PORTRY OF THE TIMES.

The Wish Bone. The Wish-Bone.

They say the boys are horrid things,
And don't know how to act;

They're nothing, though, to grown-up
girls—

I tell you it's a fact.

I saw myself the whole affair,
And watched the fun begin;

Twas Sue that laid the spiteful plot
To take Amelia in.

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At dinner, Melis twitted Sue About a beau she'd lost,
And though Sue kept a smiling face,
I saw how much it cost.
I knew that something had to come; Boys like an honest fight, But girls will smile and kiss, and then Do something mean for spite.

"Just put the wish-bone, dear," said "Above the parlor door; Your husband he the first will be Who steps the threshold o'er." She helped Amelia mount the chair (I watched it with a grin), Then beckoned with her finger-tips, And called the waiter in.

- Harper's Young People.

How They Arranged it. He struggled to kiss her-she struggled the

To prevent him, so bold and undaunted.

As if emitten by lightning he heard her exclaim—
"Avaunt, sir!" and off he avaunted.

But when he returned with the fiendishest laugh, Showing clearly that he was affronted, And threatened by main force to carry her off, She cried "Don't!" and the poor fellow

Then he meekly approached and got down at her feet, Praying loud as before he had ranted, That she would forgive him, and tried to

be sweet, And said, "Can't you?"—The dear girl Then gently he whispered, "How could

you do so! I certainly thought I was jilted; Say, come thou with me, to the parson we'll go— Say, wilt thou, my dear?' and she wilted. Then gayly he took her to see her new

A shanty by no means enchanted, Saying, "Here we shall live no longer to roam, Say, shan't we, my dear! — so they

HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

Black matelasse dress goods are much used in mourning.

There is no torture that a woman would not suffer to enhance her beauty.—Mon-

Russian women, it is said, are never jeal-ous of their servant girls. What are Russian men made of? Flav gray wool dresses, worn with pale pink trimmings, is the latest facey intro-duced by Sarah Bernhardt.

Elue and red cloth pelisses, with shoul-der capes, are the favorite wraps for little people, both boys and girls.

The latest fancy for necklingerie is to unite several colors in the ribbon bows that mingle with the laces at the throat. Grown-up Japanese women play with dolls. In this country they go to parties and flirt with fops.—Philadelphia News.

Every lady should have a plush jacket in black, real trown or some other color which will harmonize with any kind of a The fancy work of the moment is the erocheting of ficel's-colored twine of un-bleached cotto's into coliars and cuffs for

Ore aments long ago laid aside are being rapidly brought to light to supply the decord trimming.

Philadelphia young men have organized the "Free from Banged Hair Club" as an offset against the young ladies' "Free from Cigarette Smokers' Club."

Speaking of schools for girls, wouldn't i benefit the country to hire a man to in-form the blondes that red hats are unbe-coming. —Atlanta Constitution.

Imitation stained glass is becoming very popular, especially for home; where the view from the back windows is of a blank wall or neighbor's yard, with its weekly

Overskirts cut open here and there and laced together with silk cords are new and effective. With evening costumes of silk or satin the bodice is made to match, and the lacing is done under the arms.

Pedestrianism is in vogue among fash-ionable people, and it is now the proper thing for young ladies to take constitu-tional morning walks. This is certainly a sensible fashion.

Women of the world never use harsh exvomen or the world never use narsh ex-pressions when condemning their rivals. Like the savage, they hurl elegant arrows, ornamented with feathers of purple and azure, but with poisoned points.

Plush-colored frames are decorated with small beads or tiny brass-headed nails, or by painting a spray of apple or orange blossoms in one of the upper corners and a bird upon the corresponding one at the bot-

Birds of every description are used to decorate muffs. Duplicates of those select-ed for the muff are generally worn on the hat or bonnet which accompanies it. Some of these ornithological effigies are too large

for good taste. Tucked sleeves, fitted very closely to the arms, are seen upon a number of imported dresses of artistic, esthetic make. The fabric must be soft and pliable when this style of sleeve is adopted.

Brocaded or plaided skirts are a good deal worn at present, with close-fitting p Jersey basques of plain velvet in black, a dark green, dark blue, or wine color, and rimmed with a passementeric of gold and tridescent beads.

Ladies will do well this season to look up their brillooms in the shape of fancy buck-les and clasps, as ornaments of this descrip-tion are exceedingly fash onable. Buckles, both little and large, of gold, silver, jet, pearl or brouze are worn upon the dress,

For outside wraps plain velvet is very fashionably worn both for large and small confections; and many redingotes and long cosaques are being made of it by principal modistes. The trimmings are of fur or of jet pendants, and exceedingly wide passementerie hands.

Scylish military redingotes of dark blue cloth have the standing collar, pockets, cuffs, and double breasted front triumed with after braid in Roman designs. Down the back of the skirts is set a double row of large silver bottoms, in designs of old Roman medallions.

Bureau covers are now made in crash, a design of leaves and dowers being generally worked in linen floss. They can be washed, and on this account have much to recommend them. The work is usually solid, and they are finished off by an insertion of drawn work and fringe. Bureau covers are now made in crash, a

Handsome tidies are made by stitching cretonne figures of bright tiuts upon dark-colored plush with gold thread or narrow gold braid. Cord of mixed color is sewn around the edge and a heavy tassel depends from each corner.

Wood baskets are decorated in many familial ways, the most popular being by hangings upon the one side of deep garnet, a crim on sateen, with fringe of the same color, "a most oworked in Kensin; ton stitch: "I ap on more wood, the wind is chill," while on the other side a collection of fir our serves as gramment.

of fir con a serves as ornament. Fashionable bed quilts are now of sating the property of the center, for instance, of heavy white satin, upon which a design of flowers and leaves is embroidered, surrounding a monogram. A bordering of baby the satin about eighteen inches to width, has a running design to

white silk, and each corner is embroidered n a different pattern in similar stitch. in a different pattern in similar stated.

An Irish girl, who had applied for a position in which the was required to do general housework, was asked by the mistress if she ever made fires. "Shure, that's a strange question for a married woman to be axin' me," responded Bridget. "Begores, mum, I niver did make fires, but I've no objection to be afther t'achin' yer husband.—Brooklyn Eagle.

husband.—Brooklyn Eagle.

"John," said the cashier's wife, dropping into the bank in the midst of a shopping trip, you forgot to leave me that money this morning." "What name!" saked the cashier, without looking up. "Name! name!" exclaimed the lady. "I am your wife." "No doubt, no doubt," answered the cashier mechanically, and going on with his writing; but you will have to bring some one to identify you."

Among the most certify materials for also

Among the most costly materials for elegant winter toilets are brocades and brocatelles, with brilliantly colored excities on grounds; Octoman silks, in all the high art chades; lampas, having plain grounds bro-caded with stripes covered with flowers; magnificent Indian tissues, woven with threads of real gold or silver, and damasks, with huge valvet flowers on eatin grounds; these in dedicate evening tints, or in the fashionable colars of clive, electric blue, bronze, Egyptian red, golden frown, royal purple, terra cotta and the endless shades

of green.

Buttons may almost be classed among the luxuries of dress. In point of elegance and in the matter of pulse they have never been excelled. Among the novel styles are those of gold or sliver, set with mock gems, in Morseque or Florentine designs. These are models of art and beauty. They would also be models of extra-agance were it not for the fact that they wil never tarnish, being of the genuine metal. They can, therefore, be transferred born one costume to another, until they have "paid for themselves." Another beautifulstyle of button is a cut jet, in mosaic designs. of button is a cut jet, in mosaic designs, with monogram or crest of semi-precious stones in the centre. These stones may be of any color, so that the hue accords with that of the costume.

IMPINTIES.

The revision of the Old Testament will not be completed for six months yet; but the world will go on as usual till then. "Oh, Lord," prayed an Ohio minister,
"Thou hast seen by the morning papers
how the Sabbath was desecrated yester-

A Philadelphia preacher told the women of his congregation that Divine truth could not find its way into hearts that were cramped by corasts.

Talmage has his doubts about Noah. Don't see why they might not have had a man in those days who could run as good a menageric as Barnum.

A western deacon, who was caught with a pack of cards: 1 his pocket, tried to palm himself off as sethetic. He swore he was always fond of engravings.

Mr. Spurgeon, when asked to support a certain school board candidate on the ground that the man belonged to the Blue Ribbon army, replied: "Do you think I am going to support a donkey just because he has a blue ribbon on him?" The Rev. J. P. May, of Memphis, refused communion to an excommunicated member of his church, and the latter at-

tempted to whip him. The dominie was equal to the occasion, and the other is in the hospital.

bodied missionary or two. "It's no use talking," said Deacon Jones, 'about ministers' sons never amounting to anything. There's Parson Biblepounder's son, now, as smart and promising a young man as there is in town." "Very true," replied Fogg, "but, you know, Parson Bibleexpounder isn't much of a minister,"

Pastor Dalrymple, of the Methodist chursh at Somors, Conn, is endangering his income by opposition to social kissing. His salary is raised by entertainments in

The Rev Charles Ackworth was appointed by Bishop Brown paster of the Carth are more beautifut votes to be found than we have in the United States," but, probably, nowhere are more voices ruined than in this very country.

Arrangements have been completed for a musical festival in Minneapolis next him out cut of the house. It is to be inferred that the appointment was not acceptable to the congregation.

The dencing lady who tries to war the

The dancing lady, who tries to wear the skirt of her dress under her arm and the wast around her knees, and kicks her slippers clear over the orchestra chairs every night, gets \$600 a week, and the city mi sionary gets \$6 0 a year; the horse race scoops in \$2,000 the first day, and the church fair lasts a week, works thirty of

its best women nearly to death, and comes out \$40 in debt. The recent mobbing of "Gen." Booth, of The recent mobbing of "Gen." Booth, of the English Salvation army, at Hereford, recalls a good story of a stalwart Kentucky preacher in the days "befo'de wah." He was once conducting a revival service, when he was annoved by the indecent conduct of a couple of rowdies. He went up to them and rebuked them, when one replied: "We heard that you work miracles, and are come to see if it is true." "No, sir," said the preacher, taking off his coat, "but we cast out devils;" and he forthwith cast them out.

cast them out. Ned Thore, the actor, was living at

Ned Thore, the actor, was living at Washington some years ago when the Owl Club was in its infancy. One day his wife paid a visit to New York, and as she left him at the depot she told him to be a good boy. She said she would pray for him that night. Ned replied, "Well, if you do I hope you will bray that I get a hand of four jack, for I am going to the Owl Club to play poker." After the train pulled out he carried out his resolution, and, contrary to his usu d luck, he won right alorg. After playing half the night with good cards, he looked at the hand dealt him, and exclaimed as he made a large bet: "My little woman is at it, sure enough." He had the four jacks and took large bet: "My little woman is at it, sure enough." He had the four jacks and took the pile. He says he believes now in the

efficacy of prayer CONNUBIALITIES.

A Kentucky farmer lost four daughters in one day—by marriage, Miss Lilian Norton has married M Flower, but will not leave the stage.

Only seven days clapsed after the wedding of a man at Dubuque before he cloped with the bride's cousin. The percentage of insans persons in Iowa always was unsangle high

The seventieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Hurd, of Bennington, Vt., has just been celebrated in the house where they began housekeeping. They are 91 and 87 years of age respectively.

There is a J. P. in Allamakee who does marriages by this formula: "Them as this court has joined together let no man put ssunder; but let little children come unto them, so help me God."

The clerk and sales woman in Ovington's china store in Brocklyn who figured for tuo in a mock-marriage, and afterward discovered that the colored porter who officiated is a regular elergyman, are now puzzled how to get a divorce.

A woman got a divorce from her hus-band, in Oregon, on the ground of cruelty. He reformed and wanted to marry her again, to which she consented; but he afterwards changed his mind, and now she s suing him for breach of promise.

The eldest daughter of the marquis of Queens ury is declared to have recently married a baker. Her age is forty, and her husband's exactly half her own. The lady, it seems, was a patroness of a charity school in which the young man learned his trade.

The twin daughters of Bishop Andrews be indigestion that a ware wedded to Dr. Lovett and Judge Iron Bitters cures it.

Merriweather, of Newton, Ga., but both brides soon died. The widowers then married two more of the hishop's daugh-ters. For the second time they were be-reaved, and they have for the third time

married sisters.

A bride and bridegroom, having been shown politely over the white house the other day by one of the private secretaries or other men in writing, the groom, in taking leave of him, handed him a dollar bill and cried out: "Take that, Mr. Arthur; if I'd have come and seen you before election, darned if I wouldn't have voted for you," and the secretary kept the dillar and the compliment without a word. You see he hated to undeceive the happy fellow and deprive him of his supposed pleasure in having seen President Arthur.

The matrimonial chances of a young lady married sisters.

The matrimonial chances of a young lady The matrimonial chances of a young may in life have been determined partially by an old maid in Philadelphia. Having kept the record of 1,000 of her acquaintances who have been led to the altar, she finds that the chances between the ages of 14 and 40, are as follows: There are 32 chances at the ages of 13 and 15, 104 chances at 16 and 17, 219 at 18 and 19, 220 chances at 15 and 17, 219 at 18 and 19, 229 at 20 and 21, 165 at 22 and 23, 62 at 24 and 25, 60 at 26 and 27, 45 at 23 and 29, 18 at 30 and 31, 11 at 31 and 33, 8 at 34 and 35, 4 at 36 and 37, and 2 at 38 and 39. It will therefore be seen that from 18 to 25 is the golden flood tide of matrimony, and that it is at there ages that the most chances are taken in the great lottery.

MUSICAL AND DRAMA IC.

Lawrence Barrett entertained Boston all this week. Ada Grey is traveling through Indiana and Illinois.

Genevieve Ward was acting last week in Brighton, England. Patti cannot be induced to ring in any of Wagner's operas.

Mary Anderson played in Pittsburg during the present week.

Pauline Lucca is creating a great furor the Imperial opera house, Vitana.

Baughters of Lydia Thompson and Mague Mitchell are about to become ac-Sauret, the violinist, in conjunction with

Popper, the 'celloist, is giving concerts in Lisbon. Mr. Bartley Campbell's new play, "Si-beria," has proved a pronounced success in San Francisco.

John McCukough will be the Christmas attraction at the Chestnut Street opera house, Philadelphia

Mr. Charles E. Lacke is negotiating with Jeachim and Saint-Saens for a tournee in this country next seasos. Rubinstein has just compated a ballet entitled "The Vineyard," to be produced in St. Petersburg next January.

Miss Nilsson is so pleased with her reception in this country that she ha intimated that she might possibly mak it Miss Clara Louise Kellogg, assisted by a strong concert company, will give a con-cert in the Central music hall, Thursday

evening, Dec. 14 Rossini's "Semiramide," with Patti, Scalchi, and Galarsi in the leading, roles, will be the most important event in Maple-son's opera season.

The return of Sig. Salvini to Chicago is announ ed at the Grand opera house on the 11th inst., when he will present his famous interpretation of "Othello," Ingereall cleared \$4,000 by his last three lectures in Chicago. This shows that infidelity pays tolerably well in this world, however we may doubt its success in the next. Incidentally it also shows that Chicago is a pretty ripe field for an able-bodied picture of the control of the control

Madam Albani will appear at the New York Academy of Music on the 12th and 13th of December at the public rehearsal and concert of the Oratoria society.

One of the greatest sensations of th operatic season will be Colonel Maple-son's production of Rossini's "Semiram-ide," with Patti as the heroine, Scalchi as Areace, and Galassi in the leading male

Wagner's "Tannhauser" has lately been His salary is raised by entertainments in which kiss games are a feature; but he has taken a firm stand against such diversion. It is said to have been enthusiastically rething off an important source of Karl Formes says that "in no country

a musical festival in Minneapolis next May, under the direction of Mr. Theodore Thomas, the "Redemption" being the leading choral feature of the scheme of programmes. Of Col. Mapteson's troupe the New

York correspondent of The Washington Star writes: By the way, it seems rather odd that the organization should be called Italian. Mierzwinki, the tenor, a Pole; Rossini is a Hungavian, Savia a Georgiau, Ciodo an Aleetiau, Juch a German, Zagury an American, Galazzzi an Italian, Nicolini a Frenchman, and Patti Span-

Mrs. Langtry's Juliana has impressed New York critics favorably, even The New York critics favorably, even The Times inding in it points for praise, while the chivalrous Mr. Winter is happy in at last being granted an opportunity for the honest although poetic expression of his admiration for a beautiful and very charming lady. He does it, however, with receivation, for, he says, "she shines as ice shines, and for the same reason."

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

Williams College has just arranged course in graduate astronomy. The col-

Since the modest beginning thirteen years ago of Girton College,—the woman's college at Cambridge,—it has twice been found necessary to make considerable extensions.

Two of the most accomplished kinder-garten workers of St. Louis have been in-vited by the Canadian Government to in-troduce their system in the American dominions of the Queen. The new Yale catalogue shows a total of

1,096 students coming from all parts of the country. All the departments are now equipped in an excellent manner and are in the best working order.

Some of the trustees of the Iowa Agricultural College are endeavoring to elimi-nate from the curriculem whatever may not pertain directly to agricultural educa-tion. Nearly all the alumni and the stu-deuts forcibly object to any changes.

The Teachers' School of Science established at Boston some years ago has now been assured a permanent existence by connection with the Lowell Institute. It gives to the teachers of Boston and its wichity the opportunity to attend lectures on physiology, geology and other branches of science.

An Oxford correspondent says that out of the 33s resident members of convocation 200 are college officials and 170 of them are sngaged in teaching on behalf of the colleges as distinct both from private teachers and from university teachers. The number of and agreed outsign on the books is number of undergraduates on the books i 2,800, and the colleges thus provide already one teacher to every sixteen or seventeen

At the recent meeting of the Maine Ped-agogical Society the scatiment of the mem-bers sesmed to be opposed to the marking system in schools. Principal Rounds, of system in schools. Principal Rounds, of Farmington, declared that much of the marking is sheer nonsense, besides being a great burden to good teachers. He added that he had given up trying to find out a pupil's knowledge by scarching examinations. He held brief examinations at unexpected times. Recitations, he added, casnot be judged so minutely as by tenths without interfering with the instruction.

When you feel out of sorts, have the blues, melancholy, etc., it must be indigestion that alls you. Brown's

SINGULARITIES

A spring in St. Tammany parish, La., pours forth clear, o ld water all day long, but at sunset goes suddenly dry. discharging no water notil the sun again rises.

A gennine kangaroo rat was recently eaught in Tehema county, Cal. It looks very much like the Norway rat, but has shorter foreless and a pouch for its young, as does the kaugaroo.

Five mermelds by actual count, are at present on exhibition in New York city, with all the returns not yet in. Each maid is "the only genuine" one of her rare species ever captured.

A natural wonder in New Jersey, is a girl at the Vineland high achool, who is making a steady gain in weight of half a pound a day. Aga, twelve years; weight, at last advices, 190 pounds.

A man drawing a telephone wire ser a man drawing a telephone with the second the electric wires in Rock Island the other day received a shock which caused him to fall to the ground, a distance of twelve feet, like a log. The electricity hurned a vellowish scar across the palm of his hand, but otherwise he appared to be uninjured. peared to be uninjured.

A few miles away from Philadelphia are A few miles away from Philadelphia are living a family of triplets, two men and a women, who are sixty years of age. They are the children of an old Lutheran clergy-man named Roillers, and are all hale and hearty. These triplets have always lived together. The brothers are married, but he sister has remained a spiceter.

A Philadelphia bird fancier east: "You can tame a canary inside of six hours by depriving it of food for that length of time, and then putting your hand filled with seed into the cage. Repeat this at intervals, and the bird will soon become tame enough to fly about the room and come to you when you whistle for it."

Four tall men attracted much attention Four tall men attracted much attention among the crowd of passengers in the Jersey City depot of the Pennsylvanla raticad on Saturday evening. Two of them were seven feet tall and broad in proportion, a third was about six feet, eight inches, and the fourth, a boy, was a little over six feet. They are brothers of the Shields family, from Texas. The tallest are twins, and are 24 years of age. The boy is 18 years of age. They said their father was seven feet high, and that they had three brothers in Texas of that height.

No less than thirty varieties of the No less than thirty varieties of the No less than thirty varieties of the American agave or maguey plant grow in Mexico, no part of the country being without it. No other plant, it is said, has anything like the intrinsic value of this. It can be utilized for four distinct industrial products, all of them important. It produces the celebrated Tequila brandy, made by a system of preparation and distillation which has been famous since the days of the Aztecs, It also produces a quality of molasses said to be preferred to any made from sugar cane. Its leaves, when pressed, produce a fibie in all respects equal to the finest Yucatin henequen jute. Ropes mest Yucatan henequen jute. Ropes made from it are of unequalled pllability and strength. And, lastly, its pulp is unrivaled for the manufacture of many qualities of paper. The capabilities of the plant are no where developed in Mexico. Where the manufacture of pulque or brandy is followed as the plant are no where developed in Mexico. dy is followed no other use is made of the fibre, though the process does not in any way injure it as jute. The plant grows wild everywhere, and could doubtless be much medifier and improved by cultiva-

PEPPERMINT DROPS.

Somebody says that "ballet girls are not so bad as they are painted." We hope not. They are panted frightfully. — Boston

California trures that one acre of vine-yard pays as much as ten acres of wheat, but some fells grow wheat just to be Texas Siftings: When an obituary notice

reads: "No further seek his failures to dis-close," it mean, "Whisky killed him." Mince pre season is here, and those who can afford it will now dream of elephants with four trurks and mules with illumi-

A Coloradosheriff undertook to arrest a cionamon ber last spring and is in bed yet. Sheriffsshould take cinnamon in their hot whisey and leave bears alone, The grassbyper has, according to the size, 120 the kicking power of an average man. It must be exciting times for the young grassboppers which go courting and find the old man at home.

The hugging power of the common black bear has been greatly overrated. He can exercise no greater pressure than a stout man, but he obtains appleasant results by using the claws on his hind legs. After a young man has spent six weeks trying to write the Lord's prayer on a space the size of a three cant place 1's real men to figure that he sould have sawed and split 20 cords of wood in that time.

A young lady inquires: "How can I avoid being addressed if I walk out at night without a protector?" If you wear an old shawl and carry a clothes basket you will not be disturbed.

The Bee-keepers' Journal officially an That's too bad. Half the fun in lifting a boy about three feet high is in hearing what he says when he comes down. Compiled under direction of An-

A new book is called "How to Keep a Store." It is a work of several bundred pages, and life is too short to read it. The best way to keep a store is to advertise judiciously, and thus prevent it falling into the hands of the sheriff.—Norristown Her-

ald. Toesanipa. 2 un An editor returning home one" morning An editor returning home one "morning about 8 o clock was met in the hall by his vigilant spouse. "Alas," she said, "that you have been detained by another breakage of the press." "Nay, not so," he replied; "neither has the press broken down nor have I been detained by getting out the weekly, but it was a small game of 10 cent ante which hindered me."

A Kansas man, upon being roused from A Kansas man, upon being roused from his bed at 6 a. m. to split kindlings, indulged in heathen language, and wished someting would come along and convert everything combustible into kindling wood. Next day a cyclore came howling along and knocked his house into kindlings, and yet he was not satisfied. It is impossible to please some man.

o please some men. "I have come to kill you," said a man entering an Arkonsas newspaper office drawing a pistol and confronting the edi-tor. 'You published an article derogator. "You published an article derogatory to my character, and it is my duty as a husband and father to kill you." "I am glad of it," the poor editor replied, "I was just thinking of committing suicide" "Well, if that a the case, let's go down and take something." "Now you move me to emotion;" and the two deadly enemies went out together. And yet some people are in favor of prohibition.—[Arkansaw Traveller,

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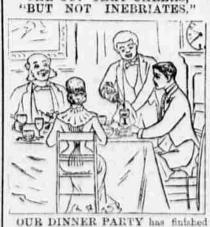
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