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**A Business Woman Who Believes in the Broad Field For Women.**

Mrs. Robert L. Parsons, head of the Chicago School of Physical Education and Expression, regards the indisputable fact that more and more married women are becoming prominently identified with business and professional life yearly as the natural culmination of many slow growing causes. It would be almost impossible, she believes, for other conditions to prevail. "Ambition, the sense of pleasurable power in successful accomplishment, these spur on the business or professional woman just as they do her husband or brother. The broader educa-



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tion now general among women gives at once the means and the possibility of telling work in the field outside the home. Of what use is this education unless applied to some practical purpose? This, I believe, is the underlying thought that lives in most thoughtful women. It is but another expression of the creative impulse common to all.

"As to the right or wrong of married women entering the business world it would seem difficult to me to come to any abstract decision. One woman can scarcely judge for another. Personally I cannot understand how any mother of young children can care to leave them for the sake of any outside endeavor, but there are plenty of women with no ties of this kind. And, as to the theory that the married woman in business is unjustly occupying the place of the unmarried worker who must earn her own bread and butter, the moment work becomes in the slightest degree individual or distinctive this theory is disproved. And I cannot think that the repression or elimination of the creative impulse that sends the otherwise unoccupied married woman out into the larger field could be productive of any good."

—Chicago Record-Herald.

**Be Independent.**

The idea of the propriety of house-keeping as the work for women owes its origin to a very natural feeling that woman as well as man should do her part of the world's labor. It is only just. But man chooses his field; why not the woman? For what reason is she bound to confine herself to one kind of work if she can do another kind better, more profitably to her family and more in accordance with her nature and abilities?

Wherever a woman can best employ her powers, there is her sphere. As she lives best for herself, so she lives best for all those associated with her. The idea has obtained too long that woman's duty is to some one else. If it were in truth a thing so noble and excellent she would not so long have had a monopoly of it, says the Business Woman's Magazine.

"Woman's cause is man's cause; they must rise or fall together." Are not women the mothers of men? There are many things women should know and practice.

Banish fear, worry and doubt. Think your own thoughts. Live your own life. Others may advise, but they cannot see life from your point of view.

**Saving Steps.**

"Never go empty handed." This is what mother used to say to me so many times when I was a child. If I was going upstairs I must look about me and see if there wasn't something downstairs that belonged upstairs that I could carry up and put into its place, and so on from one part of the house to another. She always said it would be a great help in one's housekeeping and save lots of unnecessary steps if they would just remember that little rule, and, although I fall in many ways to practice all the good things she taught me, I very often find myself saying to the children as they help about the work, "Never go empty handed." Children have such a wonderfully unconscious way of walking right over things instead of picking them up and restoring them to their proper places. So I shall often repeat the little rule to them, partly to help them and partly to relieve my own feelings at their carelessness, and if they do not always obey the injunction now while they are young they may in after years remember it as one of mother's little helpful rules.—Boston Brown Book.

**For a Ribbon Box.**

A rather large clear box makes a most useful and dainty looking recep-

tle for gloves or ribbons. If it happens to retain an odor of tobacco put it in the sunshine for a little time before proceeding to decorate it. Then cover the outside of the box with pretty colored linen. The inside is glued firmly and the outside stretched tightly and held in place with little brass nails. The lining of the box will be all the better for a little padding of cotton wool sprinkled with sachet powder. The softness of the padding is attractive looking, and the perfume imparts a pleasant fragrance to the contents of the box. Smaller cigar boxes, covered with chamois leather or the wrist parts of long tan or gray evening gloves and prettily lined with satin, padded with cotton wool, make charming little jewel cases. These boxes should contain in one corner a small wash leather pincushion for brooches and lace pins and in another corner a tiny bag for rings.

**Tinted Spectacles For Beauty.**

"Tinted spectacles," said a New York optician, who makes a specialty of them, "are mainly for women who demand that their beauty as well as their sight shall be considered. A light gray or a pale blue eye looks very weak and unattractive through ordinary eyeglasses. By slightly tinting the lens we can add very much to the color of the pupil of the eye and to the general attractiveness of the face. The tinting does not at all interfere with the magnifying properties of the glass. In fact, some oculists send us prescriptions for tinted glasses, maintaining that for blue or gray eyes they are far superior to the ordinary crystal glasses. Blue eyes absorb more light than brown eyes, so that any tempering of the sun's rays is sure to be beneficial."

**The Boy's Room.**

When a boy's room is not furnished with a couch the boy is extremely apt to lie on the bed to read, the chances of his removing his shoes or protecting the white spread before lying down being extremely slender. Rather than indulge in vain remonstrances banish the white spread altogether and substitute denim, blue, if it can be made to fit into the color scheme of the room. Have the center of the spread plain, with a border twelve to eighteen inches deep of figured denim, fleur-de-lis or something similar. The denim takes on a better color, as repeated washings dull its first brightness. It does not easily wrinkle, and the comfort of the boy is insured.

**Hurts the Hair.**

Hair experts say that if women keep on wearing pompadours it is only a question of time before they become bald. To be sure, it will not be quite so far reaching as a man's, but bad enough to destroy their good looks. As a forehead reaching to the middle of the crown is not considered a mark of beauty, it behooves women to "watch a little out" for the receding hair line. One way of preventing its becoming noticeable is when arranging the hair for the night to brush it in the opposite direction from which it has been worn all day. This rests the hair and keeps it from becoming warped in one direction.

**The Dainty Desk.**

Old brocade, or, rather, brocade in old time colorings and patterns, as well as tapestry, is being utilized with marked success for women's desk fittings. Blotters, paper and envelope racks, letters, books, calendar frames, notebook racks, stamp and pen boxes, etc., show coverings of these soft hued fabrics, dull gilt braid being employed for the finishing touch. Chintz is likewise used for desk sets, but the more delicate tinting of the other materials, tapestry particularly, has won for them a greater measure of popularity.

**Cold Cream.**

No toilet table is complete without a jar of cold cream made of oil of white poppy, four ounces; oil of almonds, two ounces; white wax, one-half ounce; balsam of Peru, two drams. Melt the wax, add the oils and beat together until they form a cream, then add the balsam and lastly a little rosewater. This is an emollient which may be used with good effect once or twice a week, after the bath, to whiten and soften the hands, neck and arms.

**A Medical View of Whipping.**

Against this subordinate sway of savagery, this proposition to rule little children by terror and by pain, the Medical Record most emphatically protests. The whip inspires terror of itself and not of the crime. Its physical effects, quite aside from the pain engendered, are bad and may be deplorable. Its moral influence is shameful and degrading.—Medical Record.

**Clean Lace in Naphtha.**

Lace will not thicken if washed in naphtha. Immerse in the fluid and let the lace remain for an hour or two. Then gently squeeze between the hands, rinse with clean naphtha and pull into shape. It will dry almost immediately.

Running is one of the best exercises in the world for girls. It contributes for one thing that elasticity without which grace is impossible and spurs every bodily function to its appropriate duty.

Wood alcohol rubbed on a polished table stained or marred by a hot dish will restore the finish if followed by a polishing with linseed oil.

The keynote of your home harmonies is sounded by the hall. See that the tune is welcoming and pleasant.

Fashion worn without style is characterless and often hideous.



**No. 11.—Double Acrostic.**

Primals and finals are both seen in valentines.  
Crosswords: 1. A loud noise. 2. To connect. 3. A dance. 4. Interior. 5. Divided.

**No. 12.—Word Puzzle.**

Complete, I am a friend in need  
And help to cleanliness indeed.  
Behold me, and I shelter you;  
Again, your house I paint anew.  
Restore my beads, curtail me twice,  
I mark the path you ought to tread.  
Curtail once more; now search for me;  
I'm growing just above your head.

**No. 13.—Diagonal.**

Each word begins with the same initial and contains nine letters. The diagonal, from the upper left hand letter to the lower right hand letter, spells the name of a pretty missive.  
Crossword: 1. Observant of truth. 2. Appraisal. 3. A rampart. 4. An edible plant. 5. One who enters into any service of his own free will. 6. An air played at will. 7. Clownishness. 8. A sweetheart chosen. 9. To diversify.

**No. 14.—Zigzag.**

The zigzag between the first two letters going down and the last two letters going up will spell the name of a favorite dessert.  
Crosswords: 1. Found in a book. 2. Anything devised. 3. The least whole number. 4. Among. 5. Small cushions. 6. Certain.

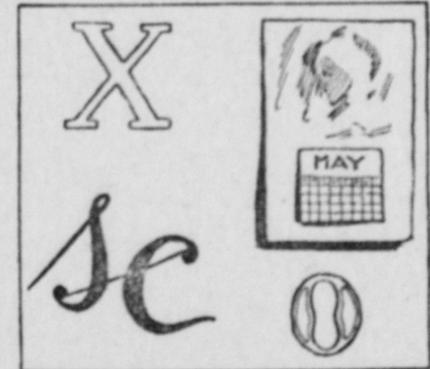
**No. 15.—Book Title.**

LOVE ME



Title of a well known novel.

**No. 16.—Geographical Puzzles.**



Which of the United States and what county in Ireland are here represented?

**No. 17.—Anagram Verse.**

An airy \*\*\*\*\* once said to me,  
As she would have confessed to a \*\*\*\*\*,  
"I steal the \*\*\*\*\* apples," said she,  
"With the reddest \*\*\*\*\* and have a feast."

**No. 18.—Jumble.**

(Old fashioned valentine)  
Red violet's rose is the blue  
And are you so sweet sugar's.

**No. 19.—Progressive Enigmas.**

If you would naught 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8,  
then let your 4-5-6-7-8-1-2-3.  
Maggie's 1-2-3-4-5-6-7 carpet was paid for 1-2-3-4-5-6-7.  
When Wilson saw what a hearty dinner the 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 he no longer had a club to 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9 with him in the club kitchen.

**No. 20.—Triple Curtailings.**

Curtail three letters from each word.  
Curtail loving and have a number.  
Curtail veves and have a girl's name.  
Curtail dangerous and have risk.  
Curtail meditative and have idea.

**Wise and Otherwise.**

The hen that can't find a thing to eat must be in a peck of trouble.

A song in the heart is worth two in the book.  
Life without love is the axle of existence without grease.

**What He Would Do.**

Professor—Suppose you were engaged in the autopsy of a subject and it gave signs of life—what would you do?  
Student—I think I should—change the subject, sir.

**Riddle Answered.**

One passed through it, both talked over it and walked off with it, yet it remained stationary. Answer: Gate, gate.

**Key to the Puzzler.**

- No. 1.—Missing Words:  
If only we strive to be pure and true,  
To each of us all will come an hour  
When the tree of life will flower  
And rain at our feet a wondrous dower  
Of something grander than ever we knew,  
If only we strive to be pure and true.
- No. 2.—A Well Matched Couple:  
Anonymous and Incoq. are synonymous.  
("Ann" on a mouse, "& in cog," "Ah Sin" on a mouse.)
- No. 3.—Word Square: 1. Lake. 2. Arid. 3. Kite. 4. Eden.
- No. 4.—Endless Chain: 1. Orange. 2. Gentle. 3. Length. 4. Thrash. 5. Shiver. 6. Ermine. 7. Nectar. 8. Armada. 9. Damsel. 10. Elapse. 11. Search. 12. Change.
- No. 5.—Charade: Fern, ace (furnace).
- No. 6.—Novel Acrostic: Third row—Abraham Lincoln. Crosswords—1. Beaver. 2. Babbie. 3. Garnet. 4. Praise. 5. Behave. 6. Adagio. 7. Lament. 8. Valley. 9. Bridge. 10. Minuet. 11. Doctor. 12. Brooch. 13. Pullet. 14. Ranges.
- No. 7.—Reversed Syllables: 1. Lobster. 2. Rattan. 3. Ramble. 4. Marble. 5. Waddle. 6. Dawdle.
- No. 8.—Additions: Horse-man-ship; horse-ray-dish (horserradish); horse-hoe (horseshoe).
- No. 9.—Word Building: Flower, flow, low, lower, owe.
- No. 10.—Accentuations: 1. Prospect. 2. Collect. 3. Minute. 4. Converse. 5. Subject.

**An Animal Story For Little Folks**

**A Sad End to a Courtship**

One beautiful spring day Mr. Caterpillar put on his high silk hat and strolled down through the meadow.

He had not gone very far when he met Miss Spider, and she was attired in a magnificent picture hat, while her faint feet were incased in the dearest little shoes imaginable.

"Ah!" exclaimed Mr. Caterpillar. "Isn't she perfectly lovely? Surely there can be no danger of her doing me harm!"

"Good morning, Miss Spider," said Mr. Caterpillar, who was delighted that she noticed him. "You are truly beautiful today."

"Oh, thank you!" said Miss Spider.

"May I hold your hand?" he asked.



HE MET MISS SPIDER.

"You may," she said, and he grasped her hand lovingly.

"May I tell you that I love you?" he asked.

"You may," she said, and he drew closer to her.

"Will you be mine?" he asked.

"I will," she said, and he threw his arms about her.

"And will you be mine?" she whispered in his ear as her head rested on his shoulder.

"I will," he answered.

"Then I guess I'll eat you at once, for I am mighty hungry," said Miss Spider.

So she spun a web about poor old Mr. Caterpillar and had him for a meal.—Atlanta Constitution.

**To Pacific Coast and Grand Canyon.**

On account of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, to be held at Los Angeles, Cal., beginning May 3, the Penna. Railroad Company will run a personally conducted tour to Los Angeles, visiting the Grand Canyon of Arizona en route, at unusually low rates. A special train of the highest grade Pullman equipment will leave New York, Philadelphia, and Pittsburg on Wednesday, April 27, running via Chicago and the Santa Fe Route to the Grand Canyon. Sunday will be spent at this wonderful place, and Los Angeles will be reached on the evening of May 2. Round trip tickets, including transportation, one double berth, and meals on special train going; and transportation only returning on regular trains via direct routes or via San Francisco, will be sold at rate of \$106 from New York, \$105 from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington, and \$100 from Pittsburg. Tickets will be good to return at any time before June 30. Tourists returning via St. Louis may stop off for ten days to visit the World's Fair, by depositing ticket and paying \$1.00 fee. A descriptive itinerary will be sent on application to Geo. W. Boyd, General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa. X12

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