

IN WOMAN'S BEHALF.

WOMEN IN THE TREASURY.

Their Efficient Work as Clerks, Accountants, and Counterfeit Detectors.

A little over thirty years ago not one woman was employed in the United States treasury. To-day there are six thousand women on the roll. Then Gen. Spinner was treasurer. He had been a banker, and as such had discovered that his daughter could trim bank notes better than the clerks could. He accordingly suggested to Gov. Chase, then secretary of the treasury, that a woman be allowed to try her hand at the government's shears.

He selected Miss Jennie Douglass, who was both brawny and bright, and gave her a pair of shears that would cut the length of a sheet with a blow. One day's work settled it, and the male clerks employed in clipping bank notes gave place to women. With this success to encourage him Gen. Spinner, in October, 1852, secured the nomination of seven women as money counters. Two of these are still employed in the treasury. The women detectors of burnt and counterfeit money are claimed to be the most expert in the world. This is the most unquestioned reputation of Mrs. W. A. Leonard and Mrs. E. G. Brown.

According to phrenologists, form, color, and distance are strongly developed in Mrs. Leonard. The record shows that this unrivaled counterfeit detector has handled in three years \$2,000,000,000. In one day no less than \$12,000,000 passed through her hands. From \$200,000 to \$400,000 is the daily average. Although Mrs. Leonard has been married a second time during her treasury service, she was not allowed to resign, because she was considered "invaluable."

In 1875 Mrs. Brown began counting fractional currency, but when the identification of burnt money became a separate department she was made its chief. After money has been identified by a detector and paid by the government the detector must bear any loss which has been sustained through her mistake. Mrs. Brown's infallibility may be judged from the fact that, during her whole thirty years of service, she has had to refund only 25 cents. Her work is the most interesting in the redemption division. All mutilated bank notes are sent to the treasury accompanied by a voucher, drawn up by a notary, certifying how the money was injured. Notes burned to a crisp, notes that have been partly digested by animals, money that has been gnawed into bits by mice, rotted by damp, or turned into pulp by water, all pass through Mrs. Brown's hands. If there is anything left to identify she is sure to succeed.

By means of a piece of glass the size of a bank note, marked into twenty-four squares, the face of the bill is determined. If sixteen of these squares can be covered by the mutilated bill, the whole value is paid; if less than sixteen and more than twelve, half the value; if less than twelve, it is rejected entirely. Twenty-two dollars found in the nest of a mouse were recently sent to the treasury in a condition that defied recognition by the naked eye. Mrs. Brown went to work with a microscope and patiently sorted out the whole amount. One hundred and eighty dollars, which went through the Vanderbilt fire at Newport, came to Mrs. Brown as a charred mass of paper which she, however, identified.

When an express car is burned, the safe is sent unopened to the treasury department. There it is opened by women experts, who empty the contents, often only a mass of ashes, and sift them through a sieve. The charred bits of money are then picked out and submitted to a microscopic examination. Not long ago twenty-two tiny diamonds were recovered by sifting the ashes a third time before burning them. The vaults are often filled with the stench of money recovered from dead bodies in pestilential districts, as during the prevalence of yellow fever in the south. Such money is fumigated, and no diseases have ever been communicated to employees.

Gold and silver are also counted by women, and women manipulate the machine which has taken the place of shears for trimming notes. The machine which stamps the bank notes is also in charge of women.

In the treasurer's office is the last of the original seven women employees—Miss Elizabeth Stoner. She keeps the payrolls of the navy. Her work necessitates the reducing of every variety of foreign money to our values. For thirty years Miss Stoner has occupied almost the same desk room, and many a time has she heard "heelers" ousted with small ceremony when they came to urge the treasurer to discharge her to make room for a voter.—N. Y. Sun.

THE SUPERIORITY OF WOMEN.

An Old Custom That Will Some Day Give Way to a Better One.

How long can it reasonably be expected that the old custom will last in deference to which wives are content to be known by the surnames of their husbands? All the recent tests tend to show the superiority of the female mind to that of the male. Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer in a recent address supported the cause of coeducation with the argument that "nothing in the world will take the foolishness and romantic notions out of a girl so quick as to work with young men and find out how little they know." Of course marriage has the same effect; but after a girl is married it is too late for her to save her maiden name. If she arrives before marriage to the sophisticated stage that Mrs. Palmer describes, she may very reasonably demur to giving up a name which she feels competent to distinguish for one which will be handclapped by her husband's relative inferiority. All along the line this summer women have triumphed. In the recent assignment of general fellowships by the Chicago university young women got so disproportionate a share of the spoils as to scandalize the authorities. When the London Geographical society declined in the spring to admit women to its membership, the society's action was re-

ceived not at all as evidence of the inferiority of women, but purely as a new proof of the limitations of men. Ten women passed the Cambridge Mathematical Tripos this year, and two of them came out wranglers. Three women took honors at Oxford, at which university also honor examinations were this year opened to women in three new courses. At London university, Miss Ogilvie, a prodigy of erudition, from Aberdeen, passed with the highest credit the examination for the degree of Doctor of Science. At this rate, how long will women be content with the substance, and abstain from grasping the shadow also? How long will Miss Jones consent to become Mrs. Smith? How soon will she demand a competitive examination between Smith and herself to determine before marriage which is the compelling entity, and whether it is more meet that she shall become a Smith, or that Smith and the children shall become Joneses?—Harper's Weekly.

ONE TOUCH OF NATURE

Made Susan B. Anthony Kin With All Her Audience.

It was at one of the great congresses which have formed the nucleus in Chicago for the notables from every country and clime interested in the advancement of culture and the dissemination of progressive ideas. The crowd had quite overflowed one room and filled another in the Art Palace, under promise that the celebrated speakers would repeat their program to the overflow meeting. The night was insufferably hot, the people disappointed and impatient. To make the wait less tedious Susan B. Anthony was called upon to address them, and she did so in the whimsical and sarcastic vein with which she veils an earnestness of thought and purpose, to which she has devoted a lifetime of effort and sacrifice. Still, this crowd was not a suffrage gathering. They were not in sympathy with the strong-faced woman in the plain gown who addressed them. She knew intuitively that she was not holding them. Suddenly she stepped forward to the edge of the platform and said confidentially with a little smile: "I didn't know I was going to be called upon to address you this evening. If I had I should have put on my other gown." In an instant she had won them, every one. The one touch of nature, of vanity in this strong little woman with the iron-gray hair combed down each side her face, made every woman her sister, every man her friend. If a vote could have been taken on the spot everyone in the audience would have cast a ballot for Susan B. Anthony and her platform.

Interesting Statistics.

The reports of the last census, as nearly as can be ascertained, show that outside of domestic service America had in 1890 2,700,000 bread-winning women and girls working outside of their own homes. There were 110 lawyers, 165 ministers, 320 authors, 588 journalists, 2,061 artists, 2,136 architects, chemists, pharmacists, 2,106 stock raisers and ranchers, 5,135 government clerks, 2,428 physicians and surgeons, 13,182 professional musicians, 56,800 farmers and planters, 21,071 clerks and bookkeepers, 14,465 heads of commercial houses, 155,000 public school teachers (based on the census of 1880). Here is an army of women depending upon themselves for support and probably taking care of others. Any talk of relegating these women to a life of dependence is mere foolishness. The question to consider is how best to adapt this new factor to existing conditions, or how to shape the conditions to the best interests of these wage-earners and the commonwealth.—N. Y. World.

SHORT NOTES.

THE School Board of St. Paul, Minn., has fixed the scale of wages for the teachers of that city regardless of sex. The degree of LL. D. has been conferred on Miss Helen Shafer, president of Wellesley college, by Oberlin college, of which she is a graduate.

A TEXAS woman, Mrs. Richard King, owns one of the largest ranches in the world. There is nothing she can not tell you about cattle. The ranch is near Corpus Christi, and contains 700,000 acres.

MISS LILLIAN MORRITT, an English phenomenon, has the power of retaining in her memory hundreds of complex figures, and of multiplying, deducting, and adding at the same time any of the cross figures.

MRS. MAGNUSSEN, of Iceland, one of the delegates to the suffrage congress, said in her paper before the members of that body that the women of Iceland did not claim the suffrage, but that it was being thrust upon them by the men.

MISS LAURA M. ULDEN, of Virginia City, has been admitted to practice before the courts of Nevada by the supreme court. She passed a very creditable examination and was highly complimented by the judge, who has never admitted a woman before to the Nevada bar.

MRS. GRAFTON ROSS, an English woman, has invented a tool for killing obnoxious weeds in gardens. It is in the form of a hollow piercer, through which poison is conveyed to the very heart of the root of a stubborn weed, causing it to shrivel up in a very short time.

WOMEN have led in the progress of the ceramic art since our last great exposition. The Rookwood ware of Cincinnati and the gold China of Miss Healy, of Washington, are the great novelties in their line at Chicago. Miss Healy's process is the cause of much argument and envy by European porcelain makers.—Harper's Bazaar.

THREE women who have achieved distinction as hunters are Lady Hope-town, wife of the governor of Victoria, who has been killing deer in Auckland; Mrs. Alan Gardner, who has been making a record in India for hunting cheetahs, shooting and spearing panthers, and sticking pigs; and Mrs. R. H. Tyncke, who, with her husband, has shot the largest number of bears ever killed in one season in Kulu, in the central Himalayas.

Are You Ambitious?

Especially, are you an ambitious woman anxious to make a career for yourself? Then you will be more than interested in the "The Road to Fame or Fortune," published in Demorest's Family Magazine for December, which is a faithful chronicle of how ambitious girls desirous of becoming successful business women live and labor in New York, giving suggestions and valuable information that cannot fail to be of inestimable benefit to all talented and ambitious girls. And this is an ideal Christmas number, also. The lovely water-color "Did Santa Clause Bring You?" will appeal to everyone, young or old. "Christmas Eve at Bethlehem," with its numerous illustrations, takes one back to the first Christmas Eve, and tells how the traditions are preserved and what ceremonies are observed at the present day. There are two splendid Christmas stories splendidly illustrated; "An Excursion to the Land of Dolls," also illustrated, will interest all little maidens who love their dolls; there is a charming Christmas play, "The Prodigal," which will afford most timely entertainment; a beautiful Christmas carol with original words and music, arranged so that it is appropriate for church, school, or the home circle, there are numberless suggestions for Christmas gifts; the many departments are full to overflowing with good things; and everyone who loves ladies will be charmed with the portraits of nearly a hundred who are competitors for the "Baby Prize" offered by this Magazine. Indeed, the December number is a generous twenty cents' worth; but it is only a fair sample of what is furnished twelve times a year for \$2.00. Published by W. Jennings Demorest, 15 East 14th St., New York.

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State Superintendent Schaeffer's Report.

The annual report of Superintendent of Public Instruction Schaeffer is now in the hands of the State Printer. In it he will recommend that a school census be taken to ascertain how many children there are in the State out of school that should be receiving an education. During the present year he will make a careful study of the school census in the different States and territories of the Union, with a view of devising a feasible plan for taking the census in Pennsylvania which he will submit to the next Legislature in his annual report of 1894.

Dr. Schaeffer will state in his report that the effect of the increase in the annual appropriation to the schools to \$5,000,000 is seen in the increase of teachers' salaries, the lengthening of school terms and the erection of better school houses. He will give the free text-book law, enacted by the last Legislature, his unqualified endorsement and state that the one great effect of free text-books in this State is shown in the increased attendance in the schools, especially in the upper grades.

Dr. Schaeffer states that the act of repeal of May 31, 1893 repeals the act of June 25, 1885, providing for the close of schools on legal holidays. He recommends, however, that the directors order the closing of the schools on Thanksgiving Day, Christmas and other national holidays.

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Ruling on a Kansas Postoffice Which Has an Important Bearing.

Postmaster General Bissell has made an important ruling in a post-office case in Kansas. A few days after the Harrison Administration came into power a change of postmaster was made at Udall, in Cowley county, of that State. A second appointment for that office was made March 2nd. Recently the Democrats of that community asked that another appointment be made, and the demand for it was so strong that it was made a test case. The question presented was whether the second man, appointed on March 2nd last, would be allowed to hold for four years or hold until the end of the four years from the time the first Republican was appointed. It was held by the department that the postmaster appointed on March 2nd would be allowed to hold the office for four years from the date of his individual appointment. This ruling applies to all classes of officers. It affects thousands of offices, and the Democrats are naturally not in love with the ruling.

Toilettes for Ladies.

For sty'ish evening costumes the silks of the present season have never been surpassed in fanciful variety. The inter-weaving of two or more colors predominates in these tissues and produces novel and original effects in blending shades, which are still enhanced by the glistening moire surface that is given to many of them. Among other novelties the broche moires are particularly attractive having delicate broche figures of one color standing out against the watered ground of a contrasting color. A rich brocade for reception gowns is called "Jamas camaieu." This material has repped ground in some solid color with a design in satin of the same color shot with white. The painted bengalines are evening silks with light grounds, having printed Pompadour bouquets which look as if painted in water colors. They are often combined with a new velours pe'uche. These items, as well as many others equally attractive, are to be found in the McDowell Fashion Magazines just received. The latest numbers of these artistic publications maintain still their high standard of excellence, which makes them of inestimable value to all devotees of fashion, and easily accounts for the wide spread admiration they secured at the World's Fair. A special new inducement has been introduced in them in the shape of pattern coupons, by which one can secure many novelties at moderate prices. "La Mode de Paris" and "Album of Fashion" only cost \$3.50 a year each, or 35 cents a copy. "The French Dress-maker" is \$3.00 per annum, or 30 cents a copy, while "La Mode" the home fashion magazine above all, comes at the very moderate price of \$1.50 a year, or 15 cents a copy. If you are unable to procure any of these publications at your newsdealer do not take any substitute from him, but apply by mail to Messrs. A. & C. Dowell & Co., 4 West 14th Street, New York.

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