this and other countries would, before many years, be in a condition of readiness to adopt such a simple and convenient system.

This subject is undergoing discussion in the press and before scientific societies, and the results may be the beginning of a needed practical reform.

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**Five Cents.**

It is all very well for poets to tell
Of Peters or Charlies the Great;
But let them come here, and I 'll treat to beer,
If we 've not a hero their mate.

A description exact, and also compact,
Is rather a difficult matter;
But if you 'll be kind and " fractures " not mind,
I 'll kick off a horrible clatter.

Not slim, but quite tall; eyes handsome, not small;
But, oh, what a snap and a twist,
When you ask him a question to obtain a suggestion
As to what he 'd be pleased to suggest.

How the Wrong or Not Right, not apparent at sight,
Could be improved to make it Correct;
Your answer below is all right, you know,
So the errors are hard to collect.

You are humble and lowly, go up to him slowly
To ask what the matter might be;
He gives you a look, you reach for your book,
And feel you are up in a tree.

But you soon get the drift that you 're all adrift
On what you were off on before;
He takes up his stylograph, gives a short cough or laugh,
And your problems are covered with gore.

With a mark here and there, make no difference where;
" It is awfully wrong to say so ";
You pocket your work, smile a sick-looking smirk,
And away from our hero you go.

His name can you doubt, as his merits you shout,
While he us poor freshmen does flunk?
Just look at our cheek, how the tears down it streak, —
Perhaps I should say how they trickle.
Ah, there — hold your breath and keep still as death,
Our hero is William, our ——.

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III. Provided a public debt is a good thing, why is not a private debt a good thing? Then why pay your tailor's bill?

IV. What do the terms, Woman's Rights and Liberty of the Ballot, mean? And do woman's rights include the liberty of the ballot (ballet) in all spectacular plays?

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