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WOMEN OF DENMARK.

As a Rule, They Are Wage Earners Even Though Married.

There is an outstanding point of difference between the activities of women in Denmark and in other countries. In Denmark the sole aim is economic independence for women throughout their lives.

Thus in Copenhagen more than 1,000 married women work as clerks in offices. By far the majority of actresses are married. In order to enter the school of the corps de ballet it is necessary to be of good family. The greater part of the husbands of ballet dancers are in high positions.

Three hundred and fifty to four hundred of the teachers in the free schools in Copenhagen are married. They receive exactly the same salary as the men teachers—that is, \$64 yearly. A head teacher, man or woman, commences with \$160 and rises to \$208. In the gymnastics and secondary schools many of the professors are married women, who also form a considerable proportion of the private content in the universities. The municipal council of Copenhagen has several women members.

In brief, in Denmark it is the rule rather than the exception for the married woman to be economically independent through her own labors.—London Spectator.

WATCHING WATER FREEZE.

An Easy Way to Make the Growth of Ice Crystals Visible.

It is not commonly known that fresh water may sometimes be "colder than ice" and that the growth of ice crystals may be made plainly visible. An interesting experiment to show this may easily be made.

Fill a clean pint bottle with distilled water. Make a hole in the stopper large enough to let the thermometer pass through it. The kind of thermometer used in physical laboratories is most convenient. Insert the stopper in the bottle and let the thermometer reach nearly to the bottom.

Pack snow or ice and salt round the bottle as you would pack an ice cream freezer. If the bottle is not jarred the temperature may be seen to drop several degrees below the freezing point without freezing the water.

If the stopper and thermometer are now removed and a small piece of ice free from any trace of salt is inserted in the bottle and pushed down into the water crystals of ice may be seen to shoot out in all directions from it.

After this experiment has been tried you will have some understanding of the network of ice girders which is beneath the ice coating of small ponds.—London Telegraph.

Thackeray at the Minstrels.

When the Christy minstrels came to London in 1857 Thackeray was enchanted with them. "I heard not long since," he says in one of his letters, "a minstrel who performed a negro ballad that, I confess, moistened these spectacles in a most unexpected manner. I have gazed on thousands of tragedy queens dying on the stage and exclaiming in appropriate blank verse, and I never wanted to wipe them. They have looked up, be it said, at many scores of clergymen without being dimmed, and, behold, a vagabond, with a corked face and a banjo, sings a little song and strikes a wild note which sets the heart thrilling with happy pity." Glad stone, too, was an admirer of the Christy minstrels and was often to be seen listening to their songs with rapt attention.—London Chronicle.

Almanacs.

Almanacs were not allowed in the hands of the common people of Rome until about 300 B. C. Until that time all knowledge of the calendar was entirely in the custody of the priests. Did one wish to know the date of a fixed day, the hours of the sun's rising or setting or when there would be a new moon he must consult the priest, as these occult laws were only to be revealed by him. But one day a presumptuous layman named Flavius, secretary of Appian Claudius, obtained the secret either by stealthily obtaining access to the documents or by repeatedly consulting the priests. He engraved his records on white tablets and exhibited them openly in the forum and so became the publisher of the first almanac.—Harper's.

Our Dying Sun.

The time will most surely come when the sun will have ceased to throw off light and heat. Long before that happens, however, the earth and other planets will have become "dead worlds," like the moon—no life of any sort upon them. It has been calculated that the sun will cease to throw out its heat somewhere about 7,000,000 years from now.—New York American.

"The White Man's Burden"

medically speaking, is dyspepsia. The hurried eating of meals, the consumption of greasy foods, and improperly prepared dishes, tend to ruin the stomach. Ill-health and unhappiness surely follow. So long as men and women eat carelessly and hurriedly so long will Nature need the assistance of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. This great medicine acting directly upon the stomach and organs of digestive juices, cleanses the system of clogging obstructions, stimulates the action of the blood-making glands, and so builds up the body with sound flesh and strong muscles. "Golden Medical Discovery," contains no whiskey, alcohol or intoxicant in any form.

SEAMAN'S LIFE A HARD ONE

Excessive Toll in Unsanitary Quarters Responsible for Disease That Shortens Their Days.

Ill-health, we are told, is the cause of one-fourth of the destitution in large cities. "The ratio is probably much higher among the toilers of the sea," said George McPherson Hunter of the American Seamen's Friend society in The Survey. "Below deck in the recesses of the ship, twenty feet beneath the sunlight, stokers stand on iron plates in front of open furnaces, bend their backs to fill the coal shovel, and then swing the coal into the hot furnace mouth. The roll of the ship and the swing of the body throw an uneven strain on the lower part of the torso which causes hernia.

"Novelists tell with great gusto of the sailors killed by pirates and buccaneers, and sometimes by the 'bucko mate.' All these amiable gentlemen of fortune never killed or maimed as many men as the forecastles of the ships that sail the seas. The medical officer of the port of London submits a table showing the minimum air space allowed for cattle in cowsheds, and for individuals in military barracks, workrooms, lodging houses and seamen's quarters. Setting these side by side, it is shown that cattle are best off in this respect and seamen worst. The reports of the surgeon-general of the United States Marine hospital service show continuously that seamen suffer in a startling manner from diseases, most of them springing from the inadequacy of pure air and healthful places in which to eat and sleep."

ASKED TO SHOW GRATITUDE

Time for Son-in-Law to Prove Himself Worthy of Favors He Had Been Receiving.

"Son-in-law," he said, as he called him into the library and locked the door, "you have lived with me now for over two years."

"Yes, sir."

"In all that time I haven't asked you a cent for board."

"No, sir."

"In all your little quarrels with my daughter I have always taken your part and decided in your favor."

"Always, sir."

"I have even paid some of your bills."

"You have, sir."

"And in every way helped you to get along."

"You have been very kind, sir."

"I have tried to be, my boy, and I think you appreciate it."

"I do, sir."

"Thanks. Kindly tell your mother-in-law that the poker chips which she picked up in my room this morning were dropped out of your pocket, and we'll call it square!"

Postal Shower.

The postal shower is likely to become an institution. It is designed for the benefit of a friend who has gone to live in a strange place. The shower was originated by a woman living in St. Louis to encourage her son, a young lawyer, who had established an office in San Antonio, Tex. Knowing he was bashful the mother wrote to all her friends, asking that each one send a post card to him, with some cheering message. In many cases a friend would encourage her own friends to write also, and thus the list grew. The young man got so much mail matter that San Antonio people got to think he was a person of some consequence, and they took to him in great style. The "shower" worked so well in this instance that the story spread. Now the idea is gaining popularity by leaps and bounds and bids fair to spread while the supply of lonesome friends holds out.

Teaches Bird Life in School.

Georgia is putting on her statute books a law that a bird day shall be observed in the public schools, the Memphis Commercial Appeal remarks.

This is not to be a holiday, but a day set apart for instruction in bird life and uses, so that children may be educated along these lines to such an extent that the birds of the state may receive the protection they should have. Not only will children be instructed as to bird manners and habits, but they will be particularly impressed as to the usefulness of the little creatures in keeping down insect life and thus protecting trees, fruits and growing crops. Few children think of birds as serving a useful end. They regard them as things of beauty merely or else as legitimate prey for slingshot and gun.

Solar Eclipse Affects Wireless.

During the recent solar eclipse an interesting test was undertaken between the radio station of the Royal dock yard in Copenhagen and the Blaavandshuk station on the coast of Jutland, so as to ascertain the effect of the eclipse upon wireless transmission. It transpired that the telegraphing became more distinct and reliable as the eclipse progressed, and that it was most distinct shortly after the culmination of the eclipse. The view that it is the effect of the solar light upon the atmosphere which is the cause of radio telegraphy being much better at night than during the day seems thus to be confirmed.

Grandchild of George III.

The Grand Duchess Augusta Caroline of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, Europe's oldest princess, celebrated her 90th birthday recently. She is the only surviving grandchild of George III.

WEDDING TRIPS IN THE AIR

Aeroplane Honeymoons Preferable in Some Ways to Those of Ordinary Sort.

There is much to be said in favor of aeroplane weddings, but we shall say only a little of it on a day like this, remarks the Newark News.

Let us indicate briefly a few salient features of this new social institution. The aeroplane wedding solves the problem of the getaway. When the happy couple depart in an airship their loving friends cannot scare the horses into running away and breaking the bride's neck.

Nor is it possible for them to throw high enough to blacken the bridegroom's eyes with old shoes. The newly-wedded pair are, in fact, in a position to bombard the wedding guests if they so desire.

A five-pound boot dropped on a wedding guest from a height of 250 feet ought to bring him a tremendous amount of good luck, according to the traditions of wedding festivity.

An aeroplane honeymoon ought to be fascinating. Imagine sailing along all day without having to stand the bold, bad gaze of a patent leather drummer in the seat across the aisle. Fancy being too far up in the clouds to hear the ribald whistle of the young loafers at the railway station.

But airship honeymoons are as sure to come to an end as the other kind. In a careless moment the bridegroom will say:

"You do very nicely at the levers, my dear, but your figure eight is nothing like mother used to make."

A new form of wedding announcement will have to be prepared for the society reporters, in part as follows: "Mr. and Mrs. Winger left immediately after the ceremony for an extended aviation tour in France. If they return they will reside at 28 Laurel road."

Aeroplane marriages are highly dangerous, perhaps, but all kinds are, for that matter.

To Restore Chartreuse Monastery.

Tourists in all parts of the world will be interested to learn that the famous Grande Chartreuse monastery, which has been sadly neglected of recent years, is to be repaired and restored by the French authorities. Every year it is visited free by 60,000 tourists, and if a small entrance fee were charged the monastery could be kept in good condition. The Grande Chartreuse was founded by St. Bruno in 1084, and in 1132 it was completely destroyed by an avalanche, but was reconstructed soon after. Between the fourteenth and seventeenth centuries it was destroyed by fire eight times, and rebuilt on the same site. The last fire took place in 1876, when the famous monastery was reconstructed as it remains today, practically no change having been made during the last 236 years. It is a venerable monument of French religious architecture, situated in a picturesque site amidst the Dauphin Alps.

To Raze Historic House.

Having purchased the historic house at Van Cortlandville, near Peekskill, Walter S. Hamilton of Nyack will raze the edifice and replace it with a fine modern home. During the Revolutionary war the old building was a popular wayside inn, being a regular stopping place for parties of Washington's troops as they went up and down the Hudson river. And the general himself often visited the place for rest and refreshment.

A platoon of soldiers guarding Major Andre after his capture took an early morning breakfast there on December 26, 1780. Efforts made by Daughters of the American Revolution to save the premises from destruction seem to have met with no success.

Polite for the Pastor's Benefit.

Little Mary was not especially noted for her table manners so that on several occasions she had dined on the kitchen cabinet when there was company in the house. But the dinner prepared for the new minister was entirely too tempting to be passed over lightly, so she resorted to all kinds of pretexts for the privilege of coming to the table.

True to her word, Mary was on her very best behavior, but she did so want a second piece of cake and the plate was over by the minister, entirely out of her reach. After giving the matter considerable thought she folded her hands meekly and exclaimed: "Mr. Blair, please pass the cake for Jesus' sake!"—Kansas City Star.

Truth About Old Age.

George F. Baer, the famous Philadelphia railroad man, said on his seventieth birthday: "I agree with Professor Metchnikoff about the wisdom of the old. Professor Osler made it fashionable to decay your hair, but my experience has been that the old not only possess wisdom, but they seek it also." "With a smile, Mr. Baer added: "The only people who think they are too old to learn are those who really are too young."

She Admitted It.

Little Ella's father was an eminent author, and one day while he was at luncheon the little girl occupied a chair in his study. Shortly a caller was ushered in, and with a pleasant smile inquired: "I suppose you assist your father in entertaining boring?" "Yes, sir," replied Ella, gravely; "please be seated."—Harper's Bazar.

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