

And to this doctor, whose name he did not write, "Perhaps he is sick, or he is the city, or is dead," continued the gentleman, who had seated himself down for his earlier explorations, and now reached to take again his seat. "I am not," said the man regarded him for a moment, and then said, with an air of confidence, "This old buffer is certainly dead." Instead of the book, the party thus thus respectfully alluded to took up the other, and the gentleman, who had seated himself, opened it, and, in accordance with his habit of reading aloud, proceeded to give his visitor the benefit of the confidential communication.

"Dear Mother," he read, "I take the liberty, as an old friend, of telling you that I interest myself a great deal in your pretty daughter, and I think I have found an excellent husband for her."

Charley shook his head. The masculine mind fails to grasp the immense importance the feminine attaches to that phrase. "It is not proper."

"Now, Charley, listen to me. Oh dear, there is another of pa's sayings. The

The major began to find this river dangerous, and deemed it time to enter upon the scene. With a charming air of unconscious innocence he walked in. Mr. Marchesio happened to be looking toward the door as he entered, so saw him, and greeted him with a shout: "I am glad you have got back in good time for an introduction to my daughter before dinner." "Clara, my child," turning toward her, "I present to you your future husband, Mr.

hags, who live unsexed and unloved and unloving. My cavities were obstructed, after all; but the organism was right, and now—now I can hear, natural voices, music, birds, everything. I can hear, I can hear and it seems to me doubly terrible to have been deaf. Deaf—ah! that reminds me I have two deaf men to dinner to-day. I that good doctor could only have remained I might have talked with him; but to sit and howl for an hour into the obstructed cavities of two deaf wretches—oh! it is abominable. And to think that I was once

"What the deuce does he mean by shaking me up as if I were a cocktail?" inquired the almost breathless victim.

The major would have fied if the door had been on his side of the table; but it was not, and he groaned in spirit.

"It means that I have regained my hearing, in order to learn that I am a 'soulless old ruffian,' and you would 'like to

At the last meeting of the Almona Board of Education statements of the school attendance for January were submitted which were as follows:—In the High School the number on the roll was 123, with an average attendance of 114; and in the Public School the number on the roll was 318, and the average attendance 277. A motion that the Bible be read once a day in all the schools by each pupil capable of reading elicited a good deal of discussion, and finally the matter was allowed to stand over.

standing has prevented hazing this year, and the freshmen occupy the juniors' place without hindrance.

may be omitted, and half the quantity raisins and currants will do). Put flour a large crock, mix well with cream tartar