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TALES OF THE TOWN.

DICKENS immortalized a character known as "Dick Swiveller" who kept a memorandum of the streets in London closed to him by debts. Dick had a list up to date of his creditors, where they lived and the amount he owed them, and he used to add to his list at intervals the names of the streets he had to avoid. Had his fortune smiled on him as soon as she did, pretty nearly every street in London would soon have been "closed" to Dick. But there are characters in real life more strange than the eccentric Swiveller. There is one in Victoria at present that for cool assumption and unadulterated nonchalance in the treatment of his creditors, knocks Swiveller "clean out." This character, aided by a slender "remittance from home," has been living around here for some time; long enough anyhow for the storekeepers and merchants to thoroughly know him. Yet, with that strange fatuity that merchants have of being for ever taken in by these deadbeats, this fellow gets the best of credit, and lives high on very little right along. He is plausible, smooth tongued, aristocratically connected, is a natural born high liver and a good entertainer, dresses in all the alleged English styles, and is generally one of those Englishmen peculiar to the "blawsted colonies." An instance of this representative abroad of a great and glorious race occurred the other day, in the office of a well known hotel (for our esteemed Briton puts up at only the best), and the proceeding was characteristic of the man.

A leading merchant presented an account amounting to the hundreds. Our friend opens the envelope with as much style as though the President of the great Republic of the West had just dropped a note asking him to lunch. It was a bill; a common, everyday account; in other words, a "dun." The Briton turns in majestic scorn on the miserable representative of a despicable tradesman. The said miserable representative is shrivelled up. "Waut do yeou 'neen ah, bay presenting youah bill to me heaw? Down't yeou know this is a public place, and yeou ought to know bettah? Wye youah damaging youah cwedit, and advertising youah firm as demmed hawd up. Ay will keep youah blawsted account and let you wait faw the money," and with lordly contempt he resumed with a friend the interrupted conversation about how hopelessly a certain peeress had fallen in love with him.

Those who attended the dedicatory services Sunday of the new church, which the Catholics of this city have built, could not fail to be impressed. The pomp and

ceremony which mark the public services of this grand old institution all over the world are certainly impressing; no doubt they are conducive to true Christian devotion, and that simple uplifting of the human heart to its creator, but on the impressive disposition the effect is peculiar, and I think therein lies one of the chief influences of the Catholic church over its adherents.

The music was not up to the standard; instrumentally it was good, but vocally it was very poor and disappointing throughout; a fact owing to two causes—first, the apparent ignorance on the part of the soloists of any knowledge of Latin, particularly in pronunciation, and the second the fact that the music selected was a little beyond the capacity of an ordinary choir to handle. Latin scholars as a rule are not good musicians, and then it requires musicians of a very high average order to either sing or play the music of this church, whose masses and anthems have ever been and are now the sun and moon of ecclesiastical music. I have had more real delight in listening to one of Mozart's or Haydn's grand masses properly and efficiently executed than in the most popular of the great operatic works of the day.

I must say that the Catholics of Victoria are to be congratulated on the possession of so handsome an edifice and such an architectural ornament to this fair city, and I trust that Bishop Lemmens will long live to minister to his flock in their new and lovely spiritual home.

The departure of the Lieut. Governor and Mrs. Nelson will be regretted by their legion of friends in this city and throughout the Province, for that matter. During the time this estimable couple have been occupants of Carey Castle, they have done much to elevate the social standard of the Province. The receptions at Government House were always functions of a highly pleasing character, and Mrs. Nelson will be greatly missed the coming season. This lady always manifested a deep interest in everything which had for its object the social advancement of her sex, and matters of a charitable nature found in her a friend.

I am pleased to record this week the unprecedented success of the meeting called to organize an Irish society. I am further pleased to be able to compliment the gentlemen present on the good taste they displayed in naming their organization the "Sons of Erin." What more suggestive name could have been selected for a society which will throw its doors open to the son of every true born Irishman? It is doubtful if any society in this city ever started with such a large membership as the one last Tuesday

night, which will perpetuate the glory and fame of a country which has produced so many great men, and it is not every national society that has such a grand array of brilliant men to honor. The names of Swift, Burke, O'Connell, Curran, Sheridan and Grattan will remain green in the memories of their countrymen as long as the grass of the isle which gave them birth retains its emerald hue. Statesmen they were, cast in no ordinary mould, but great men in their own land and throughout the world. Richard Brinsley Sheridan was the grandfather of an Irishman near and dear to the heart of every patriotic Canadian. It is needless to say that I refer to Lord Dufferin. But it is not only to legislative halls that Irishmen can turn with pride. The hero of Waterloo was an Irishman, and Lord Wolseley is an Irishman and proud of the distinction which his birth gives him. And here let me say that before and since the historic battle of Clontarf, Irishmen have always been found on the field, ready to do battle for what they conceived to be truth and justice. Coming nearer home, we all know that the greatest orator of his day in Canada was Hon. Thomas D'Arcy McGee, and this is saying a great deal, for the genius of young Edward Blake was at that time budding forth. Somehow, when I get writing about the Irish, I never know when to stop, but, before concluding, I desire to remark that the thorough good feeling which prevails among the Irishmen of all classes in this city augurs well for the success of the new society.

The Local Improvement By-law is no doubt a good one, but not perfect, though calculated in a great measure to restore equilibrium in our city finances. It is thought that if throughout the lately enlarged boundaries the city is to grade all new streets, lay in all the water supply and lead all the light from ordinary revenue, that this ordinary revenue must be largely increased by heavier rates. "Let it be done," says the erst suburban resident. "Not so," is replied, "from your proximity to town you before got many of the substantial advantages of city residence and contributed nothing; now being in the city you will pay your rates and taxes to the city treasury, but that is not enough for your water and paving and light. By a heavy city expenditure your property will be trebled in value, and you are asked to bear your share of the burden, as more immediately benefited by the improvements."

The Local Improvement By-law says on the face of it, clause 1: "You shall pay all the expense by means of a special rate upon the real property benefitted thereby," and clause 4: "The City Engineer shall determine and show on plan what real

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property will be immediately benefitted." At a cursory glance, this would appear to mean that if a street from A to B is widened by the City, that the property owners fronting on both sides of the said street shall be assessed for the whole, as per proportion of frontage and value. This, I think, is too hard on the local property owner. Another interpretation is, that many owners whose property is in streets leading right and left to the proposed improvements shall contribute proportionately to the "easement" obtained. That is still not modification enough. It would be idle to deny that the whole city receives an "easement" through the proposed improvement.

Now, how would it work to pay one-third of the cost of such improvement out of general revenue, one third to be paid by assessment spread over an area of enhanced values, and one-third to be borne by the proprietors immediately abutting on the widened or graded street or new sewer laid down; in the case of a purchased right of way the selling owners to receive two-thirds of the market value, without further contribution on their part. The assessment of all these values will be most assuredly a very onerous task for the assessor.

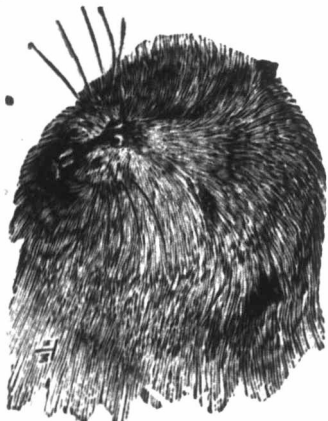
The departure of the Rt. Rev. Bishop Hills from the Province might have been heralded by a better worded notification than appears in the *Colonist* of 27th ult. of memorial to be put up at the new Cathedral. The public are not informed *ipso facto* who decided on a memorial window to the Bishop. If it were by resolution of a meeting it should have been so stated; or is all this embodied with a touch of imagination to help, in the excessively terse and *quasi* elliptical poor little IT. Then, the Diocese being an inanimate or say impersonal object or mental creation, how can it receive any services, though the services might be rendered in the Diocese; and lastly the notification is anonymous. Why? All communications (I will suppose,) are to be addressed to the *Synod office*. Is it a man then, or is there not a secretary to be addressed at the *Synod office*? Surely in the case of so important a personage as the Bishop it would have been more dignified to use a little English undefiled, and not this badly composed farrago of words.

Who is to blame for the neglected state of the old cemetery? Time was when some of our dearest friends were here buried, some still dear in the memory of people now living. The Government of the day, some few years ago, built a new fence round the enclosure. Gates recklessly broken or thrown down are now the order of the day. Every tree neglected, every walk grass grown or worse, and many graves with enclosing rails wrenched off. Is not the City rich enough or patriotic enough or sympathetic enough, to maintain in decent order the last resting place of those who once moved among us? Costly structures there are, affectionate mementoes have been there placed. On the trite saying that "everybody's business is nobody's business," a janitor should be appointed, or a gardener, a part of whose

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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

C. E. Stevenson and wife, Kamloops, are in town.

R. P., Mrs. and Miss McLellan have returned from Vancouver.

John Roper and daughter, England, are registered at the Balmoral.

Capt. John and Mrs. Irving returned by the Islander, Thursday night.

Mrs. Gus. Leiser gave an At Home, last Friday evening, in honor of her guest, Miss Myers.

Rod. Begg, of Kerr & Begg, returned home, Wednesday, from an extended business trip East.

A party was given at the residence of F. and Mrs. Oliver, 65 Menzies street, Thursday evening.

Mr. Arthur A. Philo, son of Rev. Dr. Philo, is expected to arrive here, next week, from New York.

Last Monday evening there was a surprise party at the residence of Simon and Mrs. Leiser, Pandora Avenue.

The young ladies and gentlemen connected with the Synagogue are taking steps to organize a dancing club for the winter months.

Mrs. Robt. Kidner arrived, Monday, from London, Ont., on a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. W. Winnett, of Sea View Villa, Montrose street.

It is rumored that a well known drug-gist and prominent member of the James Bay Athletic Association will wed a popular young lady of Victoria, next week.

Miss Bertha Frank entertained a number of her friends at her parents' residence, on Frederick street, Tuesday, November 2nd, the event being the young lady's birthday.

The Rev. H. Kingham, Archdeacon of Montana, resident at Great Falls, and formerly of Christ Church Cathedral, contemplates a visit to England in January next.

Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, Canon Beanlands and Rev. Messrs. Hewetson and Arden returned, Thursday night, after escorting Bishop Hills as far as the Mainland.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Lenz held a gathering at their residence, corner Cook and Yates streets, last Wednesday, in honor of Mrs. Lenz's birthday. The evening was spent in music and dancing.

T. G. and Mrs. Moody, of 86 Pandora Avenue, gave a pleasant birthday party, Wednesday evening, in honor of their son, T. G. Moody, jr. There were about forty-five young people present.

A special general meeting of the Victoria Chess Club will be held at the club rooms, Wilson block, on Thursday evening, Oct. 10, to consider the advisability of introducing whist into the club.

The Iolanthe Club will give their initiatory dance of the season at Harmony Hall, on the evening of Thursday next, Thanksgiving day. Every attention is being made for a large attendance and a pleasant evening.

Wednesday evening, 9th inst., St. John's Church will be the scene of a brilliant gathering, the occasion being the marriage of a well known young lady of the congregation to a popular commercial traveller of this city.

Mr. W. C. Pope, of R. P. Rithet & Co., L'td., has left for Montreal, where he will meet a young English lady, who is to become his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Pope will settle down to housekeeping upon their arrival here.

Mr. Fred B. Pemberton left for Toronto, Friday evening. The happy event is fixed for the 16th inst., at the home of the bride's parents. An extended wedding tour will be made through the East, returning home via San Francisco.

The Cathedral Quartette, composed of Messrs. Floyd, Kingham, Kent and Wollaston, held a practice at the residence of H. and Mrs. Kent, Yates street, on Thursday evening. A number of friends were also present and an enjoyable evening was spent.

The Ladies Aid, of the Centennial Methodist Church, will hold a "Corn" social, on Wednesday evening 9th inst. On Monday the 14th inst., Mr. Shakespeare will give a lecture illustrated by stereoscopic views, entitled "Around the World in 100 minutes."

Mr. F. Landsberg has issued about 50 invitations to his friends for his "House Warming," to be held on Sunday, Nov. 6, at his new residence 54 Pandora street. An interesting feature of the event is that Mr. Landsberg is the first Hebrew bachelor of this city to entertain his friends.

Samuel Matson and John Hyland, both well known in the city, have entered into partnership, to do a general brokerage business, conveyancing, etc. Samuel Matson will attend to insurance, being manager for the Province of the Provident Savings Life Assurance Co. John Hyland will be the real estate man and R. L. Drury, conveyancer, will be attached to the firm. The new offices are at 43½ Government street, over Kerr & Begg's.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Levy issued over one hundred invitations for their tin wedding, last Sunday evening. The responses were liberal, for the rooms were crowded. There were a great many presents. It is wonderful, with a little taste and thought, how many things that are far from being ornamental, may be transformed. Supper was served at 11 o'clock, after which the young folks danced away until the early hours of morning. All seemed to enjoy themselves very much.

The first regular monthly concert of the Musical Society was given on Tuesday evening, at Gyppeswyk, the home of F. H. and Mrs. Worlock. There were about 100

persons present of whom 35 were members of the society. The concert was a very sociable affair and will long be remembered as one of the most enjoyable events of the season. The programme was of a high order; all of the numbers were ably rendered and much appreciated by the listeners. Mrs. Helmcken, solo; Mrs. Walkem and Miss Rhodes, duet; Miss Mouat, Mrs. Helmcken and Mr. Bushby, trio; instrumental trio by Miss Fielding, Prof. Yamdley and Mr. Scroggs—piano, violin and violincello. A few glees were well rendered by the society's chorus of 30 voices—"Sleep, Gentle Lady," "Hush Thee, My Baby" and "Gypsy Chorus." The managers of the society—Mrs. Dennis Harris, Miss Dupont and Mrs. Worlock, secretary—deserve every praise for the wonderful success of the evening.

On Thanksgiving evening, (Thursday next), the beautiful cantata, "The Angel of the Harvest," will be rendered by a choir selected from the members of Pandora Avenue Methodist Church. "The Angel of the Harvest" is a little more difficult than the cantata given by this choir last year, or any previous year for that matter, but it is pleasing to record that the choruses will be thoroughly mastered, if the rehearsals which have already taken place are accepted as a criterion. The solos, though somewhat difficult, are very pretty. Besides the soloists of previous years, there will be Miss Wolff, soprano; Miss Baker, contralto; and Mr. Mitchell, tenor. The choruses contain over 40 voices, assisted by a juvenile choir. The recitation parts, though short, are said to be quite effective, and Mr. Parfitt has secured the services of Miss Penwill and Miss R. Burkholder for this part of the work. The decoration committee intimate that their part of the programme will be faithfully attended to. This being the first concert for the benefit of the new church building fund, it will no doubt meet with success. Tickets are now being sold, and programmes of the entertainment will be circulated in the church pews next Sunday evening.

The fact that the relations now existing between the young Emperor of Germany and his widowed mother are not only pleasant but affectionate has been emphasized by the presentation to the latter by the Emperor of a deed to the ruined castle of Kronberg. The Emperor's new castle stands on an eminence near this picturesque ruin, which, as all Continental travelers know, is opposite Friedrichshof. Its position and form of construction are such that from its windows and porches a magnificent view of the ruin is obtained. About a year ago the Empress expressed a desire to purchase this ruined castle and the land which goes with it. On the following Christmas the Empress found upon her table a communication from the Emperor saying that it would afford him the greatest pleasure to present to the Empress the Schloss Kronberg as his Christmas gift. Recently, while in Hamburg, the formal tender of the deeds was made by the Emperor in person, and his mother no longer need worry lest her view in any direction shall be cut off or lest any undesired neighbors shall ensconce themselves on that estate.

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DOTS AND DASHES.

It might interest Victoria lovers of the game of football, now that the season is on, to learn that they owe the game to the Romans. There is no doubt that it "came over" to England with Jullus Cæsar. It was played, too, by the Greeks, and, in all likelihood, by more ancient peoples before them. But the actual origin of the game is lost in the mists of time. Fierce wordy warfare has been waged about the invention of printing, of gunpowder, of the mariner's compass and so on; but these mysteries would be trifles light as air compared with the serious effort, if any man were sane enough to make it, to discover the inventor of football. Depend upon it, the simpler ball games are as old as the human race, and the man, woman or child who first kicked something round, or threw it about sportively, gave rise to a rough and ready pastime out of which football and a host of other games grew during the centuries. Do not, however, run away with the notion that when the astonished Britons saw the Romans at their game they saw football played as it is played to day in London or Glasgow. Their pastime was of a much simpler sort than ours, though, curiously enough, the Greeks seem, in some forms of the game, to have handled the ball in a way that suggests at least the crude idea of the Rugby style. From the Romans, the natives soon learned the game, and it got that firm foothold in the old country which it has ever since retained. It is strange that football took root in the northern parts of England before the Southerners adopted it and it is recorded of the colliers of the North that they used to lie in wait for the bridegroom as he left the church after the wedding ceremony and demand money from him for the game.

The meeting which was held Thursday evening at the City Hall, under the presidency of Mr. R. P. Rithet, augurs well for a thoroughly healthy and active turf club in Victoria. There was a large attendance, and the purpose for which the meeting was held was to discuss the offer of the Mount Tolmie Turf Club, which is in effect to assume the assets, liabilities and good will of the Victoria Jockey Club, in return for stock taken by the members of the latter in the new club to the amount of about \$8,000. With the cash and backing of the new club added to this sum, the amalgamated institution would have its own track, grounds and buildings. It is owing to the absence of such ownership, principally, that the Victoria Jockey Club

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has not flourished as it should have done. This whole question was discussed in all its bearings at the meeting in question, and those present were to a unit in favor of amalgamation. The only point not decided was the basis of union, but this was surmounted by the appointment of a committee to confer with the promoters of the new club with a view to better terms, the assets of the Victoria Jockey Club being stated to be greater than were estimated. It was also proposed and generally agreed upon that the name of the new institution should be the Victoria Turf Club.

The doctors are coming to believe that the bald head can be made to blossom—if not like the rose at least like the hair mattress. This statement is made on the authority of the New York *Medical Record*, which says that great hope is entertained for neurotrophic and parasite baldness. Senile baldness is, however, acknowledged to be incurable. The formulæ for bristle culture are very simple. For the neurotrophic condition of the human north pole. Dr. H. H. Ohmann-Dumesnil (and a doctor with a name like that can cure anything) recommends a pill twice daily made up of R. Strychnia sulph., gr. 1-60; ferri redacti, gr. j.; quinae bisulph., gr. j. To this he adds: hypophosphites and gr. $\frac{1}{2}$ to gr. 1-6 of pilocarpine hydrochlorate at bed time. For parasitic forms of alopecia areata Dr. Dumesnil advises a three per cent solution of creolin for the entire scalp and locally an ointment composed of hydrarg, perchlorid. corrosivi. gr. j.; lanolini, drachm j. A more drastic measure consists in painting the affected area with pure carbolic acid. If this doesn't make the recalcitrant scalp hump itself, the bald headed gentlemen at least has the satisfaction of knowing that he has been treated by the faculty and can pay his bill with gladness and singleness of heart. But why attempt the culture of a hirsute covering for the brain box when its absence has long been associated with professional dignity and a fine taste in the dramatic art? A young doctor would be willing to give a week's practice to accumulate a fine case of alopecia areata on his zenith. And a formula for causing baldness of any kind except the senile would be welcomed with effusion. Nature is not prodigal of her favors. Let the bald headed rejoice and carry their brain boxes proudly unornamented. You never saw any bald headed fools—at least not many.

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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

HORSES are so plentiful in Buenos Ayres that beggars ride on horseback. Beggars who ride on horseback are said to go to a very hot place.

The list of the *respectable gentlemen* who attended the Swan Lake reception was received too late for publication in this issue. Look out for THE HOME JOURNAL next week.

A BLIND man, playing a hand organ, is often seen on the streets of Toronto. He strives to arouse the pity of pedestrians by displaying on his breast a card bearing these touching words: "I am blind and the father of eight children by a horrible accident."

THE clergyman who has continuously occupied one pulpit longer than any other divine in the United States, is the Rev. Dr. Furness, of Philadelphia. His age is 90, and for 68 years he has been pastor of one church. The attention of the members of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church is directed to this "statement of fact."

HEIGHT OF OCEAN WAVES.

Various means have been devised for measuring height and velocity of ocean waves. The Hon. Ralph Abercromby's method, recently employed by him on board the steamer Tongariro between Cape Otway, Australia, and New Zealand, was probably a new departure. For measuring wave height he used an aneroid with very open scale and a chronograph measuring time to one-fifth of a second. An aneroid shows a decrease atmospheric pressure of about eleven hundredths of an inch for each 10 feet of increase in vertical height. Hence, if in a hollow his aneroid showed 29.200 inches, and when on the wave-crest 29.244 inches, this difference of 0.44 inch of barometric pressure shows that the wave height was about 40 feet. Length and velocity were obtained by timing with chronograph the interval between two successive crests reaching the stern, or occupied by the first crest running the ship's length of 380 feet, the necessary correction for run being made. His maximum wave was 46 feet high 765 feet long, moving at the rate of 47 miles an hour, with a period of 16½ seconds.

BRITISH COLUMBIA AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

It has been announced that Hon. Theodore Davie will, on his way back from Ottawa, spend a short time at Chicago, and make arrangements for a British Columbia exhibit at the World's Fair. The people of this Province will no doubt be pleased to hear that the energetic Premier has taken this matter in hand. Already the Manitoba Government has made preparations for an exhibit which will show to the world the great possibilities of the Prairie Province. Premier Greenway says his Government has determined to erect another building, so as to secure a large amount of space beyond that which has already been apportioned to that Province. In the new building, which will be erected at a cost of \$10,000, will be placed a large quantity of No. 1 hard wheat, samples of which will be distributed to farmers visiting the Fair. The productions of the other Provinces of the Dominion will be well represented, and it is pleasing to note that Premier Davie will see to it that the great resources of this Province will be brought to the notice of the world at Chicago.

THE BARING LIQUIDATION.

The Baring liquidation cannot, it is thought, be completed within the next twelve months, as was originally contemplated, and it is expected some fresh arrangements will be made by which the time for completing the liquidation is extended in order to nurse the securities and minimize the shrinkage upon them. During the past six months ending Aug. 31st, the liabilities were reduced from \$35,085,000 to \$25,565,000, a decrease of \$9,520,000, while the assets during the same period have depreciated in value from \$51,000,000 to \$41,595,000 or a shrinkage of \$10,005,000. It will be seen, says the *Trade Bulletin*, that the decrease

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in the assets has been about half a million more than that of the liabilities; and if a realization of the former were ordered, it is recognized that they would shrivel up to a mere skeleton of their present volume. Even in the event of an extension of the liquidation all hope has been abandoned on the part of the guaranteeing banks, of escaping without a final loss. Of course, in the above assets are included securities that are known to be worth very little if put on the market to-day, and it is believed that a considerable portion of them would be liable to a heavy depreciation. To the immense amount of money locked up in these unrealizable securities is unquestionable due a great deal of the depression now manifested in financial and trade circles in England, and it is to be feared that this trouble will be a bugbear for some time to come. Every time a partial realization upon these Baring Argentine bonds has been attempted, the shrinkage in value has been almost unparalleled, and a lot of careful nursing for some time to come will be necessary in order to stay the wasting process of these consumptive securities.

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OF INTEREST TO WOMEN.

MME. ANNA LAMPERIERE, who has an airy and pleasing style, writing in the *Paris Figaro*, says: "A fifth estate—the feminine estate—has arisen. Its advance guard is deployed in line of battle; its staff has already matured plans, and the main body will soon be placed where the most malignant cannot dislodge it. The habit of deriding this band calls the public attention to it.

Very cleverly the main body is sheltered behind the advance guard, which makes all the noise, receives all the blows and lets the missiles of journalists and bourgeois pile up around it without turning a hair and makes its trumpet sound over the whole world.

"What has woman been up to now? Nothing. What is she to be? Everything!"

This is the formula which has been adopted by Mme. Potonie-Pierre, the chief sapper of the advance guard of the women's army.

"One hears but little except from this valiant group, but the great body of the army is coming, its members singing with Beranger

Non, mes amis, non, je ne veux rien être, and confining themselves to be post-mistresses, telegraphers, directresses of primary schools, professors of secondary education, inspectors, painters, composers, sculptors, authors, doctors of medicine, lawyers even; seeking and gaining their livelihood instead of waiting for a gentleman more or less well disposed to provide it.

"However, there is a long road to be travelled before the mass of the French nation fall in line with this advance guard. The Chicago Exposition has its 'Women's Building,' in which very properly a place is reserved for French women. A committee has been formed to organize this part of the Exposition, and it has been remarked that not one Frenchwoman has been called to join it. *La Justice* has protested against this, and Mrs. May Wright Sewall, President of the National Council of American Women, has been sent to explain. When one considers that the Union of American Women includes two million members, it will be evident that the official direction will act towards us in the manner of Turk to Moor."

The monks of the middle Ages divided the kiss into fifteen distinct

and separate orders—the decorous, or modest kiss; the diplomatic, or kiss of policy; the spying kiss, to ascertain if a woman has drunk wine; the slave kiss; the kiss infamous—a church penance; the slipper kiss, practiced towards tyrants; the judicial kiss; the feudal kiss; the religious kiss (kissing the cross); the academical kiss (or joining a solemn brotherhood), the hand kiss; the Judas kiss; the medical kiss—for the purpose of healing some sickness; the kiss of etiquette; the kiss of love—the only real kiss.

A curious marriage was solemnized recently. A clergyman, aged 72, being struck with paralysis, and being near death, began to think of setting his house in order before he quitted this world. One thing troubled him exceedingly, and that was the fate of his old housekeeper. He had no money to leave her. At last he was struck with an idea. He proposed, and was married to her while he was lying in bed nearly dead. A day or two afterwards he died, and his faithful servant was rendered comfortable for life by the annuity granted to all poor ministers' widows from the ministers' widows fund.

The trousseau of the Princess Margathe will contain a great quantity of exquisite lace of which the young princess is a great connoisseur. The Empress Frederick has ordered a great part of the lace from Hirschberg, in Silesia, so as to encourage the industry, and at present the people are at work on two exquisite veils, one of which bears a design of roses and myrtles, the other having a conventional pattern. Black and white lace shawls are also ordered of Chantilly and Duchesse lace.

The three rings the Queen prizes most are: First, her wedding ring, which she has never taken off; then a small enamel ring, with a tiny diamond in the centre, which the Prince Consort gave her at the age of 16, and an emerald serpent which he gave her as an engagement ring. Her Majesty sleeps with these rings on.

A Boston beauty, while out with her young man, a few evenings since, ate nine plates of ice-cream at his ex-

pense. She then said that, when in good condition, she could readily put away a dozen. He is a ten-dollar a week clerk, and is now considering the advisability of breaking off the match.

A shorthand writer in Berlin attends the funerals of all prominent persons and takes down verbatim the addresses of the officiating clergymen. He prepares highly ornamented copies of these and sells them to the friends of the eulogized dead. He is doing a roaring trade.

A fashion authority states that the popularity of the serge coutume will extend into the winter months, the new serges having a very wide ribbed surface, and being of a thick, strong consistency.

When present one night at a Stafford House ball, the Queen on bidding good-bye to the old Duke of Sutherland, is supposed to have said: "I leave your palace to return to my house."

Swedish girls, at an early age, begin to make and accumulate linen garments. By the time they are of marriageable age, they have an extensive outfit of such articles.

Nearly 84 tons of ostrich feathers! That is the weight already disposed of this year at market auction sales in the United Kingdom. The amount realized was over \$430,000

The wife of a well known labor leader has recently remarked that many a man who is an electric light in public is only a tallow dip at home.

The buttons on the wedding dress of a millionaire's daughter, recently married, were made of jewels, and cost £20 each.

The Queen of Siam has the smallest feet yet seen on a titled woman. She wears one and a half in boots.

Berlin has an "Association of Married Women for the control of Husbands."

In equatorial Africa the price of a wife is ten packages of hair-pins.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

JEFFREYS LEWIS will produce "Forget-Me-Not" at the Victoria Monday evening, Nov. 7th. The San Francisco *Call* says: "Miss Jeffreys Lewis could not have selected a play, the title of which would be more appropriate than the one presented to the people of San Francisco last night. They will not soon forget the play nor the great actress. 'Forget-Me-Not' is indeed a wonderful piece



of passion framing, and although it is not a pleasant thing to look upon and listen to, owing to the fact that the favorite is painted in unbecoming colors from beginning to end, yet, in the hands of such a woman as Miss Lewis, the audience forgets that Stephanie DeMohrivart is anything but a suffering woman, and in the better feelings of their nature the people are carried away by the sheer force of her magnetic and irresistible powers of art. The real world would look upon 'Forget-Me-Not' as a dangerous woman, and this same world in flesh and blood would not allow itself to be placed in such a position to even excuse her faults, covered up ever so much they might be with the veil of wealth, intelligence and countless other attractions, but as the stage Stephanie, with her beautiful face, her seductive manner, and a voice of inexplicable sweetness and power of thrilling the heart and sensibilities, Jeffreys Lewis rises to the pinnacle of grandeur, and proves to the world the terrible power of women for good or evil. She is an actress in whose presence, and under the sound of whose voice the people sit in wonder and fascinated admiration, and who in

the most immoral and unpopular role could force the sympathies of her auditors, leading their hearts hopelessly in a road they would scorn in real life to acknowledge. Her art is perfect, and her power is so much above that of most stage women, that she may justly be called the greatest living actress. The supporting company is very good, but playing against such a woman as Jeffreys Lewis, they at times appear to be mediocre. This evening Miss Lewis will appear for the last time in this city, and as 'Diplomacy' is one of her favorite dramas, she will show off to the best advantage. The *Call* would advise every lover of the beautiful in art to go and see the great play." On Tuesday evening, "La Belle Russe" will be produced with Jeffreys Lewis as "Geraldine" her original character, and Harry Mainhall playing Capt. Dudley Brand.

Manager Cort has been in correspondence with the Duff Opera Company, which carries 85 people, with a view to securing their appearance in Victoria. The company is one of the best now travelling, and its management dare not take many chances, and and consequently will have to secure a guarantee. The company's repertoire includes Cavalleria Rusticana, Trip to Africa, Trial by Jury, Ern inie, Miss Hellyett, Carmen and The Gondoliers. It is so long since Victoria has had a season of opera that it is probably the guarantee could be arranged with profit to all.

The opera "Olivette" by Audran, has been selected by the Victoria Operatic society for an early production. It is admirably suited to the talent of the company, and the rendition will no doubt be a musical treat. The libretto has been telegraphed for, and will be put into study immediately upon its arrival. The society is in a very flourishing condition, a number of new talent having been added recently, and some good things may be expected.

Professor C. Norris and his wonderful group of educated dogs will give a matinee performance at The Victoria at 2:30 this afternoon, for the special benefit of the ladies and children. There will be a performance also in the evening. The show is said to be a good one.

In Victoria West hall last evening, local amateurs presented the thrilling western drama, "Nevada or the Lost Mine," a story full of thrilling situations and attractive tableaux. The play will also be given a matinee and evening performances to-day.

McFee of Dublin should have been better patronized than it was. It is the best Irish comedy seen in the city for years. The company throughout is good, and kept the audience in continued roars of laughter.

The Delmonico will be opened on the 14th at a Music Hall. The new place of amusement will be conducted on the same plan as English Music Halls.

Manager J. W. Dunne for Patti Rosa has made arrangements with Ida C. Ward to write a play for Miss Rosa to star the coming season.

Thos. W. Keene, the eminent tragedian, is playing to larger audiences than in any previous season since he became a star.

Miss Annie Blankey, the original Tags of the "County Fair," has been engaged to play the boy role in "Yon Yonson."

Henry Irving is rehearsing "King Lear" in which Ellen Terry is to appear as Cordelia and Ada Dyas as Goneril.

Mlle Rhea announces "Josephine" as her most important play for the tour which begins early this month.

Clara Morris, the greatest emotional actress living, will be at the Victoria some time in December.

After Dark, a thrilling and realistic melodrama, holds the date of Nov. 30, at The Victoria.

E. S. Willard is soon to produce for the first time a play by the late Lord Tennyson.

Bernard Dyllyn is singing in the Imperial Music Hall, New York City.

The Warde-James combination are doing big business down South.

Salvini will be an attraction at The Victoria in the near future.

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