

Of Interest to Women

Widows Going Out—Their Chances of Remarriage Not So Good Now—It is Curious that While the Bachelor's Preference is the Widow, the Widower Likes the Spinster Best.

"Is the widow going out of favor in the marriage market?" I asked the registrar of a populous district.

"Oh, decidedly," he replied. "You know that fewer people of every kind marry now than formerly. Thirty years ago, out of every hundred marriageable people about six would marry in any year; now the number is less than five. But the widow's chances have declined far more than the spinster's."

"I can only explain the matter clearly in figures. Thirty years ago the widow was extremely popular among men about to wed. She was always so since we first began to keep account of marriages, but from 1873 to 1877 she carried all before her."

"You must remember that there are many more spinsters than widows in the country at all ages up to forty, and especially up to thirty or thirty-five."

"Now, the great marrying ages for women are from nineteen to twenty-eight or thirty. Yet in spite of that fact at the time I speak of no fewer than ten out of every hundred of the year's brides were widows. What is the number now? Just six. The widow of 1906 is only half as popular as the widow of 1876."

"But it must not be supposed that the widow has dropped entirely out of fashion. Nothing of the kind. She is gradually losing her supreme position, but she still has a decided advantage over the woman who has never been married—and this at all ages."

"The young widow is preferred to the young maiden, and the middle-aged and elderly widows have it all their own way."

"I must give you figures again, for there is no other way of making a true comparison."

"Up to the age of twenty there are practically no widows. Just a few. In every thousand girls aged from fifteen to twenty there are 985 unmarried, and so all the brides of this age, with the exception of two, were spinsters. At twenty the widow begins to appear in force. From this age to twenty-five there is one widow in the population to each 363 unmarried women. She is lost among the crowd, one would think, and yet she goes off faster than the spinster."

"We are dealing with the year before last, the latest year about which the registrar general gives his account. In this year no fewer than 128,000 maidens in their twentieth to twenty-fifth year married. It is the greatest marrying age."

"There were only 293 widow brides, but considering the small number of widows of this age in the country they were as popular as the widows 6,000 more of them would have got married."

"Curiously, while the bachelor shows a preference for the young widow, the widower apparently likes the spinster best," said my informant, who proceeded to supply figures which showed that from the age of twenty-five to the age of fifty-five widows continue to have better chances of marriage, although, as has been shown, these chances are lessening every year."

Enroll Chops in Paper.

Chops, birds and dry fish are most delicious when broiled in paper. A sheet of foolscap paper is spread with either olive oil or butter (I should always give preference to the former), then the article to be broiled, salted and peppered, should be laid on the lower half and the upper part folded over with the edges together. Begin at the edge and fold over the lower side and ends several times, pinching together close to the meat. Place in a wire broiler and broil eight or ten minutes over a steady, slow, fire, turning often.

The paper will char a long time before burning, and the contents will be baked in their own juice. When the paper is well browned the chop or bird is done to a juicy, delicate and digestible turn. Serve in its envelope, which conserves the heat and juices to the very minute of serving. A few crisp sprigs of watercress add to its attractiveness and digestibility.

The large fillet of chicken broiled in this way is delicious and easy of assimilation. Squabs or quails should be split down the back and wiped dry before broiling. A tenderloin of steak may also be broiled in paper.

A Statesman's Discretion.

If discretion is a virtue on the part of the average man it is a positive necessity with emperors and statesmen. This truth was realized by Gladstone at the outset of his political career. Shortly after his marriage he said to his wife: "Shall I tell you nothing, and you can say everything? Or shall I tell you everything, and you say nothing?" She chose the latter alternative, like a woman, and like a wise woman rigidly adhered to her part of the bargain.

Horticulture for Women.

Women are as much interested in the products of horticulture as men. If they are not interested in the business they should be. We are most interested in what we work for. Therefore, if you are not interested, work for an interest. It will bring you out into the glorious sunlight, and the fresh air will bring roses to your cheeks and add pleasure to your life. —Mrs. Emma Hey.

MAKES HARDEST LABOR EASY.

Benefits of a Non-Jarring Attachment for Tools.

Even the hardest kind of labor can be made easy, and less exacting on the worker, as evidenced by the non-jarring attachment for tools shown here. Naturally, when tools are struck by a heavy hammer or mallet, the



Hands Protected from Jarring.

hands of the operator holding the tool are jarred to an extent depending upon the force of the blow. That this jarring can be eliminated is shown by this attachment. It can be applied to a variety of mechanical tools, such as nail punches, rock drills, etc. The attachment consists of a sleeve which fits over a handle having a reduced diameter, around which a coil spring is placed. This spring is stiff enough to hold the tool firmly for use, so that the point can be placed exactly on the desired spot, but is sufficiently elastic to relieve the hand of any shock when the blow is struck. The coil spring also enables the tool to be pressed firmly against the material, so that the operator may be sure that it is in the right position, and yet when the blow is delivered, the shock is taken up by the spring and not felt by the hand or arm, affording a grateful relief to the nerves.

A New Paris Game.

Juvenile Parisians have a new game to take the place of the diablo craze. It is called the "Looping Bird," and is a little aeroplane shot up by the aid of a hook and a pair of diablo sticks. The Tuileries Gardens are much frequented by players of the "Looping Bird." But more ambitious models of aeroplanes than the bird are now sold from \$1.50 to \$10. One of the latter is a very good imitation of the Farman machine, and is propelled by twisted India rubber strings. On being wound up the little aeroplane, which is provided with wheels, runs along the ground for twenty feet and then rises to from five to six feet and flies through the air for some twenty yards or so. A cute little toy for good children, though no doubt some bad ones are not deprived of it by their indulgent French parents.

SHOE PROTECTOR.

Prevents Injury to Shoes of Miners and Others Using Shovels.

It is well known that the ordinary shoe is not of sufficient strength to warrant use by miners, laborers on railways and other places where shovels and spades are employed. An Arkansas man, therefore, designed the shoe protector shown here for the purpose of protecting the shoe, especially at the shank and instep. As shown in the accompanying illustration, the protector consists of a metal plate, which fits beneath the shank of



the shoe. A piece of leather or other flexible material extends from the metal plate around the heel, with the other end over the instep, both connecting by buckles and straps to a piece of leather extending from the opposite side of the metal plate. It will be obvious that a shoe provided with this protection braces the shank and ankle of the foot of the wearer. Moreover, a shovel can be readily pushed into the ground without injury to the shoe. The protector is quickly attached to or detached from the shoe.

Good Food Too Plentiful.

In 1851 there was in Huntsville a man who pulled teeth for twenty-five cents and a photographer who made daguerotypes at \$1.50 each, says the Macon Republican. The first was called "doctor" and the second "professor." They moved in the highest circles, as being the representatives of the sciences and arts. With deer, birds and all manner of game in the woods and fine fish in the streams, so cheap that the poorest larders were stocked with it, the grocers did a big business in mackerel, herring and sardines. The latter were real dainties because the better food was so plentiful the pioneers got tired of it.

THE BOAST OF ARCHIMEDES.

Something About His Scheme for Moving the Earth.

Men are apt to think we are pretty smart in this twentieth century—and so we are, for we have all the achievements of the men of the past to work on as a foundation. Yet seldom do we stop to think how much we owe to these ancients. Archimedes, who lived in Sicily about three centuries before Christ, was the greatest of the old mathematicians. He discovered a number of important principles and some of his demonstrations are so abstruse that they puzzle the most accomplished mathematicians of this day to understand.

It was Archimedes who in his enthusiasm at discovering certain formulas relating to the power of levers declared that he would, single-handed and alone, lift the earth, provided some one would give him a fulcrum to rest his lever on. Theoretically this would be perfectly possible. That is to say, no amount of work is too great for a given power to perform provided sufficient time is allowed for it. Time, power and work are thus all linked together. By increasing the power you can do a certain amount of work in less time, and so on. Probably Archimedes did not know how much the earth weighed and so he did not figure out how long it would take him to lift it with his lever. But now the earth's mass has been ascertained and a mathematician named Montucla has calculated that if Archimedes had worked incessantly, without stopping to eat, drink or sleep, lifting 110 pounds a foot every second (more than any man could do) it would still have taken him over three billion centuries to have moved the earth a single inch! That would indeed have been "going some," as the current expression is.

It was Archimedes who discovered that any body of matter when placed in water, for instance, displaces a quantity of water exactly equal to its own weight. This great fact struck him while he was in the bath one day, as he noticed how the water rose in the tub when he went into it. He was so overjoyed at the discovery of the principle he had so long been searching for that he ran naked into the street shouting his celebrated "Eureka!" meaning in Greek "I have found it." This principle enabled him to detect just how much alloy a goldsmith had fraudulently added to the gold in a crown he had made for King Hiero.

Many other interesting anecdotes are told of Archimedes. One is that he set fire to an enemy's fleet by means of a powerful burning-glass. Modern scientists doubt that such a thing could be done, but the ancient did many things which the moderns have not been able to repeat. When at last a besieging army did capture the city of Syracuse, where Archimedes lived, the invaders found an old man working out a theorem in geometry by means of figures drawn in the sand. As a Roman soldier rushed on him he cried out, "Don't spoil my circle!" and with these words he died.

Give the Old Man a Chance.

Much has been heard in Kansas towns lately about "Mothers' Day." Several Kansas editors are now "holering" that the "old man" should have an inning. They want a "Dad's Day." Should they have it? By all means. Give the old man his chance at the bat. Let him cavort in his tattered hand-me-down suit, his last summer's straw hat and his bargain-counter brogans. Of course he looks pretty bum in that raiment alongside of daughter with her \$25 inverted four barrel top piece, her \$50 gown with the waist at the knees, her French heeled patent pumps and the rest of the stuff that goes with glad feminine decorations. But he is "Dad," nevertheless. "Ma" with her 500 clubs, her bridge parties, her pink teas and her cut glass society will certainly step back for one day and let the old man realize for a short twenty-four hours that "every dad has his day."

The Intelligent Trout.

A correspondent says that when fishing in a small river lately he hooked a small trout. "After a little I managed to pull him free and he came along the surface side up toward the landing net without further resistance. Finding the line a little too long I began to reel in, carelessly allowing the rod to drop almost to the straight, when the fish, then only a foot or two from the shelving shore, suddenly recovered his wind.

"The water was but two or three inches deep at the spot, quite still and clear, with one or two small patches of surface grass on it. Instantly the trout rushed at one of these patches and seized the grass in his mouth, holding on for all he was worth and defying me to drag him free. I then put the net under him and lifted him out with the bit of weed stuck in his teeth."

Education.

The class in very elementary chemistry was having one of its early sessions. The matter of sea-water came up. "Peters," said the teacher, "can you tell me what is it that makes the water of the sea so salty?" "Salt," said Peters. "Next!" said the teacher. "What is it that makes the water of the sea so salty?" "The salty quality of the sea-water," answered "Next," "is due to the admixture of a sufficient quantity of chlorid of sodium to impart to the aqueous fluid with which it commingles a saline flavor, which is readily recognized by the organs of taste!" "Right, Next," said the teacher. "Go up one!" —Youth's Companion.

Silence!

The instinct of modesty natural to every woman is often a great hindrance to the cure of womanly diseases. Women shrink from the personal questions of the local physician which seem indelicate. The thought of examination is abhorrent to them, and so they endure in silence a condition of disease which surely progresses from bad to worse.

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Correct Answer. "This," said a teacher to her class of arithmeticians, "is a unit."

Little Bill's hand went up slowly. "Well, William!" said the teacher. "Pleathe, ma'am, the skin of a unit." —Christian Register.

The Chief Justice. There are very few people who know the proper designation of the man who presides over the supreme court.

Sleeping in Tents. Since it became generally known that sleeping in the open air is a good remedy for tuberculosis, many people have adopted the practice of sleeping in tents in the summer.

Manicuring a Horse. A horse's hoof is really the same thing as the toe or finger nails of human beings, or of animals having toes.

High Finance. Two men, miserably clad, called on the dean of a medical college in New York.

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