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### WHO SAYS WOMEN HAVE NO INGENUITY

Some of the Curious Inventions Which They Have Patented.

#### MANY FOR THE BENEFIT OF MAN

What is Revealed as to the Capability of the Fair Sex by an Examination of the Records of the Patent Office--Unique Devices for Giving Comfort and Saving Labor--Aids to Feminine Beauty.

From the Washington Star.

Women are thinking harder these days than ever before. They are inventing things and getting them patented. No longer are their ideas given to the public under the names of their husbands and brothers. At the same time it is noticeable that very many of their inventions, as shown by the files of the patent office, are for the use and benefit of men exclusively, and the number and variety of articles patented by the fair sex during the last few years rival those of the men.

#### FOR MAN'S COMFORT.

Women are so much interested in the comfort and welfare of men that they have devoted a great deal of time and thought to inventing articles which are entirely for their benefit. For instance, the fair inventor of a mustache guard could never be suspected of selfishness. Another feminine patentee has an idea which she calls an "improvement in cigars." Her notion is that the tobacco shall be soaked in an extract of pine needles. Another thinks that cigars made of eucalyptus leaves leave a clean and pleasant taste in the mouth unlike horrid tobacco. These leaves may also be used for pipes or as snuff. They are likewise good for tooth powder or with the addition of suitable fats for soap and candles. Other patents of which she is enabled to turn all the hot air into one room and have that comfortable even if the rest of the house is freezing. It is harder to guess why one of the gentler sex should devote her ingenuity to contriving an apparatus for sanding railway tracks.

#### FOR FIRE AND TRAVEL.

Women are very nervous and seem to especially dread being burned up, as is shown by the fact that they have taken out more patents for fire escapes than for any other article. One of the most novel of these ideas is for a spring bed that can be converted at a moment's notice into a fire escape. A thermometer that is at the same time a fire alarm is very ingen-

ious. Another feminine notion is to have the doors and shutters made of fire-proof material, so that even if the house were burning there would be a good chance to get out.

It is very evident that women have experienced great discomfort while traveling, as the number of trunks they have patented will testify. One of the most ingenious of these can be turned, when desired, into a bureau or a writing table. Another is a combined trunk and bed. The fair inventor of this latter must have suffered much to have thought of this contrivance. Others who have been crowded for room have devised trunks that fold themselves automatically. A most novel idea is for a convertible or combined bath tub and traveling bag.

#### RELIEF OF HOUSEKEEPERS.

Housekeepers suffer more annoyance from insects than from any other evil they have to contend with, and it is not surprising that they have devoted much attention to ways and means of getting rid of them. One woman has invented a device to protect chairs and tables from crawling bugs. Of course, if they cannot walk up the legs of the furniture the latter is safe from them. Somebody else has patented an insect guard for doors, her idea being to keep

them out entirely. Another has patented a fly trap with fair originators. A very humane woman has devised a net to protect horses from flies. Only those who have been tortured by the pests can appreciate a mosquito cap for out of doors which will fold up and go in the pocket, being thus easily carried about and always ready for use.

#### BICYCLE PATENTS.

That craze of the day, the bicycle, has not been neglected by the women inventors. Patents have been granted to them for almost all parts of wheels. Several fair riders have exerted all their ingenuity in trying to devise comfortable saddles. Others have tried their hand in making locks. They have also made experiments in pneumatic tires. The luggage carrier for velocipedes was the idea. But, of course, they have devoted more attention to bicycle garments than to anything else in connection with the wheel. Trousers that look like skirts appear to be their most particular ambition.

Much thought has been expended by the women inventors of our country to things to make life for the afflicted more endurable. One has patented a typewriter for the blind. Another has made a slate for the blind, by which

they can tell what they are writing as they put it down. An attachment for railway cars which deadens the sound is undoubtedly for the benefit of nervous people. For any one who has no hands a rocking chair with a fan attached to it which will work as the chair rocks would be invaluable. A sunshade for horses is most humane.

#### REALLY FEMININE.

The most strictly feminine articles devised by women are for the enhancement of beauty. There is nothing that can add to their attractiveness that they have not thought of. The most ambitious of these is an instrument that is supposed to restore facial symmetry. Anybody with crooked features who wears this apparatus persistently enough will be rewarded by their becoming straight. If one has simply a bad complexion there are innumerable remedies. A mask to be worn at night is supposed to be most effective. A hygienic apparatus for steaming the face is greatly beneficial, as is also a vapor face bath. Then, of course, there are all sorts of cosmetics.

Some women's hands are their special pride, so one has invented what she calls a "hand protector." This enables the owner to work without disfiguring those useful members. We

should all have tapering fingers, and if nature has not bestowed them upon us we can cultivate them artificially. The apparatus required for this is very simple and can be worn at night. It compresses the ends of the fingers. A cap for keeping the ears close to the head is another important beautifier, as nothing is more hideous than ears that stand out.

#### GENIUS FOR TOYS.

It is only too evident that the inventor of a combined beer and water cooler likes to drink the wicked malt beverage hereafter. Probably the woman who thinks that she has discovered a method for the purification of alcoholic liquids will not be thanked by the men. Undoubtedly the originator of the device for lowering keys from windows has a husband who stays out late at night. The woman who invented a means for detecting whether sealed envelopes have been opened must have had her tampered with many times to make it seem of such importance to her. Another of the gentler sex must have been robbed to think of a device to prevent purses from being stolen out of the pocket. Many of the more timid have patented burglar alarms.

Perhaps the most rational class of in-

ventions to engage the efforts of women is that of toys. There is no conceivable article for the amusement of children that they have not thought of. One novel idea is for a card game, that helps the player to learn a language, thus combining work with pleasure. A very pretty notion is for a skipping rope that is musical, playing a tune as the children jump. But the real feminine mind takes more delight in planning dolls than in anything else.

Everything in connection with the art of sewing has received unlimited attention from women. Sewing machines without number have been patented and all sorts of attachments for them have been devised. One lady fair one has originated a motor to run her machine, thus saving herself all labor. A very useful contrivance is a thread-cutting arrangement to be attached to thimbles.

#### ODD DEVICES.

Among other odd or otherwise interesting inventions by women are an electrical head clamp for relieving pain, a carriage with only one wheel, an egg feeder, a smoke stack for locomotives, a portable balcony, an elevated railway, a submarine telescope and lamp combined, a system of electric night signals and a table to attach to the berths of vessels. The instinct of the gentler sex for economy is illustrated by a combined school desk and organ, a sofa that can be turned into a bathtub, a canteen and lunch box, a table that can be converted into a lunch basket, a combined collar and tie, a door plate that is at the same time a card receiver, a lantern that can be turned into a dinner pail, a combined paperweight, calendar and musical watch, a baby tender that fits into a crib and a railway chair and crosstie combined.

#### CABINET SURPRISES.

The Rule is That Unexpected Names Are Chosen for Unexpected Places. Major Handy in the Times-Herald.

With the newspapers cabinet-making begins as soon as a new president is elected. With the president-elect himself it does not begin very often until within a few weeks before inauguration day. While public opinion generally picks out one or two winners of portfolios, it has almost never picked them all out and given them the right portfolios. It is the exception rather than the rule that any statesman has the right of way to the cabinet as Webster had with the elder Harrison, as Seward had with Lincoln, as Washburne had with Grant, and Blaine had with Garfield and Benjamin Harrison. No man except McKinley himself has the position in the Republican party today which was occupied by Webster in the whig and Blaine in the Republican ranks, nor has any living statesman the personal relations with McKinley which Washburne enjoyed with Grant. Moreover less than any president in the whole line is McKinley under mortgage by the conditions of his nomination and election.

The presidential habit has been to spring surprises on the public in the personnel of the cabinet. Grant in his first term surprised the country with Fish, Rawlins, Belknap, Bovie, Roberson, Creswell, Akerman and Williams, and in his second term with Bristow, Morrill, Taft and Jewell, to say nothing of A. T. Stewart, who was bowled out before the public had time to realize the incongruity of the appointment. Hayes unshared Kez, Devens, Ramsey and Goff. The formation of Garfield's cabinet was a mystery until his message went to the senate on the 4th of March. Lincoln, Kirkwood and James were unexpected and MacVeagh was a bewildering surprise. Arthur astonished the country with Folger, Hunt and Hatton. Cleveland has broken out in the whole line in McKinley under when he came to making up a cabinet or filling vacancies therein, and Harrison was not far behind him.

It is the great advantage of Major McKinley that he has a thorough knowledge of contemporary politicians in respect to their limitations as well as to their abilities. Namely, to him any man in public life and he will tell you his antecedents, his personal characteristics, his associations and his qualifications and drawbacks for official position. With most of them he has served in congress or had intercourse as a congressman. Nor has his own absorption in politics circumscribed the circle of his acquaintances. He knows, personally in most cases, and in others by reputation, the great manufacturers and importers, the bankers, the merchant princes, the leaders of organized labor, the expert handcraftsmen, and the political economists, theoretical and practical. There is no city and no section of the country in which he would be a stranger, and his memory of names and faces is scarcely second to Blaine's. This large acquaintance makes it the more difficult to satisfy the personal expectations of individuals, but, on the other hand, it affords assurance that, relying upon his own judgment and knowledge, he will be much less likely to put square wheels on round holes or old wine in new bottles.

#### ENGLISHMEN AND AMERICA.

Leading Public Men Who Have Always Been Friends of Ours. From the Century.

The fact that the English public men who have understood America, or who have seemed to care to understand her, have, at least until recently, always represented a small minority. During the first century of our national life scarcely an Englishman of eminence was clear-sighted enough to perceive America's real devotion to great ideals. Our British kinsmen thought us a horde of Gradgrinds and nothing else, whereas, in spite of seeming absorption in material things, the national life was grappling with mighty ethical and political ideas which the selfishness and irresponsibility of politicians might sometimes distort, but could never stifle. Leigh Hunt, as Lowell used to remind us, could never think of America without seeing in imagination a gigantic figure of metal were carved great enough to do much execution over sea. Carlyle sneered; we remembered his dyspepsia and forgave. Ruskin contemplated the vista of his eloquent contempt upon our sacrifice to America's freedom and integrity; we abate no jot or tittle of our veneration for his prophet's message, while we strove to make just allowances for the vagaries of the hyperaesthetic temperament. These things it was easy to condone.

The Englishmen who have understood American life have judged it by something besides the froth of the irresponsible press and the antics of provincial "statesmen." Cobden's fatal exposure of his life to do us service and John Bright's brave words in the hour of our distress can never be forgotten. The memory of Thomas Hughes--alas! that we must write "memory" now--will always remain a rich and fragrant legacy, to which, in a peculiar sense, we are coheirs with Englishmen, while the work of Mr. Bryce has not only won our respect and gratitude, but is bound to leave deep impress on our life. None of these men was blind to the evident follies, defects and cruelties of the strenuous life of an earnest and virile people. On the other hand, none invited distrust by silly attempts to flatter or cajole. But all were quick to recognize in American aspiration, achievement and representative character, something other and better than mere bigness. They even ventured now and then to speak of these things as great; but the words sit better on their lips than on ours.



HIS MISTAKE.

"I'll Just Leave This Young Man a Shaving Set."--Life.

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