

the prosperity and glory of the republic we love."

The young man who desires to succeed in public life should learn by heart this speech of McKinley at New Orleans. He will learn from it more than one lesson. To emphasize the harmonies and demonstrate to a people just returning to enthusiastic allegiance to the federal government that our differences are trifling and our harmonies fundamental, in a short after dinner speech is the statesman's preeminent gift. To one who remembers the history of New Orleans, who knows the impulsive, devoted people to whom he spoke, people who persist from very loyalty to conviction in a lost cause, the quality of inspiration in this speech is worth studying. Clouds, stars, roses, daisies, Ancient Rome and Greece, all the favorite perches of soaring orators are absent from this speech, but it will pay the American boy to make a study of it.

#### "The Cardinal's Snuff-Box."

Written by Henry Harland "The Cardinal's Snuff-Box," is a love story. Mr. Harland has no intention of improving our minds or our morals. He has not, under cover of a love-story, exploited his views of social polity, woman's rights, man's rights or religion. The story is a flower and the man who finds a lesson in it is responsive to the silent influence of beauty. There are so many books written with an ulterior purpose. The author pines, yearns to show the world, if things had been left to him how he could have arranged it so that there would have been no hunger, and no broken-hearted ones. Mr. Harland writes a book as Phidias modeled a faun—for the sake of beauty and the expression of beauty. He has not labeled his moral. There is no florist's shingle stuck beside his rose informing those who begin to praise God for the fragrance of spring that the plant is of the genus *rosa* and of the order *damascena*. The fragrant fancies a man of imagination weaves about the woman he has just fallen in love with, Peter, Mr. Harland's lover, weaves about Beatrice, his lady. From his first infatuation to the final surrender of the lady the book is made up of dialogues between Beatrice and Peter. The Dolly dialogues are interesting and witty but the conversations are like stage duels with swords. The sparks fly when the swords clash because the duellists stand on charged plates. The wit is Anthony Hope's not Mr. Carter's. A good love story is to grown up people what bear stories are to little boys. Appetite grows by what it feeds on and when one story is finished readers are the more avid for another. There are few permanent interests in life. Money-making makes a man sordid if he pursues it exclusively. Specializing in any art or profession cuts off contact with the world to a greater or less degree, according to the man. Loving makes a man at once more generous and more capable of making money, of enjoying the arts and manufactures. Love is the one absorbing and wholly regenerating interest. Although love stories are all alike in-so-far as plot is concerned, they can not be exactly alike because there are not two men alike in the world, not to mention women. Mr. Harland has reserve power, a delicate humour, and an excellent style. But I appreciate with grateful relief his selection of modern times, modern men and women, his avoidance of socialistic topics and his virile graceful strength and poise. Like a canzonetta "The Cardinal's Letter" is one little song,

but it is so easily done, it is so spontaneous, that we are apt to underestimate its cleverness and call it a trifle. The exquisite Cardinal, the humorous, sensible, self-sacrificing old chap is drawn well enough to give any book vogue and there are Peter, Beatrice, old Marietta and Mrs. O'Donivan Florence besides.

## CLUBS.

Edited by Miss Helen G. Harwood.

A measuring social given last week by the Woman's club of Exeter at the home of Mrs. W. H. Taylor, was a very successful and unique form of entertainment. The ice cream was paid for according to the height of the purchaser, the price being two cents a foot and one cent for each inch over.

Mrs. Keefer, corr. sec. of the Seward Woman's club reports that on Monday, April the twenty-seventh, occurred the general meeting of the Woman's club of that city. There was a goodly number present, and the program was given by the art department, led by Mrs. Manning. French art has been the study for the year now closing, and the program furnished by Mrs. F. M. Hall has been very closely followed. Program: Mrs. Callender, "Corot;" Mrs. Keefer, "Millet;" and Mrs. Carey, "Chavannes." The members who attended the reception for Mrs. Hall on last Wednesday, at Mrs. Tishue's, were well repaid, also those who attended the lecture at the Congregational church in the evening.

The Crete city federation celebrated on Wednesday fortnight its usual anniversary by an original program at the Congregational church. The program was in the form of a magazine, the "Chatmurowecoso," a name formed by combining the first two letters of the name of each club in the federation. A book shaped frame work on the front of the platform held the cover of the magazine. The pages were turned by opening the curtains from the middle, showing the illustrations in tableau. The frontispiece, "Spring," represented by Miss Hopkins, was exceedingly pretty and a charming introduction to the interesting numbers which followed. The "Limerick's" read by Mrs. C. W. Doane, were witty and to the point. Mrs. Mathews' story, "Scratchkittle," was a well written story of a little western town. One number consisted of a song written, set to music and sung by Crete talent. The story of the "Surprise Party," was a welcome to the new "Sunbonnet Club," consisting of four little girls, which has been lately organized in Crete. The illustrations were all well chosen and represented. Miss Steele as the "Duchess of Devonshire," was very good, and "Is Bicycling Bad for the Heart," by Miss Jennie Grewell and Mr. Weckbach, was unique. The advertisements occupied the prominent place given them in the magazine. They were all very exactly copied. "Winter Chaps," were represented by Messrs. Julian Buck and "Eppy" Haight. "Queer Quality Shoe," "Williams Shaving Soap," and "Lowney's Chocolates," were reproduced. "Lion Brand Shirt," as represented by Miss Helen Perry, made a very pretty picture. The prettiest and most pleasing advertisement was that of Crete Mills, represented by little Ruth Johnson, displaying Victor flour. This was the only advertisement of home products. The managers of the advertising department and of illustrations should be congratulated on their happy choice of subjects. Refresh-

ments were served by Sorosis in the chapel. Coffee, sandwiches, pickles and cake were dispensed from prettily decorated tables. A song, words by Mrs. Fairchild and music by Mr. W. Irving Andrus, was sung by Mrs. J. O. Goodwin:

### ROSES

I love a white rose, pure and spotless white rose,  
I love a white rose with a gentle love.

I leave you on your stem, rose,  
Like a pallid gem, rose,  
With the grass beneath you and the blue above.

I love a red rose, rare and radiant red rose,  
I love a red rose with a warm desire.

I put you in a glass, rose,  
And touch you as I pass,  
rose.

And I warm my life, rose,  
at your life's red fire.

I love a pink rose, flushing,  
blushing pink rose,  
I love a pink rose more than tongue can tell.

I take you to my heart,  
rose,

Never will we part, rose,  
Never will we tell, rose,  
why we love so well.

The Magpie club of Skaguay, Alaska, is the latest applicant for membership in the general federation. This club is a literary and social organization, has ninety active members and also has associate members of the other sex. Mrs. Martha B. Keller of Skaguay, is the president.

The teachers in the El Pasco, Texas, schools have been refused admission to the school rooms in skirts that touch the floor. The superintendent of the New Haven, Connecticut, schools has also recommended that his teachers wear short skirts all the year round on account of the hygienic effect upon the scholars.

The Women's Auxiliary to the New York Civil Service Reform Association offers two prizes, of \$100 and \$50 respectively, for two essays on the subject of Civil Service Reform or the Spoils System as existing in any given locality, the competition to be restricted to women.

The essays will be submitted for judgment to a committee of three, composed of the following persons: Mr. George McAneny, Esq., Mrs. C. R. Lowell, and Miss A. J. G. Perkins, or of others equally competent.

The two essays which are judged by them to be the best will become the property of the Women's Auxiliary, to be used in the furtherance of the cause of Civil Service Reform.

Conditions limiting the competition:

1. Essays must contain not more than 5,000 or less than the 3,000 words.

2. Essays must deal with the history and condition of the Civil Service in some City, Town or County personally known to the competitor.

3. Essays must be compiled from information directly obtained by the competitor from original documents and reports, or from individuals cognizant of existing local conditions.

4. The competition will close on January 1, 1902.

5. All essays must be legibly written (typewriting preferred) on one side of the paper, on numbered pages. The name and address of the writer must be written twice, once at the beginning and again at the end of the essay.

6. Special regard will be shown to the completeness and accuracy with which local Civil Service conditions and statistics are given, and the clearness and intelligence with which comparisons are made and conclusions drawn.

7. The essays must be sent to: Mrs.

C. R. Lowell, 120 East 30th street, New York City.

8. The return of unsuccessful essays is not guaranteed unless the postage is prepaid.

9. The Auxiliary reserves for itself the right of withdrawing this offer if a sufficient number of creditable essays is not sent in before January 1, 1902.

Requests for further information will be answered promptly by Miss A. E. H. Meyer, assistant secretary, 48 West 50th street, New York City.

Miss Edith Marean, assistant secretary of Radcliffe college, has been giving a series of talks to working girls on the lives of women who have succeeded in overcoming great difficulties. These talks were given at the Boston Women's Educational and Industrial Union, and were remarkably popular and helpful.

The Minnesota state federation has established a clipping bureau for the benefit of clubs with limited library advantages. The best articles are clipped from the leading newspapers and magazines, and are kept on file for reference and circulation when desired.

The Patron Society is the name of a new club in Turner Falls, Massachusetts, which has for its object the securing of works of art and room libraries for the schools, also the furnishing of suitable clothing for children who might otherwise be obliged to remain home from school. This club was organized at a public meeting at which the subject "Home and School; their Relations" was presented by an educator. It meets once a month for the discussion of topics that will bring into closer relation the home and the school.

The next biennial convention will be held at Des Moines. Mrs. W. H. Bailey of the same city has been elected president of the state federation. The other officers are: Vice pres., Mrs. Flora Barkley, of Boone; corr. sec., Mrs. Nellie F. Cooke, of Algona; rec. sec., Mrs. J. C. Hallam of Sioux City; treas., Mrs. John P. Davis of Council Bluffs; auditor, Mrs. Ora Burlinson of Webster City.

The City Improvement Association of Ottumwa, Iowa, is doing excellent work in that city. It has a board of twenty managers, with the following officers: Pres., Mrs. W. W. Ennis; vice pres., Mrs. Frank Jersey; second vice pres., Mrs. Helen Lang; sec., Mrs. James Gee; treas., Mrs. Harry White.

The Colored Woman's Business club of Chicago was the first organization of its kind in the United States. It has recently celebrated its first birthday anniversary, and during the year of its existence several similar societies have been organized in other cities.

The Iowa state federation held a successful and enjoyable meeting in Council Bluffs last week. Two hundred and twenty-four clubs claim membership in the federation, fifty having been admitted during the last two years, making a total membership of eight thousand women. One of the pleasant events of the meeting was a reception to Minister Conger and family, given in the apartments of Honorable and Mrs. J. N. Baldwin at the Grand hotel.

The luncheon given by Mrs. E. G. Stoiber at the Brown Palace recently for Mrs. Gilbert McClurg of Colorado Springs, was the most lavishly elaborate affair ever given in the state. The long, brilliantly lighted and decorated table was laid in a big private dining room at the Brown, whose dado of Mexican onyx suggested and carried out the atmosphere of the Southwest, which was in