

A WOMAN'S SONG.

BETROTHAL SONG. The world is adream and pale with the moon;

BROOD SONG. The birds are nesting so safe and warm; The benches are drowned in a flood of white.

CRADLE SONG. The sea and the night and the world are at rest; The bedclothes are hidden from mother-sight.

SHE DID NOT CARE

By Maurice Gerard.

SIR ROBERT HARRINGHAM sat adding up accounts at the library table of his luxurious flat in Maddox Square.

The two men were in sharp contrast—Harringham, cool, phlegmatic, cynical, with the blue eyes, fair hair and beard of the Saxon; Freville, dark, impetuous, full-blooded, generous, quick-tempered—a veritable Celt.

Harringham was quizzing, but his friend was not listening. Freville was talking because he couldn't help himself. He had been silent too long to trouble himself as to the attitude of his listener.

"You know how I cared for Di Le-strange?" "Most people did. You made no secret of it."

"She had always seemed especially kind—to care for me. I had never said anything nor, of course, she to me. But there is a light in a woman's eye—sometimes."

"So it was in my case. I found it out at the Leighian ball. Di and Alec Travers were in a recess together. Before I knew who it was, or, in fact, that any one was there—I had only just come up—I heard Di say:

I must go. But we shall expect you at nine."

"Mother is too ill to come down stairs to-night. She will thank you herself another day; I cannot thank you enough. We owe our lives to you. I shudder when I think of that awful race from Piccadilly Circus."

"I heard you say something that night—I did not mean to—until you spoke I did not know you were there. You were in a recess in the landing at the top of the stairs, behind some yellow drapery; I can see it all now just as vividly as I could then."

"You said, 'You need not think I care about Freville.' I thought, of course Travers had been pressing you about me."

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Horses in Siege and Battle. Fights have been lost and won according to the condition and number of the horses engaged.

Gold Burdened Trees. Where surface waters run over gold formations, the gold is taken up by trees and is locked up in their trunks.

FARM AND GARDEN.

How Farms Are Impoverished. Farms become impoverished according to the kind of crop removed. It is a common expression that "one cow is about equal to eight sheep."

Soiling Dairy Cows. That it pays to give cows on pasture supplementary food during the dry months of August and September has been demonstrated at the Kansas experiment station.

A Handy Garden Plow. Any one with a knack for making things can make this plow, excepting perhaps the rim of the wheel and the shovel.



A HAND-MADE PLOW.

metal baby carriage. The two horizontal pieces are one by two inches by two feet. Shank for shovel is fifteen inches long. The handles are cut one by five inches by three feet.

Control of Soil Moisture. Plowing, which is usually the first operation upon the soil, should be thoroughly and properly done, for after-cultivation can never make up for defects in this fundamental operation.

Care of Our Orchards. It must be admitted that there is nothing so much valued at so small a cost, and which is so much neglected by many farmers, as their orchards.

Pyrethrum powder is not practical as a remedy against the squash bug. Although kerosene emulsion will kill the old bugs if applied at a strength of one pint of the emulsion to four parts of water.

An Ivy stare is not calculated to make one cool.

run any orchard beyond recovery. The trees that live on live only in part; they will grow up in very different sizes, though none will grow large.

A Remedy For the Squash-Bug. The squash bug is very well known, and wherever he makes his appearance the farmer is pretty sure to find out that an unwelcome visitor has called upon him.

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Children Like Colors. Matrons of infant asylums say that a young infant will often be cross all day if dressed in a gray frock, but contented and happy if dressed in a bright red frock.

Some Popular Collars. The favorite collars and revers are made in bolting cloth or batiste, with edgings of Arabian, Irish point, Russian or Duchesse lace.

Popularity of Swimming. Was it the heat that made swimming quite the fad this summer was it that the time is ripe for athletic persons of both sexes to distinguish themselves in water sports?

Wedding Innovations. An innovation on the stereotyped old shoe throwing at a recent wedding was a big white canvas shoe filled with rice.

Keep your Paper Clean. In an address to the Colorado Association a member of the United States newspaper industry said: "Keep your paper clean."



WOMAN'S REALM

THE "HOLD-UP" NO MORE.

"Hands Off the Skirt" is Now the Modest's Warning. The modiste is now busily impressing upon her fair patroness the lesson that is found rather difficult of learning.

The "importer" or modiste who plans the costume declares it will be the ruin of your gown if you attempt to hold it up in a fit of economy, lest the creation should be damaged.

It is better to let the skirt hang down naturally, and leave it to your maid to brush or repair the hem should it be required. Wear a walking dress on dusty street pavements, and reserve your trailing gown for occasions when you can safely wear it.

There is nothing more graceful than a trailing gown in its proper sphere, in the reception room or dining hall, on the hotel piazza or walking across the smoothly clipped green turf of a well-trimmed lawn.

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Artificial light is required to bring out the full rose-colored tints of some of the finer crepe de chine and nun's veilings.

The average cost of living of the American girl student is from fifty to seventy-five dollars a month. To keep her expenditures within the latter sum, of course, necessitates the exercise of rather strict economy.

Like most decrees of fashion, the whys and wherefores of which are usually past finding out, the reason for the double veil is a mystery.

When two veils are worn together the one next the face is of white, with large, black dots, while the other veil is of the old-time heavy blue, green or brown.

The black veil with one or two large dots in its expanse is likely to retain its popularity, since the dot, like the once fashionable bit of court plaster, has a tendency to enhance the beauty of the wearer.

A tendency to rival the zoo in variety of animal forms in her bangles and danglers is one of the fads of the up-to-date girl. Figs, turtles, alligators, lumbkebos, spiders and everything from Polar bears to roosters hang from her chateaux, bracelet and necklace.

Work is to be begun at once on the first university for women in Japan, and it is expected that the building will be in readiness to open in the spring of 1901.

The ends of all velvet or ribbon bows, which are among the popular novelties in trimmings, are furnished in some way with metal attachments.

By some it is predicted that the time will come when singing will be regarded as one of the great helps to physicians in lung diseases.

Plaid handkerchiefs are among the newest specialties. They are not bold in design nor glaring in colors, but are modestly plaided across with lines of red, blue or violet, and are only to be carried with morning costumes.

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THE SALT IN THE SEA

A certain nervous child is reported to have wept on first seeing the sea and for no other reason than there was "so much of it."

Rounding the figures, we get something like 7,000,000 cubic miles. If it were all taken out and over the surface of the six continents they would be covered with its powder to a depth of twelve feet.

How did all this salt get into English Channel—how did that 1,000 cubic miles of it get into the oceans? It is a big question, and has a wonderful answer—an answer that goes back to the beginning of things.

But these comparisons are almost huge for handling; let us take things smaller. The rolling water of the English Channel are familiar to all Londoners. How much salt is in them? Close upon a million miles. Made into a convenient and swung over the metropolitan giant deckle, it would grind to dust.

But the salt in the sea is not a salt there is in the world. The large quantity in the rocks and soil, a fraction of which is carried by year into the oceans by the rivers. Yet the ocean is not getting salt. This is because the sea creatures up salt into the structure of bones and shells, and when they die and leave these to be upon the seabed the salt remains locked up there.

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