

"CITY SPARROWS."

A Little Newspaper Edited by the Daughter of a Marquis.

"City Sparrows" is the odd name of a little paper exclusively for children.

Lady Clementine Hay is the editor and she publishes it in the interests of the Scottish Children's League of City recently founded and of which she is the president.

To do all they can to help suffering children and make them happy is the object of the league. The means are various. In aid, each child deciding for itself what plans it shall adopt to carry out the objects of the league and what subscriptions its members shall contribute.

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Lady Clementine Hay is still a very young girl, not yet 20 years old, and a good share of her time, money and thought are devoted to the welfare of the shelter.

A BATTLE ON THE PLAINS.

The Mighty Bull Defeated by the Goat's Generalship.

In Harper's Round Table there is a capital account of a battle between a bull, Spartacus, "the king of the plains," and a goat, called "The General." The conflict is thus described:

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The General seemed everywhere in the common, wheeling and dodging and keeling away in a manner so rapid as to be bewildering and when he landed on the King he rebounded as though he were an object of India rubber.

There was generalship and science on his side, and lumbering over-confidence on the part of the bull, who, finding his great strength of so little importance, became awkward in mind and in consequence awkward in action.

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It is on the out-reaching lines. When business is running in ordinary course there is no copying in the upper office and each transmitting operator takes the message by ear as it is clicked off and puts it on his own wire without waiting for the receiving operators to pass it on to him.

But when there is a rush this method cannot be followed. In that case two receiving operators are stationed with each sender, one seated on either side of him. They take down the messages as they come and pass them on to the transmitter. He sends them out alternately, being able to work twice as fast as the receivers.

"The men employed in the stock quotation office are all experts," said the superintendent of the exchange telegraph in answer to a question.

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HIGH LIVING IN HOTELS

Many Opportunities for Blowing a Fortune in a Year.

ENORMOUS PRICES PAID FOR BOARD

Striking Increase in the Cost of Hotel Living in Ten Years—What Guests Get for Their Money.

We were sitting in carved chairs, upholstered in tapestry. At our feet were stretched two tiger skin rugs, whose fierce aspect was almost lost in a look of vague astonishment at the splendor of their surroundings.

One of the managerial staff of the big Waldorf-Astoria hotel was showing to me the beauties of the "royal suite," which has recently sheltered the visiting princes of Belgium and Italy.

"There is more money today than there ever was before in this country, if one may judge by what is spent in hotels," continued Mr. Thomas. "Big fortunes are being made nowadays in the street, in mines and in business, and the money is rapidly being put into circulation."

"Our suites cost from \$10 a day up to \$40," replied Mr. Thomas, "and we have large ones for families that run from that figure up to \$100. We have one suite now occupied by a gentleman and his family which costs \$200 a day, that is exclusive of food and service."

"A comparison of the present prices with those of a decade ago offers a significant result. In 1888, for example, it was necessary to spend money in hotels in a fair criterion of the prosperity of the times this country was never so prosperous as it is now."

"You naughty, careless boy! Have I got to buy you another pair of new trousers?" "I guess so. But when I'm a man I'm going to wear pants!"

Little Nettie accompanied her parents on a trip across the lake recently and after being out a short distance she began to get seasick.

"How do you feel, Nettie?" asked her mamma. "Oh," was the reply, "I just feel like I wanted to unswallow my breakfast."

"Yes, dear children," said the teacher, "we must throw away our naughty faults. They are like worms chestnuts. Now, what do you do with a wormy chestnut when you find one?"

"No, thank you. I don't care for any," said little Marie, as her papa passed the cake.

"Oh, look what a pretty little moon!" exclaimed 4-year-old Edith to her little brother, as she looked from her grandma's window at the small crescent in the western sky.

CONNUBIALITIES.

Elliott Danforth, late candidate for lieutenant governor of New York on the democratic ticket, failed to get office, but captured a bride.

The latest device for the encouragement of matrimony is reported from Athens. The Greeks propose henceforth to exclude all bachelors from the Boule, so that if a man wishes to become a member of the National Legislature he will first have to get married.

At Bayville, L. I. a day or two ago, William Cornell, aged 34, arose in the morning a handsome young bachelor, and that night retired a great-grandfather, with a daughter older than himself and a grandchild with a child old enough to make remarks about him.

There seems to be good reason for the lamentation uttered by an eastern publication because of the disclosure, made in reports of the Department of the Interior, that there are more unmarried men than unmarried women in this country. The trouble is evidently irremediable, for while there are 6,427,787 bachelors in the United States there are only 3,224,494 unmarried women.

A marriage was suddenly interrupted at a church in Moscow, Pa., on the 15th, by the bride, Miss Margaret Moore, refusing to say the fatal "yes" at the proper time. For miles around in the Pocono mountain region the friends of the bride and groom and Timothy Foley had assembled to see the young couple married.

At a meeting of the directors of the National League of Manufacturers, held at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel, Mr. Foley was elected president.

The Dana warp mill at Westbrook, Me., is running night and day. It is producing a million yards of cloth a month in gold. The remainder is sold in gold.

A manufacturing plant at Edgewater, S. C., spins cotton, presses the seed and puts the lint and cake into the marketable shape, spins the lint into yarn and then weaves it into cloth.

In Cuba a railroad engineer, who must be a mechanic, is paid \$130 a month in gold. The remainder is sold in gold.

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