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The editor has handed the following letter to me, as belonging properly to my department, and as he wishes me to publish it, I do so, hoping that my readers will profit by its wisdom, which—to me at least—seems slightly involved. Woodsтоск, N. B., March 19, I891.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., March 19, I891.

MR. EDITOR,—I hope "Astra" will not think me disagreeable, and will pardon me if I combat or differ with one or more of her opinions. The answer to "Fair One," Fredericton, in last edition, seems to me to involve a contradiction to that in reply to "Susan," Woodstock, of 21st ult. In the former the inference seems natural that the decollete is favored or tolerated, while the latter agrees with "Susan" in its condemnation; for the decollete is properly pronounced an abomination.

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In reply to "Cleopatra" and "Beryl," St. John, in last edition, in reference to drives alone with young men "Astra" says: "It is something I never did myself, and I am as fond of enjoyment as anyone; but still there is nothing at all improper about it. In reply to this, I will simply quote from an article written by Rose Terry Cooke, entitled "Good advice to girls," and which appeared here in the columns of the Carleton Sentinel: "Don't forget my dear, that now is the time to establish your character for life as a well bred, charming, modest girl. Do not, I beg of you, lose the opportunity. Don't go out driving or walking, or sailing alone with one young man. Perhaps you will tell me that all girls do it? Not well bred girls, my dear; if you have no real chaperon take another girl with you. Half the scandals and tragedies have begun in their carelessness about this, etc."

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I do not know if there are other articles written by this last author quoted that we could dispute, but all well thinking persons who are careful to guard against hasty conclusions are bound to endorse Rose Terry Cooke's sentiments here quoted as unquestionably right. The above italics are my own. Now I hope, Mr. Editor, that the girls will not think of me as a fault finding cynic, ready to suspect motives foreign to the mind that is not in question. As the poet says, "Evil is wrought for (by) want of thought." That one did not intend to do wrong is no palliation for wrong. We should be careful that the correct principle is observed and in the battle against enemies who threaten devastation in the purity of our social system, we must all be watchful, vigorous and energetic. S. F. R."

I really am afraid S. F. R. that you havn't got a pretty neck, or you would never be averse to showing a bit of it. I don't object to criticism, intelligent criticism that is-but it does make me rather weary to have to turn back to Progress of two weeks before last, and compare some sentiments expressed there, with something I said last week, to find if there is any discrepancy, but still I made some excavations this morning among my papers, and held a post mortem examination of the answers, S. F. R. refers to, and found no contradiction whatever. I told "Susan" that fashion should be tempered with modesty, meaning that dresses should not be worn too low, and that I thought men disliked their wives wearing low dresses at all. And then a fortnight later, I told "Fair One," not to wear a low dress at all, till she had come out. Where was the inconsistency? I advised "Beryl and Cloepatra" not to go out driving alone with young men unless they were old friends. The girls had asked me if it was improper 162 PRINCESS STREET, COR. SYDNEY, and I answered that though I had never done it myself, there was nothing improper about it. I was not self-sufficient enough to imagine that because I had not done a thing it must necessarily be wrong. And I say now that if it is really improper, then heaven help our civilization. I respect Rose Terry Cooke's opinions in general, but it our sweet, pure Canadian girls cannot go out driving, walking, or sailing, alone with their old friends, when those friends belong to a class amongst which may be found the purest, truest, and most honorable men the world has ever produced! God bless the Canadian boys! with their honest eyes, and-many of them-hearts as pure as their sister's. A Canadian gentleman need not envy a prince his title. You may trust him girls, for he respects all ladies as he respects his mother. Shake hands, S. F. R.; we don't quite agree, but we will be friends. We have taken up too much space already. Not one word more. Do you know that my girls take my advice very often, even when it is unpalatable? and I think it is largely because, though I try to advise them wisely, I also try not to be unreasonable. I don't tell them to go to a paper with their dress up to their ears, and down to their wrists, when all their friends are displaying a modern allowance of pretty neck and arms. Neither do I tell them to offend their old friends by refusing to go out driving with tion, Coughs, Colds, Lame Back, them. Nor do I try to show them how careful and how dignified they should always be with strangers, or mere acquaintances of the opposite sex.

LOCHINVAR, St. John.—I was glad to hear from you again, my brave Scotch laddie. Not a bit of it! all men are truthful to me, till I catch them telling fibs. I begin to think that if you are a delusion and snare, you are rather a nice one; you quite won my heart by sending me that pressed flower, do you know it looked so like vellow broom, that you might really have been "Young Lochinvar, come out of the West." I am going to paste it into a book, I keep, for souvenirs. And you are blessed with broad shoulders too, and are thankful for it, because you can bear hard usage with a cheerful spirit. I did not give you any hard usage at all. I was "just lovely" to you and said lots of nice things, and now you say you are sorry you wrote to me. Bravo! Lochinvar; if you think she was "fulling" you, give her up by all means, remember "there are lots of good fish in the sea," and a man's love is not one whit the less valuable because he is poor. Yes, I would help you if I could, and if you think if I ever can, be sure you let me know. It was no trouble at all, I shall always be glad to hear from you.

MISCHIEF, St. John -What did you go and date your letter April 1st for? Don't you know it was calculated to arouse suspicions in a less trusting nature than mine? (1) Certainly not; if you think enough of one another to kiss good-night, why are you not engaged? But as long as you are not, let him have his kiss till you are, and he will value it all the more. (2) I should say he was a desperate flirt, and I would not waste any thoughts on him if I were you. So you think I usually "side with are often very much abused, and then they as you like. are so nice that one has to be good to them. I do love boys, they have always been so good to me.

HAZEL, Exeter.—My dear child, a boy of that age is incapable of love. I don't believe he ever thinks of such a thing. any present intention of matrimony, there Foot ball, base ball, gymnastics, and per- is no harm in your friendship continuing. haps his own especial drum are more to (2) I do not think you have any reason to him than all the girls in the world—at least | feel annoyed at his paying necessary attena boy who did not feel that way would be tion in public to his relatives, and I think a most uncommon specimen of his sex. I you are very foolish to resent it, especially am afraid you cannot find out in any way, except by watching him; but if he cares for you he will lose no time in letting you not care for him, he may take you at your

teristic of youths of his age.

WHEAT, St. John .- A pretty and original name, too. Grain, as well as flowers, in my collection of good things. I daresay I will have barley and oats as soon as the other girls take up the idea. Thank you very much for your kind offer of receipts. I should be glad to get them, and I am sure the girls will, too. No, of course you are not too young to write to old, and his nurse, who waited on her as me when you can both write and express a maid. yourself so well; I will have a talk with you whenever you like. I don't know how old many of them are, they do not always tell me their ages; but, I think, they range from sixteen to twenty-two, and I know some of them are married, so I fancy they are older than that. You shall be the receipts for freckles, and for the hair. OLD AUNT PEABODY, St. John.—I am glad you like us both, my old friend Pro-

GRESS and myself. I have known the former since he was a year old, so I suppose ing about him, deliberately walk up to a I may speak of him as an old friend. I certain corner, turn a bit of the carpet don't know why you should not see me some day it you wish it. (1) You should not have taken the slightest notice of the young men in question. They acted in a It seems most likely that he found the ring most impertinent manner, and you ought to have snubbed them mercilessly. I should have got rid of them by calling a police- it was not nailed. man, if they persisted in accompanying me. Take no notice of them at all in the future. You and your friend should not fantile at the time it was missed to underhave gone to the place of amusement you stand what the talk that went on was about, speak of, alone, if it was in the evening. If you had not been unprotected the men would not have dared to accost you. Seeing you alone they probably thought you were not ladies, and so took advantage of the fact to speak to you. (2) Certainly, you are quite right; never under any circumstances notice a man to whom you have not been properly introduced. (3) Flirtation is rather an elastic word; it may mean that two young people are having a delightful time together in a harmless triendship, or it may mean an unprincipled playing with hearts, but I prefer the former definition as the most correct. No, you did not ask too many questions at all. I never tried reading character by the handwriting, but I can generally form a guess at my correspondent's character from the general style of her letter. I think you are neat and orderly, but impulsive and rather-don't be cross-vain.

I.—Your delightful letter was a real re- and lifeless for some time after it is finished freshment of spirit to me, and you say so Gradually he comes back to life, brighter many kind things in such a manly, and and more beautiful than before the trying straightforward fashion that I am sure you ordeal was begun.-Ex. mean every word you say. You don't know what a help it is to a writer when some one takes the trouble to write him, or her, an appreciative letter; because the letters we get are so often the very reverse. Thank you most heartily for yours. Do you know who I am and all about me." It is no secret at all in some parts of New Brunswick, but I am not always in St. John, so you might possibly see me some day. This much, let me tell vou. I am not a Canadian, and so can look at Canadians with impartial eyes, but I heartily To the Electors of the City of agree with all you say about the girlsand please let me include the boys too-I don't think there are any people on earth quite like the Canadians. I am afraid you do not read our talks very carefully, or you would know that I do "let the boys in" with the greatest pleasure. You are the second "boy" I have answered to-day and I am just going to answer another. I am always delighted to hear from them, when they care to write to me. You are right. I do find this department most interesting. It is my favorite work, and it is very gratifying to have a man say he takes an interest in it. I think Progress support, I am, Ladies and Gentlemen, Respectfully you must indeed be a treasure to New Brunswickers who are away from home. I am only a very small part of Progress, so I can say that without vanity. Au revoir, "New Brunswicker," and thank you again for your cheery letter.

SUNFLOWER, Moncton.—Of course I won't make fun of your questions. You are right they are by no means "flatter" than many I answer, but I am afraid you will be disappointed at not getting your answer sooner. (1) No, you have no excuse if she was tired out, what better reason could she give? You ought to sympathise with her, instead of getting offended. (2) Now, Sunflower, I really don't think this is quite fair. You ought not to ask me, but still as you have, I am pretty certain that if I were a young man, and got the chance, I should certainly put my arm around her, if she would let me. You know the horse requires so much attention when one is driving that the driver requires some sort of moral support to enable him to endure the strain, and if he can encircle the whole world with his other arm, it must be a great comfort to Lim, when the world in question measures about 24 inches, avoirdupois. (3) What should the young lady say under the circumstances? Well, she should say "Unhand me, sir! how dare you?" but in all probability she won't do anything of the kind, she may box your ears of course, but you must take the risk of that, "nothing venture, nothing win" you know. (4) I do not see that it would be any harm at all, provided the young man to whom she is engaged does not object. A girl cannot be expected to cut all her male friends. She must still be polite to them. (4) I think if I were you, I should ask the young lady to come for a walk and ask her then, or of course a drive would do as well. Just say anything that comes into your head, and I don't think she will be critical. (5) I should think twice a week would do. (6) Both are tolerable but will improve as you the boys," do you? Poor dears! they do need a champion now and then, for they certain. You may ask as many questions

SNOWDROP, Moncton.—I do not see that you are bound to give up your friend because his parents do not care for you, provided there is no real reason for their dislike, and as neither of you seem to have

know about it, for reticence is not a charac- word some day, and then you will be sorry. If your parents do not object, I would let (2) Simply bow, and say, "How do things go on as they are. Your writing is not very good, but you could improve it by

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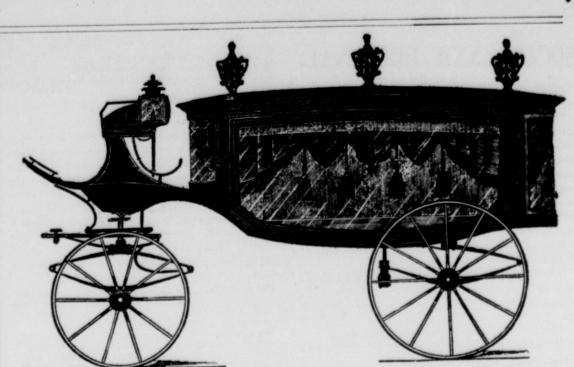
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