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Society.—Rehearsals, at 7.30 and 8.

Chess Club Practice, at 7.

Draughts Club, at 8.

Entertainment, in Queen's Hall, at 12.30 and 8 o'clock.

Pins and Punters.

H OOD is admitted to be the master of punning, but his artistic work is far removed from the wretched attempts of to-day, which depend for their being upon grotesque distortion of words. The following is given as a specimen of his talent:

"What is mind? No matter. What is matter? Never mind."

There are puns extant by unknown authors that even Hood might have envied. In the following, for instance, which puts into a nutshell a whole system of philosophy:

"What is mind? No matter. What is matter? Never mind."

Then, Pallas, take away thine owl,

And grant to me a sense of things real.

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"Sar?" repeated the astonished negro.

"Kiss, I tell you!" roared the judge.

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**PEOPLE'S PALACE SKETCHING CLUB**

Our Annual Prize Competition will be held on Monday, October 8th at 8 p.m., at the People's Palace, Pavilion. All sketches must be mounted. No name to be allowed on any sketch. Prizes are offered, the value of 10s. first and 5s. second for figure, and 5s. third and 10s. fourth for landscape. Subjects are required by the week after the exhibition. All sketches must be mounted.

Arrived at Mrs. Nunn's, High Street, Chingford, we walked across the fields to Chingford. On the way Mr. Barrett quickly occupied himself with his sketch, whilst we waded through the sloughs and over the mud. During the whole expeditious journey, Mr. Barrett was the constant companion of the dog, who not only took care of the sheep but also the farmers' fences, and who did not leave the side of Mr. Barrett's sketchbook. We found everything ready, and we were soon discussing ham, beef, and other delicacies. Half an hour was spent in sketching, and then we set out for Edmonton. We engaged our boats at Radley's, Lea Bridge, and, having seen the weather on Saturday looked threatening, and only a small number of sketches were taken. Our Inter-Club Runs are usually so much enjoyed, but we hope it will not be the last. A capital day was had, and we were all thoroughly satisfied with the journey.

**PEOPLE'S PALACE RAMBLING CLUB**

On Saturday last, a party of twenty-two took part in the boating trip to Enfield. The weather was not very favorable, but we had a fine day. We engaged our boats at Radley's, Lea Bridge, and, having seen a few pleasure boats proceeding in the direction of Enfield, we were able to enjoy a pleasant row. We engaged our boats at Radley's, Lea Bridge, and, having seen a few pleasure boats proceeding in the direction of Enfield, we were able to enjoy a pleasant row. We found everything ready, and we were soon discussing ham, beef, and other delicacies. Half an hour was spent in sketching, and then we set out for Edmonton. We engaged our boats at Radley's, Lea Bridge, and, having seen the weather on Saturday looked threatening, and only a small number of sketches were taken. Our Inter-Club Runs are usually so much enjoyed, but we hope it will not be the last. A capital day was had, and we were all thoroughly satisfied with the journey.

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**PEOPLE'S PALACE GYMNASIUM**

Dinner for our picnic. Tickets will be ready on Thursday. We go on Sunday, on Tuesday as usual. We have finally decided upon Theyseum, where we can enjoy the fresh air and the scenery. The match for Saturday last resulted in a win for the Old Boys by 15 runs. The Junior Captainswinning the toss, decided to go first. Newport and Castle opening the batting but the bowlers did not make a good start. Smith not out.

**Gazette**

Lives, like houses, have their back windows. The smile on the face of the New Club colours is often nothing more than the gauze curtain that hides the score that the visitor has just scored. But after awhile the smile fades back and forth, from first to last they all proved victorious.

**BOYS' CLUB AND JUNIOR SECTION**

Upon the last day before the day of the Old Club and Junior Section was held in the Clubrooms, Old School. Eighteen members of the Old Club Section were present, and they were all thoroughly satisfied with the day. The claims of several places were put forward with the result that the Old Boys will have a long day at the seaside for a small amount of money.

**GAS**

The first artificial production of illuminating gas from coal was communicated in a scientific experiment, and was not put into any practical use. In 1784, Dr. Mortimer showed that burning gas by discharges from a platinum wire, and by the use of sintering tools, and for experimental purposes he made an apparatus for the use of gas in his laboratory at Bredfield in Cornwall, and was the first to trap the full advantage of a gas discharge.

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A Descent into the Maelstrom.

By EDGAR ALLAN POE.

The Palace Journal.

June 25, 1840.

We had just reached the summit of the loftiest crag which lay before us. The air was heavy and oppressive. I was almost suffocated. I said to him, "I am at my wits' end. I can bear it no longer. You must guide me on this route as well as the youngest of my sons; and unsearchablcness of His works, I—'

Democritin.

ened at a shadow. Do you know I can scarcely look over jetty black to white, to weaken my limbs, and to unstring my

was I excited by the perilous position of my companion, that very foundations of the mountain were in danger from the

manner which distinguished him— " we are now close upon

strict of Lofoden. The mountain upon whose top we sit is— in the great province of Nordland—and in the dreary dis­

was discernible through the wilderness of surge in which it

promontory upon whose apex we were placed, and at a dis­

unusual about it. Although, at the time, so strong a gale

regular swell, but only a short, tiuick, angry cross dashing of

under a double-reefed trysail, and constantly plunged her

of foam there was little except in the immediate

called by the Norwegians Vurrgh. The one midway is

vicinity of the rocks.

Moskoe. That a mile to the northward is Ambaaren. Yonder

stand. Do you hear anything ? Do you see any change in

the water ? "

to name them at all, is more than either you or I can under­

of this fact is necessary than uncer­

Helseggen, to which we had ascended from the interior of

spreading out to a great distance, and entering into combina­
diameter. The edge of the whirl was represented by a broad

the mouth of the terrific funnel, whose interior, as far as the

winds an appalling voice, half shriek, half roar, such as not

nothing else than the great whirlpool of the Maelstrom."

rocked. I threw myself upon my face, and clung to the scant

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conveying an impression of the spectacle.

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scarce equalled by the loudest and most dreadful cata­

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昇evitably absorbed and carried down to the bottom, and

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