

FIRESIDE MISCELLANY.

HOW TO TREAT SCANDAL.

BY DEAN SWIFT.

Ye who instruct me to indure An evil which admits no cure;

Right, innocence is no support, When you are tried in Scandal's court;

Conceive themselves in conscience bound To join and drag you to the ground;

The world, a willing stander by, Inclines to aid the specious lie;

Yet whence proceeds this weight we lay On what detracting people say?

Their utmost malice cannot make Your head, or tooth, or finger ache;

Nor will you find your fortune sink By what they speak of what they think;

The most effectual way to banish Their malice is—TO LET THEM TALK.

A DETECTIVE'S EXPERIENCE.

There is a low ruined cottage on St. Anthony street, where the moss grows over the roofing, and the rickety doors hang by broken hinges.

Twenty years ago she was beautiful. The olive cheeks were radiant, and the glorious eyes flashed the triumph of a belle.

None knew when she was married. A young clerk of her father's had gained her heart and hand.

There were few things the father would not have pardoned in his child—but not this? He was wont to boast that kingly blood was in his veins;

Mr. I and myself had the working up of the case. The city was wild over the tragedy; an account of it will be found in the Picayune of that day.

This was the question upon every tongue. It was for us to discover. Months went by in incessant search.

Petticoats are emblems of slavery the same as are the veils of Turkey, and the stripes of Sing Sing.

"Madam, we have come to consult you in reference to the murderer of your husband."

"You have found him then?" she eagerly inquired.

"I could not help the sad look that came into my face. How could I in flict on a heart so worn and weary an additional sorrow

AT HOME IN THE EVENING.

Nothing concerning the future welfare and happiness of the young is so neglected by parents and guardians as the manner in which their evenings are spent.

"My father?" "Oh, no, not him; say it was not him," and her arms stretched out to me so appealingly; the white lips and anguished eyes were so beseeching that I felt I would rather die than face such an ordeal again.

"Yes madam, the chain of circumstantial evidence leaves no room for doubt. He did the deed." It seemed as if this last sorrow had broken her heart.

From that hour to this I have never seen her. She holds no intercourse with any one. All else save a faithful servant is banished from the house.

Young Women and Marriage.

Children should not marry. A young woman cannot be considered in any sense prepared for this union under twenty-one; twenty five is better.

You cannot overestimate the importance of a thorough knowledge of the man you desire to marry. Uprightness, fixedness of principle, an unselfish and generous disposition and good business abilities should be regarded as indispensable.

Do not be won by trifles. A handsome face, fine figure and noble bearing may be desired. But they constitute a small part of what you need.

Marriage should not be entered upon without a thorough knowledge of its physiological laws, else much domestic misery may be expected.

FEMALE SOCIETY.—You know my opinion of female society. Without it we should degenerate into brutes.

On his death bed a distinguished humorist requested that no one might be invited to his funeral, "because," sighed the dying man, "it's a civility I can never repay."

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The Mayor of Mobile recently married a colored couple. After the ceremony, the husband said: "Massa Csh, you has forgotten something." "What is it, Aaron?" asked the Mayor. "Why, you sin't buss the bride."

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