

culinary art she has managed to pick up. Oatmeal mush and boiled eggs, stewed

fruit and rolls, chipped beef, and cheese

and crackers, are the staples of her diet.

Fried chops and sausages furnish its "staying" elements, and the smells in the apart-

suggestive of its romance, but it is home-

Co-operative house-keeping is also

largely practiced amongst girl bachelors. Three or four put their narrow incomes

into a common purse. An apartment of

from three to five rooms is procured, which

gives them a studio, a reception room and

sleeping quarters, a corner in one being

partitioned off for a kitchen. The maxi-

mum of economy is thus obtained, and in-

dependence of the hated boarding-house

"Don't you get talked about?" a matron

asked a quartette of young artists, who

have formed a co-operative household.

"We are too busy to ask ourselves," was

The girl bachelors sometimes find diffi-

culty in securing convenient quarters, and

they are clamoring for an apartment house

into which they can swarm all by them-

selves. The Women's Press club has

taken up the movement and that means

success. Mrs. Elizabeth Custer and Mrs.

Emily V. Battey, two of the most promi-

nent women-journalists in New York, have

been specially active in setting forth the

demand for it, and there is every prospect

that in the near future, "the apartment-

house of the professional and business

women," will be one of the architectural

triumphs, which country cousins will

It is to have a restaurant in the basement,

and a steam elevator, and is in every

respect to be a duplicate of the bachelor apartment houses, which it is claimed have

done more than anything else toward mak-

ing celibates of the young men in large

cities, by providing them with such com-

plete accommodation, that matrimony is

never suggested by a lack of home comforts.

Jacob Astor, who must not be confounded

with his uncle, Mr. Astor, has not set his

foot on his "native heath" for over a year,

and it is reported he has gone into volun-

tary exile, and intends to spend the rest of

his days in London, where he has taken

the Lansdowne house, at a rental of \$25,-

000, and marry his sons and daughters

into the English nobility. Perhaps in this

connection he has his eye on some royal

things are hoped for by American aspirants

feels his failure to secure the honor. He has another cause of dissatisfaction. He

has written a novel, and a large portion of

the first edition is still on his publisher's

hands, although it has been in the market

something over two years. For months

before he left America, his friends were

speaking to each other of the gloomy dis-

satisfied look he constantly wore, and the

non-success of his book was said to be the

Kate Claxton, who will be remembered

in St. John and Halifax for her successful

season some years ago in the Two Orphans,

will probably revisit those cities this sum-

Orphans and her new play, Bootles' Baby,

which was so well received last winter in

New York and Brooklyn. Her husband,

Chas. A. Stephenson, will accompany her,

They "Saw" Alvin's Diamonds.

known as "Alvin Joslin," was sitting re-

cently on the porch of a hotel in Texas,

when a man from Detroit stepped in front

of him and looked over his head in search

of an acquaintance, whom he supposed was

in the hotel lobby. Davis, mistaking the

Detroiter's purpose, remarked: "Ah, I see you admire my diamonds. This one"—

indicating the stone on his shirt bosom-

"cost me \$3,000. These"-showing his

cuff buttons--"cost me \$2,500 each, and my wife has a trunkful up in our room."

The Detroit man did not say much, but

that evening, by arrangement with the head waiter, Davis was placed at supper

alone at a table where were several vacant

chairs. Presently seven men, all com-

mercial travellers, entered the dining room

and each one had a large cut-glass fruit

prisms hung pendant from each coat and

Soberly marching to Davis's table the

seven men took the vacant seats, and the

Detroit man entertained the alleged actor

with: "Ah, I see you admire our dia-

Elsewhere in this issue we republish an

article from the Hamilton Times relating

granted members of the Royal Templars.

vest button.

Charles L. Davis, the actor, otherwise

and will play the genial "Bootles."

Mr. Astor's quarrel with his country is

to English titles.

Mr. Waldorf Astor, son of the late John

always be taken to see.

mistress is achieved.

that of the poor boarding-house thrall.

## IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

Whether there is any improvement in the state of matters musical this week, is a question that admits of a good deal of doubt. For my part I think, if anything, things are rather more dull.

Monday evening the attendance at the Oratorio society's rehearsal was fairly good, and those who were there had a thorough drilling in the Elijah. I hardly know when the concerts are expected to come off, but, from what I hear, fancy that the Elijah, at any rate, will not be sung until some time in the autumn. The Lay of the Bell we may hear sooner. The Philharmonic club are to practice with the society next Monday night and active members are requested to come to rehearsal as near 8 o'clock as possible. Some rumor has reached me of a garden party which is to be given for the enjoyment of the Oratorio society, but as I really know nothing very definite about it just now, I will give further

particulars again.
St. Jude's church has, I presume, lost its organist, as Miss Minnie Coy, who filled that post, was married last Tuesday evening to Mr. W. L. Harding. Another appointment is that of Mr. George Ewing, who will now play the organ in St. David's, as I believe Miss Hancock has resigned her position there

Mr. Arthur Magee, whose death took place last

week, will be very much missed among our musical people. He was at one time a member of the Philharmonic club, and while able to do so always took great interest in everything in a musical way happening here. I wish to join with Mrs. Magee's friends in offering my sympathy in her trouble.

On Tuesday evening I attended the sixth public recital of the school of music, at the Mechanics' Institute, and although there were some drawbacks, will have sext that I have been a good many still I may say that I have heard a good many worse entertainments. The programme which was given, differed materially from the one which I had, given, differed materially from the one which I had, but that was a mere trifle. Programmes, after all, are only things invented to mislead the long-suffering newspaper people who are blind enough to rely on them. Miss Hitchens did a wise thing when she induced Miss Grace Chaffee, violinist, to join her school. I was very much pleased with her artistic work, especially in her first selection. Her tones were good, and her playing very refined. Miss Chaffee will prove a valuable acquisition to our musical circles. Of Miss Marie Denley, I think I said before her voice is pleasing in ballad music, and showed to fair advantage in her solo "The Wren," Benedict.

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The first number on the programme was omitted, for some good reason doubtless. Then one of Miss Hitchens' pupils sang "The Cuckoo," by Abt. I hardly like to say very much about any of these young students, for the reason that so sure as I do, Miss Hitchens springs the information that the pupil has only been studying for a few months, and that in consequence my remarks are unjust. With all due deference to that lady, I think that it would have been advisable to have waited a few months longer. In place of the pianoforte solo, Miss Denley, Miss Pidgeon and Miss Hitchens sang a pretty thing called "The Cuckoo" fairly well. Miss Nettie Pidgeon then sang that beautiful "Angels' Serenade," by Braza, accompanied by Miss Chaffee, who played the violin obligato. I have said before that Miss Pidgeon has a very nice voice, said before that Miss Pidgeon has a very nice voice, although I do not think that she sang so well Tuesday evening as when last I heard her, some months ago. With proper training, Miss Pidgeon should make a very good vocalist. Three wee maidens performed a piano trio by Diabelli, in a manner which captured the hearts of the audience, especially was my fancy taken with the little lady who played the treble. Her flourishes would have done credit to a professional, so artistic were they. Another tot played a "Peasants March" very credit-

ably, considering her age and experience.

The other trio, overture from Ill Barbiere was very poorly executed, and it put one in mind of the "school girl piece," so utterly expressionless and colorless was it.

Miss Hitchens' solo, "Chalet Horn," was unfortunate. Miss Whitman was, I presume, playing in

the right key, but the corneter was sharp and Miss Hitchens flat. The combination was anything but pleasing. In the duet, "Hear me Norma," neither Miss Denley or Miss Hitchens sang in tune. Miss Emma Goddard played one or two accompaniments in her usual clever style. But the descriptions are the Delegate Pantomine exercises. tive music for the Delsarte Pantomime exercises was too awful to think of. It consisted of a medley, in which was introduced selections from Mendelssohn's songs without words, Beethoven's sonatas, "Yankee Doodle," "Comfort ye my People," from the Messiah (which air, by the way, was used to illustrate shame, reproach and repulsion), and others. Such a medley speaks for itself.

With the programmes was given a book with a synopsis of the plan of instruction received at the school of music. By the way I may say that a lady who attended one of the late recitals, tells me that Miss Hitchens made the astounding assertion, that when she came to St. John, about two years ago, there was no one in the city capable of teaching a correct method of piano playing. I do not know that I quote Miss Hitchens exact words, but whatever way she put it, that was the meaning she conveyed to her hearer. For the credit of our musical people I really think that Miss Hitchens should prove the truth of that remark. Perhaps she does not know very many of our musicians. Mr. Jas. S. Ford has returned from Houlton, Me.,

where he spent a most enjoyable visit. I believe Ditson & Co. have forwarded Mr. Ford copies of his song "Pretty Little Maiden Mine." Master Fred Blair is again at his post in St. Andrews church, after having made a short visit to his home in Chatham.

The Canadian Musician speaks very favorably of the Philharmonic concerts given there a short time ago in Toronto. "The works under performance were Mendelssohn's Elijah, and Massenet's ance were Mendelssonn's Etijah, and Massenet's "Eve,"—a mystery in three parts—as it is styled, was completely underated in anticipation and by press notices, which preceded its performance. The English libretto is atrocious in every respect, and to the orthodox understanding there is no "rhyme" while the "reason" is too suggestive. The music however is simply delicious; sensions of music, however, is simply delicious; sensuous of course, but delicate, and there is nothing in it of coarseness to glut the ear and pall on the senses. To be appreciated at all the work must be heard, and it is to be hoped that the work will be given here again at no late date. The soloists for the concerts were Mrs. Anna Moony Burch, of New York, Mr. Charles Santly, the famous English baritone, Mr. H. L. Clarke, Mrs. Church and Mr. Bird. Mr. Torrington was conductor."

Here is something new. An Austrian has invented an instrument resembling a piano in appearance, which contains two violins, two violas and two ance, which contains two violins, two violas and two violincellos, and manipulated by a key board.

I heard the other day that the American Musician which used to be edited by John Freund, and had lately passed into the hands of Travis Guigg, had gone to pieces. I enjoyed the paper very much, and will miss it now that it is a thing of the past.

TARBET.

## GIRL BACHELORS OF GOTHAM.

How They Live and Try to Make Themselves Happy.

NEW YORK, May 30.—The girl bachelor is one of the unique products of a great city. She has her own row, and is, as a rule, professional in her pursuits, although dish fastened on his breast, while glass quite number of business women are found amongst the girl bachelors of Gotham. She lives in chambers "just like a man," and furnishes them with whatever degree of luxury her fancy suggests.

If she is a swell girl bachelor; that is, if she has made a name for herself in the artistic world, or is a special writer, or has we have three carloads like them at the charge of a department on one of the lead- depot waiting to be side-tracked." Davis Quite a number of ladies joined the A. A. club ing dailies—she covers her floors with not only changed his table, but went to this week, and it is expected that the list will be a Eastern rugs and drapes her divan with a another hotel .- Austin Statesman. Turkish curtain, and piles it with silkcovered cushions; has a maid come in to do up her rooms and dust her bric-a-brac, and either gets her meals in a near-by to the wonderful cure of a gentleman in restaurant, or has Bridget get them for that city, who had been pronounced by her. In this case she has arrived at the physicians incurable, and who had been highest notch to which self-supporting paid the \$1,000 total disability insurance womanhood can climb. There is nothing more for the girl bachelor-as a bachelor.

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SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

There have been many indications of a revival of the interest in base ball within the last week or so. Three well organized amateur teams have been hard at work, both at practice and in planning a programme for the summer; the old enthusiasts are beginning to give the game some consideration; and popular players who retired to make room for the professionals last year, are exhibiting an interest that is very gratifying to lovers of the game. The formation of the amateur league has been the event of the week. There is no reason, whatever, why a league composed of three representative clubs like the Shamrocks, Y. M. C. A.'s and Thistles should not be a success. Three sections of the city are represented, and each club has a large number of "cook and bottle-washer." She fences off friends who will be interested in its success, and as one corner of her studio, or study, with a the season advances the enthusiasm is likely to be screen, and consecrates it to the inner woman. An oil or gas stove is set up in it, and over this she practices whatever of

This year the league will have the field all to itself. Former amateur leagues have been under disadvantages that only the most determined effort on the part of those interested could overcome; tet they were fairly successful. During the last four years the amateurs have had professional ball to mpete against, but, notwithstanding this, I rement dedicated to her art are not always member games on the barrack square between the leading clubs of the league, which for attendance it is house-keeping, and the girl bachelor is enraptured with her lot, as compared with and enthusiasm equalled those of the professionalsexcept, of course, when the spectators played the

> was so uncertain last Saturday, that with the interest at such a low ebb, it was a wonder that there were any spectators present, especially with the admission the same as was charged for professional ball. However, considering the condition of the field and all other draw backs, the game was a fairly good one.

> The Shamrock team is playing better every day, and I am told that a great deal of interest is being taken in it. Morris, who has charge of the nine, seems to have profited by his experience in the professional team, and the amateurs are getting the benefit of it. Morris tells me that the practice Donovan gave his men was very different from that which the boys around St. John are accustomed to when they have to learn the game themselves. Many of the present Shamrock team have been playing ball for some years, and were looked upon as good players by those with whom they used to practice, but batting was a very weak point. When they had their first practice games, Morris pitched for them, and they were unable to hit him. The box is no place for him now, however, so great has been the improvement in the team. This shows what the boys could do with a little of the right kind of instruction.

> The Shamrocks want a pitcher or two. Looney, who pitched the last two games is a new one, and is doing some very good work. The club has great confidence in him, and expect him to do even better before the season closes.

> There are a number of new players in the Y.M.C. A. nine, but they are in good company and should White knows a good deal about base ball, and with Kearns and a few others to help him, will probably make the Y. M. C. A. colts as lively amateurs as one wants to see. But it will take some time to get three clubs with so much new and unknown material in them in a condition to settle down to business, and I hope the public will recognize this fact and

There is one thing, however, that strikes me as being necessary to good work, and at the same time keep the public interested. The clubs should select the best playing nines they can get, give the men positions that they can do the best work in and keep personages. Now that the daughter of a them there, instead of changing players about the Scottish gentleman is in the direct line of field as is too frequently done. Nearly every ball succession to the English throne, great player can play well in one position, but there are few good all-round players even among professionals. Besides, those who attend the games become interested in the men; they know where to look for said to have its roots in society's refusal to them, and just what work they are capable of doing; recognize him as "Mr. Astor." He is a and are therefore in a position to pass judgment on richer man than his uncle, and the de- the plays, by their previous records; but when one sees the bases covered by different men at every scendant of an elder son, and he keenly game, the interest ceases and it is just like looking

Little things like these have a great deal to do with the success of the game from a grand stand point of view. In the old St. John games half the crowd was always more interested in the men than the team, and the announcement that the full nine would be on hand, and every man in his own position, always drew a good crowd. Tom Bell on first; Sam Milligan on second; Jimmy Kennedy on third, and Frank White short stop; always meant something and the cranks knew it and flocked to the grounds. This is just what the coming ball players want to do; select the positions they can play the best ball in and stick to them right straight mer. She will take with her the Two through the piece.

> Percy Thomson, who played with the St. Johns on the 25th, is going to play ball this summer, and as the A. A. club has no regular team, has thrown in his lot with the Y. M. C. A.'s. Norris, however, has decided to play with the Thistles, and it is to be hoped that he will stick to them. He is a member of the Y. M. C. A.'s, and both clubs have a warm spot in his little breast, but it will be rather unsatisfactory to them if he should want to change from one to the other.

> The Thistles will be on hand with the same team that they had last year, with the exception of Driscoll and Welsh. Second, however, will be covered by O'Niel of the Franklins, and the team will be as strong as ever. The battery will be McGhnchey and Mills. The Thistles have secured the Y. M. C. A. days on the Barrack square, and I understand they are making good use of them as regards prac-

> The second game in the Y. M. C. A.-Shamrock series will be played this afternoon on the Shamrock grounds, and the Beaver lacrosse club will play the Unions on the A. A. grounds. If the weather is fine we will have an opportunity to see what kind of a crowd lacrosse can draw if it enters the field against base ball. In both cases we will have the best clubs in town pitted against each other, and there should be good games on each of the grounds.

The Unions want to bring the Wanderers over for a lacrosse match on July 1, and are trying to get the A. A. grounds, but the committee have some idea of having ball games on that day, and nothing has been decided upon. There is talk of a game between the monds. This one," pointing to the fruit decided upon. There is talk of a game between the dish, "cost me \$300,000. These," indicat-Y. M. C. A.'s and the Thistles on the A. A. grounds ing the prisms, "cost \$250,000 each, and in the near future.

> long one before the last application is received. Thursday has been decided upon for ladies day, and tennis will receive lots of attention from this out.

> Two evenings in each week have been set aside for the different factions of the club. Monday and Thursday evenings will be devoted to lacrosse; Tuesday and Friday to base ball, and Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoon to cricket. Mr. W. A. Maclauchlan is field captain for the month.

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famous Longwood cricketers, will probably visit this city on August 28, 29, and play an eleven from the

Base ball players are, as a rule, superstitious. Nearly all the clubs in the national league and association have mascots, or look upon the most tri-Fine weather and a few good games would have a vial incidents when going to the grounds as good wonderful effect on the attendance. The weather or bad omens. We have also had illustration of it in St. John. Billy Donovan, the captain of last year's Shamrocks, was very superstitious, and we all know how he used to make the nine work as hard looking for four leaf clovers before a St. John-Soamrock game as he did in practice. Then there was an old gentleman who attended the games at the A. A. grounds, and was looked upon by every-one as a mascot. This is what a writer says of the New York team in this respect:

Players have their individual peculiarities and nethods to bring luck. Pete Browning, when coming in from the field, always steps over the third base, but never touches it. "Dupee" Shaw, the eccentric twirler, would never step into the pitcher's box except from the rear. "Buck" Ewing always wants his particular mascot to spit on his bat. Glasscock wants to rub his hands on some "coon's" woolly cock wants to rub his hands on some "coon's" woolly head before going into a game. O'Rourke always puts his base hit record in his cap before a game. Tiernan always puts his cap on before any other part of his uniform. Gore wears yellow garters for luck. Rusie wants to shake craps before a game to see how his luck is, and as he uses loaded dice he is usually lucky. Buckley carries a rusty nail in his pocket as a talisman. Roger Connor wears a shamrock inside his cap. Jim Mutrie does not believe in luck, but says, "Go in and play ball."

JACK AND JILL.

## Sporting Talk from Halifax.

HALIFAX, June 4 .- "There won't be much gate receipts to divide today," was the ejaculation I was met with on entering the Wanderers grounds Saturday, a few minutes before the time for the third urday, a few minutes before the time for the third game of the Social-Mutual series to commence. It did not look much like it, and during the afternoon but 142 persons paid for admission to the ground.

This was certainly a very small crowd; about the smallest that ever attended to witness a game between the two leading clubs in this city, notwith standing that it was a beautiful day and there was nothing else going on. "Is base ball dead in Halifax?" many well ask, but which can be answered in the negative; but it must be admitted the game is at the negative; but it must be admitted the game is at

year, which the St. John players gave to the Socials though the latter had the greatest task to win it, and the people have not recovered from the blow. There was a chance May 25, when these clubs had a large crowd, but the game was one-sided, and the

The first two ball games were so uninteresting tha the public will not pay 25 cents admission and 10 cents to the grand stand. It is altogether too much for such games as these, but how can they expect the public to patronize them when they do not appear on the field with the same men, having changes every game. How can there be any team work with this sort of thing. Almost every game there has been some of the Amateur league players taking part in these clubs. That at once kills the interest, and with the continual change there is no rivalry worth speaking about. If local nines expect to succeed, and at the same

time profess to have the best nines in the city, they should secure the best players possible, practice them together and drill them in team work, and make no change unless a man can be found who will better another in his position, and not make the change unless the man intends to stay with the team.

Had they been thus developed for Saturday's game, it would have even been more interesting than it was. The score was 6 to 4 in favor of the Mutuals, though it might not have been so close had the winners exerted themselves a triffe more. had the winners exerted themselves a trifle more They seemed content with winning, taking more

risks than ever before.
Graham again pitched at the opening for the Graham again pitched at the opening for the Socials, and was doing better than before, but in the third he was on first, when Daney threw to catch him napping, but the ball struck Graham on the side of the head, and he was compelled to quit the game. Connors pitched the remainder of the game, and the Mutuals only got five hits off him.

Daney is still meeting with success; Fitzgerald who was first man to the bat got three bases on a hit along the foul line, but Daney struck out Graham, Smith flied to Daney, while Doyle struck to him, and he assisted him out at first. These are all the best batters of the Socials, and it will be seen it was splendid work. The Socials had three

seen it was splendid work. The Socials had three men on bases with one out, in the fourth, but the next three men were unable to hit the ball outside the diamond, and in the seventh after Bowers batted safely, he struck out Smith, who has quite a reputation as a batter.

Power will probably make his first appearance in

the box this season at the next game. Davison declares he will not pitch this season, and did not play in the nine on Saturday.

Doyle's disgraceful tactics in this game have caused much comment. He twice interfered with fielders by running in front of them; in one in-

stance Power made a phenomenal catch, running from second base to right field, while Doyle stood in front of the first base man so as the latter would be unable to receive the ball when Power threw it in. Such actions will not help the game any.

There has been one very pleasing feature of the game so far-there has been no trouble with the

an old timer said to me the other day: "What would you think of a veteran team playing with the Socials or Mutuals. Davison and Grierson, the old Social battery, might be brought into requisition. Ben Walsh and Jones of the old Atlantas might be got here, and Inglis, Pender, Manning, Power, and some of the older players are yet about. They would make a strong team if they could be got to gether, but there is much doubt of that.

There is nothing I know that would revive the interest here more than a game between Halifax and St. John. Either of the clubs should make arrangements to bring one of the St. John clubs to the city, and the games played in St. John on the queen's birthday, show that the Haligonians would have a fighting at once with either of your teams.

Judging from the reports in the papers, the Y. M. C. A.'s and Shamrocks played five innings on Saturday last, so as they could cal! it a game. But I observe that the Y. M. C. A.'s played five innings, and the Shamrocks four, and one paper states "The Shamrocks therefore had no need for their half of An old timer said to me the other day: "What the Shamrocks four, and one paper states "The Shamrocks therefore had no need for their half of that inning?" There was, however, no game, as the rules distinctly provide that "no game" shall be declared if five innings are not completed by each

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