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A Dress Association is being formed at Springfield, Mass., whose members propose to wear a neat, sensible style of dress—and not to change the fashion except when an improvement is made. They will offer premiums for the best designs for different articles of wearing apparel to be approved by a committee appointed for the purpose, and the styles which this committee recommend will be adopted by the society; this committee will be appointed annually to examine new designs.

Christopher Craft has been convicted at Danville, Va., of the murder of Dr. Jeffries, and sentenced to be hanged on the 20th of November next. The circumstances leading to the tragedy were, as is frequently the case, very absurd.—The wife of the deceased, while playing with Craft's children, filled the hat of one of them with shavings and stuck it on his head. The child cried, and thereupon a quarrel ensued between Mrs. Craft and Mrs. Jeffries. The result of the squabble was to bring the two husbands into a quarrel, when Craft stabbed Jeffries to death.

The Graphic folks announce that they will start their balloon between the 1st and 10th of September. The balloon will be put in readiness, and some fine evening, when Old Probabilities can promise good weather for twenty-four hours, Prof. Wise will cut his cable and be off. He will start at sunset, for the reason that the air is the quietest at that time.—In case the balloon should meet with accident or should come down through loss of gas, Admiral Wise and others of the party, with the exception of Prof. Donaldson, will take to the large boat, while the latter will stand by the balloon to the last and when the case is hopeless he will resort to a paper boat. The parties concerned in this enterprise seem to be acting in good faith, and so sometime in September we shall see what we shall see in the way of serial transatlantic navigation.—The voyagers will be limited to four, the two aeronauts, Wise and Donaldson, an artist from the Graphic office, and another gentleman whose name has not been made public. The Graphic announces that there have been a thousand applications for seats in the aerial car.

Another wolf has lost his sheep's clothing. Rev. J. M. Schneller has been for nine years the warden of an asylum near Dubuque, Iowa, for the care and education of orphan girls. It is probable that he procured the position for the purpose of carrying on his infamous practices. One little girl was turned out of the asylum and told of his unchaste solicitations, but she was not believed. Surely so good a man could do no harm and she was silenced. The clerical villain kept his place, and went on with his intrigues, until a few days since another girl told the same story to the matron of the asylum. The lady had reason to believe that the child told the truth. The seducer was confronted with the proof of his wickedness and confessed that the accusations were true. He fled from the place and it is supposed that he has taken passage for Europe. In view of the frequent scandals of this kind, it occurs to us that orphan asylums for girls ought to be conducted entirely by women, and that no man should be permitted to lodge in the same building.

FIRE IN MIFFLIN, PA.—About 1 o'clock on Saturday morning last, a fire broke out in Mifflin, and for a time it was feared that the entire town would be destroyed. In about three hours after the first alarm, the flames were brought under control. The one side of the public square, and two blocks on Main street, embracing the business portion of the town, were destroyed. The Sentinel and Independent printing offices were among the buildings burned. The fire originated in the Sentinel office, and is supposed to have been the work of incendiaries.

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