

The newly-elected paid members of Trinity church choir made their first appearance there last Sunday, the effect being in every way satisfactory. A choir of amateur boys must be well "backed" by a good volume of tenor and bass, which will give them confidence; if they hear the men singing out well, the boys will try to emulate them. I feel rett and others; the Cardinal of history, that musical prestige to which it should be entitled.

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The amateur minstrels are ready for the fray. They ar very busy putting on the final "touches" They are very busy putting on the final "touches" to the very busy promises to be a great success. All the accompaniments will be played by Harri-son's orchestra of eleven pieces and the pianoforte, and the orchestral parts, which have been prepared with great care, are effective. The orchestra this time will be down below the footlights, and not on the stage, as before; the musical effect will there-fore be much better. In the afterpiece the choruses have all been thoroughly well rehearsed; the brides-maid's chorus, sung by the chorus of boys, being maid's chorus, sung by the chorus of boys, being especially pretty, while the soloists are all "up to the mark.

the mark." I have had the pleasure of reading over the St. John Conservatory of Music's new prospectus for May, 1892. All I can say is, that if they are en-abled to do what their prospectus promises their success must be certain. This kind of education is what is wanted in St. John. At present many par-conside not send their children to the conservatory, is the proof of the pudding is in the cating," and if the people find that the conservatory is giving and if the people find that the conservatory is giving a high class education at low rates, they will not hesitate to send their children there. Announce-ment is made that at the June recital Mr. Ogden of Boston will give some 'cello solos. Mr. Ogden is quite a young man, an excellent player and very popular in Boston. The musical club meeting on Tuesday next, should

be a interesting one, for the programme is to con-sist of works by Mendelssohn. Unfortunately the String Sextette will not be able to play, but I be-lieve there are to be some of Mendelssohn's lovely part songs and quartettes; Miss Goddard will give one or more pianoforte solos, which, together with some of the great composer's songs, will make up a UBIQUE. nice programme

#### TALK OF THE THEATRE.

The Aborn company has gone, and there were not a few inclined to give the oldtime answer, "Good riddance" to their "good bye" salute.

the "gift" part of the performance. We

its different motives, a Duke of France and Prince of Rome. There are three distinct conceptions or types of Richelieu on the stage; the one that Lord Lytton wrote, such as interpreted by Keene, the late Lawrence Bar-

confident that the music in Trinity church will cold, calm and implacable, as presented rapidly improve, and that the choir will receive by Edwin Booth only; and the eclectic one, a combination of both, as given by Henry Irving.

Mr. Carleton has devoted some time to a careful study of the part, and his interpretation will be interesting to his friends.

A list of the bookings in the Halifax academy of music, kindly furnished by Manager Clark, shows that some excellent attractions will appear in Scotia's capital the coming season.

Arlington Minstrels, May 9, 10 and 11; Arthur Rehan, May 16-21; Uncle Hiram, May 23, 24 and 25; Freeland's Minstrels, May 30, 31 and June 1st; Alvin Joslin, June 2, 3 and 4; Diggins Comedy Co. June 20-25; Turner's English Girls, July 7, 8 and 9; Grau Opera Co., July 18, three weeks; Thos. E. Shea, Aug. 8, two weeks; Lewis Morrison, Sept. 12, 13 and 14; Rose Coghlan, Sept. 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30; Si Perkins, Oct. 3 and 4; Geo.A. Baker, Oct. 10, ten weeks.

### SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

The St. John A. A. club grounds will be opened today. Members of the club will have no fault to find with them. They are far ahead of last year in every way, and all sorts and conditions of athletes will have every opportunity to spread themselves. The club house has been repaired, and the boys will have all the advantages of a shower bath. The cinder track has been raised, and a number of other improvements made that will be appreciated.

Now that they have come and gone for the 24th of May games, but the there is a constant and natural inquiry for chances are that we will have both base ball and lacrosse. It is expected that either the Wanderers of have heard and seen the "opera," the gifts Halifax, or the Springhill lacrosse club are yet to come. I do not propose to dis- will come over for a game. The arrange- of mind of a man before dinner and after cuss the wisdom of "gift opera" or gift ment of the trains between here and Hali- who suffers indigestion. Before dinner, anything in this column. The resemblance fax seems to be the only thing that will of the whole idea to a lottery compels the prevent the Wanderers from making the

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# ROYAL HOBBIES.

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Those folks who possess a passion for hobbies-and we suppose their name is legion-will doubtless be interested in knowing that this particular characteristic is also exhibited by the blue blood of the earth-many kings and queens being THESE Corsets hobby-lovers in a most interesting and varied fashion, as the following authentic structed details will prove.

with two curved Queen Victoria is very fond of gardening, and all her children have been taught as to fit ex to dig and plant flowers and vegetables in actly on and season. Her majesty is also passionately fond of dogs and ponies, her special tasupport the Shoulder Blades, and a n o t h e r vorite being an old black pony named Jessie. spring to support the Spine, both

The Duke of Edinburgh is an ardent stamp collector, and now possesses one of made of the the finest collections of stamps in the world. very finest The Queen of Italy has a peculiar hobby. tempered She delights in the collection of gloves, clockspring thus creat boots, and shoes which have been worn at different periods by royal and imperial personages. She had a pair of white slip-pers and a fan which belonged to Mary plete port for the Queen of Scots, also shoes worn by Queen or cure Backache, Anne and the Empress Josephine.

Spinal irri-tation, King Humbert of Italy takes delight in amateur cooking, in which he shows no mean skill. The Emperor of Russia is ing habits. very fond of fishing, and spends many conweakness, secutive days every season at his favorite resort, the Langilla Salmon Fishery, Finland, amidst the most romantic scenery. The empress and family assist in cooking the fish at a spacious villa built for the purpose

The Queen of Denmark is an enthusiastic musician, and is extremely fond of playing pianoforte duets with her daughters. The Empress of Germany is quite a champion knitter, and uses large wooden needles for the work she does.

The Empress of Japan is distinguished for her clever manipulation of the koto, a Japanese instrument resembling the zither. The Queen of Greece spends a deal of

her time in fancy needlework, and is said to be the finest royal needlewoman in Europe

The favorite employment of the Prince of Montenegro is the composition of warsongs and historical dramas, in which he delights to sing and act with great vigor. The Dowager Queen of Portugal is passionately fond of shooting, and spends a deal of time at her country place, on the seaboard at Caldas, where she amuses herself by aiming with a rifle from a high window Arrangements have not yet been made at bottles placed in the sea for that pur-

pose. She is said to be an excellent markswoman. - Tit Bits.

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conclusion that the only distinction lies in trip. the difference of name. No doubt there are many persons who would buy tickets ously avoid investing in a lot- Y. M. C. A.'s. The latter club is think tery. originators of the plan was that every per- but at present writing they are considering its value at least in attending the opera. overcome.

The managing directors blame Mr. Aborn for all the omissions and lapses on national league has been issued by I. S. the part of the company, while Mr. Aborn Johnson & Co, of Boston. It will be indeclared he was not engaged to put on valuable to lovers of the game as it shows three operas a week, but two, and that where each club will play every day during when his company found they could not get- the season, besides containing some interthe work up they became discouraged and esting facts about base ball and the porcareless. Miss Taylor's illness added to traits of a number of well known players. his mistortunes.

As yet there is no definite date fixed for the drawing. I understand that between 6,000 and 7,000 gift tickets were disposed Dr. Kolb, as to the physical effects of difof which would give the house say 3,000 chances in the drawing. I understand, also, that the reason the drawing has not. taken place is the difficulty in collecting the tickets or the money for them. Local agents are dilatory for one reason and another. The method of drawing will likely be decided by the ticket holders at a meeting to be called for that purpose which in all probability will be an interesting one.

The St. John Amateur minstrels had a full rehearsal Tuesday evening, and those be the case. Dancing, in the opinion of who saw it are satisfied that there is a Dr. Kolb and Dr. Richardson, is a far treat in store for those who go to the more injurious pastime when carried to Opera house on the 11th and 12th. The company is larger and stronger in every way than it was when the last perform- dancing usually takes place. Often, said ance was given, and what is another thing, Dr. Richardson, deaths are attributed to the boys have had more experience. Something new in minstrelsy will be given in the first part, and at the rehearsal the idea was carried out to perfection. machine, instead of following it. Numerous rehearsals and hard work has accomplished wonders The members of the company have also been doing considers, thinking, and the jokes are all good crough to make a laugh, while some of them have a more startling effect. The farce is a combination of bright ideas, in music and fun, and should cause a sensation. In the olio a number of new features will be introduced, and the amateurs have no doubt as to the success of their efforts.

The amateurs who will put on Richelieu in the opera house, May 18 and 19, are hard at work rehearsing. The company is under the management of Mr. John L. Carleton, who will play *Richelieu*. He says he has a surprise for the people. Many of the leading parts will be taken by ladies and gentlemen who have appeared in public before, while several who will make their debut are looked upon as fiends.

Richilieu is an essentially a stagy play and perhaps for that reason a very popular one. It abounds with striking situations, is full of the loftiest sentiments, fairly sparkles

The ball games, it played, will be befor a "gift opera" and studi- tween a nine from the St. Johns and the The ingenious argument of the ing of spending the day at St. Stephen, son who bought a ticket got a portion of difficulties which it is thought cannot be

A pocket schedule of the games of the

Dr. Richardson, speaking at a meeting of London cyclists, gave the results of some curious experiments by a German expert, terent forms of sport. By means of a delicate little machine of Dr. Richardson's invention for measuring the beats of the pulse, Dr. Kolb has ascertained that the most exhausting, apparently, of all physical exercises is running. Cycling, it appears, is far less trying to ordinary persons; and whereas it was expected that cyclists accustomed to great feats of endurance in long rides would have shown weakness in the action of the heart or the arteries, the reverse was found to

excess than cycling, more especially when it is considered under what conditions

### An Old Company with Much that is New.

That the New York Life Ins. Co. are after their share of Halifax business is very evident. They have rented a floor in the Union Bank building and their offices are very roomy and well fitted up. The New York Life although a very old company has a good many new things, among which are a new president, new methods of doing business, and last but not least new managers for Nova Scotia-which is a good move on the company's part. Messrs. Irwin and Cairns, the new managers, are lively, energetic fellows and will no doubt see that their company is not behind the others in new business.

#### A Change in the Firm Name.

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A doctor has been comparing the state the patient's thoughts are something of this kind

"What a jolly thing life is! How grand it is to breathe the pure air, to revel in the glorious sunshine, to laugh and be merry ! With friends all round, a prosperous future before one, all one's hopes and plans turn out well It may safely be said that we live in a good country, and that life is the most enjoyable state imaginable." But after dinner, when the salmon and

the cucumber and the lobster salad have begun to do their deadly work, the same man thinks something like this:

"Life is a fraud. Those who say life is worth living are humbugs. We go about the world with a heavy load of care. and from morning till night our time is spent in battling with new annoyances. Bills pour in on every side, failure stares us in the face, every cherished hope is dashed to the ground. Bah! The whole thing is humbug !"

#### Easy For the Waiters.

An invention to lighten the labors of the hotel and restaurant waiters has been perfected by Thomas E. Thompson, of Chicago. The invention has some points in common with the parcel railways now in use in the large establishments there, and is to consist of a train of slow moving cars, which, starting in and operated from the kitchen, will make the circuit of the dining-room at a walking pace. The cars, which will be constructed in two tiers or shelves, will be two feet long by eight inches wide, and will carry a tray made to fit them. The waiter, on taking an order, will place a tray on the moving train, whence it will go direct to the kitchen to be filled. and then return by the same route. When used in lunch counters the train can be arranged to run under the counter within easy reach of the waiter. The motive power will be electricity, and the inventor claims that his machine will insure prompt service, and cause a great saving in help.

### The Queen Hears "Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay."

The queen, as most people know, is exceedingly fond of music of all kinds, and likes to know what the popular songs of the day are like. One of the stipulations in the appointment of maids of honor is that they must be accomplished musicians; principally to play duetts with Princess Beatrice, who cares for nothing but classical music. One of the ladies in waiting (the Hon. Bertha Lambert) is very fond of singing to the queen such songs as she hears in the streets. After a recent visit to London she asked the queen's permission to sing the song which is in everybody's mouth, viz., "Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay." Her majesty and the princess were greatly taken with it, and asked for it again and again. Miss Lambert regretted that she could not show the accompanying dance. The queen's pleasure in the song was short-lived, for after three days she complained that she could not get the retrain out of her head.

### He Liked a "Nerve Bath."

One of the peculiar incidents of the execution of Guiteau, who shot President excellent opportunities for splendid was started it has been successful in work- Garfield, and which was mentioned in none



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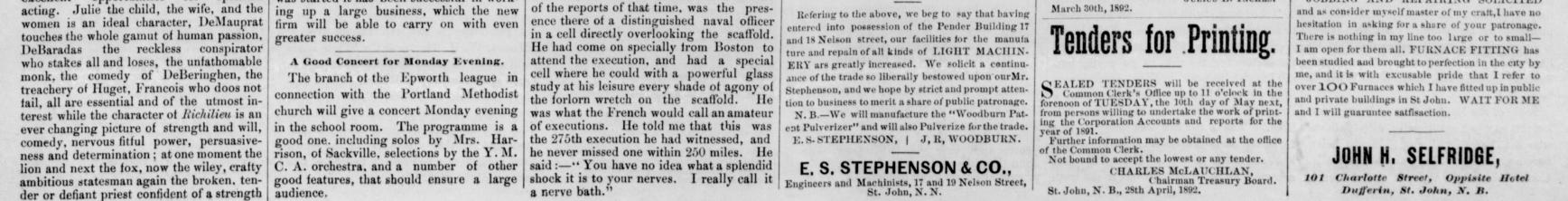


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