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UNA .- A full description of the game of "Tiddledy Winks" was published in Progress of February 7th, and as it took up nearly a column of space, I am afraid I cannot repeat it here, but if you have not got the paper you can obtain it at the office

vegetable to the animal kingdom! Well, Moo, I don't see why you could not be a pansy, even though you say you are not pretty. Pansies are not all pretty, but they are all sweet. (1) I think gum chewing is an awful habit but then perhaps that may be because I never cared for it myself. Caramel chewing I consider perfectly justifiable, but the former habit really develops the muscles of the jaws to such an extent that in time it destroys the roundness of the cheeks, and makes them lean, and scraggy. Now I am sure I need not fad, need I? (2) Plain note paper is the

an humble minded little girl you are, to be sure! But as the first step towards knowledge is supposed to be a consciousness of how little we know, you must be getting along famously to be able to afford to call yourself by such a name. (1.) In preparing M. S. for publication, you will find the editors of magazines much more particular about the appearance of the sheets than the editors of newspapers, many of the former utterly refuse now to accept any, but typewritten M. S., and they all have an insuperable objection to foolscap paper. I believe their favorite size is that which a half sheet of foolscap would make folded across, and cut in two. At any stationer's you can buy pads of paper such as writers use, and you will find them much cheaper than buying by the quire, besides the sheets tear off separately, and you are thus saved the trouble of cutting them, for they must always be sent to the publisher, in single pages, fastened at one corner. Another very useful size is about the width of foolscap, but only two-thirds its length. Almost any paper will do, provided it is not too thin. Write only on one side of the paper, number the sheets at the top of the page, and pay great attention to the punc- castle, but you put it so delightfully that tuation. I notice that you do not use the you have made me purr as loudly as my note of interrogation at all, why is that? own kitten does, when you stroke her un-Be careful to make your commas distinctly der the chin, and I daresay I look just as and for a full stop a small cross is the usu- simple as she does, with gratified vanity. ally accepted newspaper symbol, and You certainly can do it very nicely indeed. catches the eye of the long-suffering printer (1) Always help the guest first, unless one at once. The one unpardonable sin of the ladies should happen to be very old amongst editors and printers is to roll and entitled to special consideration. (2) the MS.; always fold it, and if I think the pompadour puff has gone out, there are many sheets, say a small volume and I am sure I hope so, for I thought it a a book. (2) It would depend entirely upon whether your mother wished to call upon your friend or not. If she wishes to do so, of course take her card, but it is not at all necessary to leave it with your own, every time you call. You have not asked too many questions at all. You ought to see some of the lists of queries I get. I am glad to think I am "nice." You are mistaken; I have lots of acquaintances, but still I don't know any of my correspondents, except by letter.

you need be afraid of "a sarcastic answer" to your first question; the only answer I can give is "I have often wondered destiny. There is always a love story in about it myself, and I give it up. (2) I every old maid's life, and generally a sad about it myself, and I give it up. (2) I cannot understand the position you mention. Why should he invite her when there is a marked coolness between them? unless indeed he means it as a sort of peace offering, in which case I think I should accept it. (3) If you can bring yourself to do so, it is always better to try and find out the cause of a misunderstand- look like new it you sent them to Ungar's ing, such a little thing may set it right. and had the job done right. You just I do not know what answer you could give attend to this little matter. If you let

in the dark yourself, as to the cause. (4) I am not going to tell you to beat about the bush, so you need not be afraid. If the gentleman is a friend, why not simply say, "We shall be very glad to hear from you, if you care to let us know how you are getting on." It is so much better to say a thing plainly and naturally, and there is no reason in the world why you should hesitate to express an interest in a friend, especially when you know it will please him. Your letter was very nice indeed, and I am always glad when I can be of any

express that of thousands of others. I did

not say that all men preferred quiet girls! Why, there would not be a quiet girl left in the world if they did. Men do not all think alike, any more than we do, so you must not feel discouraged, because I don't mind telling you for your comfort that I am the very reverse of a quiet girl myself, | Journal. so if you feel low spirited about it, I should feel that way too; but you will generally find plenty of nice, quiet fellows, who think no girl so charming as the bright, happy damsel who is always bubbling over with fun and frolic, while the rollicking, lively lad, is casting loving eyes on the demure little puss, who sits in the corner with downcast eyes, and looks like a kitten who has been stealing Moo, Moncton.-What an abrupt cream. So you think you would love me change, you have made, my dear, from the if you saw me, do you? Well, that depends; you might and then again you mightn't, but you are not very lucky in your guess as to my personal appearance. I am not quite so old as you imagine, and I am far from being what is called "a fine woman," or, as you say, "a nice, big, clever looking woman." I am not at all large. (1) Boisterous behaviour of any kind on the street is the worst possible form, but if one is chatting with a friend, for instance, they cannot possibly be expected to repress all inclination to laugh, and as long as they do it quietly, it is all say another word against the gum chewing | right, and very pleasant indeed to see young people enjoying themselves. It is proper thing, the ruled is quite out of date | customary both to bow, and say "How do and considered common. (3) If your hair you do?" but a bow is sufficient if you is long and thick, wear it in a braid, tied wish to be formal. Never stop a gentlewith ribbon, and the ends either curled or man on the street to speak to him, unless waved. No way is so becoming to a young you really have something very urgent to face, and I do love to see plenty of little say. It would be quite proper for him to curls and love locks about the face. Thank join you and walk along with you, but not you for your kind words for Progress and for him to stop you. (2) How do you mean? If a young man accompanied you home, and it is late, the proper thing for LITTLE IGNORAMUS, St. John .- What you to do is to say good-night to him once, on reaching your own door, and go | COLLEGIATE SCHOOL - WINDSOR, N. S. into the house without lingering, unless it is a summer night, and your escort chances be an old friend, when there would be no harm in a few moment's chat. (3) As the person you mention cannot possibly lay any claim to the title of gentleman, and as you only know him by sight, I should not take the slightest notice of him. You would only lower your own dignity by either speaking or writing to him, and it would do no good. (3) Your writing is as pretty as any that I ever saw, but how is it that you are not equally up to the mark in spelling and composition? Do you know that there were not more than three stops in the whole of your letter, and not one interrogation point! Now you see you were right in saying that you thought I would not be bachward about

ENIGMA, Fredericton.—You date your letter from Fredericton, Enigma, but I am sure you must have been in Ireland at some time or other and paid a visit to Blarney -send it through the post office flat, like most unbecoming way of wearing the hair. (3) I think, of course, that you have never met the right one; when you do and you are sure to come across him some day-you will not have any doubt about the matter, he will stand out in bold relief at once, and will not need any crown for you to recognize him as the king. A girl like you would be far better worth having, than one who has frittered away her affections upon half a dozen beaux, till she has none worth mentioning left for her husband. You were quite right not to marry till you could do so for love; the best position in the world is poverty indeed if you do not SWANSDOWN, St. John.—I don't think really love the man who gives it to you. I do not think there is the slightest danger of your being an old maid, for I can assure you that there was never one yet made by

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Mr. Blunt?" "Yes, I am slightly acquainted with her." was." "Why?" "I'd cultivate her acquaintance until I know her well enough to tell her she can't sing. Her voice reminds me of the cry of a fish-hawker. Can't you introduce me." "With pleasure. I am her father."—Ex.

It Looked That Way.

LOVIE, St. John. - Now, Lovie, remember that as one swallow does not make a summer, neither does one person's opinion this is."—Ex.

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Teacher-"Emerson Homer, you may parse the next word—universe." Emerson Homer-"Universe is a noun, common, of the feminine gender"- Teacher (interrupting)-"Feminine gender, did you say?" Emerson Homer-"Yes, ma'am; Boston is her hub, you know."-

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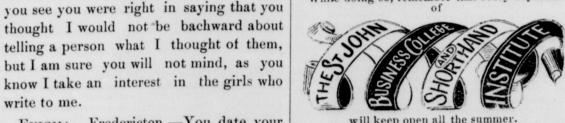
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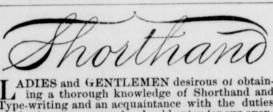
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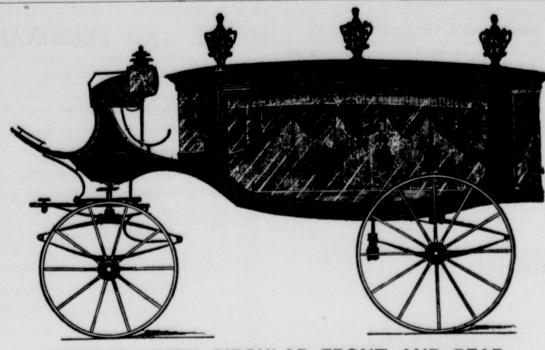
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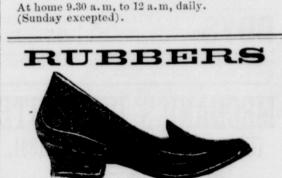
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