THE GIRL FOR A WIFE.

The tastes of men differ so much in regard to ersonal beauty, that in considering what maner of girl will make the best wife, we shall ive no remarks upon her figure or appearance, ut come at once to the most enduring qualities f heart and mind which are ever green when he head is frosted with time, and the body ent under the weight of years,

The duties and obligations of a woman's life nd, notwithstanding the high authority in wor of it, we doubt the propriety of giving er mind the same kind of training which is iven to the other sex to fulfil widely different uties. It appears to us as absurd as giving youth a medical education who is designed o practice law.

Admitting that the female mind has a masnd profound thought—is endowed with the ame aspiration and ambition—the nursery is o place to fix the fulcrum by which she hopes o move the intellectual world; but in the ursery, after all, repose her highest duties and holiest obligations. If practical experience and close observation did not teach as otherwise, the possession of varied accomplishments md profound knowledge might indicate the more faithful discharge of the duties of her life; but we can safely point to the history of learned and scientific women in vindication of our position. Female philosophers have no time to be good wives and mothers, and a man, when he marries, wants a woman, not an encyclopedia. by his side.

But we have been considering what the girl for a wife should not be, rather than what she ought to be. The girl best fitted to make the fireside happy, is she whose mind is well stored with practical and useful knowledge, is accomplished without affectation, retiring and modest, without prudery, frank, free and gay, without frivolity, and thinks her husband the to see. Eaith in the latter involves a thousand | said trade mark. endearing qualities in a wife, which we have not time to enumerate.

In a country like this, where there is established aristocracy, where fortunes change hands so frequently, there are but few families the female head of which is not required to attend to the economy of the household. To be a good housekeeper is, therefore, to be reckoned a principal accomplishment in the girl for a wife. If fortune happily secures her from the necessity of partaking of the labors of a housewife, the knowledge of direction will be in-

A SOMNAMBULIST GYMNAST. The queer freaks of a sleeping man in St. Louis are thus related by the Times :- "A conductor of street-cars, named Leslie, boards at a house nearly opposite the offices of the car company. The house is about sixty feet front, three stories high, and Leslie's room is in the top story. Adjoining the building is one of a lower altitude, the roof of which is six feet below Leslie's window- East of this are the car stables. Between 11 and 12 o'clock one night Leslie was seen, in his night dress. cutting up all sorts of queer pranks on the roof of his boarding-house. He was here throwing a series of flip-flaps, dancing backwards and forwards, and gesticulating in the strangest possible manner. He then walked down to the eaves of the roof, where he seated himself with his legs dangling over the street. Jumping up he marched along the edge of the roof to the western parapet wall which is only a brick thick, up which he walked to the chimney, which he mounted and passed round it. Coming down from this perilous perch he walked over the roof, stopping by the way to go through the manual of arms, till he reached the eastern parapet, from which he jumped down on the roof of the low building. Here he indulged in a little tight-rope practice, walking along the wire of the fire-alarm telegraph, divesting himself af his shirt while in this queer position, and throwing it down on the roof, the crowd being in breathless suspense at the danger in which the poor fellow was. He then jumped back on the roof, resumed his shirt, threw a first-rate summersault, and climbed up to the roof-ridge of the house. These sort of evolutions were continued without any apparent fatigue or thought of danger for some time. He then jumped down on the stable roof, some four or five feet lower, and marched up and down the front wall of the building, some hundred feet in length, going through the manual exercise the while in the most perfect manner. He returned by the course he had come, climbing the bare wall at the east end of the middle building without any apparent difficulty, and making a clean leap of several feet through his window into his bed-room. A number of the officers of the car company went into his room immediately, where they found Leslie lying on his bed, evidently fast asleep, though with staring, wideopen eyes. After some difficulty he was awakened from his stupor, but was unable to give any reason for his strange antics, being evidently unconscious that anything unusual had occurred. His attention was called to his blackened hands and bleeding feet, but he could not give an idea as to how they came in that condition. Altogether it is one of the most extraordinary cases of somnambulism on record, and well worthy the attention of the scientific. His fellow employees say that he has on several former occasions been caught

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