# LAST OF PURPLE CURTAINS.

Darkness of Lent Illumined by the Light of Easter.

GOSSIP IN SOCIAL

What the Local Modistes Have Prescribed to Be Worn by Votaries of Fashion During the Present Season.

Everybody is joyful this morning, from the babies hunting rainbow-colored eggs, committed by the rabbits for their Easter finding, to the club man who, keenly alive to the felicitous feeling of entente cordiale, caught from the atmosphere of gladness enveloping him, invites his soul and is happy. Grim winter is no more. The chilly snows, melting through April's soft fingers, will draw with a gentle grace the bloom of May o'er the poor dead face. Lent, with its sackcloth ashes, pentinence and fasting is a dreary memory of the past.

Purple curtains are withdrawn, the silver lining showing Easter and springtime, an united inspiration for happiness that will send the thoughts of the young wool gathering today during the services in the flower-

The glad tidings are rung from the bells of Easter lilles. The sombreness of the past forty days gives way to the intoxication of sunshine and uni-versal blithesomeness. As a pause in the choir's glad hosannas, the note of a robin ruffles the stillness, and the wide-eyed mai-den with the scent of roses, violets and lilies in her nestrils and her lungs full of the sweet air of springtime hears the sound with a trem-

It holds a promise of summer and sweethearting in green fields, under branches pink with bloom. She fairly smells the clover, when the slanting of her bonnet and the touch of its overgrowth of pretty hedgerow posles brings her back to the nowtime and rubs the sunshine from her eyes, sees th garlanded chancel-rall, hears the beautiful story in the priest's earnest voice and from the open door of her overcharged heart pours a flood of thanksgiving for Easter, for spring time and the manifold sweets of life and liv-

Spring Styles.

For the past week the stores of Omaha have been crowded. Rainy weather, cloudy days and the numerous other little natural drawbacks of early spring have been no obstacle to the ladies. The streets have been lined daily with bright, vivacious, joyous women. The stores have been crowded with the thousands whose wants seemed almost innumerable. Immense display advertisements in THE BEE have been read with as much care as the most interesting and latest French novel. Husbands have ben importuned and their pockets drained by loving wives and affectionate daughters. All this commotion has been caused by the appreach of spring, the period when ladies, like birds, desire to appear in their new plumage. As one walks the streets, about all that is heard are such words as "fashionable" "very be comin" "love of a bonnet," and so on.

It is an old English custom, and one still in ogue in this country, for ladies to appear in their new spring attire on Easter Sunday. The season is now at hand, and for the edification of the lady readers of THE BEE, the following facts have been gleaned. DEFES MATERIAL

Henriettas, brilliantines, combination suits, satin raye, camelette and beige goods are the spring fabrics taking the lead, and with a few surah silks comprise about all the qualities the ladies have to select from. The prevailing colors are heliotrope, gray and old rose for street wear, with silver, drab and old pink and various shades of

cameo for evening dress. Combination suits in tapestry effects, made of surah twill and camelette finish, are con-sidered very choice and desirable for a best

gown, and all who can afford either has or in-tends purchasing one. ends purchasing one. Camelette and beige goods with stripes and plaids to finish are very stylish and wer never more desirable than they are today. Surahs in plain colors are not now consid

ered among the leading goods. The most desirable silk weaves are the pean de soie and faille Francaise in solid colors with trim mings of Persian effects. Another favorite but expensive trimming is the armure ground with raised velvet figures.

Among the novelty silks are plaid and striped surah skirts with soft wool over

Peculiarly adjusted jacket fronts and com-plicated bodices, draperies and plastrons, appear on many of the newest spring walking

Now that "second mourning" is no longer practiced by the bon ton heliotrope can be used with propriety on all occasions. In fact, it is cherished this season as the leading Arrasene embroidery and ribbon are used on Grecian house dresses and boudoir robes of

Turkish cashmere.
There is very little change in the style of the gowns for spring wear from those used last winter. Princesse dresses with Greek draperies are quite in vogue, although not to draperies are quite in vogue, although not to the exclusion of the empire grown for evening and the directoire costume for visit-iting, reception and the street, provid-heat the corsage is elegant in its line and perfectly fitted. There is hardly a shape that can be devised and worn that would appear out of fashion, so varied, and so opposite in style and effect are the medly of hodices now worn. bodices now worn.
Ingenuity is still at work creating new and

odd effects for sleeves both long and short, Wraps for dressy uses are small, ornate

and include fichu mantles, pelerines of all forms, and Vandyke, Breton and Syrian Peasant capes.
So variable are the styles of the present that no hady can dress 'out of fashion.'
There seems to be an internal revolution in

the art la mode which makes the fashion change so rapidly that to describe the "most fashionable" style is but to resort to parady Cloth rowns elaborately adorned with em-broideries in cut velvet, framed in shaded silks are quite stylish and rank among the prettiest of the season for both morning wear and theater parties. Green is the rage for plain cloaks but care

should be taken in making the selection as many of the green shades fade. It is also trying to very many complexions. Lincoin green is probably the shade best suited to the majority of women, but the brighter shades require, to be becoming, a perfect complexion and a certain type of colo

Some new designs of light cloths for spring wear consist of plaids blended in very neu-tral tints. The effect of this is that while it is readily seen there are more than one color the outline of the plaid is not at all decided.

STYLISH TRIMMINGS. All the fabrics have been provided with ample selections of suitable trimmings. Woollen and cotton features have been alike considered, and it is only left to the wearer to select what she deems most appropriate. Em-broidery, braid, velvet, ribbon, silk, gold and et passementeries are among the most favored. These garnitures should be used on both cotton and wool goods which seem best suited to the color and style of the garment.

Fine lace shows to poor advantage when placed in the present fushionable position, in a perfectly flat fushion or on the edge of a skirt. It had better be rather coarse than

too fine.

Hand-work is considered particularly desirable just now. Smocking has to be done by hand. Bleuses are therefore most stylish when trimmed with smocking. A blouse of surah silk is quit chic when the smocking is done with either white or black silk.

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Trim your gingbam skirts with from five to nine rows of white braid. This used to be done because they were more readily washed. Do it now because it is fashiomable. Velvet ribben or silk is a popular style for gramenting alpaca for street or traveling

favorite ornamentation on all silken fabrics are velvet, passementeries and lace. It is in accord with good taste to either use these triumings or leave the dress unaderned, according to the desire of the owner.

SPRING BONNETS. Easter services will be enjoyed by many in their new spring bonnets. The variety this season is larger than it has been for some the 15th inst.

years back. No one style has an exclusive run. There is the large flat hat, the toque, the small English round hat and the flower bonnet. Each has its admirers and patrons, and each will be liberally represented today. The decorations are as varied as the shapes. Flowers, ribbons, gilt laces and braids and a ew feathers tend to make up the ernamenta-

The principal colors are all bright, light The principal colors are all bright, light blue, buttercup, yellow and the various hues of the pansy being among the favorite shades. In order to make these bright hues wearable with any shade of dress, they are blended with various other colors, the blend-ing generally being rosettes of ribbons. Thus a hat of buttercups with various shades of loaves would have the brilliant effect neutralized by crushing the flowers in rosettes of ribbons to agree with the color of the leaves. Toques made of plaids are very fashionable.

Flowers of all kinds are the rage. Spring uds, however, have the precedence and cerinly seem more seasonable.

Many of the flower bonnets have no crowns save those formed by the flowers.

Sprays of mignonette make a very pretty crown for a spring hat. These of golden brown velvet form a pretty contract with the green of the flowers There is a tendency to make the small oval

shaped bonnet almost pointed in front. This necessitates their being worn a little further over the face. Narrow ribbon for tles is the more suitable

and at the same time more fashionable. It is more becoming and more readily tied neatly. Middy hats are now worn by children and oung girls. Brims of the large hats are narrow at the

back, but assume prodigious proportions in front. Very often the hat is cut open in a V-shaped outline and this is filled in as the wearer desires

Orchard Hill Whist.

The Orchard Hill whist club met Tuesday ening at the residence of C. L. Blazer or Mayne street and had a great time as it always does. After a protracted and extremely lively contest the honors and prizes were carried off by Mrs. H. D. Neely and Mr. Eugene Thompson. The other prizes which all try so hard to keep from getting were taken by Mrs. G. H. Webster and Mr. C. L. Blazer, Mrs. Blazer then proceeded to see that no one went away hungry and succeeded in capital pers being kept at home by sickness there pers being kept at home by sickness there was quite a number of new faces present. The following were present: Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Weeks, Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Perfect, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Webster, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Carpenter, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. Ostron, Mr. and Mrs. Powell, Mrs. H. B. Coryell, Mrs. H. D. Neely, Miss Jones, Miss McComber Mr. Ballard Mr. Walker, Mr. Arnold ber, Mr. Ballard, Mr. Walker, Mr. Arnoid

High Five Party.

A pleasant high five party was given by Mr. and Mrs. Giberson at their home, 2105 Douglas street, Thursday evening. The guests were United States District Attorney Baker and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Zeverley of Council Bluffs, Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Hawks. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Preston, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Shaw, Mr. and Mrs. Valentine, Mr. and Mrs. Schreiver, Miss Nettie Hawley, Miss Martry Messrs, W. H. Bisbec, James B. Brown, H. S. Kenal, H. Gallagher, and Master Kingman, Mrs. J. E. Preston and Mr. Baker were the successful competitors for the first prizes, while Mrs. Hawks and Mrs. Bisbee were consoled with the booby prizes.

Newman-Newman.

A brilliant wedding took place last Sunday night at Germania hall, the contracting par ties being Mr. Morris Newman, the well known grocery man, and Miss Fannie New-

The hall was well filled with friends, who wished the couple happiness through life The ceremony was performed by Rabbi Benson. The bride was attended by the Misses Esther, Bertha, Lena and Rose Newman. After congratulations a splendid supper was served in the banquet hall and everything tempting to the eye and pleasant to the palate was served lavishly. Toasts followed

Piano Recital. Madame Unentefering assisted by her cholars will give the followinge musical or next Wednesday:

the supper and the evening passed most en

Quartette, Two pianos, Indian, March L'Africaine Meyerbeer First piano, Mmc. Unentefering, Miss Lowe, Second piano, Miss Lee, Miss McShane.

First piano, Madame Unentefering, Miss Mc-Creary, Second piano, Miss McShane, Miss Lee,

Twenty-three Years of Wedded Life. Last Friday was the twenty-third anniversary of the marriage of Dr. and Mrs. John Williams. The congregation of the Central United Presbyterian church being apprised of the fact planned and executed a pleasant surprise upon their worthy pastor and his wife. About one hundred friends met at the parsonage Friday evening and passed the evening in a social way. During the evening Judge McCulloch in a neat little speech presented substantial congratulation in the form of a bag of gold-somewhere near \$100.

Davidson-Lillie.

George A. Davidson, one of the most popular men on the Long Pine & Whitewood railway postoffice, was married Thursday to Miss Dora Lillie, a well known and highly esteemed teacher in the Hartman school of this city The event occurred at the home of the bride parents in Tekamah. They have gone to Chi-cago for a brief visit. Their friends will find them at home Monday evening at 1623 Center street.

King's Daughters.

The King's Daughters of Windsor Place held their first fair and entertainment last night and the Residence of Hon. C. L. Chaffin, Windsor Place. Although the weather was against them large company had gathered. They netted some \$25, which they will donate to the North Dakota sufferers.

Double Wedding. A double wedding was celebrated at 2005 Sherman avenue Friday evening, April 4. Rev. Charles W. Savage officiating. The contracting parties were Shelton H. Fisher and Miss Joe Firby; and Lucretius D. Black-

wood and Miss Emma Neilson. The parties

will make their homes in this city.

Society Gossip. Mrs. Frank Colpetzer is visiting in Chi-

Mr. and Miss Ogden are domiciled in their Mrs. G. J. Hunt left on Manday for a visit

Mrs. Bell (nec Lowe) is the guest of Gen-Rev. C. S. Witherspoon and family have

Mr. and Mrs. John Wilbur have returned rom their wedding journey. Mrs. A. Cahn entertained the "Kaffee

Klatsch" on Thursday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Turner are in their me on West Farnam street. Miss Margaret Cook will entertain her riends at cards next Wednesday evening.

The management of the Cotillon are planning to give a subscription ball an Tuesday Miss Daisy Doane and Miss, Emily Wakeare spending their Easter holidays in Boston.

Miss Etta Wilson Broughton is visiting her sister, Mrs. Warren Switzler, St. Mary's

The engagement of Mr. A. B. Smith to Miss May Hunting of Newton, Lomer Falls, is an-

Miss Sanford has not left for her home as orted, but is still the guest of Mrs. George Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tatum are at home to their friends at their new home, 1820 Geor-

gia avenue. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bell, accompanied by Miss Kittie Lowe, will sail for England on Mrs. Herman Kountze left on Monday for IN THE POSTAL TELEGRAPH

Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Beckwith of New York expected next week to be guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Riall.

Mrs. Ellen Beall and her son. Morris, have left the Merriam flats and returned to their home on Saunders street. Senator and Mrs. Charles F. Manderson will celebrate their silver wedding Friday, April 11, in Washington, D. C., by giving a

Miss Millard, daughter of J. H. Millard, and the Misses Hoagland, accompanied by one of the teachers of Mrs. Graham's school, on the 12th inst. for a six month tour in Europe.

Mr. Drake, Mr. Offutt and Mr. Barlow, with Miss Clara Brown, Miss Yost and the Misses Heagland, occupied a box at Boyd's on Monday evening to enjoy Juch.

The engagement is announced in Kansas City of Miss Mary Shenehon to Mr. Stephen Hart of Minneapolis. Miss Shenehon, who combines beauty with grace of manner, has risited in Omaha, and has a score of admirers nong the frequenters at Lake Minnetonka Society, no longer handicapped by the hurch's restrictions during the penitential nterim, will again take up its gay round of deasures. Balls, receptions and teas will llow one another in a succession of rivalling eanty until the lassitude of early summe all a peremptory halt. Dinners would scarcely ut-distance in number those that have bee ven as an offering at the shrine of Lucullu uring lent, not exactly above the board, with such lavishness of menu as to transform he season of fasting to one of feasting.

Mrs. Longshore-Potts, the eminent Philadelphia Quakeress, will be an object of mucl interest to our fashionable circles. In Lon don she was the rage for two years, while her receptions in Portland Place were models of cance and were attended by the most brill ight people of the English capital. The petite Quakeress rivals the wealthiest daughters of fashion in elegant costumes. Of course she believes in dress reform, but says injurious dressing can be avoided without interfering ith personal adornment.

### HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

In proof that it is fashionable to be healthy we have the record that the heroines of fiction have greatly improved in health of late years, and rarely die so early as formerly.

A preventive for wrinkles, three centuries old: "Take a couple of calves' feet and boil in river water until half consumed, a pound of rice, and boil with crumbs of fine bread, two pounds of fresh butter and the whites of ten fresh eggs," The young ladies of Bath, England, now

give a german and invite no gentlemen. Part of them take the gentlemen's place, being dressed in black, with white shirtfront, high collar, and white necktie. Odds are offered that there will be very few given. French society women have invented, t bridge the gap between luncheon and 5 o'clock tea, an entertainment which they call the "3 o'clock," and at which distinguished

singers and actors are welcomed as guests without being expected to sing or act. Women in riding toggery are now s familiar in up town streets, says the New York Sun, that they no longer attract atten-tion. Some of them do not even care to wear wraps, but walk nonchalantly along clad only their tight-fitting cloth habits, varnished

boots and high hats. At Huntington, W. Va., a young man who had escorted a young lady to the theater fell a sad victim to the pernicious habit of going out between the acts. About the second time he went out to see a man his fair companion arose, invited a friend to accompany her home and gracefully retired.

It is everywhere the fushion in these days o cover all small fancy tables, in parior, hall r drawing-room. The brilliantly polished nahogany or rosewood surfaces which were the delight of our grandmothers and a test of good or indifferent housekeeping, are care-fully hidden from view now.

The parasols and fans this season will be more fascinating than ever. Can you fancy a pretty blonde looking out from under a white moire into which are inserted huge butterflies in point duchesse and a white border of the same lace, or black eyes flishing out from under a black tulle whose every rib is marked by a trail of white lilaes!

A New York lecturer told an audience of ladies: "The woman who takes her sponge bath every morning—the worst kind of a bath by the way—is never really clean. There is a deposit on the skin that must be taken off with a rough towel, with an occasional Tur-kish bath or some kind of exercise that will cause profuse perspiration, and after it vig-orous massage rubbing that shall remove the

The Propylanum is the clastic appellation of a feminine association in Indianapolis, Ind., which, translated into Bostonese, means "an attempt to approach the higher culture."
The Propyleum was the name of the gate
through which was approached the Acropolis of Athens; but the Inducia "Propyleum" is a woman's stock company whose purpose it is to build a handsome club house for the use of women's clubs and other organizations. Accordion-plaited skirts are still well worn

either in plain or bordered materials; also straight full skirts of net or crepe, with rows of moire or other ribbon as a border. A black net skirt of this make over surah or moire is a good investment for general after-noon wear for the coming season, as its popularity is still apparent, and anything in gowns or wraps that is once well in fashion is rarely quite displaced before it has run through two or three seasons at least,

The French maiden is told to never lift her eyes above the second shirt stud of the gentleman to whom she is listening. This sort of shyness entertains a man for one or two ceasions; after that-or after he has com elled her eyes to meet his—it bores him. He ikes better the frank, honest, direct gaze—of the American girl, says Ella Wheeler Wilcox; but the unblushing stare of the flirtation-in-viting belle is not to his liking, although he may respond to it for the sake of adven-

A pretty fashion prevails just now of wearing a graceful little French toque of velvet reseda green being a favorite color, the front of which is adorned with a full aigrette of fine green foliage. Maiden-hair fern in shaded tints of velvet is much used in these aigrettes. The stender firm sprays stand erect, and into the heart of the cluster are variously placed two or three pale-pink roses, a small cluster of violets, a few bright lobe-lia blossoms, a hyacinth spray or some bright daffodils. The flowers are natural.

By far the most important preparation for tourists, especially for those who are

Concerning Letters of Credit.

not familiar with continental traveling, and the European languages; is to provide for drawing what cash they may require, in the money of the country they may visit. One of the most vexatious delays is the perplexing calculations which the American traveler is compelled to make, in order to ascertain the value in American money, of guineas, marks, francs, pesos, pounds sterling, rubles or milreis.

The Omaha National bank people have a department devoted especially to this ousiness and have so thoroughly reorganized their system that all possible improvements in letters of credit have been adopted by them. Large capital and years of experience enable this bank to rive ample security and entire satisfaction to those who carry their letters of credit. No traveler or tourist can thoroughly enjoy his trip without the assurance that he can place implicite confidence and reliance in the foreign correspondents of his banker, for they frequently act the part of "guide, philosopher and friend," and render (much oftener than is generally realized) gratitious services when the minister or consul "cannot see his way to interfere without direct instructions from the state

department at Washington." You can have no better compagnon de voyage when you travel than a letter of credit from the Omaha National bank. Information in regard to all matters ap-pertaining to letters of credit will be cheerfully given on inquiry at the bank.

Guckert & McDonald,

THE TAILORS. Are showing the choicest lines in imported spring woolens for gentlemen's wear ever brought to Omaha. 315 S.

Rosa, the five-year-old daughter of Peter Goos, died yesterday. The funeral will occur tomorrow from the family residence on Thirty-first street and Goos avenue.

People All Over the Country Are Becoming Interested,

POINTERS FOR MR .- WANAMAKER.

Operators Furnishing Information-Mr. Bell's Sound Business Methods - Cultivation of American Silk - Farmers' Alliance.

WASHINGTON, April 3. Staff Correspondence of The Bee.-It would appear from communications being received at the postoffice department that the people throughout the country are considerably stirred up over the postal telegraph question. The postmaster general is in receipt of scores of letters every day from not only the business men, but the common people, who endorse his proposition for a limited postal telegraph service. They say it will cost practically nothing o make the experiment, and if it proves to be a failure no one, unless it be the monopolists, will be injured. Mr. Wanamaker receives a great many let-

ers from telegraph operators giving the prac-

tical side of the question. His attention has

been called to the fact that the wires now in

existence are very inferior to those which were in use before the absorption of the Baltimore & Ohio, and before the only rival to the great telegraph corporation wiped out of existence. The operators report that since the Baltimore & Ohio was extinguished, the great telegraph corporation is indifferent as to its lines, not having anything to spur it up to superiority. When there is heavy weather or storms sweep over the country the tele-graph service is prostrated now, whereas a few years ago telegrams could be going over the country in some kind of shape in almost any kind of weather and in almost all emer-gencies. There have been great improve-ments made in the telegraph systems during the past four or five years, but it appears that none of these nave been taken advantage of but the taker read operation. The present is by the telegraph corporation. The reason is obvious. There is no necessity for a corpora-tion which occupies the field and has a monopoly to spend its money in the way of improvements. All business must go into

the hands of this company any way.

The proposition of Mr. Wanamaker is told in a sentence. It is for the government to give all of its facilities in the way of wires and buildings and the use of the postoffice service for telegraph pur-poses, and to receive bids from private par-ties who wish to accept these facilities and furnish the government and the people with a telegraph service with fixed schedule prices, which must be 50 per cent lower than the tariff charged at present. There is no doubt that a private corporation could lease the wires now held by existing companies or build new lines, and with the facilities which the government can afford produce a telegraph service at one-half the present rates, which would be equally as satisfactory. It is proosed to deliver telegrams through the mails the same as letters where there is no rush or-dered, and where immediate delivery is re-quired to furnish it by special delivery stamps. The contract can be given for a period of either ten, fifteen or twenty years, and if the service should not prove satisfac and if the service should not prove satisfactory to the people or the government the contract can then be permitted to go by default.

Among the persons who have shown the greatest interest in the proposition are the Knights of Labor and the newspaper pub-

lishers in the country districts. Heavy I rons of the wires can get such large red tions in rates that they are naturally indiffer ent to a large degree. The small daily news papers wanting a press report, are showing great interest. They know that they could get a cheaper telegraphic service, whereas at present it is impossible. Undoubtedly postal graphy has made greater advance Wanamaker than ever before. that officer succeeds in accomplishing postal telegraphy or not, he will have given it such an impetus that the agitation will go forward to a termination at a day not far distant

Members of the house who have business with the postoffice department are unanimous in their praise of Postmoster General Wanaralway mail service. Mr. J. Lowrie Bell, who fills this position now, is a thorough business man who fully appreciates the importunce of every improvement which car possibly be made looking to the earlier de livery of letters. He never permits a sug gestion, even of the most trivial character, to remain unheeded, and is always willing to examine carefully into any suggestion which may be offered having this object in view.

Some few weeks ago, for instance, a mem-ber living in central New York called his at-tention to a plan which might be inaugurated and which promised the earlier delivery of the letters mailed in Washington addressed to this particular member's balliwick. Mr. Bell at once saw the force of the suggestion and made an examination into the chances for carrying it into effect. He discovered that by extending the railway mail route over about a mile of railroad through Phila delphia connection might be made. He at once ordered this done, and the result will be a gain of almost one day in the time required to carry a letter from Washington to points reached on the line of the Lehigh Valley road This is only a sample of the manner in which

the present superintendent of the railway mail service conducts his office. Throughout the west Mr. Bell has constantly tried to give better mail facilities to the new tows, and besides this he is perfect ing a plan for the distribution of mail matter on the trains running into large cities, by the postal clerks, which will save from thirty minutes to two hours in the assorting and delivery of letters to the principal business centers of the country. Mr. Bell accepted the centers of the country. Mr. Bell accepted the position of superintendent of the railway mail service at a financial sacrifice to himself, but he has made a reputation among business men in all parts of the country for efficiency in the mail service, which is in sharp contrast to the reputation secured by the gentlemen who preceded him, the railway mail service of the country being so deficient as to lead a materity of the business men have as to lead a majority of the business men hay ing commercial packages for transmission to use the express companies' facilities.

The cultivation of American silk promises to become an industry of no inconsiderable importance within a very few years. It is less than five years since the agricultural de-partment perfected a plant to experiment in silk culture and sild wanding, and ten years ago silk werms were almost unknown in the United States. But within the past year or two the demands for silk-worm eggs has grown enormously, and the agricultural department is prepared to send out a great many millions of these little dots during the present spring. Any lady who cares to try her hand at raising rawstw, and who has a supply of osage orange, pulberry or other leaves upon which the bisects feed near her home, may enter quite a profitable business by applying to the secretary of agriculture for the raw material in the shape of a few grains of silk-worm eggs! Full instructions upon the cultivation of the worms are sent to applicants, and further than this the department buys at current market prices all the

There will not be as many bills introduced in this congress as there were presented in the last. The number today is 8,897 introduced in the house, against 9,050 introduced in the house during the same period in the

first session of the last congress.

About two-thirds of the bills introduced are of a private nature and a majority are private pension bills. It is likely that the rushing work of Commissioner Raum and his intention to adjudicate all pension claims within the next eight months is one of the explanations of the decrease in pension

People of the country have begun to understand that the mere introduction of a bill in congress amounts to very little; that any-body can have any senator or member introduce any kind of a respectable bill by merely asking him to do it, and that the real favor is in the senator or member pushing the bill to a finality. The men who talk the most in either branch of congress are those who secure the adoption of the smallest number of bills. The real success in lariestration less in committee and their cess in legislation lies in committee and indi-vidual work and not in oratory. There were about 13,000 bills introduced in congress dur-ing the last congress, which was an increase over the previous congress, but there will be more legislation at the hands of this congress

by virtue of a decrease in number of measures

It will take but a few months of time for control of their organization known as the farmers' alliance and then the political work of the organization will begin to decrease. From letters received by men in congress, written by democratic and republi-can politicians, who have nothing but spoils can politicians, who have nothing but spells in view, it is readily seen here that the active work being done in the farmers' alliance is led by many broken-down politicians from the various parties. If the farmers' alliance would only confine itself to its personal inter-ests aside from politics it could undoubtedly influence legislation as well as the commercial interests of the country, but whon it goes into office-seeking and permits itself to be led by professional politicians, it at once puts itself rofessional politicians, it at once puts itself o great disadvantage.

It is believed that the legislative customs bill which passed congress some time ago will have the effect of completely destroying the practice of undervaluation and have the effect of largely increasing revenues to the government without an increase of price to consumers. Undoubtedly the monopolistic importers at the eastern and western sea-boards have grown rich off of their underval-uations. It has been an easy matter to secure a false bill of sale for merchants abroad a taise bill of sale for merchants abroad whenever American purchasers bought goods for exportion to this country. Many Ameri-cans have bought their clothing ready made in London and elsewhere with the distinct understanding that the goods should be valued as much lower than the real cost price as the custom duties aggregated, which simply amounted to a free exportation to this country. For instance, if a suit of clothes was purchased in London at \$20 and the duty was \$8, the London tailor valued the goods at \$12 and the American purchaser, it will be seen, secured his clothes at the same price which he would have to pay were he in London, with only the express charges added This undervaluation bill will cut off all this kind of business and the change from ad valorem to specific duty and vice versa, in the tariff will add still further safeguards against undervaluation in the future PERRY S. HEATH.

## MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

The three night's engagement of Miss Marie Wainwright in "Twelfth Night," which opens at Boyd's opera house tomorrow should prove to be one of the most important and delightful events of the season. From all the accounts of the ablest critics, intending visitors may be assured that no such exquisite scenery and dresses have ever before been seen here in a legitimate play. In New York and all the largest cities of the east this has won universal praise as being the finest has won universal praise as being the finest setting over given to a Shakespearean comedy. To those who are interested in such matters it may be of interest that the presentation includes eleven scenes, and that these, together with the costumes, furniture and "properties," were designed by the distinguished archaeologist, E. Hamilton Bell who also designed "Ganelon" and "Autory who also designed the second sec who also designed "Ganelon" and "Antony and Cleopatra." The scenic artists were Charles Graham of Harper's, Phillip Goatcher and Gaspard Maeder. The cos-tumes were supplied by the Eaver costume company and Charles Hawthern. Those worn by Miss Wainwright are said to be re nackably beautiful and becoming, and the Philadelphia Inquirer said that as the page she was "a dream of beauty." The per-sonulity of Viola is one of the most sweet sympathetic and truly womanly of all Snakespeare's heroines and Miss Wain-wright's conception and rendering of this difficult character has not with higher and more general commendation than any of her previous personations. Her musical voice and perfect elecution, of course, serve her here as elsewhere, while her delicate artistic sense adds to the well known character of Viola the charm of an original conception.

"A Soan Bubble" is at the Grand tonight. It is also the benefit of the popular manager, I. W. Miner. The Grand will undoubtedly be packed. A large number of tickets have been sold around town and the boxes are nearly all sold so that those contemplating attending tonight's performance should se-cure seats at once and avoid the inevitable rush at the door. The attration, "A Soap Bubble," is one of the best musical comedies on the road. Charles Jerome still does the on the road. Charles Jerome still noes the detective. Arthur Drum, the clever little comedian who has just closed a successful engagement with the Chicago production of Bluebeard jr., is with this company. Miss Dollie Foster and Miss Julia Mackey, the ous contralto, are seen to advantage. number of new songs, specialties and dances are introduced. The popular manager will surely have a big house providing the weather

The engagement of Mr. and Mrs. Kendall in this city is now announced. These London favorites have made a tour of the country and have everywhere been received by large, fashionable and appreciative audiences. They have steadily grown in popularity and their artistic performances have developed a charm and their artistic performances have developed a charm omen to the stage neventars. Me and Mrs. Kendall and their company are to appear in an excellent group of new plays, the pro-gramme being thus arranged: Thursday, gramme being thus urranged: Thursday, April 17, "A Scrap of Paper," Friday evening and Saturday matinee "The Ironmaster," and for the farewell performance on Saturday night, "The Queen's Shilling."

Thursday evening next Anna M Long-shore-Potts, M. D., will deliver at Boyd's opera house her celebrated lecture on by-giene, physiology and health. Both sexes will be admitted. Friday at 3 o'clock the eminent dector will deliver a lecture to women only. These two initial lectures will be free. Anna M. Longshore-Potts is a name known to every Philadelphian. She graduated from the woman's medical college there at the commencement of the 56s. She enjoyed a high reputation among medical men even at a time when the appearance of a woman in the profession was viewed with small favor. Ten years ago she commenced delivering lee tures in her drawing rooms to women which were so favorably received that the gentlemen became interested and she delivered a series of lectures to them also. She has lately been scoring magnificent successes in Chicago and St. Louis.

The popularity of the Japanese village at the Eden Musee and the many requests from patrons of the popular family resort has induced Manager Lawler to continue this expensive attraction one week longer. This will be the last opportunity for seeing this interesting and instructive entertainment, interesting and instructive entertainment, and special facilities will be provided for the crowds that come. Borland's educated goats will be a great feature for the coming week. The stage shows will be the best ever given at the Eden Musee. Twenty excellent artists will appear. Each of the seven departments will present pleasing features, and altogether it will be a veritable dollar show for a diagon.

California Excursions.

Pullman tourist sleeping car excursions to California and Pacific coast points leave Chicago every Thursday, Kansas City every Friday via the Santa Fe route. Ticket rate from Chicago \$47,50, from Sioux City, Omaha, Lincon or Kansas City \$35, sleeping car rate from Chicago \$4 per double berth, from Kansas City \$3 per double berth. Everything furnished except meals. These excursions are personally conducted by experienced excursion managers who accompany parties to destination. For excursion folder containing full particulars and map folder and time table of the Santa Fe route and reserving of sleeping car berths address S. M. Osgood, general agent E. I. Palmer, traveling agent, A. T. & S. F. vailroad, 1308 Farman street, Omalia, Nebraska,

DEATH OF JAMES SWIGGETT. One of Omaha's Oldest Printers Suddenly Passes Away.

James L. Swiggett, one of Omaha's oldest printers, died suddenly at a Farnam street the Omaha papers. He has a wealthy brother

odging house yesterday morning. Swiggett has been in this city since 1868, and during that time has worked as a compositor on all named Seth M. Swiggett at Cincinnati. Jim was a member of the Omaha Typographical union, and the members of that association will see that the body is given a decent

burial.

Lust evening a telegram was received at
The Bas office from Seth W. Swiggett, the
brother of the deceased, who was in Sloux

City, The telegram read: "Is J. L. Swig gett working in office! Heard he was dead.

Answer." An answer was at once returned by W. A. Runkies, president of the Typographical union, stating that the report was true, and telling the brother to come at once.

A delegation of members of the union called on Coroner Harrigan and requested him not to hold a post mortem until after the arrival of the brother. Later in the evening the cor-oner was informed that the brother would ar rive on the first train, but he said that he had already ordered a post mortem examina and it had been made accordingly by Dr. Manigal. The inquest, he said, would be held this morning at 9 o'clock.

GOOS-At 5 p. m., April 5, Rosa, daughter of Peter and Lena Goos, aged 5 years and 10 months. Funeral from residence, South Thirty-see ond street, south of Hanscom park, Monday

## LITERARY NOTES.

at 2 o'clock. Friends invited.

A Sanskrit newspaper is published at Tira-radi, Tanjore, where a native journalist is trying the novel experiment of printing a live journal in a dead language. The paper con tains the news of the day in Sanskrit dress, poetry, notes on Hindoo law, disserations on the Mahabarata and jottings on literature,

science, art and theology. The next volume of "Great Writers" will be George Eliot, by Oscar Browning. It is said that William Sharp has undertaken to

write on Browning for this series Jules Simon says that M. Thiers' career furnishes ground for three histories—one end-ing with the reign of Louis Philippl, a second ending with the life of M. Thiers himself, and a third beginning with his death and still far from finished. Paul de Remusat has written the first two; the third tempts M.

in the shape of a tower clock in the principal street, is about to be creeted at Ledbury, at Hope End, near which she resided from childhood to womanhood, and wrote many of her Gertrude Franklin Atherton, author of

A memorial to Elizabeth Barrett Browning,

Gertrude Franklin Atherton, author of "Hermia Suydam," has written a new book, now in press, "Los Cerritos." The scene of the story is in central California, the heroine a Spanish-Mexican girl of the present. The book is overpraised by those in the secret of its plot and fashioning. As it is declared an antithesis to "Hermia Suydam," the writer has a vast opportunity to show better, purer thought and far more artistic work. Edward Bellamy, the Utopian socialist, is dramatizing his "Looking Backward," with his heart full of the wish of bringing the public nearer his delightful theories.

M. Gounod, best known to the public as the composer of "Faust," but the author as well of a whole library of music, is a man of intense religious feeling. He has gradually become more and more ascetic in his habits until he now lives almost the life of a hermit, and it is feared that he may deny himself the delight of further musical composition, as too worldly and self-indulgent an employ-

Anna Katharine Green's latest and best story, "The Forsaken Inn," has been brought out in book form by Robert Bonner's Sons. The authoress of "The Leavenworth Case" has always been considered extraordinarily clever in the construction of mystifying and exciting plots, but in her latest product she has not only eclipsed even herself in her spe cialty, but has combined with her story-tell ing gift a fascinating mixture of poetica

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qualities which makes "The Forsaken Inn" a work of such interest that it will not be laid down by an imaginative reader until he has reached the last line of the last chapter. The scene of the story is the Hudson between Albany and Poughkeepsie, and the time is the close of the eighteenth century.

In the April Century Mr. Joseph Jefferson continues his autobiography most interest-ingly by a chapter on "Guying," which he discusses in relation to the art of the come-dian; and then proceeds to relate how he came to play "Rip Van Winkte." The paper is accompanied by three engravings of the writer in that character. It seems that Mr. Jefferson's first appearance as Rip was in the city of Washington and under the manage-ment of John T. Raymond.

Messrs, Belford-Clarke company, Chicago, have made arrangements for the publication have made arrangements for the publication in two octavo volumes of the Diaries and Letters of Sir Moses and Lady Montehore. These volumes will contain not only the details of the careers of the most pullanthropic Israelite of modern ages, and his distinguished wife; but in narrating their generous deeds, their many travels, their ceaseless and unlimited benevolunce and the noble share they took in all that was for the spread of liberty and for the good of manking at large.

The Ulustrated American in its current

The Illustrated American, in its current number, publishes a number of excellent pen-and-ink drawings of the McCalla en-

There seems to be no end to the wonders of instantaneous photography. The Illustrated American gives this week a large plate showing a projectile leaving the gun. This was photographed for this enterprising journal by its naval correspondent with a squadron of evolution in Europe, and is a curious incident which will occasion much scientific remark.

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