath and bouquet are brilliant with electric light. The other day at the Chateau de Belbeuf some private theatricals were performed, in which the Marquise took part. She chose the role of a gypsy, and made her appearance on the stage playing the violin with much spirit.

From Up River.

Mr. R. P. Butler, traveler for Messrs. Fisher, Son & Co., Montreal, fell on Main street, opposite or on the corner of Queen, last night, about 8 o'clock, and broke one of his legs. He was removed to the Gibson House, where Dr. Colter set the broken bone. Mr. Butler's numerous friends here, as elsewhere, will be sorry to learn of the accident, as he is one of the most popular men on the road. He was on one of the boats of the late firm of Everett & Butler of St. John.

The attendance at the rink last evening was large, as Miss Nina Sawyer, of Calais Maine, Midget on rollers, and Master Perry, of Bangor, gave an exhibition of their ability on rollers.

The weather here is splendid, the ice has not closed over the river below the bridge yet, the late rain started what had formed. Great quantities of pork are being brought into town from the surrounding country. St. John buyers are taking most of it at 6c. to 6 1/2c. per lb.

There is fine skating on the Madunneaux above the bridge and the youths are making the most of it possible day and night.

Mr. Skillew was appointed Town Secretary, by the Council, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Mr. Jacques.

The City Hall Gallery.

To the Editor of THE GLEANER.—Sir,—At the regular meeting of the City Council held on Tuesday evening a resolution was passed to make certain alterations to the gallery of our City Hall. According to the plan adopted only one hundred and twenty persons can be seated. I ask the Council if this is going to be any improvement? I say no! on the contrary it will give less seating capacity in the Hall than before, as some fifty seats have been removed to allow room to extend the stage. It seems to me, and I think it will be the opinion of the public generally, that the Council are pushing matters in this regard a little too far, and it would be much more advisable to stop right here. This will involve the expenditure of some three hundred dollars more, which with the expenses of stage alterations (somewhere about five hundred dollars) amounts well on to one thousand dollars and will probably before all is completed. Far better to leave the gallery in its present condition than to make a blunder of it as the course about to be pursued certainly will. The Mayor stated to the Council last evening that he is an advocate to the whole people in the course he follows, and he is doing his duty in standing aloof from an undertaking which will not be for the public benefit.

I remain yours &c.,
ONE WHO WAS PRESENT.

Marvellous.

It is an old saying, "Many men of many minds." There are a variety of beliefs among men, some think one thing and believe another, and then, others have no belief whatever—but drift along. But you never yet found a man who had a

Charter Oak Cooking Stove

and wanted to part with it for any other stove—Never. They all think alike on the Charter Oak.

Canaries.

There is a very fine stock of Canaries on sale in Woodward's Auction Room. The sale will be continued to-night.

A CRYING SHAME.

From Comparative Affluence to Dreadful Poverty.

The Result of the Economical Management of the Alms House.

Most of our older citizens remember Captain Brien, and all of them well recollect Mrs. Brien, who for many years kept a boarding house on Regent Street. To this couple, some forty years ago, a daughter was born, and as the circumstances of Capt. and Mrs. Brien were more than ordinarily comfortable, and this daughter Louise might reasonably be expected to have an easy, if not affluent life, great pains were taken with her education. When quite young she was sent to school at a Convent in Ontario, where she remained nine years, during which time she acquired all the accomplishments obtainable in a first-class educational establishment.

While Miss Brien was at the Convent her father died, and she was shortly afterwards brought home by her mother, with whom she lived, making hosts of friends who were attracted to her by her amiable disposition and refined manners. Unfortunately, shortly after leaving the Convent, she became subject to fits, and the effect of these was to cause a temporary weakness of mind. After some years of widowhood Mrs. Brien married the late Thomas Hackett, and afterwards, while suffering from the effect of one of her fits, Miss Brien was persuaded to sign away all her claims to her father's estate. This

Left Her Penitents,

but it made no difference during Hackett's lifetime, for he provided her with every comfort, and when he died she received what little was left on the estate for anybody, or some \$200 or \$300. The boarding house was then taken by the late Mr. Macgill, with whom Miss Brien boarded until all her money was gone, when she was taken by her friends to the Alms House. Her mental and physical condition had been rapidly growing weaker, and want of proper care and suitable nourishment have now reduced this once accomplished young lady to a condition calculated to arouse pity in any heart. The case is one worthy of immediate attention, but the facts which have been brought to light by the investigations of a GLEANER reporter into it show such a condition of things at the Alms House, as calls for the

Immediate Interference of the Citizens.

The wife of a prominent government official and herself a member of the Cathedral congregation said: I was sent for by Miss Brien and went to the Alms House to see her. I found her lying in a dirty state, her clothing almost rotten with dirt, and great vermin were running over her in all directions. She had many bad sores on her person. I was surprised to see things apparently so clean in the rest of the house and this bed so dirty. I called Mr. Phillips' attention to it; he expressed himself as surprised at the condition of the room. I asked him to have Miss Brien changed to a clean bed, as he said there was a number of them in the house, and have her washed and dressed. He said he would have it attended to; he also said that one of the inmates, Mrs. Downey had been charged to attend to Miss Brien and see to her wants and he had supposed she had been attended to. I returned a few days after, and found Miss Brien had been placed in a clean bed in the same room. She

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or her clothing changed, except the outside garments. I again spoke to Mr. Phillips who said that he did not believe he could, as he had not proper help, but he would have her washed and dressed, and I had Miss Brien washed, her sores dressed and her bed changed. I believe Mr. Phillips had relied upon Mrs. Downey to keep Miss Brien clean; everything about the place seemed neat and clean, and I was amazed at seeing Miss Brien's filthy condition.

The wife of a well known educationalist said that she had seen Miss Brien once and fully corroborated the above statement in all its particulars, so far as they had come under notice. She said the vermin sickened her and she could not repeat her visit. Another lady who visits Miss Brien quite often said the case had been

By no Means Overstated.

She said that in her opinion the city physician was to blame in not giving the matter proper attention.

A GLEANER reporter called at the Alms House this morning, and was courteously shown through the building by the Overseer, Mr. R. H. Phillips, who showed his books and told the efforts he had made to have the wretched state of things existing at the Alms House remedied. He admitted that Miss Brien's case was a peculiarly sad one, and seemed to feel keenly the thought that some might consider him even in part to blame for what he says he would not avoid by any means at his command.

Mr. Phillips' Story.

First referring to the condition of Miss Brien's bed which he admitted was not overstated by the ladies who had visited her, he said it was not his fault and was absolutely unavoidable. As to the vermin which he said he had been a constant fight ever since he has been in the house to keep them down, even in the apartments occupied by himself and wife. Even if the house were free of vermin it would be impossible to attend to sick and helpless inmates as they ought to be attended to, for want of sufficient help. He is under no obligation to provide help, his duties being simply to oversee the establishment. In Mrs. Fleming's time two servants and a washwoman were allowed, but the Commissioners not only took from him what they said was an extra \$50 a year given to his predecessor, but

Did not give him help

sufficient to do the work. He has had only one servant all summer and she is not right in her mind. He has written several times to the authorities on the subject but received no reply. He says he does the best he can with the means at his disposal, but wishes that those interested in the matter would come and see the Alms House for themselves, and is glad to have the matter thoroughly ventilated. He believes he has not been fairly dealt with and says that he knows the unfortunate people in his care have not received that degree of attention which they ought to receive or would receive if the proper authorities would make adequate.

While the reporter was present the inmates of the House sat down to dinner. Everything appeared clean and neat as could be wished.

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DIPHTHERIA.

The Ravages of Diphtheria at Gibson. A Singularly Fatal Case.

The ravages of diphtheria at Gibson, though confined to a few families, have been attended with some very sad circumstances. The case of the Leckie family is particularly hard. This family consisting of the father, mother and seven children, came from Queens county early in the fall. They were in rather humble circumstances although respectably connected, and it is said had scarcely sufficient food to keep them vigorous, and when the diphtheria came into the household they were ill-prepared to meet it. The father took the disease from assisting to bury a neighbor's child who had died of it. He died and all his family were taken down with the same disease, which was of the violent type known as "black diphtheria." Five of the children died; the mother and the other children are recovering from the disease, although it is thought that grief will kill the mother. The neighbors were very kind and furnished the unfortunate family with money.

A young man named Macpherson, who was engaged to the oldest daughter, and a man named Steele nursed the family through the illness and buried the children. The oldest daughter had apparently recovered from the disease, and as the rest of the family seemed better Macpherson started for the woods. About an hour after he had gone, Miss Leckie looked at her hand and said, "Oh! I cannot see my ring!" and immediately expired. The disease is not spreading, and it is hoped will be confined to the few families who have suffered from it. The total number of deaths has been about twelve. In the event of the recovery of Mrs. Leckie and the children, or of any of them, they will be a deserving subject for the charity of kind hearted people.

The Fire Department and the Water Works.

To the Editor of THE GLEANER.—Sir,—I read with satisfaction your remarks in your Fire Department and I must confess to a genuine surprise to learn that our Chief Engineer of that Department or his assistant have no control whatever over the Fire Hydrants, but that the pressure at the time of a fire can be increased or lessened at the will of the firemen. I am sure that the same dispatch stated that France still makes the recognition of the Association dependent upon the settlement of the boundary disputes in West Africa. The principle opposition to the railway between Viri and Stanley Pool which was proposed by American delegates emanated from the French delegation.

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Entertainment at the Normal School.

The Normal School Young Men's Debating Society held their closing debate last night, in the assembly hall of the Institution. It was attended by the students en masse, and a large number of their friends.

The subject for debate for the evening was: Resolved, that the Rebellion of 1837 was justifiable. The affirmative was taken by Messrs. Wetmore (leader), McManus, Stevenson, Ferris, and Morris. The negative by Messrs. McKnight (leader), Byron, Stout, Belyea and Allan. The decision was given in favor of affirmative, Mr. L. A. Belyea in the chair, Mr. McIntyre, critic. After decision had been given and some laughable mistakes pointed out by the critic, a very interesting and agreeable programme was gone through. The following is a full programme of the evening:

Opening remarks, Mr. Byron, President. Business of the Club. Chorus, Our Country and Our Queen, Club. Debate, Club. Gentleman's chorus, Bonnie bit o' green, Club. Reading, The paper don't say, Miss Reeves. Chorus, Autumn, Club. Reading, To-morrow, Mr. Byron. Recitation, Miss G. Wetmore. We'll better have a wee, Miss Mollie Smith, and Miss Arneson. Original Essay, Mr. McIntyre.

After this programme had been finished the Principal, Mr. Mullin, spoke a few appreciative words, and was followed by Mr. Creed of the Institute, Mr. Rogers, of the model departments and Mr. Murray of the University. Each speaker expressed his pleasure at hearing such promising speeches from the young men of the Normal School. A vote of thanks was passed to the Club and the ladies who assisted in the entertainment which was then brought to a close by singing the National Anthem.

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Strange Neglect.

When the test was made of the Water Works on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 6th, the hydrant on the lower corner of Phoenix Square, was used, and a piece of the valve came out on the nozzle of a branch pipe. The hydrant was not repaired until yesterday.

Personal.

The Provincial Secretary, is in the city. The Attorney General, has returned from the North. Mr. Cary Estabrooks, of Grand Lake, is in the city.

Sunbury Election Petition.

The trial of the Sunbury Election petition, stands for Tuesday next, at Burton.

Coal! Coal!!

THE Subscriber offers for sale at the late establishment, Green, Gills, Campbell Street, a Superior Quality of

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