FIRESIDE MISCELLANY.

HOW TO TREAT SCANDAL.

BY DEAN SWIFT.

Ye wise instruct me to indure An evil which admits no cure; Or, how this evil can be borne, Which breeds at once both hate and scorn.

Right, innocence is no support, When you are tried in Scandal's court; Stand high in honor, wealth and wit-All others who inferior sit

Conceive themselves in conscience bound To join and drag you to the ground; Your attitude offends the eyes Of those who want the power to rise!

The world, a willing stander by, Inclines to add the specious lie; Alas! they would not do you wrong, But all appearances are strong. Yet whence proceeds this weight we lay

On what detracting people say?

For let mankind disgrace their tongues In venom till they burst their lungs, Their utmost malice cannot make Your head, or tooth, or finger ache;

Or put one feature out of place; Nor will you find your fortune sink By what they speak or what they think; Nor can a hundred thousand lies Make you less virtuous, learned, or wise.

Nor spoil your shape, distort your face,

The most effectual way to baulk Their malice is—To LET THEM TALK.

A DETPOTIVE'S EXPERIENCE.

id. Sitting on a low stool she mutters what they really like or dislike-who is good-I made it so without buying a lullaby-an old time song. Age has and what will meet their nece-sity- any manure. I keep horses enough to deprived her of reason, but the sorrow until they are matured themselves. heart.

regally over so many hearts. At that | band, provided you do your part. that intellect bestows.

her infant was born-here when she stances.

but not this? He was wont to boast not exist before marriage, it is hopeless and criticising the conduct of others. that kingly blood was in his veins; that to expect it afterwards. You must his ancestry had fought under the stand look out for breakers ahead, and feed the child he held in his arms.

Who did it? society, rarely if ever seen before.

But who was the murderer? This was the question upon every tongue. It was for us to discover Months went by in incessant search Here and there a link in the chain of evidence was picked up until at last we were able to lay our hands upon the man. But, if the deed in itself was horrifying, the culprit when known, occasioned a thrill of indignant sympathy for the unfortunate wife felt by all .-Before arresting him, however, we deemed it advisable to consult the lady. For this purpose, Mr. I. and myself visited her. She was still at the cottage, never having left it since the night of templated the ravages a few short months had made. The form was low ed and bent-the beauty which had been the boast of brilliant society-had fled. Before us stood a lady whom

"Madam, we have come to consult you in reference to the murderer of your husband." "You have found him then?" she

eagerly inquired.

grief had all but wrecked.

"Yes." "And he is --?" 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 "You do not tell me," she said with

an intonation of voice so exquisitely sad that it went to my heart,

"I must tell you, madam, deeply as I herse'f to the crooked policy and wily to the use of Dr. Walker's VEGETABLE VINEgrieve to do so, but you must prepare sinussities of worldly affairs; for truth, blood, and give health and buoyancy to the yourself for a great shock," I rejoined. like light, travels only in straight lines. system,

"What other calamity can befall me?" "Perhaps a greater one than you have encountered yet. I fear you will esteem it such."

"Speak, who is it?"

"Your father.' "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. "My father ?"

"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. She stood up before me; every trace of color fled from her face with unutterable anguish in look and gesture. "Leave him alone with God!" and fell fainting to the floor.

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. From her I learned what I repeat to you. Her reason has no doubt fled and she sits by the fireless hearth nursing her sorrow alone with her sorrowful memories.

Young Women and Marriage.

Children should not marry. A young twenty-one; twenty five is better. She able class of citizens would people the There is a low ruined cottage on St. is not physically or mentally developed world. Authory street, where the moss grows before this. Solemn duties, cares and over the roofing, and the rickety doors responsibilities await her, for which she hang by broken hinges. Dust and age needs large physical development, ma have hid the floor from sight, and the ture judgment, good calculation, domes decaying walls are damp and mouldy. tie training and knowledge of men and land, and much of the labor is perform-Only one room is habitable, and that things. Girls of sixteen and eighteen ed by my own hands, including the shelters anold woman, gray and decrep | cannot have these. They cannot tell regular attendance at market. My land

a tragedy wrought, is yet fresh at her You cannot overestimate the impor- more numerous than any of my neigh-I wenty years ago she was beautiful. man you desire to marry. Uprightness, of land. I cultivate every foot of soil The olive cheeks were radiant, and the fixedness of principle, an unselfish and I can, and it is done in the best manner. glorious eyes flashed the triumph of a generous disposition and good business I have a good sized garden, stocked belle. Tall and slender, exquisitely abilities should be regarded as indispen- with a little of everything, including formed, with rich Andalusian type of sable. If a young man is a good son all the valuable small fruits. I find beauty, it is no wonder that she reigned, and brother, he will make a good hus that well tilled land, having previously

brilliant than hers. Wealth and hospi some face, fine figure and noble bearing much as moderately good land modertality went hand in hand, and the most | may be desired But they constitute a ately worked. Commencing in a very refined and elegant in the land did small part of what you need. They small way, going in debt for nearly the homage to the beauty of New Orleans. may be but the gilt which hides some whole place-I have succeeded in pay To be star regnant of such society in terrible deformity, and which by and ing off the entire debt, building a new yolved more than physical loveliness. by, will cause you emotions of disgust, barn, repairing the house, and adding and Blanco Castello had all the graces | terrible grief or constant unrest. It is | generally to the appearance and value | those who don't care whether it is so or None knew when she was married. ent station in life, as this would give I buy. We live as well as there is any A young clerk of her father's had gain rise to solicitude lest you should fail to desire on the part of my family. My ed her heart and hand. In this cottage adapt yourself to your changed circum- wife is not overworked. We keep the

and keep the best for love.

DOWN ON PETTICOATS. - That eccenother tight squeezing articles of appar- old age .- John Kandolph. el. He says :

Petticoats are emblems of slavery the same as are the veils of Turkey, atmosphere of souls; and we necessarand the stripes of Sing Sing. Were all ily imbibe from it something which is the women to put on pantaloons to mor. either infectious or salubrious. The row, they would not only be just as vir | sodiety of virtuous persons is enjoyed tuous, as modest, and as beautiful as beyond their company, while vices carbeing attired for work whether it be in or company you keep is both the indithe murder. When shown into the God created the birds he plumed them of it. In vicious society you will feel disconcerted the witness, and the countries and the countries of it. In vicious society you will feel disconcerted the witness, and the countries of it. fishes he clothed with scales. Who science wear off, and that name at which like a sheep or hair like an ox? Yet hear contemned and abused. The Bino one has seen a stage girl attired in a ble will supply materials for unmeaning dress. A similar custom might be quence of this will be a practical diverbe far more becoming than the one become sapped, the fences of conscience worn at present. The garments could broken down; and when debauchery be cut after any desired pattern, so that has corrupted the character, a total inabout the only good thing the stage has will glory in his shame. given us is now and then a decent female costume. Universal suffrage is the only remedy for the present evil skin and complexion, that we must look for personal comeliness, but to pure and healthy blood. Let those annoyed with a sallow and

AT HOME IN THE EVENING.

Nothing concerning the future wel fare and happiness of the young is so neglected by parents and guardians as the manner in which their evenings are spent. Darkness is temptation to evil; and the suffering young men and boys to be absent from the family hearth. when the light of day does not restrain them from misconduct, is really restraining them to it, and producing incalculable mischief and ruin. All the riots, disturbances of any kind and crimes are the result of running in the streets after nightfall. The home is sometimes more necessary than the mere command, and parents should endeavor by their own example to show the importance of spending the hours of darkness with the family; for if heads of households cannot experience the truth of the assertion that "there is no place like home," how can they expect their offspring to be domestic. Evening recreation and employment in the family circle are infinitely more agreeable and pleasant than any amusement or dissipation abroad; and honorable and learns ed men are the products of the one, while dissipated specimens of the human race are the results of the other. Let home be the place it should be, and let the same fascinations and inducewoman cannot be considered in any ments be offered at the homestead as sense prepared for this union under abroad, and a more exalted and credit-

A GOOD FARMER'S ACCOUNT OF HIMSELF -- I am a common plain far mer. I cultivate about fifty acres of do the work; and cows and pigs much tance of a thorough knowledge of the bors in proportion to the same amount been put in a high state of cultivation, time no society in the world was more Do not be won by trifles. A hand will yield not only twice but thrice as not wise to aspire far above your press of the place. I pay cash for everything not Sabbath. We do unto others as we stole away from the bewilderment's of Marriage should not beentered upon would have them do to us-are ready fashion, she enjoyed the society of the without a thorough knowledge of its to perform a neighborly act at all times. man whose love she had ventured so physiological laws, else much domestic Our children are being well educated. much to win. Wedding him in secret, misery may be expected. Neither should All this has been accomplished by at she had contrived to deceive her parents | it be sought for worldly gain or passion. | tending strictly to my own affairs, and True esteem and affection, united to not troubling myself unnecessarity with procate." There were few things the father adaptation and congeniality of taste, the affairs of my neighbors, or idling would not have pardoned in his child- should form its basis When this does time away at shops, stores and taverns,

FEMALE SOCIETY .- You know my ard of Arragon. How could be accept the flame of love with pure oil. You opinion of female society. Without it a plebian son-in law. Months went by will need fully as much tact, skill and | we should degenerate into brutes. This and the mask was persevered in. But patience to manage another heart, as observation applies with tenfold force to a jealous rival discovered the deception your own. If you cannot think alike, the young men, and those who are in at last. And one night the young hus be resolved to yield rather than differ. the prime of manhood. For, after a band fell dead from a shot fired by a Avoid altercation and recrimination. certain time in life, the literary man concealed assassin. The bullet that Be forbearing and forgiving if need be. may make a shift (a poor one I grant) pierced his heart destroyed the life of I would also suggest that those graces to do without the society of ladies. and charms which won a lover's heart To a young man, nothing is so importbe still kept for the husband. Never ant as a spirit of devotion (next to his Mr. I and myself had the working up | consider it too much trouble to dress | Creator) to some amiable woman, whose of the case. The city was wild over tastefully and in your best for your hus- image may occupy his heart; guard it the tragedy; an account of it will be band's eye. Give him freely of those from pollution which besets it on all found in the Picayune of that day. graceful attentions and pleasant sur. sides. A man ought to choose a wife The unhappy wife, wild with grief, had prises which will make him happy, if as Mrs. Primrose did her wedding gown, not hesitated to avow her marriage. It you expect a continuance of love like for qualities that "wear well." One produced an excitement in fashionable attentions from him. Hide all the dis- thing at least is true, that if matrimony agreeables in person, toilet and home, has its cares celibacy has no pleasures. A Newton, or mere scholar, may find employment in study; a man of litera ry taste can receive in books a powerful tric philosopher, Ralph Meeker, writes auxiliary; but he must have a bosom to the Sun that he is down on the bar- friend, and children around him, to barian customs of wearing petticeats or cherish and support the dreariness of

> EVIL COMPANIONS .- Society is the now, but they could walk the streets as ry a sting into solitude. The society with feathers, male and female, and the your reverence for the dictates of conever heard of a tigress having wool angels bow and devils tremble you will page's suit, but he did not admire her jest or impious buffoonery; the conseadopted by our young women that would sion from virtue, your principles will the fundamental principles be observed. version will take, place, and the sinner

THE TRUE WAY TO SECURE BEAUTY .- It is not to cosmetics and artificial appliances, to the will abolish petticoats and corsets forever.

Truth can hardly be expected to adapt

blood. Let those annoyed with a salidw and rough skin, eyes yellow and dull, complexion disfigured with blotches, pimples, cruptive sores, etc., teeth discolored and breath offensive, cast aside all frivolous cosmetics, and resort at once

Humorous Sayings and Doings.

A traveler at the South writes of a city there: "This city is beautifully laid out : so is most of its capitalists.' "You seem to walk more erect than usual, my dear sir." "Yes, I have been straitened by circumstances." Josh Billings says he will never

patronize a lottery so long as he can hire anybody else to rob him at reasonable A green young man, who had never before seen a steamboat, fell through

the hatchway down into the hold of the State of Maine, and, being unhurt, loudly expressed his surprise : "Well, if the blessed thing ain't holler !" Thin Man .- "Boy, what's that hun-

gry dog following me for?" Boy .-He thinks you are a bone, I reckon." The Esquimaux says, "A man who has three wives is sure of Heaven."

He should be, for he will have enough

of the other place here below. An editor wrote a leading article on the fair sex, in the course of which he. said: "Girls of 17 or 18 are fond of beaux. When the paper was issued, kinds. he was rather shocked to discover that Iron Shutter Work at San Francisco USE HELMBOLD'S FLUID EXTRACT an unfortunate typographical error had made him say: "Girls of 17 or 18 are Wheeler & Randall's Patent Grinder and fond of beans."

a member of the editorial fraternity, and the patient, on being asked if he hadn't taken something strange into his stomach, replied that he believed he had. "It must have been that glass of water-haven't been so imprudent before, doctor, for ten years."

A Georgia minister has discovered that the "forbidden fruit" which Eye gave to Adam was tobacco.

A person, in company, speaking of gentleman not remarkable for his suavity, said he did not tike his manners | Dr. Joseph Walker's "His manners!" cried a lady; "I nev. | 5 34 er knew that he had any.

There is nothing worse for the eyes than to look steadily in a glass. It has a made many a man blind-blind drunk | 0 = The marriage of a flaxen-haired

young girl to a silver haired old man only illustrates the truth that silver can Prentice says that man was the chief

consideration at the creation. Woman was but a side issue. Josh Billings divides the human race into three classes: "Those who think

it is so, those who think it isn't so, and

"How long can a fool live?" asked a lawyer of a witness that he was examining "I don't know, I am sure,"

replied the witness. "How long have A Brooklyn undertaker recently wrote to a doctor that if the doctor would recommend him to families where he vis ited, he (the undertaker) would "reci-

Your whiskers are unprofessional," said a client to his legal adviser. "Why so?" "Because a lawyer can never be too bare-faced."

piest children on earth?" "Why, my ings will tell you when. Keep the blood healchild, they are not. What makes you think they are?" Because they've no parents to lick 'em."

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."

"What! are you drunk again?" 'No, my dear; not drunk, but a little slippery. The fact is my dear, some scoundrel has been rubbing my boots till they are as smooth as a pane of

"I say, Pat," said a Yankee to an Irishman, who was digging in his garden, 'are you digging out a hole in that onion bed?" "No," said Pat, "I'm digging out the earth and leaving the

Sir James Scarlett, when at the bar, presented himself in the box-a portly. These celebrated watches we are now sendoverdressed person-and Scarlett took ing out by mail and express. C. O. D., any him in hand. "Mr. John Tompkins, I believe?" "Yes." "You are a stock. livery broker?" "I ham." "And a very No money is required in advance, as we fine, well-dressed ham you are, sir." the nursery or in the hospital. When cation of your character and the former The shout of laughter which followed sel's point was gained.

An intelligent gentleman from Gerwhispered to the collector, "I don't got watch at the regular wholesale prices. mein bapers, unt can't vote."

Will asked old "ten-per-cent," what be wanted to accumulate so much money for. Says he: "You can't take it with you when you die, and if you could it would melt."

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

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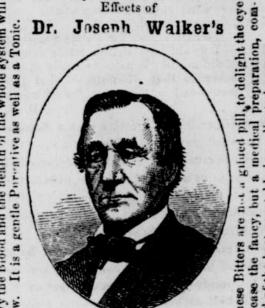
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