

AQUATICS.

HANLAN'S RETIREMENT.

The parting challenge just issued by Hanlan, the present champion of all the scullers, is answer enough to the insinuation that he did not appear in the late congress of sculls because he was afraid to row. He offers plumply to pull a match with any man in the world. But then he will retire on his laurels. And why not? What should prevent a great athlete from retiring after he has faced for years all comers, and incontestably proved his superiority? The diplomacy and the training that now precede a great match take up a good part of the season of the year. An athlete who has struggled to the top, and there remained, and who has afterwards little to gain in the way of glory, and much to lose should a chance stroke of ill-luck beset him, may surely at length treat himself to the luxury of not being in training, with a match hanging over him to worry about. Of all oarsmen, Hanlan has shown that he does not and need not fear to remain in the field, and he certainly can retire, if he finds other business pleasanter and more profitable, without having his motives impugned.—*New York Sun.*

MILEN.

We're Lookin' at Ye.

She said he had a dartering tongue,
And to his arms she fondly clung,
And love's sweet roundelay he sung.
For that, said he, my love, I guess
You cannot, cannot love me less.
Give me the little hand I press!
"Tis thus, she said, with glance oblique,
While blushing roses dyed her cheek,
The wain will be made one next week.
Miss Jane, she was of fine physique,
In art, she was a good critique,
Her nose was Grigio,
Her temper mique,
But one of her eyes was quite oblique.
London doctors say that the little
Princess bonnet promotes cariche and
neuralgia.
What riles a country postmistress is to
have a postal card come to the office
written in French.
Chesnuts will soon be opening their
eyes under the gentle stimulant ad-
ministered by frosty nights.
Josh Billings thinks mosquitos must
be very cheerful creatures, for they are
always singing as they toil.
Future "oldest inhabitants" are care-
fully making mental notes of the "great
drought of 1881." Properly embelli-
shed, it will make a wonderful story a few
years hence.
It is very easy to be in two places at
the same time, even though those
places be thousands of miles apart. One
frequently hears of a man being in a
strange country and homo sick.
Colors for cool weather dresses are
called brownish teal-green, dark plum,
dark tetracotta, red and brown mixed,
piscoc blue, deep claret, and orange
shades with brown, red or dark green.
Spitsoons are not among the appoint-
ment of the New York elevated railroad.
Persons on the street below have often
remarked the fact in language which
this paragraph would blush to repeat.
There's no telling what'll burn. The
other day the water-tank at the Fair-
port, N.Y., depot took fire (from a loco-
motive spark, it is supposed), and had
to receive the attentions of the local
firemen.
A dastardly fraud is said to have been
recently practised upon the inhabitants
of the Cannibal Islands by the American
Missionary Society. Missionaries with
cork legs and arms have been sent
among them.
Turks at a French banquet.—Toward
the conclusion of the feast a French-
man selected a toothpick from a tray
lying near him, and politely passed the
receptacle to his neighbor, who declined
his offer, exclaiming, "No, thank you;
I have already eaten two of those
things, and I want no more."
A correspondent of the London Times
points out the curious circumstance
that the heat recorded in London, on
Friday, July 15th, was greater by two
and one-half degrees than the hottest
day experienced during the whole of
the year 1880 near Gaboon, on the west
coast of Africa, which is within a few
miles of the equator.
Texas Siftings relates that two young
men who move in the very best Austin
society went on a spree not long since.
After they were pretty well under way
one of them said in an inebriated tone
of voice:—"Let's bid each other good
night. Bill?" "Why, you ain't going
home already? It's right in the shank
of the evening." "Of course I'm not
goin' home now, but after a while we
won't know each ozer from a shade of
sole leather, sho let, shay 'good night'
right now, before it'sh too late." They
embraced.
"Can I see the lady of the house?"
inquired the pedlar. "Well, yes, if you
ain't blind?" snapped the woman who
had answered the bell. "Oh, beg par-
don, madame; you are the lady of the
house, then?" "Yes, I am. What d'yer
take me for? Did yer think I was the
gentleman of the house, or the next door
neighbor, or one of the farm hands, or
the cat, or the ice chest?" "I didn't
know, madame, but you might be the
youngest daughter." "Oh, did yer?
Well, that was nat'ral, too," replied the
lady of the house. "What do you want
sir?" Then the the pedlar displayed
his wares, and when he left that door
step half an hour later his face was full
of pleasure and his pockets were full of
money. He understood human nature,
and had made a good sale.
The Kookruk Packet company has
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modore Davidson for \$18,000 profits on a
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