

John E. Rice is in Spokane, so it is not likely that a meeting will be arranged between these two artists this year at least. In the meantime, Corbett is preparing for his match with Sullivan.

"How did you like Maud Granger in 'Camille'?" asked a Victoria belle of her Vancouver cousin.

"Ob, very well," was the reply, "but the poor lady had such a bad cough."

Mrs. Frank Stuart Parker, a dress reformer, lectured in an eastern city a few days ago and afterwards answered questions.

"I noticed you used the word legs frequently. Is that good form?" a woman asked.

"Yes," replied Mrs. Parker; "it is now generally conceded that women have them."

Housekeeper—Why are apples so high in price?

Marketman—Because they're scarce, mum.

"But the papers said the crop was so enormous that apples were rotting on the trees all over the country."

"Yes'm. That's why they're scarce. It didn't pay to pick 'em."

A personal item of some distinct merit is to be found in the newspapers of Reno, Nev., last week. It announces the return home of Miss Belle Prue after an absence of twenty years. The Reno papers do not dwell unnecessarily on the fact that Miss Prue has spent her absence in the penitentiary serving out a sentence for killing one of her admirers—a gambler.

A New York paper has been reminding its readers that a law passed exactly a hundred years ago enacts that "if any white female of ten years and upwards shall appear in any public street, lane, highway, church, court house, tavern, ball-room, theatre, or any other place of public resort, with naked shoulders, being able to purchase necessary clothing, she shall forfeit and pay a fine of not less than one nor more than two hundred dollars." This law, it seems, has never been repealed.

The troubles of Deputy Siddall never seemingly will cease. The dep. was commanded by the Court

to pay his respects to a lady defendant and to gather to himself one sewing machine, and to hold an auction therewith for the benefit of some bowless creditors. Apparently the dep. made no effort on this occasion to beautify himself for the call; and now, the story goes, that the worthy lady on finding at her door, not a tall, military, handsome, blue-clothed officer, but as she thought a writhled, scrag-whiskered, shambling fright of a man, became irritated at this supposed insult by the Court. She then proceeded to fascinate the ogre with a rolling-pin, who shuffled away to invoke the aid of the beaks at the city hall. They thought that it was not altogether bad taste on the part of the lady to be wroth at such a visitor, so the martial deputy was forced to be gallant enough to pay his own costs.

#### TOO MUCH "LADYING."

"One of the most maddening things on earth," said a woman the other day, "is the persistent 'ladying' I get at the hands of the tradesmen. My butcher and grocer and fish man are so hopelessly committed to this form of address I expect no relief in their cases, but why the clerks in dry goods stores are not taught better I cannot see. It is so much more pleasing to be called 'madame'; the continued interpolating of 'lady' as I am making a purchase irritates me to the verge of exasperation, and has on a few occasions driven me from a counter without waiting to select the goods I wanted."

#### DICKENS ENJOYED THE JOKE.

In a letter dated July 8th, 1861, Dickens thus referred to a penny caricature of himself: "I hope you have seen a large headed photo, with little legs, representing the undersigned, pen in hand, tapping his forehead to knock an idea out. It has just sprung up so abundantly in all the shops that I am ashamed to go about town looking in at the picture windows, which is my delight. It seems to me extraordinarily ludicrous, and much more like me than the grave figure done in earnest. It made me laugh when I first came upon it, until I shook again in open, sun-lighted Piccadilly." "He returned to Gad's Hill," writes his daughter,

"bringing this with him, and telling us that he had been so amused with it, and so fascinated by it, thinking it 'so irresistibly funny,' that he stood looking at it, roaring with laughter, until he became conscious of a large and sympathetic audience, laughing so heartily with him that he had to beat a hasty retreat."

#### LACROSSE.

The first match in the British Columbia Lacrosse Association series will take place, to-day, at Westminster, between the Vancouver and Royal City teams. Last season, Vancouver came out ahead with the championship honors. Since then, however, the three clubs (Victoria, Vancouver and Westminster) have been adding new blood, and are endeavoring to improve the weak positions in their respective clubs for the present season, which bids fair to surpass all previous efforts in this province. W. H. Cullin, of the Victoria Club, has been appointed official referee in the match to-day, of which all lacrosse enthusiasts in this city are anxiously awaiting the result.

On the 23rd of this month, the Victoria club will cross sticks with one of the Mainland teams in the Caledonian Grounds, which they have been preparing for some time. The field has been enclosed by a 3 ft. 6 in. fence, and a new grand stand erected. The club has also purchased a horse lawn mower at a great expense, which has more than realized their expectations in the work it has already accomplished. Lacrosse is the game for spectators, above all others, to witness, and the public will not be disappointed on the 23rd, weather permitting.

#### A DIFFERENT TRIP.

First Voyager—"The only trouble in traveling in this country is one is thrown in with such a mixed class of people. Only the other night in going to Vancouver, there was an Anarchist in the very next cell to me."

Second Voyager—"You mean state-room: They have no cells on steamers."

First Voyager—"That's so. I was thinking of another little trip I took once."

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