

WOMAN'S REALM

A Short Biography.

"This is the life of little me. I am the wife of Beerbohm Tree." Thus Lady Beerbohm Tree when asked to write her "life"—surely the shortest autobiography on record. Lady Tree is shortly to appear on the variety stage, and patrons of the music halls will then have an opportunity of seeing one of our very cleverest and most distinguished actresses; for, beside her histrionic gifts, Lady Tree from an early age developed a taste for classics and mathematics. Her favorite subject was Greek, at which she was most learned, and many years ago she took part in a Greek play before an audience which included so distinguished a classical authority as the late Mr. Gladstone.—Tit-Bits.

Success With Dinners.

Success in dinner giving is something like success with flowers. The guests must be grouped as artistically with regard to congeniality as the flowers are with reference to color and form, and both must have the right sort of environment. The room must be cool, but not too cool, and the viands must be well chosen, well cooked and well served. The lights must neither be too dim nor too bright, and the flowers should have

Our Cut-out Recipe.

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Cocoanut Pudding.—One pint of milk, two eggs, two tablespoonfuls of cocoanut, one-half cup cracker crumbs, one saltspoonful of salt, one teaspoonful of vanilla. Beat eggs separately, adding yolks to the milk and then mixing with cocoanut and salted cracker crumbs; flavor and bake a half hour. Make a meringue of the whites of two eggs and one cup of sugar. Put on pudding after it is baked and return it to oven to brown. Serve with cream. This is good either hot or cold.

but little odor, for, however delicious, the fragrance of flowers grows heavy as the evening wears on. With all this and congeniality, a dinner cannot fail, and in those few hours one can get better acquainted with those on either side than would be possible in weeks under less favorable circumstances.—New York Tribune.

Commercial Instinct.

"It is the fashion nowadays to sneer at the commercial instinct, and to despise it as something common and vulgar; but in reality it is nothing of the sort. The essence of vulgarity is the concealment of vulgarity. The common man who knows that he is common ceases to be common by this knowledge; by realizing that he is not a gentleman he almost becomes one. The really vulgar people are the people who are forever pretending that they are not vulgar; the truly ill-bred are those who are constantly parading their gentility. There is nothing that is vulgar in itself; it only becomes vulgar when it pretends to be something else. Therefore the commercial instinct is never a common instinct, except when it sets itself up as not being commercial at all."—Ellen Thornycroft Fowler, in Home Notes.

No Shame.

In Turkey there is no shame attached to slavery. Can the same be said of our domestic service? Should a servant marry a rich man here and be raised into the ornamental class would she not find it hard to live down her former state? In Turkey the mother of Sultan Abdul was a slave, as is the wife of the Khedive of Egypt, and no disgrace attaches to the fact. It is this which primarily differentiates Turkish slavery from what we are accustomed to associate with the word—this and the fact that the slaves do not come from an inferior and servile race, but from among themselves. There is no caste in Turkey. All persons below the Sultan are equal before Allah. Every man and woman has a chance to rise, according to his personality—his intelligence, charm or beauty.—Metropolitan Magazine.



Diamonds and pearls are the ruling jewels for great occasions.

Attractive skirts and waists are joined in semi-princess style.

Broadcloth, in pale shades, is highly popular for evening gowns.

Skirts of zibeline, in stripes and plaids, are worn with plain coats.

Collars and lappels are wide and long on nearly all coats and jackets.

Coats distinctively separate and for dressy wear are long and rather full.

Gold and silver cloth is used as lining to the sheer net yoke and sleeves.

For evening wear satins of more or less lustre are holding on tenaciously.

Fur trimming has appeared on

some of the most notable opera gowns.

Jersey top petticoats are still popular and promise to increase in demand.

White gilt buckles are still in evidence; some fancy footwear has buckles matching the color of the gown.

The tucked sleeve is smaller than the one which is plain and either may be made in the full or shorter length.

White jet plays a leading part in decorating young girls' dance frocks, and it also decorates white and black gowns.

Instead of satin for brides, this year will witness the dawning star of all dull finish crepe surface material.

For dressing sacques flannels and albatross are very appropriate as well as cotton crepe and other wash materials.

Dutch collars will be worn in the house because of their comfort, but for modish street wear they will be less seen.

The beautiful willow plumes are coming into their own again after the rage for fruit trimmings on late season hats.

There is no trimming on a waist which gives it so much individuality as a touch of hand embroidery work or braiding.

Pekin messaline is the name given to a particularly alluring silk striped chiffon cloth that is quite a favorite for blouses.

Among the new umbrellas are those with palmetto handles. The handles are handsomely carved and highly polished.

Very pretty with coats and colored blouses is the deep cuff of linen with embroidery buttonholed scallops and pleated lace frill.

Sumptuous wraps for the afternoon as well as for the evening are made with wide, loose sleeves, and many have the burnous drapery.

Beads and braid combine to make some of the new and unusual cabochons on hats and gowns. They are to be had in a variety of colors.

Philippine Waterways.

The city of Manila has a perfect system of canals running in all directions. These canals are extremely valuable to business houses having their warehouses and go-downs along their banks. Cargoes are taken from the ships in the bay and transferred by lighter over these streams and the goods landed in storehouses, oftentimes far back from the bay shore in the heart of the city. The city recently appropriated a large sum to extend, dredge out and deepen, and to wall up this valuable system. Persons are often transported from their homes into the shopping districts by water, the covered bancas resembling the gondolas of inundated Venice. Small motor boats will eventually carry passengers and tow barges over these canals.

There is sufficient idle waterpower in the unharnessed mountain streams and falls in the islands to turn every wheel used in manufacture in the archipelago. Several of these falls are located near Manila, and plans are already on foot to utilize their energy. There is scarcely a province which has not from one to a dozen big waterfalls, nearly all of which will some day be valuable to man in more ways than one.—Cassier's Magazine.

The Secret of Bronze.

It has been supposed that the ancients had some method of hardening bronze tools, the secret of which has been lost. Professor Gowland, of the British Institute of Metals, says that the ancient bronzes were very impure, so that their hardness could not have been due, as is sometimes assumed, to their exceptional purity. On the other hand, inasmuch as modern bronzes by careful hammering can be made as hard as the ancient ones, the legend of a lost art in bronze-hardening seems to be exploded.—Youth's Companion.

Difficulty is being experienced by Japanese banks in finding employment for their deposits. The First Bank is said to have 8,600,000 yen (\$4,200,000) lying idle and the Mitsui Bank 7,200,000 yen (\$3,600,000).

POPULAR SCIENCE

A remarkably long wireless transmission was recently recorded by the steamship Tennessee, five days out from Honolulu, which succeeded in catching a message from Table Bluff on the coast of California. The message was a weather report, which was afterward verified by the Navy Department. The distance of transmission was 4580 miles.—Scientific American.

A little salt in one's drinking water is "good medicine." Salt applications to the skin are wonderfully soothing and wholesome. There is nothing better as a wash for the throat and the nasal passages to prevent or to cure catarrhal troubles than a solution of common salt in plain water—the cheapest remedy one can find. Many persons give their eyes a daily bath of cold salt water, with satisfactory results.

A recent test of wireless telephony was made to show its value for transmitting music. Several selections were sung in a transmitter at Park avenue and Fortieth street, New York, and were listened to by a group of newspaper men at the Metropolitan Tower. At times the singing was very clear, but frequently it was impossible to hear anything but a confused blur of sound.—Scientific American.

Dr. E. E. Barnard, of Yerkes Observatory, secured photographs of Comet A 1910 on January 21, 24, and February 1, 3, 4 and 6. Cloudy weather prevented the taking of any other photographs. Dr. Barnard informs us that one of the interesting features of this comet was an extension from the head about one-quarter of a degree long toward the sun. This extension was in a line with the prolongation of the southern edge of the tail.—Scientific American.

The mechanical laboratory of the Polytechnic Institute, of Worcester, Mass., has undertaken a study of the relative thermal conductivity of rolled copper and of copper deposited by electrolysis and not rolled. The conductivity of the rolled copper was found to exceed that of the electrolytic copper by thirty per cent. This is an interesting instance of the change in the internal structure of metals which is produced by mechanical treatment.—Scientific American.

Girls' Prospects Best.

The lady who demanded equal rights was speaking. "Every boy born in this country," she said, "may have the proud hope that the people will some day elevate him to the Presidency. That is very fine for the boys. It gives them something to look forward to. But what about the girls? What glorious future do you picture for them? Why should not they, too, have the right to—"

"Pardon me, madame," interrupted a little man who had a front seat in the gallery, "we do give the girls something to look forward to. Ain't every man who has a daughter trying his best to get rich, and don't all the girls from the time they get through the kindergartens begin to hope that they may marry foreigners with titles? Talk about lookin' forward to a glorious future! Why, for every boy that grows up to be President twenty girls get titles."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Etiology of the "Rum Blossom."

In a recent address before the New York State Medical Society Dr. L. Duncan Bulkley, one of the leading specialists on skin diseases, discussed the very interesting and important question of the effect of alcohol on the skin. Briefly summed up, his conclusions were that taken internally in any considerable amount alcohol tends to weaken the resisting power of the skin, as well as the rest of the body, to infection; that in many diseases of the skin its effect is bad; but that applied locally as a wash or dressing or disinfectant it might be useful. The common alcoholic beverages, he said, differed very considerably in their pathological effect, from which, it seems fair to assume, that other substances play a part in the result.—New York Press.

Not the Seal-skin.

Simeon Ford, apropos of wifely sympathy, said at a recent dinner in New York:

"How hard it is when the wife is unsympathetic!"

"Poor Jones trudged home through zero weather the other night and, blowing on his frozen hands, said solemnly:

"Well, I've got the sack."

"Oh, you dear!" his wife cried. "The seal-skin or the other one?"

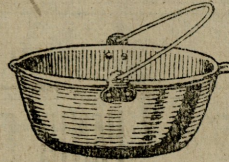
"The other one," said Jones, laughing, bitterly."—Washington Star.

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