DEMOCRACY AND COURT-DRESS. From the Saturday Review.

An extremely curious debate is reported to have recently taken place in the House of Representatives at Washington, on the subject of clothes. A distinguished writer in our own country has taught us the emblematic significance of clothes, and has, in a manner, based an entire philosophy of life and human nature upon them. Nobody who has studied the close connection which exists between each element of conduct and feeling, and every other element, can be in the least surprised to find that a democratic policy seems to lead to democratic manners and costume. All one's ideas move together, with varying degrees of intensity, but at the bidding of a common impulse. Emancipation from imaginary slavery to one of those typical tyrants whom excited poets accuse of devouring the earth, leads to a vast number of results which have no immediately political connection. In a State founded on the conception that all men are equal, all sorts of social consequences

flow from what at first seems an exclusively political idea. You must not have different classes of railway carriages for different orders in a country where, theoretically at least, there are no orders. You may expectorate at your own sweet will in a free country. You may go to dinners and to balls in a frock-coat, or a shooting-jacket, or anything else you like, among a people where one man's idea of what is becoming is quite as respectable and authoritative as another's. The debate, however, to which we have referred, and the resolution which was carried in consequence, implies an extension of these free social principles for which one was hardly prepared. For the future no representative of the great Republic at a foreign Court is to wear the court-dress of the

country to which he is accredited. This curious piece of legislation is due to Mr. Summer, who introduced the resolution into the Senate. In the lower chamber it gave rise unbounded jocosity. One honorable member, it appears, moved an amendment, not only forbidding a diplomate from wearing court-dress, but also prescribing the kind of dress which he shall wear on great occasions. Among other items in this proposed costume, there was to be "a cocked-hat looped up with an American eagle," and "a swallow-tailed coat with stars and stripes on the tails, butternut pantalcons, close-fitting stockings with gaiters, and a buck-skin vest with one side black and the other side white." But this elegant humor was far ex-ceeded by another gentleman, who moved "that diplomatic agents shall not be permitted to wear any court-dress except such as shall be prescribed, and the patterns grawn, by the chief tallor of the nation, who is now presiding over its

This graceful reference to the fact that Mr. Johnson had once been a tailor was at once seen to be so steeped in wit and fancy that the House was convulsed with laughter. Some English people are very angry at this, and insist that it is only in a democratic country that a man could be taunted with the lowness of his origin. This, however, is a mistaken view of the matter. The speaker did not mean what he said as a taunt, but as a joke and bit of humor. Even from this point of view it is bad and rude enough. The joke is a specimen of that sort of fun which consists in throwing yourself ironically and for the moment among a set of ideas which are not your own, and measuring an object by an alien

To our notions, of course, the humor is a shade too grim to be decent. But American irony sticks at nothing. Some of the most characteristic of American jests, though they do no often get into print, turn upon a peculiarly daring treatment of things of which sober per-sons usually speak with bated breath. Such a gibe as this against the chief tailor presiding over the national destines is not the product of the political ideas of the United States, but a mark of the stage of manners at which they have arrived. It would be impossible in our House of Commons; not because the House represents oligarchic ideas in politics, but because we have a very long civilization at the back of us, while the Americans have only a very short civilization. One wishes very much rapidly in the pursuit of the amenities; only let us not father on democracy the offenses against good taste and fastidiousness which are really due to the social state, and which after all are not a bit more repugnant to modern politeness than the manners of our own senators a generation or two back-and they were aristocratic

enough, in all conscience.

The question whether the American Ambassadore should wear spotted waistcoats, shoe-buckles, swords, and so forth, was no joke to them. Somehow, in some eyes, it involves the supremacy of the United States. By an inscrutable mental process, the shoe-buckles and swallow-tails recalled to the mind of Mr. Banks the alleged prophecy of Turgot, that the United States would prove to be the Carthage of the modern world. Mr. Banks put a truly remarka-ble and original interpretation upon this. For it is usually supposed that in the ancient world Carthage was, on the whole, something like a failure. At all events, nobody thinks that the Carthaginians impressed their ideas very deeply or permanently on the surrounding world. But people like Mr. Banks choose to have new theories of history, just as they choose to have

everything else new.
So he supposes that the Carthaginian function which the United States are destined to fulfil in the great State-system of the modern world, is to impress new notions upon the mind of Europe. For the future, the grand storehouse of fertilizing ideas for Europe will no longer be the mystical East, but the more fresh and glorious West. We are to begin simply, and to advance gradually from things small to the very greatest. Breeches will be the form in which American missionary effort will first touch the heart and moderate things. touch the heart and understanding of Europe. Her initial function is to teach Europe how to dress. If an Englishman goes to the Court of Dahomey, Mr. Banks might ask, does he doff his own babitual raiment and don a figleaf, a string of beads, and a hat? Why then should an American citizen at St. James' or at the Tulleries array himself in a flowered satin waistcoat, a snuff-colored coat, and a sword, simply because the barbarous eliquette of those courts prescribes such absurd and incongraous apparel? Europeans ought to be taught better, and the only way to instruct them. way to instruct them is to refuse compliance with a preposterous usage. Longum est iter per pracepta, breec et efficax per exempla. Mr. Banks apparently believes in an original and peculiar apparently believes in an original and peculiar modification of the famous saying of Fletcher of Saltoun. Let who will make laws for Europe, provided America may furnish the pattern for its coat and breeches. Mr. Summer is much too sensible a man to sympathize with this extraordinary and most exaited notion of the business of American representatives in Europe. It is said, indeed, that he brought the motion forward, not in order to favor Europe with choice ward, not in order to favor Europe with choice specimens of American or Carthagenian tailorspecimens of American or Carthagenian tatioring, but simply because that powerful originality on which his nation so justly prides itself had impelled some of the Ambassadors to devise court-dresses for themselves, so fearfully and wonderfully made as to fill every decent American who saw them with an impleasant awe or equally unpleasant shame. From this point of view, the resolution torbidding the Ambassadors to appear in any dress but of view, the resolution forbidding the Ambassadors to appear in any dress but that of an ordinary American citizen, assumes the air of a dis inct mark of respect to our feelings. What is intended is not that Europe shall be proselytized, but that it shall cease to laugh at the costumes of too original and inventive Americans. That constructive gealus which is so strikingly exhibited in everything practical, from iron-clad ships down to apple-parers, for some reason or other breaks down when it comes to trousers and coats. The truth is that an aethetic element enters into breeches. And the Americans have been too busy with more the Americaus have been too busy with more urgent and practical affairs to attend much to this department. They are weak in asthetics, and they are therefore weak in tailoring. Yet we are not sure that, even from the asthetic side, they are not right in their new resolution. Take the court-dress of St. James', for example. What can be more ugly, unreasonable, and incon-

venient than the costume in which, on great occa sions, respectable gentlemen are made to agure? "They will be mistaken for butlers and menservants," one gentleman said, in deprecation of Mr. Summer's motion, "if they only dress like an ordinary American critizen." Most men, however, who have arrived at a decorous middle age, would, we should think, much rather run the risk of being mistaken for butlers than expose their wretched shanks to the cold of the atmosphere and the suppressed ridicule of the multitude. A calfless great man—and it is surprising how often great men are calfless—will look with envy upon the American who can clothe his legs in the decorous obscurity of

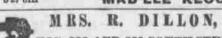
It is a little difficult to keep from laughing at the idea of so much fuss being made about so unimportant a concern. Still it is worth re-membering that, no further back than the commencement of the present Parliament, some commotion arose in our own House of Commons because two of its most distinguished members Mr. Mill and Mr. Bright, objected to attend the Speaker's dinner in the prescribed costume, and therefore could not attend at all. And then there was the recent diplomatic thunder-storm aroused by the refusal of the Pope's porter to admit a vehicle drawn by a single borse, even though behind the single horse sat the representative of the potent Blamark. To all expostulation the porter only replied with his august master's usual Non possumus. If one thinks of efiquette run to seed in this imbecile fashion, there is something rather sensible in the American resolution to have nothing to do with a system which develops such monstrous

Imagine a big sheaf of despatches being writ-ten about the conduct of the Pope's porter in re-fusing to admit a one-horse brougham. This sort of snobbish spirit is common enough among porcenus and upstarts, but it is amazing in an oid-established family like that of the Vatican. There, if anywhere, we should think they could afford to know mere one-horse people. Compared with folly like this, at any tale, the line taken by the parcenus of the West is not by of all admission. is worthy of all admiration. There is so little danger of our having too lax a code of etiquette in Europe, that an infusion of unceremonious-ness from the West is not likely to do us any harm. It is more likely to do us good, by stimulating us to brush away a certain portion of cobwebby usage which does not make public life any more dignified, while it does make it decidedly less wholesome and free.

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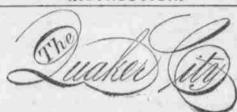
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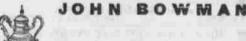
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LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY IN THE ORPHANS COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Estate of William Duncan, Deceased.

The Auditor appointed by the Court to saidil, settle, and adjust the account of GEORGE W. DUNCAN, WILLIAM D. MOULDER, ANNA C. DUNCAN, WILLIAM D. MOULDER, ANNA C. DUNCAN, JAMES J. DUNCAN, and JOHN G. FURD. Executors of the last will and testament of WILLIAM DUNCAN, deceased, and to report distribution of tha balance in the hands of the accountaits, will meet the parties interested for the purposes of his appointment, on WIEDNESDAY, May 29, 1887, at 3 o Clock P. M., at his office, first floor, first room back, No. 32 S. THIRD St. in the City of Philadelphia. [5 17 fmwst.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY
AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.
Estate of SAMUEL MOILREE, deceased.
The Auditor appointed by the Court to andit, settle, and adjust the account of HORACE FRITZ. Administrator of the estate of SAMUEL MCILILEE, deceased, and to report distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountant, will meet the parties interested for the purpose of his appointment on MONDAY, June 2, 1867, at 4 o'clock P. M. at his Office, No. 438 WALNUT Street, in the city of Philadelphia.

THOMAS J. WOIRELL.

Auditor.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

I state of JOHN MORRIS TAYLOR, deceased, The Auditor appointed by the Court to audit, again and adjust the account of ARTHUR, W. CORGERS, Administrator of the estate of JOHN MORRIS TAYLOR, deceased, and to report distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountant, will meet the parties intressed for the purposes of his appointment, on WEDNESDAY, June 5, 1887, at 4 o'clock P. M., at the office of SAMUEL F. PLOOD, No. 5.9 S. FIFTH Street, in the city of Philadelphia. [125 smwst

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PUBLIC SALE - CITY PROPERTY
THOMAS & RONS, Auctioneers. Business Location. Three-story brick dwelling, No. 411 Bacosireet, with four dwellings in the rear, on Richardson Purpusant to codings. Furmant to ordinances of the Select and Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia, will be sold at Public Sale, without reserve, by order of Commissioner of City Property on Toesday, May 28, 1867, at 12 o'clock, Noon, at the Philadelphia Exchange, the following described real estate orionging to the City of Philadelphia:—

of Fhiladelphia:

All that lot of ground, with the messnage now erected thereon, situate on the north site of Hace street, 52 Rest 3 inches east of Fifth street, No. 531, containing in trent on Race street, 15 leet 5 inches, and extending of that width so feet, with the right and privilege into an 18 feet 10 inch wide court, called Richardson's court, leading southward into the sabiliace arcest.

privilege into an 18 feet 10 inch wide court, called Richardson's court, leading southward into the said Race sireek.

No. 2.

All that lot of ground, with the messuage now crected thereon, sinuate on the west side of Richardson's court (being No. 1), 50 feet nor'h er Race street, containing in front on Richardson's court 5 feet 6 inches, and extending of that width 10 feet 10 inches, with one and privilege of the prayles at the north end of said Richardson's court.

No. 3.

All that lot of ground, with the messuage now crected thereon, situate on the went side of Richardson's court (being No. 3), 50 feet 8 inches north of Race street; containing in Iront on Richardson's court 12 inches, with the use and privilege of the privies on the north end of said Richardson's court.

All that lot of ground, with the messuage now crected thereon, situate on the west side of Richardson's court is ret 10 inches, not extending of that width 18 feet 10 inches, not extending of that width 18 feet 10 inches, with the use and privilege of the privies on the north end of said Richardson's court.

No. 5.

All that lot of ground, with the messuage how crected thereon, situate on the west side of Richardson's court is ret 10 inches, and extending in front on Richardson's court of Richardson's court with the use and privilege of the privies on the north end of said Richardson's court.

No. 5.

All that lot of ground, with the messuage thereon erected, situate on the west side of Richardson's court in the north end of said Richardson's court.

No. 1.

Business Stand, 25-story brick building, From street, north of Nohle,—All that lot of ground, with the 25-story brick building, thereon erected, situate on the east side of Front street, containing in front on Front street. If feet 8 inches north of Nohle,—All that lot of ground, with the 25-story brick building thereon erected, situate on the east side of Front street, a the Eventh Ward; containing in front on Front street. If feet 8 inches, and extending in depth 62 feet.

Lot, corner

Lot, corner of South and Carbon streets, Fohrth. Ward—Ali that lot of ground, situate on the S. E. corner of South and Carbon streets, in the Twenty-lourib Ward; containing in front on South street 10 feet, and extending in depth along Carbon street 20 feet.

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No. a.

Two-and-a half-story frame building, Front street, north of Noble.—All that lot of ground, with the two-and-a half-story frame building thereon erect ed situate on the exat side of Front street, in the Eleventh Ward, 48 feet 38, inches north of Noble street, thence extending casterly at right angles 62 feet; thence extending northerly 21 feet 94, luches, thence extending mortherly 21 feet 94, luches, thence extending westerly 62 feet 15, luch to Front street, and thence extending southerly slong Front street, and thence extending southerly slong Front street. 25 feet and 36 of an inch to the piace of begiening.

Terms Cash—or, at the option of the purchaser, twenty percent, of the purchase money may be paid in cash, and the balance secured by bond and mortage of the premises, payable in five years, with increast at the rate of six per ceht, per annum, payable semi-annually on the first days of July and January in each year, with the usual stipulation to be inserted in said bond and mortgage, that in case of default in payment of interest for thirty days, the whole principal sum shall thereupon become due and recoverable by law: Provided, That where the lot of ground vacant, the purchaser, at his option, in lieu of the said mortgage to secure the balance of the purchase money as above mentioned, may have the said balance charged upon the ground yearound resideed or deeds, in the usual form. The said ground resideed or deeds, in the usual form. The said ground resideed or deeds, in the usual form. The said ground resideed or deeds, in the usual form. The said ground resideed or deeds, in the usual form. The said ground resideed or deeds, bonds, mortgages, slamps, scknow-redgments, and other expenses in the matter of making the convexance from the city to the purchasers.

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4 25 fm 12t Nos. 129 and 141 S. FOURTH Street.

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On TUESDAY, May 28, 1867, at 12 o'clock, Noon, at
the Philadelphia Exchange.

All that lot of ground situate on the north side of
Chesnut street, beginning at the northwest corner of
Twinty-third street, and extending along said Chesnut street 250 feet to Twenty-fourth street, and in
depth northward 350 feet to a twenty-four feet street
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street, on the east by Twenty-third street, and on the
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mortgage or ground-rent deeds, or may be paid in
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PUBLIC SALE — CITY PROPERTY,—
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VERY DESIRABLE LOTS, CHRISTIAN Street,
between Ninth and Tenth streets.
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Terms—20 per cent. of the purchase money shall be paid in cash at the time of sale, and the balance may be secured upon the premises by mortgage 1 ayable in five years, with interest sean-annually, or on ground-rent in the usual form, or the whole purchase money may be paid in cash, at the option of the purchaser, udon the delivery of the deed, and under such other conditions and terms of sale as shall be fixed by said Committee.

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