Dagand. This new star will be visible at

So, after opening her eyes, Mme. Dagand closed them again lasily and lay dreaming, between sleeping and waking. She was in the opera house again and felt 100, 200, 500

glasses riveted upon her—

Her maid came in, placed a tray upon a

little table, lighted the fire, and withdrew.

On the tray there was, as usual, a cup of chocolate and the morning paper. Mme. Dagand roused herself valiantly, sprang out of bed, slipped her little bare feet into a pair of small furry slippers, wrapped herself in a white eashmere dressing gown, and, shivering slightly, curled herself up in an armchair by the fire. She lifted the cup of chocolate to her lips. It was too hot, and burnt her. She put it down, and as she waited for it to cool, she unfolded the oncer

## THE PITTSBURG DISPATCH.

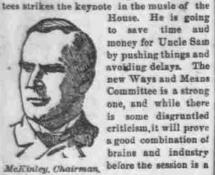
Luckiest Thirteen in the Organization of the House.

ORIGIN OF THE COMMITTEE,

Where and How It Got Its Name, and Its Present Complexion.

TWO KINDS OF CLEAR SKETCHES

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH. WASHINGTON, December 27 .- Speaker Reed's readiness in making up his commit-



the early English parliaments used to appoint when the Kings made new and exorbitant demands for money. The Commons only could originate bills for revenue and when the demand for royal bounties came Imagine a spare, dark, they appointed special committees to find stoop-shouldered man ways and means to lay and collect more taxes. Blackstone briefly describes this

Of 60 House committees, Ways and Means is the most important, as it is the oldest. It was first created on July 24, 1789, and consisted of one member from each State. Its duties then and for many years embraced

work done now by 20 different committees. For in those days Congressional commit-tres had an undefined status, and the new by comunitiee to which we are now so well no customed was then an institution. In 1802 the House established fiv s'anding committees of

Burrows. ne members each-Elections, Ways and Means, Claims, Com-merce and M. nufactures. At that time, as indeed it was for over half a century, Ways and Means was the Committee on Approto decide how much money to raise by duties on imports, but to determine also in what amounts and for what purposes the revenue should be spent for the various needs of the Government. More than this the West Committee of the c Ways and Means was the general anditing committee for the expenses of Con-gress, the executive and judiciary. Now there are eight such auditing committees on the expenses in each of

the executive departments. In 1814 the membership was in-creased to 11 and the number of House com ttees was increased to 27. The load on the Ways and Means was somewhat lightened. But it was still the Committee on Appropriations and in that same year the House

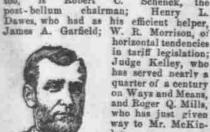
adopted a rule requiring the committee to report all the appropriations within 30 days from the opening of each session. It has long been a complaint against the appropria tions committee that it held back its bills to compel the House to comply with persons and selfish demands. Until 1829 the gentlemen of the Ways

and Means Committee bundled all of their appropriations into one bill and dumped it

the prescribed 30 days. In 1865 the business of the country and the commit-tee had increased so much that it was unequal to the combined task of digesting legislation on the tariff the war debt and the vast expenditures of the Government. A new Committee on Appropriations was Dingley. created, and Thad

Stevens, who had been Chairman of Ways and Means, was put at its head. This was largely the work of the late Sunset Cox, and he it was who reported from the Committee on Rules the resolution for the new committee. In 1873 the membership was increased to 13. It has remained at that number to the present time. In December, 1885, the House distributed a number of the bills prepared by the Appropriations Committee to their appropriate committees and left but six general bills to the Appropriations Committee. So the original duties the Ways and Means Committee are now widely scattered.

To be a member on ways and means is a high honor and many of our great men have found it the portal to greater fame. There are now here in Washington as I count on my fingers, and almost in eight in a five minutes' walk, six men who have been chairmen of this committee and their name are famous in the uttermbst cabin in the land. Here is Justin S. Morrill, who succeeded Thad Stevens as chairman. Here, is Robert C. Schenck, the



who has just given way to Mr. McKin-The new chairman is so well known personally and politministration can be

McKenna, confidently anticipated as a thorough, steady success under the pledges and doc-trines of his party. Few men in public-life so well understand and practice the cardinal principles of Republican representative government, both as an official and as a party man. It was this devotion to an idea that held him true to the expressed wish of his State in the last Chicago Convention, when s word from him would have sent his name fiving over the land as the nominated candidate for the Presidency. Mr. McKinley will look well sitting at the head of the long table in the committee room. His spine is five inches longer than the normal backbone, so that, as Colonel Allen, of Mississippi, remarks, "He has to sit down be ore
you can see him." His handsome face is
the picture of calm intellectual dignity. was Lieutenant Govern-

siderate. His fitness is self-evident. Where McKinley sits is clearly the head of the table. He is the youngest chairman the committee ever had. He will be 46 next February. He was a soldier boy at 17 and a captain at 21. He came to Congress when 35 years old and gained a position as leader at an earlier age than any man of his times. Julius Casar Burrows, who stands second on the committee, would have made a good chairman, although inclined to be a little

dogmatic. He has a (all, square-shoulder-ed figure, and a square, full bend. He is now 52 years old, and his full brown beard is mortled with gray, and his hair is mottled with he dresses like a well-to-do Texas farmer. He has a quinzical visage and is rather crusty to strangers, but, as Colonel John Allen, of Mississippi, says: "He is a sale man for a Texan to tie to." five Congresser, with some interruplions occasioned by

Mills bill came a great deal nearer success than either of the Morrison bills, and the late chairman is looked upon by his colleagues as a more conservative tariff reformer than his predecessor. Mr. Mills is a stoutly-built gentleman, 60 years old, and

spect. He came to Congress when he was 34 years old, and would still look as young

Arkansas has a member of the committee whose name calls up the past. Clitton R

elected to Congress in Flower. 1883 he raised cotton and bought and sold

the textile on commission. He was sent to the House by the State at large; he now rep-resents the Second or Pine Bluff district. Mr. Breckinridge is a short, slight man, with very pale blue eyes that are reinforced by a thick part of constraints. He is not

by a thick pair of spectacles. He is polished in manners, extremely affable and his

Appointtox came he was a middy stationed

on the James river. He went to work and

versity and then be-

ame a cotton pla ster

in Arkanses. Until

earned money enough to go through Washington and Lee Uni-

came a Judge. He

in 1879 and has been

Flower.

JAHNS A. TRUESDELL.

BEDFORD'S RECEPTION.

Children Receive Visits From Many, Includ-

lug Sonta Claus.

a visit should have been made to the Bed-

school until January 6, and the children's

reception day to their papas, mammas and their friends. It is no wonder that with

this happy combination of events that the

little invocent faces beamed with smiles and

"Mamma, I must put an extra shine on

my shoes to-day, because I am going to make a speech," said little Ralph in the morning. Others must have said the same

to their mammas, as the little ones appeared

in their neatest attire and obeyed their

teachers in a manner that would chase the signs of care away from the faces of these public guardiaus, if the scholarly decoram

of visiting day was continued throughout

the exertion, as a rose opens from the invig-

Prof. Golden was here and there, all over

manuscript specimens of their work, each

studies that was remarkable, especially

when the ages of some were considered.

One thing that was noticed by all present

was the high character of the designs and drawings displayed. Little children of 7 and 8 years showed outline work that was

was given, the wands being wrapped with the national colors. In room No. 8 the drill

was varied by exchanging the wands for dumb-bells, with bells on the ends, the na-

tional colors still being used as a decoration.

Room No. 9 varied its programme by select
plane music, with Miss Jennie Evans and
others at the plane. The room was beauti-

fully decorated with plants, etc. Nearly all of the rooms had blackboard cartoons of Santa Claus in various postures, and kindred

subjects of Christmas cheer. They were in most cases executed by the pupils.

The visitors passed through the rooms and examined the work of the pupils or stopped to hear the recitations and speeches. Each

to hear the recitations and speeches. Each room had a programme, and earried it out to

the letter. At last the sound of fife and orum was heard, and the guest of all others

orating influences of the sun.

the little eyes sparkled with the happy ex-

pectancy of Christmastide.

If one wished to see happiness personified,

man for a Texan to tie to.

Democrats who ron against him. He is a Pennsylvanian, who went to Michigan to teach school, and work his way up to a seat in Congress. His recent candidacy for the Speakership has not affected his cordial relations with Chairman McKinley, and the two will be found working in good alignment when the committee get down to the various schedules. Brecking de. atrong man who works hard. The deadly scouracy of his logic is something his friends and toes re-

by pushing things and avoiding delays. The new Ways and Means Committee is a strong one, and while there are committee is a strong one, and while there are committee is a strong one, and while there are committee was a nice recognition of worth. Colonel Bayne comes from the heart of the great iron and glass manufacturing industries. He is a lawyer, a millionaire, and has been in Congress for 12 years. As Judge Kelley re-tires from the committee, Colonel Bayne's appointment borrows significance. His will be the voice to speak for the great Keystone State in Congress. Upon him now comes the burden the venerable Judge has borne as ever if he had not worn his hair off by hard work. He is a master of details and is especially well read on all matters pertain-ing to the tariff. The coal and iron inter-ests of Tennessee are Mr. McMillin's special McKinley. Chairman, before the session is a month older.

The Ways and Means Committee is an interesting one. How did such a name come to be attached to it? I can only think of the old committee on Ways and Means that the old committee on Ways and Means that the old committee on Ways and Means that the carly English parliaments used to appoint when the Kings made new and exorbi-Breckinridge is a son of John C. Breckin-ridge, who was Vice President with Buchanan, When the handsome young Vice President drove off behind his superb span of Kentucky trotters to join the Confederacy in 1861, young Breckinridge was a boy of 15 at school.

He dropped his books and got on a Confederate gunboat. When Governor Dingley takes Tom Reed's

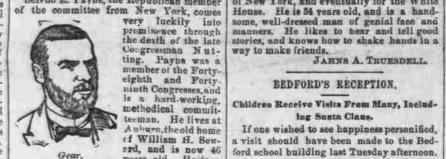
place on the committee and represents all New England there. with black sunken eyes, a sallow Spanish skin and black beard committee as it was in the time of Henry and you will have ex-Governor Nelson Dingley, Jr., before your mind's eye. He is a Dartmouth man, 57 years old, and both a lawyer and journalist, being now editor of the Lewiston La viette

Journal. When Mr. Frye went over to the Senate six years ago he took his seat in the House. Between himself and Mr. Reed there exists a warm friendship and his presence on the committee connects it subtly with the Speaker's chair.

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California, for the first time in many California, for the first time in many years, has a sent at the Ways and Means table. Joseph McKenns, a Philadelphian, 46 years old, for four years a member of the House, has the responsibility and bonor of representing the Pacific coast, and, indeed, over one-half the United States geographic ally, for no State or Territory west of Iowa, except Texas, has a place on the committee. (I should say, parenthetically, that under the rules of the House, no delegate from a territory is allowed to serve on Ways and Means.) McKenna is a plain-looking and plain-speaking man, with a stylish reddish beard, which he wears close-clipped, blue eyes and ruddy complexion.

Sereno E. Payne, the Republican member Sereno E. Payne, the Republican member of New York, and eventually for the White of the committee from New York, comes House. He is 54 years old, and is a hand-



Coogressman Nutting. Payna was a member of the Fortyeighth and Forty minth Congresses, and is a hard-working, methodical committeeman. He lives at of William H. Sew-

erd, and is now 46 ford school building last Tuesday afternoon. years old. He is a lit was the day before Christmas, the last of Gear. lawyer by profession, and has practiced at his home since 1886. He sat next to Mr. Reed during the Forty-ninth Congress, and between the two men a very warm friend-ship sprang up, of which this appointment to the Ways and Means Committee is the ruit. Mr. Payne will make a very careful, painstaking and successful member of the

The youngest member of the new bert M. Lafollette, looks like a Russian Duke, but he is a Yankee noble-man, born in a well-made log cabin in the district he now represents in Wisconsin.

way is another for cabin in which Mrs. Lafellette was born. Lafollette is now 35. He graduated at the University of Wisconsin, where he also took the law course. While a student he won first honors in the interorstorical contest of 1879, his subject being "Iago." He was a year later elected District Carlisle.

Attorney of the Capital county of his State, and after re-election, sent to Congress, en-tering with the Forty-ninth. His com-mittee service has been entirely on Indian affairs. He has been one of the Speaker's right hand men, and with a student's fondness for the subject of political economy, he is well equipped for the work of the winter. Governor Gear, of Iowa, is the last Republican on the committee. He is a New Yorker, 64 years old. His father was a restless pioneer bound to be on the frontier, and when the Governor was 11 years old he re-moved to Galena, Ill., then in its hey-day of growth. Two years later he went to Fort then where St. Paul now stands, and Minneapolis was bare prairie and marsh. Five years later young 'Gear floated down the Mississippi to Burlington, where he began life for himself as clerk in a general store. He was twice elected Governor of his State and this is his second. suelling, then in Iowa Territory, now in

He was twice elected Governor of his State, and this is his second term in Congress. He is shrewd, canny old weather-beater who knows what he wants and what the people want and generally gets both.

The Democrats have a strong represen-tation on the committee. Mr. Carlis le, standing at the head of the minority, is one of the ablest men in the House, and certainly a most popular gentle-man. This is his sixth Congress, and during the last three Congresses he has been Speaker. He is now 54 years old, and since 1858 has been a hard-working lawyer. His fairness to both sides while President of the

Chamber is proverbial, turning the compliment. Mr. Carlisle was a Was a Unionist during war, and refused allow his name to be elector in Kentucky. H. has held various State

arum was neard, and the guest of all others appeared. It was Santa Claus, personated by Mr. James E. Flina, and preceded by the Bedford Fife and Drum Corps. Behind came persons carrying big baskets laden with bags of candy and nuts. After a near speech in each room the scholars were all given a bag of ranty, popcorn, oranges, etc., and a bag of rants. bag of nuts. SHAWLS, shawls, shawls, light and dark colors, heavy, medium and light weights, prices all reduced. HUGUS & HACKE.

PITTSBURG. SATURDAY, A NEW WATER FINDER a free trader; his views of tariff reform are

eonservative.

Roger Q. Mills, the retiring Chairman, was entitled by courtesy to remain on the committee. He has been in Congress since 1873, and apparently has a life lease of his seat. He earned the Chairmanship of Ways and Means in the last Congress by length of service and as one man aiter another dropped out ahead of him the prige at last was his. The Mills bill came a great deal nearer success Test of Apparatus to Locate Streams Hidden Under Ground.

for Geologists.

of Tennessee, is one of the old members of the committee. He is and bred. In 1871 he began to practice law in Tennessee and six years later beso by scientific methods.

tigate the results obtained by the most searching tests possible. The inventor, a Bavarian by birth, but long resident in Russis, and an electro-technical engineer by profession, says that he has located more than 600 wells in Russia in the last two years and a half, since making his discovery, without a single failure. This great invention, great if it will stand the test of the investigation now being pursued, was discovered, as most important discoveries are made, almost by accident. The first apparatus made was intended for a totally different purpose, and it was chance alone that disclosed the fact that to running water it was extremely sensitive without being in was extremely sensitive without being in contact with it.

HIS PIRST FIRM CONVICTION. fected the very second the watch was touched. To what degree of perfection this process was brought cannot now be told. It probably was not perfected, as on this occasion the inventor was in a room where his wife was making tes, using for the pur-pose a large sumovar, or Russian tea ura, and while standing near it he observed that his instrument was affected every time that the water was made to run from the samovar. He became so convinced by repeated trials that the moving body of water, small though it was comparatively, affected his apparatus in a distinct and certain manner that he in mediately went out into the grounds sur-rounding the house, where there was a well, and had his conclusions confirmed in such a manner that he abandoned bis original ex-periments, and devoted his time and atten-tion to perfecting the apparatus or the much more practical purpose of water finding.

TESTS IN THIS COUNTRY. Mr. Heerdegen associated with himself Mr. Alexander E. Schnee, late United States Vice Consul at Moscow, and came to this country, which he regarded as a more profitable field for his labors. He came armed with testimonials from respectable firms, some of them known in this city.

A series of tests have been commenced here during the past week, which, although not conclusive in their results, well warrant a further investigation into the matter, ex-

a further investigation into the matter, especially under more normal conditions, as those to which Mr. Heerdegen and his apnatural kind and such as he had never attempted before. The preliminary investiga-tion was witnessed by members of the editoriel staffs of the Engineering and Mining Journal and of the Engineering News, as well as by Mr. Charles P. Gowen, division engineer of the new squeduct, through whose aid and the courtesy of Mr. Alphonse Fteley, chief engineer of the Aqueduct Commission, the tests were arranged.

The day was unfavorable for the work in

hand, the ground being covered with several inches of wet snow, the very presence of which, however, assisted in making the tests more complete, because it more effect-ually concealed from the water searcher the locality of the aqueduct.

HOW IT WORKED WITH SNOW.

The snow was productive of two laughable incidents. Shortly after commencing work Mr. Heerdegen, proceeding very slowly in the snowy road, with his eyes apparently fixed upon the ground, in reality watching the pendulum, so to speak, of his apparatus which he carried near the ground, and all of the party intently watching him and his instrument, along came an old farmer with his empty milk cans from Sing Sing and saluted the party with "be you looking for rabbit tracks?"

Shortly after 1 e'clock Prof. Ettling, the Just as the party reached the point at calisthenic director, arrived and commenced at room No. 1 to give an exhibition drill. which the aqueduct crossed beneath the road at a depth of more than 300 feet water was located, somewhat to the sur-From the way the little tots twisted their heads, arms, legs and bodies to the soft, chant-like music, it would seem that they were not in need of further physical cultprise of the gentlemen, the width of the stream being defined as 12 feet, which is stream being defined as 12 feet, which is about the width of the water flowing in the ure. As the drill progressed blushes were seen to sprend over their little faces, from squeduct. Out came another farmer from the house near the road with the offer of his assistance. "I can help ye: I was here when they drew it in," and straightway he began scraping in the snow a few feet from the building, welcoming the visitors and showing them around the different rooms. The scholars in each "step" had prepared the road, and presently he succeeded in un-covering an iron bolt which had been driven into the rock by the surveyors to mark the center line of the aqueduct. one having a cover bearing the name of the scholar and the study. The specimens of work showed a conception of the different

HOW THE SECOND TEST RESULTED. The second test gave results nearly as startling as the first, but on the third there was a distinct failure to recognize any such pody of water as was known to be flowing 480 feet beneath. The operator claimed that the day was unfavorable, being heavy and loggy, and that the conditions were new to him and abnormal, as he had never before attempted to find water inclosed artificially, the impression being given that he had ex-pected that he would be taken to places where springs were known to exist. On a subsequent day other tests were made on the line of the old aqueduct, where, near the upper end of the city, it is conveyed in a tunnel under Teath avenue, and here the results were similar to those obtained the

first day, satisfactory to the water searcher in one case and unsatisfactory in another.

The general result thus far may be stated as non-conclusive as to the infallibility of the apparatus, but sufficient apparent power of locating water has been displayed to warrant a patient and exhaustive research. This will probably be prosecuted in the direction of known artesian water, and the final report of those engaged in the investigation will be looked forward to with great

TRYING IT ON A BREWERY. A practical test of the accuracy of this

method is now being carried out in New York at the brewery of Mr. Hupiel, where a dry well has been sunk to a depth of more than 2,000 feet. Within a short distance of this unsuccessful well the borers are again at work on the assurance of Mr. Heerdegen that water will be met with at a less depth than 100 feet.

than 100 feet.

The apparatus is not patented, and, according to the inventor, will work in the hands of any one with a little practice. In appearance it is most simple, any complexity of arrangement being concealed in the vulcanite or hard rubber case, about six vuicanite or hard rubber case, about six inches long, shaped something like a bottle without a neck, which acts as a sort of pendulum, and escillates more or less violently when above water according to the volume and rapidity of the stream. This is suspended from a leather-covered disk held in the hand by a thin insulated brass or copper wire, which enters the top of the valcanite case.

CAUGHT ON THE HILLS. Newsy Notes From Allentows, Enexville,

THE South Street M. P. Church gave its Sunday school scholars a treat on Christmas

THERE are still whispers of an elopement to take place soon floating around among the

EUGHER parties are popular on the hill, but as yet none have attempted progressive seven-up.

CHARLES KALNHOF, of Butler, visited his parents and brother in the Thirty-first ward Christman

MR. AND MRS. JOHN RICH, of Jeannette,

are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bennett, Arlington avenue.

UNION services will be held in the Knoxville

M. P. Church to-morrow. Rev. Mr. Jones will deliver the sermon.

A. V. VIERHELLER and Louis Kinzel were

the guests of Mr. W. C. Gunvelfinger, West Eud, on Christman. The U. P. Mission Church of Allentown

gave their Sunday school scholars a treat last Thursday evening.

Thus hill district police sometimes have a dull time of it plodding over their beats with not even a small boy to molest them.

THE mission school of the Twenty-fourth

ward gave a treat to its scholars at the Wicker-sham Schoolhouse on Christmas morning at 9

THE grading on Allen avenue is moving

DECEMBER 28.

Mt. Washington, Etc. CHARLES ALT and Miss Ida Brackmap were THE speak-easies on the-hill flourished dur-

ng the last week. GETTY STEWART, of Atlanta, Ga., is home ELECTRO-TECHNICAL ENGINEERING for the holidays.

D. D. HARRIS, the plumber, will soon occupy a neat brick house on Washington avenue. Reveals to the World a Novel Invention A PLEASANT little surprise party was held at Mr. Clark's residence, Beltsboover, Christmas.

PARTIALLY SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENTS

A belief has been prevalent for the last three centuries at least that water hidden underground, either in the form of springs or as streams, could be discovered by the use of the divining rod, but it has been reserved for the present day to record a claim set up that such subterranean sources of water can be discovered infallibly or nearly

Not only has such a claim been made, but the inventor of the apparatus has challenged the engineering profession to investigate the results obtained by the most

along. The contractors say they will have it finished from Washington avenue to Climax street by February I.

CHARLES HAAS, the genial and well-known clerk at Algeo Bros.' store, is lying at the home of his parents in West Liberty very sick. He was taken with typhoid fever last Monday. Mr. Heerdegen—such is the inventor's name—was experimenting in his house in The Pittsburg, Virginia and Charleston Raliroad deal for houses along the railroad has caused a boom for real estate on the hill. There are now very few vacant houses in the Thirty-first ward. name—was experimenting in his house in Russia with an instrument which he expected would indicate in one room movements in another from which he was absent. The experiment consisted in placing a watch upon a table, carrying from it a cord or fine wire through passages and other rooms to where he was himself, and the instrument he held in his hand would be affected the year second the watch watch A FIRE broke out in Manler's grocery store in Knoxville last Monday. Someone pulled the city fire alarm and the Mt. Washington hose came rattling over but got there too late to be of any use. The damage was small.

THE Suburban Electric Rapid Transit Rail-

way started last Wednesday, and is now running regularly. It is stated on good authority that the Thirteenth street road will soon start.

(The latter expression is handed into the office so often that it is kept set up in type.)

THE Excelsior Dramatic Company scored a success in Allentown Christmas night, by the production at Turner Hall of the beautiful drams, in three acts, entitled "Under the American Flag." The cast was made up of well-known people, and they did their work THE different candidates are commencing to hustle on the hill. In the Thirty-first ward Messrs, W. W. Nesbit for Select and William

O, Russel for Common Council don't seem to bave any opposition. Messrs, Charles Black and D. W. Smike are both after the Alder-man's office. It is also whispered about that a dark horse will be pushed at the proper time. A san Christmas it was to the relatives and many friends of Miss Lulu Noah, of Walter many friends of Miss Luiu Noah, of Walter avenue, Thirty-first ward, who died at the resi-dence of friends in Allegheny. She was taken sick with pneumonia about ten days ago. Miss Noah was well known and beloved by all, and her relatives have the sympathy of their friends. The remains were taken to Butler for interment.

THERE was a regular young tornado in St Bair township last Sunday night. The wind howled around the houses and threatened to unloosen many of them from their foundations. The new house of Frank Erny, on Spring street, Lower St. Chair township, was moved one foot and a half off its foundations and will have to be rebuilt. No other damage has been Title Knoxville M. P. Church gave the Sun

day school children an enjoyable treat Christ-mas Eve. A model snow house was built on the stage with windows etc. The presents the stage with windows etc. The presents were grouped about in the house and outside. It seems that there was some little hitch about the Santa Claus feature. When the entertainment was about to commence the person who was supposed to have supplied the Santa Claus costume failed to produce it. A trip to Manager Wilt's store on Wood street found it closed and the person returned. The programme, consisting of recitations, choruses, etc., was very entertaining and all carried their parts well except Santa Claus. As the hours wore along and the programme could not be lengthened more, it was announced that a smashup had occurred on the Kriss Krinkle Overland Railroad, and that the children's patron saint would not be on the Kriss Krinkie Overland Kaliroad, and that the children's patron saint would not be present. Although it was something of a dis-appointment, it soon passed away and the evening's programme was pronounced a suc-cess. The scholars all received a box of

ONE of the pleasantest occasions Knoxville cople have been permitted to enjoy for a long time was the Christmas Eve entertainment given by the Presbyterian Sunday school. The programme, which was a lengthy one, con-sisted of recitations, singing, dialogues, tab-leaux, etc. All rendered their parts well and not only that, but the programme was a very en-tertaining one to both old and young. The selections by the chorus of 12 voices, with Miss selections by the chorus of 12 voices, with Miss Emma Eisamon, as organist, was greatly appreciated by all present. The two tableaux, one representing the shepherd and wise men of the East by a class of boys, and the chanting of the Lord's prayer by a class of young ladies dressed in white, with one dressed in black, all kneeling with a little child in the attitude of prayer, were among the best on the evening's programma. After the entertainment feature, 350 pounds of candy were given the children and a picture book from one of the clothiers of the city. During the evening Mr. and Mrs. Rev. Jones were presented with a very fine china dinner set, by Dr. H. J. Phillips, on behalf of their many friends in and out of the congregation. Prof. W. P. Montgomery, teacher of the Bible class, was the recipient of a clock of exquisite design and make. Rev. W. A. Jones made the presentation speech on behalf of the class. Miss Emma Eisamon, the organist of the school, received a lovely work box, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hunter making the speech.

The church was beautifully decorated with greens, helly, etc., and throughout it was a pleasing success.

A NOVEL STRIKE.

Glasshouse Boys Who Refused to Work on Christmas Eve.

A crowd of glasshouse boys stood at the corner of South Eighteenth street last Tuesday atternoon in earnest discussion. A DISPATCH reporter crossed over the street, and, upon inquiring the cause of the conference, was informed that they had "struck." There were about 50 of them, all employed at Thomas Evans, factory on South Eighteenth street. As they got together and talked of Christmas and saw the preparations going on around them for a merry evening, they decided that they wouldn't work, and that they would enjoy Christmas with the rest of them.
The men employed in the factory could

not go to work without the boys, and for a short time it looked like a lookout. The pots, however, had been filled, and the glass would have been spoiled if not used. The men could hardly help sympathizing with the boys, and to the foreman was left the duty of bringing them to work. The boys at first held out strong, saying they wanted to enjoy Christmas Eve as well as other people. At last the foreman told them that they could get off at 8 o'clock, and one by one they started to the factory with soher faces at the thoughts of having to work while the enjoyment and bustle of Christmas tide was going on about them.

McGinty Malance Cakes. Just the thing to please the little ones. New, sweet and delicious. Your grocer

MAUD HOWE, in to-morrow's DISPATCH, gives some valuable hints to men and maidens who are in love.

## THE PRETTIEST WOMAN IN PARIS.

BY LUDOVIC HALEVY.

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net of "Romeo et new\_"

at the "M. Palmer?" playing the third opera, and Prince Agenor was positively beside bim self with excite. ment. He ran from box to box, his enthusiasm bubbling over in each.

"That blonde! Oh! that blonde! Exquisitel Do look at that blonde! Do you know that blonde?"

He had just entered Mme. de Marizy's box, a large one in the grand tier, and for

have relations in Perigord. But what a smile! What a neck! What shoulders!"

"Oh! my dear Prince, do be quiet, or go away! I want to listen to Reszke—"

tude so far as to carry on a most compromising filtration with Mme. Palmer. "I am rubbing the bourgeois rust off her," he used to say. "I feel I owe some sort of return to

Twas Friday, April about it. No, they're rich middle-class peo-19, 1889. They were ple. I'm sure of it, Prince. But how playing the third stupid I am! You know M. Paimer? Well, he came to see your lovely blonde just

"Yes. And he would be able to tell

"Many thanks, Mme. Pleard, thanks." "Au revoir, Prince." And Mme. Pleard went back to her stool

Dagand. This new star will be visible at the Palmer's on Thursday evening. Don't forget the name—Mme. Dagand."

The disciples went their way, sprending the great news far and wide.

Mme. Dagand had been admirably brought up by an irreproachable mother. She had been taught to rise early, to keep a strict account of her expenditures, not to employ a fashionable dressmaker, to believe in God, to love her husband, to visit the poor and to pat by half her income for the dowries of her daughters. She led a caim and peaceful life in an old house of the Rue du Dragou, a house which had sheltered the fortunes of three Dagand countes since 1825, the three husbands all lawyers, the three wives all virtuous. These three families had enjoyed an equal and moderate degree of happiness. They had known no violent delights, but neither had they tasted any suffering to speak of.

The next morning Hme. Dagand woke at 8 o'clock, conscious of some disturbance and perturbation. She had passed a very restless night, she who generally slept like a child! Mme. Dagand had been vaguely conscious at the opera that something unuand was in the air. All through the last act she had felt a certain opera glass fixed steadily upon her—the Prince's opera glass—and she had experienced a not altogether unpleasant excitement, and once or twice, under the unfilinching cerutiny of her visavia, she had blushed and drawn up the laces that veiled her shoulders.

So, after opening her eyes, Mme. Dagand closed them again lazily and lay dreaming. beside her colleague, Mme. Fischet, ex-elaiming, as she seated herself:

"Ah! my dear, what a charming man! After all, there's nothing like your really well-bied people!" The Prince was condescending enough to rank Palmer-the rich, vain, corpulent Palmer-among his friends. He even deigned, and not infrequently, to consult the banker in his pecuniary embarrassments, and Palmer was only too delighted to help him. In return, the Prince had submitted

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OH! THAT BLONDE!

"Mme. Dagand."

"And is there a Mme. Dagand?"

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himself the functions of discoverer, herald and consecrating pontiff of all such ephemeral queens of beauty. Would he be able to make Mme. Dagand the rage? Why not? He had never taken up any little bourgeoistic hera. The automates would have all

ies before. The enterprise would have all the charm of novelty and audacity. He took

and the prettiest woman in Paris?" For there is always a "prettiest woman in Paris," and Prince Agenor had arrogated to

The Prince went away. Noone, it seemed, knew anything of his lovely blonde! And yet she had often been to the opera before! But she had come in bourgeois fashion, to the second tier. Now, as far as Prince in the Skint Mesme's box."

Palmer, who is really the best fellow in the world."

The Prince found the banker alone. "Do tell me the name of that fair woman in the Skint Mesme's box." Agenor was concerned there were no places in the opera house out of the grand tier. Above and beyond was chaos, a space without form and void. The Prince had never you want to have a good look at Mme, Dagand, come to our ball next Thursday. She in his life entered a box in the second tier. Practically, therefore, there were no such

While Romeo, kneeling before Friar Law-rence, was vowing eternal faith to Juliet, the Prince was wandering about the corri-dors. Who could this blonde be? He The wife of a lawyer! She was only the wife of a lawyer! The Prince installed himself in the tront of the box, opposite Mme. Dagand, and as he gazed at her he mused thus within himself: "Have I sufficient must and would find out!

And then he suddenly remembered that And then he suddenly remembered that the highly respectable Mme. Picard was the Saint-Mesme's box opener, and that he himsel' had long enjoyed the privilege of that respectable lady's acqaintance. In the days of the Second Empire, had she not initiated him, the Prince de Nerins, into the various mysteries of bezique—Chinese, Japanese, etc.? He was then 20, and Mme. Picard 40. At that time Mme. Picard was not an employe of the National Academy of Music. Her calling—and it was no sine-cure—was that of "aunt" to a charming young person, whose pretty face formed an attractive item in the Christmas piece at the varieties. In those youthful days the Prince had spent three or four years of tranquil, almost domestic bliss, in the society of "niece" and "aunt." Then each had gone their several ways, and 10 years afterward Agenor had one evening handed his coat to a venerable-looking old lady at the opera, and been greeted by her with the following

"Ah! Prince! How delighted I am to see you again! And you are not changed, the least bit! You are just the same! Not a day older!"

It was Mme. Picard, raised to the dignity of a boxkeeper. They had a long that to-gether over old times, and since that even-ing the Prince had never passed Mme. Picard without a smiling "good evening," to which she responded by a deferential little bow. She was one of those persons, now almost extinct, who have an intuitive perception of the finer degrees in rank, and of the observances due to each. There lurked, nevertheless, the least touch of familiarity, almost of affection, in the tone with which she said "Mon Prince." But this was in no way offensive to Agenor; he had none but pleasant recollections of Mme.

"Ah! Prince," said Madame Picard, as Agenor approached her, "I have none of your friends in my boxes to-night. Madame Simiame has not come, and Madame de Saint Mesme has lent her box."

"Exactly. That is what has brought me to you. Don't you know the people who have Madame de Saint-Mesme's box?" "No, not at all, Prince. They have never been in the Marquise's box before."
"Then you haven't any idea who they

"Not the very least, Prince. Except that

I can see they don't belong to—"
"Our set," she was going to say. But with
that tact which rurely failed her she stopped
herself in time, and concluded: "They don't belong to your set. The middle-class folks, very well off, I should say, but still, only middle class. Ah! you are not satisfied? You want to know more

because of the fair lady, don't you, Prince These last words were uttered, or rather murmured, with wonderful delicacy. In themselves they were perhaps somewhat un-becoming as between Prince and boxkeeper. But the perfect good taste of tone and accent saved them. Yes, it was an attendant who addressed him; but an attendant who pre-served something of her former status as 'aunt' in the realm of Cythera-Mme.

Picard continued:
"Ah, a lovely creature! She came with a little dark man. Her husband, I am sure, for while she was taking off her cloak-and she was some time over it—he never uttered a single word. There was no little attentions; he showed no interest. Yes, he must have been her husband. And then I examined the cloak. One always feels a little bit curious about new comers, and I and my colleague, Mme. Flachet, often amuse ined the cloak. One always feels a little bit curious about new comers, and I and my colleague, Mme. Flachet, ofter amuse curselves by guessing what sort people are from their belongings. Well, the cloak was made by a good dressmaker, but not by a smart one. It is expensive, well cut, the material of the best, but there is no style the opera to-night."

And the next morning in the Bois, at the Potiniers, the Prince sat his roan mare in the bright spring sunshine and delivered himself cracularly as follows to a little group of respectful disciples:

"You can take my word for it—the prettiest woman in Paris is a certain Mme.

and my name might have figured in his list. How amusing it must be to see one's name in print!"
Thus reflecting, she turned the page and

went on with her paper:

"The charming Baronne de Myrvoix, etc. We must further note the appearance of a new star in the Parisian constellation. The whole house was in an ecstacy of ad-Palmer, who is really the best fellow in the world."

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miration over a mysterious, gray-eyed bloade of distracting loveliness, whose shoulders—were the topic of the evening. "Who is she? Who is she? Who is she? Who is the owner of those exquisite should-"Certainly. He's a lawyer. My lawyer -, the Saint Mesme's lawyer. And if

who is the owner of those exquisite snoulders?' Who, indeed? We are fortunate enough to know, and generous enough to give our readers the benefit of our knowledge. The lady is Mme. Dagand—"

Her name! She had read her own name!

A mist rose before her eyes. All the letters A mist rose before her eyes. All the totters of the alphabet seemed to have begun a frensied dance across the page. Then they gradually calmed down, subsided and regained their places. She was able to find her name again, and go on with her para-

graph. "The lady is Mme. Dagand, the wife of one of the most wealthy and popular law-yers in Paris. The Prince de Nerins, whose word is law in these matters, gave it as his opinion last night that Mme. Dagand was 'the prettiest woman in Paris.' We quite agree with him.'

Then came a dash. There was no more.

But it was enough! It was too much! Mme. Dagand felt herself perfectly overwhelmed by an extraordinary conflict of feeling, a stock of Mme. Dagand through his opera glass, and found fresh graces and perfections in her pretty person every moment.

When the curtain fell the Prince went

mingling of fear, pleasure, delight, confu-sion, satisfied vanity and wounded modesty.

Her dressing gown had fallen away a little from her neck. She drew it together almost



young journalist, who was on the staff of a fashionable morning paper. This young man had remarkably sharp ears, and heard every word that passed between the brilliant trio as Mme. Dagand went by. Twenty minutes later he presented himself at the office of his journal. "Is there time to put a dozen lines into

"Is there time to put a dozen lines into
the 'Society' column?"
"Yes, if you look sharp,"
The young man's hand was as quick as
his cars. He had drahed off 15 lines in a
twickling. They brought in 7½ francs to
the young reporter, but they cost M. Dagand
a good deal more than that!
Meanwhile, Prince Agenor had betaken
himself to his whist at the club, and as he
shaffled the careta he remarked. shuffled the cards, he remarked:
"There was the most exquisite creature at

and planted himself at the bottom of the fiercely, throwing it over her feet, which and planted himself at the bottom of the grand staircase. He had already inoculated two o' his friends, so to speak. "Come along," he had said," I want to show you the prettiest woman in Paris." Now, as the Prince pronounced these words there happened to be at his cibow a certain smart young journalist, who was on the staff of a fashionable morning paper. This young had severable shear ears, and heard. Look at her! She is the prettiest woman in Paris."

The Prince de Nerinal She knew the name The Prince de Normal She knew the name well, for she took a lively interest in those newspaper articles headed: "La Vie Pariaienne," "High life," "EchasMondains, "etc., and was thoroughly versed in the chronicles signed Mousseline, Fanfreluone, Brimborion, Veloutine—accounts of great marriages, great balls, great first nights, great finey fairs. The Prince's name figured perpetually in these accounts and always at the perpetually in these accounts. in these records, and always as the supreme authority in matters of taste.

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And he it was who had pronounced her to be — Here pleasure undoubtedly got the better of tear! Still trembling with exultement, Mme. Dagand placed herself before a large mirror, an old-fashioned cheval-glass from Jacob's which up to that moment had reflected only the virtuous partners of conscientious lawyers. In this respectable glass she examined herself with the most agar serutiny, the most intense curiosity. She had always known she was pretty! But now, oh! magic power of printers' ink! she discovered that she was positively exchanting.