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In another column will be found a communication from a well-known Astorian who writes under the name of phone of "Helper." As he suggests, "It would be hard to give an adequate reason why there is not a Young Men's Christian Association in this city." There is no question but what it would be a popular institution if well managed.

To presume otherwise would necessitate the assumption that the young men of this city are inferior to those found elsewhere, which any of us would be loath to believe. The well-regulated and well-equipped Y. M. C. A. furnishes all the attractions in the line of recreation and self-improvement which appeal to young men not entirely separated. The extensive use made of its privileges wherever affiliated is a guarantee of its popularity, while there is no question as to the usefulness in building up the bodies, minds and characters of its members.

Astoria has too few places offering opportunity for innocent recreation, not only for young men, but for the general public. A system of parks, a boathouse, a bathhouse, etc., would do much to make the city more attractive and encourage immigration as well as swell the number of our summer visitors, who add much to the business of the city. All these things will come, the sooner the better; and not the least among them in value and popularity will be the Y. M. C. A.

GIFTS AND JESTS.

"Half King Edward" shouts one paper, and "Sighn King Edward" another. Now which is it to be?—St. Paul Globe.

Saturday a scattered legislature sat in its annual pose; a small remnant of the document showed that it was fixed January 1, 1898.—Lincoln News.

A scientist says if the mouth is kept shut there is no danger of anyone taking the grip. Why is it then that so few women have it?—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

The entering of the midnight closing engine in Chicago resulted in the shooting up of several saloons in two days. This beats Mrs. Nation's hatchet.—Minneapolis Tribune.

Mr. Cleveland has now reached that stage of optimism where he hopes and believes the republic will be saved somehow and notwithstanding his own retirement.—Houston Post.

Two years ago the name of Christina, queen regent of Spain, appeared

EATING FOR TWO

it may be for three.

A new mother, or about-to-be mother, should keep herself up to the highest possible level of health and supply, and begin far back. Live generously and carefully.

Whatever is good for her comfort and health, let her have it; whatever is bad for her comfort or health, avoid it.

Almost without exception, Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil is a needed help; and generally a very important help.

We'll send you a little book from the SCOTT & BOWNE, 149 Broadway, New York.

In almost every issue of the newspaper, now the world has to be apprised of her existence through the medium of an attempt at assassination.—Minneapolis Times.

And so Mrs. Carrie Nation, when smashed, has been left to groan on the ground that she is irresponsible. She is now all equipped for the lecture platform. That is where irresponsible persons may raise or their heavy content in this country of unbridled speech.—Boston Herald.

The private fortune left by England's queen is estimated at \$10,000,000. If Albert Edward had come into his share of it twenty years ago he would have made "Coal Oil Johnson" and Max Lebonge look like washed-out photographs of the original and wild gentry.—Kansas City World.

EXCESSIVELY GRAMMATICAL.

Baltimore Sun.

The unreasoning tyranny of the pedantic and half-educated grammarians is vigorously protested against by Roscoe Matthews in Harper's, who makes that the interest some people feel in the correct use of English is out of all proportion to their knowledge. One point upon which the grammarian is in agreement is positive is that the plural subject, no matter what it consists of, must have a plural verb. The line in Mr. Kipling's "Recessional," "The shooting and the sun goes" was once pointed upon by the shrewd critics. "Dots" they insisted, ought to be "dot," not marking or understanding that the poet was as liberty as that of the pea like things, "shooting" and "sun" as constituting one thing. "But there were others," says Mr. Matthews, "whose reading was a little wider and who were also in the processions in Kipling's famous from Milton and from Shakespeare and from King James' translation of the Bible. Yet the argument from the past failed to convince some of the original protestants, one of whom suggested that the young poet be sent to a night school."

The trouble with the critics was that they knew very little about English, their whole preoccupation being the memorizing of an elementary rule. They were neither acquainted with the history of English speech as presented in the works of classical authors nor capable of looking beneath the superficialities of syntax. Those who are familiar with actual usage are the least disposed to insist upon a strict formal and wooden regularity.

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One-half the population of a village knows all about how the other half lives.

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