TRYING TO KEEP UP.

False Pride and Living Beyond One's

Means There is nothing so absolutely foolish and unremunerative as the false pride which attempts a style of living about the great Paris telesc pe now belle than any other misfortune, for to beyond the means of the individual. whose only incentive thereto is that others in her set do thus and so, and therefore it is incumbent upon her to do likewise, says the New York Tribune. To strive to keep up to a certain standard, without the means to do so comfortably or successfully, is of all things most wearing and dispiriting. Many a woman at the end of the season asks herself what it is all worth, and thinks how foolish she has been to waste time, energy and money to gain the favor of certain people who have so much that they count for nothing the efforts made to please them and consider they are conferring a favor Mount Hamilton glass, neither will ne by accepting invitation. Yet, despite her experience of the vanity and hollow sham of it all, the chances are ten pure and simple, but with all the reto one that such a woman will begin her poor, pitiful worldly campaign the bear in producing the most perfect next season with renewed vigor, and lenses, that she will again sacrifice herself and family to this Moloch of modern soclety called public opinion. If only We are told of a huge disk of glass these poor, hard-working, weary deni- nearly 7 feet in diameter, but upon zens of vanity fair realized that such your correspondent's showing, this striving is not only fruitless, but de- is not to form either the objective for rogatory, that the very people whose a refracting telescope nor a mirror for acquaintance and friendship they are a reflecting telescope, but a plane mirmost anxious to secure would like and |ror to use on the principle of a siderespect them far more if they were rostat, while the lenses of flint and simple and honest and hospitable according to their means, it would save them no end of trouble and discouragement. "We dined at Mrs. A.'s the other evening," said the sensible wife possibly equal, from the loss of light about such life! Only a few years of one of our multi-millionaires, "and enjoyed it so much. She lives in a tiny apartment and has only two maids, and she gives us the simplest little dinner, but so good, and such a relief after the elaborate affairs one generally has to sit through. Just soup, fish, a fillet of beef, an entree and a sweet, everything in such excellent taste, and only eight at table, but just the people one wanted to see. 'Do ask me again,' my husband said to her as we were leaving. 'I have not enjoyed server's eye. For popular visual purmyself so much this winter,' and he really meant it. We took dinner with doubtless be a success, but it will only some one else, who shall be nameless, a couple of evenings afterward. Such a tiresome experience as it was! The dinner was poor and yet very elaborate, and everything was on a scale that upon my own principle I could too big for the house. 'What a mis- produce ten times the effect at a tithe take those people make,' I said as we of the amount. If I am wrong a couple were driving home, 'and how anxious of years' thoughtful experimenting and fagged Mrs. - looked.' 'I pre- have been in vain.'

"How tired and discontented Mrs. Clymber looks," remarked one of her acquaintances, "and yet she has made a success of it this winter, every one

sume they are living beyond their

means,' was my husband's manlike

conclusion. '-- came to me the other

day to get me to go into some new en-

I guess I'll keep out of it,"

terprise in which he is interested, but

"She has bought her victory too dear," answered some one who was present. "She has spent more than is in the personal gift of the sovereign she can afford. She had offended her old friends, and what has she gained? military or naval officer. Toleration only from the set she has set her heart upon belonging to. No accordingly been succeeded by Gen. does it flourish and it does not appear wonder that she finds the apples of Sir Michael Biddulph. The first ap- in large quantities except occasionally Sodom dust and ashes—yet she will pearance of the gallant general in the in Lake Morat. On June 21, 1476, there continue to reach after them with the role was distinguished by a few nota- was a battle on the shores of the lake. same eagerness next season,"

CAMBRIAN ETYMOLOGY.

Localities in the British Isles Tha Retain Celtic Names.

Many localities retain the names originally bestowed upon them by the Celtic Britons, those, for example, which have the prefix cum, which is years by his predecessor. the Welsh crom, a valley, says the Gentlemen's Magazine. Anderson, the local poet, enumerates them: There's Cumwhitton, Cumwhinon,

Cumranton

Cumrangan, Cumrew and Cumcatch, But nin wi' Cumdivock can match. Some of the above names, it will be observed have the Anglo-Saxon "ton" superadded to them.

man name of Carlisle, and the Latin- ancient etiquette. ized form of some unpronounceable appellation by which the Britons designated the site of that city.

on end) or the Welsh careg, a rock.

The river names of the county, are for the most part of Celtic origin. Thus ed by Sir Michael Biddulph-the pre- ratical scheme. Furthermore, I doubt the Irthing, wandering over the allu- cedent has been established; and in an whether the word "scampe" was in use vial plain, is believed to derive its assembly ruled by precedent as the at that period.-Notes and Queries, name from the Welsh gwryddu, to house of commons no black rod need to writhe or turn, and the Gelt, dashing in future fear to walk frontward down over its bed of red sandstone, from the the floor as the sergeant-at-arms walks Celtic galt, a rock.

Of mountain names Helvellyn, the yellow mountain: Rivelyn, the red mountain, and Blencathra, the seat mountain (the ancient name of Saddleback), are Celtic. The Gaelic word cathair and Welsh cader mean a chair and Blaen is a Welsh term for a hilltop, occurring in other local names, such as Blencow and Blennerhasset.

A Skill That Vanishes.

She paused to watch the boys playing mumblety peg.

"Isn't it remarkable," he said, "how cleverly a boy can handle a knife?" "Yes," she answered, with a sigh; "and it's more remarkable to think

how he loses it all when he grows up

ington Star.

THINKS THE MOON IS SAFE.

Its Secrets Will Not Be Revealed by the

Big Paris Telescope. George Manville Fenn, in a letter to the London News, has this to say making at Paris and which, according her it means the loss of everything to recent stories, is to show "the moon that she most values-not only the one yard off."

"I have read with much interest the article of your Paris correspondent sures. Nothing is more melancholy bearing the above heading from the than to see a woman, who has been fact that for the past two years I have what is known as a professional beauty been experimenting upon the possibility of producing a telescope or optic glass of far greater power than any-

thing we have at present on the way. "Now, M. Deloncle's venture for the Paris exhibition certainly sounds big, but upon carefully going over your correspondent's report, it seems to me -perhaps wrongly—that the learned Frenchman is not about to eclipse the equal the larger instrument being set up at Chicago. These are refractors sources of the glassmaker brought to

"We read nothing of the kind with regard to M. Deloncle's instrument. crown glass, which form the true telescope, are 1 meter 25 centimeters nostrils and who feels that she cannot in diameter; that is, about that of the live without them. What a trite, worn-Chicago glass, whose power it cannot out little sermon might be preached caused by the moon's rays being reflected from his plane mirror through his huge tube-that is to say, the rays are received second hand-from the reflector, instead of primarily from the planet, as in the case of all great re- she condescended to accept their attenfracting telescopes.

image to be produced must be fainter proposes to weaken it still more by of directly upon the retina of the obposes M. Deloncle's instrument view-to amuse an audience. Its scientific value will be nil, while its cost seems to be absurd. I venture to think

THE PRESENT BLACK ROD.

The Incumbent Did Not Even Try to Walk Backward.

The assembling of the present session of parliament in February was the first appearance of a new black rod, says Good Words. The office-to has recently turned red and this rewhich a salary of 12,000 per annum is vives the old legends about the place. attached, with an assistant called the Every four or five years for a century "yeoman usher of the black rod," to discharge some of its limited dutiesand is invariably bestowed on an old aquatic plant, which is designated by

ble "new departures" from established A party of Burgundians, under the comusage. Sir Michael Biddulph discarded mand of Charles the Bold, fell victims the old official dress of the office and to the Swiss and nearly every one was appeared in the more picturesque un- killed. No quarter was shown and iform of an army general, wearing his thousands of bodies were thrown in the many medals on his scarlet tunic and lake. Old fishermen say that the red carrying his plumed hat in his left color of the lake is the blood of the hand, while he bore in his right a new Burgundians. Frenchmen, however, rod of much larger dimensions than claim that the lake blushes at the memthat which was carried for so many ory of the Swiss, who showed no mercy

There is nothing perhaps more diffi- fight after it had become mere slaughcult than to walk backward from the ter. The lake presents a sinister aptable to the bar with ease and grace pearance, especially when the setting and dignity. Sir Michael Biddulph did sun heightens the crimson effect. not attempt the feat. After he had delivered at the table the customary And mony mair cums in the county, summons that the lords commissioners desired the immediate attendance of the commons in the upper chamber to liam Penn first appeared in the United hear the queen's speech read, he bowel States more than twenty-five years ago. low to the speaker and then walked It has been contradicted over and over The familiar Celtic prefixes, pen, a down to the bar, not in the convention- again, but it still reappears periodically hilltop and caer, a fortress, appear in al manner of progression but the man- in the newspapers. It is nothing less Penrith and Penrudock (which both her ordained by nature. No objection than a miserable forgery, intended to signify "red hill"), Cardurnock and was raised to the innovation. No deceive the public, either for the pur-Carlisle or Caer-Leol. Durnock may be member cried "Order, order!" at the pose of putting its credulity to a test or the Gaelic dwr-cnoc, "water hill" or moment, nor when the speaker return- of creating a prejudice against the early else a proper name. Leol is merely ed from the house of lords was his at- founders of New England. The name

of "stage fright," to forgetfulness en- been received, and no such person as In Talkin we recognize the Celtic gendered by the natural embarrass- the one said to have made the deposit word, talcen, a brow, and in Castle ment of a novice in a novel and trying is known to the members. At the date Carrock we may trace the Gaelic car- situation; but whatever may have been of the document Cotton Mather was ragh (which means a large stone set the explanation-whether it was an un- only 19 years old, which fact alone rehearsed effect, or an effect duly set would be presumptive evidence that he down in the book of the play as amend- was not connected with any such piafter he has placed the mace upon the

Reason for Doubt.

of the Himalayas being ten times as least two feethigh as this! Farmer-I don't believe it, young man. I've been keeping suppose, of course, you preserved a phoboarders nigh onto twenty years and tograph," he sneered sarcastically. if there was any resort ten times as fur from the level of the sea as this is confusion, "to tell the truth, he-he guess I'd have heard tell of it before got away. You seenow.-New York World.

A Sense of Propriety.

"But what has become of Jack, your little white dog?"

mourning I had him colored deep "Well, dear, if you like that day best and ought to be able to carve."-Wash- black. It's more in keeping."-Le I'm not superstitious."-Cleveland Journal Amusant.

THE PROFESSIONAL BEAUTY. Thing.

"How she has gone off!" is the fatal verdict, more dreaded by a fashionable eclat and freshness of her beauty, but the prestige and power which it inand who lives for society, gradually lose her attraction, while she keeps on striving to retain, by obvious and pitiful effort, that which was once hers by Divine right. Her admirers, whose name once was legion, gradually dwindle into a few second-rate men or callow youths, who still feel flattered by the friendship of the once renowned belle, while to retain even such as these she is obliged to make an effort, to cheapen herself in a way, to strive and flatter, to descend from her pedestal, and from a goddess to become

'A creature not too bright or good For human nature's daily food." until finally she grows into an object of contemptuous pity to a younger genera-

"Poor old thing," they say, "she was very handsome once!" "What has happened to her? She is not so very old. "No, but she has 'gone off,' and there fore out and her day is over."

Truly nothing seems left for the poor worldling to whom flattery and admiration have been the very breath of her ago the poor thing was one of the most brilliant stars in the social constel-

Men of fashion and position swarmed around her and were delighted when tions; now they have one and all desert-"From the above circumstances, the ed her for a newer and brighter luminary. At social gatherings she has to upon M. Deloncle's principle, and he insist upon her old friends speaking to her; she is obliged to waylay them casting the image upon a screen instead and take possession of them, and has frequently to maneuver to get near some particular man who will not come to her. It is no uncommon thing for such a woman when she finds that prove so from the spectacular point of the stimulus of her existence is gone to seek for something to supply the absolute need she feels for excitement, and physicians say that opium eating and alcoholic excess are largely on the increase among women of society.

"Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain," saith the preacher; but the woman who looketh well to the ways of her household and those children arise up and call her blessed, her price is indeed above rubies in this worldly age of

Blood of Burgundlans.

Lake Morat, one of the prettiest of the many pretty lakes in Switzerland, or longer the waters have taken on a peculiar reddish tinge. This is due scientists say, to the growth of a minute the long name of oscillatroia rubescens. Admiral Sir James Drummond has In no other body of water in the world to their antagonists and continued the

The story of the plot to capture Wila contraction of Luguvallium, the Ro- tention called to it by any stickler for of Mr. Judkins is entirely unknown at this library; no such chest of old papers Of course, the action of black rod as is alleged to have been deposited in may have been due solely to a species the archives of the society has ever

Never Heard the Last of It.

"Well," said the whale, "I am not much of a hand at fishing-never did do much in that line-but once down by Nineveh I pulled a prophet clear out Boarder (in the mountains)-Think of the water. His whiskers were at

The sea serpent interrupted him. "I

"No," stammered the whale, in some

A storm of fibes drown his explanations.-New York Press.

So Sudden.

He-"Do you think it unlucky to get "This is Jack. As I am in deep married on Friday?" She (shyly)-Leader.

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