

perhaps at the end of six months. This causes much dejection among literary men who are really sincere, and who are not writing for the mere sake of making money. It also acts in another way, by increasing the competition.

The number of amateurs who are entering the field in their endeavor to create something in the way of literature which will at least see the light of day between covers is increasing rapidly, and these amateurs are satisfied with the smallest return for their labors. The average throughout England is seven novels for every day in the year, and five of them are forgotten at the end of a week if they live that long. Every publishing house is swamped with manuscripts, and a revulsion against the amount of immature literary products seems to be in order.

The Bell Boys Golf Tourney.

The Carolina bell boys match play golf tournament for cups presented by Mr. F. W. Kenyon, ended during the week, Thos. Pollett winning the first division from Martin Finnegan, by 4 up and 3 to play in the finals. In the first round Finnegan beat John Mulcahy, 2 up, and Pollett beat William White, 1 up.

The second division went to Albert Gray, who defeated Clarence Gurney in the finals, 6 and 5.

In the first round Gurney defeated William Jordan, 3 and 1, and Gray beat Ernest Taylor by same score.

"Should Auld Acquaintance—?"

One of the pleasant affairs of the week at The Berkshire, was a presentation and surprise on the evening of departure of Mr. W. H. Hager, of Cleveland. The token of regard took the form of a pine top bouquet, weighing some fifty pounds. Capt Lee of Greensboro, making the presentation in "terse and well chosen" language. It is needless to say that Mr. Hager was too full (of emotion) for utterance.

WHITE HOUSE WEDDINGS.

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the Hayes administration the president's niece, Miss Emily Platt was married in the Blue Parlor to Gen. Russell Hastings.

The most important nuptial event at the White House between the wedding of Nelly Grant and the Englishman who had won her affections and the coming marriage of Alice Roosevelt and the wealthy statesman from Cincinnati, was the marriage of President Grover Cleveland and Miss Frances Folsom. Mr. Cleveland was the first, and thus far the only American president ever married at his official home. The ceremony was performed in the Blue Room, and at the moment that Rev. Dr. Sutherland concluded the words of the Presbyterian ritual all the bells in Washington pealed out congratulatory chimes.

The bridal gown of this occupant of a unique position in the line of White House brides was a magnificent example of the dressmaker's art, the train falling in graceful folds four yards in length. The veil of white silk tulle was fastened on the head with orange blossoms. An elaborate wedding supper followed the

ceremony, and each guest received as a souvenir a piece of the wedding cake, incased in a white satin box on the cover of which was a hand-painted design, including the date of the event, and attached to each box was a card bearing the autographs of the distinguished couple.

Miss Alice Roosevelt will be the first bride who has had as a setting for her wedding the "New White House"—the remodeled Presidential mansion which has been so altered and improved that it bears little resemblance to the Executive Mansion which was the scene of the other weddings above enumerated. The East Room, where Miss Roosevelt will assume her new role, is an immense apartment, to cover the floor of which requires more than 500 yards of carpet. The decorative scheme is in white and gold and four massive marble mantels are conspicuous in the room.

The Blue, Red and Green parlors, where the reception will be held, are each of about half the size of the East Room, and in each the wall hangings, window draperies and upholstery carry out the distinctive color scheme which gives each room its name. The dining-room, where the wedding repast will be served, is a reproduction of an old Saxon hall. The walls are paneled to the ceiling and extending all about the room are mounted game heads—trophies of the President's prowess with his rifle.

—Waldron Fawcett.

ORIGIN OF VALENTINES.

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Catherine Glover for the privilege of being her valentine for the year. And he tells us that Smith tried to secure the boon by stationing himself where he must be the first person she would see on coming to her window on St. Valentine's morning. Some serenaded their loved ones to attract their attention.

That change in the custom was at the joint instruction of chivalry and common sense. "Choose your valentine", said the latter. "Show your devotion by chanting under her window at the dawn," said the preceptor.

Shakespeare makes Ophelia say:

Tomorrow is St Valentine's day
All in the morning betime
And I a maid at your window—
To be your valentine.

Which would imply that once upon a time the maids, too, went a serenading, unless the mental condition of Ophelia be taken into account.

All the singing and gallantry of the festival long ago passed into the love verse on the pretty card, evolved from the tablet certificate of valentineship.

But whence comes the offensive lithographed rags with gabble doggerel. Literature is as silent of them as are their individual senders. In all probability jilted jealousy invented them.

Bowling Interest Good.

Bowling interest is good and competition for the weekly prizes offered for the highest single string, is brisk. An attractive trophy has also been offered for the highest three string total made during February.

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