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So many of my letters are well worth publishing this week that I long for a whole page of space, and carte blanche to cover as much of it as I like. Perhaps I may find room for one or two before I

girls, although mayflowers never grow in a garden, do they? So you will have to take a little plot of your own somewhere and make believe you are still in the woods. Do you know, I really think you will have to repeat your question in detail, and tell me just what you want to know about the card etiquette, because I might write you half a page of general information on the subject, and then not tell you what you really want, but I will give you a few little points today with pleasure, and I hope they may be useful to you. A married lady in calling either for the first time after a party or on any formal occasion leaves one of her own and two of her husband's cards. One of the latter is for the hostess, you for all the love and the other for the host. It is customary—and a very sensible custom it is too to have the lady's address in the lower left hand corner, and the day on which she is at home to her friends on the opposite or lower right hand corner, and the lady on whom she calls is thus in possession of two important facts—where she lives, and what day she will find her at home. The letters P. P. C. in the lower left hand corner indicate a farewell call, and either the upper left hand corner or the entire left hand edge turned down, serve to explain that where only one card is left, family. Have your cards as plain as poscard for each member of the family-ladies of course-whether you find them at home or not, so that your name can be placed always know where to find you. A young girl frequently takes her mother's card with GER her when it is not convenient for the mother to make the call herself. That is all I can think of just now, but ask me anything else vou want to know. (2) I think I should treat the gentleman in question with absolute indifference; that will soon "bring him to his bearings" as the sailors-bless them-say. He seems to fully illustrate the truth of the old

Damon pursues when Chloe flies, But when her love is born—his dies.

(3) Palmistry is a very old science, and was thoroughly believed in by the ancients, and I think myself that the character can be accurately read by the lines in the palm, provided the reader has studied the science carefully. As to the fortune, I do not know, but I am very much inclined to believe in it. The shape of your thumb correctly interpreted will tell you whether you are gifted with mental firmness, or not, but it will never satisfy you as to whether judgment to help you in selecting a husband. (5) With practice I think you would make a very excellent writer (6) Hold your arms in any way that is easy and natural, only don't swing them. Always carry something in your hand, and you will find it a great help, even if it is only a the greatest possible aid to a good carriage. You did not bother me at all

A bold bad man, who I know wants to trip up the guileless Astra, and who signs the name of one of Job's famous comforters-"Bildad," writes as follows:-DEAR ASTRA .- (1) Explain variation of magnetic

pole. (2) Give leading ingredients of Mongolian salve. (3) Explain the relation between sausages and suspicion. (4) Are you male or female. If the latter please give your reasons for this course (5) Do you not think bow-legged men are reprehensible?

Yours wearily, BILDAD.

Now, Bildad, the first question is much more easily answered than you thought. We all know that it does vary, and the best explanation I can give is this- In fair weather, when all is calm, and joy, and peace, the first flutter of his best girl's garments, seen at a distance, represents the magnetic pole to the summer dude, but in troublous times, when a bull dog is chasing the same dude across a ten acre lot, the roughest "worm" fence, or most gnarled tree within sight will be the magnetic pole, which he will strain every nerve to reach. N. B. There is never any variation in this run! (2) The Mongolian race? Well, my dear Bildad, as well as I can understand the situation at present, the leading ingredients of that race appear to be a praiseworthy activity in keeping ahead of, and dodging the special constables who are appointed to chase them off of American soil, and a most unpleasant race it is for the Mongolians, for there are no prizes awarded to the victors, and if there were they would be afraid to claim them. (3) The best relation or connecting link between sausages and suspicion, is the expression on the countenance of a dog belonging to the angelic sex, who has recently lost a pup, and who stops at a butcher's stall for a moment to inspect the contents of the sausage tray, and try to recognize her offspring by the sense of smell. (4) I am afraid I must acknowledge the soft I am afraid I must acknowledge the soft of anything, but as it is your first offence, impeachment and confess to being a I suppose I will have to forgive you. (1) female. My reasons for "this course" were: 1st, a desire to sweeten the lot of to the lady under those circumstances. (2) mankind in general, and one or Whenever two men are walking together two in particular; 2nd, to present to and meet a lady who is known to either

Since it is now a well-established fact that catarrh is a blood disease, medical men are quite generally prescribing Ayer's Sarsaparilla for that most loathsome complaint, and the result, in nearly every

of the proverb that nothing is so bad that

it might not have been worse—that same

man might have been knock-kneed. Good

bye "Bildad"; let me hear from you again.

be girl" of mine at all. You can be a real (2) Very particular people often send a member of the family to bring the girls have finished though, so the sooner I begin | home from a party, but it is quite as usual for the lads to see the girls home, that is, of course, when the young people are past the age of children. (3) I think the age MAYFLOWER 2ND, St. John.—I am glad to welcome you to Progress garden of you mention is rather young for girls to receive male visitors in the evening. Eightmarriages I ever heard of was between two | terest you in our column. young people who had been engaged since the girl was thirteen, and the boy sixteen. quite grown up, one 20 and another about which our editor is hrm, it is the other 23, I think, but they the following rule, "No followers allowed." neither of them wavered in their allegiance You would be awfully disappointed in it, during all that time. But remember! too, I am afraid, for I am by no means Wall Flower, such cases are very rare, and fair. When that "lucky fellow" comes capable of a real love at that age. Thank be a model wife. But perhaps he may

> en-pecked that he only speaks when you allow him? If nothing has happened to him, pleas? Astra, let him come out again, or he may pine away and die. We know he likes to write, and we like to read his Halifax, May 4. Two Anxious Men.

If you are anxious about Geoffrey "me

darlin' men," you may just as well stop

being so at once, for that young gentleman is more than able to take care of himselt, the call is intended for all the ladies of the and you would have thought so, if you could have heard what he said when I showsible, the more absolutely simple they are ed him your letter; for I regret to say that cut to South Wales, under an estuary where the better the taste displayed; avoid gilt his language was of a kind that would not the tides are higher than at any other place or bevelled edges as you would flee from be permitted over a telephone wire. He la grippe. If you are the eldest daughter, said he was almost sorry he had married have "Miss Smith" engraved or written- a literary woman to whom every the latter is considered quite as good sap head in the country felt free to write. style now as the former. If you are a So you see how ungrateful the male sex younger daughter, have "Miss Mary are. Don't worry about him, because I Smith," but never make the mistake of don't keep him down at all, and he really leaving open the door that was there for leaving out the Miss, and putting your has rather a soft time of it, only he is ter-English, French, and American christian name without the "handle." In ribly lazy, and I have to stir him up briskly Then followed such a pumping as the world calling for the first time always leave a to get him to write at all. I am afraid I give him too much liberty altogether, because he is a terrible flirt, and just now is

> GERTIE, NEW YORK .- I am very glad to welcome you, Gertie, after your long journey all the way from New York, and I am also glad you take such an interest in our column. (1) It would be perfectly correct, provided you know the gentleman's wife, and are sure she would have no objection. (2) I think it would depend a great deal on the friend; if you are very intimate, and true friends, you should be able to ask any question you liked, always provided it was not impertinent, without any danger of being misunderstood, but you know, my dear, there are some home questions which would be impertinent even from one's own sister. What a wee, modest note you wrote me, with its two questions. Write a longer one next time, and I shall be glad to hear from you.

Bluebell, Charlottetown.—Certainly I will give you a welcome! I have a number of new girls-and boys, too-to welcome this week, but I think there is always you will marry or not. (4) Twenty-five room for one more. (1) Nothing is is a capital age to marry, because it insures so pretty, and at the same time you a long girlhood, and also a matured so serviceable as cream or white China wards he went again, and shut the door. silk, which, as you know, will wash. You can trim it with lace or else with ruches of water slowly sank, the slowness being acitself. Another lovely dress would be one of the new challi's which have pink daisies, rosebuds, or violets sprinkled over a white ground, and I saw some charming bengaline's the last time I was in town, with pale small parcel. (7) Yes, I consider dancing | lilac, morning glories, in very small size, sprinkled over a ground so faintly heliotrope that it was almost white. Any of these would be pretty. (2) No, it is not at all proper, and looks very countrified; he should always offer his arm to the lady. (3) If the gentleman is quite a stranger, not more than three, certainly, one or two more if he is an old friend. (4) Inside, as you know the larger one is to be outside it would be in the way. (5) I think the majority of women admire dark men most, though I am sure I cannot understand it. Your questions were all sensible and to the point, and you may ask | men succeeded in seven years in completmore whenever you like.

HILL AND DALE, Fredericton .- (1) I don't quite understand. Did the girls slip off before school was out, or merely go walking after school? In either case I don't think the young men would respect them much. (2) Seventeen is very young; eighteen is the usual age. (3) S. F. R. was a lady. I think you are quite right. (4) Certainly not, and he should be shunned by all self respecting girls. (5) No, it is not proper to kiss any young man to whom you are not engaged, unless he is a relative. (6) A bow and smile is all that is necessary. (7) I do not see any particular of ceremonies, who arranged dances, told harm in walking on a Sunday, many people have no other day to go for a walk. (8) I do not know, but I should think he would respect her all the more. I don't think the boys need any sympathy at all; the column is exclusively for girls, but they are quite Sun. aware that they are always welcome to a place in it. I will try not to take la grippe. I am sure I don't want it, there is nothing grasping about me. Thank you for all your good wishes.

UNMIFFENHEIT, Fredericton.—Anyone who would inflict such a name as that upon a defenceless newspaper woman is capable Yes, a gentleman should always lift his hat second, and \$5.00 as a third prize, to be given to the persons sending in the largest number of words made up from the letters contained in the words "Fredericton Globe." This offer is open to paid up subscribers only, and parties desirous of competing for these Cash Prizes must send in their names and P.O. address, accompanied by \$1.00 for one year's subscription to the Globe.

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No letter in the words "Fredericton Globe." of the proverb that nothing is so had that marks of a gentleman; the more respectful direction. a man's demeanor is to ladies, the more he shows his good breeding. (4) He should rise

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WALL FLOWER, St. John .- Nothing in girl, if you like. (1) I do not see the slightest harm in the girls having gone out dear, and you need no longer be a "would driving with the boys, in the way you men-tion, as they were all so young, and in all the rest of the table. (5) Yes, he should probability knew each other very well It rise as he lifts his hat, or at least half rise might have looked a little strange in the from the bench if he sees her in time. (6) city, but in the country it was different. It would be quite right, and even an act of courtesy, if the lady is not already provided with an escort.

Let me tell you that there is no unpardonable ignorance about the matter at all. How are people to find out about these little things if they do not ask? I had not the least trouble in reading your writing. The beginning was perfectly correct, but een is quite soon enough for them to begin. in writing to a lady, either "very truly (4) Yes! I think it is quite possible, yours," or "faithfully yours" is the better though very unusual. One of the happiest form. I am glad you find so much to in-

LOCHINVAR, St. John.—I could not possibly think of it, Lochinvar; it's against They did not marry till they were the rules, and if there is one thing above 20 and another about which our editor is firm, it is the great majority of boys and girls are in- along. I will try to settle down and really forget to come. I think you must be a The following letter speaks for itself I very good boy, Lochinvar, and I hope you will remember me in your prayers, but which of us, even the best, has a soul quite DEAR ASTRA: You informed your lady readers a short time ago that you did not want them to "make eyes" at your husband "Geoffrey." Lately we have seen no more of him. Where is he? Has some young lady run off with him, or is he poor fellow, so a flirt. Thank you for your confidence about the name. I will respect it.

ASTRA.

THE SEVERN TUNNEL. Some of the Difficulties that were Encoun-

tered in its Completion.

The most remarkable tunnel in Great Britain is undoubtedly that under the Severn, giving the Great Western a short in the world, except in the Bay of Fundy. The story of this tunnel has a volume to itself, and well it deserves it. The works were started in 1879, but the water broke in, and a panic seized the men, who fled, them to shut when an inrush took place. has never seen; and all in vain.

Evidently nothing could be done until that open door was shut; but to shut that deeply in love with a girl who has red hair. | door the diver had to walk a thousand feet upon the hostess' visiting list, and she will So you see your sympathy was quite thrown from the shaft, dragging his air-hose with him, go behind the door, which opened inwards, shut down a flap valve upon an eighteen-inch pipe, come back through the doorway, pull up two rails of the tramway, close the door, and screw down a twelve-inch sluice-valve. As no one diver could drag such a length of hose after him, three men took the job in hand. One stood at the bottom of the shaft, one five hundred feet up the heading; the leader going on to reach the door. Groping his way past upturned skips, and tools, and masses of rock, which had been left in the panic, he got within a hundred feet of the door, and then found it impossible to drag the airhose after him, owing to its rising to the top, and grinding against the root. Sitting down amid the dark waters, he hauled up a length of the hose and went on; and thus for a time in short lengths did he advance, to find it impossible to get far enough. But he was to succeed after all.

Abandoning the air-hose, and wearing a knapsack of compressed oxygen communicating with a mask over his face, he succeeded in reaching the doorway, and pulling up one of the rails. Two days aftercounted for by the fact that there were two valves, one with a right handed screw, and one left handed, and Lambert, the diver, not knowing this, had screwed both tight to the right hand, so as to shut one sluice and open the other. Then the real work began, but the difficulties were great. Once again the water burst in, and Lambert, who had been out to Sydney to help to raise the Orient liner Austral, had again to shut a door; and then the tidal wave came in; and then the snow choked

the approache But the work went on. A town grew up round the tunnel mouth, with hospitals, to be used first, so if the small knife were schools, and music hall complete for the men and their families. At last, by steadily pumping twenty-three million gallons a day, and by using 76,400,000 bricks, and 36,794 tons of Portland cement, the 3628 ing the longest and driest tunnel in Great

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A Grave Courtship.

A certain Scotch beadle fell in love with the manse housemaid, but was at a loss for an opportunity to declare himself. One Sunday, however, when his duties were ended, he mustered courage to say-"Wud ye tak' a turn, Mary?"

He led her to the churchyard, and, pointing with his finger, got out, "My fowk lie there, Mary; wad ye like tae lie there?" The grave hint was taken, and she afterwards became his wife.

He Won the Bet.

At the Lincoln meeting an extremely with a lady who is unknown to him he al- boisterous bookmaker addressed Lord Ranways lifts his hat to his friend, in token of dolph Churchill as follows: "Pleased to respect to the lady. So under the circum- | see you again, my lord; my name is Hopstances you name. A should certainly lift his kins, but I bet you don't remember me.' hat to B. (3) Yes, always, whether you 'You've won your bet," replied his lord-know her or not, it is one of the distinctive ship, as he walked away in the opposite

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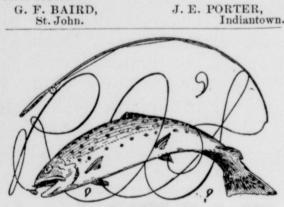
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