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FEB.18.-1s it that we are growing old and can find less pleasure in flags and colored lights; silks, velvets and tinsel? or was this week's carnival a sad faliing off from the things that were? Certain'y there was a falling off in the number of skaters. The serried ranks of former days, skating round and round the two rings of waltzing people, were but slimly represented. The pleasant tooling of the "German band" was wanting; the leader of the "Arabs" was conspicuous by absence; and the spirit of mirth alas! was with him. Only as far as the general public was concerned; the spectators; and the people who are not equal to anything higher in the art of skating than the plain forward and double-up backward strokes which carry them round the rink. The dancing division and the afternoon parties showed up capitallyand indeed asked nothing better than what was given them: good music, capital ice and the absence of a great crowd. Had it not been for them indeed, Mr. Clarke who has had the most unfortunate season possible, might have had that most the terrible *flasco*—a carnival which is a failure—on his

hands. The decorations were nothing when compared with those of previous years. There was plenty of bunting and of various colored lights, but the gallery rail had been left almost untouched, which was u great omission. The exhibition rink is an enormous place to decorate thoroughly, and had its lessee been contented even with much less in that line, the pub-lic would have forgiven him, as for the first few weeks of winter it was truly a white elephant on his bands.

The gaily dressed, ever moving crowd were really the chief decoration, relieved against the black, back ground of spectators. And there has rarely been a carvinal where the well made dresses of good material showed to such advantage as they did on Tuesday evening. Among the ladies such costumes were the rule.

Mrs. Hole had a particularly pretty costume as winter, and one of the most thorough in every de-tail. Her white dress was studded thickly with gleaming spangles, and her white boots glittered as he skated

skating.

Miss Slayter, in a very pretty red and yellow gown, opening over a white petticoat, looked quite lovely. Her powdered hair showing her delicate

dress. Her hat was very picturesque. Mrs. Geoffrey Morrow looked very handsome in

a red cap and gown as Portia. A Red Riding Hood, all in scarlet, was a morsel one would certainly begrudge to a hungry wolf.

Miss Doull wore a very pretty peasant dress, a description of costume which, while it is easily got

description of costume which, while it is easily got up and becoming to almost any fresh, young face, is not anything so effective on the ice as velvet or or cloth dresses, or the figured silks looped over quilted peticoats of the last century. Miss Farrell wore a charming, and most suitable costume for the ice; a rose pink peticoat with a black velvet over-dress cut in long tabs at the back from waist to hem, and rather flaring in front. Her large hat was pink and black, and her whole costume

from waist to hem, and rather flaring in front. Her large hat was pink and black, and her whole costume was beautifully trimmed with gold. Altogether she was one of the prettiest figures on the ice. Mrs. Edward Kenny looked remarkably well in a peasant's dress, highly idealized. Her yellow silk skirts, brown velvet bodice, full white linen sleeves and little half shawl made a very brilliant ensemble. Miss Kenny was a delightful piece of color in black and red, which showed to great advantage in the cotillion.

the cotillion. A very peculiar dress, which was also an exceed-ingly pretty one, was also a very telling note of colour. All geeen was this quaint little costume, very short in the waist with an enormous back sach tied almost between the shoulders, a falling white collar of Irish lace, and a green cap. The wearer's very fair hair (was it her hair? or had it once be-longed to another?) contrasted most admirable with longed to another?) contrasted most admirably with the almost emerald green of her gown. Then there were plenty of peasant dresses, all

Then there were plenty of peasant dresses, all more or less alike except in small details; and among the men, enough French cooks to have supplied all the hotels in Halifax with new chefs. One of them, a small boy, had a trav of sweets; and if he went to the carnival for exercise, he certainly attained his object. Round and round he went at top speed, followed by a long tail of urchins, "faint ver nursuing." their hungry bands outstretched to yet pursuing," their huagry hands outstretched to

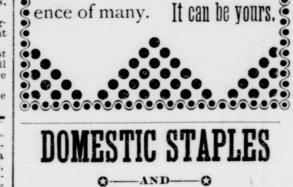
top speed, followed by a long tail of urchins, "faint yet pursuing," their huagry hands outstretched to rob the poor cook's tray. A pastry cook of larger growth, with a fiercely bearded countenance, I saw give away to hitle children among the spectators his whole stock of real tarts. Mr. Fuller's dress was one of the best on the ire, and oddly enough his face is a typical one of that period. Mr. Marsh wore a very good dress, as did Dr. Fowier, and neither looked very peacetul or law abiding individuals; not even the very life-like Kickapoo Indian was more awe-in-spiring than either of these gentlemen. Mr. Bab-ington had a very good dress, of Bluebeard origin I fancy; Mr. Elhott was nothing if not stately; and a light of the medical staff was most imposing in gray corduroy, with a red waist coat. But, with knee-breeches of corduroy, why wear white frills? Captain Peaceck looked very well in black velvet with a white wig, and several other Leicestershire men wore remarkably good dresses. Mr. G. Kenny had a very smart and serviceable costume, and Mr. Cornish was a typical sailor, of whom, by the way, there were several. The American soldiers at-tracted great attention, as did Captain Duffus 'n Indian kit. While to return to the ladies. Miss Bingay of Yarmouth was really a most idyllic Bar-bara Allen. And Miss Seton as a tambourine girl, looked especially pretty. Miss Story, who skated beautifully, wore a pretty little peasant dress; white Mrs. Grier was a truly charming Portia. Miss Ethel Stairs had a pretty dress of old chmit over a pale y-flow petticoat; and a Japan-se lady, whon one could not recognize, looked exc edingly well. About half past nine the ice was a little like Juliet's one could not recognize, looked exc edingly well. About half past nine the ice was cleared for the cotillion, which perhaps was a little like Juliet's rose, and by any other name would have been as sweet. The first figure was incomparably the pret-tiest. The ladies led by Miss Nagle and carrying each one a scarf of differently colored tarletan wound slowly up the rink followed by the gentle-men; and unwound from the centre in pairs. Each couple skated down the rink and took up their po-sition in two rows, as in Sir Roger de Coverley; holding the scarts of tarletan between them and holding the scarts of tarletan between them and their partners, and thus forming a very pretty suc-cession of colored arches through which every

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Miss Palmer, of Windsor, is s aying with Mrs. Audert Col. Hill, R. E., arrived on Monday from England, where he had been spending six or eigh

evening at her house in Spring Garden road. All the arrangements were very good, though the rooms were perhaps a little crowded. Mrs Reader had a small informal supper after the carnival. MORRIS GRANVILLE. weeks leave.





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received an encore. The orchestra was graced by two young maidens, Miss Madeline Black and Miss Ethel Shand, who with Mr. Barnett and Mr. Boult, were the violinists, the other instruments were taken by Mr. Butter, Mr. A. Smith, Mr.F. Roach, clarionet by Mr. W. M. McElhennev, double bass, Mr. G. Roach, bass clarionet, Mr.J. P. Smith, Mr.H. Smith, cornet, Mr. P. Hamilton, French horn; baritone, Mr. W. H. Watts. Miss Lily Dakin and Miss Dore were accompanists. Invitations were out for a dance at Mrs. W. Law-son's on Thursday the 3rd and at Mrs. Willet's or Friday the 4th, when the sad intelligence of the sudden death of Mr. Goodridge Bliss Roberts at

Sudden death of Mr. Goodridge Diss Roberts at Wolfville caused these to be postponed. A memor-ial service was held by Rev. D. Willets in King's college chapel on Sun-tay the 7th, also in St. John's church, Wolfville, by the Rev. Canon Brock, D. D. All must sympathize with his family, and her who in one week has lost her father and her intended bushand. husband. The King's college dramatic society intend giving Our Boys in Reform club hall, on the 29th inst. Dr Allen Haley has returned from his trip to the United States and upper Canada. Miss Dykeman, of Dorchester, is visiting Miss Haley; Miss Bill, of Billtown, has also been her

guest. Mrs. S. E. Gourley, of Truro, is in town. Miss Louise Blanchard is visiting in Antigonish. Mr. S. Porter, of Halifax, spent Sunday in

Mr. C. Abbot and Mr. Howecroft spent Sunday in Wolty Mr. H. Percy Blanchard, spent a few days in Mr. F. B. Wood, of Halifax, spent Sunday in

PARRSBORO.

[PROGRESS is for sale at Parrsboro Bookstore.] FEB. 17 .- The social club had a drive to Five Islands last Wednesday evening, where they had dinner and a dance. The four horse team from the Queen hotel was engaged for the occasion, and there were other sleights besides. Two or three married couples chaperoned the party. All ex-claim about the great encoyment of the affair in spite of the little incident of a "spill" coming home, which as the deep snow that caused the unset was which, as the deep snow that caused the uper was soft to fall into nobody was hurt, rather added to

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Mr. E. R. Smith, of Amherst, has been in town a few days. Dr. Townshend went to Amherst on Thursday to att-nd the funeral of Mrs Stewart. Miss Bessie Upham and Mr. Aubrey Upham went to Hatifax on Friday. Mrs. Cecil Parsons, of Springhill, is visiting her father and mother. Mr. Cecil Parsons spent Thurs-dem here also

day here also. Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Nordby returned from Mait-

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Rondby retained non- and land on Friday. Mrs. D. W. Carter leaves tomorrow to meet her husband in New York. Mr. H. Morse's remains were, yesterday, brought home from St. John, where he died very suddenly. Much sympathy is expressed for his son with whom he lived, and who recently lost his mother, CHOCOATE.

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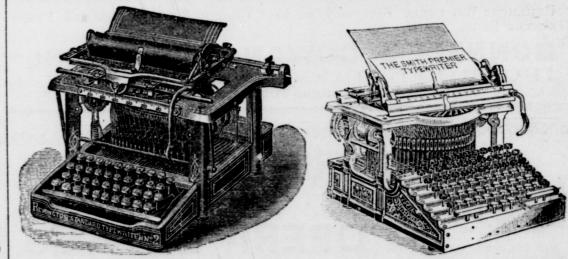
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