A young girl asks us to assume a great. a terrible responsibility. She wants us to decide for her whether she shall keep or break her engagement to marry a man against whom she brings no charge. This is how she puts the

"I am seventeen years of age, and am engaged to a gentleman of thirty, who is desirous of being married this fall. Now as I do not love him or any other man, don't you think it would be unwise for don't you think it would be unwise for me to marry? I will abide by your de-cision before saying anything to him. "Perhaps you will say, 'Why don't you love him?" Because I have found

out to my sorrow that I have no heart and cannot return his affections. I respect him greatly, but can never love him. I will let matters stand as they are until hearing from you. Do not disappoint me, but please answer at once.
G. M."

It would be sad, horrible even, if a young girl of seventeen who wrote so pretty a little note, was destitute of a eart, that is, of all tender affections, so that appeals to her love were in vain. She might be ever so beautiful and full of charms inexpressible, and yet she would be a monster. For what is a girl without a heart.

But our fair friend wrongs kerself. It is not because she has no heart, but because she has so much heart that she is in her present perplexity. She is not so desperately in love, she imagines, as she ought to be, and as she would wish to be. Probably there is not enough of romance in her engagement to suit her. It moves along too much in an even course for so young a girl, whose ideas of love are derived from novels, which falsely interpret nature, or deal only with very exceptional characters and temperaments, and very unusual circumstances. Her lover is simply a good, honest fellow, but one of whom she can not make a hero like those she has read about in novels.

But if she lost him, how would she feel then? How would she like to see him marrying some other girl? Would she not be likely then to discover that she had a heart of about the usual kind, and that it was tender enough to be deeply hurt, mortally, as she might think.

Besides, she has engaged herself to this man. He probably has no doubt about his having a heart, for he has given his affection to her, and, naturally enough and creditably enough, is anxious that the day of their marriage should not be put off. Very many girls who write to us keep company with men, as they call it for years, and yet the wedding day is not appointed. Perhaps their swains have never more than hinted their love. They are too timid to speak out, or they are so situated that they must wait before taking on them the responsibilities of marriage. But this girl has not only an avowed lover, but one also who is eager to make her his wife at an early day, for the fall is close at hand.

And she says, too, that he is deserving of her respect, of her great respect, while very often the fellows on whom girls set their affections, and from whom they cannot be withdrawn, are utterly unworthy of trust, entirely unfit to be husbands and fathers. Even their sweethearts cannot respect them, love them as much as they imagine they do. But what is love without respect? It is a short-lived passion, which kills the happiness of those who yield to it.

and keep her promise of marriage? That is a responsibility we cannot take. If she doesn't love the man she ought not to marry him. Of course she ought not. Besides, she is very young, almost a child, and the engagements of girls of seventeen are oftentimes far from serious affairs. In making them they only play with love, pending the time when it vill really come to be their master.

But let her think the matter over herself, and not be hasty in deciding, for she may discover too late that she was in love after all. A lover you respect is not one to be thrown over lightly .- [New York Sun.

Shelley.

Many of our young men endowed with poetic sensibility regard Shelley as the typical specimen of the poetic spirit in its purest essence. His character and his story awaken in them, they tell us, "the maximum at once of sympathetic pity and sympathetic triumph." In his controversy with the world and all its arrangements, in his trust in his own impulse rather than in traditional views of things, they see a type of the normal at-titude in which the ideal poet stands to prosate ordinary mankind—of one who, in his rebellion against the commonplace and the actual, is a witness to "the validity of the poetic vision." Swin-burne ays: "Shelley out-sang all poets on record but some two or three; his elepths and heights of inner music are as divine as nature's and not sooner exhaustible. He was above the perfect singing God; his thoughts, words, deeds, sang together the master singer of our modern race and age; the poet beloved above all other poets, being beyond other poets-in one word-and the only proper word-divine." This is the way in which the initiated regard

What the uninitiated say is that Shelley, notwithstanding his beautiful imagery and the magic of his music, wants substance, solid thought, coherence. He is continually dealing with the deepest ber of the legislature. The solon first problems of existence, and propounding tried the usual way of getting even, by tree dies for them which come to noth buying a horsewhip and hunting the ediing, which are childish for their emptiness. Promethens, his great Deliverer, when he got rid of the kings and creeds and institutions, retires with his goddess Asia to a cave, there "to entangle buds, and flowers, and beans." This is the upshot of his greatest poem. Besides this, ordinary mortals can find no connection in his thoughts. He rushes along, borne on solely by his own impulse, in a stream of "melodious incoherence," amid clouds of imagery and painted frases, to which we can attach no definite meaning. I'll wet down the paper and make up, This is what is said by the uninitiated, and while you are working off the out-the critics of plain common sense, who side I'll run out and shoot old Perkins, find Shakespeare and Milton and Words who has sent me a challenge." worth full of meaning in every line, but

finest school building in the State.

Two Crimean Stories.

While things were at their blackest with us before Sebastopol, a soldier of a line regiment and two gunners, who had just been flogged for drunkenness, de-serted to the enemy. The account that must have been given by them of the reduced state of the British force was presumed to have added a final impulse to the intention of delivering an attack on its right flank with forty thousand men. An attempt was meanwhile made on its left flank with five thousand Russians, as if to feel the strength of the lines. It was frustrated by the heroic conduct of a young lieutenant. Three regiments of infantry with eight field pieces emerged from the suburbs of Karabelnaya. picket of the Forty-ninth Regiment was posted on that side. Its only officer was Lieutenrnt Connolly. He commenced firing on the Russians as soon as they came within range, and kept up his vollevs until the cartridges were exhausted. Then, with his sword high above his bead, he dashed for ward, shouting to his men to charge bayonets. Eighty men thus attacked 5000, and held them in check till Sir de Lacy Evans had his division and artillery drawn up for resistence. But poor Connolly received his death wound, and every one of his men were either killed or wounded. The Russians pressed on. Colonel Percy Herbert, Assistant-Qartermast r of the second division, begged his chief to let him take a regiment to meet them. "Not a man," aswered the veteran campaigner-who then gave the young generals of the Crimean army a useful lesson by reserving his fire, thus bringing the enemy forward to be crushed by a cannonade and rifle volleys, without risking his own men by exposing them beyond their cover. The Russians retired precipitately under the shower of iron and lead poured upon them by Sir de Lacy Evans. Outposts generally fall back on their supports before a great numerical superiority in the attacking force. Young Connolly was too inexperienced an officer to know much of military maxims; but he could conceive the idea of sacrificing his life to save a whole division from being cut to pieces without having had time to prepare for defense. A mere narrative of such an act is the highest possible praise. A similar loss of a valuable life occurred a few days later in the French lines, but it happened in a different way. Their left flank was attacked near the bastion of the quarantine. Their outposts were driven in, their batteries were stormed, and several of their siege guns were spiked. General Forey brought his whole division into action, supported by that of General Levaillant. The brigade of General de Lourmel charged the Russians, who fell back to the foot of their ramparts. A perfect tempest of grape-shot was poured from them on the French. One unbroken sheet of murderous fire enveloped the advancing brigade, and General de Lourmel halted it under the cover of a deserted village. He then rode on alone and received a mortal wound in the chest. When struck, he remained in the saddle, rode slowly back to his brigade, and sent his aide-de-camp to tell the officer next to him in rank that he handed should retreat. De Lourmel lingered inspection. that is love without respect? It is a three days and died. He was one of the hort-lived passion, which kills the hapiness of those who yield to it.

Still, shall we tell this girl to go on by the had spoke to me very bitterly of the part he had been obliged to take at the street days and died. He was one of the Billy Matthews, the great song and dance artist; Mollie Archer, Ida Chester, Irone Baker, and Flora Franks are delighting the audiences at the Elite theater in Portland nightly. Go and see the popular flow of amusemen part he had been obliged to take at the battle of the Alma. He that Prince Napoleon's division, with which Marshal St. Arnaud was personally present, though he was too ill to rectify the errors of the march, had advanced to the foot of the hill in column, with a narrow front and a depth of at least a mile. Finding it impossible to alter his forma-tion in a ravine which he had imprudently followed, the Prince was not in time to get into his place in the general advance. De Lourmel was ordered to march to the support of Gen. Bosquet, who was isolated on the acclivities of the heights to be occupied. Prince Napoleon's unwieldy column stopped the way, and De Lournel had to stand inactive with his brigade. Fortunately General Bosquet found no formidable enemy before him when he reached the telegraph tower and flag staff, and he suffered little from the desultory fire of the distant Russian artillery. No greater evil was produced than the intense disgust felt by skillful generals at sight of the clubbing of their troops by one who was sheltered by imperial favor from the ordeal of fair military criticism. I rereatedly cautioned General De Lourmel not to tell me anything which should not be communicated to my chiefs, as I was in duty bound to withhold no informa-

that was what he did before the bastion of the Quarantine.

Killing Perkins.

tion from them. He always answered

that he was required to keep silence

when his military character was at stake, and that, after the disgraceful figure he

was made to cut, he should get knocked

on the head at the first opportunity. And

It is on record in this State that a Michigan editor was once engaged to fight a duel. If the editor himself is not living he must have died within a past week. The affair occurred twenty-five years ago, and was brought about by the journalist making several vicious attacks tor, but when he had found him he was knocked down and rolled in the mud. He then sent a formal challenge, and as the editor opened the letter he turned to his two compositors and said:
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"We've been waiting for you all of 20

minutes."
"But I'm busy." "This is no time to be busy. Perkins

is all ready."
"Hang the luck!" growled the editor as he filled out a column and flung down his rule. "That's just like Perkins—he wants to throw our publication day.

Come on--1'll fill bim up!" The editor seized his gun, and hatless and coatless he set on a lope for the spot. Perkins saw him coming in that fashion, and his knees weakened and his chin dropped, and though the editor yelled for him to hold on a minute, he bolted over a fence and didn't come out of the woods until he was six miles away. - Detroit Free Press.

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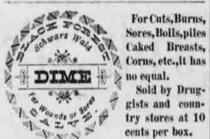
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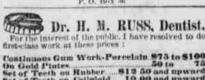


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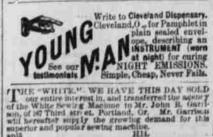
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