

Forever Young Is the Sweet Girl Graduate.

JUNE, the month of wedding bells and graduation ceremonies, finds new batches of brides and sweet girl graduates each time the year rolls round to the summer solstice. The years may come and the years may go, but the bridal processions and the commencement essays and orations and diplomas and bouquets keep on forever.

Not so very, very long ago there were no such sweet things as girl graduates. The boys went to college and got their sheepskins at commencement season, and their sisters and sweethearts admired and applauded. But they never dreamed of such things for themselves, —no, indeed. It would have been quite improper. A young woman in those days was circumscribed by a great many rules of propriety, and a college education—well, that was something never heard of and for that reason of course absurd. But times have changed, as Cicero remarked in language with which all college graduates are supposed to be familiar, and now a girl may not only graduate from a college, but she may go through three or four graduating functions before she participates in that most impressive and solemn function of all, the march to the altar.

In days gone by the colleges were the only institutions which had commencement seasons and held graduating exercises. But now the high schools and the seminaries and even the grammar schools have their graduating exercises. For the girl this means many elaborate preparations and oftentimes expenses which a parent with a large family and a small salary finds it hard to meet. Graduating gowns, class receptions and dinners and dances, and photographs all cost money, and money in these days cannot be created by a wave of a



A SWEET GIRL GRADUATE IN ACADEMIC MORTARBOARD CAP.

magic wand, nor is it usually in such matters a case of "everybody works but father." A paterfamilias who has four or five daughters, not to mention sons, who must all do the customary thing when they graduate from the public school, the high school or seminary and the college and who, a little later perhaps, must all be equipped with suitable wedding trousseaux has a task on his hands for which he needs the support of a steady income and a good bank account.

Realizing the demands on the family purse which this season necessitates, the principal of a school in Charlestown, Mass., recently made a suggestion to the graduating class. Every family, he said, had a good many old rubbers lying around awaiting deposition in the ash barrel and if these were collected they might bring something. The suggestion was made at the psychological moment, just as the housecleaning season was setting in, and the aggregation of old rubber turned in by the pupils weighed 250 pounds. A sympathetic junk dealer paid \$22.72 for the lot, which went far to defray the cost of the pictures.

White, has long been the conventional color for the dresses of the sweet girl graduates, and white is still the rule, though a variation from the pure white may properly be introduced by using class colors in girdle or scarf or shoulder knot. A girl who gets a diploma from a college may pay less attention to her graduating dress than she who says formal farewell to a high school or seminary, for at many colleges attended by women seniors wear the traditional mortarboard cap and academic gown on commencement day, and this makes for democracy all around. The ample folds of a costume sacred to scholarship and worn by men and women alike conceal that which is worn inside, and rich girls and poor may receive their degrees in simple skirt waist suits. The other functions incident to commencement week at a college are not in the case of a woman so conducive to simplicity in dress, and for these a graduating girl may need a different gown for nearly every day of the seven.

A VETERAN SCHOLAR.

Professor Francis A. March, the "Grand Old Man" of Lafayette. Lafayette college at Easton, Pa., is seventy-five years old, and though the birthday of the institution is in May, the principal observance of the diamond jubilee will be in connection with the usual graduation exercises in June. The college was chartered in 1826, but was not opened until 1832. It has now about 500 students, over thirty collegiate buildings and property valued in all at over \$1,000,000. One of the greatest scholars of the country is Francis Andrew March, one of Lafayette's professors. He is known as "Lafayette's grand old man," for he has taught in Lafayette college for



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forty-one years and is still teaching regularly at the age of eighty-two. He has made a lifelong study of language and especially of the history and construction of the English language. He is one of the members of the now famous Carnegie spelling board, which is seeking to introduce the so called simplified spelling.

Professor March is a native of Millbury, Mass., and graduated from Amherst in 1845. He studied law and was admitted to the bar, but chose the vocation of an educator instead of that of a practitioner of the law. He has received the degrees of Litt. D., D. C. L., L. H. D. and LL. D., is president of the Spelling Reform association, has been twice president of the American Philological association, succeeded the late James Russell Lowell as president of the Modern Languages Association of America, is consulting editor of Funk & Wagnall's dictionary and belongs to a large number of learned societies.

RHINOCEROS BREEDING.

Facts About a Wild Animal That is Rapidly Becoming Rare.

The rhinoceros used to be far from rare in Africa, but the species is rapidly being exterminated. So scarce have some wild animals become in the dark continent that there are now farms on which animals are bred for the wild animal showmen. The picture is of a baby rhinoceros which is being brought up by a German showman on his animal breeding farm near Victoria, in South Africa. The white or square nosed rhinoceros, formerly so plentiful, is now practically extinct in Africa south of the Zambesi. The black species has been so harassed that it may now be considered rare. Trapping it is a task of much difficulty and danger. Nature gifted this animal with exceptional strength, an abundance of muscle and few nerves. His hide is almost bullet proof, he has a vision like that of a hawk and a sense of hearing as keen as a fox. He is totally without fear, and if he ever runs

away from anything it is through a mistake. An old animal trainer who helped to capture six of these beasts once said:

I captured Barnum's first rhinoceros, and that animal cost him more than any four lions or tigers he ever owned. I was the first animal hunter sent over to Africa by an American, and I had it all to learn. I sent home lions, giraffes, elephants, buffaloes and hyenas without any great trouble, but it was a whole year before I got my first rhinoceros.

He got him through enticing him into a pit.

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But the story of today is success. It has come through purpose and genius. Inheriting from her father, a banker, a farseeing intelligence in financial matters, but reared in a southern home, where all the womanly qualities were accentuated, she is a rare combination of the artist and the business person—one seldom seen, but when found always at the heights of attainment. It was with money earned at



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music teaching that she made her first investments in lands and oil wells. In the former, depending upon her own judgment, she has had wonderful success, and she owns lands and houses in various sections of Los Angeles, buying and selling for herself.

But it is in her oil operations Mrs. Summers has attracted the widest attention. When oil was first discovered in the vicinity of her California street home she secured a location for her first well. This was most profitable, and she kept adding to her collection of wells until she had a large number. From the very first she has been thoroughly businesslike in all her dealings and soon commanded the respect of all with whom she was associated. It has not been plain sailing. She has taken her hard knocks without whimpering, however, and has asked no favors in her business because of the fact that she is a woman. Possessed of an undaunted spirit, every backward step has meant an effort that has lifted her still further in her business career. Among oil men she is known as a "good fellow," and there isn't one of them better in touch with crude oil conditions and the market than she is.

In personal life Mrs. Summers is a charming woman, full of spirit and delicate intuition. She is intensely interested in Los Angeles and feels herself a part of its innermost workings. Its development is the spirit that animates her. Simple and unaffected in her home life, she is one to comfort and command.—Los Angeles Times.

Sink Knowledge. Several times a year the average housewife finds herself confronted with a stopped up sink. Amateur efforts at opening the drainpipes are unavailing. Trained skill must be called in, and commotion and plumber's bills follow.

This is one of the many instances where an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure. There are kitchens to which the plumber's visit is almost as rare as a blue moon, and with a fairly modern system of drainage and a little care their number might easily increase and multiply.

Sink stoppage is usually caused by grease, sometimes by coffee grounds and in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred by carelessness. See that your plates are scraped free from grease and scrape before they go into the dish pan. Insist that coffee grounds shall find their way into the garbage can rather than the sink. Keep a small, stiff scrubbing brush and an iron sink scraper with a rubber edge near at hand and enforce their use after each dishwashing time.

If these few simple rules are obeyed, if none of the greasy water in which vegetables have been cooked, gravies or other greasy liquids are poured into the sink—and it is not the place for them—if the pipes are scalded daily with clean water and plenty of common washing soda, you run very little risk of stoppage.

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