ALL ABOUT SMALL TALK. HOW PEOPLE ARE APT TO USE IT AND ABUSE IT.

What Society Would Be if This Accessory were Placed Under a Ban-People Would Miss It-Some Incidents which are to Be Found in Every Day Life.

It is astonishing how deeply rooted is our love of abusing our best friends. I don't mean, of course, our brothers and sisters, or our bosom friends, to whom we cling as David clung to Jonathan; I mean those of our established customs which often serve us best, tide us over most places for us.

And of all these ill-requited servants, not one has suffered more at our hands and tongues than small talk. We every abuse it.

Try for a moment to picture society if small talk were to be placed under a sudden ban. Fancy meeting a young lady at a party, and after obtaining an introduction to her, beginning the conversation by asking her what was her opinion of the Ptolemaic system, or it she did not think dollar bill. Take it and I will wait here that Bismarck's retirement would have a disastrous effect on the future of the German empire.

I think he would wish for the good old days when he could have remarked that the weather had been very warm lately, and the floor was delightfully springy.

I remember hearing a rather good story once which bears on the subject. It happened at a fashionable American watering place, during one of the "hops." A young man was very much impressed by the charms of a certain fair damsel, and at last succeeded in obtaining an introduction and the one free dance on her programme. This youth had a soul above small talk; at least he thought he had, and he was far too original a genius to descend to such topics as music, the weather, or dancing. So he drew upon the varied stores of his own experience, and smiling tenderly upon the sireen, with whom he was rapidly falling in love, he remarked softly:

line, for his divinity never took the least covered cane, providing, of course, notice of him afterwards.

most especially of small talk, and his encounter with the gentleman who despised the level of a political discussion?

In case there should be a few who do not remember the story, I may as well tell

Sheridan, then a candidate for parliatravelling in a stage coach, and amongst engaged in importing this style of stick for the passengers was an aggressive gentleupon the candidate for Westminster. Sheridan said nothing, but listened attentively to the long list of his faults and failings, and the many uncomplimentary remarks made about his unfortunate self. But on alighting at Salisbury for supper, he managed to find out the name and occupation of his detractor, and on resuming the journey, he entered into conversation with him, selecting electioneering as his subject, and remarking casually that the the English. One of the Anglican bishops most unprincipled and altogether corrupt voter he knew was one Thomas Brown, a know, sir, the antecedents of that old hosier in the Strand.

exclaimed the indignant hosier.

"And mine" responded his adversary "is Sheridan!" Thomas had the sense to see that the retaliation was only just, and he wished to be baptized. I knew that he the story adds that on his return to town had two wives, so I told him that he must he actually voted for the candidate he had first persuade one of them to return to her friend, Miss Jennie Gibson.

friendless, the refuge of the destitute; it months. When he returned he exclaimed: bridges over yawning chasms of silence; it robs that social terror, the dinner party, of half its horrors; it requites the tedium of first wife?' He replied, smacking his lips: railway journeys, and makes the club room 'I have eaten her.' "-Ex. a sort of paradise on earth. In fact, I don't know what it does not do for society at large. Not only does it make things pleasant for the participants, but it affords some delightful studies of human nature for the observant looker on.

men meeting each other on the street and stopping for a moment's chat? Well, I have. And this is what they nearly always The patient was under chloroform while say, and do. One says "Halloa, old fellow; I haven't seen you for a long time. What have you been doing with yourself?" "Working hard at the office," responds quite well, and is overjoyed at the improve-

the other. "Me too! It's a fine day!"

the assertion, his friend looks carefully at other parts of the body. -Ex. the sky, scans the horizon, and answers in a grudging manner. "Ah, yes, but I shouldn't be surprised if it were to rain before long. Afternoon!" and they both part, and walk slightly faster for the next block as though they had been wasting time and were ashamed of the fact.

And so "my brethren, let us amend our success if it is managed properly, and that ways" and the unctuous and oleaginous if a man sticks to business the same as to And so "my brethren, let us amend our Mr. Chadband would say, let us stop talking against small talk and pretending we don't like it when we know we are trying to fool away ourselves and each other because we really love it dearly, and could

not get along without it for a day.

lectures, we meet for a little fun and a little frivolity, and as much enjoyment as we can possibly manage to squeeze out of life. And life, we all know, is made up of small things.

> "Nothing useless is, or low; Each thing in its place is best, And what seems but idle show Strengthers and supports the rest." GEOFFREY CUTHBERT STRANGE.

> > A RULE OF THREE.

The Ten Dollar Bill, the Baby and the Good Deed.

Franklin Murphy brought sympathetic tears to the eyes of his hearers at the difficulties, and make smooth the rough dinner of the Leather Manufacturers' Association by relating a story of benevolence. A friend of his, he said, was walking down to business one morning when he saw a young woman with a baby in her arms sitting on a church step and weeping. one of us use it, and then turn round and The man, whom Mr. Murphy called Jones, was touched by her apparent distress and asked her what was the cause of it.

"I walked into town," she replied, "to have my baby baptized, and now it will cost \$3 to have the service performed. I haven't the money and I don't know

"Well, that's a small matter," said Jones. "I haven't \$3 in change, but here's a ten for the change.'

The woman returned in a short time and handed Jones \$7. He patted the child's head and went down town, rejoicing in his own goodness. He telt good all day and his countenance shone with an unusual brightness. His associates all noticed the change and finally one of them asked him the cause of it. "I am happier than usual today," said

Jones, "and the reason of it is that I did three good things on my wav down town this morning." He related the occurrence and wound up by saying:

"So I performed a deed of charity, started a little child on its way to Paradise, and- got seven good dollars for a counterfeit ten dollar bill."-Newark Journal.

THE BLACKTHORN STICK.

It's no Longer the Thing Except for Newly Landed Immigrants.

The "wearer" of a blackthorn stick is now thought to be behind the age. This first of June. style of walking stick was a decided novelty and very stylish five years ago. The mandate of the builders of fashion has been issued against it, however, and one "Do you like to go in swimming?" and who desires to keep in motion with the thereby hung himself with his own clothes- "stream of life" must lay aside his thornhe has one to lay aside. Nobody who boasts of a knowledge of the "correct Who has not heard the story of Sheri- thing" seems to know just why the blackdan, that king of every kind of talk, but thorn has been relegated to obscurity. One mogul of fickle fashion says it's because it's too Irish and not sufficiently English. Another states that it is not anything in a conversational way beneath dressy, and does not become a wearer of

The most probable cause is that the stick is becoming too common. It is certainly true that every other immigrant from the Green Isle who landed at the new landing bureau at the Battery last week sported a ment for the city of Westminster, was blackthorn. A broker up town has been some years. He once commanded as high a price as \$5 and \$7 for the best variety, man, who suddenly, without preface or but since their decline he sells them at 50 apology, plunged into a violent attack cents or \$1 apiece. - N. Y. Mail and Ex-

REMOVED THE STUMBLING BLOCK. A Heathen's Expedient to Enable Himself

to Embrace Christianity. Sir George Bowen, the former governor of New Zealand, relates that among the loval Maori chiefs whom he invited to meet the Duke of Edinburgh when the latter visited the colony, was one of the original signers of the treaty of Waitangi in 1840, who had ever since been a firm friend of afterwards said to the governor: "Do you heathen?" "No, my dear bishop," was the reply, "but I do know that he brought Why my name is Thomas Brown!" | 500 of his clansmen into the field to fight for the Queen, so I invited him to meet the Queen's son." "Well," continued the bishop, "when I first arrived in New Zealand that chief came to me and said that family. He said he feared that would be difficult, but that he would see what could Why, small talk is the friend of the be done and come back to me in two 'Now, missionary, you may baptize me, for I have only one wife.' I said: 'What have you done with our dear sister, your

A Radical Operation for Fat.

We are constantly hearing of extraordinary surgical operations, but the most astounding that has been performed, says our Paris correspondent, is that of degraissage, or the removal of fat from the For instance, did you ever notice two body. Drs. Marx and Demars have carried out the operation upon a literary man, M. Hiroguelle. They raised the skin and cut away 4½ pounds of the adipose tissue. thus being pared away. The skin was

More than a week has passed since the operation, and M. Hirnguelle now feels ment in his figure. He says he only suffered from headache, the effect of the chloroform. It is arranged that he is to Unwilling to take the speakers word for undergo further parings or degraissages in

Marriage as a Business.

There is at least one man who takes no stock in the assertion that "marriage is a failure." He lives in Southern Illinois and has just wedded his sixth wife. Every one of them brought him a farm, and he is now one of the largest land owners in the county. This shows that marriage is a great any other he is bound to come out ahead.

Pimples, pustules, rash, eczema, all hu-mors and all diseases of the skin, piles, ulcers, sores and wounds, chapped hands,

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

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SUSSEX.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Sussex by R. D. Boal and S. H. White & Co.] May 14 .- Mr. Arthur Freeze has rented the resi-

dence of Miss Wilson, on Church Avenue, and removed his family from Fredericton here.

Miss Curry, of Gagetown, is making Sussex a Mrs. Charles Pickard returned to her home in Sackvirle last week.
Mr. H. V. White, of Bloomfield, spent Sunday in

Mr. G. H. Cougle went to Yarmouth N. S., for a hort visit last week. Rev. Mr. Cowie is delighted with his new home in San Diego. Mrs. Cowie will, it is expected, leave here on the 27th of this month to join her husband. Dr. Thomas Hallett has gone for a short trip to

It is expected that the Metropolitan of Canada will hold confirmation service in Trinity church, The many friends of Dr. John A. Wilson, in this village, are pleased to hear of his success at Baltimore, and glad that he will settle as near as Spring-

Mr. W. C. Pope, of Boston, was the guest of Major Markham, at Markhamville, for a few days Mr. T. Edwin Arnold made a short visit to Dorchester this week
Mr. A. A. Stockton, M. P. P., spent Sunday here.
Miss Jessie Gorham has returned from an extended
visit to Hampton and Kingston.

Rev. C. Wiills, of Petitcodiac, was in Sussex on Tuesday.

Mrs. Bleakney, of Petitcodiac, is visiting her father, Mr. Wm. Stockton.

Mr. Fred Wedderburn, of Hampton, was in this village yesterday.
Mr. and Mrs. John Roach are visiting in St. John.

Mr. J. A. McArthur has gone to Boston for a few

ST. ANDREWS.

MAY 12.—Mrs. Durell Grimmer gave a drive whist party in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Grimmer, of St. Stephen, last Saturday. It proved to be a very enjoyable affair indeed. The ladics present were: Mrs. Osborne, Mrs. H. Grimmer, Mrs. Wren, Mrs. Lorimer, Miss Magee, Miss Mc-Kee, Miss Gove, Miss Ketchum. The gentlemen were: Messrs. McGrath, Wren, Osborne, Hamilton, Magee, Grimmer, Whitlock, Lorimer. Miss Magee and Mr. Hamilton won the first prize, and the booby prize fell to the share of Mrs. Lorimer and Mr. Durell Grimmer. Mr. Durell Grimmer. On Saturday last Mr. and Mrs. Adam Smith celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Everett went to Fredericton

Monday, and intend to make that city their future Mr. Ned Smith, who has been paying a short visit to his father, returned to St. John on Monday.

Mrs. John S. Magee took a trip to St. John Mon-

Mr. and Mrs. Cutler have returned to Bangor.
Mrs. John Bolton and daughter were in town on
Monday. They returned to St. Stephen the same Miss Stone expects to move to Moncton about the Mr. Hamilton, from St. John, was here a few days

AMHERST, N. S.

by George Douglas.

May 14 .- Miss Lizzie Symonds left on Monda MAY 14.—Miss Edzzie Symonus leit on Monday for Chicago, to pay her brother a visit.

Miss Mariel Morse has been spending a week in Moncton, the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Boggs, at the Brunswick.

Bishop Courtnay administered the rite of configuration to about 20 persons in this parish on Fri. firmation to about 20 persons in this parish on Friday last. His lordship was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Kelsie during his stay in town. Mr. James A. Dickey, C. E., was in town two or three days last week. Senator Dickey arrived from Ottawa on Satur-

Miss Clara Hamilton arrived from Yarmouth on Thursday last, to see her father, Mr. W. J. Hamilton, who is quite ill. She expects to leave soon for Winnipeg, to spend some time with her sister, Mrs.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelsie gave a dinner party of Thursday evening in honor of their guest, Bisho

Courtnay.

Mrs. William Fowler and children are spending a short time in Halifax with her mother, Mrs. Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stevens, formerly residents of this town, but who for the last five years have been in Boston, have returned to reside here.

Miss Godfrey, of Dorchester, has been the guest of Miss Lowerison for a few days.

Mrs. Horace Fawcett, of Sackville, was in town this week, visiting her mother, Mrs. Lowerison.

Mrs. Parsons, of Sackville, was in town this week.

Mrs. Walter Robb gave another of her pleasant Mrs. Walter Robb gave another of her pleasant little parties on Monday evening.

MEG.

MARYSVILLE.

MAY 13 .- The many friends of Dr. Sprague and family deeply sympathize with them in the great loss they have sustained by the death of their oldest son, Harry, which occurred on Sunday evening. Although the deceased had been confined to his home for some months, his death seemed very sud den and doubly sad, as he was cut down in the bud Rev. Dr. Fiske, of Detroit, occupied the pulpit in

the Methodist church on Sunday evening. He, accompanied by Mrs. Fiske and children, is the guest of his brother in law, Dr. Sharpe. Mrs. Woodruff, who has been spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Rowley, returned to her home in Boston this week.

Mrs. C. H. Hatt and Mrs. F. Williams have been

in St. John for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Libbey and son left for St. John yesterday.

Miss Miles spent Thursday of last week in St. Mr. H. Stickney leaves for his home at St. Andrews this week. His many friends here will be sorry to say "good-bye." Miss B. McDermott, of Boston, is visiting her Scried, Miss Jennie Gibson.

LEPREAU.

May 14.—A quiet wedding took place in St. James' Episcopal church, St. John, last Wednesday morning, when Rev. C. J. James united in the holy bonds of matrimony Capt. J. Willis Jones, of Weymouth, N. S., and Miss Emma A. Thomas, formerly of Point Lepreau, but who has been residing in St. John for the past two years. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are visiting the points of interest in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. The many friends of Mrs. Jones here will join with "O. K." in wishing her and her husband every happiness. Jones here will join with "O. K." in wishing her and her husband every happiness.

Mr. A. B. Pitkin, of Providence, R. I., who has been spending a few days here fishing, returned to his home on Monday.

Mr. Aaron Cross, of Calais, has also been spending a few days here fishing.

Mr. Afred Budd was here on Thursday.

Mr. J. Wilson, of Carleton, spent a few days here last week.

Miss P. K. Hanson returned home on Thursday. She has been visiting St. John and Kingston, Kings Mr. and Mrs. G. Herbert Thomas and Miss Thomas visited St. John last week.

Miss A. K. Lomax and Mr. E. A. Lomax returned to Boston this week. Mr. J. L. Hanson, of Beaver Harbor, was here ast week.
Mrs. H. Reynolds and Miss Nellie Reynolds are
O. K.

DIGBY, N. S.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Digby at Mrs. Morse's.] May 14 .- Mr. B. G. Taylor was in town on Sat-Miss Clara Robinson and Miss Jessie Stewart spent a few days at Annapolis last week. I hear that Captain Burns, who has b I hear that Captain Burns, who has been carrying on an extensive coal and fishery business, intends leaving shortly with his wife for British Columbia. He is to be accompanied by Mr. H. Biden, son of one of our leading merchants. They will be greatly missed by a large circle of relatives and friends. It seems a pity that so many of our promising young men should have to leave Digby to seek a livelihood. I am glad to see Rev. Mr. Merkel out again after his severe illness. Mrs. Y. C. Shreve left for Boston Tuesday, where Mrs. Y. C. Shreve left for Boston Tuesday, where she intends spending a few weeks with her mother.

Miss Campbell, from St. John, arrived last week, and is visiting at Totten Rectory.

It is whispered that the young gentlemen are thinking of treating their lady friends to a trip to Annapolis on the 26th for the purpose of hearing

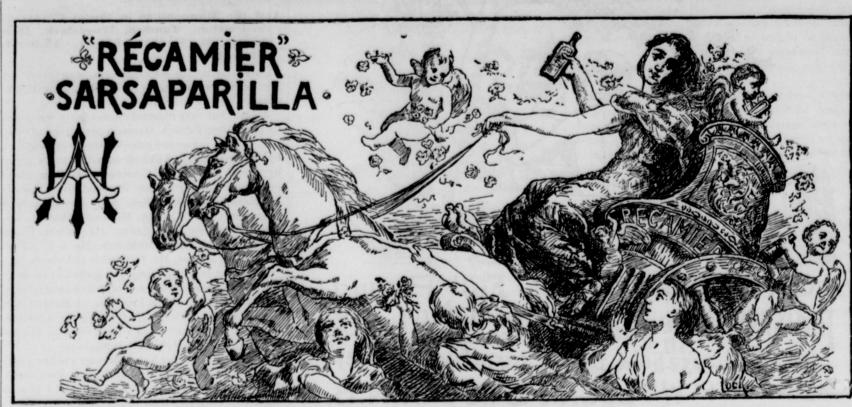
Pinafore.

I believe quite a pleasant little impromptu dance was held at Mr. W. B. Stewart's on Wednesday Dick.

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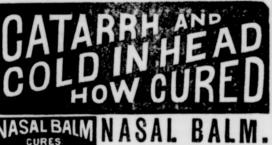
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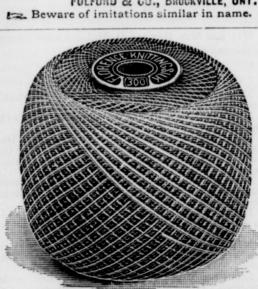
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