Dwell not upon thy mournful past.
Arise, and for the right stand fast;
Be strong and orave, fold not thy hands,
For thee still flow life's golden sands;
To better things sweet voices call
And God in love rules over all.

-John Allen Guilford, in Boston Transcript,

"You ask them, John," she said,

"They'll like it better from you."

The face of the little wife in the

big wagon brightened visibly at her

"You must be fired out" Hester be-

gan, without preamble, "We want

you to come up to the house for a

little rest and to have dinner with us.

A pleased smile breaking over the

young face seemed almost to fade out

the little worried line between the

dark eyes. An answering gleam stole

over the worn face at her side, but

couldn't give so much trouble; it

"You come right along," said John,

with kindly authority. "We want you,

so don't make any fuss about it.

The two men went off together,

Hester and the little wife beating their

way back to the sod house. A look

of cheer and comfort seemed to be

in its brown walls now. "How good

"Wouldn't you like to lie down a

Hester. "Come right into my room.

and just feel that you are at home."

A protecting kindliness had sprung up

with the appealing eyes, "You must

be so hot and uncomfortable! There's

Unpleasant thoughts were far away

as Hester prepared the simple dinner,

trying to make it as attractive as pos-

enjoy it, and it might make a bright

spot in the day for the strangers. She

making a centrepiece of the white

furry leaves. A sprig of wild geran-

There were cheery faces around the

wrought the change, and in some way

made it easier to remember in Whose

brown prairie. Bit by bit their story

untried world of Colorado, that Mecca

ed word; they said, instead, "people

seemed to seet with special favor

from the gaunt man. He accepted the

pressing offer of a third saucerful with

an apologetic laugh, and Hester men-

tally schemed to convey a generous

supply to the canvas-covered wagon.

joyed anything so," said the little

wife, "Everything's so good! And

oh, how nice it feels to be rested!

Traveling will be so much easier

They went back to the sitting room

John and Hester talked cheerily of the

prospective home in Colorado, and

brought out a book of views of the

wonderful scenery. The gaunt man

and his little wife bent over them with

the only thing for us to do, and I'm

glad we're so near there. I feel more

your kindness, I can tell you."

to the barn together.

heartened up to-day than any time

since we started. We won't forget

"Oh, pshaw!" said John, and "Don't

speak of it." said Hester, in a breath,

"It's been so pleasant for us to have

It was necessary to take up the jour-

ney again. The two men went out

The eyes of the little wife sought

Hester's, "You have been so good,"

she said, almost in a whisper, "so good

to take us in! This awful dust and

the heat- I wouldn't have minded

them so much for myself, but it has

been so bad for him. It makes the

cough worse, and that always fright-

ens me. Sometimes when we have

been going so slowly the horses just

seemed to creep, and when the dust

has almost seemed to choke him, I

have felt as if I should go frantic.

All these days that we have been on

reach Colorado. I have felt as if I

couldn't wait, when the waiting might

mean everything to him, and it has

been so hard, almost impossible, to

keep cheerful before him! That is

always very hard, don't you think so?

course, if they knew, that would make

How the poor young thing was emp-

tying her heart out! It was as if all

the covered wagon, rolling over the

"I wanted you to know," the excited

little voice ran on, "how kind you have

been-what a comfort it has been to

it all so much worse.

ener.

"I don't know when George has en-

with any sort of lung trouble."

iam was laid at each plate.

bright than the others.

the little wife, with a happy sigh.

they both protested faintly.

would not be right.

of my well-water."

rest until dinner."

whispered her husband.

CHECKER CONTROL OF THE CHECKER N THE PRAIRIE COUNTRY

softly.

approach

Won't you?"

By Bertha Gerneaux Woods,

THE REAL PROPERTY OF THE PARTY egs a dry, stifling day on the y trie. The south wind blowing m bot, irritating persistency us the plains raised clouds of hat almost hid the view from man at the window of the sod she could see only faintly the ad golden cups of the pricklythe deep crimson of the pinnerus blossoms, breaking the avof the brown stretch of land. my bells on the yucca were with the dust of the plains, small square sitting room, althe windows were tightly gay conting lay on the furand mantel, on the row of imas and the little pot of in the window. Hester lips were tightly compressed was a sad look in her eyes. oth wind was blotting out er view more than the flowerposseape. It seemed to dim pleance of the long days of weather, when the prairie

one came in with a heavy. mep, and stopped a moment on hold to look at the drooping it will seem to rest in a house," Then he approached her with of tenderness, laying his tolled hand on her shoulder.

m Eden and strength and hope

ge with the fresh, bracing

is the matter. Hester?" he was a smothered weariness es, but her ears seemed deaf ming to anything but the piercing voice. Half unconshe drew a little away from

USERFEI cerything." she said. "every-Why did we ever come here, to etchedness as this?"

od not attempt another caress with his anxious blue eyes, face was turned away from dden in her hands. pped something back into his

Hester did not see the mowas only on Indian arrow at he had found half buried ed, and had unearthed, thinkwould make a pretty addition binet of curiosities. She was that now she would not care ome other time, he thought, res were all quivering; it bays so when the south wind

bt." he began again, gently, en thinking for several days at know but we ought to fix way so you can go back East quite soon sooner than we You've had a hard time of re. I know how hard it's the homesickness and all,

all along. You couldn't man-John. Why, how could you?" Il get along some way-that'll and the young wife avoided the dreadright. I've been thinking I are a little of the stock, after st know Brown would be glad what I could spare."

toke bravely, and Hester smiled up to him. In the depths of an she felt sure she would sent to such a sacrifice. They wait till they could take the ned trip together, or not go But just now, with the wind ber grate her teeth together, flot protest. She was in the benjoy the imaginary self-inor regardless of what it would one dearest to her.

see," she said, briefly, so much to think over first. s good of you, John, to plan it

would have called after him and b him, if she could have seen ken his face as he went outweariness of it, and the paand the brave anticipation of ess to come.

as a few minutes he was back

Mer." he said, rather anxiously. ould you say to fetting two me in for a little rest. They've the wagon just a little way lere. She seems a childish thing, and he looks as if the lad been too much for himthin and sickly-looking. What a say to bringing them in?" John, how can we, when it's M to keep us as it is?"

soks real sick and worn," re ther husband; and that brought use he knew it would. lik them, then," said Hester,

can make it easier for them, sht to, I suppose." come with me," coaxed John

on your har, and we'll ask are a slight protesting laugh. the way I have been longing so to

nevertheless, clinging to and almost resting her face cs on his shoulder.

a country!" she said, half r breath. "Dust; dust, ev-You breathe it and taste let your eyes blinded by it?" vere very near the travelers the tired horses, with dejected ent heads, were snatching what they could. In the covered hat the man and woman-such cheeked, large-eyed man, and little slip of a wife! The hot apped the canvas cover, and els of dust over the two ocand their scanty possessions. were scanty indeed, Hester lot help seeing in the briefest A dry, untempting lunch the la taking from a basket. Some elf-pity that had darkened face all the morning faded and was replaced by a purer,

cheered as up, too. It has been so strange-all this journey-every day Perchance thou many times hast failed, Some weakness over thee prevailed, And thou hast faltered in the strife And saddy rued thy blighted life; Though great thy grief and keen thy pain O weary one, take heart again. taking us farther away from home and the trying to choke down the homestekn ss-an-" short with gratitude and tears shining

in her eyes, There was just time for Hester to take the little brown hand in hers and press it close, when the two men eame back.

They

sald

The man with the stooping shoulders and the flush on eithe, cheek went up lose to the little woman with the right, eager eyes,

She broke off

"Well, little woman, are you 'most endy?" be said, patting her shoulder. You've had a fine rest, haven't you?" He coughed sharply as he spoke, but

she smiled up at him brightly that be might not know how much more it racked her chest than his. "You'd better get on your bonnet,

little woman." he said: "It's time we were going. I don't know how we're to thank you and your wife, Mr. Gilbert, for all you have done for us, but we feel it, sir, we feel it."

"It wasn't anything at all." John protested. "It has done us good to have you here.

Hester and the little young wife went into the tiny bedroom together. The wind had stopped its maddening song outside, and the air was clear again from its burden of dust. The furniture would have to be dusted for the third time that day, but the thought brought no scowl to her forehead now. The little traveler pinned on the rusty black hat, and turned to hold out both hands impulsively to Hester. "Thank you again," she said: and then, in a whisper, "Colorado is a wonderful place, isn't it? Haven't you heard about the way people get cured there-people just as bad off We'll take the horses into my barn; as George, or worse? You feel sure let 'em try my feed and a good bucket

it'll do him good, don't you?" She searched Hester's face as if to read her fate there. It was hard to meet the girlish eyes.

"I've never been farther West than this myself," she said, "but everyone says it's a wonderful climate in Colorado for people with trouble with their lungs. I'm so glad you are going little while till dinner is ready?" said strong you'll be coming back to see

The delight of that possible future was in the young wife's eyes. 'If he in her heart for this little creature only does," she said. "Oh, if he only does!

There were hearty handclasps excold water in that pitcher, and I'll changed a few minutes later. Then bring you some warm. No, it isn't a the "prairie schooner," with its freight bit of trouble. Then you must just of human love and anxieties, rolled slowly away. The two left behind in, the little sod house stood long at the window-till the wagon was seen a dark blot above the sharp horizon. sible. She would get out some of her With a quick, impulsive movement, wedding china-why not? John would Hester's hand stole into her husband's.

"How good you are?" she said, almost solemnly. "And while I have even picked a bunch of astragalus, you, why do I care about other things? Did you think I would really go East without you? Why, John, I couldn't bear it, away from you!"

Far off in the big wagon a little table, and Hester's face was not less woman sat with her round cheek pressed against a shabby cont-sleeve, The gaunt stranger sat a little more and the cry of her heart was like that erect now, and his face after even this of Hester's. "What are other things," brief rest, seemed less sharply outshe was whispering, "while I have lined. The warm, human kindness you, dear?"-Youth's Companion. as well as the outward comfort had

Something About Trees

The stems of trees have provision for a symmetrical arrangement of larger protecting care they were, and would still be when rolling over the branches, the nodes or points where the buds are produced, being placed came out. The man told how he had at regular intervals. This tendency been a carpenter and builder in Iowa; toward symmetry is, however, intershe interrupted, "I can wait, what a happy little home it had been, fered with by several disturbing together later, just as we and why they were flying now to the causes, internal and external. The most important of the varying degree of vigor in the buds for consumptives. The gaunt man which behave like distinct plants some of them growing into strong branches, while others produce comparatively small shoots. Hester's dish of canned wild plums

Even if all buds were of equal vital ity, regularity would not result. Many of the buds and tender shoots are de youred by birds, insects or squirrels When of larger size, branches are of ten torn away by high winds, blasted by lightning, or broken off by accident. A tree will sometimes grow into an irregular form through the pressure of prevailing winds. This irregularity has also its use. In a gale of wind it will be observed that the branches sway in all directions, and the various movements counterbalance each other. If the branches were arranged with perfect regularity they would all sway together, and the leverage would be so great that the keen interest. "It'll be a great move tree might often be uprooted or broken for us," he said. "It seemed to be off short.

The Scavenger of the Veldt.

The vulture is the scavenger of the reldt. Throughout South Africa he is found. Go anywhere you like on the vehit, and sooner or later-and in all probability the former-you will find

His quickness of eye is simply astounding. An ox falls out of the team, evidently ill. He is out-spanned from his yoke fellow, and he goes down to the sprult, or stream. The sky above and away to the horizon on all sides is absolutely clear and cloud-

Hardly has the breath left the body of the poor ox, when you may observe far away, far away up in the sky a tiny black speck, then another and another and another, until there are twenty of them. Gradually they get larger and larger, circling round in ever diminishing circles all the while they descend.

An hour afterward there is nothing in the spruit but a bundle of bleached white bones that might have been there for months. The sky is clear and speckless again. The vultures have scavenged the veldt.

The whistle of a locomotive is heard When your life is all wrapped up in 3300 yards through the air, the noise somebody else's, to keep that one from of the railway train 2800, the report of feeling how you suffer? And, of a rifle and the bark of a dog 1800 yards, an orchestra or the roll of a drum 1600 yards, the human voice reaches to a distance of 1000 yards, the croaking of frogs 500 yards, the the grief and anxiety of the days in chirping of crickets 800 yards. Distinct speaking is heard in the air above brown plains, had burst its bounds, to a distance of 600 yards; from above and must pour itself out to this list- it has a range of only 100 yards downward.

Woman's Use of the Matis.

The average woman has an idea me! Don't you see how much less that the Government ought to let her tired he looks? And he hasn't coughed send anything by mail from a jelly near so much, not near! You have roll to a guinea pig.-New York Press.

ECLIPSE AWED THE BIRDS. parrows Were Last to Be Quiet and the

First to Chatter. A preliminary account of the obserations made at Wadesboro, N. C. luring the recent celipse, upder the firection of the Smithsonian Instiution, has been prepared by C. G. Abbot of the institution.

"The main object of investigation." ays Mr. Abbot, "was the corona, and of this, first, a photographic study of the detailed structure of the inner orona; with, second, a determination by the botometer whether appreciable heat reaches us from it, and, possible, an examination of the form

of its spectrum energy curve, Mr. Abbot must have keen eyes and ears, for he describes minutely many things that would be expected to excape the average scientist. For instance, he says:

"It was noticed that the birds were silent during the totality, but, true to their nature, the English sparrows were last to be still and first to begin their dis ussion of the eclipse after the return of light.

"The eclipse," he goes on, "was not dark one. No second magnitude stars were observed with the naked eye. Most of the observers saw only Mercury, though Venus was distinguished by some, and Capella also was seen by a few. The high degree of illumination operated unfavorably in the study of the outer corona.

"The fall of temperature and rising breeze were distinctly noticeable before totality. No change in direction of the wind was noted. Shadow bands were seen, but those observers who attempted to measure their velocity found them too rapid and flickering for any successful work in this direction; yet there was noticeable unanimity among independent observers as to their size and distance apart (about five inches).

"The attention of all visible observers was caught by the equatorial streamers. Father Woodman describes the appearance as like a moth er of pearl, but different observers differ on the color estimate. A yellowish green tinge was noted by the there, and when he's grown well and artist of the party, Mr. Childe, while to others the light was straw-colored or golden. The visual telescopic observations of the writer gave little indication of the finely divided structure of the inner corona which he had noted at Pike's Peak during the eclipse of 1878

Mr. Abbot, with the aid of Mr. Mendenhall, detected the heat of the corone probably for the first time. This heat, though certain, was too slight to be subdivided by the dispersion e the prism with the means at hand.

Convention Cities.

Baltimore has been the scene of twelve national conventions, more than any other city in the United States. It came to be called Convention City. The first National Conven tion of the Democratic party was held there in May, 1832. The Democrats convened there again in 1836, in 1840, 1844, 1848, 1852, 1860 and 1872. Whig national conventions were held in Baltimore in 1844, 1852, and 1856, and the Republican National Convention met there in 1864. Chicago, of later years, has been more deserving the title. The Republicans made Chicago their choice in 1860, the famous convention at which Lincoln was nominated. Since then the Windy City has been the scene of the following national conventions: Democratic 1864: Republican, 1868: Republican, Republican and Democratic 1880: 1884: Republican, 1888: Democratic 1892: Republican and Democratic 1896. New York City seems to be shunned by national conventions The Democratic Convention of 1868 is the solitary record. Kansas City gets its first National Convention this year. The Republicans this year go back to the scene of their first national convention, 1856. The Republican Naional Convention of 1872 was also held in Philadelphia. The only other cities in which national conventions have been held are Washington (Whigs, 1832). Harrisburg (Whigs, 1836 and 1840). Cincinnati (Democrats, 1856 and 1880, and Republicans. 1876), St. Louis (Democrats, 1876 and 1888, and Republicans, 1896) and Min-

neapolis (Republicans, 1892). Her Jet Black Cut Glass Bowl.

A New York woman has an addition to her stock of curios since her up town home was burned out last win ter. A beautiful cut glass rose bowl survived the fire, but was stained by the smoke, which was particularly thick and dense on the dining room floor. The bowl is now perfectly black, the pattern of the glass brought out in iridescent relief. Scouring has had no effect on the new coloring. which seems to have burnt its way into the glass. A china pitcher, which also stood on the sideboard, had its delicate color fired to a readish black so evenly that no one would suspect that it was not done in a professional kiln. The two pieces were brought out by the owner at a recent luncheon, and her guests were asked if any of them had been specimens of what the hostess explained was a very rare ware; all the company fell into the trap, and most learned opinions were given around the table in an effort at decision before the joke was ex plained.-New York Commercial Adertiser.

Stumps Drawn by Wind Power.

Utilizing the wind as a stump puller is an Oregon invention. It was the idea of the farmer at the State penitentiary, whose task was to clear six acres, and with the aid of the wind he cleared the whole tract in six weeks, although the timber was a dense growth, the firs measuring from one to four feet in diameter. The winds in the quarter blew strong from the south at this season. The farmer put his men to work on the north side of the fir grove. They cut a log and dragged it close to the north side of the bases of the fir trees that were to be felled. The preparations were made during the first day, and then the men went home and slept while the wind did the rest. During the night a strong south wind blew the trees down, and they, in falling across the logs, pulled up the taproots. The next day the men sawed up the fallen trees, burned the brush, and laid their logs for another lot of trees. They proceeded in this way until the whole grove had disappeared.-Farmer's Advocate,



THE EDICTS OF FASHION.

outdoor bodice, and at the same time one simple of construction, is always ticle of dress. China silk. French lawn, welcome. In this model, reproduced liberty silk and surah, laid in fine linfrom the Philadelphia Record, tucks gerie tucks, are the fabrics most used dispose of slight fulness at the waist for guimpes on everyday gowns. For both back and front, the opening in more dressy wear dainty styles are the latter being fastened by cords from formed of intersected ribbon-black tiny gilt or silver buttons. The vest velvet, for instance, crossed with colwe should suggest making in either white satin or cloth embroidered all faille ribbon about an inch wide. A over with an indescribable design in gold and silver thread, a narrow applique of the same edging the revers, cuffs, and that smart Medici collar, which is so invaluable in imparting an outdoor air to a bodice.

Black panne or satin, slightly folded,



BODICE FOR A WALKING PROCK.

fashions the corselet, which is obviously made over a well-shaped and boned foundation.

Two Elaborate Blouses.

Of the two blouses shown in the large engraving the first is of chiffon silks and also hosiery. Fine lislein the new tea-rose yellow coloring. over this charming foundation coming black net embroidered in jet paillettes, and in its turn overlaid with a design of single flowers and leaves in ivory lace applique; while then at the walst silk counter. Some, but not all, have there is a deep swathed band of rosepink silk, a twist of which-in a slight- are obviously meant to be worn with ly paler shade-is drawn up between low-cut shoes,

New York City (Special).-A pretty a chemisette or guimpe, great attention is bestowed upon this picturesque arored satin or two shades of a color in popular combination on French dresses is mauve and a lovely tint of pale blue. Another variety of guimpe is made of much wider ribbon and guipure inser-

This pretty fashion admits of almost endless variation, and the rows of ribbon, tucking, fancy silk, all-over embroidery, etc., composing the guimpe are sewed to a thin foundation or to a light silk underwaist, which reaches to the belt. In any of its guises the guimpe is more than ever in vogue. It is easily made and adjusted, and it gives a charming variety to gowns of the simplest make.

An East Indian 'Kerchief.

A great many girls like to cover the top of the head when bathing with a silk handkerchief of some becoming color, instead of wearing one of the mackintosh caps. The handkerchief can be chosen of a becoming that or to match the bathing suit. If your suit is of black serge, satin or brilliantine, or of navy blue material, you can use one of the bandanas of glorious East Indian coloring, tropical greens and orange, blue, violet and dusky reds. Cut the bandana in half diagonally and then it is just the right size.

New Summer Stockings.

There is no silk nor design of floriated pattern on the new summer stockings yelept foulard stockings. It is simply the clever idea of a merchant who sells thread stockings of colors to match the foulards most in demand, blues of various shades, browns, gray, a few "crushed raspberry," amethysis, sage green or tans are heaped up by the open work meshes as decoration. They



the glittering meshes of the net in front, and finishes in flower-like rosettes beneath a yoke of shirred yel-

low chiffon, which gives place to a collar-band of folded chiffon decorated

with jetted flowers arranged in medalllon form. The second blouse is of plisse chiffon

in the delicate coloring of old ivory (the very latest fashionable shade this), where the soft effect of the closely clustering pleats is considerably in creased by the use of pressing instead of stitching to keep them in place Medallion insertions of mellow-tinted old muslin embroidered in a floral design are edged with black Chantilly lace; while at the sides, as you may see, some other lace of lyory-tint is introduced. Bands and rosettes of black velvet baby ribbon hold the lace to gether in front over the fulness of the pleated chiffon, and there is a waistband to match, while the revival of the quaint old fashion in sleeves is shown in quite its prettiest form by the effective arrangement of the com bined laces which give place just below the elbow to a big puff of the ivory chiffon, which, after being caught in closely at the wrist, is finished with a frill edged narrowly with black lace.

Soft fawn-colored or pearl-colored

nede leather or ooze leather forms ; stylish belt for the fastidious girl in world which is much given to wear ing pulley belts of satin or core ad silk The newer leather belt should match as nearly as possible the tone of the homespun suit. Beautiful light browns or grays predominate. Select a chatelaine bag to match, for this is the pocketless age. Get a bag with an outside half pocket, in which you can tuck your little kerchief, so as to get it easily without opening the chatelaine

bag in which your money is laid away. You can get a red or black and sometimes a dark blue leather belt, also a cream one. They are much less wide than formerly. The latest tapers off very much in front, where it shows decidedly more narrow than at the back. They run in sizes from eighteen to twenty-four inches. The narrow leather belt is certainly quite smart,

bodice is so generally cut away to show | satin stock, is work.

A new trimming exploited this season occurs in the lace bows, made very small and very neatly. They do not appear singly, but in a series, connected with narrow satin ribbons, upon which they appear to be mounted. They can be used in various ways, and on a great many materials. Their manifest

lawn frocks or dainty summer gowns of some sheer woolen material.

destiny, however, is on organdle and

A Hat Trunk. A hat trunk or hat box, as our English cousins say, will accommodate as many as half a dozen pieces of millinery. Each hat has a stout cushion, which enters the crown and serves as a mount. The hat pins run through the cushion and fasten your big hat to the mount. Now it is firm and cannot wabble about and so get out of shape.



Mohair, the most serviceable material made for summer wear, is used for the above costume, reproduced from the Chicago Record. The tone is sand color, trimmed with tailored bands of golden-brown silk. With it a violet Now that the upper portion of the silk skirt, finished with a high white

CAT DISPLAYS STRATEGY

feline Ingenuity Worthy a Military Expert

It was not his size or his beauty

which made him remarkable, though his possession of these attributes of teline superiority easily made him prominent among the cats of the neighborhood, with whom he waged unrelentless warfare, but the fact is that he possessed a controlling mind and a strategetic ability that would have made him a great commander had he been born in a more exalted sphere of life. For this cat, with true diplomacy, made friends with the dogs of his particular domain and went forth to battle attended by a bodyguard whose appearance inspired respect and assisted him in his combats. An English masteff, a bird dog, and a small cocker spaniel shared his meals, and later enabled him to gain victories over his hated rival, the gray cat across the street. This cat had had many a contest with that gray cat, but the combat always resulted In a draw, because of the guerilla tactics of his wary opponent, who preferred a short fight and a rapid dash to safety to a prolonged conflict where the superior weight and fighting ability of the c't with the controlling mind would have a decided advantage. The thought that victory, undisputed, had never yet perched upon his banners, vexed the soul of the diplomatic feline and embittered his milk and beefsteak with the wormwood of vengeance long delayed. But at last diplomacy triumphed and retribution overtook the gray prowler and disturber of midnight slumber. One day in a fatal hour the gray cat invaded the precincts of the feline Bismarck when the allies of the latter were at hand. When he struck a sudden blow and ran, a smile of joy parted the whiskers of the cat with the controlling mind, and with him the three dogs joined the chase.

Because of their superior numbers the dogs easily caught and brought to bay the gray cat and then formed a ring about him while the avenger entered the arena and began the battle. Continually driven back into the ring by the three dogs, the gray cat was unable to pursue his favorite tactics, and the result, after one of the prettiest "cat scraps" that that ward had ever seen, was complete victory for the cat with the diplomatic inclinations. Only when the gray cat, by a flying leap over the heads of the dogs, escaped did he let up in the work of righteous retribution. Then in the consciousness of victory, the conqueror returned, accompanied by his atlies, to his repast of milk and beefsteak, lord of his own domain. And the surrounding neighborhood as far as three blocks owned his undisputed sway .- Grand Rapids Herald,

High School Girls Strike. Morristown, N. J., special to Philatelphia North American: A novel strike has been threatened here. The smallest class that will ever have gradsated from the high school will be that of 1900, consisting of Misses Olive King, Elizabeth Smart, Lillian Bowman, Olive Williams and Evelyn Bennett. On commencement day it has always been customary for the gradustes to hold public exercises, sending out special invitations to their friends. Miss Lavina Conklin, vice principal of the school, has informed this year's graduates that, owing to their small number, there would be no formal exercises, but simply a lecture. This has made the girls indignant, and they have announced that they will stay away and refuse diplomas unless ex-

ercises are held as usual. MARKETS.

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