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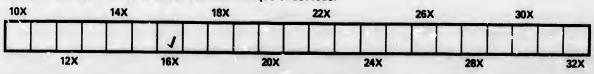
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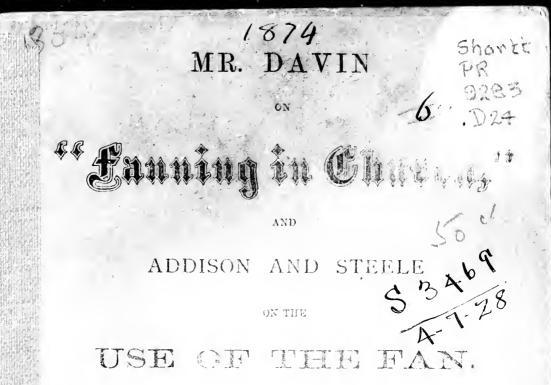


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GLOBE PRINTING COMPANY, 26 & 28 KING STREET EAST. 1874.

A newspaper which has attained a high character for truthfulness, and for the dignity and ability with which it is conducted, lately published an article in which the following sentence occurs :-- " More than once of late an editorial writer on the Globe has been shown to have palmed off in the columns of that journal articles on such subjects as 'Fanning in Church.' 'Dancing,' &c., taken almost bodily from the pages of the old British Essayists, and without acknowledgment transferred to those particular columns which are supposed to be devoted to original articles." (Mail, Oct. 30th, 1874.) To test the accuracy of this statement, let us take the first article mentioned, "Fanning in Church," which appeared in the Globe, June 13th, 1874. I am the author of that article. A great paper, such as that of which I am one of the editors, cannot stoop to notice things of this sort. But I now throw off the veil of anonymity, which has not been respected-and which I wish, for my own part, I could always discard. Not only do I print my own article on "Fanning in Church," but I print all that ever appeared in the Spectator on the fan and fanning. There is no use in wasting another word on a matter which is only one among thousands of instances which show into what skilful and honorable hands the conduct of our newspapers has in great part fallen. It may however be said that the charge of plagiary-which has been made against almost every eminent writer who has claimed the attention of the publicis a compliment in disguise; for nobody will accuse you of stealing what is of no value. I think I know a newspaper, and an editor, whose articles will never be charged with the taint of plagiary. I may also express my regret that I have to treat an ephemeral production, such as an article in a daily paper, as if it was literature, and to place it side by side with the essays of two writers such as Addison and Steele, whose work was produced under conditions more favorable to intellectual activity than those enjoyed by the literary omnibus horses who "run" a newspaper throughout the year.

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The warm weather is now come, and the ladies who ply their fans in church, and whom we shall take leave to call the Fanning Sisterhood, are as busy as ever they can be--when they are not at Church they practice, and when they are there they work away with the energy of people who might think fanning the end of existence, and who remembered only one text in the Bible, to wit, "Time is short." The Fanning Sisterhood is a Catholic society, and embraces all types of "the adorable half of the human race," all ages and nearly all sects. The gaunt spinster, the lady of the dumpling order, she whose soul seems to flame through the attenuated cage of the body, and she whose immortal spark is comfortably housed in circumvallations of massive adipose tissue, belong to this society of artificial and unnecessary wind manufacturers. Within its folds, too, are found the agreeable old lady of seventy, and the more agreeable young lady of scventeen; matrons of thirty are there, and mademoiselles of that most uncertain of all things-a certain age. The High Church lady who would think her soul was lost if she read out of a prayer-book without a cross on the cover, the Low Church terror of curates who shakes her fist at the young a colyte who is not sound, the gentle Methodist that wafts a sigh across the Atlantic after Mr. Punshon, the fair Independent who sits under" her favorite minister, the Presbyterian lady whose features recall the "banks of Doon," or "rocks that steeply lower" in the "land of mountain and of flood"-all these and many other varieties are found in the ranks of the Fanning Sisterhood. And as the classes from which these ranks are recruited are various, so also are the degrees of success attained, just as we fear the objects in view are different, for it may be hid down as an infallible rule that no lady who flirts a fan in church has a single eye; on the contrary, she generally has two active orbs engaged now in ogling, now in taking an inventory of the costume of all around her, now in playing the peeper on some little episode which she does not mprove by noticing, and now in gathering to herself an air of rapt evotion while watching out of a sly corner to count her admirers. Conidering the strength of the society, and the importance which the fan has sumed as an instrument of religious worship with ladies, it is astonishing o us that they have not insisted, as only ladies, and especially religious adies, can insist, that clergymen should give a little attention to this aatter. But up to the present—no doubt owing to the greater modesty hich, as compared with the rest of female creation, characterizes the Finning Sisterhood—nothing has been done. We have inquired, and we nd that at not a single one of the Sunday schools in this city is there a iss for teaching girls how to use their fans in church. This must be ensidered a crying want, since the chief act of devotion of most of our dies—for the Fanning Sisterhood is a large body— is plying their fans. Here is an opportunity for reforming energy, and we sincerely hope clergy will not sleep over the matter. Indeed, not only is it necessary

be a Far to instruct young ladies how to use a fan while engaged in devotion; we are met hope the youthful mind of both sexes will be accustomed to the exercise, we tren and for at once an obvious and a weighty reason. Everybody knows what Medical 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 ficially c occurrin 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 possible then is be delivered from appalling calamity, and at the same time indulging in it more movements which are associated in most minds with gay carnival scenes, cold in t with the Spanish balcony, and the stolen interview, and the compliant beautyduenna; with Italian evenings of holiday; with syren smiles and looks sweet and dangerous to trust. A ser 've farmer, who has lately come to young la pocket, live in this city and has a family of ely daughters, leaving St. James' is true s last Sunday morning expressed b' nination to send the next day for a dancing-master ; "for," said he, "1 wish to have my daughters conof view-Tales, t duct themselves properly in church, and I suppose a dancing-master will know all about this fan business " The sooner the wise resolve of this Yet any do good good agriculturist is followed the better. Ever since the hot weather It is ban came, a large number of persons leave all the churches in this city quite hood we unrefreshed and peevish because their devotions have been disturbed, and stitution their attention to an excellent sermon-all our sermons are excellent-disit in chi tracted by one or more of the Fanning Sisterhood. "What !" exclaimed preache an uninstructed person to whom we wished to explain that fanning in which . church was the choicest development of sincere female piety, "What, Sir ! used far 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 f _ 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 trumph 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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tion ; we be a Fanning Brotherhood as well as a Fanning Sisterhood ? But here we exercise, are met on the part of the men with an objection which actually strikesows what we tremble as we write the words-at the use of the fan altogether ? nstructed Medical authorities are against its use, on the ground that a draught artithink it ficially created by a fan will give a person cold as soon as any accidentally acle of a occurring draught. We sincerely hope this is not the case. But it is imaloud to possible to ignore the authorities in favor of the theory. The choice ulging in then is between a fashionable adjunct of piety, and health; or, to put it more properly, simplicity and health against fashionable piety and a al scenes, compliant cold in the head. And here another element comes in-the element of nd looks beauty-an element not utterly disdained by the Fanning Sisterhood. A come to young lady with a cold in her head and a damp pocket-handkerchief in her t. James' pocket, is, however good her look twithout lines of the ridiculous. It st day for is true she might have some adva from the High Churchman's point ters con- of view-and of her it might be said, as of the Abbess in the Canterbury aster will Tales, that she could intone the service full sweetly through her nose. e of this Yet anything that directly causes harm to the body we may be sure cannot weather do good to the soul, and therefore cannot be pleasing to the author of both. ity quite It is barely possible, therefore, that it would be well if the Fanning Sisterrbed, and hood would review the question whether the fan is or is not a Divine in. ent-dis-stitution, and if they should find out that it is not, and that by disusirg exclaimed it in church they will at once cease to imperil their health and disturb the nning in preacher and the congregation, all the elaborate schemes of fan cultivation hat, Sir ! which we have been revolving may be laid on one side with the disd woman used fan. plies her

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(Spectator, No. 102.)

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Women are armed with fans as men are with swords, and sometimes do more execution with them. To the end, therefore, that ladies may be s suitable entire mistresses of the weapon which they bear, I have erected an hymn of academy for the training up of young women in the exercise of the fan, according to the most fashionable airs and motions that are now practised at Court. The ladies who carry fans under me are drawn up twice a day in my great hall, where they are instructed in the use of their arms, and exercised by the following words of command :

> Handle your fans, Unfurl your fans, Discharge your fans, Ground your fans, Recover your fans, Flutter your fans.

By the right observation of these few plain words of command, ne exerc woman of a tolerable genius, who will apply herself diligently to herace is ti exercise for the space of but one half year, shall be able to give her far; in the a tende all the graces that can possibly enter into that modish machine.

But to the end that my readers may form to themselves a right notion a fan. There of this exercise, I beg leave to explain it to them in all its parts. When my female regiment is drawn up in array, with every one her weapon in utter, the her hand, upon my giving the word to handle their fans, each of them of to be shakes her fan at me with a smile, then gives her right-hand woman roduce tap upon the shoulder, then presses her lips with the extremity of her of a d fan, then lets her arms fall in an easy motion, and stands in a readiness ushes. to receive the uext word of command. All this is done with a close Fan angerou and is generally learned in the first week and is generally learned in the first week.

The next motion is that of unfurling the fan, in which are comprehended several little flirts and vibrations, as also gradual and deliberated add, openings, with many voluntary fallings asunder in the fan itself, that are person seldom learned under a month's practice. This part of the exercise hat I has pleases the spectators more than any other, as it discovers on a sudden anse of m infinite number of cupids, garlands, altars, birds, beasts, rainbows, and mmuni the like agreeable figures that display themselves to view, whilst every one are a ge elcome i in the regiment holds a picture in her hand.

Upon my giving the word to discharge their fans, they give one general crack that may be heard a considerable distance when the wind sits fair. This is one of the most difficult parts of the exercise; but I have several ladies with me who at their first entrance could not give a pop loudense. enough to be heard at the further end of the room, and can now discharge a fan in such a manner that it shall make a report like a pocket pistol. have likewise taken care (in order to hinder young women from letting off their fans in wrong places or unsuitable occasions) to show upon what subject the crack of a fan may come in properly; I have likewise invented a fan with which a girl of sixteen, by the help of a little wind which is enclosed about one of the largest sticks, can make as loud a crack as a woman of fifty with an ordinary fan.

When the fans are thus discharged, the word of command in course is SIE,to ground their fans. This teaches a lady to quit her fan gracefully when bu from she throws it aside in order to take up a pack of cards, adjust a curl of the far hair, replace a falling pin, or apply herself to any other matter of import- ways he ance. This part of the exercise, as it only consists in tossing a fan with pw to us an air upon a long table (which stands by for that purpose), may be set on learned in two days time as well as in a twelvemonth.

When my female regiment is thus disarmed, I generally let them hich are walk about the room for some time ; when on a sudden, (like ladies that Illspeak look upon their watches after a long visit) they, all of them, hasten to now what their arms, catch them up in a hurry, and place themselves in their proper here he stations upon my calling out, "Recover your fans." This part of the in have exercise is not difficult, provided a woman applies her thoughts to it.

The fluttering of the fan is the last, and indeed the masterpiece of yown of the whole exercise ; but if a lady does not mis-spend her time, she may make herself mistress of it in three months. I generally lay aside the dog-days and the hot time of the summer for the teaching this part of

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arn the ntlema mmand, he exercise ; for as soon as ever I pronounce, "Flutter your fans," the tly to he ace is tilled with so many zephyrs and gentle breezes as are very refreshve her far; in that season of the year, though they might be dangerous to ladies a tender constitution in any other.

the part of the pa There is an infinite variety of motions to be made use of in the flutter woman roduce a suitable agitation in the fan, insomuch, that if I only see the ity of hern of a disciplined lady, I know very well whether she laughs, frowns, or readiness ushes. I have seen a fan so very angry, that it would have been close Fan angerous for the absent lover who provoked it to have come within the ind of it; and at other times so very languishing, that I have been glad

e compre or the lady's sake the lover was at a sufficient distance from it. I need deliberate of add, that a fan is either a prude or coquette according to the nature of f, that are person who bears it. To conclude my letter, I must acquaint you exercise hat I have, from my own observations, compiled a little treatise for the sudden an se of my scholars, entitled, "The Passions of the Fan;" which I will bows, and mmunicate to you, if you think it may be of use to the public. I shall every ond ave a general review on Thursday next; to which you shall be very elcome if you will honour it with your presence.

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(Spectator; No. 134.)

July the 5th, 1711.

course is SIE,—In your Spectator of June the 7th, you transcribe a letter sent to illy when bu from a new sort of muster-master who teaches ladies the whole exercise a curl of the fan; I have a daughter just come to town, who, though she has f import- ways held a fan in her hand at proper times, yet she knows no more fan with by to use it, according to true discipline, than an awkward school-boy may be set to make use of his new swc.rd. I have sent for her on purpose to

arn the exercise, she being already very well accomplished in all other arts let them hich are necessary for a young lady to understand; my request is, that you dies that llspeak to your correspondent on my behalf, and in your next paper, let me hasten to how what he expects, either by the month, or the quarter, for teaching; and ir proper here he keeps his place of rendezvous. I have a son too, whom I would t of the in have taught to gallant fans, and should be glad to know what the ntleman will have for teaching them both, I finding fans for practice at piece of yown expense. This information will in the highest manner oblige,

Sir, Your most humble Servant,

WILLIAM WISEAORE.

As soon as my son is perfect in the art (which I hope will be in a year's time, for the boy is pretty apt), I design he shall learn to ride the great horse (although he is not yet above twenty years old), if his mother, whose darling he is, will venture him.

TO THE SPECTATOR.

The Humble Petition of Benjamin Easie, Gent, Sheweth:

That it was your petitioner's misfortune to walk to Hackney Church last Sunday, where, to his great amazement, he met with a soldier of your own training ; she furls a fan, recovers a fan, and goes through the whole exercise of it to admiration. This well-managed officer of yours has, to my knowledge, been the ruin of above five young gentleman besides myself, and still goes on laying waste wheresoever she comes, whereby the whole village is in great danger. Our humble request is, therefore, that this bold amazon be ordered immediately to lay down her arms, or that you would issue forth an order, that we who have been thus injured may meet at the place of general rendezvous, and there be taught to manage our snuff boxes in such a manner as we may be an equal match for her.

And your petitioner shall ever pray, &c.

IV.

The reader can now judge of the good faith of the writer who has led me to trouble him with these republications. In all other cases, as in this, the charge made is totally false. To abuse, written under whatever impulse and with whatever object, I do not reply; if I did, he may be certain it would not be in worn out phrases of musty vituperation.

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