
place and see things through. Perhaps though, the real cause is to be found in the irresistible charm and attraction of our young ladies.
In my school days, one of the first performances of the day atter the formal good morning to the teacher, was to form in single rank for the daily inspection of our personal appearance. Our hands and faces were examined, and the possessor of an untidy head of hair was told to step out. That took so many marks off the number allowed for cleauliness. Boots and clothes were next scrutinized, and either passed muster or were condemned; dirty boots were never tolerated, they had to be clean, not merely the fronts, but the backs as woll. The second offence against cleanliness in any one month brought punishment, and for the third, the sinner was sent home.

Now, why should not this be the rule in our pablic schools here? Would it not be advissble to constitute personal cleanliness a part of the curriculum, instead of some of the abstruse subjects that are now crammed into children's brains and are as useless to them as a suit of fourteenth century armor. I see children, boys especially, go to school with halt washed faces, untidy clothes and boots that have never had the pleasure of making the accquaintance of blacking or brush. There is no excuse for that; poverty or straitened circumstances cannot be put forward as a plea for dirt, the defective water supply notwithstanding. Neither are the girls always what they should be; sometimes a neat little dress hangs over a very muddy or dusty pair of boots. All this means a dirty, slovenly goneration of men and women, who may be great scholars but very unsavory companions.

The bricklayers on the sewers have resumed work, int order, as they allege, to save trouble to the
contractors. Perhaps the more truth.ful way of putting it would be that the men saw the foolishness of the course they were pursuing, a sort of cutting their noses to spite their faces. There was no cause, of any justice, to be advanced for that strike; it was a mistaken and misgaided effort from first to last. There was no principle at stake that was worth contending for, and no object to be gained in a fight that had no cause. In any event, men should think twice before they throw up jobs in times like these, for there are at least ten idle men to fill every vacancy that occurs, and these surface drains were a godsend to some of the working men of Victoria. It is much better to let well alone.

At the Arion Club Concert the other evening, it was my mistortune to sit behind a young lady whose figure made an interesting study from a physical point of view. Let not the witnessing of such self inflicted torture ever be mine again, for the monks of old could not have endured half the penance suffered by that misguided girl. Her poor waist was pinched so that there could not have been more than six inches aeross. She could neither sit comfortably, talk or laugh with any degree of naturalness; the agony she suffered had pinched ber face out of all expression of ease. The miserable creature would tilt herself in every possible direction in search of the comfort that could have been obtained at once by loosening those murderous stays; but would she do that? no, that would make her figure large and vulgar, which would never do. If these poor wretches could only see themselves as common sense people see them, with their wasp-like waists and pinched faces, they would never put on a pair of stays.

In connection with this spirit of unnaturalness, one cannot help thinking what liars men and wo-
men are ; liars to themselves and each other. During the intervals between the numbers at the Arion concert, several little passages of what is vulgarly called "mashing" took place, and oh how good and noble those young men would have those young ladies think them! And how sweetly those feminine faces beamed, as though they never wore a pout or frown, and their owners could not do wrong. Why all this hypocrisy? Cannot a man go up to a lady, wearing the natural smile, and the open honest demeanor he would have to assume among his fellow men, or be shunned as a "sneak." A man will never go into a crowd of his companions "bowing and scraping," with a bland idiotic smile intended to be polite, showing his teeth like a cat about to spring. He would either get those teeth broken, or he would be ostracised as such men are. Then for pity's sake why not be manly before those towards whom it is their duty to be manly.

If I were a public spirited and moneyed mau like John Coughlan, I would apply for an injunction to restrain the city from allowing deep and dangerous ditches being dug along Chatham street, Spring Ridge. The city sold the sandpits, and has now to purchase sand from the owners of those pits. These people are now digging immense holes on the roadside which are left there for any one to fall into. Another example of aldermanic wisdom.

Prentice, the book-keeper and generally good young man who left the city a short time since without taking a formal tarewell of hıs trieuds, has written to au acquaintance here stating that it is his intention to settle up all scores against him. His letter is dated at New Orleans, so that he may be figuring on winning over the Corbet-Mitchell fight sufficient money to pay his debts; that is if the contest should come off
there. This is nothing new ; all these people intend to make good their deficiencies, but somehow they never, or very seldom do, and when such an event does transpire, it is heralded abroad with trumpets. Men of Prentice's stamp are only too common ; they never intend to be dishonest, but somehow money is appropriated and that is all that is heard of it.

So the scattered organizations that have heretofore been known as the Church of England in this country, have been gathered together into one combined church. This should have been done long ago, it we had only had the proper men ; but we have had men who thought of nothing but their own selfish ends, aud who refused to see good in anything that did not suit their particular desires. Bishop Perrin may be inclined to "high churchism," but there is no denying the fact that he is a far superior man, for this place, to his predecessor. He is more progressive, more modern in his ideas, and altogether a man who will more completely win public confidence and esteem. Had he, or a man such as he, been at the head of church affairs in this province, the step toward unity would have been taken loug ago.

From all directions this year come reports of the scarcity of grouse, both blue and willow. Weary sportsmen tramp all day, bringing home an empty bag and a lot of disappointed hopes. Of course the exceptionally severe winter had something to do with this, but there is also another cause, and that is the rathlessness with which birds have been slanghtered in the past for market purposes. It they were legitimately shot, perhaps it would not be quite so bad, but such is not the case. I have known sheltered little nooks, where the birds frequent, being spread with grain, so as to entice the birds, while a market hunter hid securely by and took a pot shot all along,
sometimes killing as many as three or four birds at one shot. Probably the best way to preserve the birds now would be to pro. tect them from the wholesale slaughter of the market hunter.

An important and largely attended meeting of female pheasants was held the other day, when it was decided to order a consignment of badges, with the inscription "I am not a grouse." These will be worn by the before mentioned birds for the gaidance of amateur sportsmen.
The hen pheasants have a friend indeed in Supt. Hussey this year, through the energetic efforts of Constable Mason, who carries out his chief's instructions without either fear, favor or class distinction. Gunners who feel like shooting lady pheasants will do well to beware of Mr. Mason, and also his son.

The American nation has again been disgraced by one of those lynching outrages, so many of which have occurred lately, but this last one has transcended all previous occasions in devilish brutality. The fiendish character of the outrage surpasses all imagination. It was a case in which a whole innocent family was brutally butchered by a lawless mob, who could not find the individual they wanted. As a matter of fact it was simply a pretext for an outburst of that race prejudice that has for so long been a blot on the history of the United States. Its enormity can be imagined when all the American papers speak of it in terms of shame and horror. The victims were colored, and the criminals were so-called white men, representing the civilization of the western world, but in reality dragging its fair name in the mud of the present age. Judge Lynch may be necessary to oil the wheels of justice now and again, but the sooner outbursts of the nature of the oue referred to are put down with a strong hand, and
that these people are shown that their colored brethren have every right of citizenship, the better it it will be for the United States.

Anent the remarks inthese columns last week about wife beaters and wife neglecters, I'see that an American judge has sentenced one of these wretches to thirtynine lashes for two-thirds kiling his wife ; and there were people who considered the sentence unduly severe. My opinion is only that of an individual, but it is that the judge was too lenient. He would not have overstepped the bounds of justice one particle by making the penalty 399 .
It was not the intention of the architect of these columns to notice the antics of the Ottawa snobocracy in their conduct toward the new Governor-General, but as the matter has been taken up by the old country papers, perhaps it would be well to let those journals know what the "society" at Ottawa is actually composed of. Primarily a number of them were Canadians, when living at the seat of Government was fairly tolerable. But by degrees a certain class of English dude was imported, to give variety to the place, as the rabbit was imported into Australia, and the English dude has become as prolific a pest in Canada as the English rabbit in Australia. This dude has no brains for anything but disdaining to pay his bills. Sometimes he gets married, in which case it is not merely his tailor or cigar man who suffer, but the grocer, the butcher and the baker. His dudeship is 'very highly connected at howme," which enables him to obtain all the fat pusitions in the civil service, where he condescends to accept the salary which these "blawsted colownials, down't you know," provide. This is about the sum and substance of Ottawa society, which makes me think that the British authorities have some spite against a man of Lord A'berdeen's character, when they compel him to spend four years of his life among such snobocrats.

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## SOUNDS AND EOHOES.

All the Johnnies will have their guns out to-morrow.

Premier Davie believes in the motto that a rolling stone feathers its own nest.

Is the City Council afraid to face the investigation asked for by Mr. Mohun? A little bird whispers they are.

The executive committee of the P. O. home will meet to day for the first time in their handsome new quarters on Hillside avenue.

All lovers of lacrosse will be glad to sce the ladies are moving in the direction of presenting the returning heroes with some mark of appreciation, as shown by last evening's meeting at Mr. Lowe's office.

Col. Baker is of opinion we could develope a good trade with Australia by taking their wines in exchange for our lumber. Men who find it hard these times to get beer will see the golden opportunity that presents itself.

## ARION CLUB CONCERT.

The second season of the Arion club of ened with the concert given in the Institute hall on Wednesday erening, and was a decided improvement on last year. These occasions will now, c wing to their uniqueness, be looked forward to with much pleasurable expectation, the object of the club, at present at least, being simply to foster a musical spirit, promote the causa of music in the community, and bring together the cream of
the musicians resident heve. It is noticeable, however, that there is yet quite a lot of cream outside, that might well replace some of the orlinary milk that still remains./ There is Clement Rowlands, whose superb voice would be a grand acqusition, also J. G. Brown, both of whom were in the audience as spectaters, and several other vocal celebrities whose presence on the platform would add very considerably to the elub's strength.

Of course the attendance was large; admission was by invitation, and therefore people were not alverse to being there at such a small cost as the trouble of going. The collective individual called the public is remarkably mean. In the matter of the choral power the club has gained ; practice and hard work are to be seen ali through, which, like charity, covers a multitude of defects. Several improvements might be made in the part voices. Take the tenors, In simple music they blend well, but in passages calling for particular force and vigor from them they are weak and deficient, though not by any means defective. There is not what can be called a really tirst class tenor in the chorus, that is, not a man capable of taking a tenor sclo that could be listened to with any degree of comfort. Collectively they perform some very pretty work in arias and short passages in the luwer register, A better state of things exists in the first bas eparts, among which, though, are classed some unmistakable baritones. The Arion clal is a model institution of its kind, and is doing a splendid work, but there are still many outside its gates who should be brougbt inside and enlisted as active members.
The programme Wednesday evening was very similar to the first concert, including selections from the several fathers of the divine art, though none of these selections were at all of a classical,

The choruses were effectually, and mainly correctly rendered; at times thrilling and at others captivatingly sweet. It was by no means an unpleasant programme ; on the contary, it was made up with a vast deal of judgment, and without any pedantic desire to air any classical knowledge of music which the club might possess.

Miss Warren, the new soprang, gave a couple of solos, one "Goodbye," and the other "Il Bacio," both very much hackneyed. This lady has been carefully trained, too carefully, in fact, for she is trained beyond her capacity, which is limited to a very ordinary voice. Her tones are expressive, if rendered in their natural state without any of the artificialties of so-called culture. How does it occur that when an average persun's voice is "cultivated," the articulation and enunciation become a chawing up of words, and the expression twisted out of all naturalness? There is a very sweet voice ruined by too much "culture." Mr. Ernest Wolff was the only other soloist. He played his own instrument, the violin, and played his way into the hearts of his audience. This young man gives bright promise for the future, although he frequently runs the risk of tiring his hearers with tediously long pieces. Better be short and be called back, than have a sigh of relief sent after you.

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## PERNONAL GOSSIP.

Dave Hart is able to be out again.

Mrs. M. B. Sachs, of Port Townsend, is visiting friends.

Mrs. and Miss Kinsman returned Wednesday evening, from Seattle.

Miss Gerson, of San Francisco, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Levy.

Miss Ella Leiser and Miss Fanny Cook returned from Wellington, Thursday.

Miss Leah Phillips is expected to return by to-dey's Kingston from the Sound.

Rev. Dr. S. Philo and F. Landsberg returned, Thursday, from Vancouver.
J. N. Henderson has returned from a trip to Montreal and other eastern cities.

His Lordship Bishop Perriñ; has returned from the Anglican Synod meeting at Toronto.

Miss D. Fleishman and Miss Olga Walder, both of Vancouver, are the guests of Mr. F. Landsberg.

Mr. W. F. Topping, the popular manager of the Union S.S. Co., was in the city during the week.

Miss Slater and Miss Morrison, of Winnipug were in the city ear'y in the week on their way home. They have been visiting Mr. W E. Slater, of Seattle.

Hon. Theodore Davie, Q. C., Premier and Attorney-General, of the province, returned from a tour through the interior, last week, and left again immediately.

Hon. Mr. Justice Crease has returned from the Cariboo assize circuit, which he took this year in place of the Chief Justice, Sir Matthew Begbie, who is indisposed.

There are two smoking concerts on the tapis for next Saturday evening, 7th Oct. The James Bay Athletic Association at the Driard, and the Football Club at the Clarence.

A great delegation of Jewish society is expected from the Sound and Mainland ports to attend the Simcha Thora ball to be given by the Hebrew Ladies' Society on Occ. 2nd in their new hall.

Invitations are out for the wedding of Otto Buckholtz, captain of the schooncr Casco, and Miss Stralford, daughter of J. C. Stratford, of Victoria West. © The happy event will take place on Tuesday.

A pleasant surprise party was tendered to $M$ iss $M$. Wallen'jerg, of Seattle, by her many friends here, at the residence of Mrs. P. J. Davis. Games, dancing and other parlor amusements were indulged in until a late hour, when the happy crowd dispersed for their homes.

Miss Beatrice Johnson, daughter of Mr. E. M. Johnson, the wellknown financial broker and real estate man, left Friday via the C. P. R. and Allan line for England, where she will be married to a clergyman of the Church of England, and make her home there.

Mrs. Foster Macgurn and family will spend the coming winter in

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the east，in the hope that the change will restore her to health． Mr．Macgurn will accompany them and take in the World＇s Fair at Chicago，and probably spend the winter months in comparing the ＂effete east＂with the＂wild and wooly west．＂

The W．C．T．U．were very suc－ cessful in the first entertainment given under their auspices．Dr． George，the eloquent and talented divine of Seattle，contributed a number of readings from various authors，all of which were well re－ ceived．The musical portion of the evening was furnished by Miss O＇Neil，W．Edgar Buck and J．G． Brown．

The Victoria Canoe Club＇s regat－ ta last Saturday afternoon was a successful affair．The Indian war canoe race between the James Bay＇s and the Canoe Clnb was one of the prettiest races during the afternoon．It is to be hoped that at the next regatta given by the Canoe Club the different events will follow each other without the unnecessary delays that occurred last Saturday．

A Chetauqua circle is being or－ ganized for the winter season．An effort is being made to increase the membership over that of last year． It ought to meet with success． Foundea in 1878，probably no agency has exerted the influence of this society in advancing the high－ er education of old and young， rich and poor alike，and in stimu－ lating a desire among all classes to cultivate that knowiedge which is the nation＇s best safeguard．The circle now has a membership of 210,000 ，and is increasing to an extent only justified by the merit it possesses．Mr．H．Siddall will readily furnish information to any person desirous of forming a new circle or of joining the＂Fernwood＂ which is in connection with the Metropolitan Methodist church．

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