The "Tipity Witchety" Club and What It Was Organized To Do-

Honest Men Decelved. The methods of the Washington lobby are almost infinite in their variety, writes a correspondent to The Cincinnati Commercial Gazette. From furnishing and stocking great estab-· lishments, and running them on the most expensive scale of open establishments, to the wiles of the hotel loafer, who spots the man who comes for office and secures \$5 for suppose i influence, there is a wide range, which admits of many devices.

Recent attempts to carry out a new scheme in the interest of a photo-lithographic establishment here which has long enjoyed a comfortable monopoly of the government work has brought to light the history of an organization which for shrewdness of design, cunning in work and effectiveness, has probably never been surpassed by any of the machinations of the lobby. This has long been known to a narrow circle as the "Tipity Witchety" club. It is only recently that the real purlight. It was a conception of Howgate, the great defaulter, at a time when be was reveling in the fruits of his robbery. He made a selection from such congressmen as he thought could best serve his purposes. For most of them it is just to believe that they were totally ignorant of his plans or ultimate designs. He owned the vacht Falcon. He rented an island in the lower Potomac. Here he erected a house of entertainment with government material and with stolen funds. His guests sailed and feasted and had royal times in his secluded retreat.

Later a fixed company was selected and organized into a club, under the peculiar title already given, and the vacht became its headquarters. This was done under the auspices of Norris Peters, the well-known photo-lithographer, though Howgate was one of the active working members.

The "Tipity Witchety" club as organized consisted of twenty members. It is certain that only a portion of this number were allowed to know its real object. This was nothing more nor less than to smooth the way for heavy and continued appropriations from congress, and to secure influence to obtain and hold as much as possible of the government business, which amounts annually to about \$500,000.

It is quite as certain that enough were in the secrets of the manipulators to make the venture a sure one. The support of the venal ones was doubtless for revenue only. The assistance of the others when needed, especially as all appropriations asked for could be urged on plausible grounds, followed as a matter of course from their having been the continued recipients of the almost royal entertainments of Howgate or of Peters. The club was made up with skill. There were men above reproach, whose standings in one or the other house of congress was and always has been unquestioned. These were the selected and unconscious shields for the hurge scheme which they used to make respectable and ad-

It is said that the strictly honorable section of the club were not regular attendants with those who were in for business. The former class was only taken often enough to enforce the idea of obligation. In this respect, as in all others, there was the most canning management. The discovery and flight of Howgate caused a general sensation among all the members and dire consternat on among the revenue members. When he was out of the hands of the law through his well-planned escape, relief came to his confidential friends in the "Tipity Witchety com-

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When the influences are sought which still conceal and protect Howgate, a study of the history of this club should not be neglected. It saled the Pofeasted and rested in the shades of its when river island. It coasted to New York. It entertained such congressmen as the managers thought would strengthen Marriage for her means simply a trousits forces and advance its schemes. It dired frequently in the city, and its tuile, floral displays and its table luxuries tion. were the wonder of all who were invited to the feasts. For a time it reveled in prosperity, and those who have recently come to know of its organization and the hold it secured on congressmen no longer wonder at the case | parts. with which those who organized it long since secured a practical monopoly of the vast government work of the class they were seeking.

work, is in their hands, and there has ness been sufficient influence to practically shut out from competition nearly all the firms of the country capable of doing this very extensive and Inerative will forego the attendant "joy forever"

When Howgate was in charge of the signal service and its printing of maps vantage in "satin and sheen, and shimand other charts there was an immense profit. The degree of monopoly now secured effects the same result, and though the club is no longer an active organization, its remaining members still enjoy execursions and dinners at hood is developed the incipient wing the hands of those who have so richly that shall bear her forth in her butterthe hands of those who have so richly profited and who still profit most generously from this monopoly.

A glance at the membership of this noted creation of the national lobby will throw further light on the subject which is partially discussed above. Those famil ar with congress and with Washington will see at a glance how men who are above suspicion were, without their knowledge, made to do. thuty for lobby purposes among several who have always been recognized by men on the inside as the secret supporters of rings and jobs. These latter were the active workers in the Tipity Witchety club, and the cunning promoters of its revenue schemes.

In the cabin of the Howgate-Peters vacht hung a large frame containing the photographs of the members of the club. The title of each member was written under his name. The picture bore this inscription: "Officers and members of the Tipity Witchety club, organized May 30, 1879, Washington, D. C." The frame was adorned with zine.

the photographs of the following wellknown gentlemen, and under each ofticer was his title:

Norris Peters, isliniral.
J. C. S. Blackburn, vice admiral.
J. Proctor Knott, judge advocate general.
H. H. Blackburn, solicitor general. W. Howeate administrative officer,

A. McKenzie, secretary.

Jay A. Henkile, surgeon general.

Jay A. Hubbell, treasurer.
R. F. Crowell, sixth auditor's office, chap-Board of Visitors-Joseph G. Cannon, J. B. Beek, Alex Ramsey, A. Z. Stevenson.
Private Members—J. Warren Keifer, George
Z. Hazleton, Frank Hereford, J. W. Covert,
William Windom, David Davis.

At a later day there were other members. David Davis almost immediately after his election received a hint of what the club meant, and promptly retired in disgust. All in all, it was the most effective and influential schemes for furthering money-getting by the projectors and a few willing workers that have come to light in recent years. It prospered and waxed fat under the generous and helpful infinences of General Keifer's speakership. But the events of its halevon days are worthy of a special chapter.

A Ten-Year-Old Heroine.

Three months ago, writes a Cambridge, Mass., correspondent of The poses of its organization have come to New York Herald, Mrs. Edward Barry, wife of a day laborer on the Fitchburg railroa4, living in the Belmont district, died from hard work and exposure, leaving five children to the care of her kind-hearted though rather dissipated husband. The eldest child, Nellie, 10 years of age, has acted as housekeeper since the death of her mother, and has managed to clothe the backs and supply the mouths of her four younger brothers from the \$1.50 a day wages of their father. Last night it was very hot in their cottage, and Nellie, after putting the little folks to bed, and singing and fanning them to sleep, put her father's supper on the back of the slove, and sat down to wait for his return. He was late. The little clock on the mantel ticked off the hours and brought 9 o'clock, but no father. Then Nellic re-membered that he had been drinking since the Fourth and went out to seek h m. Failing to find him she returned, tired and worried with her heavy cares. She went to the little heated chamber to look at her sleeping brothers, and then resumed her place in the char, determined to stay awake until her father came, but the heat, combined with her hard work, was too much for the child, and she was soon sleeping with her head upon her arm.

An hour later she was awakened by the sound of falling timbers, and springing to her feet she saw the whole end of the house on fire, while clouds of smoke filled every room. What she did first she can not tell. All she knows is that when her first neighbor arrived he met her coming out of the burning house with the last of her little brothers did first she can not tell. All she knows house with the last of her little brothers in her arms. The other three were lying on the grass in front of the house n their night-clothes. Her cldest brother, Jimmy, says she came up-stairs and taking them one by one, car-ried them out in safety. Her face is burned, and her hair is scorehed, but otherwise she is unburt. The three smaller ones-aged 2, 4 and 6 yearswere not awakened until the arrival of ously second the zealous labors of the present their tipsy father, who reached home rector, Dr. O'Connell, to make the American their tipsy father, who reached home with the fire company. The premise caught in an adjoining barn, probably from an engine spark, and spread to the house. The little heroine and her brothers were taken to the house of an aunt, in the Dublin district, and to-day she has been receiving so many congratulations that her little head is nearly turned. Several wealthy people who heard of her deed have made arrangements to give her an education, thinking so brave a girl should have ap opportunity to elevate herself.

The Bride of the Period.

The Bride of the Period does not look forward to the sweet communion attendant upon souls consecrated to each other for the ministrations of time, and tomac and the Chesapeake, and it the bliss of eternity, but to the day

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seau, and a tour, orange flowers and tuile, bridal gifts, cards, and a recep-

She does not rejoice so much in the society of her flance, as in the d amond he has placed on her finger, the brilliancy of which goes far in her eyes to make up for his own lack of brilliant

She looks to the grandeur of her futture surroundings to make endurable the companionship of the one to whom she will owe them, and to society, to The patent office, with its great relieve her of his inconvenient tender-

A "thing of beauty" from the faintest wave of her scented tresses to the sole of her aristoratically shaped foot, she of shining. Fresh, graceful and debonaire, she is one who shows to admer of pearls." It is to be expected that she will consent to blush unseen, wasting her sweetness on the air of a hum-drum domestic seclusion? Forbid it fashion and folly! With her bride-

fly career. But bridal tours and receptions must have an end, and regrets steal on with the quiet hours that succeed them. If sometimes growing weary in her pursuit of the vain and illusive, she would seek to lay hold of something tangible, shall she look backward and face the pale ghost of the might-have-been?or forward to the dearth of a loveless future? Neither. Let her cast aside this unwonted dreariness, array herself in fair apparel, -not forgetting the diamonds for which she has bartered the more priceless ruby of affection .and pay with languid grace her devotrs to the dear five hundred "friends" that it is not well to neglect. Or else, from her opera-box, let her listen night after night to the impassioned recitations of love's triumph, and drop, in secret, a despairing tear to the memory of the lost Eden, from which she has gone out -self-exiled-forever and ever .- Mrs. M. A. M. Cramer in St. Louis MagaMR GLADSTONE'S VOICE.

The Remarkable Effect It Has Upon His Auditors.

In its account of the debate upon the home-

rule bill The Pall Mall Gazette says: At last Mr. Gladstone rose, and nobody who has not been in the house on a great occasion can know exactly what even old spectators feel then. A different spirit seems to come over everything-a different atmosphere seems to be upon the house, something like the effect caused by the raising of the gauze curtain before a transformation scene. All is there as it was, but different. At midnight the members' lobby was crowded with eager and anxious groups, but the two words, "Gladstone's up," caused them to stampede into the house like a flock of sheep before a watchdog-not to go in leisurely, and with dignity, but literally to turn and run helter-skelter, all alike, old pariamentary hands and young M. P.'s to whom the house seems yet more like a new school. The prime minister was very pale-almost as white as the flower in his buttonhole-and there was an added solemnity in his manner belitting the occasion. Best of all, however, he was in splendid voice. It rang as clear as in years gone by, and what a voice it is! To begin with, it is of extraordinary compass, from the light high bantering note in which he twitted the tories with endeavoring "to adorn the laugh—to decorate it—with an idea," down to the deep, resonant, intentionally hourse bass to which it sank as he spoke of the 'profound and bitter condemnation' with which English action toward Ireland was universally received. Then the flexibility it, too! From top note to bottom Mr. Glad-stone passes as lightly and smoothly and easily as a bird's carol. But the quality of it—how can one describe that? It is impossible to do so without seeming to fall into absurd hyper-bole. There is something so winning, so "magnetic," in Mr. Gladstone's voice, as it was once more, and as we can hardly venture to hope that It will be again, that it is neces mary to seek for a simile. A cathedral bell sounding far away over a river, a waterfall heard a long way off in the stillness of night, the sea rolling slowly in over a pebbly beach, a summer wind blowing over a hillton of pines —in each of these there is a strange, indescrib-able quality which sometimes makes one a eyes fill and one's throat contract for mere physical sympathy, and in Mr. Gladstone's voice, when he will, there is the same note. The admir-able construction of his speech, how it began by a few personalities and references to his immediate producessors in debate, how it passed gradually to claborate historical argument, how it turned to denunciation of the rival policy, how there came into it the touch of national poetry, and the picture of Erin with the cup at her lips—picture finished with a touch of Virgil—how it concluded with a solemn appeal for a 'blessed oblivion of the past," and "happiness, prosperity, and peace" for the years that are to come—these, and the utter absence of any personal taint, any com-plaint, any reference to the speaker's own person, all can see who will read it. But that voice—is only an inalienable memory.

The Pope's Interest in America.

Leo XIII. feels an extraordinary interest in all that relates to the United States, writes a Rome correspondent of The New York Sun. This was shown in his careful elaboration of the scheme or programme of matters to be discussed and settled in the plenary council of Baltimore in November, 1884. Every item had been carefully weighed by him at Rome, in consultation with the American archbishops, in the preceding autumn. He gave them a full-length portrait of himself to be placed venerable poutiff a subject of especial delight and personal care. This was in a very particular manner the case with the creation of the new Catholic university at Washington, whose progress he watches with a keen interest, which extends itself to every detail.

Of scarcely less interest to him is the Amer-

can college here, which President Arthur's timely interference saved from the raparities maw of the Italian governmen. If Leo XIII. were still in possession of his temporal do-main there is no doubt but he would genergreat National university at Washington. As it is, he can only see to it carefully that this seminary of the American priesthood is in every way a nursery of priestly virtue and

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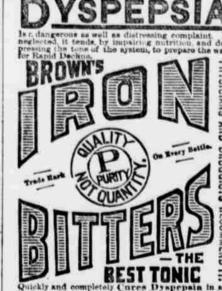
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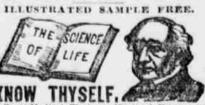
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