

PLACE WOMEN OF THE CRESCENT CITY

Curious Feature of New Orleans Life Now Almost Obsolete.

AN ODD RELIC OF SLAVERY DAYS

Women Whose Mothers Were Once in Bondage but Were Freed for Sentimental Reasons--A Society as Exclusive as That of the Austrian Court.

From the Sun.

New Orleans has a coloring and a charm of its own. Its Latin and Anglo-Latin people--those who have an American strain of blood from one parent, but who have two mother tongues.

It has been thirty-three years since slavery died at the stroke of Abraham Lincoln's pen. Many of the curious things that were a part of it grew out of it and are well forgotten.

THE DARKER SIDE

So much of the romantic and softer side of this curious phase of life in the far South. These women, as has been said, usually have a strain of foreign blood, in which French is first, but Spanish, Portuguese, and Italian is common.

THE BEGINNING

Its beginning was simple. There came to New Orleans a hundred years ago persons from all countries in Europe to buy and sell cotton and other goods.

WILL SOON DISAPPEAR

Most of these place women inherit some money, and often they have handsome fortunes. They help the men to whom they are placed with a zeal and earnestness that would do honor to any wife.

for not many Americans now desire or care to enter into such relations, with their results, for a lifetime. The man agrees to give the girl an establishment and fits it up, and she takes possession. Here comes the most wonderful part of it all.

BOTH ARE FAITHFUL

It is a curious thing, but there are reasons for it. No married woman could more faithfully keep her marriage vows than the place woman keeps her faith.

Sometimes he may invite a very intimate male friend to dine with him at this house. I shall never forget a dinner of this sort, some years ago, where the host was a young French merchant, whom I knew well.

There are perhaps in New Orleans today two or three hundred couples whose relations to each other are as mentioned. It is a matter that is extremely curious and interesting.

A USEFUL BARN

The Farmer's Sons Are Getting Their Educations from His Painted Sides. From the Kansas City Star.

A bicyclist recently made a little journey into the country. As he wheeled along the road he came to a farm house, the owner of which he knew slightly.

Mixed

An Edinburgh minister preached one Sunday in a country church to a congregation of one old woman and two children.

Certain Evidence

"Do you know my wife?" "No, I have not that pleasure." "Pleasure? Now I know that you don't know her."--Judge.

FOG IN THE CANON

Banked in a serrated drift beside to sea Rolling, wind-hurried in a snowy spray, Majestic and mysterious, swirling free, The ghastly flood is massing, cold and grey.

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did you not tell me? Here is something for you," and she put into his hands an envelope.

He opened it listlessly, and there was a check on the strongest bank in the city, the Canal bank, certified for \$70,000.

THE FORTHCOMING BOOKS.

Says the Chicago Record: Judging from the advance announcement lists sent out by the various book publishers, the coming fall will be a notable one.

THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

In the department of history so many interesting volumes are promised that it is difficult to select titles for special mention. However, the most important works are probably Goldwin Smith's "Political History of England."

THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE

Such as science, religion, politics, etc., there are comparatively few very important books announced, but the few that are included such works as E. L. Godkin's "Problems of Modern Democracy."

THE DEPARTMENT OF ILLUSTRATED BOOKS

In the department of illustrated gift-books, or books especially prepared for holiday trade, we are to have elaborately illustrated editions of Thoreau's "Cape Cod," De Amicis' "Constantinople," John Fiske's "The American Revolution," and Irving's "Bracebridge Hall."

TALES OF THE TIMES.

Robert Louis Stevenson's "In the South Seas," "Sketches from the United States of America," by A. P. Tversky ("The Russian Bryce"), and among the most important books of travel, three new books on South Africa, by such writers as James Bryce, Oliver Schreiner and Miss Kingsley.

Senator Brice wears out one eyeglass string a day when he is in his seat. He has a great fashion of taking off his eyeglasses to look at the papers, and string around his finger, then he lets the glasses swing out full length, to the confusion of any passing senator, official and unimportant.

A story is told of some visitors who were going through a country jail under the escort of the chief warden. After a little while they came to a room in which were a number of prisoners.

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master, was busy working up the mail, but as soon as he had finished he acceded very cheerfully to an interview.

"To begin with," said he, "I suppose you want to know how I was cured of rheumatism? Well, it was remarkable. I had never, given up all hope of ever being cured. Why, sometimes I couldn't walk for weeks at a time. I suffered constantly and was never entirely free from it.

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