

GIVEN CHANCE TO REFORM

"Colony of Mercy" in New Jersey Restores "Down-and-Outers" to Self-Respect.

Where the lost find themselves—where the outcasts of a great city are restored to self-respect—this describes the Keswick Colony of Mercy at Keswick Grove, N. J. More than that, now, it has become a monument to the nobility and self-sacrifice of the late William Raws, who founded it thirteen years ago and who gave his life to its success.

Here is one place where the "down and outs" are made welcome, says the Philadelphia North American. Here is a beautiful spot in the Jersey pines they are privileged to call home.

Seven miles from a saloon, in a country that nature has done her best to adorn, the atmosphere of the colony is the very opposite of that of a hustling, bustling city, which has no room for those who cannot take care of themselves. That is why it has already saved 3,000 souls. Worthless loafers, hardened slaves to drink and dissipation, find not only physical strength, but moral incentive. They learn to like healthful work, they grow to love the little chapel in which they worship thrice a day. Before they realize it, they have been regenerated.

Natural remedies are always better than medicine, as modern doctors now agree. So it is that the cures wrought at this colony are permanent. Those it saves have learned to be grateful for a relief from bondage that amounted to living death.

All the buildings in the eight hundred acres that are the colony's were erected by the men who followed the example of Mr. Raws and saved themselves. Even more, the farming and the industrial work that keep the colonists busy may soon make the institution self-supporting.

There is just one ironclad rule that will exclude any man who is anxious to reform. If he is ever caught swearing he must leave the place forever.

Danger of Draughts.

That the so-called draught is only a concentrated dose of fresh air, and that millions suffer for want of fresh air, certainly represent profound truths. Nevertheless they leave us unimpressed for much the same statements might be said of so many other things.

Lead, for instance, when distributed through the substance of india rubber gloves is as useful to X-ray workers as fresh air to ordinary individuals; but when concentrated in the form of a bullet, exposure to its impact is apt to prove inconvenient. But however these things be, we adhere to our belief that draughts are dangerous.

It is not commonly understood that the draught is merely the primum movens, the immediate cause of the ill results experienced being in some cases perhaps a micro-organism, in others perhaps a toxin, with which the system would have been able to deal effectively but for the local depression of vitality brought about by exposure to a concentrated dose of fresh air.

Longevity of Birds.

An instance was recorded in a German paper recently of the shooting of a crow with a ring on its leg bearing a date of over 100 years ago. In the same week a resident in one of the English counties wrote to the ornithological press putting on record the coming of age of his skylark. That letter brought to light the fact that if twenty-one years is not exactly a common age for a lark, it is by no means an unique one. The writer has owned canaries that exceeded the twenty-one years of the skylark, and one bullfinch he possessed reached the age of sixteen years. Exhibition or "fancy" bred birds, on the other hand, are comparatively short-lived, and the variety known as the "Scotch Fancy," the canary with the half-moon shaped body, is decrepit when two or three years old, and is becoming extinct.

Cigar Box Camera.

A fair camera can be made from two or three old cigar boxes by boys and girls who are reasonably expert in carpentry. The writer once saw one made in such a way by a boy of fourteen for a total cost of 50 cents. It took excellent pictures and was fitted with a lens that consisted of a pin prick in a sheet of tin foil. I have even heard of using silver foil paper, such as is often wrapped around chocolates, instead of using sheet tin or brass.

In exposing interior subjects such as parlors, sitting rooms and play-rooms a much longer exposure must be given to the plate. I once took a dark interior with an exposure of three hours.—St. Nicholas.

Fame and Long Life.

"The Cross of the Legion is a wonderful thing for health."

"How's that?"

"There's nothing like it to encourage long promenades in the park."—Fleegende Blaetter.

Alwys.

Agent—This speedometer will enable you to know how fast you are going.

Otto Feend—I don't need one. My bank balance tells me just as well.—Life.

THE WOMEN OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS



COLINT DE BUISSERET AND HIS WIFE



BARONESS HENGELMULLER AND HER HUSBAND

THE OPENING of the "official season" at our national capital finds in evidence a most interesting group of women as the mistresses of the principal homes in the official "foreign colony." The foreign colony is made up, it will be understood, of the families of those alien officials who are sent to this country to represent their respective sovereigns or governments. Time was when very few of these foreign ambassadors, ministers and secretaries of embassies and legations brought their wives and families to the United States when they were delegated to act as diplomatic agents on this side of the Atlantic, but with the increasing importance of the republic as a world power there has come a change, and now it is very unusual for one of these foreign statesmen to take up his abode here without bringing his entire household with him.

Consequently Baroness Hengelmuller is well known not only in most of our large cities, but in fashionable resorts such as Bar Harbor, Lenox and Hot Springs. She is a Polish woman and has become known for some of her fads, such as unique automobiles, fancy stationery and pet dogs.

The second most prominent place in the feminine roster of the diplomatic corps is held by an American woman, who is married to J. J. Jusserand, the ambassador of France to the United States. Mme. Jusserand, who is a very handsome woman, spent most of her early life in Paris, where her father was a banker, and in looks and dress she is much like the French women. Two interesting Russian women are to be found at the czar's branch office in Washington. They are Baroness Rosen and Baroness Elizabeth Rosen, the wife and daughter of Baron Rosen, the Russian ambassador. Two women also share the honors at the German embassy. Count von Bernstorff, alike to his fellow-envoy from France, has an American wife, and the daughter of the house, Countess Luise-Alexandra von Bernstorff, is as attractive as any American girl one could find in a day's journey, although without possession of the splendid complexion that is the common heritage of so many of the girls of the fatherland.

Yet another one of Miss Columbia's daughters who has a place of honor in this foreign community set down on American soil is the Countess de Buisseret, wife of the minister from Belgium, and Senora Dona Alicia Ward de Riano, the wife of the Spanish minister was Miss Alice Ward, a beautiful American girl, ere she wedded her Spanish lover after a long courtship, during which

the course of true love did not always run smooth.

To many persons the greatest degree of interest and curiosity aroused by the women of the diplomatic corps attaches to the members of the fair sex who have accompanied to this western capital the statesmen from the Orient. Baroness Uchida, the wife of the Japanese ambassador, is a very attractive woman of her type and it is easy to believe that were she garbed in her native costume instead of in the clothing prescribed by American fashion, she would look for all the world like one of the fancy pictures of Japanese belles. The Chinese minister, Chang Yin Tang, has a wife, two daughters and a daughter-in-law in his household, and as Chang is a very wealthy man they are enabled to surround themselves with every luxury, including toilettes in accordance with the latest mode



COLINT VON BERNSTORFF, HIS WIFE AND ONLY DAUGHTER



MADAME JUSSERAND

in the far east. Many people may be surprised to learn that there is an American woman in China's headquarters at Washington. She is Mrs. Yung Kwal, the wife of Yung Kwal, the secretary of the legation. She is a native of Springfield, Mass., and her husband has spent practically all the time since his marriage at the Chinese legation at Washington, so that she and her children have seen very little of the Celestial empire.

There are dozens of Spanish-speaking women in the diplomatic colony at Washington, because each of the Pan-American nations has its embassy or legation at Uncle Sam's base of operations. Senora Calvo, wife of the minister from Costa Rica, and their daughters have been residents of the United States for more than eleven years now, and some of the other women from Central and South America have been here for almost as long. Of the lesser European countries there are many fair representatives in the diplomatic circle, but in this sphere also the American woman has won her way by her beauty and cleverness, for Countess Moltke, the wife of the minister from Denmark, and Mme. Coromilas, the beautiful bride of the minister from Greece, are both natives of the United States. Even the secretary of the Persian legation, Mirza Ali Kuli Khan, has an American wife, who, like the Yankee woman at the Chinese legation, hails from New England.

A Point For Patricians

"I rented the first floor of a palace in Naples last year," said a globe trotter, "and the owner of the palace, a Neapolitan count, lived on the top floor with his family. Every day I used to see one of this man's servants trotting up the grand stairway with a pair of carriage doors on his shoulders.

"Yankee-like, the carriage doors made me curious. I did some detective work, and what do you suppose I discovered? Well, sir, I discovered that the count shared a carriage with three other noblemen, and each owner, when he went driving, used his own doors, so as to sport his crest on the panels.

"The Neapolitan nobility are great for show. Every evening, in their handsome turnouts, with two men on the box, they glide elegantly through the steep and crooked streets of Naples. These turnouts used to impress me, but now, when I see them, I smile and ask myself how many pairs of detached doors each carriage in the procession has."

Couldn't Do It.

"I can't stay long," said the chairman of the committee from the colored church. "I just came to see if yo' wouldn't join de mission band."

"Fo' de lan' sakes, honey," replied the old mammy, "don't come to me! I can't even play a mouf-organ."—Lippincott's.

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ANOTHER BUMP FOR GENIUS.



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His Wife (sady)—I know you do, dear, but it would be such a help if you'd give it up and do things with your hands.

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