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## IN THE REALM OF TONE.

SIR JULIAN PAUNCEFOTE is not only a musician of considerable ability but has published a number of original compositions.

WHETHER it is due to the fascinations of his music or to the romantic interest attaching to his relations with Mme. Geery Sand, it is hard to say; but Chopin seems to be the hero of the Vienna musical exhibition.

PADEREWSKI has been obliged to cancel a number of his concert engagements on account of a rheumatic affection of the muscles of one hand. The great pianist will not be able to appear in public for probably two months, at an estimated loss of about \$45,000.

DR. ANNIE WILSON PATTERSON is a distinguished young musical director and composer, who is making a high reputation in Dublin. She is conductor and director of the Dublin Choral union, and is the only lady-doctor of music in the United Kingdom except the princess of Wales.

THE queen of Belgium, according to foreign papers, has considerable talent for musical composition, and devotes the greater part of her leisure time to musical study. She improvises often, and when an accidental combination pleases her particularly preserves it at once by writing it out in notes.

## GEMS FROM THE EAST.

SOON after the birth of a child in China, a red cord is tied around its wrist. It is thought that this insures obedience to its parents.

DAMASCUS is the most ancient city in the world. It was a place of trade and travel before the days of Abraham, and has now a population of 150,000.

THE officials of the Chinese empire are divided into nine different grades or classes, distinguishable from one another by the button worn on the cap.

THE first ship canal on the line of the present Suez canal was projected by Necho, an Egyptian king, about 600 B. C. The two seas were actually united 270 B. C.

A CURIOUS superstition is alleged to exist among the Hindoo sentries at Bombay. Whenever a black cat passes they salute it in the belief that it contains the soul of an English officer.

It is said that many Japanese women are undergoing the surgical operation necessary to straighten the slant of the eye-lid, which distinguishes them so unmistakably from Caucasian women.

## BRIGHT THINGS FOR WOMEN.

WINDMILL bows of satin or gros grain ribbon will be used for dress trimming.

NEW Russian dresses are made of bordered wool with rough surface. The colors are very bright.

A PECULIAR combination of color is brown, pink and green. This is seen in millinery and trimmings.

THE new velvets in changeable, iridescent and ombre effects are exceptionally popular and will be used with almost every material.

A POPULAR trimming, and one which is especially effective, when properly used, is gold galloon embroidered in high-colored and iridescent beads.

THERE are two materials that women of all ages, figures and complexions may safely wear, and these are velvet and lace, especially in dark colors.

HANDSOME skirting flannels have

elaborate embroidery wrought over lace edging. For example: A width of torchon or plat-val lace is basted closely on the material, and the embroidery is done over this.

## IN THE HEAVENS.

THE Great Dipper revolves around the North star in 23 hours 56 minutes 4 seconds.

HEAT-LIGHTNING is simply the reflection of the lightning of distant storms, too far away for the noise of the thunder to reach us. These storms often draw nearer and develop into the ordinary type of thunder-showers, or they may pass away in another direction.

MARS is in opposition about once in two years, but, owing to the eccentricity of his orbit, his distance from the earth varies greatly at different oppositions. The most favorable ones—like those of the present summer and 1877—occur at intervals of about fifteen years.

THE black, solid-looking shadows cast by the electric lights that may be seen in the air when it is not clear suggest that the "cosmic dust" which is supposed to occupy the interplanetary spaces may be capable, in certain conditions, of showing a profile of the earth under the powerful light of the sun.

## SOME NEW PROVERBS.

LIKE weeds in a garden of roses are licentious thoughts in the mind.

HE who yields one step to evil, must go back ten steps to get it again.

HONOR for the brave, fame for the wise, and confusion to the bearer of tales.

A FOOL'S head turns at every sound; but a wise man's eyes look straight before him.

A BOLD man is the hope of his cause; but timidity promotes neither honor nor integrity.

THE charm of woman is loveliness; but strength is the glory of man.—Chicago Interior.

A THOUGHT on the good is a seed of life; but alliance with temptation is a snare laid at the gate of hell.

## NOVELTIES IN JEWELRY.

WORLD'S fair souvenirs are turned out in every practicable shape.

CHATELAIN bars of iridescent gold in triple oak leaves are introduced.

MARQUISE rings with rows of colored pearls set in diamonds are strikingly pretty.

A SETTING for a large octagonal pin has a turquoise at intervals between three or four diamonds.

LARGE chatelaine pins of repoussé gold shaped as fleur-de-lis, with splashes of red enamel, are new.

VERY dark lustrous red enamel is a feature in fall jewelry. The bow knots of this lightly edged with gold are charming.

## Elephant on Toast.

The young man from the country took his green necktie and his best girl into a restaurant on Woodward avenue, and like some young men when the girls are around he was disposed to be facetious at the waiter's expense.

"Waiter," he said, "bring me a broiled elephant."

"Yassir," replied the waiter, perfectly unmoved.

"And waiter, bring it on toast."

"Yassir."

Then he stood there like a statue for a minute.

"Well," said the young man, "are you going to bring it?"

"Yassir."

"Why don't you, then?"

"Orders is, sir, dat we has to git pay in advance for elephants, sir. Elephants on toast, sir, am \$18,000.25; if you take it without toast, sir, it am only \$18,000, sir."

The waiter never smiled, but the girl did, and the young man climbed down.—Detroit Free Press.

## It Must Be Well Seasoned.

The young couple had been married and among those congratulating them was an effusive sort of a woman, who liked to hear herself talk.

"I do not," she said, taking a hand of each in hers, "hope for you unalloyed happiness, for that is not given to any mortal; nor do I ask for you the greatest worldly prosperity, for that often hardens the heart; but I do desire for you that the love which has sprung up in your young hearts shall be ever

fresh and green—"

A crusty old bachelor had been listening, and at this point he growled to his neighbor:

"Listen to that woman, will you? By Jove, if there is anything in this world that is undesirable, unreliable, unaccommodating, unhappy, unstable, undecided and unimproved, it is green love. Bah!" and he walked away.—Detroit Free Press.

## The Champion.

"Well," remarked the man from Kansas, "Corbett may have been able to have dodged Sullivan's blows and won the fight, but I know one he can't dodge."

"Whose, for instance?" chirped in a fellow who had won a couple of hundred on Jim.

"One of those we have out there in the cyclone belt."—Detroit Free Press.

## BOOKS AND AUTHORS.

WILLIAM D. HOWELLS, the novelist, is about to take up a residence in Italy, it is stated.

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER was a shoemaker in his youth, and one, as results show, who was too smart to follow the advice of an antiquated adage.

SINCE Dickens' death the firm of Chapman & Hall have sold 643,000 copies of "Pickwick." The profits on Dickens' works still amount to about \$40,000 a year.

M. ZOLA has just received the highest price ever paid in France for the serial rights of a novel. The sum is about thirty-one cents a line, a total amount of \$7,000, and is paid for Zola's new story, "Dr. Pascal."

"AUNT ANNE," the peculiarly clever novel by Mrs. W. K. Clifford, about which all London is talking, is what may be called emphatically a woman's book. It is the sort of bright realistic story which makes people laugh and cry as they read it, and which sets the ball of conversation rolling briskly.

A FREE library of ten thousand volumes has been recently opened at Baroda, India, by Shrimant Sampatrao Galkwar, the brother of the Maharajah Galkwar. Seven thousand of the books are in English, the rest in Sanscrit, Merathi and Guzerati, and it is the first free library in any native state in India.

## FREAKS OF INVENTORS.

AN ingenious Indian inventor has invented a plow in which an auger or screw mold board is operated by means of a drive wheel in the rear.

AN automatic match igniter is a recent novelty. You pull a lever, a match travels along a roughened surface and is then thrust out of an opening already ignited.

A PASSAIC inventor has devised a novel projectile, which is rifled to correspond to the bore of the gun. The grooves are provided with bearing pieces to diminish friction.

A BOSTON inventor has invented a strainer for mixed drinks, consisting of a circular plate, around the circumference of which is a spiral spring. The coil forms the strainer, which is removable at will.

## FASHIONS FOR CHILDREN.

ACCORDION-PLAIED skirts of vailing or cashmere with guimpe waists are worn by small girls.

TAM O'SHANTERS are coming into fashion again for youngsters. They are made in fancy velvets, plush and wool materials.

## PERSONAL POINTS.

U. S. FLAGG is on the pension list. He is probably the man who always waives ceremony and things.

M. E. GALLADAY, of Holden, Mo., is proud of the fact that he is a lineal descendant of the original Mother Goose.

E. R. GUNBY, of Tampa, Fla., is collector of customs at that place, thirty-two years old, boyish looking, and said to be the youngest collector in the country.

PROBABLY the tallest G. A. R. veteran is William P. Boyne, of Green county, Pa., who stands seven feet in his stockings. During the war he was a private soldier in the Twenty-second Pennsylvania cavalry.

THE late Samuel McDonald Richardson, of Baltimore, is said to have been

personally acquainted with nearly forty-seven thousand depositors in the savings bank of which he was president, all of them working people of small means.

A. F. PARKER, who was one of the soldiers of the Gordon relief expedition, is now a street-car conductor in Oakland, Cal., and doesn't find much comfort in the medal for bravery given him by the queen of England and the khedive of Egypt.

LUCIUS SMITH, an eighty-year-old tramp, was killed a few days ago in Norristown, Pa., and at the inquest it was developed that he was a German refugee who came over here in 1848, with Carl Schurz, and received remittances regularly from the Fatherland.

## WITH THE SPORTS.

TWO-BALL billiards is a game fast coming into favor with the experts. To count, a player must hit the object ball twice with the cue ball at each shot.

A BAPTIST church in England, in order to induce cyclists to visit it, has provided a safe shelter for bicycles. Others have set apart a "cyclists' pew."

THE French Rowing club, whose crew lately beat the crew of the London Rowing club on the Seine, has only about two hundred members against the two thousand Londoners.

THE golf championship this year, conducted by the Honorable Company of Edinburgh Golfers, was won by an amateur, Mr. Hilton, another amateur, Mr. Ball, being second. All prominent professionals but one played.

GRACE, the great cricketer, has joined the committee for the promotion of the athletic section of the new scheme for a periodical Pan-Britannic gathering and Anglo-Saxon Olympiad, when the athletes of England, America and the English colonies will compete.

## ON MANY SUBJECTS.

LA BRUYERE use to say if poverty is the mother of crimes want of sense is the father.

THE little old republic is going to make some of its own sweetening. Switzerland is building its first sugar refinery.

THERE are looms in the old world. The linen manufactured yearly in England could be wrapped round the earth seven times.

THIS is not the only "smart and inquisitive" world. Mars, says R. J. Crowley, the English scientist, is probably in communication with other planets.

THE curious statement is made that Elsie Gray, the Stalacta of "Black Crook," is pronounced by artists to be the most perfectly formed woman on the stage.

## EUROPE'S ROYALTY.

IN honor of his daughter's birth the German emperor has resolved to pardon all female prisoners now undergoing punishment for the first time for crimes committed through distress or anger.

THE dowager duchess of Sutherland will not be badly fixed, financially, even if the English section of the family do ostracize her. Her Florida estates will produce an annual rental of \$250,000.

ONE crown prince at least will be present at the world's fair, as the future emperor of Austria has signified his intention of visiting Chicago after his lengthy tour in the orient, Australia and New Zealand.

PRINCESS MARIE BIBESCO swam across the Hellespont recently, the first woman Leander on record. She was accompanied by her brother-in-law, and arrived on the Asiatic side of the Hellespont three minutes before he did.

## A FEW POLITICIANS.

WHITELAW REID is of Scotch ancestry; his mother, Marian Whitelaw Ronalds, being a direct descendant of the clan Ronald.

SENATOR McMILLAN pays the heaviest tax of anybody in Detroit, the collector calling upon him for a check for \$88,434.40.

SENATOR BRICE has taken a five years' lease of the Corcoran house, in Washington, and is having it put into residential condition.

GROVER CLEVELAND'S Buzzard's Bay residence, Gray Gables, is for sale. It is stated that Mr. Cleveland will again make his summer home at Marion.