

to instruct young ladies how to use a fan while engaged in devotion ; we hope the youthful mind of both sexes will be accustomed to the exercise, and for at once an obvious and a weighty reason. Everybody knows what a slave of association man is, and when a person has not been duly instructed in the solemn nature of the manipulation of a fan, he is apt to think it frivolous, and to be not a little shocked at the incongruous spectacle of a lady confessing audibly that she is a miserable sinner, or praying aloud to be delivered from appalling calamity, and at the same time indulging in movements which are associated in most minds with gay carnival scenes, with the Spanish balcony, and the stolen interview, and the compliant duenna ; with Italian evenings of holiday ; with syren smiles and looks sweet and dangerous to trust. A sensible farmer, who has lately come to live in this city and has a family of only daughters, leaving St. James' last Sunday morning expressed his determination to send the next day for a dancing-master ; "for," said he, "I wish to have my daughters conduct themselves properly in church, and I suppose a dancing-master will know all about this fan business." The sooner the wise resolve of this good agriculturist is followed the better. Ever since the hot weather came, a large number of persons leave all the churches in this city quite unrefreshed and peevish because their devotions have been disturbed, and their attention to an excellent sermon—all our sermons are excellent—distracted by one or more of the Fanning Sisterhood. "What !" exclaimed an uninstructed person to whom we wished to explain that fanning in church was the choicest development of sincere female piety, "What, Sir ! It is enough to drive an honest man mad to see a gaily dressed woman kneeling and pouring forth responses to the litany, while she plies her fan in a languishing manner and shoots philandering glances over the fantastic scollops of the fashionable abomination." Another gentleman complained that his grievance was that the fans were used so unartistically. This gentleman had travelled in Italy, where fan language is daily intercourse—where you may be invited to sup or serenade by a movement of the delicate female appendage, and where it is carried with exquisite nicety and grace.

All this points clearly to having a class under the direction of the minister of the church for teaching young ladies how to make use of the fan when engaged in devotion. And also instruction for young men, so as to have them avoid misconception. It is clear that the carriage of the fan should be different when entering church from that which is suitable when the service commences, and again how to hold it when a hymn of triumph is sung must be the very antithesis of the suitable manner when making a pathetic confession, or engaged in fervent prayer. We must therefore recommend this question to those who get up movements for the better ordering of our religious services. Let there be a tea meeting presided over by the leading members of the Fanning Sisterhood, and let them at once set on foot rewards for those who can use their fans best, and a means of educating not merely their own sex in the proper way of plying the fan, but also the other sex into an appreciative mood.

Perhaps we are cowardly in our project of reform. There is an old rough proverb that "What is good for the goose is good for the gander," and if the fan really cools and ministers to devotion, why should there not

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