

THE ROMANCE OF SKATING.

The Belle of the Park—Her Dress and Costume—Flirting and Coquetting on Ice—Hints to the Novices, Etc.

We are not disposed to concur with those who are complaining of the cold weather, much less with those who find fault generally with the winter as a season.

Sunday's cold snap made splendid ice at the parks, and yesterday and to-day they have been crowded with the graceful and pretty skaters.

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will send the skater forward a short distance. The same thing is repeated with the right foot, and so alternately, until the learner goes along, clumsily, to be sure, and with his hands flying about, but still getting along.

With many, skating does not constitute the sole or even chief attraction of the skating parks. These fashionable resorts have come to be looked upon by the young folks generally as legitimate flirting grounds.

"Proud Ethel Vane, I loved her well! She led me on my love to tell, Then treated it with cruel scorn; I cursed the day that I was born."

"Still on and on she kept her way— The thinner ice before her lay, I turned my face towards the shore, But Ethel Vane came back no more!"

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Editorial Opinions of the Leading Journals Upon the Most Important Topics of the Hour.

Finance in Congress.

From the Tribune.

From the Outlook.

From the Herald.

From the Evening Post.

From the Commonwealth.

From the Commercial Advertiser.

From the Times.

From the Herald.

Let us consider these evils in the light of reason, common sense, and truth: The Secretary asks to be empowered to fund the public debt in order that we may return, as soon as may be, to specie payments.

The Post would have a bill that provides for the funding first of one security, then another, in a specified order; that they be redeemed at a certain rate of interest, and that they be redeemed at regular periods.

Negro Suffrage in the District and the States—Congress and the President.

As our readers are aware, the bill establishing universal negro suffrage in the District of Columbia passed the House of Representatives on Thursday last by a vote of 116 yeas to 54 nays.

The Telegraph System of the United States.

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as well as others more directly involved, in his action upon the bill. The position of negro suffrage is one upon which the Union party, as such, has never taken action. It has never come before any national convention, nor have any considerable number of State conventions taken ground upon it.

It is possible, therefore, to say the least, in our judgment, that if the bill now before Congress is passed, it will be the most important step in the history of the Union since the adoption of the Constitution.

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popular sentiment is supposed to be expressed by the representative; and if there be a doubt about this, or if the monarch wishes to ascertain the sentiment of the people, Parliament is dissolved, and a new election held.

It is true the young kingdom has some difficulties to encounter. The most serious, probably, is that of the finances, which gave rise to the conflict between the representatives and the ministry when the latter resigned.

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