# Gditor's Table.

Notes of Hospital Life from November, 1861, to August, 1863. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. 12mo. pp. 210. Tinted paper.

This brief record of the experience of one of our volunteer nurses in the army hospitals is worthy of the highest commendation. It will remain as a memorial of the devotion of some of our most cultivated Christian ladies to the wants of the suffering soldiers in this war. The elegant style of the writer is of twenty-seven different works, such as itself a sufficient recommendation; the sharp insight into human nature which it reveals; the outpouring of all the and Bishop Wordsworth's new work wealth of a woman's rich and noble on "Shakspeare's Knowledge and Use nature in patient, painstaking offices towards the inmates of the hospital and in behalf of the cause they represented; her tender and skilful attentions to the son's verses opposite the title-page, adspiritual wants of the men :- all gathered | mirably supplied in fac-simile, bound in around a number of deeply interesting and well-told incidents, form a memorial volume that must be appreciated by nence in France, are known to be enevery patriotic reader. After receiving | gaged upon memoirs of their own times; such attention as this noble class of American women bestow upon our sol- Austrian government are printed on diers, we do not wonder at reading of paper made of corn-shucks; the Vione, who, after leaving one of our enna physicians think this paper likely Philadelphia hospitals, participated in the battle of Gettysburg, came back wounded, and in reply to some simple la Connoissance de Dieu et de Soiremark, said: "Yes, I felt all the time that I was fighting for you!"

Bishop Potter gives the book a very handsome and patriotic introduction.

FIRST AND LAST: a Poem intended to illustrate the ways of God to man. Philadel-phia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. 16mo. pp. 267.

Most persons suppose that the epic of Adam and Eve has already been written by one John Milton, and the ground pretty well covered by his Paradise Lost. The author of this "poem" has had the rashness to overlook these generally conceded facts, and has written a piece remarkable chiefly for its length, and for the very neat and handsome manner in which the publisher has issued it.

NEW COBWEBS TO CATCH LITTLE FLIES. New York: Robert Carter & Bros. 18mo. pp. 250. For sale at the Presbyterian House. A capital little book to encourage young readers to go alone and to interest them in the earlier processes of ac-

MAGAZINES AND PAMPHLETS.

quiring knowledge.

THE PROVINCE OF THE PULPIT to elevate the world to the standard of the Bible. An address delivered to the students of the Theological Seminary, Auburn, N. Y., March 15, 1864, by Rev. E. A. Huntingdon, D. D. Published by request of the students.

present position of leading theological friends as bidders. Some presentaquestions, with valuable suggestions to tion copies of books sold very high, as ministers (young and old) on the mode Dickens' Christmas Carol, with an autoof meeting the difficulties raised by the spirited competition, brought £25 10s. philosophy and criticism of our time. The Reader says: Many of the lots We are glad to see evidence that our with MS. notes were bought by two theological teachers are thus awake to American gentleman, who contested matters of immediate and pressing in-

God WITH Us. A national thanksgiving discourse, by Rev. J. Glentworth Butler, Pastor of Walnut Street Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, November, 1863. Published by the Union League of the 24th ward.

A comprehensive, judicious, and hope A comprehensive, judicious, and hopeful survey of the advantages, military and moral, gained by the nation, in the corporators are named, and among great movements of the army and navy, them are many leading publishers, auin the policy of the Government, and in thors, and journalists, and we infer, the improved tone of the popular sentiment, during the preceding year. It is expressed in glowing language, from a heart in devout sympathy with the great interests of nationality and liberty at stake in the conflict. The "League" have done well in giving it publicity.

THE PHILADELPHIA PHOTOGRAPHER for May. Benerman & Wilson, Seventh and Cherry. Price \$3 per annum.

This journal continues to be ably managed. The first article, "Photography in the Fields," from the pen of Rev. H. J. Morton, D. D., is a literary gem. The illustration Lower Ramy's Kill Falls, from the vicinity of Delaware Water Gap, and the miscellaneous articles are, as usual, excellent.

PROFANITY A CRIME. "Come let us reason together." By Rev. Thomas Brainerd, D. D., of Old Pine Street Church, Philada. Presbyterian Publication Committee, 1334 Chestnut street.

This little tract, dedicated to the officers and men of our Army and Navy, is a timely production. It discusses the sin of profaneness in the direct styre of the author, whose strokes of scriptural and logical argument are adapted to in the country. go right home to the conscience, and cannot be parried. It should be widely 2d day of May, was composed, accordcirculated both in and out of the army.

STUDENT AND SCHOOLMATE for May, Senators and Representatives, of well-1864. William T. Adams (Oliver Optic) known authoresses, women of fashion, Editor. Jos. H. Allen, Boston. \$1 per | mothers who had lost their sons, and annum.

HALL'S JOURNAL OF HEALTH for May. Full of readable matter. Outspoken upon important topics apt to be neglected by others. W. W. Hall, M. D., New York. \$1 per annum.

LITERARY ITEMS.

We are indebted to Child's Gazette and Circular for the following items:

SHAKESPEARE'S TER-CENTENARY is being celebrated chiefly in a literary way in England. We count no less than twenty-one distinct issues of his works announced by English publishers, including photolithographic fac-similes of old editions. Some publishers issue as many as six different editions. A single volumed edition—a marvel of beauty and cheapness—is announced at five shillings. Various illustrated editions are also published. Besides, some are called "Shaksperiana," have also been announced, including Mr. Brown's "Bible of the Bible." Mr. William Shakspeare's Comedies, Histories, and Tragedies," a very fine copy of the first folio of 1623, perfect with the exception of Ben Johnmorocco by Bedford, sold in London, last March, for £273 or over \$1300.

Four literary characters, of some emitwo have kept diaries forty years.—
The new school books published by the to fatigue the eye less than common white paper.——M. de Sacy has edited a new edition of Bossuet's treatise " Du meme," and his "Exposition de la Foi Catholique," with a preface which, like everything M. de Sacy writes, is charming. M. de Sacy has undertaken this publication as a sort of reply to M. Renan's work, which (in its popular form, price 25 sous) has reached a fourth edition since I wrote you last.—The works of Louis XVI, have just been published in two volumes, with an eloquent preface by M. Berryer.—The fifteenth edition of "The Art of Tying the Cravat" has appeared in France.

THACKERAYANA.—Mr. Thackeray died intestate, and his two daughters have taken out letters of administration. His personal property has been sworn to amount in value to a sum not exceeding \$100,000. As much as \$30,000 or \$40,000 more may be realized, from a lease which he held having eighty years yet to run. His health was too bad to admit of life insurance on terms deemed favorable. The first money, of an amount worth speaking of, that Mr. Thackeray was able to lay up, was what he realized by his lectures in the United States in 1852. The sale of his household effects took place March 16th. The prices obtained were very poor. His library was of the "editorial" sort, principally composed of books sent for criticism, hence more miscellaneous than valuable. Some rare and choice paintings, by Cuyp, Watteau, Collins and others failed to elicit the enthusiasm of the buyers. It is not too much to say that Mr. Thackeray's little collection would have realized, in Philadelphia or New York, at least five times as much as it A clear and instructive view of the obtained in London, even with his keenly for every book that bore similar traces of the great novelist's study. A ittle French volume, which had belonged to Lord Byron, who had presented it to Dr. Maginn, who in turn gave it to Mr. Thackeray, of no value

in itself, sold for its weight in gold. A NEW AND GOOD MOVEMENT.-An act has just been passed by the Legislature of the State of New York incorpotherefore, that the movement is in good hands, and that something substantial will grow out of it. It deserves hearty encouragement, and the experience of a similar association in England shows how much good may be accomplished. The object is stated by the act to be the "raising by subscriptions, donations, and bequests from members thereof and others, a fund to be devoted to making provisions for the support of such persons as, by age, sickness, or accident, are incapacitated from pursuing their professional callings as authors, editors, or writers for the press. and for the support of the widows and orphans of such persons, and for the purpose of defraying the funeral expenses of such persons, and for such other purposes as the said corporation may deem expedient."

## LADIES' NATIONAL COVENANT.

A highly important movement of patriotic ladies has commenced in Washington, which, if carried out in other parts of the country, cannot fail to prove most effective and beneficial in checking extravagance, in restoring health to the national finances, and in lessening the burdens of the public treasury as well as those of almost every private purse

The meeting, which took place on the ing to the Washington Chronicle, of the wives of members of the Cabinet, and of wives who had lost their husbands. There was an eagerness and a unison of feeling in this great meeting which have never been exceeded in this land.

At the request of the ladies, the Rev. He invoked the divine blessing in an answered: "My husband is under the hope and the old by memory.—Lord earnest and impressive prayer. walls of Troy; shall I adorn my hair Bacon. Dr. McMurdy was asked to preside.

tary of the meeting, and its object briefly

Mrs. Senator Lane then moved the labors, and in sadness will I pass the appointment of a committee of seven to time of this mournful war." prepare an address to the women of Patriotism is beautiful in all eyes, and America, and report a constitution for the proposed organization, which was story and the mother of the Revolution, unanimously adopted. The President clad in her homespun dress and steadily appointed Mrs. Senator Lane, of Indi-

Mrs. Spalding, of Ohio, moved the appointment of a committee of five to nominate officers for the society. Adopted. Mrs. Spalding, of Ohio; Mrs. Woodbridge, of Vermont; Mrs. Hughes, of Indiana; Mrs. Choate, of the District, and Mrs. Morris, of the navy, were appointed.

We quote the leading articles of the Constitution, and give the names of the officers, together with the noble and classical address in full.

shall be the Ladies' National Covenant. SEC. 2. The object shall be to unite the women of the country in the earnest resolution to purchase no imported articles of apparel where American can possibly be substituted, during the continuance of the war.

SEC. 6. The advisory and organizing committee shall consist of two from each State and Territory within Federal lines, which number may be indefinitely increased, by the two members from the State or Territory, by appointments, at their pleasure, of persons within said State or Territory, for the purposes of this association in the said State or Teritory. This organizing committee shall out the length and breadth of the land. make such suggestions as they may and diminishes the wages of our sister deem expedient to perfect the success of women, who toil for their bread, into a this society.

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Capt. Kidden, Miss Williams, Miss Matilda Bates.

ADDRESS TO THE WOMEN OF AMERICA. In the capital of our country we have this day organized a central society for the suppression of extravagance, the diminution of foreign imports, and the practice of economy in all our social relations. To this society we have given the name of "The Ladies' National Covenant." Its object is a good and generous one, which should inspire a spirit of patriotism worthy of women almost flinging its crimson shadow over who are the glory of a great nation. For us.

In 1770 the women of Massachusetts actuated by the same impulse that in trenchment, that the women of the spires us, assembled in the city of Boston, erve the country by an effort of self sacrifice far greater than we are called upon to make.

On the 9th of February, three hundred matrons, each the mistress of a house hold, met as we do now, and signed a pledge to abstain from the use of tea the greatest luxury of the time, and the very life of all the social gatherings for which our New England ancestors were so famous. Three days after, twice tha number of blooming young girls met in the same place and signed like pledges from that brave assemblage of wome non-importation societies sprang u that produced an effect upon the mothe country almost equal to that created by the success of our revolutionary armies During all the terrors of the war, thes noble women held firmly to thei pledges, and by their earnestness awoke the sympathy and co operation of every sister colony in the land. The spir thus aroused extended itself to importe goods of all kinds, and every hearth stone was turned into an independen manufactory. Thus it was that the fla wheel, the hatchel, and the hand-loom became sublime instruments of freedom in the hands of American women. The house mothers of seventy-six not only kept their pledge of non-importation, but with their own hands wrought from the raw material the garments which clothed themselves, their husbands, and children. The pledge which they took, and kept so faithfully, evoked not only great self-sacrifice, but hard, hard toil such as the women of the present day scarcely dream of. Had they not en dured and labored while their husbands fought, we should have had no might

Union to pray and struggle for now. We, the women of '64, have the same object to attain and the same duties to perform which were so nobly accemplished by the women of '76. Shall we not follow their example, and take up, cheerfully, the lesser burdens that the welfare of our country demands? They gave up the very comforts of life without a murmur; can we refuse when a sacrifice of feminine vanity is alone required? Can we hesitate to yield up luxuries that are so unbecoming when the very earth trembles under our feet from the tread of armed men going down to battle, and almost every roof throughout the land shelters some mother lamenting the son who has fallen gloriously with his face to the foe, or a widow whose husband lies buried so deeply among the masses of slain heroes, that she will never learn where to seek for his grave?

When the wife of a great prince, whose husband was absent at the siege of Troy, was urged by her friends to put on her royal robes and be cheerful, she

Miss Lizzie M. Baker was made secre- while he wears a helmet? Shall I dress in new robes while he carries arms? No! my raiment shall be like his hard

was shared alike by the lady of classic performing more than household duties. ana; Mrs. Ann S. Stephens, New York; Compare the spirit of these women with Mrs. Senator Wilson, Massachusetts; the reckless extravagance which has Mrs. Loan, of Missouri; Mrs. Pike, of marked the duration of this terrible Maine; Mrs. S. A. Douglas; Mrs. Instruggle for the Union, and the contrast gersoll, of the District. of America are not unworthy of their ancestors. Thoughtless they may be, and luxuriously extravagant from long habits of prosperity, but cruel and unjust never! Appeal to their reason and gentle feelings, and the women of this day will prove themselves capable of as noble deeds as ever marked the struggles of the Revolution. Convince them of the svils their thoughtlessness is producing, and the remedy is certain.

It has not yet been sufficiently impress

ed upon them that the encouragement Sec. 1. The name of this association of extravagant importations is injurious to the public good. To impress this vital truth upon the women of the Union, we have entered into this solemn Covenant, not only lending ourselves to a general system of economy in our persons, but holding it as a duty to impress upon others how unwomanly it is to make outward display a paramount subject of thought, when the nation is in the throes of a rebellion, such as the world never saw. Gathered here in the centre of the nation, a handful of women, intent on a single object, anxious only for the good of the country, we appeal to the patriotism and inreport monthly, as far as practicable, to Letit be well understood, that every the president of the National Covenant, ounce of gold that goes from the the number of persons pledged, in their country detracts from the pay of the respective States, to the covenant, and soldier who is fighting for our salvation, miserable pittance that scarcely suffices to keep them from starvation. The precious metal that flows from this country to Europe for the luxuries we do not need increases the price of gold dere, depreciates the value of our national currency, and helps to sweep the nicessaries of life beyond the reach of te working man.

It is a painful truth, for which we stall yet learn to blush, that the importitions of the most expensive goods nanufactured in Europe have been far reater during the war than at any time the history of our country. The im-ortations last week at the New York dustom-house alone amounted to five hillions of dollars; and all that weekwhich will yet find its ignoble record in istory—the streets of Washington vere blocked up with weary soldiers, narching through mud, rain, or dust town to the Army of the Potomac, which now lies with bated courage waiting for the carnival of death which is

For the good of our country and the precedent at once august and encourag-honor of our sex, let us redeem ourselves from this reproach of wanton extravagance. Let us prove by cheerful recountry are not so wedded to luxurious self-indulgence that they cannot fill a glorious page in the history of this war and yet retain all that is retiring and beautiful in womanhood. In all humane works they have proved themselves charitable, kind, and munificent. Let these comprehend that self-abnegation will accomplish more than works of charity, and they will not be less earnest to sacrifice than they have been to act.

It must not be said of us that we have been willing to give up our husbands, sons, and brothers to fight or die for the Union, and yet refuse to renounce our laces, silks, and diamonds. That thought would cover us with shame before the nations of the earth. No; our women of the Union only lack knowledge of the means by which they can prove themselves true help-mates of the heroes who are fighting our battles.

Impress it upon them that in discouraging excessive importations and adopting goods manufactured at home they keep gold in the country, reduce the rates of exchange, and establish confidence in the Government, and they will prove how far patriotism can rise above feminine vanity in the hearts of American women. In order to invoke this spirit of self-

sacrifice, it is important that the great object of the covenant we have made should be broadly circulated and thooughly understood. It discourages rofligate expenditures of any kind, bcommends the use of domestic fabrics wherever they can be substituted for those of foreign make, and advises simplicity of attire, both as a matter of policy and good taste. It asks the great sisterhood of American women to aid in this reform before it is too late. Thank God! science has given us the means of reaching thousands on thousands in a single hour. While we make this covenant, the thought that thrills our hearts may tremble in fire along the telegraph; and awake kindred inspiration throughout the entire land. By every means of communication in our power, let us urge the necessity of prompt action. In every town and village throughout the Union, some woman who loves her country is implored to establish an auxiliary society and forward the names of the ladies invited to act for the State in which her duty lies.

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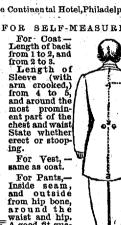
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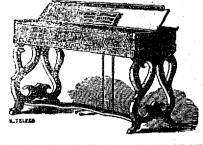
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