DREIGN GOSSIP.

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IALF CENTURY.

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since the time of Dr. Young's death. the date of my own graduation from college!

I ought to consider myself highly favored to have lived through such a hall century. But it seems to me that in walking the streets of London and i'ar -I shall revert to my student days, an : appear to myself like a relic of a former generation. Those who have been born into the inheritance of the new civil za-t on feel very differently about it from those who have lived their way into it. To the young and those approach ng middle age all these innovations in life and thought are as natural, as much a matter of course as the air they breathe; they form a part of the frame work of their intelligence, of the skeieton about which the r mental life is organized. To men and women of more than three score they are external aceretions, like the shell of a mollusk, the jointed plates of an articulate. - Oliver Wendell Holmes, in Atlantic.

STORY OF A PICTURE.

An Intensely Interesting Tale Which Is Worth Reading, Whether True or Not.

A gentleman on a train the other day.

to beguile the weary journey, told a story which interested a numbers of listeners. Said he: "I was a guest of an old friend of mine in Chicago recently, and on retiring to the guest chamber I found hanging on the wail a picture, and involuntarily turned away, but some attraction it possessed caused me to gaze at it again, and the longer I looked the more it engaged my atten-tion. It was the portrait of a man's face, so frightful and unearthly in its expression, though by no means ugly. that I found myself irresistebly attracted to look at it. In bed my imagination was filled with it, which broke my rest. In the morning my host, seeing that I slept poorly, asked the cause, which was told. He exhibited much vexation, and said that it was his order to remove that picture when any one slept in that room. It was indeed a terrible picture, he said, but it was so finely executed, and came into the family in such a curious way, that he could not bear to destroy The story of it was 'this: "'My father was traveling in Europe, and at Hamburg, while eating at a coffee house, observed a young man of remarkable appearance enter and begin a solitary meal. His contenance bespoke the keenest mental distress, and now and then he would turn his head as if he heard some terrible sound, and then shudder, grow pale and go on with his meal as before. My father noticed the same young man in the same place a Aberdeen, Scotland. A became so much interested that he spoke to him. His approach was not repulsed, and the stranger seamed to find the str of a building in Ross's and the stranger seemed to find some Krkgate, an old thoreon fort from the tone of sympathy an about three feet below used by my father. He was an Italian, poor and living by the strictest economy upon the stender profits of his art as a painter. The intimacy increased, and, as my father had friends in Hamburg. he was able to throw some business in "At length the Italian, seeing that my

father seemingly wondered at his involuntary turning and shuddering, volunteered his story. He was a native of Rome and had been somewhat fam liar with a young nobleman; but a quarrel terval of more than fifty see taking a second look at disgrace of the blow, he brooded over Europe. This will give it, seeking some opportunity for rewas a nobleman, and he could not challenge him, and so he secretly as assinated him. He fled from the country and finally reached Hamburg. One day, wrought by half a century a few weeks after, while walk ng in an fries I vis ted amount almost unfrequented street, he heard his name mation. I left the England called in a familiar voice. He turned the Fourth, of the Duke of around and saw the face of his victum of Sir Robert Peel; the looking at min with nach type of Sir Robert Peel; that time he knew no peace. While looking at him with fixed eyes. From Louis Philippe, of Marshal walking, talking, eating, painting, his theres, of Guizot. I went attention would be attracted by the calllester to Liverpool by the ing of his name in that tone which had grown so terrible to him. At last, in a mood of desperation, when his ghostly guest visited him in his studio one day, be looked him squarely in the face and firew a picture of him. That drawing was afterward elaborated into a painting, and this picture that d storbed your rest was that painting. The Ital'an sa'd that I fe had become an undurable burden to him, and he was determined, when he had obtained money enough, to return to Rome, give himself up to justice and expiate his crime on the scaffold." "-Indianapolis Journal.

A SILLY CERLMONY.

How the Order of Knighthood Is Conferred by the En lish Queen.

The ceremony of conferring the Order of Knighthood at the hands of the Queen is not imposing. It is not, in fact, a public ceremon al, and only those are permitted to witness it who, by their official connection with the Queen's household, may attend her. The loyal subject upon whom such distinguished honor may be conferred may ton, for he has been too not even invite his "best man" nor the members of his personal circle of relahom Prof. Tyndall names tives or friends to be present. Arrayed in whatever uniform he may be entialong the line of master tied to wear, or whatever dress court country from the days of stiquette and the time of day make our own-Dr. Thomas proper if he be a civilian, the sub-died in 1829. Would he ject presents hims if before his soverject presents hims if before his sovereign and kneels at her royal feet. Seatfer humble I might feel in ed upon the throne chair, the Queen e, I should be so clad in lays the shining blade of a sword across the shoulder of the kneeling but exalted benefic ary, and says, using the title which she is about to confer: Sir So-and-So." Plain Mr. Cheltencam-Brown is thus, by a single stroke of Her Majesty's sword transformed into Sir Knight So-and-So, and he is permitted perchance to k'ss his sovereign's none, the photograph and linger-tips in grateful acknowledgment

of the distinguished honor. In other cases than this of a plain knighthood, and when the title carries with a friction match, I with it a deceration, the Queen, with her own royal hands, pins the glitter-ing and coveted rauble upon the coat of released subject. This is all, but the recipient it is a geat deal .- N. Y.

> -The season's seal hunt off Newcases about as pretty and as plump to cases about as pretty and as plump the very best of climates can manifely disappearing. —Boston Journal them. Now, the typical Montana g

CROCKER'S EYE-SORE.

The Fence Built by the California Mill tonaire Around a Neighbor's Lot. The stranger in San Francisco wh

goes about to view the dwellings of the rich is struck with wonder at a sing the monument which rears its unsightly shape on Sacramento street, between Taylor and Jones, On all sides but on it looks like an overgrown ice-house and as it stands within the broad shadov of the palatial home of Charles Crocker the observer who does not look beyone appearances is disposed to view et an admiration of a love for cooling bev r ages which manifests itself by the keep ing of a sheltered loeberg so near i one's door. This conclusion, however is erroneous. The other side of t mysterious structure tells the story. is entirely open to the street, and as the eye plunges into a genuine cul-de-sac, also reflects the surprising fact that there is no roof overhead. The incle sure is no ice-house, but a mere pen minus a gate; it is formed by a heavy leaden-colored fence about twenty fehigh, with a level and continuous cor ing on top, and strongly braced at shor intervals on the outside. It incloses, i fact, a building lot, thirty-six feet wid by ninety long, in which a variety of exuberant weeds hold riotous sway to year round.

About nine years ago a house stood there, the property of a wealthy under taker named Yung. When Charie Crocker had secured the whole of the square plot which his residence occupies excepting this parallelogram, he wa willing to pay dearly for it. Mr. Yun knew that the lot was worth a great deal more to his affluent and powerfuneighbor than to any one else. When Mr. Crocker made him an offer he demanded a much higher sum. After awhile the would-be purchaser resolved to pay the price, when he found that it had again been raised. This experience was repeated several times. Mr. Crocker's final offer was \$20,000, but Yung wanted \$25,000. Then the millionaire found himself at the end of h s patience, and he registered a solemn vow never to bay the lot from its then owner. Furthermore, as the presence of a dwelling so near his own mansion. into whose ample windows it looked, was a cause of hourly annoyance, h gave orders to have a tall fence crected around the lot, shutting out all view on three sides of it. The lot was then a good deal lower than the grounds surrounding the Crocker mansion. The fence was built almost thirty feet high, and it intercepted every ray of sunshine that d d not descend almost vertically. Mr. Yung may have repented of his ob-duracy, but he made no sign. The vengeance of Mr. Crocker was comparatively complete. The enemy beyond the fence did not venture into I t.gation, and after a year or two the house, which had been put in blinders, as it were, was removed and the lot was left vacant. It was subsequently leveled up to the grade of the Crocker grounds. The fence was blown down, but a new

one was erected a score of feet high. It is still there. Charles Crocker professes the greatest indifference as to whether the lot ever becomes his or not. Int mate friends, however, confess that it has been a sort of hated thorn in h s side, and it will probably, therefore, be good news to him to learn that there is at last a prospect of its being plucked ont, and without it being necessary for him to break his vow. Mr. Yung, the undertaker, is dead, and his widow is well enough to do to disdain the consideration of a few thousand dollars as hopeful incentive to the keeping of persistent clutch upon a property that is to her useless. People on Californ a street hill were astonished about two weeks ago to see the sign 'For sale' posted up in lofty conspicuousness on Mr. Crocker's dismal fence. The agents are a well-known firm on Montgomery street. Inquiry at their office rovea'e the fact that Mrs. R. Yung, the relict o the deceased undertaker, is far less ex orbitant in her expectations than b was. She asks \$12,500 for the lot, which is equal to \$363 a foot front. It is understood, however, that these figureare far from being her ultimatum. - San Francisco Chronicle.

MONTANA WOMEN.

llant and Independent.

With the remarkable development of the Western Territories has grown up a class of women totally different from The Delicate Compliment to Which a Po their sisters in the States. The very fact of being in a new, wild country, often left alone to look after the herds of pluck, grit and endurance that I was one of the most refined and charming women I ever knew, and she wainst chock fall of tact. The Governor had to give receptions to influential men hart to give receptions to influential men in the State, and you can fancy that for man, to the same number of cowboys or solders. These ladies, by reason of their wild life on the frontier, do not by any means lose all the gentleness and refinement of their sex. To be sure was the chief guest. The dinner went

would be under similar circumstances. Northwest. From the cultured dames of our best cities the grade runs all the way down to the female road agent. But as a rule, the girls of Montana are made of the very best material to be had on the continent. Scattered al over the broad prairies of Montana an refined and cultured women, bred it affluence and ease, proud, young an hopeful, called by the misfortunes their husbands or led by their desires enter and achieve in new fields the m sion of life, to surrender society, to home and friends and scenes of the youth, and march boldly to a farwilderness and endure privation, to labor and suffering. But these worn have grown to be brave, industria self-rel ant. full of pluck and enerperfect horsewomen, healthy, hea active and independent, and in m

f left alone, will succeed where an ordinary man would fail. With no vices, they stick closely to business, and f bens on tree-claiming, homesteading or pre-empting a quarter, half or whole section of land, they generally stay by the claim to the end and prove up on

Many of these enterprising damsels wouldn't have a husband at any price. Again, many, after laying the foundation of a comfortable fortune, are taken in by some lazy bachelor who comes loafing along, sees the chance, marries the maiden and settles down into a nice ready-made home. Our girls are bread winners, and no mistake. They are up to all sorts of schemes, such as ranching, herding of sheep or cattle, school super-

intendents and even politics.

The latter should be expected, however, as the females of Montana have the right of suffrage extended to them in case they happen to be tax-payers. As nearly every woman in the Territory is a tax-payer, why, of course, she votes, as she has a perfect right to do. In Bozeman, one can see plastered all over the town placards appealing to the passer-by to "Vote for Hamilton, the people's choice," or "Give your vote to Darcy," or "Vote for Nichols and reform." Hamilton, Nichols and Darcy were candidate for the school species. were candidates for the school superintendency of the county, and a fourth candidate was in the field—a man. It is needless to add that "the horrid man" was beaten by all three of the girls, Hamilton coming out ahead. - Cor. San Francisco Chronicle.

JAPANESE SURVEY.

A Curious Empire Now Being Surveyed

During the past five years a work of great national and scientific interest has been going on in Japan. It is only within a few months that any thing has been known of Japan in this country or in Europe. It has revealed hitherto unknown features of the country, and has thrown a flood of light on its geography, geology and resource, both actual and possible. When the survey was begun there were hardly any maps which were reliable. The proportion of explored and unexplored resources was not known. The coast surveys were quite correct, but the interior of the country was almost a terra incognita. The nature of the soil, the face of the tountry and a topographical survey. were matters to be systematically examined and put on record. The survey is conducted by three departments-topographical, geological and agronomical. A fourth—a chemical section—was

created to investigate and test the material presented by the geological and the agronomical. The difficulties of the work have been numerous. The Japa-nese chain of islands is little more than a huge and complicated range of mountains, which, in parts, is hardly passable. Away from the main roads the survey could be accomplished only by great physical vigor and powers of endurance. The ina lequate training of engineers and the ignorance of cortography as understood in Europe have proved ser ous obstacles to the success of the work. Again, when the stage of pull sher was reached, the government, which would not for a moment allow the work to be done out of the country, was at a loss how to accomplish its ob-ject. Lithography and heliogravure were tried, but the Japanese did not understand these arts. Ultimately, the Tovodo Engineering Company in Tok o was intrusted with the work, under the constant superintendence and control of a director, and it is curious to note that the maps are all etched, not engaved. The maps published are: A geological map showing the distribution of primitive, paleozoic, mesozoic and tertiary deposits; an oroplastic map, showing the surface, shape, represented by horizontal layers, and the depths of surrounding soil; a magnetic man, representing the isogonic, the isoclinal, and the isodynamic lines of Japan; maps of the great historical earth-quakes. The scientific digest shows that almost all the systems have had part in the formation of the Japanese range. It shows also that the mountain chain is of unilateral structure and bey nd a doubt has been shifted from the side of the Japanese sea to the side of the free ocean. Another striking feature is the great transverse depression which Dames and Maidens Wonderfully Self-Re- crosses the man island near the capital. -Science.

TALKING OF TACT.

lite Irishman Gave Utteraner.

"You talk of tac!" said the shorthand reporter. "I remember a case of and flocks, has made them wonderfully lact that was as pretty as any thing I self-reliant and independent. I run can imagine. It was at the house of a across women up in th's country so full Governor of a Western State. His wife they become somewhat roughened by along very nicely. Beyond making a hardship and exposure, but, through it all, they still preserve their womanly low behaved pretty well. But when the traits, and when the necessity arises for inger-howls were put on the table he them to ride, hunt or shoot, you will was rather knocked over, and like find them there, and in the end perhaps many other heroes of such stories a little better off than many males he took his up and drank out of it. Nobody happened to see him except the There are all kinds of women in the hostess, and quick as a wink she signaled to the servants. They removed every finger-bowl before anybody could touch them, and the old fellow doesn't know to-day, if he's living, what a mistake he made. Now, that's tact!"
"That you call tact!" said an Irish-

man, sitting opposite the stenographer.
"I can beat that myself. I got out of a scrape the other night at the Baldwin Theater. I had a seat in the middle of a row, and there was a mighty pretty woman I had to pass to get there, was squeezing my way along, and rouldn's help casting a squint at her as I went. While I was doing that I trod on her toe and she gave a little scream. The fellow with her looked as if he was

going to lick me.

"I beg your pardon, madame,' I said, politely. 'I could not, judging by your hand, imagine your feet were so large.' What are you laughing at?"

"Oh, flothing." — San Francisco

Chronicle.

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