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The tournure or bustle grows larger. Chenille bonnets will be much worn. Alternate chene and plain stripes are in

Bonnet strings must be very narrow and Tailor-made cloth costumes are as popu-

Tan shades are exclusively fashionable for ladies' gloves. A medified Marquerite dress is much in favor for young girls.

Violets and Jacqueminot the favorite corsage flowers. Basques with battlement finished at the ottom grow in popularity.

Chenille bonnets are trimmed with flow ers, birds, lace, and ribbon. All short wraps are decidedly shorter this spring than they were last.

The Watteau and Pompadour styles iress cannot be worn by stout won There is a return of favor in Paris to short mantles, short jackets, and short Havelocks.

Over two tons of hairpins are made daily by the factories in this country. What be-comes of them?

The short Havelock with deep dolman cape falling over tight sleeves is destined to great popularity.

Stripes may be either wide or narrow, but they must be of equal width to be in the highest fashion. Watteau and æthetic morning wrappers, made with yokes on which a full skirt is shirred, will be worn.

Paris ball dresses are made indecently low in the neck, both back and front, and almost or quite sleeveless.

The best tournures are a part of the jupon, and composed of flounces or ruffles falling one over the other.

None but tall and slender women can wear some of the styles which the inven-tors are trying to introduce this spring. Flower and figure designs in vanishing effects are produced in some of the checked stuffs by the shading of the checks or blocks.

The latest mathematical question runs as follows. Two girls met three other girls and all kissed. How many kisses were exchanged.

Sensitive ladies are shocked to learn that many of the soft and beautiful gloves now sold for their wear are made of the skins

A Syracuse woman has invented a ma-chine for tightening corsets, and husbands will no longer be required to strain them-selves to pieces to get their wives shaped for a "high tea."

Braiding is made permanently popular by the richness of the new designs, the del-icacy of the work, the combinations of soutache and cord, and the fine effects in relief produced by the use of square braid. They are now telling a story about a Chicago cirl who insisted on throwing a shoe after a newly married couple. The carriage is a total wreck, a doctor has the bride and horse under treatment, and a large number of men are searching the rulns for the groom.

The pistal which a Cincinnati woman swore was the one with which her husband threatened to shoot her proved to be a beer faucet. The husband was discharged, of course, but 'twas five minutes before the court could quell the laughter which the exhibition of the pistol caused.

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The question as to whether the husband has a right to exact that his better half shall build the fire is to be settled soon in Indiana. A minister s wife has raised the issue in a suit for divorce. The jury in the case have a solemn duty to perform. This is a time when married men should stand together.

An excellent novelty for ladies who do not need a bustle or tournure is a skirt made with two deep ruffles or flounces falling one over the other in the back, set just a little above the hend of the knees.

These, when starched, keep the dress skirt from flapping in around the heels in walk-

returned from a tour in the south, where, as she is of southern birth, she met a cordial welcome. I wonder how many people know that the elegant house at Saratoga was built by Frank Leslie in three weeks in consequence of his fiance's promise to marry him as soon as it was done. The workmen toiled day and night, and at last, on the arrival of the bride and groom, nothing was lacking but candles, there not being a light, in the house.

At a congress of washingers in the far west. The western man returned it with the indignant comment: "I just want you to understand writin' as good as anyone."

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At a congress of workingmen in London Mrs. Blunt—described as a "sewing machinist"—said she would like ladies to know that the "ulsters and jackets in which they and their children were so neatly clad were made up by poor classes of girls and women, who were paid at the rate of two shillings per dozen. Not only this, but they had to find their own sewing machines and cotton, and carry their work to and from the city. Often sewing machine needles broke over the rough work, and there was more than the price gone in a moment for making one ulster, which required hours."

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

Effic Ellsler is studying "Juliet."

Tom Keene has made \$50,000 in two Laura Don has returned to New York

Bandmann's professional experiment in India is reported a failure. "Iolanthe," with its fine singing, capital acting and rich c. stumes, has made a hit at the Fifth Avenue theatre.

Robson and Crane have leasad a lot op-posite the Central Music hall in Chicago, and will build thereon a theatre at a cost The fairles in the ballet at the Savoy

sheatre, London, now carry electric stars in their hair. Very pretty effect, but a A drama on M. Gambetta's life is now

being played at an American theatre. The piece proper is in four acts, with a prologue in two scenes, 'Gambettr's First

HONEY FOR THE LADIES. ished by a New York journalist. Its title will be "La Valliere," and those who have seen the nearly finished score agree in recommending the work. It will be presented to the public this spring or early sented to the public this spring or early next autumn in New York.

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A man in Santa Rosa, Cal., has a hen with a very progressive turn of mind. She has scratched around and laid for her master a pair of eggs of entirely new design. One egg contains the yolk, the other the white. Both are joined together by a legumentous membrane, something after the style of the Slamese twins.

A white quality was killed near Gallatin, a Daviess county, Mo., and sent to Mo-Quown & Co., Browning, M., by William

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Mile. Etelka Borry, the leading lady at the Imperial theatre, St. Petersburg, intends atarring in this country next season. Mile. Borry is a Hungarian by birth, is young, of commanding presence, and has a good European reputation. Her English is said to be remarkably good, she having studied in London with Herman Vezin. Her season will begin with a preliminary tour in April, when she will play "Adrilence" and "Camille" in New York at the Fifth-ayenue theatre.

#### PEPPERMINT DROPS.

Old tomato cans always look best in your next door neighbor's back yard. A Detroit barber has the lockjaw. None of his customers are willing that he should find the combination.

"The Black Hand" in Paris means a secret order of agitators and assassins. In this country it means a spade flush.

That was a very mean republican who kroke up a democratic reform convention by sticking his head in the doorway and yelling, "Come out and take a drink." After all, there is a vast deal of common sense in the remark of the deserter when he said: "I'd rather be a coward all my life than be a corpse for fiteen minutes."

Sitting Bull says he would not return to the warpath on any consideration, but he feels as if he would be a success as a railroad ticket-scalper in Denver or Omaha. When a doctor is caught digging up a corpse they kick up an awful row and put him in prison, and all that. It seems hard to punish a man for digging where he

The telephone is in the Sandwich islands, and as "hello" in the native dialect is "kalskaihoikauhaihoihaukoi," you can imagine what kind of a time they have at the "central."

An Albany man invented a fire-escape which, on his attempting to try it, actually knocked him down in his room and broke his leg before he could get it to the window.—Somerville Journal.

Maine alone made and sold 90,000,000

sticks of gum last year, and at least seven-eighths was chewed by women. A cotton rag with a little peppermint essence on it tastes better, lasts longer, and is far cheaper.

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If there is anything in this wide world that makes a man thorough sick it is to run half a block with might and main to catch a horse-car which he hears but cannot see, and to arrive at the corner out of breath and in a lather of perspiration, only to discover that the car is going the wrong way.

While a doctor was visiting a sick wo While a doctor was visiting a sick woman in Rowlandsville, Pa., two children
poured a pint of molasses into his silk hat,
which he didn't notice until he put the tile
on his head. Language cannot describe
his feelings; but it is said that he will petition the next legislature to pass a bill
making it a criminal offense for a child to
be born under 12 years of age.—Norristown Herald.

## SINGULARITIES.

Pickerel weighing twenty-one pound was recently caught in Fox river, Wis. Henry Tulseman, of New Jersey, re-cently caught a very large black bass in a muskrat trap at Rancocas creek.

Seven million rabbits have been killed in Australia in less than year, and yet there is no sign of diminution. The have become an intolerable curse.

Miss Marian, of Germany, is 17 years old, 8 feet 2 inches high, and weighs 280 pounds. What s mother-in-law that girl will make when she gains experience. In a Bethlehem, Pa., shop window are a pair of spun silk glove, made in 1783, and they are almost a fac simile of another pair lying alongside and made in 1883.

The Hartwell (Ga.) Sun says that Bob Curry's cander has plumed its wings for its eternal flight. It was hatched in the year 1857, and was 25 years old when it died.

A perfectly formed and healthy chiid, weighing less than one pound, was recent-y born to a woman in Ashland, Ohio.

A white quail was killed near Gallatin,
Daviess county, Mo., and sent to McQuown & Co., Browning, M., by William
Hildiman, a traveling salesman from St.
Joseph. When it was received it was in
the fleah. They took it to a taxidermist
in New York, who stuffed and mounted it
in nice shape. It is considered quite a
curiosity, and beats Polk Miller's bird of
Richmond.

The great grand-daddy of all the turtles The great grand-daddy of all the turtles was caught out at the Spence lake a few days ago. by Mr. S. J. Harrell. The Quitman (Ga.) Free Press says that he weighed 82 pounds, measured 4 feet and 3 inches in length, 2 feet and 10 inches in width, and 13 inches between the eyes. In his stomach was found three big catish, two moccasins, and old fish basket, four lightwood knots, an old pair of boots and a gallon jug. The boots and the jug are supposed to have been lost by a seining party last summer.

#### CONNUBIALITIES.

It is said that David Davis gave his bride \$500,000 in cash and bonds. A lively accident insurance agent issued policies for \$700,000 on a single wedding party from Denver to Chicago.

Senator Harrison's son, who has grewn rich in the Montana mines, will soon marry the daughter of Senator Saunders, of Ne-Ristori's daughter received a dowry of a

million lire upon her recent marriage to Bacourt, the former secretary of the French legation at Rome. A young Baltimore woman, actuated by no matrimonial considerations, has re-nounced Methodism and made a formal profession of the Jewish faith.

A young lady living near New Orleans has chartered a steamer and is to be married on board. After the ceremony the boat will take all present up the Mississippi for a protracted tour of which she bears all expenses.

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She said that she wanted a ticket to Wyandotte and return, and the pale, gent with the dark mountache saked, as he took up the pasteboard, "Sile and that say of your business, as I know "she answered, tartly; "I might have been married a dozen times if 1'ds felt like providing for some poor, shiftless wretch of a man.

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A Nodaway county jury ordered that Mr. John Martin Brodrick should serve three and a half years in the penitentiary for seducing Sarah Leona Lanning under promise of marriage. But Brodrick's father put \$1,000 in the hands of a trustee to be invested in real estate for Sarah and her heirs, on condition that she would marry his son and thus save him from the penitentiary. The trial had fully vindicated the young girl's character, and under the advice of friends she consented. Instead of dooming the youth to a convict's fate, the judge performed the ceremony which made them man and wife; and now, if the young man does not made a good husband, Sarah will at least have a little home of her own.

Mr. Talmage fails to explain this wonders the mind-reading power on the part of the clerk.

A Brooklyn man, in an address before the Young Men's Christian Association of the society. This may be true as to Brooklyn, but in any other community such an assertion would be rearded as the most delightful atheism.

When Dubufe's celebrated paintings of Adam and Eve were on exhibition, Mr. Monab was taken to see them and asked his opinion. "I think no great things of the painter," said the great gardener. "Why, man, Eve's temptin' Adam wi' a pippin of a variety that wasna known until about twenty years ago."

## EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

New Zealand has introduced American common school system, and has 836 schools and 64,406 scholars. Columbia college, which was started in

Columbia college, which was started in 1759, on the proceeds of a lottery, now has an endowment of \$5,000,000, and 1,857 students.

In the kingdom of Siam, all college students are allowed but two wives. This is shameful. They are putting more rules on every year. After a while they will probably be limited to one. The freshmen should certainly kick.—College Mergury.

The mayor of Brooklyn recently attended an exhibition at a kindergarten, and in closing his address to the children quoted that classic rhyme, "The rose is red, the violet is blue; the pink aweet, and so are you." And he didn't quote it right, either

The Philadelphia school boys are inveterate cigarette smokers, and it is estimated that 75 per cent of the male pupils smoke. Moral auasion is used to break up the baneful practice. A circular setting forth the abominations and hurtfulness of tobacco—especially of bad cigarettes—is pasted inside the cover of every text book.

A boy paid his first visit to one of the public schools the other day as a scholar, and as he came home at night his mother inquired: "Well, Henry, do you like going to school?" "Oh," he replied, in an excited voice: "I saw four boys licked, one girl got her ears pulled and a big scholar burned his elbow on the stove. I don't want to miss a day."

Two school teachers of Lynn Mass.

school children. This is something gained. If the high schools attempt too much, as there as reason to believe they do, the common schools err in the other direction.

Not that they impart too little book learning, but that they fail to cultivate habits
of observation. In the absence of trained

conable solid months around in the rivers and bays of York and Jersey.

The Minnie Hauk opera concert company appeared in Richmond, Ind., on the 9th matant. Two acts of "Carmen" were to finish the programme. At the close of the first act the audience role en masse and left the house, leaving the people on the cause. The hoosiers thought the "show" was over.

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The two hundredth anniversary of the establishment of Presbyterianism in Maryland will be commemorated at Reho-The Baptists have opened a new chapel to accommodate about 300 worshippers in the Trastevere, or the part of the city of Rome beyond the Tiber.

The statement was made at the Baptist minister's meeting in Chicago, that one hundred and four persons had been re-ceived into the Baptist churches of that city during January.

The efforts of Bishop McNamara, of the Independent Catholic church, have at last been successful, and he has secured the establishment of the "First Independent or Reformed Catholic Church of Chicago." The Swedish revision of the New Testament is to be published next year. The Swedish Lutheraus in this country have, it is said, 300 congregations, 150 pastors, and 70,000 attendance upon their services, and their strength is growing rapidly.

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The leader of the Episcopal ritualists in Cleveland, Ohio, is "Father" Hinkle, rector of Grace Episcopal church. He has just added to the modern improvements of his ritual a confessional and the granting of absolution for sins. Bishop Bedel and the congregation are yet to be heard from on the subject.

The supply of acceptable ministers is below the demand, and the religious journals are quite seriously discussing the situation. It is reasonable to expect a lack of candidates for places in the far west, but The Congregationalist makes the statement that twenty-five of the "leading and most c. mmanding pulpits" of its denomination in New York are vacant.

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In New York there are 489 churches, 81 of which are Protestant Episcopal, 66 Presbyterian, 59 Roman Catholic, 59 Methodist Episcopal, 43 Baptist, 29 Jewish synagoguev, 27 Reformed (Dutch), 20 Lutheran, 8 African Methodist, 7 United Presbyterian, 7 Congregational, 5 Reformed Presbyterian, 4 Universalists, 4 Friends, 3 Reformed Episcopal, 3 Unitarian, 2 Moravian, 17 Union or undenominational, and 45 miscellaneous churches and missions.

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But the thirty-eight letters which the Earl of Dalhousie will get from bachelor, benedict and widower governors, giving their observations upon family quarrels—what curiosities of literature! We almost regret that Claiborne F. Jackson is not now governor of Missouri, so that he might make the response to Dilhousie for our state' He could have written his experience, for he married four sisters, all there were in the family, and it is related that when he asked the father for his consent to marry the last one, the old man ripped out an oath and said, "Yes, take her, but for God's sake don't come after the old woman when Sally is gone."

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Statistics show that the growth of the Roman Catholic church in Englishspeaking countries is constantly on the increase. The number of Catholics in the British empire and the United States is 10,000,000 souls with 195 bishops, 15,000 priests and 13,000 churches. In Great Britain, exclusive of Ireland, the Roman Catholic statistics for the years 1840 and 1880 compare as follows: churcher, b22 in 1840 to 1461 in 1880; colleges and schools, 40 to 514; clergy, 614 to 2282; laity, 539 500 to 1,384.

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When he had called the meeting to order, Brother Gardner arose and said. "Gen-len, if it wasn't for de wheels on a wagon de wagon wouldn't move. When de wheel is on, den what?" "Grease." solemnly exclaimed an old man. "Kerrect," whispered the president, softly rubbing his hands together. "We hez de wagon an' de wheels. We will now pass de hat aroun' for de greasa." for de grease."

In a certain church this winter attempts have been made to take up contributions for four different objects, but in each case the collection has been postponed on account of stormy weather and small attendance. Codman, who is a parishioner, says he is about to change his tactios. Hereafter he will stay at home pleasant Sundays, and be most scrupulous in his attendance on the most disagreeable.

"Mary, my love, do you remember that text this morning?" "No, papa, I never remember the text, I've such a bad memory." "Mary," said her mother, "did you notice Susie Brown!" "Oh, yes. What a fright! She had on her last year's bonnet done up, a spea green silk, a black lace mantilla, brown gaiters, an imitation Honiton collar, a lava bracelet, her old eardrops and such a fan!"

A clergyman, in a so-called religious weekly, says the secular press "knows as much about religion as it does about the man in the moon." For Simon-pure religion we must consult the columns of the average religious weekly; but keep clear of its advertising columns, or you may be invigiged into investing your money in become viegled into investing your money in bogus mining stock, pinchbeck jewelry, "ten beautiful steel engravings for \$1," and other questionable schemes indorsed by the

Emma Thursby, who goes to San Francisco as the leading soprano of the Thomas concerts, will be accompanied by Maurice Strakosch. The programmes for the festival are being arranged by Mr. Thomas.

The Maurice Grau opera bouffe and comique company includes Mms. Theo. M. Capoul, and a complement of 129 persons. Ninety performances of thirty-five different operas were given in Mexico, South America and Cuba.

One of the reasons why the manager of a theatre near New York will not pay Lester Wallack 3750, claimed to be due him for playing "Rosedale," is that the receipts fell off because Wallack, while playing on the stage, tried to open flittations with Isdies in the audience.

An opera founded upon passages in the life of Louis Quatorize has been composed by Homer N. Bartlett; the libretto furn. They had different ideas as to what would "break the Sabbath" Their gardens joined. The wordly man, to check

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