

WHERE THE BLAME LAY.

He Wanted to Get to the Front a Little Too Quick for His Own Good.

Sternly the judge regarded the prisoner before him. He beheld a man of tender, unripe years, whose face was fair to look upon, bearing as it did every known mark of honesty. Appearances gave no reason for committing the crime, and yet the jury had decided, on first ballot, that the prisoner was guilty. In fact, the plea for the defense was very weak, says the New York Times.

"It seems incredible," said the judge, "that a man with your connections should have stooped so low as to become a common forger. Surely some one else must have been the cause of your downfall. A woman?"

"There was some one," replied the prisoner, "but that some one was not a woman. It is yourself, your honor."

"You ejaculated the judge, amazedly."

"Just so. A short time ago I was a member of the graduating class in my college. You were one of the speakers at the farewell session. You may remember your words: 'The world lies ahead of you. But you must push your way steadily. I want each one of you to forge to the front; I want to soon see each occupying a prominent position in the eyes of your families and of the world.'" The prisoner paused and smiled. "I forged quicker than the others. I've gained a place before the public, and now, what next?"

"Three years," laconically said the judge. "Next case!"

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"Sir!" exclaimed the injured party, "you stuck your umbrella into my eye."

"O, no," replied the cheerful offender, "you are mistaken."

"Mistaken?" demanded the irate man. "You idiot, I know when my eye is hurt I guess."

"Doubtless," replied the cheerful fellow, "but you do not know my umbrella. I borrowed this one from a friend to day."—Stray Stories.

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"Well, I should say so. I waited 13 years to marry a girl, and last week she married another fellow."—Stray Stories.

Not the Real Thing.

Singsong—Does Graspit go by the golden rule?

Bitbang—Well, not exactly.

"How's that?"

"The rule he uses is only plated."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—J. F. Boyer, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Great minds must be ready not only to take opportunities, but to make them.—Colton.

Politeness oft makes hairs of honest men.—Chicago Daily News.

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Woman Suffrage and Woman

By HON. ALVA ADAMS, Ex-Governor of Colorado.



In Colorado the statue of Justice that crowns city hall, courthouse and capitol is not a lie. For the capitol in Washington and in 41 states of the union the figure of St. Paul would be more fitting than that of the Goddess of Liberty.

After ten years of experience equal suffrage in Colorado needs neither apology nor defense. No harm has come to either woman, man or the state. Justice never harmed anyone.

Woman has not conquered iniquity in Colorado, nor has it conquered her. Suffrage is not a revolution; it is but a step and not the end of the journey.

The ballot has not changed her nature. She still recognizes that raising bread and babies is a part of the Divine command, but these duties are not the whole of life. She uses the ballot to protect her property, her home, her children. It has broadened, not impaired, the woman. They have made no effort to upset the universe. They are cleaning one room at a time, not trying to right the wrongs of a hundred years in a day. Women may not have suffered, but there is a moral uplift, an inspiration, in the recognition of her equality. To the free world is different; the sky is clearer, the air more exhilarating. She is a partner in the government; her home is a full and equal partnership affair, not a corporation where the man holds all the stock and does all the voting. She is a part of things, an individual and independent. This is everything. Our homes are the "Home, Sweet Home" of other days, with the added interest and inspiration that a free, self-respecting, equal womanhood can give.

Women have not mired in the pool of politics. They are purifying it. They have raised the atmosphere of the polls without lowering themselves at the polls. Women are as free from insult as in the vestibule of a church. Genuine respect and deference for woman is a western trait. Now and then a woman may take a man's view of politics and use a ballot corruptly, but for every corrupt woman in politics you can find 100 men equally foolish, and with more power for wrong doing. Last year one poor, deluded woman was caught repeating, and among the antics there was more rejoicing over the one that went astray than over the ninety and nine that were true.

The professional politician says that the woman vote is uncertain. No greater tribute could be paid. In its uncertainty the gangster can read his doom. In three or four of the largest cities women have made but little headway against the entrenched machine. The failure here is due to the so-called respectable Christian men who will not ally themselves with the women to form an invincible army of civic righteousness. The women are ready, but the men are chained to partisanship.

It is human nature to question success, but it never doubts failure. The only battle cry of the mob is to "crucify him." Ugly charges are remembered and repeated. Praise and words of honor are forgotten. Few kind words are printed regarding equal suffrage, but sarcasm and falsehood are given wide circulation. Two years ago 25 Colorado ministers of all denominations replied to the question of equal suffrage results. One said it worked badly, three said it worked fairly well, twenty-one said it worked well.

It was a tourist reporter who stated that Colorado women used charity and philanthropy as a political lever; that the highest and sweetest sentiments of the human heart were used by women as trading coin with which to purchase votes. What a shameful libel on her sex! One wonders with whom she associated when there. Certainly no true woman ever gave utterance to such revolting sentiments, for they are not true. If uttered at all, the words but expressed the individual distorted and deformed methods and ideals of one woman and in no way represented the 100,000 self-respecting, honest women voters of Colorado any more than John L. Sullivan represents the culture and refinement of his native city of Boston.

Keep Off the Stage

By JESSIE MILLWARD, Leading Woman of the Century Players.

DON'T! That's my advice to the stagetruck girl. The stage is overloaded to-day by second and third rate material, but good, efficient women in both clerical and domestic positions are in demand. And I assure you it is far more honorable to be a first-class bookkeeper or stenographer than to be a second-rate actress. Your pride will suffer less, your feelings will be better guarded, and your pecuniary return far more sure and at least as great. And as for the public, well, from being a public charge you will become a public benefactor.

Of course there have been women who have made splendid successes, women like Mme. Bernhardt, Miss Terry and Mme. Rejane, but these are not ordinary women. Here you have women with Heaven-sent missions, women who have the Divine gift, women who, had they disregarded this gift, would have committed a crime. But these are not your young girl who thinks to become a star in a day, who, without training and innate ability, often without common intelligence, has an idea that she wants to go on the stage. Such women as Bernhardt, Miss Terry, and Rejane have bought the right to their positions by years of the hardest sort of work in training schools of practical experience. One and all they have had to work years upon years and suffer years upon years in order to know the technique as well as the meaning of their craft. For acting is like any other art; like sculpture, like painting, like music even—you must learn the technique.

The ordinary young woman has an altogether perverted idea of the stage. I receive dozens of letters from young girls asking my advice. Most of these girls are in good circumstances and are not forced by necessity to earn a livelihood. There is a glitter and glamour to the stage which quite bewilders them. They see the successful actress and they hear the applause, and their modicum of intelligence goes no further. They do not realize the years of work which went to make that success. Here is an example which, while it may strike you as somewhat overdrawn, is absolutely true. It shows what I call the kitchen idea of the stage.

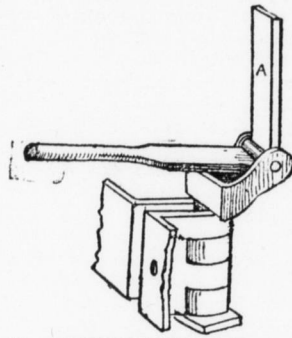
The other day a maid came here with a message from a friend who lives up-town. She was a new maid, and perhaps rather raw. While I was writing a reply she went to the mantel and looked over the photographs. Suddenly she blurted out: "Are you an actress?" I sometimes have been called so, I answered. "Well, do you know," she said, "I've always wanted to go on the stage, and now that I've seen you I think I will"—and there you are. That girl's ideas, ludicrous as they seem, are no more absurd than those of dozens of others who should have more intelligence.

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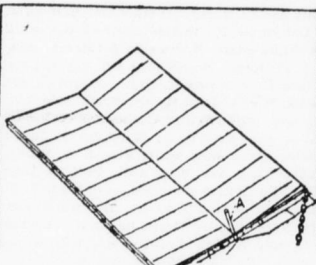
Make the boat in two separate parts, a right and a left half. Each half has a double floor, one level, the other inclined to the middle of the boat. The lower floor must be at least two inches thick, the upper may be slightly lighter. The latter is supported at its higher side by a cleat on the lower floor. Hinge the two halves together by



DETAILS OF HINGE.

means of heavy iron straps bent forward at the hinge, as shown in Fig. 2. The axis of the hinge is wrench-shaped at the top and is fitted with a flat iron rod, shown at a in both drawings, bent at right angles and so fitted that it may be turned up or down. Fasten the chain at the sides of the boat.

At the rear, instead of heavy wooden pieces, bolt the boards of the floor together by means of flat iron rods pro-



THE BOAT COMPLETE.

vided with a hook and ring for holding the two halves together. When ready to dump, unhook the rear, throw a down so as to catch in the ground, and when the team pulls up, the sides will be drawn apart, and the load will remain on the ground. Very heavy stones may be loaded on behind, to avoid the rather high edges. — Orange Judd Farmer.

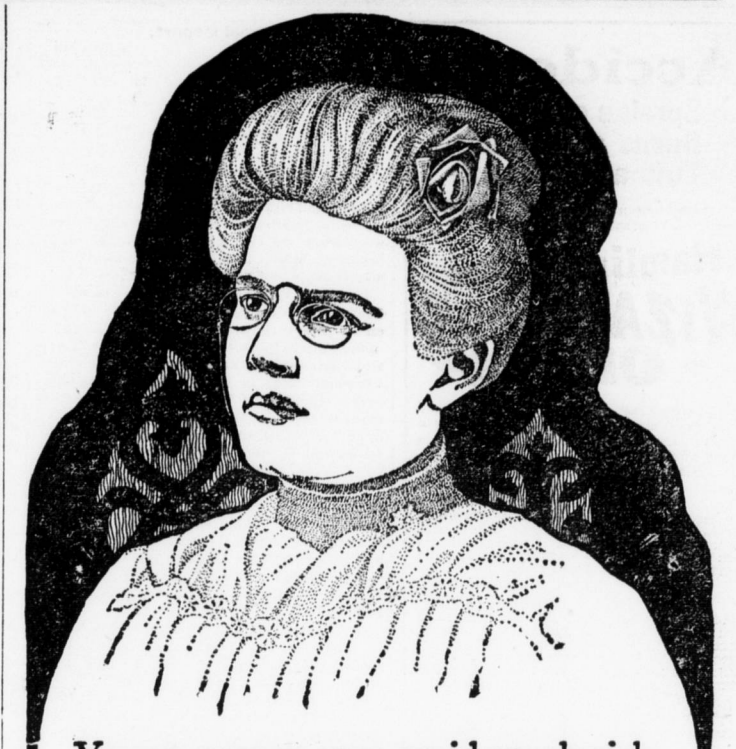
SOME ROAD-MAKING HINTS.

While National Agitation Is Going On Some Practical Work Might Well Be Done at Home.

The air is full of talk about good roads. It is "good roads, good roads," everywhere you go. But isn't it about time something practical was coming to pass? All talk with no results amounts to nothing, so let us get down to the root of the matter. How are we really to have good roads? Well, I have seen many plans tested, but this is the best of all: Make good, deep ditches on each side of the road to carry off all water. In digging the ditches, throw all dirt into the road and add enough from other sources to elevate the roadbed to a good height above the ditches. The roadbed should be 18 feet wide and should be highest in the center and sloping slightly each way so as to drain all water into the ditches. Cut down the hill and fill up the hollows. As a railroad company had rather pull a train four miles over a level road than a half mile up a steep grade so it is a vast deal better to observe this rule for wagon roads. And now to make the roads permanently good gravel them good. Better macadamize them if at all practical. But at least gravel, and that with thoroughly good gravel. If parts need tiling be sure to tile them and do this properly. Let every hour's work be well done. There is vastly more truth than poetry in the old adage that "what is worth doing at all is worth doing well." Fill up all small ruts when they first appear. It is much easier one then than when a foot deep. Besides, it might save a wagon or a buggy wheel from being broken or a horse from being crippled. It might even save a human being's limb or even his life.—T. E. Richey, in Epitome.

Dust Spray or Liquid Spray. The contest is still on between the dust spray and the liquid spray. In Illinois and other states to the east and north the dust spray has made little advance, but has obtained a good share of the attention of the orchardists in Missouri and west. The men that stick to the liquid spray say that with the liquid it is possible to get a uniform spraying material, but that there is no possible way of getting the poisonous substances equally distributed through dust. We will have to wait a little and see how this problem is to be settled by the dust sprayers. The men in favor of the dust spray say that they can take advantage of the dew on the trees in the morning, and this saves the hauling of a great amount of water over the ground, especially after rains, when the ground is too soft to be driven on.—Farmers' Review.

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Exhausted the Font.

Sir Samuel Sims saw sweet Sara Sampson swimming. Suddenly she seemed sinking. Sir Samuel stood stunned. Striding seaward, spurning shingle, Sir Samuel skillfully supported swooning Sara. Striding slowly, Sara sighed softly. Sir Samuel seemed speechless.

"Say something, Sir Samuel," said Sara.

"Say Sam, Sara," said Sir Samuel.

Sara, smiling shyly, softly said "Sam."

"Sara—Sally!" stammered Sir Samuel.

"Sweet Sara—sweetheart!"

Sara solemnly surrendered.

Please stop this. We are chort of ecces. (Printer)—N. Y. News.

New Caste.

Two men were discussing the social station of a bird who had married an American girl.

"You say his social position has improved since he married her?"

"Yes, indeed. Formerly he was only a nobleman, but now he belongs to our hereditary aristocracy."—Washington Star.

"Good Afternoon" to Corpse.

One's risibilities are sometimes stirred even at a funeral. The other day in Brooklyn, after the pastor had said his word and turned over the services to the undertaker, he was surprised to hear that worthy announce from alongside the casket: "Now the friends will please step forward and say: 'Good afternoon' to the corpse."—Humdrum Review.

Not Committing Himself.

A man who is noted for the reluctance with which he declares definite and positive judgments was talking to some friends in his office.

"A flock of sheep, newly sheared, passed by."

"These sheep have just been sheared," observed one of the visitors.

The non-committal proprietor of the office gazed out the window while his guests waited. Finally after the last sheep had passed, he said:

"It looks like it, on this side."—Youth's Companion.

Private Johnson's Mount.

In a certain yeomanry regiment there was a private of very small stature, who, to make himself look as big as the rest, had a very tall horse. It was well known that Private Johnson could not mount unassisted, so there was great amusement when one day they heard the order: "Private Johnson, dismount!"

Private Johnson gave no sign.

Again the order was given with a like result.

A third time the captain gave the order: "Private Johnson, dismount," but the little private could keep patience no longer, and fairly roared out:

"Don't be a fool, captain; you know I can't get on again."—London Tit-Bits.

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