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Helen Keller in College

The Blind, Deaf and Dumb Girl Now Studying at Radcliffe.

The first week of college life, says the New York Star, is always a trying one with the keenest interest for a girl who has studied hard and looked forward eagerly for the beginning of her academic training.

Yet of all the young women who during the past ten years have felt more than the ordinary degree of exaltation over examination papers passed and the diploma prospects invitingly present, there is probably none in all the world who rejoices more and with greater reason than Helen Keller, the gifted blind, deaf and dumb girl who is at last a Radcliffe girl.

The examination papers were given her in the Braille raised point system, and the answers she wrote upon a typewriter, in the use of which she is an expert.

Her teachers say that while at snapp questions she has no more aptitude than the majority of her fellow students, when she has time enough she greatly outsteps them in the quiet hours of study.

Upon history she will write booklets, and she has to be stopped in her dissertations upon Pericles or Cicero. Besides passing in all the required subjects, Miss Keller has entered Radcliffe with a course or two to the good.

Freshman English and advanced French were "anticipated" on her advance by her.

Of the subjects which this remarkable girl is now studying, perhaps the most difficult for her to receive is the course called French 2a in Harvard and Radcliffe.

Its deals with prose and poetry of La Fontaine, Corneille, Racine, Moliere, Victor Hugo, George Sand, Heine, and others.

There is a full course and has three hours a week of recitation work. At the lectures Helen is invariably accompanied by Miss Sullivan, who sits close beside her and gives her in the manual language whatever the instructor may be saying.

The German course which Helen is now attending is conducted in English, but a good deal of difficult Schiller is read in the course of the year several German themes are required.

The daily theme course, known as English twenty-two, would present few difficulties to a girl of Helen Keller's ability.

She has always been able to write easily and well. The exquisite nature of her thoughts may be seen from one of her essays written during her preparatory years.

The subject was "A Noble Man." "What do I mean by a noble man?" began Helen. "I certainly do not mean a man of high rank, power or wealth, as the Roman nobles, or any kind of noble man is he who strives to attain that which is beautiful and imperishable—Love is the foundation upon which all nobility must rest.

If a man has love in his heart it will find its expression in many beautiful qualities, such as patience, courage and charity; A noble man is he who is true to his labors, a man for promotion, but for the sake of the good which his work will bring to those around him.

He is a true friend whom all can trust." The history course elected by Miss Keller is conducted by Professor Archibald Carp Coolidge, a son of the late minister to France.

Professor Coolidge is a very popular instructor, and his course is one of the most pleasant given in Cambridge. This work must be a keen delight for a student possessing such enthusiasm for history as Helen Keller has always evinced.

For all Helen Keller's remarkable intellectuality, she is in the main just a pleasant, normal girl, enthusiastic, fond of fun and delighting in social pleasures. She is very popular with her college mates, and many of them are learning the manual language in order that they may hold ready intercourse with her.

When people speak with clearness, however, Helen can nearly always understand, which she does by placing her fingers on the lips of the speaker.

The wonderful sensitiveness of this girl's finger tips cannot be imagined by one who has only the ordinary sense of touch. Her appreciation of everything that is brought to her attention is exceptionally keen.

She has almost indomitable enthusiasm for study, and, though she is not at all conceited, she thinks, not unreasonably, as has been proved, that she can do almost anything. Much of her intellectual power her teachers feel may be directly attributed to her long and honorable line of ancestors.

For the blood of the old Boston Adamans as well as that of Governor Spotswood and many southern gentlemen of parts has come down to Helen Keller.

All her study does not in the least impair the health of this remarkable girl, and she is to-day a fine specimen of a well developed young woman. She wheels, using a tandem, which she shares with a gentleman of her acquaintance, and she is extremely fond of pedestrian exercises.

Nor is she lacking in womanly accomplishments. She sews, crochets and embroiders quite like an old-fashioned girl. And, most marvelous of all, she plays a capital game at chess! All in all Helen Keller is without doubt the most wonderful college girl the world has yet seen.

Fruit Bearing Cactus.

A Liquor that is Madding is Distilled from the Sahuaro.

Distinctive among all the curious flora of Arizona, where the vegetable productions of the tropics, the temperate and the frigid zones, grow side by side, is the Cactus giganteo, called by the Indians and Mexicans the sahuaro.

Scattered over the waterless plains and rocky gravelly mesas in every part of the territory, these largest specimens of the cactus family point their candle-like arms straight toward the cloudless skies, not infrequently attaining a height of fifty feet.

The body of the sahuaro is composed of thin pieces of wood arranged in the form of a Corinthian column, covered and held together by the outside fibre. This fibre is a pale green. At some distance from the ground large branches put out while the whole surface is covered with sharp, prickly thorns.

A large purple blossom springs from its apex in May, which ripens into a pear shaped fruit by the last of June.

This fruit, which tastes a great deal like a fig, is highly prized by both Indians and Mexicans who live by its side, and is used for the aid of a long hooked pole. Part of the fruit is eaten while ripe, the rest is dried in the sun or boiled down to a jam.

Until the advent of the missionaries to the Pilmas and Papagos, some 30 years ago, the gathering of the sahuaro was the signal for the most riotous orgy of the year. All of the tribe contributed material for the saturnalia, each bringing his quota of fruit to medicine men.

This was mixed with water and allowed to ferment, then boiled—a highly intoxicating beverage being the result. When all was ready, the women, dressed in their best, congregated on top of the wickiaps, 10 or 20 huddling together for safety from the bucks, who deliberately proceeded to drink themselves into a state of frenzied intoxication. Joining hands they began a glorious war-

dance, the dancing being mostly to side jumps, which made the earth tremble like an earthquake. During these bibulous feasts a number of the braves were frequently killed.

The sahuaro is short-lived, usually beginning to decay at its base before attaining its growth. Nearly all the trees are perforated with holes made by the birds in their quest for water.

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