

WOMEN AS LABORERS

IN BELGIUM OLD WOMEN DO THE WORK OF FARM HANDS.

Societies for the Advancement of Women Would Find a Fertile Field within Domain of Tyrannical Old King Leopold.

Today the land of King Leopold is perhaps further behind the times in its treatment of the gentler sex than any other country of Europe.

Here women still do the manual labor of the land as she once did it all over the world. The voice of progress, whose modern note is spelling emancipation everywhere else, has not yet sounded for the woman of the little strip of land 173 miles by 112 that rejoices in the name of kingdom.

The Belgian woman is the Nation's farmer, miner, laborer and mechanic. She toils from dawn till sunset at the heaviest kind of work, and none pities or makes an appeal for her.

The little country, of whose existence she is the corner stone, is one of the most densely populated in the world, and every square mile of territory must support 485 persons. That it is able to do so is only because of the industry, the slavish willingness of the women of the country to do the kind of work from which other nations have freed her.

The soil of Belgium is well adapted to agriculture. The once impassible morasses of the Morini and the Menapii have been drained and converted into fertile fields, surrounded by dense plantations. A system of canals helps the Scheldt and the Meuse in their work in irrigating the land, and the variations of climate from very hot summers to extremely cold winters give advantages that are denied to the neighboring country of Holland.

But the seed sown by nature would never be reaped if the work of doing it were to be left to man.

The population of the country, some seven millions, is divided into the proportion of three rural dwellers to one who lives in the city, and probably the same proportion, three to one, would show the number of women and children as against men who toil in the fields.

Centuries of habit have made man regard the Belgian women as a natural wage-earner. If he is industrious he works in the factory, while she goes out and raises the farm produce that is eaten on his table and when there is a surplus sold.

Young women and old think nothing of working a 12 hour day in the fields, where wheat, barley, rye, oats, hemp, flax hops, dye plants and chicory are prepared for the markets.

In the hundreds of acres devoted to vineyards, where is produced a fair, but not famous wine, it is women who do the bulk of the work, and the gourmand who drinks a bottle of wine with a Belgian label has women to thank for his enjoyment.

But it is not alone at farming that the women of Leopold's realm toil for their keep.

Incredible as it may seem, they are actually miners, and no small part of the valuable mineral output of the country results from their efforts.

In this country, the miners, subject of so much solicitude, are men, but in Belgium the same dangers, privations and exhausting work are the portion of women.

In all the Belgian mines women work at the surface, handle coal, push wagons and do the work that breaker boys accomplish in the United States. In some of the mines they are not permitted to go below the surface, but in others they actually compete with the male miners.

So in all the centers of the various minerals at Liege, where copper is wrought; at the black marble quarries of Diant, the slate quarries of Herbemont and calamine mines of Liege, there will be found women working, and in most cases very grateful for the opportunity.

At the great seats of the linen industry, Courtray and Bruges, in West Flanders, Ghent in East Flanders, Brussels in Brabant, Mechlin or Malines in Antwerp, Tournay in Hainault, women are employed in great numbers and are more skilled than men. But no account of their ability is taken in the wages paid them, which are for the most part pitifully small.

When Dowle, as part of his dream of a modern Zion in the United States, brought a number of lace workers from Belgium, with the idea of making a fortune from their work he made them no extravagant offers of salary, yet their income was as much in one day as it had been in a month in their native land.

But the lot of these linen workers and lace makers is a dream of luxury compared to what some other Belgian women must endure.

Mrs. Roosevelt's Secretary.

Miss Isabelle Hagner, who acts as social secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt, is carried on the white house pay roll as a clerk at \$1,400 a year. She is the daughter of Dr. Hagner, who years ago was regarded as Washington's leading physician. She is the one woman in all the capital who has absolute freedom of the white house, from its famous east entrance to the busiest corner of the president's offices. In matters social she is supreme dictator, thus relieving Mrs. Roosevelt of a vast deal of inevitable and necessary but none the less disagreeable work.

"The Blood is The Life."

Science has never gone beyond the above simple statement of scripture. But it has illuminated that statement and given it a meaning ever broadening with the increasing breadth of knowledge. When the blood is "bad" or impure it is not alone the body which suffers through disease. The brain is also clouded, the mind and judgement are affected, and many an evil deed or impure thought may be directly traced to the impurity of the blood. **Foul, impure blood can be made pure by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.** It cures and purifies the blood, thereby curing, pimples, blotches, eruptions and other cutaneous affections, as eczema, tetter, or salt-rheum, hives and other manifestations of impure blood.

In the cure of scrofulous swellings, enlarged glands, open eating ulcers, or old sores, the "Golden Medical Discovery" has performed the most marvelous cures. In cases of old sores, or open eating ulcers, it is well to apply to the open sores Dr. Pierce's All-Healing Salve, which possesses wonderful healing potency when used as an application to the sores in conjunction with the use of "Golden Medical Discovery" as a blood cleansing constitutional treatment. If your druggist don't happen to have the "All-Healing Salve" in stock, you can easily procure it by inclosing fifty-four cents in postage stamps to Dr. R. V. Pierce, 693 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y., and it will come to you by return post. Most druggists keep it as well as the "Golden Medical Discovery."

You can't afford to accept any medicine of unknown composition as a substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery," which is a medicine of known composition, having a complete list of ingredients in plain English on its bottle-wrapper, the same being attested as correct under oath. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels.

HOME COOKING.

Sweet Apple Custard Pie.

Two well-beaten eggs, 1 cup grated sweet apple, 1 pint sweet milk, 2 large spoonfuls of sugar, a little salt and flavor; very nice.

Cucumber Salad Dressing.

A tender cucumber, 2 tablespoonfuls of prepared mustard, the yolk of one egg, seasoning to taste.

Peel and grate the cucumber and add the mustard, mixing thoroughly. Add the juice of one lemon and the yolk of one egg, beaten thoroughly.

Bran Biscuit.

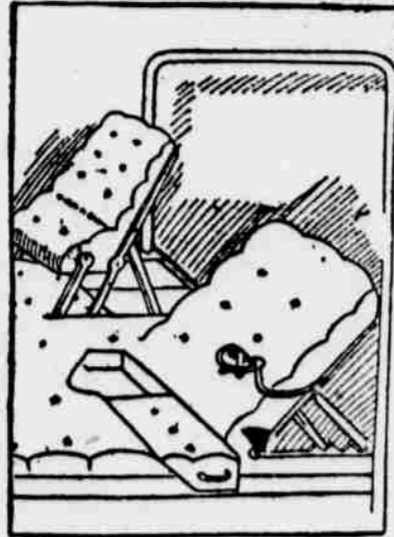
Beat one egg light, add one and one-half cups of milk one-half cup of molasses, two cups of bran, one cup of flour a teaspoonful of soda and a pinch of salt. Bake in muffin rings.

Spanish Steak.

Season with salt, pepper and butter three pounds of round steak, cut two and one-half inches thick. Place in the oven in a pan with a little water, and cook thirty minutes, then cover with a layer of sliced raw onions. Cook three-quarters of an hour, then add a layer of sliced tomatoes, cook until tender, sprinkle with grated cheese and when browned serve with a gravy made from the liquor in the pan.

Adjustable Invalid's Bed.

The care of an invalid is always a great burden on some member of the household, and to lighten this burden as much as possible a Pennsylvania man has designed a bed which has several unique features. The head of the mattress is divided into several sections, one of which



ADJUSTABLE BED.

can be raised to any height desired, to be used in case the invalid desires to be partly raised. Supporting the part of the mattress thus raised is a pivotal frame, the height being regulated by bars registering in a bracket on the side of the bed.

Kitchen Walls.

If tiles are out of the question, oil paint is the only available wall covering for a kitchen and should be finished with a coat of enamel.

The kitchen walls will require washing quite as much and almost as frequently as the floor. White tiles make the finest possible covering, not only because they show dirt but because they can be easily cleaned. This requirement must be met with any other substitute, and this, to a considerable extent is given in a good way by oil paint finished with enamel.

Motor Cars and Wealth.

The possession of a motor car is not necessarily the proof of great wealth. The majority of motor cars belong either to enthusiasts or men of moderate income, and the \$1,500 motor car is a rarity, like the millionaire.—Car.

CHEAP BOOKS!

To close out an estate a private library is for sale. It includes

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Atlantic City, Cape May, Angesea, Wildwood, Holly Beach Ocean City, Sea Isle City, Avalon NEW JERSEY

Thursdays, July 11 and 25 and August 8 and 22, 1907.

\$4.60 Round Trip Via Delaware River Bridge. \$4.50 Round Trip Via Market Street Wharf

Tickets good going on trains leaving East Bloomsburg at 8:25 a. m., or 11:47 a. m., to Philadelphia; thence on regular trains to all resorts named.

TICKETS GOOD RETURNING WITHIN TEN DAYS.

For full information consult nearest Ticket Agent, J. R. WOOD, Passenger Traffic Manager. GEO. W. BOYD, General Passenger Agent.

7-11-18-25; 8-1-8-15

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD FIVE-DAY EXCURSIONS

Atlantic City, Cape May, Anglesea, Wildwood, Holly Beach Ocean City, Sea Isle City, Avalon NEW JERSEY

Sundays, July 14 and 28, August 11 and 25, 1907.

\$4.60 Round Trip Via Delaware River Bridge. \$4.50 Round Trip Via Market Street Wharf

Tickets good going on regular trains from East Bloomsburg to Philadelphia; thence on regular trains to all resorts named.

Tickets good returning until the following Thursday inclusive

For full information consult nearest Ticket Agent, J. R. WOOD, Passenger Traffic Manager. GEO. W. BOYD, General Passenger Agent.

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

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July 24, August 7, 21, September 11, 25, and October 9, 1907.

ROUND-TRIP RATE \$6.90 FROM EAST BLOOMSBURG

Tickets good going on train leaving 11:47 a. m., connecting with SPECIAL TRAIN of Pullman Parlor Cars, Dining Car, and Day Coaches running via the

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Illustrated Booklet and full information may be obtained from Ticket Agents J. R. WOOD, Passenger Traffic Manager. GEO. W. BOYD, General Passenger Agent.

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Statement of Bloomsburg School District for the Year Ending June 5th, 1907.

L. M. Steppy, Collector, Dr. To balance on Duplicate—1904 \$ 149.03 Cr.

By amount paid Treasurer \$ 1073.38 By 5 per cent. commission 36.49 Balance on duplicate 329.16 149.03

To balance on duplicate—1905 5661.02 Cr. By amount paid Treasurer 3573.62 By 5 per cent. commission 188.08 Balance on duplicate 2899.32 5661.02

L. M. Steppy, Collector, Dr. To duplicate of 1906 Cr. 2995.66 By amount paid Treas. in 60 days 12329.40 By 5 per cent. discount 672.90 By 2 per cent. commission 255.70 13488.00

By amount paid Treas. in 6 mo. 1331.92 By 5 per cent. commission 70.12 By returns to County Comm'rs 7.84 1409.88

To 5 per cent. penalty added 6047.78 392.39 6850.17

By amount paid Treasurer 728.07 By 5 per cent. commission 38.32 Balance on duplicate 5583.78 6850.17

RECEIPTS. State appropriation for year ending June 1906 5407.81 From Collector including taxes of all kinds 19236.39 From proceeds from loans since last report 4405.50 From amount from tuition 18.00 From Fines collected by Justice Jacoby 25.00 From exchange of books 36.28 From amount from supplies sold 13.99 29142.97

EXPENDITURES. Teachers Salaries 15674.09 Teachers attending County Institute 394.92 Directors association 10.00 Secretary's salary 240.00 Insurance 148.00 Other expenses 236.21 Text Books 1429.04 Light, fuel, water, etc. 1248.29 Repairs, material, furniture and painting 1365.79 School supplies other than text books 1148.38 Express, freight and hauling 57.29 Printing 121.90 Janitor's salaries 1105.00 Balance due Treasurer 238.30 Temporary loans paid 1990.00 Bonds redeemed 2500.00 Coupons paid 379.25 Treasurer's commission 507.21 Cash on hand 30.41 29142.97

Library Fund Dr. To balance from former years 89.03 Cr. By amount paid for books 30.09 Balance in funds 58.94 89.03

INDEBTEDNESS. Bonded debt last report 34600.00 Bonds paid 2500.00 Bonds outstanding 32100.00 Orders discounted 4300.00 Total indebtedness 36600.00

ASSETS. Balance on duplicate—1904 329.16 Balance on duplicate—1905 1809.82 Balance on duplicate—1906 5583.78 Cash on hand 30.41 Liabilities exceed assets 28757.83 36600.00

F. B. HARTMAN, Secretary. J. H. MERCER, President.

We the undersigned Auditors of the Town of Bloomsburg, Pa., have examined the books and accounts of the Secretary and Treasurer of the School Board and find them correct.

A. H. STROH, JOS. L. TOWNSEND, P. H. FREEZE.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Sarah E. Johnson, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Sarah E. Johnson, late of the township of Pine, Columbia County, Pennsylvania, deceased, have been granted to John R. Herring, residing at No. 51 Church street, in the city of Wilkes-Barre, Penna., to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands, will make known the same without delay. JOHN R. HERRING, Adm. of Sarah E. Johnson, deceased. No. 51 Church St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa. Clinton Herring, Attorney. 7-4-6t

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Elizabeth Johnson, late of the Town of Jerseytown, Columbia County, Pa., Deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Elizabeth Johnson, late of the Town of Jerseytown, deceased, have been granted to William C. Johnston, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay. WM. C. JOHNSTON, Executor. 6-13-6t.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Jacob E. Welliver, late of the Borough of Berwick, Pa. Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Jacob E. Welliver, late of the Borough of Berwick, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to WILLIAM KREAMER, Administrator, Bloomsburg, Pa. B. F. ZARR, Attorney.

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Professional Cards.

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A. N. VOST, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Ent Building, Court House Square, Bloomsburg, Pa.

RALPH R. JOHN, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Hartman Building, Market Square Bloomsburg, Pa.

FRED IKELER, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Office Over First National Bank. Bloomsburg, Pa.

CLYDE CHAS. YETTER, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Office in Wirt's Building. Bloomsburg, Pa.

W. H. RHAWN, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Office Corner of 3rd and Main Sts. CATAWISSA, PA.

CLINTON HERRING, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Office with Grant Herring, Bloomsburg, Pa.

I - Orangeville Wednesday each week. A. L. FRITZ, ATTORNEY-AT-LAW. Office—Bloomsburg Nat'l Bank Bldg. Bloomsburg, Pa.

J. H. MAIZE, ATTORNEY AT LAW, INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE AGENT. Office in Townsend's Building Bloomsburg, Pa.

N. U. FUNK, ATTORNEY AT LAW. Ent's Building, Court House Square Bloomsburg, Pa.

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