

## Facts of Interest To Women Readers.

Symposium of Information, Partly Grave, Partly Gossipy and Partly Gay.

The end of the Century Maid! The end of the Century Maid! She's tall and she's slim, she belongs to a "type".

And she learning to box, I'm afraid.

The end of the Century Maid! The people of nothing else exist, she talks, how she rides and she walks, oft in bloomers, I'm sorry to state.

The end of the Century Maid! The gush of the world "Woman's Page," the twaddle of "teas," talks on chalk and on cheese.

Her importance in art, on the stage.

The end of the Century Maid! She has put all the men in the shade, still sometimes, I fear, we wish we could hear.

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Here are several facts about women which some diligent dry-as-dust has compiled for the newspapers. Great Britain has 7,500,000 women over 15. Rumania has 1,200,000 women over 15. Switzerland has 600,000 women over 15. Norway has 400,000 women over 15. Italy has 6,500,000 women of marriageable age. New York has 25 female bankers. Spain has 1,000,000 women over the age of 15. All the good Roman emperors had very bad wives. Sweden has 1,170,000 women over 15 years of age. Greece has 400,000 women over 20 years of age. One New England factory employs 12,000 women. There are 8,750,000 grown women in France. Austria has 1,000,000 women above the age of 15. The little kingdom of Denmark has 400,000 women. The United States has 20,564,370 female population. Portugal has 1,000,000 women more than 17 years old. In Great Britain there are 1,947 women to 1,000 men. In North America there are 970 women to 1,000 men. The average weight of 1,000 women in Paris is 110 pounds; in Russia, 122. In France the sexes are almost exactly balanced, there being 1,004 women to 1,000 men.

LEARNED TO COOK: We used to have old-fashioned things, like hominy and greens.

We used to have just common soup, made out of pork and beans.

But now it's bouillon, consommé, and things made from a book.

And Pot au feu, the worst, since my daughter's learned to cook.

We used to have a piece of beef—just ordinary meat.

And picked pigs' feet, sparrows, too, and other things to eat.

While now it's fillet and ragout, and leg of mutton braised.

And mutton in train, and sheep's head Hollandaise.

Escalop a la Versailles—'tis a dish and a dish.

And sweetbread a la Diogenes—'tis an omelette and a omelette.

But while I suffer deeply, I invariably look

As if I were delighted 'cause my daughter's learned to cook.

We have a lot of salad things, with dressing mayonnaise.

In place of oysters, Blue Points fricassee a dozen ways.

And orange, Rolet Poley, float, and peach meringue, alas.

Enough to give a stomach that is made of plated brass.

The good old things have passed away, in silent, sad retreat;

We've lost of highfalutin things, but nothing much we miss.

And while I never say a word, and always pleasant look,

You bet I've had dyspepsia since my daughter's learned to cook.

—Good Housekeeping.

It is only among people of modern civilization that the supremacy of woman is regarded as a novelty.

In Rome under the empire there was a singular institution where a tribunal of women was established to decide questions regarding luxury and etiquette.

The emperor Augustus consulted this assembly frequently. They decided questions of precedence, the number and state of females at court, upon the style of carriage the emperor should ride in, whether sedan chairs should be ornamented with silver or ivory, and contested the rights of man with an intelligence worthy of the present time.

It was a veritable senate of fashion, was approved of by wiser men than Hellogabalus, and was re-established and maintained by his successors.

There occurred in the reign of Henry VIII. a curious case of a woman who acted as a judge. She was Lady Anne Berkeley, of Gloucestershire, who appealed to the king to punish a party of rioters who had entered her park, killed her deer and burned her hayricks.

His majesty granted her a special commission to try the offenders, and, being armed with this authority, she appeared in court, heard the charge, and, on a verdict of guilty, pronounced the sentence. In several villages of Finland the woman has authority, for a religious sect exists there whose disciples are forced when about to marry to take a vow to submit to the woman for their lives, and to obey her duty. It is to see that they men behave themselves, and to punish them if they transgress. Similar are the puritanisms of Liberia, who also recognize the supremacy of women.

MODERN EDUCATION: We teach the children Dahish, Trigonometry and Spanish;

Fill their heads with old-time notions, And the secrets of the oceans.

And the unicorn inscriptions From the land of the Egyptians;

Learn the date of every battle, Know the habits of the cattle.

Read the poetry of Browning, Make them show a preference

For each misty branch of science; Tell the seraglio of Sodom;

And the serpent's wiles in Eden; And the other things we teach 'em

Make a mountain so immense That we have not a moment left

To teach them Common Sense. —London Truth.

Men more often than women plunge into dissipation and crime, to escape their troubles, but there is one woman identified with the most notorious band of outlaws in the west who says vaguely that she has had "trouble" and reported to her present life in hopes that the excitement would enable her to forget the past. She is known as "Doll" and she declines to give any further information as to her name. She is 22

years old, well educated and appears to have come of a good family. She accompanies the Cook band of outlaws wherever it goes, and is idolized by its members. Her title is "Queen of the Outlaws," and she does all she can to maintain her high reputation. She is a perfectly sure shot with either her rifle or six-shooter, is cool and collected in time of danger, fond of adventure, and even more daring and reckless than male members of the band. Her wearing apparel is of silk and the finest of other materials, but made in common sense style, so as not to interfere with physical movements. She carries a six-shooter and a large knife, and is prepared to use both to the best advantage in case of an emergency, rides a horse man fashion and goes with the gang everywhere, often leading in their acts of violence.

WOMAN OF FORTY SUMMERS: Pull of outline and fair of face, Swinging her fan with languid grace, White arms gleaming through folds of lace A woman of forty summers.

No thread of white in the Auburn hair, No line of age in the forehead fair, A life unmarred by touch of care, In spite of her forty summers.

A husband-lover and children sweet, Pleasure to charm and friends to greet, From some sense before her feet, Through each of her forty summers.

Summers all, for no winters hold, Have snatched her sunshine and made her old, Nothing she knows but summers.

Nothing she knows of latent cloud, Of freezing air and tempest loud, Of snows that weave for Hope a shroud; Her life has been only summers.

So calm she sits in the summer air, No sorrows to fret, no cross to bear, A summer idyl, a vision fair, This woman of forty summers.

Yet cold and blast but make us strong, After the snow the robin's song; To the fullest life by right belong, The winters as well as summers.

And they whom fame shall carve in stone, The women whom men would fain crown, The women whom God has stamped his own, Live winters as well as summers.

—Jennett Miller Monthly.

In all ages, the bachelor has been derided. Plato condemned the single man to a fine, and in Sparta they were driven at stated times to the temple of Hercules by the women, who there drilled and castigated them in true military style.

The ancient Romans, too, were severe with their bachelors, who were made to pay heavy fines, and, worse than that, for, after the siege of Veii, Camillus is recorded to have compelled them to marry the widows of the soldiers who had fallen in the war. Again, in the time of Augustus, the married men, all other things being equal, were preferred to the single men for the public office. Then the Romans, who had three children was exempted from personal taxes and the bachelors not only had to pay them but were prevented from inheriting the property of anyone not a Roman citizen. Coming to more recent times, we have several instances of a like kind recorded for us by a reliable writer on the subject. In the French settlement of Canada, for example, women were sent over after the men, and the single men, who were subjected to heavy taxation and to restrictions on their trade and movements generally. Those who married were dealt with on the other hand in a generous spirit. Not only were they provided with a good wife and a comfortable home, but they were rewarded according to the number of their offspring. The father of ten children, for instance, was pensioned for life at the rate of 300 livres a year. If he had twelve children he had 400 livres a year more, and the amount ran up to 1,200 livres a year when fifteen children blessed the union. About the close of the seventeenth century the local authorities of Eastham, in Massachusetts, voted that every unmarried man in the township should kill six blackbirds or three crows yearly as long as he remained single, producing the scalps in proof, and that if he disobeyed the order, he was forbidden to marry until he had made up all arrears. The requirements here are almost nominal; but it was somewhat different in Maryland, where half a century later the colonial assembly imposed a tax of 5 shillings yearly upon all bachelors over 21, and the amount ran up to 1,200 shillings a year when fifteen children blessed the union. About the close of the seventeenth century the local authorities of Eastham, in Massachusetts, voted that every unmarried man in the township should kill six blackbirds or three crows yearly as long as he remained single, producing the scalps in proof, and that if he disobeyed the order, he was forbidden to marry until he had made up all arrears. The requirements here are almost nominal; but it was somewhat different in Maryland, where half a century later the colonial assembly imposed a tax of 5 shillings yearly upon all bachelors over 21, and the amount ran up to 1,200 shillings a year when fifteen children blessed the union.

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