Masquerading.

To me this world resembles a masquerade,
In which we mingle for hours and parade,
Our faces, masked behind a borrowed smile
To hide the sorrow, that wring our hearts the while;
Our thoughts, disguised, behind a few words
Bedecked with flowers of speech in tropic and herbs,
To quench the fires our bosoms burn away,
To shield the meaning that we should convey.

The masquerade goes on, the minglers mingle still,
And Fate plays pranks to wor, his willful will,
Here foes to foe, unknown, their crimes unfold,
By foe to foe the dark revenge is told
As friend to friend, thus, each to each unknown,
Takes a traitor's hand into his own.

Then if vengeance follow not so fast,
Each thinks, I've found a friend at last.
In excited bliss the masqueraders move,
And every smile is deemed a smile of love
And side by side as friends walk, walk the play
A minute more like the hours wear away

Until the master of the assembly calls,
While the music fills the ma'ble hall,
Cries out, "unmask," and marks the masquerader,
To gaze bewildered on bewildered gaze.
To see betray s wadding by betrayed,
To see a villain as a saint arrayed.

Thus, when the m glory and i's trumpet call,
Summons each mortal to the judgement hall.
Not few amazed will see a friend appear,
Behind the mask that screened a demon here,
Beneath the mask, that seemed an angel here.

Mack.

Town Line.

All quiet on the Town Line nothing to report but euchre parties and euchre playing.

Eugene Patch was down visiting his family recently.

Mrs. Clark Beach has had a bad attack of the neuralgia.

Two jolly loads of Town Liners visited Doc. Voorhees's Corners Saturday night last. Guess they were looking up a new schoolma'am.

Numerous changes to take place in the spring are expected and freely discussed.

My Pencil.

WHY MEN DO NOT MARRY.

The English Solution of an Interesting Social Problem.

The English marriage market has become an arena of competition as keen as any auction room, says a writer in the *Whitehall Review*. The natural impulses of women are disregarded. Mothers advise prudent alliances, and discountenance, by fair means or foul, love-matches. Girls choke down their feelings, and aid and abet their seniors in encouraging men who are "catches" throwing off the restraints which made their grandmothers charming. But still the cry goes up, "Men do not marry." And yet the most inveterate clubman, the mocker at love in a cottage, was once a youth not blase, to whom the vision of a home was enchanting. Almost every man tries his hand at realizing some such dream early in life, but the attempt is usually nipped in the bud by want of means, or by failure to win the particular woman on whom his heart is set. He suffers acutely, but man is an elastic creature; in time he mingles again with the world, not entirely proof against feminine fascination, but finding it almost impossible to set up an ideal. Matrons with attractive daughters can not complain that their girls see few men. The tendency of the age is to level the barriers between the sexes; girls play tennis, they row, they rink, they skate, they sit in the smoking-room, they dance, not only in the evenings, but in the afternoons. The natural tendency of such intimate association would be matrimony. But the fact is, that men who might have had serious intentions are frightened off before liking begets love. There is an all-prevailing fuss pervading the intercourse of young people which is altogether detrimental. The instant a pair begin to show any particular liking for each other's society the wide world around them is instantly on the qui vive. The mother watches, fusses, reports to her cronies, and too often catechises the girl, wounding her sense of delicacy and making her conscious and constrained, or leading her to imagine herself beloved, when the man's feeling is only that of pleasure in the society of a young woman who does her best to make herself agreeable. Men are usually ignorant how girls note and weigh the attentions they receive, and that they impart the details of such homage to sympathetic—if envious—feminine ears, thus giving body to vague nothings, and brooding over trifles till they grow large. Meanwhile, the man, having said the pretty things his idea of politeness has prompted, goes away, forgetting them and their recipient, while she is expecting a declaration as the result of a few soft nothings, a squeeze of the hand, or tender glances. Women are not aware, on the other hand, how sincerely he may like and admire a girl without a thought beyond mere good will. And it is precisely the better kind of man who falls into the misfortune of raising false hopes; the man who believes in the simplicity and candor of women, desires their sympathy and values their regard. A man of the world has the instinct of self-preservation developed strongly enough for his protection. The sense of safety is the real bond of many of the alliances now so fashionable—sometimes sanitary, often mischievous—between men and married women. Kept within bounds no suspicion attaches to them, no hopes are built upon them. The lady receives the petits soins dear to the female nature, which the husband of long standing often neglects, the man receives the sympathy grateful to the masculine creature. Men feel this without analyzing their sensations, and it is a common complaint among them nowadays that it is impossible to become well acquainted with a girl without exciting the too lively anxiety of her friends. And no wise man proposes without knowing the character of the girl he wishes to marry. The mothers who are so eager for their daughter's establishment are wise, although precipitation is indecorous.

The first Jewish settlers in New York were twenty-seven exiles, banished from Bahia, in Brazil, on the general expulsion of the Jews from that kingdom, who came to New York in 1654 as the nearest place of refuge. After fifty years they comprised but 100 persons, and for 170 years had but one synagogue. To-day there are thirty-one synagogues in New York, and the Jewish population is estimated at 80,000.

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