

The Pittsburgh Gazette

FLIRTING.

[From the London Saturday Review.] There are certain things which can never be accurately described; things so shadowy, so fiftal, so dependent on the mood of the moment, both in the audience and the actor, that analysis and representation are equally at fault. And fliriting is one of them. What is fliriting? Who can define or determine? It is more serious than talking nonsense, and not so serious as making love; it is not chaff, and it is not feeling; it means something more than indifference, and yet something less than affection; it binds no one, it commits no one, it only raises expectations in the individual, and sets society on the look-out for results; it is a plaything in the hands of the experienced, but a deadly weapon against the breast of the unwary; it is a thing so vague, or so true, that the most accurate measures of moral values would be puzzled to say where it exactly ends and where serious intentions begin. But again, we ask, what is fliriting? What constitutes its essence? One man has his or her own ideas of what constitutes fliriting; consequently every one judges of that pleasant exercise according to individual temperament and experience. Faded flowers who see inappropriety in everything, who are no longer able to enjoy, say with more or less severity that Henry and Angelina are fliriting if they are laughing and whispering in an alcove together, probably at the most innocent innocency in the world; but the fact that they are enjoying themselves in their own way, albeit sadly one, is enough for the faded flower to think they are after mischief, fliriting being to her mind about the worst bit of mischief that fallen humanity can perpetrate. The watchful mother says that dancing together, often than is necessary for good breeding and just the amount of attention demanded by circumstances, is fliriting; timid girls newly out, and not used to the old ways of men, think they are being flirited with outrageously if their partner fires off the meekest little compliment at them, or looks at them more tenderly than he would look at a cabbage; but bold spirits of both sexes think nothing worthy of the name which does not include a few questionable familiarities, and an equivocal or two, more or less "frisky." With some fliriting is nothing but the passing fun of the moment; with others, it is the first lesson of the great unspoken book, and means the beginning of the end; with some it is not even angling with intent, with others it is deep sea fishing with a broad, boldly made net, and taking all fish that come in as good for sport, if not for food.

Flirts are of many kinds, as well as of all degrees. There are the flirts and demonstrative flirts; flirts of the subtle sort, whose practice is by the eyes alone, by the manner, by the tender little sigh, by the bend of the head and the wave of the hand to give gauds and points to the otherwise barren words; and flirts of the open, rampant kind, who go quite boldly toward the point, but who never reach it, taking care to draw back in time before they really cross the border. This is the kind which, as the male flirts do, does incalculable damage to the poor little fliriting doves to whom it is a bird of prey, handsome, bold and cruel; but this is the kind which has the most success, using circumstances and the nature of the victim, and using each with deadly precision. From such may a kind Providence deliver us! As the tender mercies of the wicked, so are scientific flirts—the women and the men who play at bowls with the human heart, for simply the stake of a whole life's happiness. It used to be an old schoolboy maxim that no real gentleman could be refused by a lady, because no lady could presume beyond his line of encouragement. A Jortori no lady would or could give more encouragement than she meant. What are we to say, then, of our flirts, if this maxim is true? Are there really "no gentlemen" and "no ladies" according to the famous formula of the kitchen? Perhaps it would be said so if no gentleman meant now, as it meant centuries ago, the real worth and virtue of humanity. For fliriting with intent is a cruel and a heartless amusement; and the time when cruelty and falsehood were essentially sins that vitiated all claims to honor and respect, and the world would be very dull without that innocent nonsense which often goes by the name of fliriting—that pleasant something which is more than mere acquaintance and less than formal love—that bright and animated intercourse which makes the hours pass so easily, yet leaves no bitter pang of self reproach, that indefinable and undefined interest by which the one man or the one woman becomes a microcosm for the time, the epitome of all that is pleasant and of all that is lovely. The only caution to be observed is not to go too far.

California Outdoing Iceland. The tales of travellers in Iceland, so far as geysers are concerned, are outdone by the realities in California. The natural bathing facilities at the geysers make the locality one of the most popular resorts on the Pacific coast. The ordinary bathing establishment is a feature in its way. It is primitive in its construction, being built of rough boards, and portions of it covered with gunny sacks, yet contains natural steam, hot water and cold water baths. One room is directly over a volume of steam, which rises from the earth and fills the room, so that upon first entering the heat and steam are almost unbearable, but in a few seconds becomes quite comfortable, and in a short time is luxurious. The bather having steamed himself sufficiently, two steps bring him beneath a stream of hot water, which pours through the roof in a continual volume, and is of just bearable heat. Having steamed and boiled, the bather steps a few feet and plunges into the running brook, which is warm deep with pure water, cool and fresh from the mountains above. The effect of this course of bathing is to leave the bather refreshed and invigorated in a wonderful degree. Separate establishments are erected for ladies, and with the same facilities.

LADY MURRAY of gainstarm renown, it said to have resided for the space of two-and-twenty years in one front parlor, and once going out, attended upon by a kindly old maid, enmeshed of her principles, and his pretensions, living chiefly on boiled mutton and turnips, and selecting himself in the intervals of conjugal verbs by grinding a barrel organ.

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CITY TAXES, 1899. In accordance with Section 6th, Page 298 of City Ordinance. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE CITIZENS OF PITTSBURGH. That the assessments for 1899 of City, City and Ward School Taxes and City Water Bents have been returned to the City Treasurer.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY. No. 23 Diamond, Allegheny, have declared a dividend of TWO DOLLARS AND FIFTY CENTS per share on the profits of the last six months, payable on and after the 15th inst.

HOLTZMAN & WIEDERHOLD. No. 100 Third Avenue. Upholsters and Dealers in Curtain Goods. Direct the attention of their friends and the public to their newly assorted stock of Lace and Nottingham curtains.

WEST COMMON Machine Stone Works. North-west corner of West Common, Allegheny. FREDERICK ATWATER & CO. Have on hand or prepare on short notice

SCHEENCK'S PULMONIC MANDRAKE PILLS. A cure for Consumption, Cough, Phlegm, Spitting of Blood, etc. Dr. Scheenck's Mandrake Pills act upon the liver, removing all obstructions, thus the secret of the fall bladder, the bile starts freely, and the liver soon relieved, the stools will show that the Pills do nothing but to clear the stomach and bowels, and to give the system a new impetus to use with great care, that will check the fall bladder and start the secretion of the liver. Scheenck's Mandrake Pills are the only way to cure Consumption.

DOCTOR WHITTIER ON DISEASES OF THE LIVER. A treatise on the diseases of the liver, including Consumption, Cough, Phlegm, Spitting of Blood, etc. Dr. Whittier's treatment does not try to cure the disease, but to remove the cause, and to give the system a new impetus to use with great care, that will check the fall bladder and start the secretion of the liver.

NOTICE TO BONDHOLDERS. Notice is hereby given to the bondholders of the City of Pittsburgh, that the City Treasurer has received the City Treasurer's Report for the year 1898.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS. SEALED PROPOSALS addressed to the undersigned will be received until AUGUST 6th, 1899, for the Graduation, Masonry and Ballasting of THE BUTLER BRANCH OF THE WESTERN PENN. R.R.

ICE ICE ICE WM. KREBS, ICE DEALER, No. 55 Diamond Alley, PITTSBURGH, PA. Orders addressed to W. Krebs, 15th Ward, Allegheny, will receive prompt attention.

LIVERY STABLES. JOHN H. STEWART, ROBT. E. PATTERSON, ROBT. E. PATTERSON & CO. LIVERY, SALE AND COMMISSION STABLES. COR. SEVENTH AVENUE & LIBERTY ST., PITTSBURGH, PA.

FOR SALE. An elegant new Brick Dwelling, 7 rooms, attic and wash room. House of 4 rooms, 2 lots, 16th ward, \$1,800. House of 4 rooms, 1 lot, 16th ward, \$1,500.

FOR SALE. 2 STILLS, each 9 feet diameter and 100 feet long, with about 300 feet condensing pipe, from 1/2 inch down to 3/8 inch gas pipe to each still, for \$900 apiece. 2 RAYMOND STEAM TRAPS, each 18 inch steam outlet, 1/2 inch water cylinder and 1 1/2 inch stroke, for \$300 apiece.

VALUABLE CITY PROPERTY. ANDER CARMON, deceased, offers the following valuable and conveniently located property for sale: Three story Brick Dwelling House, fronting on West Common, Allegheny, No. 20 Sherman Avenue. Also, two story Brick Dwelling House, fronting on East Common, No. 18 Union Avenue.

FOR SALE. No. 1 WAREHOUSE AND LOT, No. 95 Water Street, 30 feet front on Water Street, extending back 140 feet. Occupied by Mr. C. G. Johnson & Son.

FOR SALE. No. 2 WAREHOUSE AND LOT, No. 200 Liberty Street, 20 feet front on Liberty Street, extending back 140 feet. Occupied by Mr. C. G. Johnson & Son.

FOR SALE. No. 3 One-half of WARHOUSE AND LOT, No. 337 Commercial Row, Liberty Street.

FOR SALE. No. 4 LOT No. 92a on Currier's Place of Lots, fronting 100 feet on Dinwiddie Street.

FOR SALE. No. 5 LOTS Nos. 82, 83, 84, 85 and 86 in 1/2 of Hovey's Plan of Lots, Blomfield.

FOR SALE. No. 6 WAREHOUSE AND LOT, No. 95 Water Street, 30 feet front on Water Street, extending back 140 feet. Occupied by Mr. C. G. Johnson & Son.

FOR SALE. No. 7 WAREHOUSE AND LOT, No. 200 Liberty Street, 20 feet front on Liberty Street, extending back 140 feet. Occupied by Mr. C. G. Johnson & Son.

FOR SALE. No. 8 One-half of WARHOUSE AND LOT, No. 337 Commercial Row, Liberty Street.

FOR SALE. No. 9 LOT No. 92a on Currier's Place of Lots, fronting 100 feet on Dinwiddie Street.

FOR SALE. No. 10 LOTS Nos. 82, 83, 84, 85 and 86 in 1/2 of Hovey's Plan of Lots, Blomfield.

FOR SALE. No. 11 WAREHOUSE AND LOT, No. 95 Water Street, 30 feet front on Water Street, extending back 140 feet. Occupied by Mr. C. G. Johnson & Son.

FOR SALE. No. 12 WAREHOUSE AND LOT, No. 200 Liberty Street, 20 feet front on Liberty Street, extending back 140 feet. Occupied by Mr. C. G. Johnson & Son.

ORPHANS' COURT SALE. By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Allegheny County, Pa., dated June 20, 1899, the undersigned, Administrators of the estate of Col. JAMES A. GIBSON, deceased, will offer at Public Sale, at his late residence in Pine Township, ON TUESDAY, JULY 27, 1899.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, No. 478 of November Term, 1897. Anthony Young, now for use of John Gantwich, Foreign Plaintiff in error, vs. J. Lewis & Estlin, Foreign Defendants in error. Judgment by default of an appearance as entered and rule granted for the production of assets to satisfy the judgment.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, No. 479 of November Term, 1897. Anthony Young, now for use of John Gantwich, Foreign Plaintiff in error, vs. J. Lewis & Estlin, Foreign Defendants in error. Judgment by default of an appearance as entered and rule granted for the production of assets to satisfy the judgment.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS, Allegheny County, No. 457 of September Term, 1899. In the matter of the PROSECUTION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF ALLEGHENY CITY, PA. Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of September, 1899, the Court has ordered that a Charter of Incorporation to read Association of Allegheny City, Pa., be filed with the Court, and that the same will be granted at the next term of said Court.

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