During the week just ended the contro-

ersy on the question of the to-be or not-to-

be of the 12-club league has waxed very

warm. Beyond all doubt it is the burning baseball question of the day, and we may

expect that between now and November 16,

the date of the league meeting at Chicago,

oly in defense of its existence. There has

been any amount of insolence, abuse and

sinister insinuations, for that is the entire

stock in trade of some people, but it has no

Well, now, let us free ourselves from all

prejudice on the matter and we will at once

see that the baseball public does not want

the 12-club arrangement. The magnates

should more than anything else consider

this feature, because they entirely depend

on public patronage. All other elements are secondary to that of the public, and if

the present unwholesome conditions of baseball are continued depend upon it the

an American Association cannot be recalled I will say no more, and I also want to know of what good the Louisville, St. Louis, Baltimore and Washington clubs are to the League. I contend they have done harm and will continue to day have done harm

and will continue to do so.

Those who have the destinies of the na-

tional game in their hands have a duty to perform, and that is to re-establish the National League. This ought to be done even though heroic action is needed to ac-

A Few Words to a Critic.

club League was under the guidance of men of the Vonder Abe type. In reply to this the

Von der Ahe does not rule the League, but that everything is done by unanimous con-sent. Good gracious! what a remarkable lot of automatons the organ would have the

magnates be. What a wonderful lot of human beings to have no diversity of opinions, but always unanimous. How calm, how complacent and how simply sweet everything must be when those unanimous magnates meet. Why, bless you, they must be the wonder of the age.

be the wonder of the age.

But isn't it time, Mr. Organ, they had
the cobwebs brushed off their brains?
Would a little stirring-up not distract that

unanimity and set them thinking so as to

get out of the dire difficulties in which the

are now in?
Unanimous! Certainly, Messrs, Day,

Soden and one or two others must have been breaking their necks to indorse all the

Von der Ahe theories. But I do not be-

member. Honor, justice, success and intel-

the National League magnates when they were honest and just and are now their dearest friend when their "unanimous" policy is to rob their employes, the ball

players? Has the "loaves and fishes" principle been your guiding star? Let us

Local Baseball Affairs. The local baseball club officials mean to

be in the swim early enough next year, and to show that they mean business they have

already completed arrangements to have the players report at Hot Springs on March

L After "boiling" out there for awhile the team will play 20 games with the Southern

League clubs and then return home to open

All this means enterprise on the part of

Manager Buckenberger tells me that Ehret is sure to sign with the local club and at a

salary just as high as anybody will get.
Ehret is a good pitcher when he displays
energy, and it is to be hoped that next year
he will be more in earnest than he has been
this year. There is a dim hope of the club
securing a first-class infielder who will also

be able to captain the team. In view of this hope Donovan has not been definitely

engaged to captain. If the expected in-fielder is not secured then he will take

Anson and His Ancestors

A correspondent sends me a very inter-

esting communication about A. C. Anson, the ball player, and his ancestors. I am

sorry there is not space to publish the letter in full. Here is part of it:

charge.

A few weeks ago I remarked that the 12-

omplish it

effect on an intelligent public.

## A SCENE IN CHINATOWN, NEW YORK CITY.



## HAS HIS DUTCH UP.

John Chinaman Is Going at the Geary Act for All He Is Worth-He Employes the Methods of the Melican Man-Organizing and Lobbylag.

[COURSESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH,] NEW YORK, Oct. 28.-John Chinaman, patient, humble and much abused, has learned wisdom from hard experience, and, to secure what he believes to be his rights, is resorting in most approved style to the ways and methods of the Melican man.
Petitions to Congress, indignation meetings and all the other parapherualia of the professional reformer he is now using with spirit and vigor and a skill that compel administration.

Indicate the most approved style to the most of us desire to live here. I respectfully submit that we are desirable members of the body politic. There are bad Chinamen as there are bad men of every race, but the great body of Chinese residents are sober, industrious, law-abiding, pesceful men. Did you ever see a Chinaman drunk miration

All this furnishes a novel and edifying spectacle to the great American public. For a dozen years or more restrictive legislation against the Chinese has been the policy of both the great parties, but the last Congress went farther than any of its predecessors. It passed what is known as the Geary act, providing that every Chinaman now resident in the United States shall Internal Revenue of the district in which he lives, for a certificate of residence, stating the date at which he arrived in this country, the vessel upon which he came, the port at which he disembarked and that he was lawfully within the United States prior to May 5, 1892, the date upon which the Geary act went into effect. The application must also state the age, residence and occupation of the applicant, and to it must be attached a photograph which he must swear is a true likeness of himself. The act further provides that two competent and reputable witnesses must attest the truthfulness of the contents of the application. The act is limited to Chinese laborers.

On the Pacific coast the heads of the famous Six Companies have openly counseled violation of the law, and in the East the leaders of the Chinese are warmly and earnestly protesting against it, and have energetically set about the work of securing its repeal or radical modification by Con-gress, when that body meets in December. Early last month the leading English spenking Chinese of the Eastern States called a meeting for this city to devise effective means for opposing the law. From this meeting sprang the Chinese Civil Rights' League, which now has a member-

ship of several hundred persons.

The members of the league are, in the main, Chinese merchants and professional men, all of whom have been residents of the States for more than ten years, and some of whom have been here since childhood. Sing Ping Lee, a wealthy Chinese merchant of Philadelphia, was elected President of the league; Wong Chin Foo, the well-known Chinese journalist, Secretary and Tom Yuen, of this city, Treasurer. A mass



Wong Chin Foo.

meeting, called by the league, was held in Cooper Union a few nights ago, and was at-tended by over 1,000 Americans and some 200 Chinese merchants. At this meeting speeches were made by Wong Chin Foo Tom Ju, a chinese doctor, and others, and resolutions were adopted declaring the Geary law "monstrous, inhuman and unconstitutional," and pledging those present to the work of securing its repeal. Similar mass meetings are to be held in Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago and other large cities. and the league has also addressed a printed appeal to the American public. When Congress opens, the fight will be transferred to Washington, and with the aid of Senator Sherman, Congressman Hitt and others, a vigorous and aggressive battle for the repeal of the Geary act will be prose-

A Chinese Newspaper Man's Notions. Wong Chin Foo, the Secretary of the league and its guiding spirit, has been for ten years or more one of the most interesting figures of this big town. He is a man or middle age, in his youth received a thorough English education, and has long enjoyed the unique distinction of being the only Chinese journalist in the United States. His work on the New York Sun States. His work on the New York Sun was most creditable, and a brilliant article eatitled "Why I am a Heathen," which was printed in the North American Review first included less than 20 individuals, but its size has increased from year to year, and now numbers several thousand people. There are seven hundred Chinese and people. There are seven hundred Chinese laundries in various parts of town and the writer the other day he said:

"This is the first time the Chinese of the Unifed States have arisen in public protest against what they regard as wrongs inflicted upon them by the law-making power. That they are doing so now and are using measures very different thousands proved in the past, we transfer to the catures of which are wholly unpicyed in the past, we transfer to the busy thousands around them.

Not since the discovery of vaccine virus by Jenner has there been so great an advance in medical science as the discovery of Pe-ro-na. One of its most beneficial uses is as a remedy for malaria. Its operation to cure this stubborn malady is unlike any other medicine known. It seems to be especially reliable in its action in those cases of malaria made by Pe-ru-na see, without an equal. Inquire of your druggist for further particulars, and write they are doing so now and are using measures very different thousands around them.

bering Chinese intellect. The general public does not as yet understand the Geary act. When it does understand it, Gearv act. When it does understand it, I believe that the law will be repealed. The case of my countrymen is this: More than 100,000 Chinamen are now living in this country. They have come here precisely as other foreigners have done, in accordance with the laws of the United States. We believed that this was a land of freedom, and we came here, and were admitted. We have not out to have been and the countrymen, and his decisions are generally accepted as final. dom, and we came here, and were admitted. We have made our homes here and the most of us desire to live here. I respectfulor lighting on the street?

They Object to Discrim

"America says that no more Chinese laborers shall come here. We no not quarrel with that. Congress has the right to say who shall come. But we have lived here tor 10, 20 or 30 years and have obeyed the laws. Now Cong.ess asks us to obey a new one which applies to none of the hundreds of thousands of other aliens here. In this the law discriminates between races exactly at once make application to the Collector of as the slavery laws did 30 years ago. We

do not think this is right. "But the law says more. It says we must procure extificates or tickets of leave to remain here, as oriminal convicts are obliged to have them to stay in England. It says that if anyone of us shall be arrested on a charge of not being entitled to remain here, we shall be adjudged to be unlawfully within the United States, unless such



person shall establish by affirmative proof. to the satisfaction of such Justice. Judge of Commissioner, his lawful right to remain in the United States.' In other words my counthe United States. In other words my countrymen are declared guilty without any trial, and with no jury to judge us, unless we prove innocence, and we are to be punished with a year of imprisonment at hard labor and then sent to China, if we are un-able to prove our innoceance. This is bad law and very harsh, and unjust to men who desire to obey all laws. This Geary bill makes it the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to establish the rules and regulations, according to which we can get our tickets of leave. The Honorable Secretary requires us to furnish, at our own expense, 'three unmounted photographs of himself or herself. \* No tin-type or other metal

picture will be received. We are also required to pay the cost of certificates.

"This is a special tax upon the Chinese, applying to no one else. It is taxation without representation. Moreover, the Secretary requires the Chinese to prove by witness just when they arrived, on what steamer and where they have lived in this country. It is very hard for those who came 20 or 30 years ago to do this. We do not wish to defy the law; neither do we wish to submit to it, but we ask for its repeal, and I believe that the public will cordially support us in this request."

A Half Century in New York. There are now more than 100,000 Chinsmen in the United States. More than one-half this number are settled on the Pacific coast, where they are variously employed as Inborers and merchants. It was about half a century ago that the first Chinese settled in this city. The Chinese colony at



most unusual has taken hold of the slum-bering Chinese intellect. The general made from life on a warm evening. Chinatown, is a city within a city with a government and mayor of its own. The



Rear Chinese Restaurant in Pell Street.

The Chinese settle all accounts between themselves at the end of the year, and where a debtor cannot pay his debts are forgiven him. The Chinese New Year, which falls on February 11, is the red letter day in the calendar of Chinatown. Rents and values have doubled in Mott street since the Chinese settled there, and it is said that where the Chinese have themselves become realty owners, they are generous in the improvement of their property, and prove excellent landlords.

W. R. R.

HOW WE LIVE IN AMERICA. oth in the Matter of Food and Dress This

Country Is Far Ahead.

New York Ledger.] It has long been stoutly asserted that the average American eats better food and wears better clothes than any other creature on earth. But now science comes forward with her search light of fact and reason, to give all needed support to this important claim. The process of proof is as follows: The unit of food value is known techically as a "caloric" The declared average of the American workingman's rations is 3,500 calories per day, the European's diet only reaches frm 1,790 to 1,900 calories per day; thus demonstrating the nutritive value of our food to be about twice as great as the Englishman's or the Prof. Atwater very properly concludes that those fortuna e enough to live in this

land of Goshen enjoy one priceless boon: "A rich abundance of the food they need to make the most of themselves and their work."

Proper physical support is the basis of our animal life and gives that liberal nourishment necessary for large productions and intellectual and moral progress. Let ascetics rave as they please, and get their mottoes from the cynic tub, it yet follows that a correct use of these provisions is the main condition of a comfortable life—aye, of it e itself. Bread has a divine mission. To abuse eating is gluttony, to have nothing to eat is misery and death, and it seems to us that none may strike the golden mean so efficiently as Amerians. Concerning dress, ask any observant man who has visited Europe to give you the result of his ited Europe to give you the result of his exverdict is in favor of American attire.

## SIEUR MICHEL DE MONTAIGNE.

It Is Just 300 Years Since the Famou Literateur Passed Away. The St. James Budget.]

It is 300 years ago since Michel d'Eyquen de Montaigne died. We all know more or less about Montaigne, and even the man who has never read him often unconsciously talks him, for his work has become a part of the corpus of literature, an ingredient of that intellectual stock-pot which is ever simmering and into which all may dip the spoon. But the readers of the essays themselves are, it is to be feared, a small but noble band. For one thing, Montaigne needs

to be read by favor of certain conditions. You cannot run through him in the train: he is not to be read in a state of doze after a heavy dinner. You must take him an essay at a time, in the fulness of leisure. A be-pes-cocked Elizabethan terrace, where the hours are in no hurry, is the place for Mon-taigne. For the matter of that, he does in full. Here is part of it:

There is probably no professional athlete who has been more extensively advertised or one more worthy of respect. A great deal has been written of Mr. Anson that was incorrect, some even stated that he was a Swede. Mr. Anson's ancestors, paternal and maternal, are Americans, and date back for a number of generations. His paternal ancestor, Lord Anson, an Admiral of the English navy, whose life and voyages are recorded in separate volumes, resided for a short time in Virginia. Warren Anson, grandfather of Adrian, settled in New ork State. Sylvanus Rice, maternal grandfather of A. Cabson, was a representative of an old American family, and was born in New York. They were distinguished representatives of bis family. His son, Henry Anson, was born in York State, and was a pioneer of the State of Iowa, and he pre-empted land near the present city of Marshalltown in 1852. not taste much worse in the library; but it must be a library away from the postman's knock and the shrill ring of the telegraph boy. Leisure, repose, case of mind: these things double the savor of the wit and mellow the wisdom of the sweet and human chapters of Michel de Montaigne.

## A MALARIA CURE

Discovered at Last-Great Excitem usands Eagerly Trying to Get It. Not since the discovery of vaccine virus My correspondent wants to know what I think about it. I have nothing to say regarding the veracity of the story. It may be true and it may not, but there are points of resemblance between the baseball captain and Lord George, the Admiral. The latter, who died about 130 years ago, was never disheartened, He set sail once at the head of a big fleet to fight the Spaniards, and storms wrecked all his ships but one. He was still a fighter, even with one ship, and captured a town. Captain Anson, of baseball fame, has often had his ranks de-pleted and his best men lost, but he has always stuck to it and scored victories under circumstances that would have discouraged

I may add that if A. C. Anson is a descendant of Admiral Anson, he must also be somewhat related to the Earl of Litchfield, as I think that title has been transmitted from the family of Admiral Anson.

there will be some very animated discussion. I oppose the 12 club league because it is unsound in principle; Joseph Chamberlain and Athletic Sports. because it is unsound in principle; it has been unjust in its operations; it has deteriorated the quality of baseball; it has developed a powerful feeling of discontent; it has lowered public interest in the national game, and it has been one of the rankest failures in the baseball history. More than once I have given proof of these statements. I have failed to notice a single argument advanced by the is from an exchange: league organ and the two or three other adrocates of the unsuccessful baseball monop-

is from an exchange:

Mr. Chamberlain said he did not suppose that in the whole world there was a less athletic man than he was. As they knew, he did not cycle. He did not ride, and he did not walk when he could help it. He did not play cricket, neither did he play football. ["Shame," and laughter.] He did not play tennis or golf, which he assured them was an indispensable condition of statesmanship. The fact was that he did not take any exercise at all. Mr. Chamberlain added that he would not recommend his hearers to follow his example. Although he could not imitate the powers of the men he had been seeing, yet he could sympathize and admire their love and devotion to sports in the open air. And he believed that the qualities which brought success to such pursuits as those were also the qualities which head distinguished Englishmen throughout the world, and matte them the most enterprising travelers and explorers in distant countries. magnates will have reason to regret it. If anybody will show me why the good old state of things with a National League and

The cries of "shame" when Mr. Chamber-lain said he did not play football ought to be a warning to all great statesmen and prominent citizens. If they want to be re-spected and share in the good opinion and applause of the public they must identify themselves with football. But the tenor of Mr. Chamberlain's remarks quark to ancourthemselves with football. But the tenor of Mr. Chamberlain's remarks ought to encourage all good citizens to help in the promotion of athletic exercises and outdoor sports. To have a progressive people it is necessary to have time for mental training and development, but believe me it is also necessary to have time for physical sulface. necessary to have time for physical culture. Find a community of young men who indulge in athletic exercises and you'll note an absence of those whezzy round-shouldered and hollow-enested young men that invariably are a trouble to themselves and a hurden on others.

burden on others. Football Affairs in General. Football continues to grow in popularity, and one needn't wonder at it considering the excellent contests that have taken place recently. We have now arrived at a stage than that contest between the Three A.'s and the P. A. C.'s teams on Columbus Day. The contest was an admirable one and honostly and fairly played. There was a pleasing absence of bad feeling on both sides,

von der Ane theories. But I do not be-lieve this "unanimous" assertion, nor did I say that Von der Ahe ruled the League. I did say that it is a Von der Ahe policy that is guiding the League and it is a policy that was never known in the League until Von der Ahe became a and that will do more than anything else to popularize the game. The teams are evenly balanced, and their contests are al-ways likely to afford excitement enough to make old people feel young again and shout for their favorites. The leading Rugby teams of the country ligence were the characteristics of the League previous to the Von der Ahe reare fast getting into form and the intercollegiate championship series is being looked forward to with great interest. So gime. It may be true that Messrs. Byrne, Brush, Robison, Von der Horst, Wagner and the Louisville representative are ail under the influence of Von der Aheism and far the Princetons have pleased their friends considerably, and so have the Harvard team. The latter the other day put up a team. The latter the other day put up a splendid game against the strong team from Chicago and won in great style. The Princetons have made some big scores, while the Yale team have not gotten aid that worthy in shaping the policy of the League. I am told that such is the case, but it is still Von der Aheism just the thoroughly down to work yet. The University of Pennsylvania team are either Now, Mr. Organ, let me ask you a ques-tion. Why is it that you were such a hater, such a vilifier and such an enemy to

We are all, of course, looking forward to the big contests, viz., that between Yale and Harvard at Springfield on November 19, and that between Yale and Princeton on Thanksgiving Day. They will be great games. There is one thing to be regretted, however, and that is that Harvard and Princeton are not to meet. This is a little hard on the Yales, because that team have to play two great games within a few days of each other, while both Harvard and Princeton have only each one. And if Harvard and Princeton should each defeat Yale we will still be at a loss to know which is the best team in the country. This is to be regretted. To be sure if Yale, as was the case last year, defeats both Harvard and Princeton they will be the champions. the club directorate, and adds more proof to the fact that the people at the head of the club are prepared to make any kind of a It seems to me that Harvard is more to blame for this unsatisfactory state of things than Princeton. The game has become so popular that all prejudices and exclusiveness should be thrown to one side, and the three leading Rugby teams of the country play a three-cornered series for the championship. The efforts now being made to heal the breach between Princeton and Harvard way be successful. It is to be hoped they will.

The distribution of the mistakes that she made.

She Could Win at Whist.

"When he had men as his guests he almost always talked about the intricate details of his business, or the abstruse theories of politics; and it displeased him that she should put in her illogical and utterly womanly nonsense instead of sitting still during an evening and trying to learn something from It seems to me that Harvard is more to venture to have a winning team here. Doubtless the plan as arranged will have good effect. I trust it will.

butch weaker than expected, or else the Lafayette team are nearly first-class, for the former only managed on Wednesday to defeat the Lafayettes by 8 to 6.

oped they will. Choynski's chance to win was better than that of Godfrey's. I am of the same opin-

There are lots of very good judges of boxing and pugilism who are just as confident of Godfrey's victory as I am of Choynski's. That makes the matter all the more interesting. Nobody will deny that Godfrey is a very good and game fellow, but so is the Californiau, and while he is years below 30 Godfrey is beyond 40. Choynski is an exceedingly active man, although his lega are not of the kind that will last very long in a severe struggle. On the other hand, God-frey age must be against his staying qual-ities if the contest is hot and lively. Ed Smith, formerly of this city, has met both men, and I know that he estimates Choyn-ski as a very dangerous man for anybody to

meet.
O'Rourke, the backer of George Dixon. still quibbles about the two pounds' difference between Griffin's terms and those of ence between Griffin's terms and those of Dixon. The latter wants to fight at 118, and Griffin insists on 120. It is a very triffing matter to call a halt about, and it goes to show that O'Rourke considers Griffin an extremely dangerous man for the colored champion to meet. When the difficulty in the way of making a match between them is so small, there is good prospect of a contest taking place. pect of a contest taking place. PRINGLE.

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WIFELY DEVOTION AT ITS BEST.

One Left Her Eusband to Drown and Another Ewore off Talking.

THE EFFORT THAT TOOK THE PRIZE

TWRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCE.

It was a nice little dinner in the quiet back room at Malvolio's, and I had for company three entertaining liars, making four of us in all, for I had just sent a telegram to my wife, explaining that business detained me downtown. This brought up the matter of wifely devotion, and the man who keeps a hotel in New Jersey told this "There was a couple staying at my place

couldn't be satisfied anywhere else they rere so particular about everything-and they went into the water a good deal during Al swimmer, but the man could only paddle about near the shore. He was reckless, though, and didn't seem to care whether he was drowned or not. I noticed this even before his wife came down from the city to look out for him. He was always wanting to swim out to the float which was anchored off shore a couple of hundred yards, but she said that if he tried it he'd go to the bottom sure. " 'Of course you'll do it, just the same,'

said she; 'you never pay any attention to what I say, though it always turns out that



The Most Distinguished Gentleman

The Most Distinguished Gentleman.

way, as you remember, etc., etc.' Then he cited a large number of instances, as many as he could stand at one dose.

A Noble Case of Devotion.

"Well, one day, just as she had said, he started out from the shore as if he expected to swim across the ocean. She was on the float and saw him coming. He got on pretty well till he was within 50 feet of her, and then he threw up his hands and went down. She was after him in an instant, and just as he was going down for the third time she seized him by the hair. She appeared to know from experience just where to grab him in order to get the best hold. Then she started with him for shore. 'Solomon,' said she, 'what did I tell you about this?' I tall south the started were to gray the started with him for shore. 'Solomon,' said she, 'what did I tell you about this?' I tall south the started were the started with him for shore. 'Solomon,' said she, 'what did I tell you about this?' I tall south the started were the started were the started with him for shore. 'Solomon,' said she, 'what did I tell you about this?' I tall south the started were the started were the started were the started with him for shore. 'Solomon,' said she, 'what did I tell you about this?' I tall south the started were the started were the started were the started were the soloming. 'Well, gentlemen," 'the Commercial Traveler concluded, "you see the situation. She was bound by her solemn promise not to speak again till those hands should be unclasped. That was 19 years ago, and she hasn't said a word since.'

"In my opinion," said the Member of the Bar (who is deat in one ear, and, since his marriage has been hoping that the trouble would spread to the other one), "that story is a lie."

"No," said I; "it is substantially true. I have met Mrs. Butler. I was ricing down town one day on an 'L' train, and opposite me I noticed two ladies, one of whom surprised me by her absolute silence. I thought she must be dumb, for though the other woman poured a continual flood of Then she started with him for shore. 'Solo-mon,' said she, 'what did I tell you about this?' I tell you that was a hard question for a man with his stomach full of sea water

for a man with his stomach full of sea water to digest. 'My dear,' he gasped, 'are you going to keep asking me that question all the rest of our lives? Because, if you are, please let me drop.'
"Well, gentlemen, I admired that woman for her conduct. She asked her own soul whether she could keep from holding that thing over him for the rest of his days and the was forced to ensure in the negative. recently. We have now arrived at a stage where the public is very anxious to learn all it can about the game and the players, and as this knowledge is gained, so will the popularity of the sport increase. It will not be loug before we'll have as many football teams as we have baseball teams, and when the weather is at all favorable the patronage of one will be just as great as the patronage of the other. I am sure that nobody need see more interesting sport that thing over him more than any woman I ever saw, she gave up that pleasure; she let him go and swam ashore a widow." "Let us drink to her health," said the

Member of the Bar. "She was a noble and remarkable woman."

A Woman of Inferior Intellect.

"But the case I had in mind," said the Commercial Traveler, "is an even more per-fect illustration of a woman's self-sacrifice, When I was a young man my friend, John W. Butler, married a girl who was greatly his inferior in intellect. This is not an uncommon error. Few men notice this mental inequality before marriage, but I have never known anyone who failed to discover it afterward. Men who did not know as much as this piece of apple pie which I am eating have often depl red in my presence the intellectual interiority of woman. It is a thing so plain that any fool can see it. But John was a man of strong mind, who always used his reason in every case, and never jumped at conclusions. It annoyed him, therefore, to see that his wife could not draw an inference, and didn't want to. In the solitude of their home he didn't so much mind, but when others were present he was always in agony for fear that she would say something silly. When he brought a friend home to dinner he warned the visitor not to judge Mrs. Butler from her conversation, for, although she was mentally deficient, she was an admirable cook and a very useful women to mirable cook and a very useful woman to have around the house. It was not long, therefore, before all John's friends got to thinking that everything Mrs. Butler said was idiotic, whether it was or not.

"She was very talkative, even for a woman, and I used to delight to hear her run on in her innocent, childlike simplicity; but it was misery for John. At first he didn't know how to check her, and would sit and wring his hands while she was talking, and try to fix his mind upon counting a

The Big Battle To-Morrow Night.

It is seldom there is so much interest in a second-class battle as there is in the contest of to-morrow night between Choynski and Godfrey. The contest is being talked of and speculated in in every city in the United States. Five weeks ago I compared the men, and came to the conclusion that was because she persisted in savering as with her mistaken views upon a vast variety of subjects while a hand was being played. But as Mrs. Butler never held less than seven trumps, and always wou, she could not see the force of his reasoning.

"By and by I noticed a change. Some-

thing had certainly come over what John called his wife's 'alleged mind.' She would begin one of her old-time rambling, meaningless and delightful outbursts of nonsense, and would check herself suddeniv in the midst of it, and become as dumb as an oyster for ten consecutive minutes, per-haps. I was a long time in arriving at the true cause of this phenomenon, but at last it came to me. John's patience had been tried beyond endurance, and he had made a treaty with his wife.

Result of a Wife's Sacrifice.

"She loved him; she believed in his wisdom with a firmness of confidence which nobody outside the family approached, and only John himself surpassed. She was willing to do anything in the bounds of human possibility to please him, and so she hav acceeded to a most remarkable request. She had agreed to stop talking on the instant whenever he should indicate by a preconcerted sign that she was making a lool of herself; and she solemnly promised not to begin again till the danger signal should be taken in. I detected him in the act of making this sign, which was done by simply crossing his hands upon his breast. She recognized it instantly, and I lost the

LIES OF THREE LIARS. latter half of a very good story which she was telling.

"And will you believe that John Butler was a thorn in my flesh after that. I suffered more than his wife did. You see he

got so accustomed to making that sign that he would do it unconsoionsly whenever he listened to drivel. We had to be together a great deal, and I tell you that many and many a time he broke me up with that fatal sign. Often when I would be talking in a manner which seemed to me more than ordi-narily eloquent and convincing I would see



those hands of John's come up instinctively and cross upon his chest. I was never able to proceed in the face of that dumb protest they went into the water a good deal during the season, which was the most successful on record down there. The woman was an Al swimmer, but the man could only but nothing like so often as with me. I grew to wonder if I was really a fool, and so big a fool that I hadn't hitherto no-ticed it.
"I experimented with John. I selected

"I experimented with John. I selected various subjects, and talked to him in the most rational style I could command, but rarely did I fail to bring his hands into the damning position. 'It must be true,' I said at last; 'I am a fool.' I watched myself anxiously for signs of paresis. I drew circles on paper and practiced sticking my tougue out straight before a mirror, because I heard that people upon whom naresis had fastened its grip could not do these things. I never read of a celebrated actor being taken to Blooming ale without thinking mournfully that my turn would come next. "And I believe that it would have come soon if Providence had not intervened to save me. John died suddenly of heart disease while listening to a lecture by Josiah P. Cook. He died with his hands folded upon his breast, and the undertaker had little or no trouble with him. I was present when they brought him home.

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"Her gaze rested suddenly upon the folded hands, and she stopped as if the breath had left her body. John's sign had checked at the only moment, so far as I can remember, when such a thing was called for by the nature of her remarks. The Story of the Evening.

would strict to the other one), "that story is a lie."

"No," said I; "it is substantially true. I have met Mrs. Butler. I was riding down to town one day on an 'L' train, and opposite me I noticed two ladies, one of whom surprised me by her absolute silence. I thought she must be dumb, for though the other woman poured a continual flood of words into her ear, she made no attempt to speak. I moticed, also, that her eyes, which had rested often upon my countenance, had a deeply sad expression. But just as we were turning the corner of Murray street and College place, she leaned over to her companion and said: "Margaret, I have not spoken in 19 years, but I must ask you if you have ever seen a more distinguished you have ever seen a more distinguished looking gentleman than the one sitting op-

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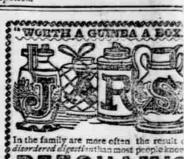
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