Ashes of Roses

Under a quaint umbrella An ancient sage and gray, A winkled and stooped old fellow

Is dreaming here to-day. The passionate life of dowers Flames in the summer air, And it fills the golden hours

With perfume faint and rare, Green are the trees above him. Biue are the skies and clear.

But whereare the hearts that love him, Who sit so lonely here?

T-lumphs and wreaths for beauty And youth, on this life's stage, But homage to years is duty, For what cares youth for age?

Age, with the hopes all banished. That lasted but a day, When youth and its joys have vanished Forever and for ave.

I think to watch him musing, This grizzled and gray old man, There is gaining that is losing In living out life's span.

Give me of Lethe's waters, In life's first autumn time; Let me fall as a strong oak totters,

Ax-riven at its prime. Now with a step that falters

Along the path of years, And not with a mind that palters With misty doubts and fears.

Swiftly, without a warning Let the angel hurry by, In the strength of manhood's morning, At my zenith, let me die.

THE TWO WILLS.

It was the gloomiest of gloomy days. There was not a redeeming feature about it. If it had only rained there might have been music in the drops; if it had snowed we could have "lived over" the beautiful poem, but it did neither, and now late in the afternoon the air was a thick, damp vapor. and the street ankle deep with slush and mud that an unpaved Western town supplies so bountifully and readily.

Then again, the life of a young attorney is not always one whirl of excitement and pleasurable results. Not a living soul except a bootblack-just as if we should ever need bootblacks again-had entered the door that day. In vain had I tried to give my mind over to the ordinary statutes, and then in despair sought the more inviting stimulants of Regina vs. Reynolds; even gossip of a great leading case failed to inspire me, and wearily I turned from my books to my thoughts, and from my thoughts to my gloom.

It was just then, before I had ascended to the realms of suicidal purposefor I walk that way slowly-that the door knob hesitatingly, cantiously turned and I-was again hard at work, pen in hand, with one eye on the paper and the other on the door.

I won't make a diagnosis of just how fast my heart was beating, if peradventure the door would open, and somebody that was somebody would come carriage was ready. in. I could endure the suspense no

"I-I-Ahl pardon me, madam, but what's your husband's name?" What fools men are when a little excited, especially young lawyers sitting up with an early case!

"Robert E. Cecil." "I, Robert E. Cecil, of the county of Herkimer, State of —, do make and hands!" I cried as I heard a strange publish this my last will and testa- sound behind me, and would have turnment: "I give, bequeath and devise to my

dearly beloved wife"-"Ah! pardon, madam, but what's your name?"

"Lucy L. Cecil,"

"To my dearly beloved wife, Lucy L. Cecil, all my real and personal property of whatsoever kind and nature, after the payment of all my just debts; and I hereby commit to her guardianship my only child Mabei Cecil, for whom there shall be made such allowance and maintenance as to my beloved wife may seem fit. "And I hereby appoint Lucy L. Cecil my sole executrix of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all

former wills by me made. "In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand, this third day of November, A. D. 187-."

"I suppose you understand," I undertook to explain, "that this will vests all your husband's property in you, and to leave your daughter's allowances to your discretion is to leave, at law, nothing in her own right. The provision 1s, in short, meaning less, except that it shows that the testator had her in his mind when he made his will and so far makes it all the more binding." "Exactly!" She spoke with animation. "It's his wish-and I shall see

that you are well paid for your trouble and counsel-the carriage will be here very soon." And she was gone as quickly as she had come.

The remark about payment had entered a very thread-bare coat, and had struck right home.

"But it's too much, all the same, pay or no pay," I growled, "to cut that girl off that way without a cent! But furnished The Christian Advocate with it's the old story-I can't help it!" and the following statistics of the churches I sank back with a philosophic smile on of the United States for 1888, the first ing point, or such as: "I was in the rain my face.

Then -just in sport, in a fit of malignant satisfaction-I took up a second sheet of legal cap, and scribbled thereupon, with a formal opening and close, that this same Robert E. Cecil gave all his property to his dearly-beloved daughter, Mabel Cecil, and left the lady of the vail where the law found her.

"But such is the history of the world!" I concluded, solemnly, "ever such, and what a gulf, deep, impassable, between what ought to be and what is! How I should like to bridge it over!" And I buttoned up my coat, and walking to the window, imagined I could see through the darkness the coming of the carriage of Mme. Cecil. The time dragged slowly, very slow-

ly, and I never felt more genuine relief than in hearing heavy wheels grinding The Universalist Year-Book for 1889 through the mud and slush, and a knocking at the door to notify me the

I sprang into the carriage, and away longer, and looked squarely up. The we dashed through such darkness that door had opened, and, though the even- I could not for the life of me discover s were gathered thick and to what portion of the town we were fast, I could see that my visitor was in being driven. But in a very short time dress and manners a lady-the most we came to a sudden halt, and the carsignificant word in the greatest of lan- riage door opened. The coachman guages. Her vail concealed her face, conducted me up the brown stone steps, but old or young, ugly or pretty, her where the open door was already await-thoughts probably were: "Here's a ing me, and I stepped into the dimly-As I did so a lady, whose figure and ever did such work before-it would manners told me she was Mme. Cecil, glided from a side room, and with a little plaintive smile bade me follow at once. But in that instant I read her ings by springing to my feet with a face and, perhaps, her character. She "Good evening, madam. Step in; I'm might have been thirty-five, only she through with matter in hand-a little didn't look it, with those brilliant black pressed now, with term time upon us, eyes, pearly teeth and elegant manners; but have an hour to spare to-day-such but behind all these I read the positive a dull day. Sit down," and my first force that, turned to good, may save a triumph was won, for she was seated. country. but given over to evil would Then I swept my books from me sacrifice every thing to success. Noiselessly she glided over the heavy lation of the United States. The Roman she might agitate would be child's carpets, and as silently I followed her. Catholic population is 11x per cent. of play compared to what I had just pass- She passed into the library-as I instinctively felt --- into a chamber of I had not yet so much as caught the death; even elegant furniture and cost-color of her eyes, and couldn't but ly paintings and embroidered coverlets separate Presbyterian bodies: "Mr. Cecil, the lawyer has come," sudden flight to the office of the bald- she softly said, as she stooped over the headed wretch across the way, who had emaciated face of a silver-haired man. "What? Who?" as he started from you know, but a bad attack of rheu- a seeming stupor, and looked wonder-

I looked her one instant calmly and suggestively in the face, and then started for the door.

"Stop!" she cried, and a tiny silvermounted revolver gleamed in her hand. "My God! Mrs. Cecil, you have killed him! He has died at your sound behind me, and would have turned if all the pistols in the universe had been pointed at me.

The old man's arms had been lifted as in prayer, but now sank withered upon the pillow, while his eyes stared at us in the rigidity of death. He was

Instinctively Mme. Cecil seemed to recognize that it was all over, and, lowering the weapon, hissed at me between her pearly teeth:

"You have played me false-go! go! or I will shoot you!"

And I went, gladly enough, from the brown stone front, with its treachery, its wickedness and avarice, into the dark night and muddy streets. But I had carried out the wishes of the poor, dragooned husband, and Mabel received her own. As soon after as her share of the estate could be obtained the wretched woman disappeared from the neighborhood, and it was understood had sailed for Australia.

Although a young and almost briefless lawyer, I was appointed Mabel's guardian, and I so faithfully fulfilled my trust that after six years, when she was a little more than eighteen, she gave herself as well as her estate into my keeping; and as I write this, after my cozy tea, and as Mabel leans on the back of my chair watching the rapid strokes of my pen, she declares that I did not praise myself at all in the grand act of justice I did, and the courage I showed at the revolver's mouth to sustain her rights.

Ecclesiastical Statistics.

Dr. Daniel Dorchester has, in concolumn being congregations, the second ministers, the third communicants:

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	Advent Bodies,	3,492	1,321	134.51
	Baptist Bodies,	45,112	30,929	4,051,38
	Lutheran Bodies,	7,610	4,512	1.036.97
	Methodist Bodies,	47,470	30,082	4,801,34
ł	Presbyterian Bodies	15,104	11,428	1,476,96
1	Unclassified Bodies,	12,689	12,096	1,374,16
	Aggregate,	131,477	90,368	13,877,42
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ceding tables, especially in receiving and enrolling members:

Ministers. Parishes 490 Unitarian, Universalist. 709

The New-Church Aluanac for 1889 estimates 7,028 church members, and including isolated adherents, a total of 10,178 New-Churchmen in America. gives an incomplete statement of members, 37,780, and 41,474 families.

The Roman Catholics give the following differing statistics for 1889: Sadller's Year-Book. 7,966 Hoffman's

Year-Book. 8,118

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The Spirit of Contradiction.

The Waverly Magazine in a recent ssue finds fault with that class of people who are in the habit of contradicting or correcting simple assertions or statements made in their hearing. It says: 'You say, perhaps at breakfast that it is a warm day. 'I call it cold' answers Charles, 'It is neither warm or cold,' answers mamma; and in a few minutes every member of the family has expressed a different opinion of the weather, and

you sink into silence feeling irritated. Remark to one of these trying individuals that Mr. Ladd is an eloquent orator, and he instantly contradicts you and sounds the praises of Mr. Elder. Some men, even at a railway station. seem as if the spirit of contradiction was too strong for them, for above all the hurry and bustle you may hear such a one say: "This is not my train I am sure," and the conductor, not to be behind hand in contradiction, replies:

'Your train? of course it is.' The writer of this stuff makes a not, as a rule, with the people who make sensical statements which we often hear, is not larger. The man who at the railway station, as stated above for example, said, 'This is not my train I drapery on the skirt. am sure,' and received from the conductor the answer, 'Of course it is, was not the man to miss his train. He

had learned from experience that one. half of the answers to such questions are entirely unreliable, and hence he pressed his question until he got an answer from the conductor.

class of people who are addicted to the and talking without knowledge. How often do we hear people make such expressions as: "It is exceedingly cold to-

day, 1 am almost frozen to death," when the mercury is not down to the freezand got ringing wet," when they only got a little sprinkling and their clothing slightly dampened. Some people can not even give reports of the most serious matters without distorting or exaggerating them. When a friend is suddenly taken sick from a slight derangement

of the system, he is reported to be dangerously ill, or not expected to live through it. A slight cold and headache are distorted into a terrible fever; a slight biliousness into malaria; a slight cold and cough into bronchitis or consumption. And when statements which are made in praise or commendation of others are contradicted, as in the cases cited by the Waverly, it is done

in most instances, because the statements are mere puffs, unmerited and undeserved. There is no such thing as a fixed and defined standard by which we can rate the general standing of persons in the several relations and departments of life. When praise is due, do not withhold it, but bestow it only in the manner, to the extent, and within the limits justified by the facts.

When you say that your family

FASHION NOTES.

-Nun's veiling is now imported with black Chantilly insertions with scalloped edges let in the veiling in a border at the foot, and in stripes up the skirt and down the bodice and sleeves.

-The hats present a very gay appearance, some looking like large bunches of flowers. One was entirely covered with forget-me-nots and roses. It was very bright, and gay. Others, are one mass of feathers.

-Silk foundation skirts are in style now, and they add much genuine comfort to the gown by reducing its weight to a minimum. Even economical women are beginning to adopt them. Taffeta silk, such as can be bought for fifty cents a yard, is generally employed for this purpose because it is more durable than the surah silk sold at the same price.

-Some of the white wool summer gowns are brightened by woven colored borders in brocaded patterns of stupid blunder. He does not look be- garlands, held by bow-knots, little low the surface of things. The fault is flowers, vines and branches entirely of one color-oldrose, grayish green, yelthe corrections or contradictions, but low, or field blue-or else the border is with the people who make the mis-state- as white as the gown, and some fringe ments. It is to be regretted that the is knotted on its edge. White cashclass of people who have the courage to mere gowns are also trimmed with colcorrect the many exaggerated and non- ored embroidery in jardiniere designs, with velvet or faille ribbon along its gelding Persimmons, by King Ban out edge, forming one side of the front of of Aureola, to Thorpe & Pittman, of the walst, and a panel or festooned New York. Terms privated.

-A pretty evening or a graduating dress is made of plain magnolia white India silk, accordion skirt, the straight folds of the back hooked to the waist under a large bow of four inch gros under a large bow of four inch gros pacing, 2.16¹/₄, with running mate, grain satin edged ribbon with very 2.03¹/₄, foaled a bay colt March 23, long ends; the waist and sleeves are sired by All So, son of Blackwood, maue of fine plaitings held in place by

The fault is entirely with that other narrow bands of pearl passementerie and the wide Empire sash of the silk habit of making exaggerated statements coming from the side seams is tied once to the left of front and finished with pearl tassels.

-The garnitures this season designed either for wrap or dress decoration were never more elegant varied or gaged to Senator Hearst, has joined his handsomely applied. The newly im- employer's stable at Sheepshead Bay, ported black garniture are novels of having passed the winter in South richness taste and beauty; these in Carolina. fringes, pendent ornaments. Gothic panels, points and arabesques, with sold half interest in Blondine, 2.241, glittering pendeloques and balls de- and Butterfly, 2.19%. and the pair will panding therefrom.

-A plain bnt very stylish spring costume, 18 of ecru broadcloth trimmed with golden brown chamois. It is made Directoire style. There is a colt Nimble Ned, foaled 1885, by plain vest of chamois and revers of the Rooker, out of Gipsy Maid, 2.40, by broadcloth which forms a sailor collar Crown Imperial, 2 272. in the back. It falls in straight plaits to the floor, in the back and front and the sides are perfectly plain; no opening being visible.

-A very pretty French gingham suit was striped in violet and white. The skirt had full drapery all around, and the waist was made Directoire front. The yest was full, and the revers were of handsome lace, a piece of lace formed a short belt at waist line. The cuffs were large and rolling, of the gingham and covered with the lace. A large bow of gros grain ribat the waist in the back. SPRING MILLINERY.

HORSE NOTES.

-Charles Rowell, the pedestrian, is now a race horse owner in England.

-Garrison had his first mount of the season at Clifton, but was beaten by the Dwyer Bros'., jockey, Taylor.

-Isaac Woodruff, the veteran trotting horse trafher, will take up his residence at point Breeze.

-Guttenburg has broken down in its no reinstatement programme, and let in five of the ruled off jockeys.

-Jimmy Green thinks he has a genuine flyer in his 3 year old colt by Sulton, 2.24, out of Ella Lewis, 2.27.

-Budd Doble says his horses now Wintering at Los Angeles will be shipped East early the coming month.

-Del Sur will remain in New England this season, his present owners not deeming it advisable to send him to Kentucky.

-Charles McFadden will drive the Electioneer colt, for which he paid \$1000 at the Kellogg sale, double with the b. g. McVeigh.

-Wilddower; who reduced the 2 year old record of Bonita to 2.21, dropped a bay filly to Nephew, at Palo Alto, February 22.

-Ed Corrigan has sold the 4 year old

-The brood mare Favorite died at Woodburn Farm on March 22. She was the dam of Ganymede, by Macaroon, and Favor, by Pat Malloy.

-Minnie R., trotting record, 2.19; Jr.

-The Meadville (Pa.) Horsemen's Club has elected H. E. Wilson President; S. B. Vick Treasurer, and C. G. Dunbury Secretary and Manager for 1889.

-Hamilton, the colored jockey en-

-John Shepherd, of Boston, has be shipped to Kentucky and placed in the stud.

-E. B. Tole has sold to J. H. Clark, Ridgetown, Ont., the brown

-The brood mare Dollie C., 2.15, by Mambrino out of Nellie Thorne, by Mambrino Thorne, died recently at the farm of E. V. Mitchell, Martinsville, Ind.

-M. R. Bissell, who only a few weeks ago paid \$15,000 for a half interest in the stallion Anteeo, record 2.16;, died at his home in Grand Rapids, Mich., recently, aged 46 years.

-William S. Tilton, who died at Boston last month, was for six years First Vice President of the National bon with satin edge; the same shade as | Trotting Association, and was identified with the National and New England Breeders' Associations. -American trotting mares with records of 2.20 or better are in great demand in foreign countries. Agents \$5000 to \$15,000 for such animals on a moment's notice. -Of the Benerwyck string Lamont has been sold to an Illinois party for \$500 and Jennie McFarland, Oarsmen, Lonlight and Jim Reese were recently narrowing in the back. They are shipped to Lexington to be turned out trimmed with ribbon, feathers, flowers, until fall. -The sale for Prince Wilkes for \$30,000 cash ranks as the highest price ever paid for a trotter purchased purely on business principles and for track use. Being a gelding the blood of Prince Wilkes is not to be perpetuated. -No purse at the Island Park meeting of June 18 to 21 will be less than \$1000. The Clay stakes for the 2.30 class will be \$3000. Entries closed April 1, and records made after that date will not be a bar to starting in the Clay stakes. -R. Cadugan, Bayonne, N. J., has sold for W. S. Leatherman, Clinton, N. J., to B. C. Holly, of California, the chestnut colt Happy Prince, foaled -The members of the West Side side has been put up, and the race is -Every year the encroachments of the ocean at Coney Island become more pronounced, and before a great while the Brighton Beach track is apt to be submerged. The storm recently did considerable damage, and the old Wild West show grounds adjoining the Brighton course were covered with water to the depth of several feet. -Davis Ellis died the last week in March. He was one of the first to join the Belmont Driving Club, and was always ready to contribute to any plan that sought to promote the development of the trotting horse. He belonged to a family of horsemen, and his uncle, Atley Davis, was one of the best drivparent height of the figure. Some of the most elegant cloaks are of soft be cherished by his many friends, -After an interval of eight years, ately braided or trimmed with applique W. P. Balch comes to the front with work in a shade lighter than the cloak, one of his old time announcements. or in black. Fawn, mode, sliver gray He offers a purse of \$10,000 for trotting and other natural shades of cloth are stallions eligible to the 2.19 class on more often seen this season than the Saturday, June 1, at 11 P. M., when darker shades worn last summer. Most entries will close, the race to be trotted of the long wraps fit the figure at the on September 18, 1889, over a firstback, and are loose in front, sometimes class mile track in the New England falling in connemara fashion in front, States, under National Association pin, or shut up the piauo, and go to the field and help their fathers out. They ride the reaper as skillfully as any man, they rake and bind dexterously, they direct the cultivator; they run the threshing machine; they pitch bundles. We know of a blue eyed girl in Wis-consin, who, last season, sheared forty sheep in a day, and received four dollars for it. It is not so uncommon, either, as to excits any special wonder in the neighborhood. rules.

young man-very young-he hasn't lighted hall. had much experience-don't think he help him, but that don't help me-I had better look"-

But I interrupted my own forebod-

with an air of relief, as if any problem ed through.

wonder why she kept her vail drawn so | are not to overawe our destiny. closely-unless she was meditating a a few gray hairs and more experience, matism, too, thank heaven, which I ingly at me from his sunken eyes. devoutly trusted was keeping him on so bad a day as this.

"I want you to write a will," she sinking rapidly; I fear you must hastsuddenly began, in a half-halting voice. en." "Certainly, madam," I answered,

nobly resolving to strengthen the faith within her; and I pulled half a quire of legal cap toward me and thought of the breathing a name; I imagined it was solemn opening and the weighty formalities of its publication.

"It is to be my husband's will," she added. "He dare not come out on such a day as this," and she shivered so prettily that I was reconciled with the weather for the first time that day.

"Hadn't I better come to your house?" I ventured to suggest.

"Oh, no; not now," she answered with a little sigh. "It might excite him too much. But he may be better to-night, and I will send the carriage for you then. It will not make any difference, will it, about the will being binding?" And something told me she was peering anxiously at me.

"Of course, madam, if he then fully and voluntarily adopts it as his, it is just the same as if I took it all down "Yes, yes! And God bless you!" from his own lips."

'Well, we want-he wants-to leave I am to take charge of his only child, and make for her such allowance as I shall think wise."

"What is your daughter's name?" "She is not my daughter," she an-swered, with the slightest token of gathering animation in her voice.

"Ab, yes; just so," said I, nervously fumbling with the paper. "She's your step-daughter?"

"Yes, sir."

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"What's her name? You see I must mention it."

"Mabel Cecil," she haltingly spoke. "A deuced pretty namel" I remark-ed to myself. "I wonder why she wants to stumble so over pronouncing it?" And then I tried to forget all Cecil," about it as I took up my pen and be-SE 11 11

"He will read it to you now, Mr. Cecil;" adding in a low tone: "He is

I felt that I must. I seated myself

at his bedside, and as I did so I saw his lips tremble, and I believed they were "Mabel."

Our holdest moves are born upon the spur of the moment.

"Quick, sir! quick!" said I, as I noticed his sunken eyes watching her

hastening footsteps. "Do you want your daughter to have all your property, save what the law gives your Maine has had an apotheosis because wife?"

could not trust his own senses, or was New York Tribune brags about a Miss doubting whether to put confidence in Watson, of Bucks county, Pennme; but he seemed to feel the necessity sylvania, who had last season cut a of coing so, and suddenly the dull eyes hundred acres of grain. Why, such ex- of timepieces-clock and watches,

a moment to make the change, and just Wisconsin, during the last harvest, written on the dial of a dimepiece. in time.

With Mrs. Cecil came the housethey witnessed it,

They had gone, and I started to go,

ily felt that the black eyes of Mme. Cecil had witnessed all and suspected direct the cultivator; they run the

everything. "I should like to see that will," she said, firmly, in a low voice. "Some other time. He's dying, Mrs.

Show it to me "

Chapels and stations, 3,133 8,157,676 Population. AGGREGATES. Chr , Pars or Congs. 131,477 Ministers 1113 113 490 709 7,996 "Evangelical" Bodies, New Church, nitarian. niversalis man Catholic, 10.557

Roman Catholic, POPULATIONS. POPULATIONS. Total "New-Churchmen." Universalist, 41,474 families(5 each), Unitarian, no means of estimating, Roman Catholic (Sadlier's estimate), "Evangelical" bodies, 31-2 times as many as the enrolled members, The Example 7,855,294 48,570,977 The Evangelical Churches have made a large relative gain for 1888 as compared with 1886, namely, 1,744,771 members. This shows an average of about one member in 4.5x inhabitants, on an estimated population for 1888 of 62,300,000. The Evangelical population is 77x per cent. of the whole popu-

the whole. The following are the figures of the

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3		Congs.	Min.	C
	Presbyterian General Assembly	6,543	5,789	72
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	(Colored) Reformed Presbyterian	121	$200 \\ 116$	1
	General Synod of Reform ed Pres. of N. America Associate Reformed Syn	47	47	
	of the South Welsh Presbyterian	$\frac{112}{175}$	84 84	
	Other small bodies (esti- mated)	200	250	2
	Total Presbyterian Kindred Pres. Bodies: Reformed (late Dutch)	13,033	10,042	1,19
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	Church (estimated)	13	8	

The Women of the West.

The East is behind hand in everything, says a Western Paper. A girl in she manages a mowing machine "with He started back from me as if he the ease of a born farmer;" and the brightened with a momentry gleam of ploits are common in every county in When the pinch comes, it is not rare thing for girls to hang up the rolling when the old man pressed my hand, and 1 saw the tears gathering in his field and help their fathers out. They eyes. As I turned to go I involuntar- ride the reaper as skilfully as any man,

physician is the only reliable doctor in the whole neighborhood-that your preacher cannot be equaled in eloquence, and that English and Dartmouth -

where you do all your shopping-sell much cheaper than any other house in the city, you must not complain if those that hear you demur, because the excessive use of superlatives in all such connections is improper, and more or less offensive to intelligent, thinking people, and it is not at all surprising that they should provoke contradictions, and if you escaped with a demurrer, and without a snubbing, you are more fortunate than you deserve to be.

A Cheap Binding.

A correspondent of the Scientific American says: "I have bound twenty volumes in this way: Pack the papers smoothly, hold firmly, and drive a thun chisel through the pile about half an inch from the back. Push a strong tape through and leave out about two inches; put three or four tapes through at even intervals; cut common thick paper boards large enough to project a little everywhere, except that one edge must come front of the tapes; draw the closely fastened by hidden hooks and tapes tightly and glue down to the eyes. boards outside; skive a piece of leather -common sheepskin will answer-wide enough to cover the back and come on the boards an inch or two, and long enough to project a couple of inches at the end; paste the leather well; put it on the back; fold the ends in so as to come over the boards on each side; paste any fancy or plain paper over the sides, and, lastly, paste the blank leaf down to the cover side, and you have a presentable book, and very durable. Trim-

ming the edges can be easily done by spur of the moment. "Mrs. Cecil, may I trouble you for a glass of water?" I asked, and I took "Total Presbyterian and kindred bodies 15,104 11,428 100,527 clamping between boards and cutting the edges with a thin, sharp knife by a straight edge. Of course this is done before the boards are put on, after the tapes are in. This makes a flat-edge book, but for a thin book answers very

Is it Written IV or IIII?

Every school boy or girl knows the Roman numerals as taught in the Arithmetics, and eveybody knows 'that these numerals are always on the dials

There is however, one exception in the the West. Each season, as harvest case of one number. Look at your time comes around, the servant girls in clock or watch and see how four is And I, too, was thanking Heaven for all the large cities begin to move in written. Nobody seems to know, withthe whim that had led me to write two flocks for the farms. As servants they out looking at a timepiece, just how it all his real and personal property to wills so very like in strength and ap-me, with tull power as executrix—and pearance, and it was only the work of harvesters they command \$2 a day. In would write it without looking, as it is Is there were probably not less than 20,000 it written IV or IIII? By looking at women at work in the field. They are the number following four on the dial keeper and a man servant, and in their not only Germans, Irish, etc., but and considering the importance of hav-presence the dying man tremblingly Yankees; not only the poor, but thou-signed his name to the second will and sands of the fair and intelligent classes. and possible in appearance, so that the one can readily be distinguished from the other, you will see the reason for the exception in this case to the usual way

"So much the greater reason, sir! as to excits any special wonder in the folds of the crepe de Chine held in

-Some of the spring bats, at the recent openings were nothing but a rim of velvet or some flimsy stuff, in this country stand ready to pay from with a bunch of flowers and a little lace in front; no crown at all. Some others were very large broad brimmed hats, decorated in feathers, lace and flowers. The prevailing style is low crowned hats with broad brim in front,

lace, etc., as the fancy runs, -Draping the fronts of dress waists straight across from one under-arm seam to the other, hiding the darts that fit the lining, is still a prevalent fashion for high and low corsages alike, giving the favorite Empire effect. Very many of the bodices for evening wear are cut off round at the waist or very slightly pointed, the edges covered by a folded sash of ribbon garniture laid on flat. A large portion of the French corsages are devoid of darts, being adapted to the form by the deeply arched sideseams and by the arching of the fronts, down which it is

-Fine lisle-thread hosiery and underwear are in great demand for the 1885, by Bayonne Medium, by Happy coming season. The French hosiery Medium, price \$1500. shows an extravagance and eccentricity in the way of coloring that is a bit Driving Park, at Jersey City, are exstartling at first sight, but this is a cited over a match for \$1000- a side season of extremes in everything, so between B. Murphy's bay mare Josie nothing need astonish any one; most of M. and P. H. Hanley's bay gelding the long hose have colored stripes, Furniture Bay. A forfeit of \$200 a alternating with black, running around the leg; clusters of graduated and to take place on April 24. shaded stripes are seen interspersed with solid check and broken plaids. Plain, black hosiery is worn by those who wish to show a trim ankle and neat foot, and who are lost to all sense of fear with regard to poisoning from bad dyes.

-A very excellent substitute for the ordinary mohair skirt braid, is a nanon roll of velvet or velveteen used on the bottom of a skirt instead of the braid. It does not wear out so soon, and will not rub the instep of the shoe, which the braid will do.

WRAPS FOR SPRING.

-Spring wraps are shown mostly in long garments, that cover the figure. faced cloths or of camel's hair, elaborfrom a yoke.