

**Durability of the Obelisk.**

Commander Gorringe lectured a few evenings since, before the Teachers' Association of New York, on "The Obelisk and African Archaeology." In the course of his lecture, he said:

"The ancient Egyptian obelisks were originally monoliths, and were all quarried at Syene, on the banks of the Nile, about 750 miles from the sea, where there exists an enormous mass of rock known as syenite, celebrated for its hardness, freedom from cracks and veins of foreign matter, and susceptible of the most beautiful polish. It has been asserted that the climate of Egypt is more favorable for the preservation of syenite than that of Paris, London and New York. I contest the accuracy of this assertion. The wonderful preservation of the Egyptian monuments is due to the material of which they are made, and not to the climate. In Egypt very heavy dews accumulate in the summer and autumn, when the sky is almost cloudless and the sun puts forth its greatest heat. The moistened surfaces are acted on by the powerful rays of the morning sun, and, as is universally the case where there are heat and moisture, there will be decay. Thus it is that the eastern and southern sides of the monuments all along the Northern coast of Africa show signs of disintegration, while the western and northern sides remain more or less uninjured. You have observed that the hieroglyphics on two of the sides of our obelisk are perfect, while on the other they are more or less obliterated. This is not due to the sand storms of the desert, as has been stated, because the most perfect side was facing the southwest, from which direction the most severe sand storms of Alexandria invariably come. The same conditions that caused the defacement of two sides in Egypt exists in New York, but under different circumstances and to a less degree. It is only during the summer afternoons, after the thunder shower, that the sun has an opportunity to exert his most powerful influence on a moist surface. This is the reason I have turned the worst face of the obelisk to the west to receive whatever injury may result from the same cause. Many persons interested in the preservation of the hieroglyphics as they are, have expressed some anxiety as to the effect of severe cold following rapidly a heavy rain. I have no hesitation in asserting that we have little to fear from that cause."

I was sixteen years of age, and according to a common custom of German families, I had to go for twelve months to what is called a cooking school, in order to learn there, everything that is expected from a German housewife. This custom is not universal in Germany, but it prevails in many districts, especially in the northwestern provinces. A girl may be a Countess or a Baroness, a clergyman or a General's daughter, or else the child of a butcher or a shoemaker. It does not signify how or where she has been born, or what her rank is. The manners of her country require that, whoever she is, she should know how to cook, wash, iron, to clean the room, mend the linen, and plant the garden. Of course, I do not mean to say that all girls, even in those parts of Germany where the custom is most general, are forced to undergo this training. Very many, as may be imagined shirk it, and some parents do not feel the necessity of imposing this useful education on their daughters. For it must be remembered that, whether a woman's future life obliges her to do these things herself or not, and even if her position in the world allows her to keep as many servants as she chooses, these very servants, being German servants, expect her to know how to do all the work she requires of them. There is only one difference between a Baroness and the child of a tradesman. The latter learns the several duties I have mentioned in her father's house and from her mother, while the former leaves her home to learn the same details of domestic service in a strange house.—*The Cornhill Magazine.*

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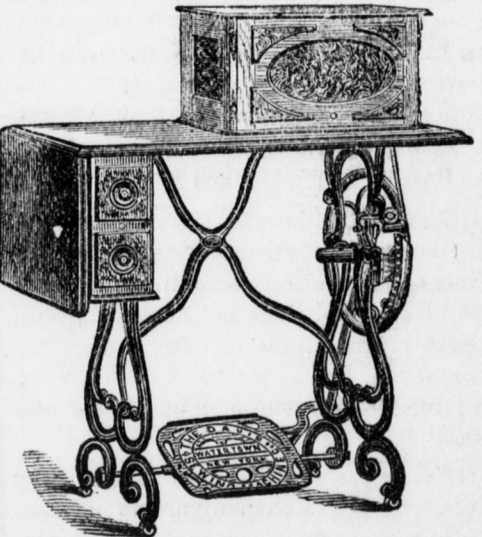
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