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THE STATE YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

The need of state organization did not become apparent until there were a number of states, each having several associations organized and at work in colleges or cities, but all isolated and with no affiliation with the others...

THE NEW WOMAN.

The "new woman" is a fact to consider and to approve, and not a disagreeable one, either. We make all haste to explain that we do not refer to the masculine woman, who affects masculine dress and masculine vices, such as smoking, which she doubtless admires in her male acquaintances.

PHYSICAL CULTURE.

As Carried On by the Swedish Movement.

From the time of the organization of the Young Women's Christian Association in Scranton, the importance of the physical department was recognized. The first year classes in physical culture were organized. They do not realize that real poetry is intense and active and that the poets who live in the hearts of the people are those who write of the things that are in the heart and head were all given that they may all be kept busy in this great world of neighbors.

This system deals with the pupil as an individual. The aim being to develop the individual body in its proper relation to all the other parts, and to have all under perfect control of the will. Every action is subordinate to the best position of the pupil, and to the fullest expansion of the lungs. Every movement is really a breathing exercise. Good breathing capacity is of greater value than muscular strength.

CONUNDRUMS.

- 1. Why is the Young Women's Christian Association like a turnpike road? Because it cannot be made a success without "Gates."
2. How are the Young Women's Christian Association of this state like a man who will not wear a hat? They are all subject to a "Dunn."
3. Why is the new secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association like a cloudy day? Because she is "Lowry."

PHYSICAL TRAINING FOR WOMEN.

Until within ten or fifteen years, physical training had been largely neglected by women, yet if ever there came a blessing calculated to benefit them, it is in the training and development of the body by gymnastic exercise.

INDUSTRIAL SYMPOSIUM.

MRS. NELLIE A. LOWRY, MISS ELIZABETH ROOT, Editors.

STENOGRAPHY AND TYPE WRITING.

Qualifications Necessary to Become a Good Stenographer.

"What in life's earnest battle they only prevail Who daily march onward and never say fall." It is quite safe to say that no professional typist or business stenographer is that of stenography at the present time. It is no exaggeration to say that there are not five stenographers in every hundred. "Why is this?" The reasons are numerous and varied.

THE TELEPHONE GIRL.

"Hello, hello!" "What number please?" "4272?" "They are using the wire on 'through, through'!" "Yes, I'll call you when they are through." "Oh, didn't they answer yet?" "Hello, hello!" "Oh, dear! who cut off 2127?" "Wait a minute." "Here they are!" "I wish you would stop ringing." "Who?" "464." "Yes, yes."

WHAT WE DO IN THE KNITTING MILL.

It would be impossible to tell how many hands a garment must pass through before it is ready for the market. The wool goes through the carding and spinning rooms before it is ready to knit. Each girl has a section, with fifty wires on each and an average of five subscribers on every wire. The operator is supposed to know every subscriber's number, and when a call comes in, if the number should be 4783 the operator connects the number of wire—the call is on wire number 478—and this rings two bells the last in number of the dial the number of bells to ring and the number of wire. And in this way all calls are made.

THE DRESSMAKER.

One who carefully examines the pages of fashion magazines, and looks into the history of dress, will find this conclusion forced upon the mind that there has never been any attempt on the part of fashion designers to clothe the body consistently. Novelty and display have been the ruling object. One might offer the word "display" as the best word to be compelled to reverse the decision to regard by the fashionable world tomorrow as "perfectly hideous," to quote an often heard remark. Any style may become the vogue without regard to the external fitness. Dressmakers in the nineteenth century must be skilled in the art of the work demands study of the form and adaptability of fabric, color and decoration. A knowledge of how to regard for form and fitness will make simple dress no less attractive. In its place and for its purpose than the robes of the lady of wealth whose social requirements demand splendor and richness.

HEAD ADORNMENT.

This time of year our attention is called to the beauties of Nature as shown in the flowers with their harmonious colors and shapes. The Divine Artist has given us the models for our own adornment. We often wonder whether our head-gear is for protection or beauty or style. It would seem that many of our bonnets, consisting of a bow of ribbon and a bunch of flowers, were certainly not for protection; and it depends much on the taste of the wearer

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THE LACKAWANNA MILLS.

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Comparatively little is known about life in the silk factory, except by those who spend time there work. Many girls spend seven or eight years of their lives in the same factory. This seems a long time to be in the employ of one firm, but I know one young woman who has worked fifteen years for a company.

WOMAN'S PLACE IN BUSINESS.

For a century past, members of the other sex have struggled desperately to exclude her from the bar, the platform, and in fact, from all positions and pursuits which they have been accustomed to monopolize. In the face of all this opposition, women, strong-minded, and now we have women received at the bar, women lecturers, postmistresses, business managers, reporters, bookkeepers, and women in various other positions that at one time were occupied by men exclusively.

THE SCRANTON Axle Works.

Manufacturers of all varieties of high grade and medium vehicle axles. MARGARETTA WATTS. One of the latest paying employments for women is that of life insurance agent. Until within a few years insurance companies were averse to issuing policies to women. But time has changed all that, and some of the oldest and best companies now seek women as clients, especially those who are wage earners, also married women with children or dependent relatives.