

IS SHREWD BUSINESS WOMAN

Mrs. Frank Hing of New York Has Been Successful in Accumulating American Dollars.

Waiting on customers with an Oriental charm and politeness that daily wins new patrons to her laundry in Bleeker street, Mrs. Frank Hing, daughter of the Flower Kingdom, is rapidly accumulating American dollars that are estimated already to reach into the thousands.

Mrs. Hing, who is a fine specimen of the Chinese matron of middle age, is a militant suffragist of the most pronounced type. She is an advocate of "votes for women," and points with pride to the action of the new Chinese assembly in granting suffrage to her sisters in China.

The first Chinese business woman in New York city, and probably in this country, came to the United States only two years ago, quickly acquired a speaking knowledge of the English language, and by reason of her fine aptitude for business was speedily elevated by her husband to take full charge of the laundry.

Mrs. Hing receives the laundry packages, gives out the checks, receives the money, pays the bills, and her husband stands over the washtub and cooks the meals in a rear room, assisted by an 18-year-old son.

Soon after Mrs. Hing assumed charge of the business she began to buy and sell second-hand clothing.

All day long, and even into the late hours of the night, men who are in trouble financially can be seen entering the laundry to part with wearing apparel in order to raise money to eat and to pay for a night's lodging.

Many of these come from the large men's hotel across the street. In all such transactions Mrs. Hing takes advantage of their plight with Chinese cunning and gets for a trifling cost garments that are refitted and afterward sold at a big profit.—New York Herald.

Flight Would Not Be Hopeless. Thomas B. Reed did not "think imperially," to use Mr. Chamberlain's sonorous phrase, and it was dangerous to wax eloquent in his presence over American expansion.

Once, when were in the thick of our troubles in the Philippines, Mr. Reed, Mr. Choate and Mr. G. W. Smalley were guests at Ellerslie, Governor Morton's place on the Hudson. The situation was debated at length and with great freedom.

"Mr. Choate," writes Mr. Smalley in "Anglo-American Memories," "gave us in a forcible and forensic way—and no man could state a case better—the reasons for keeping the Philippines and reducing the 'rebellious' Filipinos to order."

"We all listened. No one interrupted the flow of Mr. Choate's argument. Mr. Reed, who, as is well known, had opposed the acquisition of the islands, did not venture a word. At the end, Mr. Choate, urging that surrender was impossible, asked:

"What do you suppose the Filipinos would do if we withdrew the American troops?"

"Well," drawled Mr. Reed, "I don't suppose they would pursue us farther than San Francisco."

"That ended the discussion," concludes Mr. Smalley—"Youth's Companion."

Finesse. Senator Cummins, discussing a campaign victory, said with a smile:

"It was won by finesse. The finesse displayed in it reminds me of a Concord banquet."

"Why is it that you fellows are omitting wine from your banquet this year?" one Concord man asked another.

"So as to make sure of the presence of the A1 after dinner speakers of the country," was the reply. "We have invited them, and they won't dare to stay away."

"Why not?"

"For the reason that if they did people would say it was because there was no wine, you know."

Files in New Houses Explained. "Moving into an apartment that had never before been occupied," said a flat-dweller, "we were struck unpleasantly by the number of files we found there and for their presence we were quite unable to account."

"It was some relief to us to be told by a friend that there are always lots of files in new houses; that they are drawn by the paste used in the papering, and while the work is going they have free ingress; and then when the house is finished it is likely to be closed up and the files left there to be found when the first tenant moves in."

Pronounced Check. Woggley had been found guilty, and sentenced to pay a fine of \$50.

"Oh, well," he said, "of course I'll have to pay, because I am in a great hurry to get on, but I haven't \$50 in my pocket. Will you take my check?"

"Sure," said the justice.

Woggley drew his check, and at once proceeded to crank up his machine.

"Hyar, mister," cried the justice, "they hain't no need 'o' your doin' that. I'd ought to have told ye we'll hev to hold that there car ez s'curity till the check goes through."—Harper's Weekly.

WOMAN BREEDS ESKIMO DOGS

Seems Queer Occupation, but She Has Made a Remarkable Success of the Work.

At Grove Park, one of the suburbs of London, Mrs. Scott conducts a very interesting dog farm. Her specialty is Eskimo dogs, which she breeds and trains for the market. The market is not very large, but it is sufficient to make it worth her while to raise and train the best possible Eskimo dogs. It is not the food market, nor the ordinary dog market. It is the market for Eskimo dogs which are trained for Arctic exploration.

If you decide to make a journey to one of the poles, you know that Eskimo dogs are absolutely essential. You can get good Eskimo dogs in Greenland, or in Alaska. But the good dogs in Greenland may not be exported except by special permission of the Danish government; and the good dogs in Alaska are not so good.

One trouble with ordinary Eskimo dogs is that they have no breeding and no discipline. They will obey the master with whom they have been brought up, but when they start after fish or other game, even their master can control them only by the exercise of brute force. For the purposes of your exploration you need dogs that will obey orders given by a white man, dogs that are broken to the harness and are not afraid of work, dogs that have learned team work.

It is this kind of dog that Mrs. Scott raises for the market. Her kennels have only pure blooded animals of carefully selected stock, and from earliest puppyhood she trains them in how to eat and how to work. When she gets through with an Eskimo dog the animal is not nearly so ferocious as one that just "grows up" in the surroundings of an Eskimo village. They adapt themselves quickly to new masters, and they have acquired good eating manners, so that they are not so likely to attack the cupboard or fresh game.

Mrs. Scott feeds her animals no meat except pemmican and dried fish brought from Norway; a large part of the diet is a specially prepared biscuit. She has supplied trained dogs for a number of Arctic and Antarctic expeditions.—Scientific American.

SEEM TO HAVE LONG LIVES

Politicians, in England, at Least, Find It One of the Healthiest of Professions.

Politics would appear to be among the healthy professions, judging by the number of members of both houses of parliament who have passed the age of three score and ten. The lords, whose legislative duties are less strenuous, have, however, a larger number of veterans in their ranks than the commons, as there are 23 peers who have reached eighty and over, while only 19 members of the lower house have seen their seventieth birthday.

The oldest peer is the earl of Wemyss, who is ninety-four years old. Lord Strathearn and the duke of Grafton following with ninety-two and ninety-one years respectively, to their credit. Mr. Samuel Young, who is ninety, in spite of his name, is the doyen of the commons. Mr. Thomas Burt, the "father" of the house, being only seventy-five, and junior in regard to age to Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, Mr. Jesse Collins, Sir Henry Kimber, Mr. Robert Cameron, Sir John Baker and Sir Thomas Roe.—London Globe.

Le Petit Caporal. Las Cases, the biographer of Napoleon Bonaparte, thus describes the origin of the title Le Petit Caporal: A singular custom was established in the army of Italy, in consequence of the youth of the commander, or from some other cause.

After each battle the oldest soldiers used to hold a council and confer a new rank on their young general, who, when he made his appearance in the camp, was received by the veterans and saluted by his new title.

They made him a corporal at Lodi and a sergeant at Castiglione; and hence the surname of "Petit Caporal," which was for a long time applied to Napoleon by the soldiers.

How subtle is the chain which unites the most trivial circumstance to the most important events! Perhaps this very nickname contributed to his miraculous success on his return in 1815. While he was haranguing the first battalion, which he found it necessary to address, a voice from the ranks exclaimed, "Vive notre petit caporal! We will never fight against him!"

Hand Mirror of Brass.

Now only Egypt's first ladies ever indulged in the luxury of a hand mirror. True, they were not made of the heavy plate glass that is used in those in present use.

Before this mirror became oxidized it was in a highly polished state, and brass, when polished, can reflect a face to all intents and purposes as well as glass. The body is round, or as round as it could be made with an Egyptian hammer, and the handle has the same graceful curves of those of today.

French Machine to Moistens Stamps.

French postoffices will in future be provided, officially, with stamp moistening appliances, an innovation which is hailed by the press as a hygienic reform. As Les Nouvelles put it "the action (of stamp licking) was not only dangerous, but entirely devoid of elegance."

NEW IDEA SEIZES ENGLAND

League to Prevent Domestic Breezes From Developing Into Gales is Latest Fad Taken Up.

A National League for the Promotion of Domestic Happiness is the latest proposal for England. It has for its promoters a few clergymen who have been impressed by the extraordinary number of couples in their parishes who have obtained separation orders from the magistrates because of domestic strife.

The idea of the clerics is that magistrates are too accommodating to applicants chafing under the matrimonial harness and if efforts were made to subdue domestic breezes they would mostly be prevented from developing into gales. So this league is to organize ministers of all denominations and kind Christians of both sexes to act as peacemakers.

They will take their respective parishes under survey and in cases of household strife where the husband is at fault the member of the league most likely to influence him will be selected to intervene and subsequently keep an eye on the culprit. If the wife is the offender then some sympathetic woman will plead with her.

Most enthusiastic workers among the poor, especially in the north, call these separation orders the "working class equivalent to divorce," the latter being too expensive for them to obtain.

The consequence is they have no real freedom, and looseness of morals is the result. In industrial centers, where both husband and wife are wage earners, this is especially the case. Lancashire alone has 25,000 people separated by law, but not free to remarry.

SAYS OYSTERS SUFFER AGONY

Dr. Wiley Asserts They Endure Agonizing Pain When Doused With Tabasco Sauce.

"Oysters on the half shell suffer untold agony when eaten," said Dr. Harvey Wiley, formerly Uncle Sam's pure food expert, the other night, according to a New York Herald Washington correspondent. "Ninety per cent of them when eaten are alive and kicking. They suffer the most excruciating pains when you jab them with a fork and follow with a sprinkling of salt, pepper and tabasco sauce."

"It is true that they are a very low order of life, but as they eat and drink they must be live animals and have feeling. Imagine some monster coming to earth from Mars who thought that we poor human beings were very succulent morsels of food when eaten alive. It would indeed be a nice sensation to be poked full of holes and covered with about six pounds of salt."

"However, this will not deter me from indulging in the delicious half-shell habit. I am going to eat my oysters in such a way as to save them pain—one jab with a fork, put the sauce on quickly and then gobble it."

"It's a good thing that they can't yell and jump, for if this were so our dining rooms would be full of tragic moanings and shrieks. However, this would not be so bad, for we would then have the alternative of cooking them."

Paid Scott \$15,000 for a Poem.

What is the highest price ever paid by a publisher for a poem? It would be interesting to know whether any advance has ever been made on the \$15,000 that Scott received for "Rokeby." Stephen Gwynn, in his life of Moore, tells us that Murray offered \$10,000 for the copyright of "Lalla Rookh," "but Moore's friends thought he should have more and, going to Longman, they claimed that Mr. Moore should receive no less than the highest price ever paid for a poem. 'That,' said Longman, 'was \$15,000 paid for "Rokeby." On this basis they treated, and Longman was inclined to stipulate for a preliminary perusal. Moore, however, refused, and the agreement was finally worded: 'That upon your giving into our hands a poem of the length of "Rokeby" you shall receive from us a sum of \$15,000.'"

Light Like That of Day.

Patents have just been taken out in Germany for using marble instead of glass in lamps, which has the effect of making the illumination scarcely distinguishable from daylight. Innumerable experiments have been made with tinted and patterned types of glass with the idea of producing this effect, but all have been failures. As a last recourse a sheet of white marble was planed down until it was semi-transparent and then different intensities of light were shown from behind. The result was exactly what so many hundreds of experiments had failed to produce.

Developing this discovery the patentees have fitted lights to the cornice of a room with such success that it is difficult to prove that it is artificially lighted.

Poet's Unhappy Childhood.

Thomas Gray, author of the immortal elegy, was one of 12 children and the only one of the lot that lived. His seemed destined to go the way of his brothers and sisters, and was suffering from convulsions, when his mother, in desperation, opened a vein in his arm with a pair of scissors and saved his life. His father, a sour, jealous man, had no use for him or for his mother, and never contributed to their support. His lonely and unhappy childhood explains the melancholy that tinged his life and writings.

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