RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

The Woman of the Future.

Novels, says the *Pall Mall Gazette*, are not more eagerly devoured by the unthinking multitude than the clap-trap written in the present day about woman. Pope's famous line—"And fools rush in where angels fear to tread"—can be so fully applied to no other kind of criticism, and naturally enough, as it requires little else but audacity and proves extremely inventive, the critic is abundant. One may safely say that a young author's fortune is made who can abuse women in a lively, illigitimated, and authoritative manner. Treacherous, discontented, irrational, a creature of whims, the devotee of fashion, a victim of ennui, morally, physically, and intellectually feeble—such is the woman of the present according to the satirists. The marvel is that they still so see unchanged what they denounce as contemptible. If anything is proposed by which some of these faults must inevitably be eradicated, these gentlemen cries take alright. Let us keep these angels of perfection as they are, cry they soft cushions whereon to rest musculine asperities. What would the world do, asks if womankind were changed from the lovely thing it is? and so on, the inconsequent multitude listening and believing.

Fortunately for all, this kind of writing, like any other form of sensationalism in literature, is of the day only; and will pass away. What has been said so often cannot be true, the foolish at bat, and we have piped unto but you have not danced" will be the lament of these once popular oracles. Meanwhile, however, moreover, is taking place in public opinion regarding the education of women. The wise are more inclined to weep than to laugh over the frivolities of the sex, and see no reason why this as well as any other element of unhappiness should not be eradicated from society. On one point we imagine alike the serious-minded and the sciolist, the reformer and the dogmatist, to be at one—namely, that frivolity is evil and not good. Those who love the truth for truth's sake, and consider each individual life as an important unit of humanity are lessening themselves to comedy the world, those who live without any sense of moral responsibility whatever try to make the most of their pure selfishness or prejudice. To discuss the numerous schemes on foot for the better education of women is quite foreign to the purpose of this paper. A few of these have already passed from the cloud-land of public opinion into the sunshine of popular favor; some still in embryo are too rational to meet with opposition from any quarter. Those who have wrote doubtless be proposed when the world is ready for them. To own in the face of their factitious the women of the future will resemble the woman of the present in being of one sex and all capability of moral and intellectual growth. If occupation exercises any influence upon the character whatever—and there can be doubt that it exercises great influence—generations to come will indeed feel thankful for the change. Depreciating as we do the sweeping assertions of clap-trap critics, we are forced to admit that there is wide room for improvement. Women are not universally so beautiful, so wise and so good as they might be, and it is to the interests of humanity that they should be beautiful, wise and good. Consider, in the first place, the question of health. The more hopeful look forward to the time when something of the old Greek feeling for physical perfection shall have revived, and more and more healthful life shall have fitted women to become mothers of a noble race. In this respect we are wiser than of old, but, though hygiene and common sense have done much for ourselves, they have done little or nothing for our children. We of the present generation are the offspring of lifelong invalids, but small waists, tight shoes, and other abominations are no longer universal. Dress is much better adapted to out-of-door life than formerly. Etiquette has been relaxed, and our young women enjoy a freedom from physical restraint undreamed of by their grandmothers. Health has ceased to be the monopoly of the other sex. Still the majority of women lead far from wholesome lives; and as beauty is more or less a matter of health, 50 per cent. of the sex is said against such abuses of it as are yet in fashion. The worst of these abuses is that they lead to a perversion of taste. Quite naturally the fragile type of beauty has become the standard of the present age, and men admire in real life the lily-cheeked, small-waisted diaphanous-looking creature idealized by living artists. When we become accustomed to a nobler kind of beauty we shall attain to a loftier ideal. Men will not tolerate paler than prettiness, strength rather than weakness, physical perfection rather than physical emaciacy, in the women they select as mothers of their children. Artists will rejoice and sculptors will come to display their skill when this happy consummation is reached. Let none regard it as chimerical or utopian. We may legitimate alisam brought to bear upon daily life would place physical well-being in each rank of women of all ranks, in the course of time. In the way, beauty is seldom slow to follow.

Few will deny that wisdom in our sense is common sense has a large share in determining the happiness of social and domestic life. It is not reasonable to suppose that the various reforms in female education will have proportionate effect upon the female character, and that the woman of the future will differ from the woman of the present intellectually as well as physically. Steady reading, increased habits of self-reliance, wider views of life, and a lesser appreciation of the truth or falsehood of a sake, can but enlarge and elevate the whole sex. The obvious inference is that just as a more healthful mode of existence will invigorate and beautify the bodies of women, so a rational mode of existence will strengthen and improve their minds. Frivolity, pettiness, inactivity, and other faults of which men most complain will make room for opposite qualities; and who shall aver this to be against the interests of humanity? Perhaps nothing causes more domestic unhappiness than downright silliness. A foolish wife will often bring about as much mischief in her husband's home as a persistently evil-tempered one could do, and with the best intentions. Women who are to minder and hamper him upon every occasion. Now silliness is the first stronghold of evil that a good system of education will storm. Just so long as girls are trained to frivolity and irresponsible habits from childhood upwards will they become frivolous and irresponsible wives and mothers. Improve them, then, that the woman of the future must of necessity inherit a large share of physical and intellectual excellence, on the south side of the question happy prophecy to the moral faculties. Women often commit grave as well as small errors, not because they are perverse by nature but because their reason is at fault; and they fail to recognize the proportional value of things. Again, habits of subservience induce a cowardly attitude of mind. Very few women have the courage to be individual. Very few women estimate their own lives of any value in the fullest sense of the word. They know well enough that they have some use as wives, mothers, daughters; but that they can have any share in the well-being of the world does not occur to them. Self-development conveys to their minds something quite apart from the duty of wife, mother, or daughter, while the truth is that self-development is the first duty of every other duty. Ill, therefore, does it become those who satirize women, to hinder any efforts made in that behalf, whether educational or social; always remembering this, however, that such efforts are likely to be very little good which tend to make of women weak imitations of men.

A HAVANA despatch states that the appearance of a United States man-of-war in the harbor has had a good effect.

POLITICAL.

The German Republicans.

The German Republican voters of the Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth Wards held a large and enthusiastic meeting at Third street and Columbia avenue on Tuesday night. Lewis Hock, Esq., presided. After addresses had been delivered, the following resolutions were offered and adopted:

Resolved, That at the coming election we will, as we have always before, maintain and defend the principles of universal liberty and equality, of the boon of citizenship, of existing obligations, and of adequate protection for our home industry; and that we will, therefore, support the nominees of the Republican party and not the representatives of oppression of race, of repudiation, and of ruinous free trade.

Resolved, That we will not make an exception from this rule in favor of one candidate on the Democratic ticket for the reason that he is our countryman. We know that Mr. J. M. Reichardt, the Democratic candidate for Coroner, has long ago departed from the principles of liberty and equality for which he fought in Germany in 1848 and 1849, and that he joined in this country the party which defended the and infamous institutions of the century and declared slavery a blessing, and that he during the war, presided over a Democratic meeting which strongly recommended submission to the demands of the rebels and advocated compromise with traitors. By doing so he has forfeited all claims to our support and must lose the votes of all men of fixed liberal principles.

CITY BULLETIN.

BURNING OF A STABLE.—Last evening about eight o'clock a fire broke out in the stable fronting on Quince street, between Walnut and Locust streets. The stable is a double one, owned by Dr. George Mechling. The eastern portion of it was occupied by James Steel, dealer in chinaware, who kept there two cottage horses, his vehicle, etc. The western portion was occupied for a similar purpose by Samuel H. Hart, carpet manufacturer. The horses, vehicles and harness were taken out before the flames had gained great headway. From the burning of hay recently bought by them, and other petty articles, these occupants lost quite a loss. The roof of the stable, one of which the entire roof was destroyed, will not be above $1,000; insurance covers all these losses equally. The dwelling No. 211 Quince street, owned by Hannah Lambert, and occupied by Mrs. Davis, had a portion of its roof destroyed and was pretty well drenched. Loss about $200.

THE PHILADELPHIA MUSICAL ASSOCIATION.—The annual election of this body, composed of the musical profession of Philadelphia, which was held yesterday afternoon, at their room, Ninth and Callowhill streets, resulted as follows: President, John Rinter; Vice President, C. F. Stolte; Secretary, J. C. Heim; Treasurer, L. A. Teschmer.

Executive Committee—Messrs. Theodore Hermann, Louis Mueller, John Grieve, J. Orr Finnie, W. C. Dietrich, H. L. Albrecht and Henry Fehling, Sr.

Auditing Committee—Charles Hagemann, James Hadden and Charles Jacob.

SALE OF REAL ESTATE.—James A. Freeman, auctioneer, sold yesterday at noon, at the Exchange, the following:

Three-story brick dwelling, No. 2330 Brown street, lot 15 by 60 feet, subject to $60 ground rent, $1,250.

Building lot, Tulpehocken street, near Germantown avenue, 17 germantown, 150 by 300, $650.

Valuable public house, known as "Shinn's, Mount Airy," above Chestnut street, lot 24 by 80 feet, at $1,000 per foot, $84,000.

HALF PILOTAGE.—A meeting of the Board of Directors of the "Vessel Owners' and Captains' Association" was held yesterday, a resolution was passed declaring that believing the pilotage charges to be unjust and unconstitutional, the Association was opposed to paying them any longer when assessed against vessels enrolled and licensed in the coasting trade.

FATAL RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—Last evening a lad, named John Hess, residing at No. 1919 North Fifth street, was crushed between two cars at the Kensington depot, Front and Pegg streets, and died from his injuries in a few minutes. The unfortunate lad was taken to the residence of his parents.

BOY DROWNED.—Last evening, a boat, containing Charles Smith and his son, 12 years old, was capsized by a ferry boat, near Smith's Island, Mr. Smith was rescued, but the lad could before assistance could reach him. The body was not recovered.

NEW JERSEY MATTERS.

THE CAMPAIGN.—The political campaign in Camden city and county, especially on the Republican side, is going on quietly, and, from indications, successfully. The nominations which have been regularly made give full and complete satisfaction, as our Republican gentlemen of whose private and public virtues we have spoken so much are nominated. Hon. Edward Bettle has been for many years one of the most esteemed and respected citizens of Camden county, whose business integrity and political uprightness have elicited the universal appreciation of the people. His course in the State Senate was admired by even his bitterest opponents, for he was incapable of betraying the trusts confided to him by his constituency. In view of these facts and the high regard with which he is held, his nomination for the State Senate was cordial and unanimous. It is evident too, that his election will be secured by a much larger majority than that which he received three years ago, notwithstanding the efforts of a few malcontents to detract from his strength.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.—Hon. G. W. Cassidy, President of the last County Republican Convention, has appointed, by virtue of a resolution passed by that body, the following gentlemen as the County Executive Committee: Charles P. Stratton, Chairman; North Ward, Charles Gotlieb, Jr.; Middle Ward, Geo. W. Gilbert; South Ward, Captain Samuel Gaul; Centre township, Jos. M. Harnes; Delaware, Isaac W. Nicholson; Gloucester, Richard Herring; Gloucester City, Henry P. Fowler; Haddon, Wm. Bettle; Monroe, John F. Bodine; Newton, Jesse W. Starr; Stockton, Mr. Sinex; Washington, Joshua Harris; Waterford, Joel Stackhouse; Winslow, William C. Hay.

LEGISLATIVE CONVENTION.—Hon. Henry L. Dousall, who represented the First Legislative District of Camden county in the Assembly last winter with much ability and great satisfaction, has been unanimously nominated by the Republicans of Camden for the same position. His conduct in that body won the highest praise from his colleagues of both parties and he will receive the warmest appreciation of his constituents. His nomination, therefore, is only another act of duty on the part of his friends, and is tantamount to an election.

DIED FROM HIS INJURIES.—A day or two since a man named John McGarvey was accidentally run over by a cart which was being driving, at Third and Pine streets, South Camden, and so severely hurt that he has since died from the effects of the injuries received.

THE RELIEF FUND.—The Avondale Relief Fund in Camden is gradually increasing, the Tabernacle Baptist Church contributing $63 30 to it during the past few days.

—The Baltimore *American* blames the Democratic party for the "riots in that city. And doubtless they *had* something to do with it, there and here too.

An English Traveler at the New York Custom House—A Curious Story of Personal Experience.

An English traveler writes from New York to the London *Daily News* as follows:

"The Cunard steamer, on which I embarked for America, entered the inner bay of New York at eight A. M., and I hastily imagined that in half an hour I should be sitting down to breakfast on terra firma. Alas! I had not reckoned upon the Custom House, that country through which all who friends of an civilized life have to pass. Our ship was moored to the quay, and we were ushered into a long barn; our luggage was carried into it, and after something each passenger gathered his property about him. Slowly, one by one, we passed before the open window of an office, where we were given printed forms to fill up, specifying the number of our packages and their contents.

"The forms were collected by a clerk, who sent us each back to our luggage in company with a subordinate. My keeper was a young man of demure appearance, who might have been taken for a village schoolmaster. In obedience to his orders I opened all my boxes. The first thing which he lit upon were some cigarettes. I pointed out that I had entered them in the printed form, and they were laid aside. Beneath the cigarettes were some gloves. The schoolmaster shook his head. 'Do you know that gloves are dutiable?' he said. I replied that I had not been aware that a traveler would be charged a—few pence, I thought—for bringing over the gloves. Then ensued a search which I thought would never end. Everything was turned out. The schoolmaster pried into my boots, and poked his fingers into my carpet bags, whenever I had a crevice. My watches and jewels may be concealed anywhere. As I am writing this I am carrying these costly articles either in my boots or my pomatum-pot, none were forthcoming, and I was weak enough to be vain of my gloves and the cigarettes. On the latter I paid two dollars, and fifty cents per pound, besides an *ad valorem* duty of twenty-five per cent., but the former, I contended, were a necessary of life, and I got them for nothing.

"To come to a just conclusion upon the subject, one of my cigarette boxes was opened, and each clerk ti a cigarette. The schoolmaster observed that he was not a smoker, but that he had a cousin who was, and he thought that perhaps this cousin would like a box of cigarettes. I begged him not to bault his family affections, and a box was put aside for the cousin. By this time the clerks, who worked by the fumes of my excellent Latakia, had decided that the gloves were dutiable, and were to derive no profit from my gloves, and they and my cigarettes were carried back to my trunks. 'I can not help thinking of one of these gloves,' observed the schoolmaster, 'and I think they would just fit me.' I was bound to be seven and three-quarters, the schoolmaster had a hand like a leg of mutton, but, overlooking this physical defect, I gave the glove pair, which he at once absorbed into his pocket.

"My pocks and shawls were put back, and my trunks were locked up. I thought that my friend's extortions had come to an end—not at all. 'If I had not been sure, he said, 'you would have paid ten dollars duty on those gloves, now don't you think so?'—and he gave me a cunning, greedy look. I responded with some dollars, for, as a matter of curiosity, I was determined to test to the full the extent of his robbing possessed by this guardian of the public purse, and I saw no more of the schoolmaster.

"As I observe that the Collector of Customs in New York has lately been under a cloud, I offer these facts to his consideration. When excessively high duties are levied upon articles of small bulk it is perhaps necessary to make the Custom House search inquisitorial in its nature. Such travelers have a right to claim that, if they are to be subjected to this annoyance, they at least shall be fairly and not unconstitutional, the Association was opposed to paying them any longer when assessed against vessels enrolled and licensed in the coasting trade.

"Yours, etc."

POLITICAL NOTICES.

THE UNION REPUBLICAN MASS-MEETINGS.—The Union Republican State Central Committee have made arrangements for MASS-MEETINGS as follows:

Monday, October 11, Hon. Thomas Williams, Esq.
Merion—Hon. John Scott, H. Dischee Swope, Esq
Kittanning—Hon. G. A. Gray.
Newton, Sussex—Hon. Geo. A. Wilson Hessey.
Hollidaysburg—Captain C. Sherry, Williams, Colonel A. S. Fuller.
Lewisburg—Hon. James Pollock, General Joshua T. Owen.

Friday, October 8.
Danville—Gen. W. W. Geary, Hon. John Scott, H. Bucher Swope, Esq.
Bloomsburg—
Lewis, Lycoming county—Hon. J. W. Forney, Maj. A. J. Calhoun.
Tyrone—Captain G. W. Garry.

SATURDAY, October 9.
Selins-Grove, Jr., Esq., Hon. John Scott.
Reyno—Hon. G. Gerts, Hon. Wm. Williams.
Blemskin—Hon. A. Wilson Hessey, Jackson.
Freeburg, Snyder county.
Sunbury—Hon. Henry Fischer Swope, Esq.
Shamokin—Hon. John Allison.
Mahanoy—
Centreville—Hon. William Williams, Colonel A. S. Fuller.
Danville, Montour county—Gen. J. W. Geary.
Bloomsburg, Columbia county, Pa.—Hon. John Scott.
Mount Pleasant—Hon. William Williams, Colonel A. S. Fuller.

GEO. W. HAKESLEY, MORRY Y. COCHRAN,
W. P. WARE, JOHN COYODE, Chairman.
W. V. MCKEAN,
Secretaries.
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