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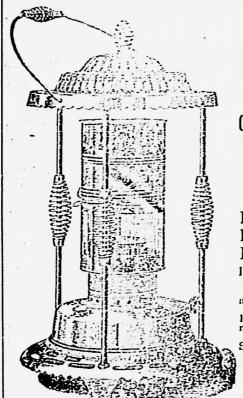
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ly after each meal and after eating. It need not necessarily be employed during a meal or be carried like a cigar in the mouth after eating, but in the privacy of one's room the quill toothpick should search out each corner and angle between the teeth, and all foreign matter should be removed; then the toothbrush should be used, and, as the spaces between the teeth are vertical in a standing person, so the teothbrush should be used up and down rather than across, so that fresh water may be scrubbed between each tooth.

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WASHINGTON IRVING TO POE. A Letter Full of Genial Criticism and

Friendly Counsel. Poe had through life the habit of sending his better tales and poems to distinguished literary men and soliciting thereby their attention, writes Professor George E. Woodberry in The Century in presenting some of Poe's unpublished correspondence relating to his residence in Philadelphia. He kept the replies and was thus en-

abled to append to Hirst's biography of him in the Philadelphia Saturday Mu seum a long list of encomiums in addi tion to such as had been publicly made The following letter from Washington Irving was written in acknowledgment of "William Wilson," which had followed the "House of Usher." as a means of introduction, and the substance of it, much altered and some what garbled, appeared in the list re ferred to and affords a striking instance of how Poe dealt with such correspond

NEWBURG, Nov. 6, 1839. DEAR Sth—The imagazine you were so kin as to send me, being directed to New York instead of Tarrytown, did not reach me for some time. This, together with an unfortu nate habit of prograstination, must plead my apolegy for the tardiness of my reply. I hav read your little tale of "Willism Wilson" with much pleasure. It is managed in a highly pie turesque style, and the singular and mysterious interest is well sustained throughout. I repeat what I have said in regard to a previous production, which you did me the favor to send me, that I cannot but think a series of articles of like style and merit would be ex tremely well received by the public. I could add for your private car that I think the last tale much the best in regard to style. It is simpler. In your first you have been too anxious to present your picture vividly to the eye, or too distrustful of your effect, and have laid on too much coloring. It is erring on the best side—the side of luxuriance. That tale might be improved by relieving the style from some of the epithets. There is no danger of destroying its graphic effect, which is power ful. With best wishes for your success, I am, my dear sir, yours respectfully, WASHINGTON IRVING

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