

OUR GIRLS
When you observe a lady drop her handkerchief in the street and not stop to pick it up, the chances are ten to one that she hasn't got her step-over dress on.

A fashionably dressed young lady, putting fancy touches at the music yesterday, was heard singing, "Backward pin backward, oh skirts in your flight; make me look small again, just for to night."

An English correspondent says that Lady Bulwer, who is said to inspire many of the poems of her husband, "Owen Meredith," has violet eyes with black lashes, and an expression of almost childish innocence.

Miss Susan Augusta Fenimore Cooper, daughter of the novelist, is devoting her life to the support and training of little homeless boys and girls, the orphanage being situated on the Otsego lake, near Coopers-town, N. Y.

A country mother visiting Detroit with her daughter, a girl of fifteen, said to the child who was about drinking a glass of soda water: "Now, Mary, be careful. Don't gulp it down at three swallows and get exploded all to pieces by the gas, but sip, sip and don't run any risks."

Mrs. Abigail Lovering of Oxford Me., will celebrate her 100th birthday on the 1st of September, if she lives, until then. It is no fault of Mrs. Lovering's that she is not 110 at least, her parents being solely responsible for that. She reads the Bible without spectacles, and never drank nor smoked—though she might have done both had she wished.

A young Frenchwoman in San Francisco is undergoing semi-occasional arrests and penalties for wearing bifurcated nether garments—not in emulation of Joan of Arc or Mrs. Dr. Walker, but in order to pursue her business of frog-catching in ponds and marshes, where, she remarks, petticoats are wade and found wanting.

"I don't consider her anything but a pert upstart lussy. She's got no taste; her clothes don't fit her; her bonnet is a perfect fright; she's freckled, wears striped stockings, and has a wart on her back as big as a pigeon's egg," bitterly exclaimed a lovely girl throwing her croquet mallet on the ground, and glancing in the direction of her vanquisher, who was proudly walking off the field with the light of victory in her eye.—[Brooklyn Argus.]

A Detroit Financial Argument.

Well bub, "replied Bijah as he finish edbanging up his broom, "this currency question bothers many besides you, though it's clear enough to me. You see that twenty-five cent scrip don't you?"

The boy remarked that he did, and Bijah placed it on the window-sill, weighed it down with a peach-stone, and continued:

"That bit of paper is marked '25 cents' but is it twenty-five cents? Is it anything more than a piece of paper?"

"I dunno," solemnly replied the boy. "Has that bit of paper any real value beyond a promise to pay?" demanded Bijah.

"What paper?"

"That 'ere twenty five—"

He stopped there. Some one had sneaked up the alley and slyly stolen both scrip and peach-stone.

"Never mind," consoled the boy, it hadn't any intrinsic value."

"It hadn't, eh?" growled the old janitor; "I just want to catch the wolf who absorbed it!" —Detroit Free Press.

GRAINS OF GOLD.

The animosities are mortal, but the humanities live forever.

The busiest of living agents are certain dead men's thoughts.

A blush is the sign which nature hangs out where honor and chastity and honor dwell.

To do nothing is not always to lose time; to do negligently is surely to lose time; it is fatigue without profit.

He who does a base thing in zeal for his friend burns the golden thread that ties their hearts together.

All old men are not wise; for, to be wise it is not sufficient to have been a fool a little longer than other men.

Our Platform.

Resolved, 1. That there is just cause for alarm in the extravagance and prodigality prevalent in our government,—both State and National administrations;—and we gratefully acknowledge the people of this State upon the great reduction of taxation and expenses, brought about through the agency of the Independent movement, and we demand the adoption of a similar policy of retrenchment on the part of the general government.

2. That we favor a return to specie payment at the earliest practicable moment.

3. That the election of any man to the presidency of the United States for three successive terms, would be a violation of the traditional sentiments of the Republic, and we utterly condemn any and all third term schemes.

4. That we demand the repeal of the act doubling the salary of the president.

5. That we ask government aid for opening up and improving the rivers and harbors of our State, especially the Coos Bay road, Port Orford harbor, the Columbia, Willamette and Coquille rivers, and the construction of locks at the Cascades of the Columbia; and also for the extension of public surveys to accommodate the advancing settlements of our State.

6. That we favor the adoption of all reasonable measures for securing cheap transportation, and to this end we pledge our candidate to labor especially for aid for the construction of either the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake railroad or the Willamette railroad, that the interests of the State demand the completion of the Oregon and California railway to the southern boundary of the State, the extension of the Oregon Central railway to Junction City and to Astoria, and the construction of the Corvallis and Yaquina Bay railway.

7. That corporations, like individuals, should be in subjection to law, and the rates of freight and fares are proper matters for legislative control.

8. That we regard with favor the increasing interest manifested by the industrial classes, in favor of retrenchment and reform in public affairs.

9. That we demand that this State be reimbursed by the general government for the expenses incurred on account of the Modoc war.

10. That we oppose any division of the public school funds for sectarian purposes.

11. That none but honest, moral and sober men should be permitted to fill any positions of honor or trust.

12. That common carriers, as railroads and steamboat companies, etc., should be subject to the jurisdiction of the local courts for damage by wrong done by them to property or person on or along their lines of transportation.

13. That railroads passing within a mile of a County Seat, or town of 200 or more inhabitants, should be compelled to build sidings there for the accommodation of the people through whose lands they have the right of way.

14. That we hold to the doctrine of the Union as it is and the Constitution as it is and ought to be.

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