Gems from Thackerey. Nothing is secret.

A good laugh is sunshine in a house. I would rather win honor than

honors. Life without laughing is a dreary blank.

I would rather have genius than wealth. A hero, whether he wins or loses, is

a hero. You get the truth habitually from equals only. I would rather be a man of genius

than a peer of the realm. A woman without a laugh in her is

the greatest bore in existence. Countless knights were slain before

St. George won the battle. In the battle of life we are all going to try for the honors of championship. Novels are sweets. All people with healthy literary appetites love them-

almost all women; a vast number of clever, hard-headed men. Lucky he who has been educated to bear his fate, whatsoever it may be, an early example of uprightness, and

a childish training in honor. When our pride, our avarice, our interests, our desire to domineer, are worked upon, are we not forever pes-

tering heaven to decide in their favor? What man's life is not overtaken by one or more of those tornadoes that send us out of the course, and fling us on rocks to shelter as best we may?

I would rather have a good word than a bad one from any person; but if a critic abuses me from a high place, and it is worth my while, I will appeal.

You have, no doubt, remarked in your experience of life, that when men do hate each other about a woman, or some other cause, the real reason is never assigned.

The world deals good naturedly with good natured people, and I never knew a sulky misanthropist, who quarreled with it but it was he, and not it, that was in the wrong.

The prolitable maxim in life is the middleway. Don't quite believe anyody, for he may mislead you; neither disbelieve him, for that is uncomplimentary to your friend.

Who has not felt how he works-the dreadful conquering spirit-of ill? Who cannot see, in the circle of his own society, the fated and toredoomed to woe and misery?

Many a heart would be hardened but for the memory of past griefs; when eyes, now averted, perhaps, were full of sympathy, and hands now cold, were eager to soothe and succor.

The Flagman's Dilemma. "Be sure and take care of every-

thing while I am gone; and don't forget to milk the cow." "All right, Gretchen, I'll attend to

the cow.' The last speaker was a tall, wellbuilt man. He had served his time in a regiment of grenadiers, and on receiving his discharge had married Gretchen. He was entitled to a position in the civil service of the state, and as his educational endowments were not very brilliant, he had been appointed flagman on the railroad. As is usual in Germany, he occupied a small cottage with a little garden attached, and facilities for keeping a cow. His principal duty was to stand in front of his cottage, and display a

flag as the train passed by. Gretchen had gone to the city to make some purchases, and her parting injunction to her husband was to "milk that cow."

Fr.tz had never before had any oceasion to milk the cow, but he thought it was a very easy task. The cow thought otherwise. She had become accustomed to yield her milk at the solicitation of a little woman, hence, when a big man with a backet approached, she filed a demurrer, so to speak, and kicked at him. He tried to approach her from the other side, but met with the same lack of success.

A happy thought occured to Fritz. He rushed into the cottage, and put on one of his little wife's dresses. The cow looked at him with somewhat surprise, and made no opposition to the milking process. Fritz was getting fairly under way when he heard the whistle of an approaching train. There was no time to change his clothes. He had just time to seize his flag, and assume his position, when the train went slowly past, the windows filled with laughing or astonished faces of the passengers. It was hard te tell whether Fritz was a man or a woman, as in his wife's short dress he looked something like a ballet dancer.

Only one man in the train did not laugh. He was a typical Englishman. with side whiskers, and an eye glass, and solemn face, who gravely took out a note book and pencil, and wrote "In Germany the flagmen on the railroads wear short women's dresses."

Writing a Book to Order.

Maj: Ben. Perley Poore has done considerable literary work this summer. He wrote for a publishing house a life of Grant, which has already had a sale of 10,000 cop es. The publisher came to him and said: "Maj. Poore, I want a life of Gen. Grant, to contain about 90,000 words, and I want you to write it for me. I want it in about two months, if possible. I will pay you so much for it." To this Maj. Poore assented, on condition that they would furnish him with a steneographer. They did so, and he dictated the work at an average rate of a chapter every day. Each chapter camprised about 2,500 words, and this continnous writing is perhaps some of the fastest literary work of the past year. Blaine considers 1,000 words a day good work. Frances Hodgeson Burnett, when she was well, did from 1,-190 to 1,500, and I am told that Baneroft considers that when he has writhen 250 words he has done a good day's work. Ben: Perley Poore looks remarkably well. He weighs about as much as usual, perhaps 250 pounds, and his eye is as bright as that of any correspondent here. He has been here in newspaper work for fully two generations of men, and for many renerations of public men, as the life of the average public man is very short.—"Garp," in the Cerebrad Lea-

A Soft Thing. Two old friends met on a train between

Dallas and Fort Worth. After the usual greeting one of them asked: "Isn't Sam Sweedlepipes living in Dallas?"

"Is he a glazier?" "Yes, he is a painter and glazier." "He is getting rich fast."

"Getting rich fast, is he? Running onte bank, I suppose." "No, he has got a better thing than that."

"City official?" "No; he belongs to a fire company, and when a fire breaks out he runs along and wakes up the people with a stick."

"I don't see how there is any money to be made in that."

"He wakes the people up by tapping at their windows with a stick, and he manages to break all the panes of glass within half a mile of the fire, and the next day he is called on "to put that in again at 50 cents a piece. He has got a soft thing of it. He hasn't got the social status, but he is making more money than if he was an alderman."-[Texas Siftings.

Just to Amuse the Children.

He entered the office of a Saginaw machinist one day this fall, and said that he believed he had a salt well on his farm, and he wanted to know what it would cost to develop it.

"I see," said the machinist, "there are two ways of developing a salt well. If you desire to plant several barrels of brine and pump from one to the other until you catch a greenhorn, I'll send you out an old engine, some second-hand pipe and-

"Sir, I'll have you understand that I'm an honest man.'

"Oh, of course." "But, to please the boys and give 'em something to do this winter, you might-"Send out the old materials. Come out into the yard and select what you want."

-Wall Street News.

A Christmas Pantomime in London. One of the old chief scenes represents an eastern princess and her ladies of honor in the marble bathing apartments of the royal palace. Perfumed pastiles burning on the stage give a pale rose color to the scene and diffuse a sensuous odor through the house. A veil of the most transparent gause is between the bathers and the audience. Presently the ladies emerge from the bath. They are clad in silk tights so glossy as to stimulate the glistening of water. Thrown lightly around the hips or shoulders are little scarfs of pale pink or green lace. The ladies dance and desport about the stage, twirling gaudy Turkish towels with golden embroidered ends, from which they wring real water .- [New York Star.

A Troublesome Husband. A Waco, Tex., woman met a friend who did not seem to be in good health.

"How do you feel this morning?" "Poorly; I'm feelin' right bad. You see I have to watch over my husband all the

"Is he sick?"

"No; if he was sick I wouldn't have to watch him. He is in good health. That's what's the matter with him."-[Texas Siftings.

A Popular Ex-Mayor.

Ex-Mayor Newton, of Des Moines, Ia., is deservedly popular in the city over whose destines he presided, by reason of the many good deeds and the unostentatious acts of charity which he is constantly doing. Successful as a politician, he has also recently been playing the part of a good Samaritan with a success equal to his triumphs in politics. The fainting traveler by the wayside, whom he has raised up and refreshed by good counsel in the last instance, is Mr. George A. Crandale, the manager for Oberne, Hosick & Co., Second and Walnut streets. Mr. Crandale, who naturally feels under many obligations to the Ex-Mayor tells as follows how he came into such a wretched plight as to need help and how it was cheerfully given:

"I have never had an ache or pain of rheumatism," he said, "since I used Athlophoros, and the medicine cost me only \$3. If any one had guaranteed to cure me I would willingly have paid him \$50, yes \$100. My rheumatism was inflammatory, mostly in my ankles, but a little in the wrist. I could manage to hobble around by the use of canes, but felt as if I were walking on the bare bones, or in other words as if my feet were off and I was walking on the stumps. The pain was terrible to bear, yet I managed to be about and to attend to my business.

"One day, during the time I was suffering so much, I hobbled to the Court House to look after some matter. As I was struggleing to get up the steps I met ex-Mayor Newton, who asked me what the trouble was. I told him that it was rheumatism, whereupon he advised me to get a bottle of Athlophorous. I did not get it then, as I had no faith in patent medicines and did not want to take any. A short time after this I wrote to an old friend, Charles P. Griffin, of Stuart, to inquire what had cured him. I knew that he had been confined to his bed with rheumatism of the worst kind. His answer was: 'Get Athlophoros. That is what cured me.' I its curing me. I began to get relief from it in twenty-four hours. I continued taking it until I had used three dollars worth, when my rheumatism, both the pain and the swelling, was gone, and I have not had any return since. That is now over a year

Ex-Mayor Newton based his recommendation of Athlophoros to Mr. Crandale upon the very remarkable cure it had effected in the case of his wife. That lady thus tells all about it:

"I have been comparatively free from rheumatism for the past year and a half. Previous to that I had been a great sufferer or years and had resorted to many remedies, but nothing would do what Athlophoros did for me. I have had a few twinges of late, but I attribute that to myself and not to the medicine, as I have not been so careful as I should have been. Athlophoros took the stiffness out of the joints of my fingers and gave me the use of my hands, in which I had so long had trouble. I have recommended it in many cases and in every instance that I know of the results have been very satisfactory. I do not hesitate in the least in recommending it most heartily to every rheumatic suf-

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Mme. Patti will sing in Paris this season instead of coming to America.

Politics Too Much for Him. A lady on Fifth Avenue, New York, quick-

v summoned a doctor: "Oh, doctor, my husband is nearly dead. He attended a caucus last night. He made four speeches and promised to be with his fellow citizens again to-day. But oh, doctor, he looks nearly dead." "Has he been in politics long?"

"No, only last year. He worked hard for #James McCaulay's election,"

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Political life, of short or long duration, is very exhausting, as is evident from the great mortality which prevails among public men. Ex. U. S. Senator B. K. Bruce, who has been long in public life, says: "The other day, when stepping into a car

at a crossing, I found Dr. - within, who eyed me up and down in a surprised way, remarking: "'Why, Senator, how well you look!" "'Well, I'teel pretty well,' I answered."

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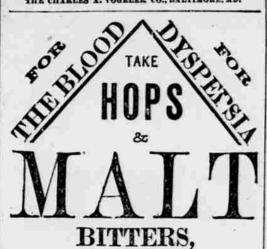
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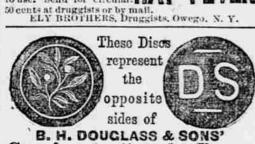
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