

NEW-YORKISMS.

From Our Own Correspondent. New York, Feb. 22, 1870. Trinity on Holidays. Trinity Church celebrates the holidays as religiously and regularly as the theatres do. To-day, for instance, being Washington's Birthday, Mr. James Ayliffe, the old-time bell-ringer of the church, will ring a number of changes, and intonations some popular songs, both old and new. The intonations will be patriotic and sentimental, such as the "Red, White, and Blue," "Yankee Doodle," "Coming Through the Rye."

Triumphal Type-setting. Possibly you may have heard ere this of the triumph in type-setting accomplished by Mr. George Arenberg, one of the compositors on the Times. The feat consisted in setting 3064 ems of solid minion type in sixty minutes. This is very remarkable, so remarkable as to surpass belief if the statement was not exceedingly well authenticated. The performance was the result of a bet that Mr. Arenberg could not set 3000 ems of solid minion in one hour. Mr. Arenberg is the Dexter of the press, and I suppose Mr. Bonner has engaged him.

Miss Alice Cary is dangerously ill at her residence in this city, but the fact of her illness does not surprise any of her friends. She has been an invalid for many years, and her disease is insidious, painful, and incurable, greatly affected by changes in the weather, and certain to eventuate in death. These sad circumstances, however, have not prevented her being the sunlight, or rather the moonlight, of her pretty and placid home in East Twentieth street, near Fourth avenue. I say moonlight, because she is so much more serene and silent than her sister Phoebe, to whom the sunlight simile more naturally applies. Both the sisters have led good, useful, and happy lives, winning equal popularity, and more of it than falls to the lot of two in two thousand of women who publish poetry. Both, I think, are believers in spiritualism in its higher sense, though the fact that they practise Swedenborgianism will horrify many of the orthodox as much as though it were Lucian-Borgianism instead.

The Anti-Robber Bank-Boy Protective is, I presume, the name given to a curious arrangement which I observed yesterday on the person of a boy in Wall street. The youth, who was about fifteen, was apparently a bank-boy, and carried in his hands one of those precious tin boxes which burglars and highway robbers so much affect. To the box was attached a strong chain which passed once or twice around the boy's waist underneath his jacket, and was securely fastened. Evidently there was no running off with that tin box without running off with the boy too.

The Well-dressed Strangler. Society never will learn the lesson which sad experience is so anxious to teach it, for the simple reason that it don't want to. It likes to be humbugged not only in its public amusements but in its social pleasures. A certain individual who dubbed himself with the name of a certain foreign and distinguished diplomatist has been creating great havoc in the good little suburb of Elizabeth, and some also in the bad big town of New York. He was introduced differently as count and baron, and indeed it didn't make much difference so far as veracity was concerned what degree of rank was conferred upon him. As far as I can understand, it is the old Baron de Riviere and Lord Ainsley business over again. How stale all old stage tricks are, are they not? This latest fraud made the young lady fall in love with him, borrowed some money of her, disappeared, and has not since come to the surface. I suppose there are grades of mobbishness low enough to enjoy being "beaten" when the ruffian who accomplishes it bears a title.

The Finger of Scorn. Scorn has only one finger. Ever since I have heard Scorn mentioned as an interesting topic of personal remark I have observed that only one finger is ascribed to her, invariably mentioned as the Finger of Scorn. Waving this unique digital fact, I will merely remark that the upper classes of New York society (into which I am not admitted, so don't for a moment suspect me of claiming that distinction, but the bubbles from which sometimes ripple past my ears)—I will merely remark that the upper classes have instituted a mild and pleasant manner of moving Scorn's finger. It consists in this, and amounts to nothing more than a momentary ostracism. When, at a dinner in "society," some one at the table begins to tell a story which the others have heard, those who are acquainted with the facts silently raise their knives, and, balancing them upon the rims of their goblets, direct the points gently in the direction of the unfortunate speaker. It is a mild way of pointing Scorn's finger—a polite method of saying, "Dry up; we've heard that before." The speaker takes the hint. He "dries up." Conversationally he may be said to will for the remainder of the evening. He remains blasted beneath the mildew of mockery. Society waits in vain for him to speak again. He shrouds himself, to the end of the entertainment, in a mystery as unfathomable as the "Mystery of Edwin Drood."

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

The City Amusements. At the Chesnut the drama of The Streets of New York will be performed this evening, with Mr. Frank Mayo as "Badger."

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