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[From Belgravia.]
TEN AND TWENTY. A Drawing-Room Reverie. Can ten long years have passed away
Since with Kate Fane I used to play
And spoil her doll and toys?
She was an awful little tease,
Who tore her clothes and grazed her knees
Who sometimes clomb up apple-trees
And loved to play with boys.

The merriest of romping girls
Was Kate, with tangled sunny curls,
In those bright laughing days:
Her skirt was bien bouffee—e'en She never wore a crinoline—
'Neath which peeped trousers, frilled,

With broderie Anglaise,

Whole mornings then we used to pass In strolling through the nodding grass
Or couching mongst the fern;
Whilst there, when no one else was by,
I used to kiss her on the sly— And Kate was neither coy nor shy, But kissed me in return!

The livelong day we played and walked, Or in the or hard swung and talked— Twas thus our liking strengthened: At last, one gloomy, tearful day, My playfellow was sent away school, and there she had to stay Until her frocks were lengthened.

In Eton's classic groves I strayed, To pick up learning—I'm afraid
I "picked up', more at cricket;
My boyish love was left to fate,
When pulling in the College Eight; I quite forgot my little mate, In dreams of double-wicket!

And now I chance to meet again. Not saucy Kate, but fair Miss Fane, The loveliest of belles; Who rules the season—for I know, At party, fête, or flower-show, In opera-lox or in the Row, She gueens it o'er the swells.

Ah! since that rosy laughing child Would jump upon her pony wild, And round the paddock canter, Or madly with black Hector race, Or climb for nests in Lyndith Chase— For which she got in sad disgrace— O tempora mutantur!

For Kate will never know me now, But with a studied, solemn bow, She'll gaze with manner blank. She shakes me hand, and grasps it tight, And Langhingly exclaims, "I'm right— Tis my old playmate Frank!"

The Arrest of Surratt-Extraordinary conduct of the English Authorities at

The London Times has the following from Naples, November 27: The receipt of a letter at the American Consulate, in this city, last evening, from the United States authorities, in Malta, com-pels me to advert to a subject which may create some uneasiness. Surratt, one of the conspirators against the late President Lin-coln, has been for ten months or more in the service of the Pope in the regiment of Zou-aves, but quitting it and flying from Rome, he arrived at Naples about a fortnight since wearing the uniform of the Zouaves.

On Sunday, the 18th, the American Consul received a telegram from his colleague in Rome to the effect that the soi-disant Walters was no other than Surratt, and ordering his immediate arrest. Immediate application was made to the police of Naples, and every possible facility afforded, but it was found they were too late, and that the criminal had started the night before by the Liverpool screw Tripoli, for Malta and Alexandria. The telegraph was then put in com-munication with Malta, and directions were riven to the Consul-General of the United ates in that island to arrest Walters imme-

diately on his arrival.

A letter received at the American Consulate only last evening, states that the Tripoli touched at Malta early on Monday morning, the 19th; that the Consul immediately applied for powers to arrest Surratt; that no answer was returned till just before the hour of the departure of the Tripoli for Alexandria; and that the answer was in the negative, on the ground of there being no authority for doing so. Telegrams have therefore been sent from the United States Representatives in Rome, Naples and Malta to the Consul in Alexandria, and as vessels from Liverpool undergo a quarantine in that city, it is fully expected that Surratt

that city, it is fully expected that Surratt will be captured.

On what grounds the British authorities in Malta declined to act is not known, and it would be premature, therefore to express any opinion on the subject, but the mere fact of their having declined has created the worst possible feelings in the minds of American agents. The Consul at Malta expresses the opinion that it was by "a mere legal quibble" the head and front of the conspiracy was permitted to escape; and here I have heard the refusal of the British authorities to act contrasted with the readiauthorities to act contrasted with the readiness which was shown in America to give

ANNIVERSARY OF THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION.—The anniversary of the emancipation proclamation recurring Jan. 1, arrangements are being made in Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va., for a proper observance of the day. A meeting was recently held in Norfolk for this purpose at a colored Baptist church. The attendance was large. Mayor Ludlow was present, by request of of the committee. He expressed his views on the proposed celebration, and said he on the proposed celebration, and said he could not agree with the meeting as to its propriety or expediency, but if they resolved to observe the day by meetings and a procession, he would see that they were not molested; he did not believe, in fact, that there was any disposition on the part of the citizens of Norfolk to molest them as long as they were orderly. Other speeches were made, and the necessary arranger were made, and the necessary arrange-ments were made. The programme con-templates services in the churches in the morning and at night, and a procession through the dragts at night through the streets at night.

having returned from his trip North.

THE NEW YORK GOLD ROOM. A LIVELY PICTURE.

How the Operators Shout and Speculate. The editor of the Chicago Tribune, Mr. Horace White, recently visited the Gold Room in New York city, and has written a description of it, which is the best and most interesting that we have seen. We copy the material passages:

THE GOLD ROOM A CURIOSITY. "New York is the commercial focus of the continent, and the Gold Room is the focus of New York. In a little courtyard surrounded by four walls, and closed in with a roof, having a circuitous passage-way from Broad street, may be witnessed, at any hour of the day, and six days in the week, a scene which has not its likeness in earth or heaven. Whether its parallel can be found in hell I will not undertake to say. Perhaps it can, but this much I consider certain, that the New York Gold room is to-day the greatest curiosity in the world.

"Imagine a rat-pit in full blast, with twenty or thirty men ranged around the rat tragedy, each with a canine under his arm, all yelling and howling at once, and you have as good a comparison as can be found in the outside world, of the aspect of the Gold Room, as it strikes the beholderon his first entrance, The furniture of the room is extremely simple. It consists of two iron railings and an 'indicator.' The first railing is a circle, about four feet high and ten feet in diameter, placed exactly in the centre of the room. In the interior, which represents the space devoted to rate killing in similar establishments, is a marble Cupid throwing up a jet of pur-Croton."

"LAME DUCKS." \* \* \* "The other railing is a semicircle twenty or thirty feet from the central one. This outer rail fences off the 'lame ducks' and 'dead beats'—men who have once been famous at the ratpit,' but have since been 'cleaned out.' Being unable to settle their 'differences,' they are not allowed to come inside. Solvency is the first essential of the Gold Room. Nothing bogus is allowed to interfere with the serious business in hand. Nevertheless these 'lame ducks' and 'dead beats' cannot keep away from the place. Day after day they come and range themselves along their iron grating and look over at the rat-pit with the strangest expression of intelligent vacancy and longing despair that can be found this side of purgatory. They seem to be a part of the furniture of the room. While I was there I did not see one of them move or speak, and when they winked it was with much the same spirit that an owl at mid-day lowers the film over his eyes and hoists it again."

THE "INDICATOR. "The 'Indicator,' which is the third piece of furniture in the room (or the fourth, if we count the 'dead beats,') is a piece of mechanism to show the changes in the market. It is something like an old fashioned New England clock, seven or eight feet high, with an open space at the top disclosing three figures and a fraction, as 1411, at which the market stood when I entered. The figures being movable, a slight manipulation will manifest any change in the market. Connected with the indicator is a plain desk, with a book on it in which are recorded all the movements of the indicator, with the hour and minute at which each movement takes place. The floor of the establishment is rather a pavement, with circular steps or terraces rising from the centre to the circumference. 'Neat but not gaudy,' is the general aspect of the premises. Of course such an institution could not exist without a telegraph office. Accordingly we find one, communicating with the Gold Room by a row of windows, through which despatches are constantly passing."

THE SHOUTING. "Having given the external appearance of the concern, we now come to business. Three things seem to be in demand—lungs, note-books, and pencils. Wow-wow-wow-wow. yah-yah-yah-yah, from twenty or thirty throats, around the pit, all at once, and kept going from morning till night, from Monday till Saturday, is what presents itself to the ear of the beholder. The voices of the gentry around the circle are for the most part tenori, with now and then a falsetto and a basso. I shall not soon forget a basso profundo in the ring, who drew his breath at regular intervals, and announced his desires with a seriousness truly remarkable. He was a thick-set man, with a capacious chest, shaggy head, keen eyes, and rusty whiskers, which curved upward from his inferior maxillary bone in the most determined manner. He cocked his head on one side, thrust his chin as far as possible over the railing, and made himself heard every time. He put in his B flat in regular cadences like the trombone performer in a mill-pond of a summer evening, drowning for the mo-ment all the fiddles in the frog community—or like the double-bass crashes in the overture to Tannhauser, which, by the way, might pass for "Gold Room Potpourri" without the alteration of a single note."

BUSINESS. "Among the faces constantly swinging around the circle there is a marked preponderance of Israelites. \* \* \* But they do not, by any means, monopolize the business. There are young Yankees here, apparently not more than twentyone years of age, with downy cheeks and shrewd eyes, wow-wowing and yah-yahing with each other across the rail phonographic velocity. You see no smiles in this ring. Many of the operators are smoking, but they have no time for conundrums. Commencing cited, struck me as so droll that I betimes in the morning, they must buy and sell gold enough before night to pay for Chicago twice over. Putting the purchases and sales together, they will notunfrequently amount to one hundred

are settled with gold certificates. The existing method of settling the business of the day is by giving checks—each man drawing a check for each purchase, or receiving one for each sale. But they are not satisfied with the slow coach method of doing business. They must needs have a gold clearing-house, where the whole business of the room can be thrown into a hopper, and the 'difference' ground out at one turn of the wheel. This project is now on foot; it will, of course, facilitate business very

much. "But what does it all amount to?" I had almost said that the Gold Room regulates all the prices in the United States. It does not regulate, but it records them. The Gold Room i- itself regulated by the outside world. Each movement of the 'indicator' is the resultant of all the forces at work in America, Europe, Asia and Australia, which can possibly affect the value of United States currency and United States bonds. It follows that the operators in the Gold Room should be, at the same time, the best informed and the most intelligent business men in the country. They must not only have the best and latest information, but they must be able to determine instantly what is the effect of any given fact which may come to their knowledge. They must be able to resolve the most complicated problems in mental arithmetic without a moment's hesitation." SPECULATION.

"If the Secretary of the Treasury has cial policy, or the President upon a certain measure of foreign policy; if there Of the 'dead-beats' generally it might be is a short corn crop, or a Fenian rebel-lion, or a trouble in Europe, or a heavy immigration, or a great oil discovery, or a change in the tariff, or anything else which can affect the currency or the public credit, they must be able to melt down the mass and weigh the product instantly. This is the work of omniscience, and of course no man can do it. Nor can the whole Gold Room do it facts are not having the effect which was generally expected by the operators. They are pretty cool and accurate in their calculations, but the atmosphere A western merchant, who happened to be there, turned the matter over in his mind and concluded that it did not make much difference what kind of a despatch Mr. Seward had sent to Europe. He reasoned that the people gone! The ide were not well enough pleased with Andrew Johnson to follow him into a that matter." foreign war, even if that were the pur-port of the despatch. He called a broker to his side and authorized him to perate for a decline within three days, and made four thousand dollars by having at the moment a grain more of business in it, but it must be recognized common sense, or a better acquaintance with the temper of the American peo-than the average of the Gold Room."

CONFUSION. "I remarked at the beginning that the Gold Room was a great curiosity, and that it furnished a remarkable illustration of the capabilities of the human mind. The proceedings of the Board of Stock Brokers have been often described as a bedlam in which all shout at once, and shout without ceasing, and yet transact business in the most expeditious and orderly manner. The Stock Board s provided with a moderator and two reporters, thus having the semblance of parliamentary law for its government. The Gold Board has nothing of the kind. It is a ceaseless jangle, a whirlpool of voices, without order, without umpire, referee or stakeholder. Yet as it spins on, millions upon millions are bought and sold, the prices of all goods, wares, merchandise, produce, bonds, stocks, and property generally throughout the country are marked up or down, obedi-ently to the inexorable 'indicator' in

the Gold Room. "How these men can understand each other, and avoid mistakes, is a mystery In any large telegraph office in the country you will see twenty or thirty Morse instruments clicking together and perhaps a House printing machine, adding its hop-skip-and-jump to the chorus. Each operator hears and understands his own instrument, even though he be ten feet from it, and he does not hear any other. I have often paused to admire the scene in a large telegraph office, as a wonderful example of the perfectibility of the human ear; but in the Gold Room one must not only discern separate sounds in the midst of dense confusion, and record them accurately, but must have all his wits on the stretch at once, and yet preserve a perfect equilibrium of judgment.

"Now and then the noise flags, and almost ceases. While I was there, it cessed for a moment entirely. The smokers placidly puffed their blue wreaths upward, and the murmur of the little fountain became audible. In ten seconds Bedlam had broken loose again, wilder than ever. 'Market excited,' said my friend, to whose politeness I was indebted for an introduction to the room: and almost immediately the indicator rose from 1411 to 1413. ing and whisking their pencils with The idea that these twenty or thirty they exchanged yells a trifle more vociferously than usual, the market was exstruck me as so droll that I laughed immoderately. It was neveriheless true. These men were the market, and the market was excited. Some spark of information had just come from

worth a fraction less than they were ten seconds before. The Gold Room is as sensitive to news as the 'thermo-electric pile' to heat.

CLASSES OF OPERATORS. "There are two classes of operators in the Gold Room—commission men and speculators. The former buy and sell for others. With them it is heads I win, tails you lose. Their commission is a certainty, and if they can resist the temptation to do a little on their private account they make money. The speculators make none! Rich to-day, poor tomorrow, is the rule with them. Those who make money cannot get away. When a man makes a million in the Gold Room, it is as if he had swallowed a gallon of salt water at one draught to quench his thirst. He must have more. So he stays and loses it. If he lose more than he has, and cannot pay his differences he must take his place at the outer railing. Even then he cannot drag himself away from the place. The evil genius of gambling has possession of him. It holds him tast. 'Yonder' said my companion, Is a young man who might have gone away with two millions of dollars. He was worth it once. He is now among the 'dead-beats,' as poor as any of them. They have all been rich in their time.' I looked over to the deadbeat apartment and saw a youth whose cast of countenance might have inspired Tennyson to write the Lotus Eaters. Such mild and melancholy eyes, such an "If the Secretary of the Treasury has decided upon a certain measure of finan-tionless unrest it would be hard to find save in the Gold Roomor at a faro-table.

"In the afternoon they came unto a land.
In which it seemed always afternoon,
all round the coast the languid air did swoon,
Breathing like one that hath a weary dream," "Applying to the Gold Room the rule of averages, it stands to reason that no-body should make money in the long run. Buying and selling gold produces no wealth. The miner in California brings gold into the world. He adds to accurately at all times. Now and then the stock of a useful commodity. But the price will run up wildly upon a the broker in the Gold Room adds nothe price will run up wildly upon a given state of facts and run down again as rapidly when it is discovered that the comes. But these men are not really as a state of facts and run down again as rapidly when it is discovered that the buying and selling gold. Gold is the only stable thing going. It is in equilibrio, or so nearly thus, that its fluctuatheir calculations, but the atmosphere of the Gold Room almost inevitably perverts a man's judgment, and brings him to grief in the long run. A few days ago word came that President Johnson had sent a despatch of five thousand words by the Atlantic cable to thousand words by the Atlantic cable to ney, as Hawthorne somewhere says, is Paris. This was known in the Gold but the shadow of a shade. They might Room before the despatch had got out of the Washington telegraph office—perhaps, before it had left the State Department. Great was the pow-wow in the ment. Great was the pow-wow in the government. I speak of the transactions Gold Room. Gold rose from 1401 to 1431. as a whole; of course somebody makes and somebody loses in nearly every transaction. Sometimes an operator will have a run of extraordinary luck, which induces him to believe that he knows if all. When he reaches this point he is gone! The idea of one's infallibility is

> USES OF THE GOLD ROOM. "To say that the Gold Room is not useful would be altogether wrong. It is not only useful but necessary. I should not wish any friend of mine to do much as a necessity of the times. Its method of doing business was never invented by anybody. Men slid into it, just as men slid into the practice of using gold and silver for money. It has been found that the work can be done more economically and expeditiously by the ratpit mode than any other. If it could be done any faster, or any cheaper, by the operators standing on their heads, they vould do so.

fatal in the Gold Room-or out of it, for

"If young America is to be found in the Gold Room, younger America is to be found at the doorway. The Gold Room and the open Stock Board are in the same building. I noticed when I entered from Broad street, that a number of seedy individuals were buying and selling shares of Mariposa and Northwestern on the sidewalk. As I came out, a ragged boy, about eight years old, with a pencil and a scrap of paper in his hand, plucked me by the coat and exclaimed: 'Mithter, how'th Quickthilver? This precocious op-erator thought I had come out of the Stock Board. Surely, I thought, here is the commercial focus of the continent, "H. W.

FATAL LAMP EXPLOSION.—In Freeport, Armstrong county, Pa., on the 14th inst., a lamp explosion occurred at the House of Mr. Ephraim Hall, by which two young ladies, daughters of Mr. Hall, were burned to death, and his wife so severely injured that the input expected to survive. The ledges death, and his wife so severely injured that she is not expected to survive. The ladies were seated by a table engaged in some feminine occupation, when suddenly without a warning, the lamp exploded and its burning contents scattered all over them. The children's clothing took fire immediately, and notwithstanding the mother's efforts to extinguish the flames, they were hurned in such a terrible manner that death burned in such a terrible manner that death ensued. Mrs. Hall was also severely burned in her endeavors to save her daughters. She is still living. Mr. Hall arrived home al-most immediately after the accident, but too late to be of service other than to his wife.

TISSUE-PAPER AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR LINT.—The surgeons of Vienna have employed, according to the Journal of the Society of Arts, with much success, the white unsized paper known as papier Joseph for dressing wounds. It has all the properties of lint, and in towns it may be obtained in large quantities at a very low price. In every way it has all the advantages of lint; it does not change in contact with water; it is a bad conductor of heat, and preserves, in consequence, the wounds from atmospheric influence. From its absorbent nature, it sucks up the matter, maintains the wound in a state of dryness favorable for healing, and it may be used in certain circumstances and it may be used in certain circumstance more advantageously even than lint.

DIAMOND TRANSACTION.-M. Kramer, & Paris jeweler, recently sent a parcel of diamonds of the value of £17,200, to Alexandria, by the Messageries Imperiales. The box was stolen and M. Kramer having de-The Cabinet meeting was attended by all the members yesterday, Secretary Stanton having returned from his trip North.

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Facts and Fancies. Professor Blot is coming to Philadelphia. Punsters are warned that pretty much everything has been done with his name that it is ausceptible of, and we hope to receive no communications on the subject. If there is anything new to say, we will say it ourselves

What color gives the best finish to a picture? Dun color, of course. The eagerness with which Uncle Sam is stirring up the illicit whisky stills remind one of the well-known line; "Columbia! with all thy faults, I love the still."

The Mexican Question—Mex. Max. Mix-The display of diamonds at the fancy ball given by the banker Barron in Mexico was predigious. Two ladies dressed as "Fire" literally blazed with jewels. They were put out, however, by another lady who were nothing but diamonds, in the character of "The First Water,"

The Boston Post says that Surratt is to be dramatized. This is true, He will be brought out by a gun-boat and put on the stage by competent judges. It is understood, however, that he will only make one appearance in public.

The knitting mills at Cohoes will probably all suspend operations during the next few weeks. It is estimated that about twenty-five hundred persons will thus be thrown. out of employment. That is the worst of the Co-hose business. Every additional stocking they knit makes it more certain that they will "put their foot into ix."

Campbell and Sherman appear to have gone to Mexico to see what they went there for.—Lou. Dem.

John Smith, a second Quintus Curtius, a citizen of Memphis, desirous of ameliorat-ing the condition of the streets of his native city, is reported to have plunged headlong into the mud, leaving only the soles of his boots exposed, with the touching inscription in chalk, "Who will care for mother now." Miss Olive Logan has published a story called "John Morris's Money." People must not confuse this with John Morrissey's

The next thing to a ragamuffin has been discovered to be a flannel cake. A Cincinnati clergyman is said to have

preached twenty-seven barrels of sermons. We thought they calculated everything by hog's-heads in Porkopolis. A Brownsylle paper tells an amusing story of a charge made by a cow upon the fortifications of Matamoras. Some wags of continuous and another the company and another the comp Cortinas's command caught the cow, and, Cortinas's command caught the cow, and, dressing her up in a fantastic manner in raw hides, old tin pans and sheet iron, started her off at the top of her speed towards the city. With a noise like thunder she rushed madly to the very ditch of the works, when Satando's braves, thinking by the the clatter that a brigade of cavalry were charging the fort, fired a few shots, and deserting their guns, fied ingloriously to the town plais. It was several hours before they could be led back to the fort. The questien arises—Can braves running away. questien arises—Can braves running away from a cow, be spoken of as retreating cow-

wards? A Troy collar manufacturer was arrested so do exactly the description of a notorious thief that the police were looking after. The man's choler may be imagined.

An American teacher in Europe says the lump of butter an American girl puts on a plate would make a Parisienne stare wildly. The reason is obvious. An American girl is well worth staring at, and it is not re-markable that a Parisienne should stare at nary but-her.

Execution in North Carolina.
WILMINGTON, Dec. 21.—Lewis and Au-WILMINGTON, Dec. 21.—Lewis and Augustus Williams, negroes, convicted some time since for highway robbery, were executed to-day. White men would have been hanged, according to the laws of this State, for the same offence. The condemned were escorted to the gallows by a company of United States regulars. Both of them protested their innocence to the last.

About two thousand persons witnessed the execution three-fourths of whom

the execution, three-fourths of whom were negroes, but no disturbance occurred. It is the general impression that the Legislature of the State will enact something in the shape of a stay law for the relief of the people, but any measure looking to repudia-tion will be rejected by an overwhelming majority.

NAVIGATION OF THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI. NAVIGATION OF THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI.

The St. Paul Press gives some interesting facts with regard to the navigation of the Upper Mississippi. The last season began April 19, and closed November 23, lasting, therefore, two hundred and twenty-six days, about the average period. The season is retarded by Lake Pepin, which does not thaw out until a week or fortnight after the river, above and below, is open and free from ice. Besides, the steamboat men generally withdraw their boats before it is really necessary. The number of steamboats ennecessary. The number of steamboats en-gaged in the river trade, registered at St. Paul and Dubuque this season, was sixty-three; number of arrivals at St. Paul, 1,051; full tonnage, 10,921. Barges have come into general use only in the last few years. Yet there are now sixty-one barges and flats registered at St. Paul, with a tonnage of 5,048 tons. A large number also are registered at Galena, Ill.

PUNISHMENT BY WHOLESALE.—The Cambridge whipping case may as well be forgot-ten. The children of Aurora, Ill., enjoy the advantages of at least one public school. The teachers of this school have established a kind of "dead line," parallel with the front fence, over which the children are not allowed to pass. The object of this rule is, of course, to prevent intercourse with persons in the street. On a recent occasion, a procession passed the school, and the little people forgot the rule and passed the line. The teachers were at the window and saw the infringement of their authority. The bell rang, the school assembled, the teachers made a few preliminary arrangements, and then proceeded to flog every boy and girl in the school.

BEAUTIFUL Snow .- A crusty and disgasted Southerner in Canada, writes the following ode to the snow and frost of that country: "Oh! the frost, the freezing frost, biting our nose as we go; all sense of feeling is utterly lost, and our zest for the beautiful snow. The Northern king a tribute has wrung, in the shape of a pearly tear, which a moment ago like a dew drop hung, from the point often graced with a sneer. On! the frost, that finds us wherever we so wranged in its forces. wherever we go, wrapped in its fearsome shroud like a ghost, and conveying to our meridian blood a thorough disgust for those sentimental donkeys who hypocritically prate of the beautiful snow."

NASHVILLE IMPROVEMENTS.—The Nash ville Banner is informed by a well-known builder of that city, that more new houses have been erected there this year than in any previous year for half a century, and that, from the number of contracts already entered into, the number of houses erected next year will be still greater.

HOLIDAY WEEK.—The theatres presentthe finest kind of holiday bills, as will be seen by the advertisements in another part of to-day's paper. At the Walnut to-night "Knights of the Round Table," "General Grant at Cape May" and "The Merchant's Clerks" will be given, with Mr. J. S. Clarke in each piece. On Christmas day, at a matinee, Clarke appears in "The Naiad Queen," and in the evening he will give the grandest kind of a Christmas bill. At the grandest kind of a Christmas bill. At the Chestrat Mr, and Mrs. Barney Williams begin an engagement on Christmas eve and continus it throughout the week. At the Arch "Griffith Gaunt" will be played Christmas eve, with Mrs. John Drew as Kate Peyton. With the cast—especially with Mrs. Drew in the main part—and with the attention to detail which has been given the piece at the Arch, if cannot fail to be a great success. At the American the novelty for the week will be "Little Red Riding Hood." At the Academy of Music "The Arabian Nights Entertainments" will be given. At Assembly Building will be given. At Assembly Building Signor Blitz exerts every possible allurement to make his extra holiday sofrees, both daily and nightly, attractive to young and old. At National Hall the Old Folks

present their strongest attractions. The Romance of a Day. Marriage, Die Vorce and Remarriage. [Frem the Winona (Minn ) Republican, Dec. 8-] A few days since a very respectable lady,

A few days since a very respectable lady, living not a hundred miles from Winons, called upon one of our leading attorneys, and desired his services in procuring a divorce from her husband, who had left her eight or tenyears ago, and during all that long time she had heard nothing from him. The lady was taking the step with reluctance; but it was necessary to transfer soma land. The case of desertion seemed so strong that little difficulty was met in procuring the divorce, and the lady made the transfer. On the evening of the same day the attorney was in Miles's harber shop when the lady in question entered, accompanied by a gentleman. She uttered an exclamation of surprise as she met the attorney, and taking a seat by his side, said to him, "Do you know that gentleman who came in with me?" "No." replied the attorney. "Well, it's my husband. He came up to-day on the boat, and we shall be married agon't this averney." up to-day on the boat, and we shall be mar-ried again this evening." The attorney suggested the propriety of his being present-at the wedding, but while the lady was wil-ling he should witness the ceremony, she-yet thought that he had been a little too instrumental in separating them. Why the husband was so silent during his long absence we know not. Let that remain among the mysteries.

Chivalry Rebbing a Negro Schoolhouse.

[From the Missouri Messenger, 13th.]
We understand that on last Tuesday night the "Chivalry" of Fulton, Callaway county, becoming enraged at the presence of a negro school in their midst, resolved to rid themselves of its presence.

Accordingly a mob gathered, proceeded to the school house, and literally gutted it; destroying the benches, desk and stove, and breaking out the windows and doors. The same night the Governor's proclama-tion, calling for volunteers to repress rebel tion, calling for volunteers to repress rebel mob violence in various parts of the State was received, and caused quite a change to come over the spirit of their dreams. So, early next morning; the most prominent and vindictive rebels of the place, who, otherwise would have justified the act of the mob, circulated a subscription paper to raise money to replace the articles destroyed. The result was that the "Chivalry" were so alarmed at the prospect of having Federal soldiers quartered on them, that they subscribed liberally, and before night money enough was raised to refurnish the school room and repair it in a much better

school room and repair it in a much better manner than ever before. Hurrah for Fletcher's proclamation!

TIGHT BOOTS.—The Indianapolis  $G\alpha$ zette tells the following rich story: A few evenings since a young gentleman of this city who had been indulging in that most expensive of all luxuries, a pair of tight boots, called on a couple of young ladies. One of the boots pained him so much that he was compelled, at an early hour, to retire; the ladies, not wishing him to go so soon, inquired why he was in such a hurry. After hearing the reason, one of the ladies told him to take off his boot, which was done, and he remained an hour or two longer. When it was time for him to say good night, he arose and looked around for his boot. but was nowhere to be found. After making a great search, it was discovered that one of the young ladies in a playful mood had inserted her foot into the boot, and was unable to get it off. The other lady volunteered to assist her, but her efforts were equally unsuccessful, and the upshot of the matter was that the young man had to walk home a mile or more with one boot.

A very valuable pocket-knife was once dropped into a twenty feet well, half full of water. "How shall we get it out? Shall we have to draw the water from the well?" The have to draw the water from the weil?" The writer proposed to use a strong horse-shoe magnet, near by, suspended by a cord. "But we can't see where to lower the magnet so as to touch the knife." "Throw the sun's rays down on the bottom of the well by a looking-glass," was the second answer. It was done, the knife rendered visible from the top of the well, the magnet came into contact, and the knife brought up—all being accomplished in a minute of time. accomplished in a minute of time.

MICROSCOPIC SEAWEEDS, -The extensive collection of microscopic seaweeds, technically known as Diatomaceæ, belonging to the late Dr. Greville, has been recently acquired by the Botanical Department of the British Museum. They contain all the type-specimens so exquisitely figured by him in the "Transactions of the Microscopical Society," and in other journals, as well as of the more obscure species described and figured by the late Professor Gregory.

A SINGULAR CASE.—The Eastport (Maine) Sentinel, says that a pedler recently driving through the town of Cooper, was stopped by a foot-pad who presented a pistol and demanded his money. The pedler had a little girl riding with him at the time, who seeing the state of affairs creat hack on the seeing the state of affairs, crept back on the top of the cart and dragged his overcoat up within reach, from which he took his revolver and disabled his man.

CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY. - The present number of residents in the University of number of residents in the University of Cambridge (Eng.) is 2,039; of whom 1,235 are resident in the colleges and 813 in lodgings. Of these Trinity has 571, St. J'in's 322, Caius 130, Corpus Christi, 123, Christ's 119, and three colleges have between 90 and 100; one has 74, six between 50 and 60, and two 34 and 33 respectively: 517 and 60, and two 34 and 33 respectively; 517 have been matriculated in the present term.