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This is a fast age. In mechanics, arts and sciences, in nearly everything useful and practical as well as ornamental and theoretical, we are advancing on what might be termed a high pressure plan. In the worry, bustle and perplexities of the life of to-day there are too many who are forgetful of the amenities of social existence, and some are even careless of the duties devolving upon them in the family circle, in the home; the place which should be every man's haven and more to him than all else beside. It is the carelessness of home surroundings on the part of fathers, especially in the wealthier circles which often leads to unpleasant results. Not unfrequently runaway matches are the result of parents' inattention to their daughters, and to a lack of knowledge as to their dispositions, qualifications and rational desires and ambitions. Illustrations of this are practically given every week and oftener, in our large cities and even in small towns. The recent case of the marriage of a young woman to her rich father's coachman is only one of many examples of the kind. The father, with but little reflection, fixed the social standard and wanted the daughter to marry in the circle he named, or not at all. Then followed the sequence, and sacred family ties were broken. Valuable lessons might be learned from occurences of the kind, but it is doubtful if they will be. The world will dash along at the same rapid pace intent only upon the large concerns of life, leaving the smaller, yet more important, to end as fickle fortune may decree.—Omaha Republican.

THE word "dude" has at last found its way into court. A young man in Montreal has made complaint against another for insulting him by calling him "a dude." The plaintiff's appear ance in court satisfied the spectators that so far as he was concerned the defendant had not seriously maligned him even if he applied the epithet in question. The legal point at issue, however, was whether an insult, punishable by fine or imprisonment, had been offered in public. For a long time, in the amusing turn which the case took, the real issue was lost sight of. Both sides were represented by able counsel, and a large number of witnesses had been summoned chiefly, it seems, with a view to discovering the exact meaning of the word "dude." To this end a multitude of questions were asked and a bewildering variety of definitions were elicited, as may be imagined when it is mentioned that the witnesses included lawyers, civil service employes, policemen, well known young swells, tailors, merchants, theatrical agents, and journalists. The court room was packed during the trial, and the assemblage included some of the leading people. In the end the court stated that it was thoroughly bewildered as to what a "dude" actually was, but as it was not proved that the alleged insult had taken place in the public street he would dismiss the case. The plaintiff declares that he will carry the case to a higher court. We would suggest that if he isn't a dude he should challenge his insulter to mortal combat.-Bee.

THERE is no question but what poltics enters largely into the conditions of trade, and it is generally an admitted fact that during the presidential year, particularly if there is any probability of a change in the administration, business is dull and unsettled. However, the fall trade is picking up in a very encouraging manner through out the east, and should the election in Ohio on Tuesday next result in favor of the republicans-and the indications now point that way-there will be an additional revival in business "as an evidence of the faith of the public in continued republican administration," as a leading eastern journal is led to observe.

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