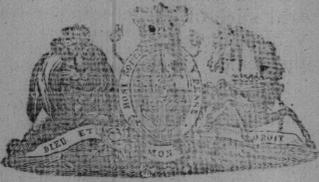


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PROGRESS OF A FLIRT.

(From the New Monthly Magazine.)
The spinster of 17. Vast notions of a love-match. Enthusiastic for Bayley's songs and pastoral melody.

18. Complexion and spirits high.—Addicted to archery, the "Comic Annual," and "Charming Woman." Willing to accept every partner that offers in a ball-room, dance fourteen quadrilles in a night, and reject a proposal a day. Staunch to love in a cottage.

19. A trifle more refined in shape and taste. Love in a cottage renounced for love in a house in town.

20. Shyness gone, fastidiousness increased.—An equipage indispensable.

21. Beginning to understand the meaning of the word "younger brother." Anxious to postpone my sister's *debut*.

22. Softened in complexion, hardened in heart. Laces for a waist; and thinks it possible to marry for rank.

23. Piggety respecting Almack's. A graceful glide substituted for the buoyant step of blustering 18. Refuses a country squire, sighs for the drawing-room, and prattles about a diamond necklace.

24. The age of supreme loveliness and surpassing vanity; beauty and elegance in full bloom.

25. Surprised at being still single, and beginning to doubt the propriety of the season. Figures in tableaux and charades.

26. Torments papa to pass the winter at Brighton, and give some dinner parties. Rides showy horses in preference to her former sittings with mamma.

27. Hair and shoulders growing rather thin. Ventures upon luncheon. Reads Mrs. Marcet, cultivates a flower garden, and affects decided opinions.

28. Nose a little red before breakfast. Thinks it possible to marry a widower, and pass eight months of the year on his estate. Considers tableaux and charades silly things.

29. Hazards a second glass of wine at dinner, and takes an interest in the debates. Refuses to figure in a quadrille of beauty among the *chits* of the day. Brighton a frivolous, gossiping place.

30. Thinks it possible to pass ten months of the year in the country. Assumes a cap for *Arising visits*, and reads tracts on the education of the poor.

31. Tries Leamington and a five-barred gate. Failure. Waist increased, smiles diminished by a speck upon a front tooth.

32. Serious. Quotes from Hannah More, and replaces the specked tooth with a Mallon. Thinks it possible to pass the year round in the country with a man one esteems. Wonders how any body can care for diamonds.

33. Affects to patronize girls, and plays the *chaperon*. Prefers men of a certain age. Reads Mrs. Somerville and frequents the *Vealator*.

34. Flattered by the attentions of a boy of eighteen. "Intellectual attainments defy all considerations of age." Accepts a stall at a fancy fair, and resumes pink ribbons.

35. A slight tint of rouge no harm by candlelight. Conversational and a great acquisition in a country-house.

36. Calls herself nine-and-twenty, and would not be seen in a cap for the world. Takes to waltzing.

37. Keeps down the drawing-room blinds, and has the chariot new lined with yellow. Resumes the entallion.—Seragzy, fretful, and desperate.

38. Makes parties to Beulah Spa, and flirts by moonlight. Left in the lurch by an ensign of the guards.

39. Spends the season with a cousin in Yorkshire, where second-rate London graces prove a bad substitute for the bloom of youth.

40. Begins to busy herself about other people's affairs. Quotes the matrimonial squabbles of her married friends. Nose decidedly red; lips decidedly blue.

41. Thanks her stars that she is single.

Threadpapers and housewife ordered to lie on the table, and a tabby cat under it.

42. Indignant when told how well she wears. Attends church twice of a Sunday.

43. Takes a constitutional walk before breakfast, and antibilious pills before dinner.

44. Tries Harrow gate for the erysipelas; and indulges in a snooze in her own room after dinner.

45. Goes to service on Wednesdays and Fridays, or daily, if in a cathedral town. Takes salvolatile in her tea.

46. Swears eternal friendship to a spinster friend, and keeps a cage of Canary birds. Reads the "Electric Review."

47. Gives weekly tea-parties, and cultivates the saintly affection of Dr. Humpoose.

48. Weeps cateracts at the discourses of dear Dr. Humpoose and snooze openly after an early dinner.

49. Gratified to be told how well she wears. Makes her will, Leaves all to her beloved Arabella, except an annuity to the cat and Canary-birds.

50. Startled by a proposal from dear Dr. Humpoose. Consults Arabella, and determines to remain single.

51. Alters her will on learning that her beloved Arabella has become Mrs. Humpoose.

52. Survives the cats and canaries, and takes a companion.

53. Triumphs at hearing how the Humpoosees are cheated by their servants, and sets the companion to watch the giddy thing who luges next door.

54. Settles at Bath. Escapes the blue devils by becoming a blue.

55. Assumes brevet rank. Becomes an *esprit fort*, and is thenceforward classed in our minds with beings of an epicene gender.

Singular Tidal Phenomenon.

The Sandwich Islands Gazette, of November 18, 1837, gives an account of a remarkable tidal phenomenon which had just occurred on the shore of the island.

We shall lay before our readers the substance:—"Soon after 6 on Tuesday evening the sea fell very rapidly, about eight feet, leaving several vessels aground. The weather was clear and pleasant; thermometer at 74.5, barometer 30.6; fine breeze from the north-east, squally at intervals. The water, after remaining stationary a few seconds, rose again to the ordinary high-water mark, and at 6h. 40m. again receded four feet six inches perpendicularly, in 27 minutes; it then again rose to the same height as before, and fell again six feet three inches. The third time it rose four inches higher than before. After the fourth, all the ebb and flow, which had hitherto occupied about 28 minutes each, gradually diminished and varied in time, flowing in 10 and ebbing in 20 minutes. This continued during the night and part of Wednesday forenoon. The rapidity with which the water rose and fell varied considerably in different parts of the harbour. At one time the water rose above high-water mark. Towards midnight the wind subsided and much rain fell, but there were no unusual atmospheric appearances or trembling of the

earth. The whole commotion appeared to be in the sea. The same phenomenon occurred in the islands in May, 1819, without any earthquake here or at the other island. The reasons assigned at the moment at the strange tide (says the editor) were in themselves an endless excitement to risibility. Among the imaginations of the spectators the most whimsical theories were devised from which to produce a reasonable and sufficient explanation of the mostrev. Volcanic disturbance at Hawaii, or in the vicinity of the island at sea, as well as earthquakes, either at some part of this group or in some adjacent island, may have been the 'why and the wherefore' of this tide. An earthquake may have been at the bottom of it, but that it was caused by the spouting of a large body of whales, by sinking of a part of the foundation of the unfathomable ocean, or by other equally mysterious impulse, we must doubt. Similar phenomena, we are aware, have been witnessed at other places. We leave scientific speculators to probe the subject abating the investigation of it ourselves, as well as the increase of our string of imaginations upon it, to other topics."

but, for our part, we want our pay of all those debts to us, whose term of credit has expired; and "want" will compel us to satisfy such wants by calling on them in "greeting," if they do not call and settle soon!

A gentleman of Henly-on-Thames offered a farmer, when at that market, a dinner and a bottle of wine if he would bring him a grain of wheat on the following market-day, and double the quantity each week till that day twelvemonth.—This was acceded to for the moment, but the following statement will perhaps satisfy those who never entered into any similar calculation, of the impossibility of fulfilling such an engagement;—Amount of the number of grains, 4,503,627,370,495; bushels, 12,509,998,964; quarters 1,563,749,870; loads, 312,749,973.

It is a remarkable fact that no other insect whatever but the silk worm feeds up the mulberry tree. Various caterpillars have been put on the leaves, but they have always been found to reject them. Even the aphides, species, some species of which are found upon every other plant, have never been discovered upon this tree.

Dr. Campbell, author of the "Surveyor of Britain," looking one day into a pamphlet in a bookseller's shop, liked it so well that he purchased it, and it was not till he had read it half through that he discovered it to be his own composition. This anecdote he himself told to David Hume.

England is a vast manufactory, a great laboratory, a universal counting-house. France is a rich farm, tending to turn itself into a manufactory. Germany is an ill-cultivated field, because they are philosophers and not peasants who till it. Southern Italy is a valley in ruins.—Northern Italy is an artificial prairie.—Belgium is a forge. Holland is a canal. Sweden and Denmark are carpenter's yards. Poland is a sandy beach.—Russia is an ice-house. Switzerland is a chalet. Greece is a field in a state of nature. Turkey is a field fallow.—India is a gold mine. Egypt is a workshop for apprentices. Africa is a furnace. Algiers is a nursery-ground. Asia is a grove. The Antilles are sugar-refiners.—South America is a store. North America is a till fall. Spain is a till empty.

The news of the birth of the Count de Paris reached Berlin by telegraph in 48 hours after it took place, and was communicated to the King at Potsdam.—His Majesty testified great satisfaction at the event. The same intelligence reached Schwerin on the 30th ult., and caused general joy and festivity in that city, where her Royal Highness the Duchess of Orleans is universally beloved.

ANTIDOTE TO ARSENIC.—Dr. Brown, of Somerset Co., Niagara, has used the following receipt successfully as an antidote to arsenic:—"A table spoonful of sweet oil, mixed with fresh burnt charcole, finely pulverized. The dose repeated as

Wants!—This is a wanting world, and those are wanting times.—Some want a new governor, and some want the old one; some want a new national administration, and others want the same we have; some want a new market-house on the public square, and others want it away from there;

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