

NEWS AND VIEWS WOMEN

The Strain of Society.

There should be an eight-hour day for "fashionable" women. We cannot talk scandal continuously for twelve, as we do now. The excitement and the strain upon the imagination are terrific.—London Truth.

Cultivates Business-like Punch.

The modern woman's aim is to be businesslike, and her affairs of the heart, such as they are, she conducts on the same principles as she would conduct a public meeting or a charity bazaar. She plays hockey and golf, fences and wrestles in order to develop her muscles, and learns jiu-jitsu principally because it is the fashion, but also because, as an "eboreal debutante" informed me the other day, "it is so jolly useful if you want to knock a man down."—Ladies' Field.

Small Economies.

"If one becomes a business woman, it behooves her to know that she can not succeed if she fritters away her energies on too many small economies. She can not work in an office all day and then sit up half the night to make her own dresses. If a man earns only \$5 a week he doesn't try to save by stitching up the seams of his own coat or trousers; if he did, he never would earn any more than \$5; he puts his head into his business and schemes to make himself more valuable; then he buys coats and trousers with his increased salary. A woman saves at the spigot and breaks down."—

Carrots for Complexions.

It's a dull day when a new fad in food isn't thrust upon a long-suffering world, and the latest is carrot-eating. If a woman would have a clear fresh complexion, says the theorist responsible for the idea, she must eat a raw carrot every day. He's no vegetarian, so he doesn't forbid the eating of meat, though he does condemn the eating of "certain of the messes called food." In a school just outside Boston, which is noted for its pretty girls, the pupils are expected to eat a carrot daily, just as they might eat an orange or an apple, and they don't make the slightest protest, either. But then, what woman wouldn't suffer to be beautiful?—New York Press.

A Woman's Duty to Herself.

"Every woman has the right—a right so inalienable as to become itself a duty—to cherish and comfort herself; to let flowers bloom in her heart; to lighten her burdens by allowing, or if need be, requiring others to share the weight of them. It will be found that a household, all of whose members share alike in the daily routine, is more cheerful and charitable than one conducted on the single-slave plan. It is more agreeable, all around, to contribute something than to accept everything; and it produces better hearts and minds and manners. And even if the housework does get neglected occasionally that is better than a neglected life; and it may sometimes be wiser to buy a new garment than to patch the old one."—Julian Hawthorne.

New York for Women's Clubs.

The Kane county federation of women's clubs of Illinois has voted to undertake the work of beautifying 30 miles of country road, from Montgomery to Carpehtersville. This road leads along the west bank of the Fox river, and from it is viewed some of the most beautiful scenery in the federation, located at Hampshire, Elgin, St. Charles, Geneva, Batavia and Aurora. All of these towns, except the first mentioned, are located on Fox River. The entire distance between Montgomery and Carpehtersville has been divided into six sections and each club will be given a section of the work, which means that each club must look after five miles of roadway. Each club has pledged itself to raise \$300 to carry on the work, so that there will be \$1,800 gathered in to be put to good use.

A Dreadful Dilemma.

A capital story is told of Governor Van Sant, of Minnesota, in connection with a recent visit of his to New York. Soon after the governor had been assigned to a hotel room, a former resident of Minnesota called and found him gazing with gloomy countenance at his trunk. After an exchange of salutations, Mr. Van Sant said: "John, I'm in a tremendous fix. I want a suit of clothes out of that trunk. Oh, yes, I've got the key all right, but my wife packed the trunk. She was to come along, but was prevented at the last moment. To my certain knowledge she put in enough to fill three trunks the way a man would pack them. If I open it, the things will roll all over the room, and I could never get half of them back. Now, what I'm wondering about is whether it would be cheaper to go out and buy a new suit of clothes of two additional trunks."—

Significant Table Linen.

A woman who has the reputation of being a most successful hostess and dinner giver makes a hobby of her table linen. She has sets of linen with flowers, designs and emblems to suit the several holidays and seasons, and

even the flowers of several of the foreign countries. There are holly wreaths for Christmas, bells and ribbon streamers for New Year's, lilies for Easter and baskets of flowers for May. Roses, sweetpeas and ferns are for summer affairs, when the same blossoms are used in decorations. Autumn leaves and chrysanthemums are for the functions of the fall, and are combined with real leaves and flowers. The fleur de lis linen does honor to the French guests, and for an Irish patriot the shamrock pattern in brought forth, while the rose or thistle blooms for the English or Scotch guest. These little attentions are always pleasing, and when one is buying linen one might as well pay attention to design as well as to the quality. Though not every one can afford to have linen woven to order, as this woman did in several cases.—New York Tribune.

Deserves a Medal.

Years ago a little woman in north-west Missouri was left a widow. The long illness of her husband exhausted their little resources, and when the husband and father was laid away the widow found herself penniless with four little children. She did not sit down to weep and repine. Her grief was deep, but her duties were heavy. She faced those duties bravely and performed them well. With her own unaided hands she provided for her little flock. She kept them well fed and well clothed, and gave them every educational advantage. During all these years of strenuous labor and heavy responsibility she found time to scatter sunshine into many dark places. Her example was an inspiration to the people of her community. Her three boys grew to young manhood and started in life for themselves. All three of them are model citizens and have achieved success in their chosen professions. One is a prosperous lawyer, another a successful physician and the other a civil engineer whose ability is recognized throughout the country. The youngest child, a daughter, was a successful teacher for several years, and a few weeks ago was married to a wealthy merchant.

The little mother, old in years but still young in spirit, is now enjoying the evening of her life, free from worry and from care, and happy in the knowledge that she has performed her full duty as a mother and as a citizen. In the distribution of hero medals should this noble little woman be overlooked.—The Commoner.

The Middle-Aged Woman in Society.

An entertaining old lady whose friendship I enjoyed used to say, with some impatience: "Because the Lord saw fit to remove Banbury is no reason why I should be left to nothing but women's lunces." Not but what she mourned the late Banbury most sincerely, but her active mind chafed at a narrowness of environment which accentuated her loneliness. In fact, it is a hardship to be condemned to a one-sided social life, and it is a misfortune which happens to many middle-aged women and need scarcely ever happen to a man of any age; for ordinarily a man can have as much feminine society as he chooses, but what will the neighbors say about an elderly woman who announces that in order to preserve a whole and healthy view of life she must seek the society of men?

It will hardly be disputed that the exclusively feminine is worse than the exclusively masculine point of view. True, one sometimes hears of the petty failings of certain classes of men—heroes at sea, for instance, who nevertheless, owing to that isolated life, become somewhat fussy and domineering when they regain the shelter of the domestic fireside; and the tales of Bret Harte and his followers have familiarized us with the rude heroes of the mining camp and the plains. But does the naval officer, wedded to law, or the miner, divorced from it, show as great a departure from the normal human type as the woman who is shut up with other women?

Of course there are as many points of view as there are men and women; one should always remember that underneath all there is the human point of view, and that people resemble each other more than they differ; yet, when all allowances have been made, some well-recognized dissimilarities do seem to be fundamental. Everybody knows, for instance, that a woman has not usually much sense of proportion; but as to that, does everybody realize how destructive to a sense of proportion a purely domestic life is,—that life which, for so long, constituted a woman's all of living? Perhaps Eve may not have been lacking in it before she set up housekeeping and accumulated things. Possibly at that time her sense of humor was not subject to lapses. It is, now; and it is most apt to lapse when she turns her attention on herself. For the average woman is inclined to take herself quite seriously.—From "The Point of View," in Scribner's.

Obliging But Original.

Magistrate—You gave this young woman such a hit on the face that she can't see out of her eyes; what have you to say for yourself?

Accused—Well, she often told me she didn't want to see me any more.—Meggenderfer Blister.

WORLD'S LARGEST LOCOMOTIVE.

It Weighs 355,000 Pounds and Has a Tractive Power of 71,600 Pounds.

The first of the five largest locomotives in the world, which the Great Northern ordered from the Baldwin Works, has been sent West, where it will be put to work on the mountains. The engine is of the Mallet compound type, with four cylinders, two sets of drivers and two pairs of cylinders. Each is practically two engines in one, and is capable of hauling over mountain grades twice as much as the best of the Great Northern now has. The best engine the company has now in service can pull 525 tons up a 2.2 per cent grade, while the new engines will be capable of drawing 1100 tons on the same grade. The only engine which approaches the Great Northern monsters is owned by the Baltimore & Ohio, which weighs 334,500 pounds. This new engine will be run on the Great Northern between Leavenworth and Skykomish, Wash. It is intended for freight service and will work on a twenty-five mile stretch of track across the Cascades. The engine is No. 1800 and has a tractive power of 71,600 pounds. In fact, when in service, the engine is able to pull such a heavy load that to prevent pulling out the drawheads on the cars, a second locomotive of the ordinary size will be coupled on just behind to take up the slack.

The locomotive has a weight on the drivers of 316,000 pounds, while the total weight of the engine is 355,000 pounds and the weight of the engine and tender is 503,000 pounds. It has a rating of being able to pull 2100 tons of freight. The tank on the tender holds 8000 gallons of water and the tender also carries 13 tons of coal. The engine has 12 drivers 55 inches in diameter. The high-power cylinders are 21½ inches in diameter and have a stroke of 32 inches, while the low power cylinders have a diameter of 33 inches and 32 inch stroke. The boiler has a diameter of 84 inches at the smallest part, with 441 tubes 2¼ inches in diameter and 21 feet long. The firebox is 117x96 inches, and the total heating surface is 5658 square feet. The grate surface is 73 square feet. Each group of driving wheels has a base of 10 feet, with a total wheel base of 44 feet. The total wheel base of both engine and tender is 73 feet 2½ inches. The engine is designed to pass curves of 10 degrees. The cylinders midway of the locomotive take the steam from the pipe leading from the dome using it at a pressure of 200 pounds to the square inch. These cylinders exhaust the steam into the front cylinders, which are of larger diameter. After performing its work in the forward cylinders, it is exhausted in the usual manner in the stack. The engine has what is known as a Wahlscheart valve motion, which has recently come into use. This valve is as old as the one known as the Stevenson valve, but it has never been used in America to any extent. This style of valve gear does away with the eccentrics and the entire mechanism is on the outside of the driving wheels.

The Novelists' Mission.

The neglect of Disraeli's writings may be in part due to the fact that most people think it is below the dignity of a statesman, or of any man following what is called a "serious" profession, to compose works of fiction. Certainly many do not yet understand that the man who writes novels may be a very wise man; they do not realize that accurately to portray human nature, and to present pictures of life, is not only a most worthy but also a most difficult task, requiring for its performance an intelligence far above the average, acute powers of observation and a keen sense of humor. For surely the great novelist is the observer sounding the depths while others glance at the surface, and examining the mysteries of life while others are content to overlook even the obvious.—Melville's Victorian Novelists.

The Doctor's Strike in Greece.

Greece is threatened with an odd strike. At a public meeting the physicians and druggists of Athens declared that their professions would soon be reduced to starvation. Many physicians of the city are actually in straits because of the ever-increasing clinics where patients receive free treatment. The disciples of Esculapius intend, therefore, to strike, unless the government prevents the further establishment of clinics and permits them to increase their fees from 2 drachmas to 3 drachmas. (A drachma is about 19 cents.) Although the motion to this effect was combated by several physicians as unworthy of medical profession, it was finally carried by a great majority, and the strike will probably go into effect soon.—Chicago Tribune.

The Universal Language of Clothes.

The top hat represents the universal language of attire. It walls and weeps against the walls of Jerusalem, and it turns up in the solitudes of the desert; even the loneliest mountain peaks are not safe from its democratic simplicity. Once I met a silk hat, probably rescued from some benevolent dust bin, milking a cow in a London park. The hat nearly caused a riot; each and every passerby turned and stared indignantly. The eccentric cowboy in the top hat finished his allotted task, and in company of his cow and the milk pail he ambled placidly out of sight. Still, one can't help asking, in the interest of personal liberty, why shouldn't a silk hat be permitted to milk a cow? The cow doesn't mind, so why should we?—Fortnightly Review.

Responsibility

You wouldn't pay railway fare to anybody who happened to ask you for it, but only to the responsible uniformed conductor.

You shouldn't feel bound to take the first cigar that's offered to you, but only the one that's plainly marked with the stamp of responsibility—the "Triangle A."

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What do you know about the nameless and irresponsible cigars offered you?

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PITTSBURG.

Wheat—No. 2 red.....	73	73
Rye—No. 3.....	72	73
Corn—No. 2 yellow, ear.....	51	52
No. 2 yellow, shelled.....	47	48
Mixed ear.....	46	47
Oats—No. 2 white.....	47	48
No. 3 white.....	45	47
Flour—Winter patent.....	3 95	4 00
Fancy straight winers.....	4 03	4 13
Hay—No. 1 Timothy.....	19 00	19 50
Clover No. 1.....	17 25	18 00
Feed—No. 1 white mid. top.....	22 50	23 00
Brown middlings.....	20 00	21 00
Bran, bulk.....	21 50	22 50
Straw—Wheat.....	10 00	10 50
Oat.....	10 50	11 50

Dairy Products.

Butter—Elgin creamery.....	38	35
Ohio creamery.....	35	27
Fancy country roll.....	18	20
Cheese—Ohio, new.....	14	15
New York, new.....	14	15

Poultry, Etc.

Hens—per lb.....	14	18
Chickens—dressed.....	13	17
Eggs—Pa. and Ohio, fresh.....	13	19

Fruits and Vegetables.

Potatoes—Fancy white per bu.....	55	60
Cabbage—per ton.....	15 00	16 00
Onions—per barrel.....	1 50	2 00

BALTIMORE.

Flour—Winter Patent.....	5 50	5 80
Wheat—No. 2 red.....	71	74
Corn—No. 2 mixed.....	48	49
Oats—No. 2 white.....	44	45
Eggs.....	28	31
Butter—Ohio creamery.....	18	20

PHILADELPHIA.

Flour—Winter Patent.....	5 50	5 75
Wheat—No. 2 red.....	77	78
Corn—No. 2 mixed.....	48	49
Oats—No. 2 white.....	44	45
Butter—Creamery.....	29	32
Eggs—Pennsylvania firsts.....	15	20

NEW YORK.

Flour—Patents.....	5 60	5 70
Wheat—No. 2 red.....	82	80
Corn—No. 2.....	52	53
Oats—No. 2 white.....	42	43
Butter—Creamery.....	21	27
Eggs—State and Pennsylvania.....	15	21

LIVE STOCK.

Union Stock Yards, Pittsburg.

Cattle.

Extra, 1,450 to 1,600 lbs.....	5 80	5 85
Prime, 1,300 to 1,400 lbs.....	5 55	5 50
Good, 1,200 to 1,300 lbs.....	5 10	5 10
Top, 1,050 to 1,200 lbs.....	4 85	5 20
Common, 700 to 900 lbs.....	3 90	3 50
Oxen.....	2 75	4 00
Bulls.....	2 50	4 15
Cows.....	1 50	3 75
Hofers, 700 to 1,000.....	2 50	4 40
Fresh Cows and Springers.....	16 00	50 00

Hogs.

Prime heavy.....	6 70	6 55
Prime medium weight.....	6 50	6 50
Best heavy Yorkers.....	6 60	6 60
Good light Yorkers.....	6 60	6 60
Pigs.....	6 50	6 55
Roughs.....	5 40	5 30
Stags.....	4 00	5 25

Sheep.

Prime wethers.....	6 25	6 50
Good mixed.....	5 80	6 10
Fair mixed ewes and wethers.....	5 00	5 60
Wool and common.....	2 00	3 00
Lambs.....	5 60	7 00

Calves.

Veal calves.....	6 00	6 30
Heavy and thin calves.....	5 50	6 30

Oil Markets.

The following are the quotations for credit balances in the different fields:
Pennsylvania, \$1.78; Texas, \$1.78; Second hand, \$1.60; North Lima, 14c; South Lima, 9c; Indiana, 60c; Somerset, 59c; Ragland, 62c; Canada, \$1.25.
For five months in the year Cairo, Egypt, is a dead city, no one staying to endure the heat who can get away.

N. HANAU Annual Clearance Sale.

I will close out all winter goods. You can save from 25 to 35 per cent by coming here to buy.

FASCINATORS—50c ones, Clearance Price 35 cents. 75c, clearance 59c. \$1.25, clearance price 87c.

NOTIONS—50c Golf Gloves for 37c. 25c Golf Gloves for 19c. 50c Handbags 26c. 25c Handbags for 15c.

LADIES' COATS—I sold coats in the beginning of the season for less than any other store in town.

\$10.00 Coats, Clearance Sale Price, \$5.00.
\$12.00 Coats, Clearance Sale Price, \$6.00.
\$15.00 Coats, Clearance Sale Price, \$7.50.

CHILDREN'S COATS—\$2.00 Coats, now \$1.39. \$1.50 Coats now 90c. \$3.00 Coats now \$2.25. \$3.50 White Bearskin Coats, \$2.25.

Come and see for yourself.

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DESTINY.

There is a day of destiny at hand For every man and woman; such a goal Appears transcendent to each striving soul Who gladly pays the tax God doth command.

Such tribute covers years of patient strife, And all who seek to gain the topmost round Must climb a ladder planted on rough ground Braced firmly 'gainst the bulwark, higher life.

The first rung's made of substance dark and dull, The touch of which doth cause most men to flinch, But, looking well ahead, their strong hands clench High hopes, an aid which every man must curl.

Another brace upon life's long incline Is self-control; a quality of force Which keeps man straight and firm on his fixed course, With fortitude which surely is divine.

"Thy will be done," the toiler prays each night, Yet prays that God may grant his strength of will To climb life's ladder step by step, until The conqueror's prize is won by right and might.

Discipline, valor, constancy and skill Lead to the highest state man can achieve; And all who know the victor must be brave That worth and virtue conquer by God's will. —Elizabeth Follen, in Christian Register.

Twenty Minutes on His Head.

Harry Stilson, an athletic young man, who recently came to this city from Atchison, made a wager yesterday he could stand on his head twenty minutes, most of the time without aid of his hands.

The feat was successfully performed. He broke the local record. But today the wager cost him his life.

This morning Stilson became unconscious. Physicians were unable to relieve congestion of the brain, a result of severe physical exertion. He died without regaining consciousness. —St. Joseph (Mo.) Dispatch to Chicago Inter Ocean.