

Miss Flynn and Her Lover.

Miss Mary Flynn was studying medicine and being courted at the same time. Mr. William Budd was attending to the latter part of the business. One evening while they were sitting together in the front parlor, Mr. Budd was thinking how he should manage to propose. Miss Flynn was explaining certain physiological facts to him.

"Do you know," she said, "that thousands of persons are actually ignorant that they smell with their olfactory peduncle?"
"Millions of 'em," replied Mr. Budd.

"And Aunt Mary wouldn't believe me when I told her she couldn't wink without a sphincter muscle!"
"How unreasonable!"
"Why, a person cannot kiss without a sphincter!"

"I know it is so!"
"May I try it, can you?"
"Oh, Mr. Budd, it is too bad for you to make light of such a subject."
Mr. Budd seized her hand and kissed it. She permitted it to remain in his grasp.

"I didn't notice," he said, "whether it was what you call it—a sphincter helped me then or not. Let me try again."
Then he tried again, and while he held her hand she explained to him about the muscles of that portion of the human body.

"Well, now let me show you what I mean. When I put my infra-spiralis around your waist, so, is it your occipital bone that rests upon my shoulder-blade, in this way?"

Timely Topics.

A school for the education of idiots has been in operation in Holland for twenty-five years, with encouraging results.

The son of the Burmese King Theebau, for whom last year a cradle of gold was made, incriminated with diamonds, rubies, sapphires and emeralds of incredible value, recently died of smallpox.

There is no newspaper near the summit of Mount Atoos, but if there were one it wouldn't print many marriage notices. Mrs. Brassy, writing from that point, tells an old bachelor story as follows: On the summit there live the strictest set of bachelors in the world.

Captain George M. Cooley is a brave citizen of Troy, N. Y., who surely deserves kindly mention, since in his forty-one years of life he has saved from drowning forty-six persons. His latest exploit in this direction was the rescue of seven young students of the Polytechnic institute, whose small boat capsized in the river.

The first assistant postmaster-general has recently issued an order which is of some interest to those localities which are desirous of having postoffices established in them. He says: In selecting names for postoffices it is particularly desirable that the name of the town or village in which the office is to be located should be adopted, if such name is in no way similar to that of any established office in the State, or in any other State.

The contingent of new members in the house of commons is made up largely of merchants, manufacturers and those connected with commercial pursuits. Fifty-two are lawyers, forty-four belonging to the bar and eight having practiced as solicitors; thirty belong to the army; two to the navy; three have belonged to the diplomatic profession; six have followed the profession of journalists; seven are civil and agricultural engineers; five are bankers; two are connected with the brewing trade; three belong to the medical profession; six are tenant farmers, or in other ways connected with labor; four have been printers, publishers, engravers, etc.; one is a member of the royal academy of Scotland; one is a civil and military tutor; one is a Presbyterian minister; and two are clergymen of the Established church, who have relieved themselves of their orders under the provisions of Mr. Bouvier's relief bill.

Evils of Neglecting Cold in the Head. In a paper read by Dr. D. B. St. John Roosa, of New York city, at the recent meeting of the Medical Society of the State of New York, he stated that the most frequent origin of cerebral diseases is the lachrymal passage, or conjunctiva, and of the middle ear, in a neglected cold in the head.

They Wanted Repairs. "Ot M. d'Ennery, the author of the 'Two Orphans,' an amusing story is told. One day two visitors were announced, and on being introduced proved to be two strangers dressed in black." "Sir," said one of them, after having bowed low, "I have come accompanied by my brother-in-law—" (here d'Ennery returned their salute with a superb dignity that would have done credit to any one of his melodramatic heroes); "I have come," continued the stranger, "to demand of you—a repairation."

A Paper House.

In the Sydney (Australia) exhibition there is a house built and furnished throughout from paper. The structure is one-story high, and its skeleton is made of wood. The exterior is molded in carton-pate, whilst the interior is covered with the same material, being plain on the floor, forming splendid arabesques on the walls, and moulded in imitation of plaster on the ceilings. The doors, cupboards and shelves are of the same material, whilst the entire furniture, including chandeliers and a stove, in which a fire can be lighted, is made of paper-mache.

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Desolation of Palestine. The Rev. W. J. Starcey writes to the London Times of the deplorable condition of the Holy Land which he has recently visited. He says: Nothing can well exceed the desolation of much of Palestine. It is for twenty or thirty miles together, forests which did exist thirty years ago (e.g., on Mount Carmel and Mount Tabor) fast disappearing, rich plains of the finest garden soil asking to be cultivated, at best but scratched up a few inches deep in patches, with no hedges, or boundaries, mountain terraces natural, or artificially formed, ready to be planted with vines, as the German colony are doing at the foot of Mount Carmel; the villages nothing but mud huts, dust, dirt and filth.

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