BOSTON'S GIRL FIDDLERS.

A Fashionable Recentricity - Familie that can Furnish' a Feminiae Siring

A stranger in Boston who happens to be in the street when the girls are going to or returning from school cannot fail to notice that many of the pupils carry violin cases. This is so common a spec tacle that no notice is taken by the inhabitants. Not infrequently a young woman balances her violin case with a large box of painting materials, and it is currently reported that so fashionabl have painting and violin playing becom that more people carry the tools than are even in the smallest way acquainted

fact you liave noticed, that the girls here have, in many instances, taken to violin playing, has been of great benefit to professional fiddlers. A good violinist can now find here all the teaching he wants. The taste for violin playing among ladies began to be noticeable here about five years ago, and now, it has been calculated there are from 400 to 500 young ladies studying, besides many who have become sufficiently advanced to pursue their practice alone.

The violin is an instrument particu-

larly well adapted for ladies. It does not require any great physical strength, and the proper handling of instrument and bow admit of the display of the utmost grace. Violin playing does not have a tendency to narrow the chest and round the body as too constant sitting at the piano often does. The violin is portable, and with a 'mute' on can be practised in a school or bed room without annoying the household. Of course the difficulties of the instrument are great, but I find, as a rule, the feminine ear is more acute and accurate that the male. As the great difficulty of the violin is to 'stop' the notes in tune, the value of a good ear is inestimable There are many young girls in Boston who are really excellent players, and in several instances there are families where the daughters can supply a complete quartet, viz., first and second violins, viola and violencello. The last named in trument is less adapted to ladies, because it should properly be held by the grip of the lower limbs, but the placing of a long peg on which the instrument rests has almost overcome

the difficulty. "My pupils take the greatest possible interest in their instruments. They read up on the subject of violin making, and can talk learnedly with a professor about scrolls, single and double purfling, sound posts, bars and varnishes. They have the dates of the great makers firmly fixed in their minds, and will argue warmly about the respective merits of the Cremona artists.

in Boston, but probably the advent of some lady violinist or the reading about the great triumphs of Mme. Norman-Neruda in London. At any rate, the fashion, though on the whole steadily increasing, grows spasmodically, and the recent playing of a concerto by wich at the Abbev be brought me several new pupils.
"A girl should begin to learn when

about ten years old, but 'not unless she has a strong liking, for music, a goo first stages, of learning are extremel dreary, and nothing can make them en-durable but a strong ambition. Bad violin playing is, I think, the worst torture I know, and I will not keep a purity who does not show application and intelligence. I should think myself fit for jail if I turned loose upon society any large number of bad players. It ampliances from two to three years honest requires from his eyes, said, "The ture I know, and I will not keep a pupil work before a pupil can play a simple piece sufficiently well to please even artial listeners. To be a great violinist is, as Dogberry says, 'the gift of nature Some men of intelligence, industry, and who devotedly love their instrument, will practice for ten hours a day for half lives, and nover be more than good, reliable players. On the other hand, the now pre-eminent Joachim at 13 played the Mendelssohn concerto in

publicly embraced him." Gising Him a Dose of His Own Medicine. Just as Tom Merry was hanging up

so superb a style that the composer

his office coat last Wednesday, this not ket in accordance to your little "toot" a remercant's lisvenin. What is scace for ender is scace for the goose. Don't lisuits for me, if you got home first, as so a latch key in my pooles. Your loving

No one had ever seen Tom Merry' jaw drop so low, except, his wife. always wore it low at home. But he is a devil of a fellow abroad, and an immense favorite. The "toot" did not come off. Five minutes before he received the letter Tom did not expect to strike home till somewhere about five in the morning. Five minutes after he

was half way there. 'No one knows," says Tom, "the peace and policy of a virtuous married life till he's got into a box. No more Daisy was not there when Tom got

home, and he went widly in search of her. Like a suspicious than he took her at her word and made the tour of the restaurants. Like a husband in a restaurants. Like a husband in a French play he borrowed the waiter's ceats and napkins, and thus disguised, fed the cabinets particuliers, but all

ica he went home, in the grey of dawn, defeated and perplexed, he cash with wor and remorse. But this tale, has a good ending. Daisy came in, smiling and fresh, somewhere about the eaklast hour, to open the windows and the linen- Tom rushed at her, lookher with his wild red eyes, "where-where did you pass the night?"
"In the spare room," said Daisy

simply, sweetly and truthfully. The feshionable tailor has no time to walk about the streets. He is sew memory of William Slakespeare busy - New York News. Hem!-Oil hold you personally responsible."

-Pleasant as syrup; nothing equals it as a worm medicine; the name is Mother Graves Worm Exterminator. The greatest Elmira, N.Y.. has fined a milkman \$25 for putting one quart of water and three of mike together and shaking 'em up as a gallon of the creamy quill, A milkman can go too far.

The Loss of the London.

At ha'f-past ten p. m. a terrific sea broke upon the ship over the wea-ther or port gangway, and an immense mass of water, the crest of a mighty wave, descended almost perpendicular-ly over the hatch of the engine room, on tons of water, washing from the deck into the engine room two men, a seaman and a passenger. There being nothing to obstruct the influx of the sea, the engine room began to fill with smashing it right in, admitting tons upsea, the engine room began to fill with reasonably have expected, and the rates to water. The fires were extinguished at once, and in about eight minutes the engines ceased to work. The engineers remained below till the water was above their waists, and they could work no

ship became utterly heipless, often rolling into the trough of the sea, rolling unwale under, and laboring heavily. The aptain called on those who were bailng, "Men put down your buckets, and come and try to secure the engine-room hatch, for that's our only chance of saving the ship. Secure that, and we may keep her afloat yet."

Every endeavor, however, to replace the hatch proved unavailing. Efforts were made to stop the opening with sails, mattresses and spars, but without success; and although the donkey engine and pumps were kept at work, yet the water gained upon them, and all their efforts were fruitless. It was then that knew the full meaning, and which must have thrilled through man por the pas-sengers' bosoms who had been hoping gainst hope-"Boys, you may say your

rayers! All was over with them. About 4 a. m. of the 11th a tremendous sea struck the ship abait, which stove in four windows or the sternports of the apper or poop cabin. Through the oreaches thus made the sea rushed into the ship in such quantities that the tween decks was soon half full of, water. The ship at this time was settling fast; the captain went into the engine-room and with the engineer too

soundings, when it was found that there were fourteen feet of water in her hold The captain then told Greenhill that he had abandoned all hope of saving her, and shortly afterwards made a similar communication to the passengers. At about ten a. m. the captain ordered the boats to be got ready, which was done, and the starboard pinnace, which was on was almost immediately upset by the

sea and lost.
Shortly after this the captain entered the salcon and said: "Ladies, there is no hope for us, I'm afraid. Nothing hort of a miracle can save us!". Durin the hours of agony and horror which nad preceded this announcement, the Rev Mr. Draper, a Wesleyan minister or coard, was incessant in administering re gious comfort to his fellow passengers and we are told by the survivors that the women (all of whom perished in the sequel) sat about him reading their Bibles; with their children grouped around; "and occasionally some ma or woman would step up to him an say; 'Pray with me, Mr. Draper est that was always complied wi What a scene must have been present at that last prayer meeting in the ca he ship laboring and tossing the whi he waves - with their ominous

breating over her, and dashing again her; while by half extinguished ligh groups of earnest, pale-faced peo-were huddled together, shivering a trembling, before the doomed Lond took her last leap into the dark waters. streaming from his eyes, said, "The captain tells us there is no hope-fthe ye must all perish ; but I tell you there is hope for all!' The reader will know what the good old man meant. Mrs Draper is said at the last moment to have handed her rug to one of the seamen who was attempting to get off on a boat, and when asked what she would do without it, she replied, "It will only be for a few moments longer."-The Sea.

A Fast Line.

We were going West on the Great Western Division of the Grand Trunk and the night was chilly.

"Hi! porter," said the commercial man in the bunk overhead; "can't you give us another blanket! It's deuced.

"Ain't got another blanket, boss."
"Well, just see what you can do for a ellow," said the c. m., patting his hand d to-night."

ut through the curtain with a quarter "Dunno, boss, but I'll do what I kin'." n it. There was scarcely a perceptible pause in the porter's measured tread as he assed our section fifteen minutes later, ut the curtains parted and a blanket ent through the opening as if it had

en shot out of a cannon. "Thought I felt somebody carrying of part of my beddlothes last night," said assenger in the further end of the car s he worked himself into his boots in "Dunno, boss; went mighty fas' las' he morning. night, making up time probably run from under 'um."—Detroit Free Press.

A Story of Judge Black. "I recall an amusing incident of my ociation with Judge Black," said end while talking of the distinguishe ist. "He was a Shakespearian crit. nd authority, and nothing grated or is ear more harshly than a misquota-ion. During the last Constitutional Convention, of which he was a member the county delegates could hardly make a speech without dragging in some poetical excerpt, which they usually thered, and the judge, who never new whether he was in or out of order, would interrupt them with his corrections, or would go to the clerk's desk and see that the lines were printed woman?" he cried, grasping right. One day there had been an unher smouthers hereely, and glaring at her with his wild red eyes, "where where did you pass the night?" ing he walked over to Mr. George W siddle's seat, and said : "Biddle, I am oing away, and, if in my absence you illow any injustice to be done to the nemory of William Shakespeare I will

Accommodation for Visitors to the World's

Perhaps one of the happiest of the many happy ideas that originated in connection with the world's fair was that of having an exposition accommodation bureau. This has proved of immense benefit to the thous.

ands of welcome visitors who have lately invaded New Orleans. Many of these were at first somewhat fearful of becoming the

at first somewhat fearful of becoming the victims of extortion, and came to the city in some trepidation. A call at the exposition offices, however, and a chat with Capt. Walshe, or one of his able assistants, soon disabused their minds of that idea, and left them with the address of a good which they pledge themselves to athere during the exposition are frequently but little, if anything, above those of an outinary winter, although the demand upon their accommodation has been, and will

continue to be, unprecedented. ith their use. The large bilge-pumps also continue to be, unprecedented.

A well-known violinist said: "The proved useless, and the condition of the Barthold's Statute of 'Liberty Enlightening the World"

-will be a reminder of personal liberty for ages to come. On just as sure foundation has Dr. Pierce's "Golde Medical Discovery" been placed, and it will stand through the cycles of time as a monument to the physical emancipation of thousands, who by its use have been relieved from consumption, consumption night-sweats, bronchitis, coughs, spitting of blood, weak lungs and other throat and lung affections.

The following little incident occurred in a heuse on North Nineteenth street a few evenings since. The reason for our not giving names will be obvious to our readers. Little girl: "Papa, did mamma say yes to you right off when you asked her to marry you?" Papa: "Certainly she did." Little girl: "Why can't she say yes now just as quick when you ask her to do thinks!" Papa: "Mamma's hearing is not as good now, darling—that's all."

ing—that's all."

—A lady from Syracuse writes: "For about seven years before taking Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure, I suffered from a complaint very prevalent with our sex. I was unable to walk any distance or stand on my feet for more than a few minutes at a time without feeling exhausted, but now I am thankful to say I can walk two railes withthankful to say I can walk two railes v out feeling the least inconvenience." emale complaints it has no equal.

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Miss, and announced that he was going to
publish a "lively, spicy panel, devoted to local affairs." Next day several operatures
one-legged and one eyed gentioned called on
him and advised him not to do be because
they had tried it and it didn't seem to suit the
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iver, relieves maladies incident to the gentler sex, and builds up failing health and strength, gives purity to the blood, and tone to the whole system. and tone to the whole system.

A writer on signs and omens says a heavy ringing in the ears indicates news of a sudden death. When an editor experiences the sensation it indicates that he has written something distasteful to somebody, and that somebody has called to see him about it. -Joseph Beaudin, M. D., Hull, P. Q., writes: 'Dr. Thomes' Edecaric Oil compands a large and increasing sale, which chy merits. I have always found it a ceedingly helpful; I use it in all cases the whatism, as well as fractures and dish cations. I made use of it myself to calculate pains of a broken leg with distocation of the toos, and in two days I was entirely elieved of the pain."

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may benefit by its providential discov A man in California has a pair of scissors hat have been in his family 240 years and are till remarkably well preserved. None of the coys ever edited a humorous paper. -West Toronto Junction is with rains of either the Ontario and Quand the Grand Trunk or the North Scal estate in the neighborhood has at

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