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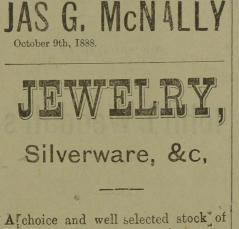
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THE MYSTERY OF THE COMB.

Use of This Aid to Personal Appearance in Religious Service.

It would be curious to know what mystic meaning our forefathers attached to so simple an act as that of combing the hair. Yet we learn from old church history that the hair of the priest or Bishop was thus combed several times during divine service by one of the inferior clergy.

The comb is mentioned as one of the essentials for use during a high mass when sung by a Bishop, and both in English and foreign cathedrals they were reck-oned among the costly possessions of the church. Some were made of ivory, some were carved, others gemmed with precious stones.

Among the combs specially known to history are those of St. Neot, St. Dunstan, and Malachias. That of St. Thomas the Martyr of Canterbury is still to be seen in the Church of St. Sepulchre, at Thet-ford, and that of St. Cuthbert at Durham Cathedral.

From sundry references in old legends to the use of the comb in divination, and from its appearance in combination with pagan emblems on rudely sculptured stones in various parts of Scotland, it seems probable that this was one of the objects of pagan veneration which early Christian teachers deemed it prudent to adopt, investing it with some new significance,-Cornhill Magazine.

AVOID TIPPERS AND TIPPLERS.

A Wall Street Man's Advice To Folks Who Think of Speculating.

Speculation is a business that must be studied as a specialty, and though it is popularly believed that any man who has money can speculate, yet the ordinary man, without special training in the business, is liable to make as great a mistake in this attempt as the man who thinks he can act as his own lawyer, and who issaid "to have a fool for a client."

The common delusion that expert knowledge is not required in speculation has wrecked many fortunes and reputa-tions in Wall street, and is still very influential in its pernicious and illusory

Professional advice in Wall street.as in legal affairs, is worth paying for, and costs far less in the end than the chief "points" that are distributed profusely around the Street, thick as autumn leaves in Vallambrosa, and which only allure the innocent speculator to put his money where he is almost certain to lose it.

My advice to speculators who wish to make money in Wall street, therefore, is to ignore the counsel of the barroom "tippers" and "tipplers," turn their backs on "bucket shops," and when they want "points" to purchase, let them go to those who know.-Henry Clews.

Some Lively Wit. An enviable quickness of repartee was shown by a French actor when the head of a goose was thrown on the stage. Ad-

vancing to the footlights, he said: "Gentlemen, if any one among you has lost his head, I shall be glad to restore it at the conclusion of the piece."

Deservedly severe, also, was the reply of Descartes to a nobleman, who, seeing that he enjoyed the pleasure of the table, remarked:

"I see, sir, that philosophers can some-

times indulge in good cheer." "Why not?" asked Descartes. "Do you really imagine that Providence intended the good things of this earth only for the foolish and ignorant?"

Which Fiddle Do You Play?

In the grand orchestra of life everybody is anxious to play first fiddle. almost everybody does play it: Nay, although the first fiddleabsolutemay take precedence o all the rest, yet every second fiddle is first fiddle to somebody.

HE WOULD BE MASTEP Where American Women Would Not Be

at All at Home.

The French rule in Algiers has improved the condition of Arab women, by exact ing vengeance from the husband who illtreats his wife too outrageously. The tourist who sees an Arab marched through the streets by mounted French soldiers, will be told, if he inquires the man's offense:

"It is his wife he has been beating; they all do it, these Arabs." As the Arab buys his wife, he regards her as his chattel, to be driven and beaten, to be worked and treated as a slave.

A story illustrates the Arab's method of showing that he is master in his own family.

An Arab chief, having taken an affectionate farewell of his household, departed for Constantine. In a few days he returned, greatly excited, and bade his favorite wife bring him four posts and a cord. Lashing her to the posts driven into the ground, he began to beat her. "What has she done?" asked the villag-or attented by the unmark or loss.

ers, attracted by the woman's cries.

"She is the best of wives and mothers, the pearl of the tribe!" cucleimed another. The infuriated chief stopped to explain that at Constantine he had seen an Arab woman accuse her husband of ill-usage; and the Cadi, backed by the French authorities, had actually given a judg-ment in her favor!

"I felt that all men were insulted through that woman!" exclaimed the chief. "And I am assuring myself that I, at least, am master in my own family."

A RAILROAD WITHIN THE ARCTIC.

Enterprise of Man in the Neighborhood of the North Pole.

important engineering enterprise now in progress is a railroad in the Arctic

The Swedish and Norwegian railroad now building from Lulea. on the Galf of Bothnia, to LoCoden, on the Lorth Sea, is partly situated within the Arcticeitele, and is some 1.000 miles further north than any railroad in Canada.

An interesting meteorological fact stated in relation to this work is that the snow-fall is found to be actually less than in some more southern latitudes, while the darkness of the long winter minimal is has been partly compensated by the light of the aurora.

The object in view in constructing this line is to tap the enormous deposits of iron ore in the Gellivara Mountaine, the approximate exhaustion of the ore in the Bilboa district rendering very desirable new field of non-phosphoric ore suitable for steel rail making

Don't Be a Clam!

"Laura." exclaimed the youth, as he laid his arm timidly on the back of her chair. "now that you have promised to be mine, it surely does not seem like asking too much, if I-" "Well, George?"

George took her hand in his, swallowed once or twice spasmodically, and pro-

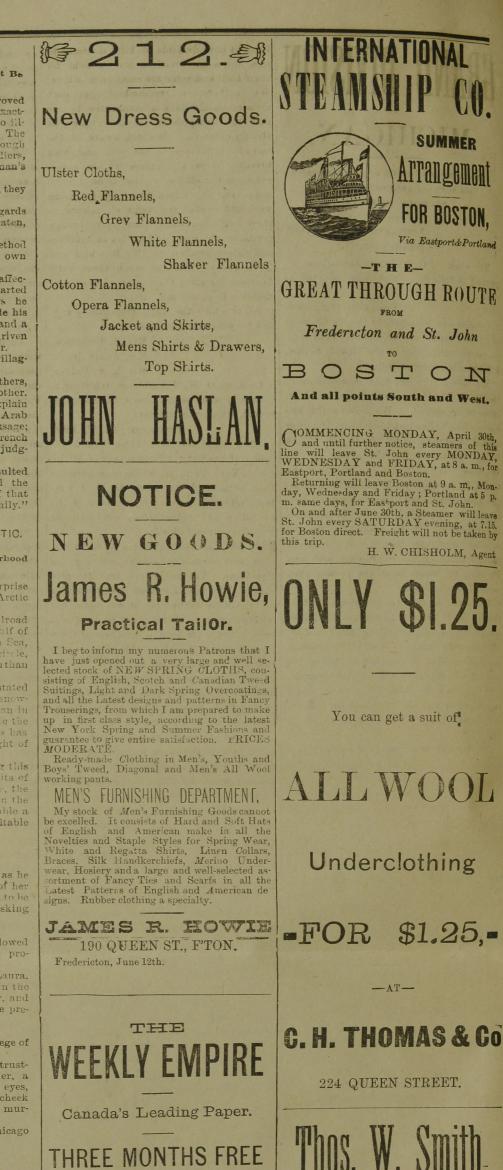
'As your affianced husband, Laura. whom you will some day promise in the sight of high heaven to love, honor, and -er-cherish, you will not think me pre-suming, dearest, I hope, if-if-" "Well, George?"

"-if I veuture to claim the privilege of a k-of a kiss!'.

The lovely maiden laid her head trustingly on the young man's shoulder, a tender light shone in her dreamy eyes, and her fragrant breath swept the cheek of the rapturous lover as she softly murmured:

'George, don't be a clam!"-Chicago Tribune.

A Chance for the Old Man.



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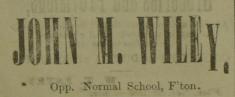
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As "fleas have smaller fleas to bite 'em, and so on ad infinitum," so every man who tickles a superior has an inferior to tickle bim.

If it were not for this pleasant arrangement we should have no social harmony, and it is only when this system of rela tions is disturbed that we experience discords and crashes .- New York Ledger.

Important Business.

"Oh, papa," she said with a blush, "young Mr Chestnut who owns so many coal mines in Pennsylvania, is coming again this evening, and he says he wants to see you on some important business." "All right, my dear," responded the old man, chucking her playfully under the chin, "I guess I know what the young man wants."

That evening Mr. Chestnut came to the

"Mr. Hendricks," he said boldly, "I want to ask you if you have laid in your winter's stock of coal."

Her Right Place.

"Have you any data on which to base a prognostication of the duration of the present period of excessive caloric in the circumambient atmosphere?" asked a young woman with spectacles of a man

at the Union station yesterday. "Yes'm," was the reply, "the next train for Boston leaves in half an hour."— Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

A Sensible Decision.

"J-John, d-dear," she sobbed. "D-did you ever think how near death is to us all? Wh-what would you ever d-do, dear

J-John, if I should die?" "Well," said John musingly, "I don't know as I had ever thought of it before, my dear, but now you speak of it, my first impression is that I should bury you."-Somerville Journal.

Sage Advice.

Young Softus (who is to escort the unattractive Miss Vinaigrette to di -"But, my dear boy, how am I to enter-tain her? How can I flatter her when sho is so homely? How-?" Old Boy-"Don't do it. Speak only of the ugliness of others. She'll idolize you!"-Pittsburg Bulletin.

They were sitting on the porch and it

was growing late. "Would you mind if I lighted a cigar, Miss Clara?" he asked.

"Certainly not, Mr. Sampson," she replied

And presently the old man, who was getting desperate, spoke from an open

window above: "Daughter," he said, "I left my rubber overshoes near the kitchen stove and you had better see to 'em. I can smell something burning."-Epoch.

The Drawback to the Place.

"I say, stranger," said a passenger, as the train stopped at a small Nebraska station, "is there any show in this town in the real estate line for a man who has got big money to invest?" "Show," repeated the citizen: "he can

double it every twenty-four hours." "You don't say so! What's that awful

"That's our new brass band." "Well, I guess I won't get off."

Mixed Metaphors.

It was a New-England deacon who said:

"We are thankful for one spark of grace, and are confident that it will be watered."

But it was a minister who one day an-

nonneed to his congregation: "You will be sorry to hear that the lit tle church at Janesville is once more tossed upon the waves, a sheep without a shepherd."-Boston Youth's Companion.

Just the Difference.

Gubbins in one of the rare moments he devotes to the cultivation of his intellect, was reading aloud from a work on natural history.

"The camel is an animal that can work a week without drinking." "And I," remarked Gubbins, comment-

ing upon the text, "I am an animal that can drink a week without working."-

How It Strikes a Stranger.

"What are you doing?" demanded a citizen of a countryman who was critic ally examining the former's electric bellknob.

"Say, mister," replied the countryman, straightening up, "there's suthin' the matter with your door-bell. The knob's got pulled clear into the hole."

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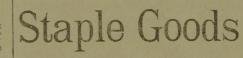
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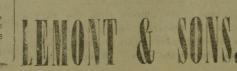
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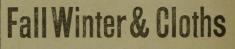
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