



WOMAN'S COLUMN

WOMAN'S WORLD.

Lights and Shades of Life—How Women Can Do Missionary Work at Home.

One of the chief responsibilities devolving upon the summer tourist is in the line of missionary work. Unconsciously, whether she will or no, this duty is thrust upon her. Strangely enough, though, it is not in the interests of her fellow tourists. It is the inhabitants of the various places that she visits who are so benefited; those individuals who, having all their lives long lived within a stone's throw of the objects of interest which the tourist has come so far to see, are as grossly ignorant of them as well, as the tourist is of the objects of interest in her own town.

It was a trying moment for the Boston woman. Never in all her life had she so much as heard of the flowers until that afternoon, much less seen them. She managed to gasp out in a my-double-and-how-he-midd-me style, however, that "so much was said, and, on the whole, so well said," etc.

Useful Middle-Aged Women. The intelligent middle-aged woman is a most excellent person to have around if she is deft-handed, quick-witted and interesting.

Amasa is a Yankee, and is so honest that his neighbors say he wouldn't take advantage of a man in a horse trade. But he is also full of Yankee ingenuity and, after deep cogitation, he built a long, slim hen coop, one-half of it in Arizona and the other in Mexico.

Salmon That Jump Fifteen Feet. The first fall on the Mangan is about three miles from the mouth. It is forty-six feet high, in three pitches about equal in height and with seething pools between. The spawning beds of the salmon are on broad, gravelly bars 'ar up the river. They must surmount this fall once a year in order to reach them.

The Queen's Gold Spoon. A curious story is told of how one of Queen Victoria's smallest gold spoons was lost and found. A certain dame attended a State ball in a dress, the skirt of which was arranged in perpendicular pleats in front, stretched across at intervals, and, unknown to her, a gold tea-spoon got lodged at supper in one of these receptacles.

Cosy Corner Chat. Italian blankets are a new drapery used for covering lounges and chairs and decorating mantels and pictures. The blankets are woven in strips from six inches to two yards wide and are of raw silk thrown on a cotton foundation.

CHEWING GUM.

How One Factory Has Increased Its Business Enormously.

The largest chewing gum factory in the world is in Cleveland, Ohio. Only a few years ago its owner was a poor man, making his gum in the basement of an old building, offering in vain his whole business for a few hundred dollars, and with his wife as his sole assistant.

The very air around the factory is pregnant with the composite fragrance of the essence used in flavoring. Entering by the packing rooms, the white walls, the fine drift sugar lying everywhere and the rows of white capped girls folding the crisp papers with the deft rapidity of machines give a first impression of odoriferous whiteness.

The gum making begins in Mexico, its foundation being chicle gum, the chocolate colored exudence of the naseberry tree. The natives gather, pack it in barrels and send it north. At the factory it is picked over and crushed, then placed in large kettles, together with sugar and flavoring extracts. While cooking the revolving cylinder within the kettle keeps the mass constantly stirred.

The factory is complete in itself, and has many departments. The top floor is given up to the manufacture of pasteboard boxes for the gum. The basement is a light, airy printing office, where many hands are busy with the labels and advertising. A railway switch loads and unloads everything at the door.

An Honest But Shrewd Yankee.

There is a funny case of international honesty down in Arizona, just on the line between that territory and Mexico. A Yankee farmer lives there, one Amasa Barrow by name, and it is his business to raise chickens.

Not Tailors Enough in Jail. The plan for keeping busy the convicts in the prisons of the State of New York provides that they shall work for the State and manufacture, as far as possible, everything that the State has occasion to buy.

Identified. The street car struck the rear wheel of the bicycle. The bicyclist described a parabola and fell upon a pile of bricks. The bicyclist raised on one elbow, reached back an arm towards a rear pocket of the knickerbockers, and, collapsed, insensible.

Plunged a Clerk into Matrimony. "Is it any more dangerous to ride a tandem than a regular bicycle?" "I should say it was. I have known two cases in which tandem riding has plunged a clerk on a small salary into matrimony."

Lutheran Missions Among the Lepers. Besides the Leper Asylum at Sirabe, where 240 of those most miserable of all men found shelter and compassion, there has existed for years two Leper Asylums in the South Bengal province of Choto Nagpore, founded and managed by the Gossner Lutheran Missionary Society working among the Koli people, 40,000 of whom have become members of our church in India.

ACIPHER CORRESPONDENCE.

It Broke His Heart Until All Was Explained.

When Mrs. Cardamon came back to her writing again after being gone but a few minutes, she found Mr. Cardamon standing in the middle of the floor with a terrible, ghastly, despairing look upon his face and in his hand a sheet of her pretty note paper.

"Sophia," he said sternly, though tears trembled on his eyelashes and his voice was husky, "Sophia, tell me; what have you been doing?" "Why, I'm sure I don't know," ejaculated Mrs. Cardamon. "I was writing here at my little desk when I happened to think that I hadn't mixed the bread. I left the room for only a few minutes and now I get back to find you gone clean crazy."

"Sophia," responded Mr. Cardamon brookingly, "I almost fear that I am going crazy. You and I have lived together as man and wife for nigh onto forty-two years, and I leave it to you if I have ever given you cause to think of me as other than the kindest, truest, most loving and devoted of husbands."

"Yes, yes, Nathan, but tell me," "Wait, woman, until I have done," continued the old man solemnly. "Never, by word or deed have you had any reason to believe that there was any other who supplanted you in my affections. All of my actions have been open and clear. I have kept nothing from you, and now to find that you are keeping a secret, clandestine correspondence in cipher with some one,—I do not want to know who it is,—it breaks my heart. It—breaks—my—heart!"

"But what makes you think this, Nathan? Tell me." "This," shouted Mr. Cardamon, waving the paper toward her wildly, "this is the damning proof. After you had left the room so suddenly I found it where you had hastily concealed it under a copy of the Home Tidy Maker and the Rac Gazette. I can see, even with my old eyes, that it is to some man named 'Mat.' The rest is in cipher. Oh, Sophia!"

"May I see it, please," asked Mrs. Cardamon, coldly. And the old gentleman silently handed her the sheet of delicately scented note paper, upon which was written, in handwriting undeniably her own:

Mat.—Ch 1, sh in sh, ch 11, 2 de in 1st at of last row of square, chs together, then 1 de in loop ch 1, 1 de in loop, ch 1, sh in sh, turn. Ch 1, sh in sh, 1, 1 de in loop, ch 1, sh in sh, ch 15, sh in sh, turn.

"Tell me, Sophia," said Mr. Cardamon, with agony in his voice; "tell me, who is that 'Mat'?" And Mrs. Cardamon looked him square in the eye and answered: "Lamp Mat, you old fool; and if you aren't too jealous I'll finish copying the directions out of the paper to send to cousin Julia."—Harlem Life.

DEATH OF HENRY GEORGE.

Henry George, candidate for mayor of Greater New York on the Jeffersonian Democratic ticket, died at five o'clock Friday morning at the Union Hotel, New York City, from apoplexy.

Mr. George had retired late Thursday night after addressing three large meetings. He seemed in his usual health. About three o'clock Friday morning Mrs. George was awakened by the convulsive movements of her husband. He was moaning faintly. Jumping up, Mrs. George found her husband in a dying condition.

Henry George, who was noted for his championship of the single tax theory, was not an old man but was of an extremely sensitive nature. Those who knew him well feared that he was overworking himself in the mayoralty campaign. At times he was incoherent during his campaign and his whole temperament appeared to have undergone a complete change. He had not been in strong health for three years.

In 1879 he published his now famous book, "Progress and Poverty." In 1880 Mr. George left California and located in New York, where he continued to live until his death. In 1886 he was a candidate for mayor of New York and made an excellent run. It was in that campaign that he started his single-tax paper. Mr. George was again a candidate for mayor of New York this year, having received the nomination and indorsement of several parties.

Millions of Vouchers.

Systematic Files in the Sub Treasury in New York.

In the vaultlike attic of the United States sub treasury building in this city there are more than 20,000,000 cancelled pension checks and other vouchers so systematically filed that the assistant treasurer can within ten minutes put his hand on any particular one of these vouchers run back about thirty years, and the bits of paper are now accumulating at the rate of 2,000,000 a year. A large proportion of the government disbursements are made in New York, and it has been the custom of every United States assistant treasurer to carefully file away the vouchers.

Experience has proven the wisdom of this precaution, for scarcely a week passes that a demand is not made on the New York sub-treasury for the payment of some old claim—usually a bounty or a pension—extending back from ten to twenty years. Some time ago a resident of one of the far western states sent in what appeared to be a valid claim for war bounty, due more than thirty years ago. By direction of Deputy Assistant United States Treasurer Muhlan search was made among the files in the sub-treasury attic, and within a few minutes evidence was found that the claim had been paid many years before. In most cases where claims are made for back payments the canceled checks or other vouchers are found packed away in the file boxes.

In some instances old war claims appear which have not been paid, and after proper investigation they are liquidated. Such cases usually come from the rural districts, and frequently follow the death of a veteran of the war, whose long neglected or forgotten papers are overhauled by surviving relatives. "But in the matter of the great bulk of the old claims presented here," said Deputy Assistant Treasurer Muhlan, "the government is saved trouble and expense because of the preservation of the millions of vouchers."—New York Times.

American Navy.

Constructor Hichborn Fears Exhaustion of Appropriations.

In his annual report of the navy, Philip Hichborn, chief constructor of the navy, says that the strength of the navy on October 1st was 141 vessels all told, including the ships of both old and new navies. It is stated that during the last few months of the fiscal year a considerable amount of work upon vessels that had been authorized by congress had to be suspended owing to lack of funds. This caused a heavy drain upon the new appropriations at the beginning of the present fiscal year and makes the exhaustion of those appropriations before the first of next July almost an assured fact.

Chief Hichborn says there is a discouraging state of affairs as the exhaustion means a wholesale reduction of the navy yard forces and the discharge of competent and trained men. He points to the advantage and economy of having at least one vessel building at each important navy yard. Probably the most desirable type of vessel for the purpose intended, particularly in view of the present state of the armor question, would be that of a sheathed cruiser of comparatively light draft and great coal endurance with quarters for flag officers. Attention is called to the urgent need of improving the navy yard plants in the interest of economical execution of work, and estimates are submitted for each yard.

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Shortage in Potato Crop.

Not since 1892 has the potato crop of the United States proved so nearly a failure, says the American Agriculturist in its final report of the yield of 1897. Compared with the liberal crop of last year, there is an apparent falling off of nearly 30 per cent. in tonnage, and the quality of the whole is greatly deficient. County and township returns from all the leading potato growing states to this weekly newspaper show the yield of potatoes to be 174,000,000 bushels, against 245,000,000 in 1896, 286,000,000 in 1895, 185,000,000 in 1894 and only 155,000,000 in the short crop of 1892. The average rate yield per acre is placed at 64 bushels, taking the country at large, against 86 bushels in 1896, 89 in 1895 and 62 in 1892.

Sudden Deaths on the Increase.

People apparently well and happy to-day, to-morrow are stricken down, and in ninety-nine cases out of every hundred the heart is the cause. The king of heart remedies—Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart is within the reach of all, and if there are symptoms of heart disorder it should be used without delay. It relieves in 30 minutes, and cures most chronic cases.—25. Sold by C. A. Kleim.

Sheriff and Deputies to Face Murder Charge.

Luzerne County Grand Jury Finds True Bills Against Strikers' Slayers.

The grand jury at Wilkesbarre on Thursday returned a true bill against Sheriff Martin and his deputies for the Lattimer shooting. The true bills included nineteen for murder, one for each man killed, and one for the victims considered collectively.

Thirty-six true bills were found in the same way for felonious wounding against the same defendants. The fact that true bills have been found occasions no surprise, as this action was expected. If the jury had ignored the bills the defendants would have been at once rearrested.

The likelihood is that Sheriff Martin and his deputies will elect to be tried together. The re-entry of Garman and McGahren who withdrew from the case at the time of the preliminary hearing, indicates that the prosecution will be pushed with vigor.

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The Personally-Conducted Tourist System of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is the highest perfection yet attained in railway travel; it affords all the comforts and conveniences of modern railway equipment, and at the same time eliminates all anxiety and annoyance inseparably connected with individual travel.

For the season of '97 and '98 it has arranged for the following tours:—California.—Four tours, leaving New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh January 8, January 27, February 16, and March 19. With the exception of the first party going and the last returning, all of these parties will travel by the "Golden Gate Special" between New York and California, stopping at interesting points en route.

Florida.—Four tours to Jacksonville will leave New York and Philadelphia January 25, February 8 and 22, and March 8. The first three admit of a sojourn of two weeks in the "Flowery State." Tickets for the fourth tour will be good to return by regular trains until May 31, 1898.

Tickets for the above tours will be sold from all principal stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad. For detailed itineraries, giving rates and full information, address Thos. E. Watt, Passenger Agent Western District, Pittsburgh, Pa.; E. S. Harwar, Division Ticket Agent, Williamsport, Pa.; or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Philadelphia. 11-4-21.

The New Scalp Act.

The scalp act passed by the last state legislature fixes the bounty: For every wild cat two dollars; for every fox, red or gray, one dollar; for every mink fifty cents. The pelt of the animal entire is required to be produced before a justice of peace or alderman and affidavit made to the time and place of killing.

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