

poussee. She was not at all averse to showing her dress, and frequently shot off, like a comet, from the dazzling constellation in the south end of the room, and promenaded its entire length, first with one attachee and then with another, of which flirtation or relief, her fat and sleepy husband seemed unconscious or grateful.

To sum my observations: Secretary Evarts wore a rather short tailed frock coat, buttoned close, and it looked a little like it had been renovated and made to look as good as new for two dollars. Postmaster General Key wore a full dress suit and had his colliery arranged a la Heenan. Mrs. Key, who is a large and handsome lady was dressed in an elegant black silk; she and the P. M. G. are both of heroic size, and the handsomest couple in the cabinet. The Secretaries of the Interior and of the Navy were both present with their daughters. The daughters of the latter are rather pretty young ladies with perhaps a slight excess of rural grace in their air and manner. Miss Schurz has a face in which is an almost pathetic combination of intelligence and retirement, with rare homeliness; the outlines of her features are like those of Maggie Mitchell. Mrs. McCreery wore blue silk with a long train, and I heard a lady say that she looked dowdy. There was one lady present with bare arms, and such arms. Imagine Senator Judge Davis or Congressman Guster Schleicher of Texas with their shirt sleeves cut off at the arm pits. I was pleased to see that she had been vaccinated and that, from the size of the scar, it had taken. Of course comment in this style is very brutal, but would it not be well to make a new departure in this sweet branch of journalism; and write what many say and all think about these extravagant displays? I do not refer to naked arms and necks especially, but it has become the fashion of the local press to slaver with ecstatic rhetoric the styles and natural or fictitious beauties of ladies who appear at marriages, receptions, hops, etc. We blame them for their vanity and extravagance that has brought on the panic, and is making marriage a burden, or an impossibility, and yet we are continually stimulating their vanity and extravagance by printed flattering lies. No woman of intelligence and refinement cares to have her physical points discussed, and those without intelligence and refinement, who solicitously court this discussion, had better be encouraged to stay at home by having the truth told about them. It may not be realized, it may seem innocent, so venerable is the custom, but flattery is just as pernicious as any other lie.

Senator Edmunds was the only gentleman present who did not have on the customary black. He wore a pepper and salt suit, I am unable to account for this breach, unless the Vermonters has turned iconoclast, or is trying the dodge of singularity, or is advertising some New England woolen mill. We might have the diplomatic corps take the matter under consideration since it has nothing else to do.

As receivers I must say that the present incumbents are an improvement on General and Mrs. Grant; they have a hearty manliness and womanliness of manner in shaking hands, and pronouncing the name of the person presented, that is, urbane, cheerful and magnetic.

C. A. S.

ADVERTISING FOR A RARE AVIS.—The daring of the north country character is well known, but who would believe that even the stern north could produce the man required to perform the feat italicized in this advertisement, from the *Huddersfield Daily Advertiser*:—"Wanted for the sorting room of a rag warehouse, an active man, with a thorough practical knowledge of cotton and woollen rags, and capable of managing about eighty women. To a suitable party a very liberal salary will be given." And so there ought to be.

A person who had been listening to a very dull address remarked that everything went off well—especially the audience.

Scene—A Horse Fair. Aristocrat: "Ya-as, he may be a jewel, a—but you want too much for him. He's got such an ugly head and legs." Irish Dealer: "An' faith, sor, if the horse could only spake, he'd be afther saying as much iv yor honor."—*Punch.*

A New York Sensation.

(New York Correspondence of the San Francisco Chronicle.)

A terrible sensation has been created among the political and fashionable circles, and particularly among the club men and leading members of the legal profession, through the publication of the narrative of a woman's grievous wrongs at the hands of a very prominent lawyer, whose name, although not given to the general public, can be at once recognized as a resident of Fifth Avenue, a conspicuous politician and aspirant to nomination for one of the most important foreign missions. In 1864 this individual became acquainted with a lady of education, culture and family dwelling in another State while upon a visit to this city, the young wife of an officer in the Confederate service, a stranger in our midst. The acquaintance commenced at the house of a mutual friend, where the lady was temporarily staying, and almost immediately thereafter she became the object of this eminent and fascinating lawyer's adoration to such a degree that she was forced to be the recipient of his visits as often as thrice a day; and did she but venture out of town but for a few days, she was summarily recalled by the glowing epistles of her admirer, who declared existence to be a blank without her presence, although at the time he was a married man. Finally the infatuated woman succumbed to the arts of the wily barrister, and for three years the amour was carried on with effrontery and defiance of public decorum, both in this city and elsewhere, as to excite general comment, while tidings as to the erring woman's misbehavior reached the ears of her distant relatives, and knowledge of her husband's infidelity became communicated to his unsuspecting wife. The lawyer was equal to the emergency, for he permitted his inamorata to throw herself at the wife's knees, imploring forgiveness, asserting the husband not to be to blame, as she, in her infatuation, had tempted him to her ruin.

The wife unhesitatingly overlooked her husband's moral transgressions upon condition of the siren's departure to her distant home, to which she consented, being accompanied by the forgiving wife to the railway depot. Nevertheless, she did not leave the city, but at her paramour's suggestion, rejoined him at a metropolitan hotel. To allay scandal, the lawyer departed for Europe, followed a fortnight afterward by the infatuated woman, who, however, returned to New York in advance of her lover's departure for America, he continuing his travels in company with his wife. In the winter, after the return of both the lady received an anonymous letter, warning her that means were being taken to have her "disposed of." With this letter she hastened to the house of the perfidious lawyer, still protesting intensity of love for her, and upon being ushered into his library, they were joined by an intimate friend and brother lawyer, to whom the eminent lawyer made use of a significant remark that he could not be held responsible for "this." The "this" was explained by the entry of a couple of men who arrested the lady and carried her off to the Central Police Station, where her arrival had evidently been anticipated, as a room had been specially prepared for her reception, wherein she was visited by the police surgeon, while the lawyer's two friends hastened to the south to induce the lady's relatives to apply for her transfer to a lunatic asylum. She was released through friendly intervention on the morrow and returned to her hotel; still on the next day, while awaiting the return of a messenger dispatched to solicit advice from her lover, she was seized in the street by two men, despite resistance, incarcerated in a lunatic asylum at Utica, in the very heart of this State. An eyewitness to the affair, to whom she had contrived to communicate her parents' address, telegraphed to them, and within a few days the lady was set at liberty. Her lover next suggested the propriety of her taking up her residence at Philadelphia, where he could visit her at his convenience, when, upon her declination of the proposition, a detective visited her at her hotel, informing her that she would be arrested did she not leave the city. Terrified, the lady consulted an eminent coun-

selor in Wall Street, who, fearing foul play, supplied her with a paper: "Good for \$2 to any one bringing this to my office." His fears were well founded, for she was a day or two thereafter, arrested on Broadway, by Justice Dowling, accompanied by a detective, and taken to the Tombs, whence, within an hour, she was hurried, upon Dowling's commitment, to the Penitentiary, upon Blackwell's Island. Thrown away, the paper was picked up by a boy who hastened to Wall Street to claim his reward, and by this clue the lady's whereabouts were discovered. Brought before Judge Barnard, the woman was commanded to sign an agreement to leave the State, which, by advice of her counsel, she refused, and was discharged. Next she commenced a suit against her seducer, for \$100,000, employing Edwin James, into whose hands was committed all their correspondence, but the great Q.C. sold her out for \$500 and destroyed the letters. Finding her quondam lover's influence too great in New York for her to obtain justice a suit was commenced in Brooklyn, but the venue being changed to New York Judge Cardozo granted an injunction to restrain the prosecution of "frivolous suits," and after keeping the papers two years, his Honor made the injunction perpetual, one of the acts leading to his impeachment. Finally, ruined in health and purse, the betrayed lady compromised her wrongs, and is at present dependent on charity for a living.

Montenegrin Valor.

The path was so narrow that the Montenegrins were obliged to walk in single file, with a precipice at their side. The Turks fired and the foremost brother fell dead, while the second was dangerously wounded. The other two returned the fire and killed two of the Turks. The wounded man was able to support himself against the rock, and shot down two others, when he, himself, received a fatal ball. His sister then seized his gun, and loaded and fired with her two surviving brothers, until one of these fell dead from the enemy's shot. Another of the Turks had in the mean time been killed, and the two survivors now rushed upon the single Montenegrin and attacked him with their swords. He killed one of them with his ax or dagger, but being overmatched was himself slain. There now remained alive only one Turk and the maiden. For a moment she hesitated, and then in a beseeching attitude made signs that she begged for mercy. The Turk approached and offered her life on condition that she would yield to his desires. She seemed to consent; but the moment he came close to her she snatched out her dagger and plunged it into his side. The Turk, though mortally wounded, had sufficient force left to wrench out the weapon, and he came staggering towards her, when, exerting all her strength, she seized him in her arms and flung him headlong over the precipice.

BIBLE TERMS—Readers of the Bible will be interested in the following explanation of expressions frequently met with in the Holy Scriptures. They are believed to be entirely correct:

A day's journey was 33 and 1-5 miles. A Sabbath day's journey was about one English mile. Ezekiel's reed was 11 feet, nearly. A cubit is 22 inches, nearly. A finger's breadth is equal to one inch. A shekel of silver was about 50 cents. A shekel of gold was \$8.09. A talent of silver was \$1,518.32. A talent of gold was \$23,309. A piece of silver, or a penny, was 13 cents. A farthing was 3 cents. A gerah was 2 cents. A mite was 1 1/2 cents. A homer contained 76 gallons and 5 pints. An ephah, or bath, contained 7 gallons and 4 pints. A hin was 1 gallon, 2 pints. A firkin was 7 pints. An omer was 6 pints. A cab was 3 pints. A log was one-half-pint.

A little Ottawa miss was taken to church for the first time, after being duly impressed with the necessity that she should keep "as still as a mouse." She behaved herself until the preacher became warmed up to his work, and then, thinking he was going too far, she raised her finger, and, looking straight at him, cried: "See here, don't you make so much noise."

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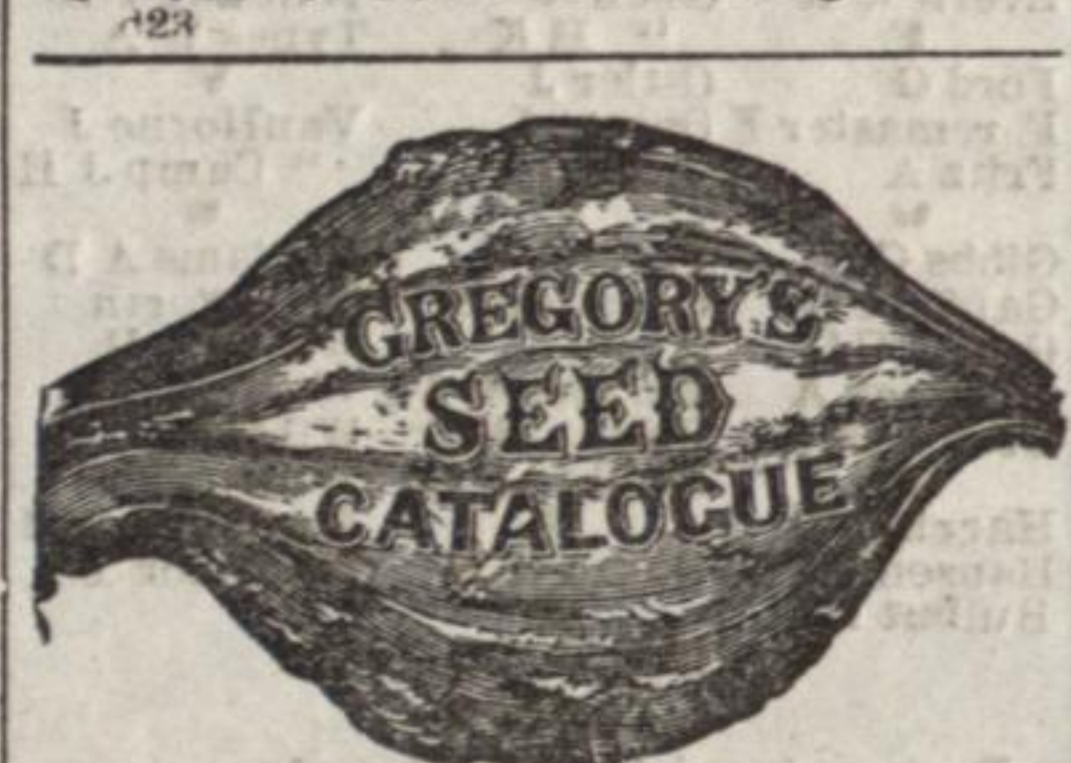
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