## NEW YORKISMS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9, 1868. Miss Susan B. Anthony is certainly indefatigable. She is constantly doing the work of a dozen ordinary women, in superintending conventions for the benefit of her sex, making speeches, editing the Revolution, and upholding the spirit of her faint-hearted sisters. She loves the work in which she is engaged. She calls upon the downcast and trodden-under of her sex to cast to the winds all care of what the newspapers may say of them, and to go on boldly in the work of revolutionizing, as if there were no such thing as a criticizing public. She is most emphatically one of the most original and startling isms of New York. She does not expect to see the good she works for developed during her generation. She is only planting the acorns from which another generation shall produce the oaks. Around her all the different branches of women's work are constantly forming nuclei. She is the irresistible force sweeping against the immovable body of public prejudice. Supremely indifferent to anything but the attainment of her end, viz., a large pay secured to the toilers among her sex, this purblind spectacled, and most assiduous lady toils day and night with tongue and pen, and works not only with all her

soul, but with all her body, too. The opening of the Fall Meeting at Jerome Park was badly attended. There were no long lines of carringes; there were no crowds of spectators. About one-fifth as many people as ought to have been there, were. Cause unknown. The weather was lovely. The sky was imported from Italy, and the atmosphere had passed unchallenged through the celestial custom-house, and direct from the south of France. Everything was propitious except the people, that mysterious entity whose edict is more tyrapnical and thunder-toned than the mandates of the sea. Among the women present a few magnificent toilettes were perceptible. But, then, the women were so few. Where there should have been crowds stood only knots, and where interminable lines of carriages should have brimmed with babbling fashion, two or three sleek and solemn vehicles stood demurely side by side. The thing was a failure. It might almost be said that no betting was done. Every heart collapsed beneath the chill of its individual wet blanket, and when the racing was over alow-going coaches bore solemn visages home. Some celebrated personages were present, but then the presence of a few celebrities does not render the opening of autumn races successful. A score of celebrated caterers, commodores, and cricketers, presidents, prize-fighters, actors, "end" men, and so forth, do very well as points of relief among a heterogeneous crowd; but on Tuesday they were more like pillars, measuring the breadth of vacant interstices that should by rights have been thronged.

Some of the principal merchants of Fulton street have been getting up an indignation meeting, in order to heal the nuisances inflicted on them by the "ropers-in" employed by the gift enterprise establishments. The ancient havnt of these gift swindlers was in Cortlandt street. Their operations there, however, having become too notorious, they removed one by one into Fulton street, where they are the terror of all the respectable tailors and hatters. The "ropers-in" are the most irresistible functionaries extant. Any "young man from the country" that they can lay hold of they carry almost by force in the gift-swindling dens, and he who enters there leaves hope behind, the hope of coming out with as much as he took in. The vicinity of the respectable Fulton street merchants' shops has therefore been seriously harassed. No man, woman, or child could pause for a moment to look in at the window without being pounced upon by these importunate "runners." A committee of the respectable merchants waited in vain on Superintendent Kennedy and Inspector Dilks. All the satisfaction they received was that no satisfaction could be received, unless they indicted the respective swindling establishments before the Grand Jury. All that is left to do, therefore, is to grin and bear-the gift swindlers doing the first, and the respectable merchants the last.

The Water street movement, which might better be called the Rum street movement, seems gradually to be losing its activity. Now and then a converted pickpocket makes a pious address, and proves as eager to steal the hearts of the public as he once was to steal their pocketbooks. Some of the rum-seilers, who do not side with John Allen, got up a demonstration of sticks and staves the other day, and mauled some of the more prominent members of a plous meeting. If Mr. Beecher's opinion on the "Water Street Movement," be worth anything, it is satisfactory to learn that he considers it one of the most extraordinary phenomena of the day, and that he only regrets that those converted are so low down in the scale of depravity that they will be no better than lame moral convalescents all the rest of their lives. John Allen continues to mingle drinks and doxologies in equal proportion.

I am not versed in toilette slang, but my ob. servations along Broadway inform me that Scotch material is coming more into use for ladies' dresses. Costumes of thick quilled tissue are much worn, overhung with tunics trimmed with black taffeta. The tippets accompanying this style of dress are often made so that the seams are heart-shaped at the back. Lawn skirts of pale red, with tunics of pale blue crape. are also frequently seen. The panier style will be the chosen one during the coming winter. In full' dress plush will play a prominent part. Even blue and green are getting to be worn together. Fashion is blessed as a peacemaker among colors. She miscegenates those that seem born to be kept asunder, and brings discordant hues into as harmonious proximity

as bosom friends. I consider the success of Fanny Janauschek in this city, and in other cities of the United States, to be an extraordinary dramatic event. One year ago she came here with scarcely a ptemonitory word. She came in the face of Ristori's prestige, and after that artiste had already made herself sure of the heart of the American people. Two weeks before Janaus. chek cate here, I don't believe twenty people in New York, outside of newspaper circles, had ever heard of her. Her pictures give the idea of a woman of stupendous energy and will. Her physique, as witnessed by an audience, confirms that impression, er pictures are bold, swinging, massive; her strides are gigantic, and her gestures ponderous. She is immense in every way. She is a better specimen of success, independent of puffery, than even Ristori; A pupil of Matilda Heron debuts as "Camille,"

on Saturday evening, at Jerome's Theatre. Unfortunately, "Camille's" day is over, and the announcement of that pulmonary heroine upon the bills is only too suggestive of the advertisements of pulmonary syrups. Last evening and this evening the lovers of Black Crookism have the sad opportunity of bidding farewell to Bonfanti and the other fleet-footed bouncers who for the last two years have delighted New York, Boston, Philadelphia, and Chicago. Rose Bell is a taller, more decorousmore dignified, and altogether less pleasing "Duchess" than Tostee. I believe these items conclude the budget at present. ALI BABA.

#### LITERATURE.

REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS. LITTLE WOMEN. By Louisa M. Alcott. Published by Roberts Brothers, Boston. Philadelphia Agents: Claxton, Remsen & Haffelfinger.

There is perhaps no branch of literature which requires more tact and discrimination, or which presents more difficulties, than the writing of stories for children. Persons who would hesitate long about publishing works addressed to an adult audience feel themselves fully competent to entertain and instruct young people, without pausing to think whether they are really qualified for the task or not. And yet there are no keener critics in regard to all the essentials of story-writing than children; and the inculcation of good moral ideas will not compensate with them for dullness and insipidity in the characters and adventures of the heroes and heroines of the miniature romances which are written for their edification. Of late years there has been a notable improvement in the character of juvenile books, and a class of writers have entered the field who appear to really appreciate the importance of their mission, and who are impressed with the idea that moral and religious principles can be best engrafted upon the minds of their readers by not being too prominently brought ferward as the main objects of their books. Miss Alcott has written a number of stories which are deservedly popular. She has a fresh and graceful style, and a hearty sympathy with the feelings, hopes, and aspirations of boys and girls. "Little Women" is a pleasant story, which girls will like to read, although in our opinion a little less preaching would not have made it less instructive or entertaining. We believe in books of this kind being good but not "goody," and the principal fault we have to find with "Little Women" is a trifle too much of the last-named quality.

-From Smith, English & Co. we have received a sample part of the American edition of Dr. William Smith's "Dictionary of the Bible." Published by Hurd & Houghton, New York. The American edition of this standard work is edited by Professor H. B. Hackett, D. D., with the co-operation of Mr. Ezra Abbott, A. M., Assistant Librarian of Harvard University. The original work will be given entire, without abridgment or change, except the correction of misprints and mistakes in quotation. An improvement will be made by incorporating the two appendixes of the English edition into the body of the work. Contributions will also be furnished by many eminent American scholars, and the work will be made as complete and perfect as possible by the verification of numerous scriptural quotations, the extension of the system of cross references, and other improvements suggested by experience and researches made since Dr. Smith completed his labors. The Dictionary will be published in numbers, by subscription, each number to contain 112 pages, medium octavo size, and to be issued monthly. The entire work will be comprised in about thirty numbers, at seventy-five cents per number.

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