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## TERPSICHOE ON WILLER CRICK.

[Will A. White.]

The daughters of Terpsichore who sit at Phal-las' feet.

And overlook the festival of dancing,  
In point of style and makeup may be very hard

to beat—  
As supple, soft-eyed hours they're entranc-  
ing.

But a tan checked, diety,  
Living in the "Used-to-be,"

Could beat these maids with cards and spades  
in bloom;

For she reigned on Willer Crick,  
O'er the "rags" we used to give before the boom.

The "rags" we used to give before we platted  
Out the place.

Before we had the opryhouse to splurge in,  
Were free and easy gatherings of homemade

country grace,  
And ev'rybody came without the argin,

Oh, the fiddle and the horn,  
And the organ, wheezed and worn,

Made an itchy, twichy music in the gloom  
Of the busy workaday.

So that the sorrow staid away  
From the "rags" we used to give before the boom.

The caller off and the fiddler was a simple,  
homely soul.

Who had one waltz in all his repertory:  
His lone suit was his "cowdrill" and the over

flowing bowl,  
And the "Irishwasherwoman" was his

glory.

But he tickled up his heels  
With his old "Virginny reels,

Like an airy, joyful fairy in the room!  
For then none of us were fish,

Nor were parvyneo and sioh,  
At the "rags" we used to give be'ore the boom.

## GIRL CHILDREN IN CHINA.

How the Overplus that is Not Murdered is taken Care of.

As soon as a child is born, the first question which present itself is its initiation into the human family, writes Henry Burden McDowell in his article, "A New Light on the Chinese," in Harper's Magazine. The patria potestas reigns supreme; it is for the father to say whether the little life bud shall grow up to become a citizen or citizeness of the middle kingdom. In accordance with the family law, which is supreme in China both for the emperor and for his meanest subject, until the child has been "lifted up" by the father it has theoretically no existence. It follows, therefore, that infanticide, or the failure to provide for offspring, receives the tacit approval of law. As male children are a means of support in old age, they are useful, and rarely, if ever destroyed. Daughters, however, are a responsibility and an expense, and are frequently exposed. Obviously, they are not over-welcome in the Chinese home. Mothers of the poorer class exhibit considerable anxiety as to the matter, and frequently consult the neighboring joss-house which, of course, has a panacea for all woes. The Taoist priest throws up the "sticks" in order to ascertain whether the tree which represents the woman in the

derworld bears white or red flowers. If white, then something must be done to change the earth, for, as surely as the sun rises, to her no male children shall be born. But what is to be done? The remedy is certainly a curious one. It is an illustration of the familiar homoeopathic principle that like cures like. In such a case the girl child of another family must be adopted, in order to ward off the long line of females which threatens the welfare of the house. This process is known as "grafting." Thus it turns out that a girl not wanted in her own home is at least permitted to live in another. But even then there is a surplus, and the mandranes are at their wits' ends to stem the fearful tide of infanticide. A number of benevolent Chinese merchants have devised a plan which is certainly charming, considered both from the point of view of ingenuity and charitable intent. The little girls are brought up in asylums, which are practically female universities. Although deserted by their families, the authorities take great pains to obtain their pedigrees, which are hung up over their cots, and are, of course, invaluable for future use. As they grow older these children are carefully trained and elaborately educated. Arriving at a marriagable age they have an enormous advantage over the average Chinese woman, who never receives any education whatever unless belonging to the wealthy or official class. Indeed, paradoxical as it may seem, very few Chinese can even read or write, and therefore the little fondling carries to her husband the one great boon which is the ideal, however remote, of every Chinese heart—an education.

## A Hose Comment.

Truth: Charlie—Miss Flypp's stockings are extensively clocked.

Jack—Yes. They are extensively watched, to.

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## SOCIAL STRUGGLES.

One of the most interesting phases of American life is found in the struggles for social supremacy which are constantly taking place in the ever changing conditions of society in the larger cities. Hjalmer Hjorth Boyesen, who spends his winters on Murray Hill and his summers in one of the most fashionable of Long Island watering places, has written a story for the Cosmopolitan dealing with those phases of American life which is likely to be received with the widest interest. The powerful strokes of the sturdy nouveau riche have nowhere been so truly and so wittily presented as in the case of the Bulkeleyes, whose fortunes are begun in the September Cosmopolitan. Side by side with the fortunes of those, who have so much money that the most serious concern of life becomes the question of how to spend, is a discussion of the fortunes of those with whom the question is how to provide the necessaries of life. This is done by Mr. Walker, editor of the Cosmopolitan, who chooses to view the Homestead difficulties as an object lesson in the Evolution of a Republican form of government. He considers dispassionately all the dangers to the state arising from the extensive colonies of workman brought together under our present system of concentration and the growing imperfection in our system of distribution, and does not hesitate to say that reform should come from the hands of those who fix the laws regulating distribution. The story of the Chicago Convention bears re-telling by the veteran Murat Halsted. The first of a series of three articles on education in the South is from the pen of the President of the University of Tennessee. A delightful article on the Island of Jersey and Jersey Cows, an article on the Cotton District of the South and Miss Esther Singleton's chronicle of certain celebrated but uncanny British spectres embrace some of the more entertaining features of the September Cosmopolitan.

## Heavy Blow to the Democracy.

Syracuse Standard: Mr. Blaine is quoted as saying that it must be a disappointment to Mr. Cleveland to find that his party will have the senate. It was a heavy blow to many democrats to know how complete their victory is. They did not mean to go so far.