



WOMAN'S REALM

WOMEN TOURISTS.

American Girls the Most Self-Reliant According to an Expert.

If any man is entitled to an opinion as to women travelers, it surely is one who for years has accompanied Cook's tourist parties in all parts of the world.

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"It is not a question of 'How to be happy though unmarried,'" said Miss Yendis frankly to the agitated persons who sought to write an equation in terms of marriage and happiness at the meeting of the Study of Life Society.

"The Sway of the Shirt Waist." A devotee of the wheel says: "Yes, it's all very well to talk of the brooks and ferns, the spring air, the sunny sky; but what won't me forever was the ravishment of finding myself outdoors in a skirt I could not step on and a waist which did not pull, press, pinch, or drag at any point."

At first women would make such confessions as this: "Do you know, I kept on my wheel rig all day yesterday! I was ashamed, but it is so easy to run up and down stairs in, I could not bear to change."

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Whims in Jewels.

Translucent enamels with rays of brilliants are being fashioned into brooches, and to fix the loose hair at the nape of the neck there are Mercury wings in diamonds.

Plain rings of moderate size encrusted with diamonds, emeralds, rubies or sapphires promise to replace the big pearl earrings now so much worn.

Among the most lovely ornaments are the art nouveau pendants and combs, with their rich coloring and lovely workmanship. A round throat clasp by peacock feathers, with a wonderful presentation of the bird with outspread tail in the centre, looks beautiful, and a comb of ivory with encrustations of gold nearly covered with color and a few very dainty placed diamonds suits a blonde head well.

Empire gowns, however, are preferred by ladies in general, especially for home wear. They are as becoming to the overthigh as they are to the overstout, their long lines concealing all the defects of each.

A useful article of apparel is a satin slip finished with a shaped founce all ready to wear beneath a muslin or lace gown. It is made low-necked and sleeveless, or with a yoke and sleeves, and comes in all the soft evening shades.

Wedding Dress Frits. Berthas, fuschs and fancy draperies are a feature of the corsage of wedding dresses, while some of the newest and certainly most unusual models are a series of lace ruffles, falling one above the other, so that the figure seems to be wound in soft, filmy masses.

Novelties in Materials. Linen batiste in natural color, spotted with black velvet woven in, is one of the novelties in materials; and still another is a new veiling with a stripe, all in one color, which gives the appearance of a cord, and yet is not one.

Ribbon boas are beautiful. In veillings velvet dots rival those of chenille.

Colored dots on linen are shown in great profusion. Pout de sole is the choice for elegant silk tailor-mades.

Most silk petticoats match the dress, though some show a preference to have it like the shirt waist or the leading note in the hat.

Household Matters

The Uses of Ammonia.

The uses of ammonia in the household are many. In cleaning of any kind it should be used in the proportion of one tablespoonful to a quart of water.

Value of Tissue Paper. The tissue paper in which parcels are rolled up should never be crumpled and thrown away, but carefully smoothed out, rolled up and laid away in some drawer or handy place where you know where to find it when you want a nice, soft, clean piece of paper.

Conveyor in the Dining-Room. One of the latest electrical appliances designed for use in large dining-rooms and restaurants is a conveyor for removing soiled linen and dishes from the dining-room to the scullery.

RECIPES. Apricots—Take one-half pound of evaporated apricot; soak in cold water until soft. Then set on stove and simmer slowly till they are soft enough to be pierced with a broom straw.

Fried Spare Ribs—Use small, tender ribs. Cut into pieces suitable for serving. Sear quickly in hot skillet, remove to back of range and cook slowly half an hour.

Oatmeal Omelet—Beat the yolks of four eggs, and one-half cupful of milk, a dash of pepper and the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs. Brown in one tablespoonful of butter in a hot frying pan. Do not stir, but when the omelet is brown on the bottom place in a hot oven to brown the top.

Calf's Heart Roasted—Let the heart soak in water for one hour; clean thoroughly; remove the tough membrane; wipe it dry; fill the cavities with a stuffing made with bread crumbs, finely chopped suet, chopped parsley, salt and pepper; put it in the dripping pan, then place in the oven and bake for an hour and a half; when it is tender remove it, take off the paper; make a brown gravy with the liquid in the pan and steam it over the heart.

Batter Bread—Beat thoroughly one egg and add a teaspoonful of salt, one level teaspoon soda, one pint buttermilk or sour milk, and one tablespoon melted lard. Into this stir three-quarters of a quart of yellow or white corn meal. If too stiff, add a little cold water (it should be of a consistency to pour), turn into a very hot, generously greased baking pan. Place in a hot oven for thirty or forty minutes, or until a rich brown. Turn onto a hot platter. Break, do not cut.

The inhabitants of Southern China are nearly all of them vegetarians.

WHY THE INDIAN FAILS.

He Looks Upon Education as a Right and Not as a Privilege.

There are in operation at the present time 113 boarding schools, with an average attendance of something over 16,000 pupils ranging from five to twenty-one years old. These pupils are gathered from the cabin, the wick-up and the tepee. Partly by cajolery and partly by threats, partly by bribery and partly by force, they are induced to leave their kindred to enter these schools and take upon themselves the outward semblance of civilized life.

Wonderful as is the human body in its mechanism and its adaptability to its surroundings, there are some very simple things that it cannot do. For example, a man cannot rise from a chair without bending forward or putting his feet under the chair or on each side of it.

The existence of a fourth state of matter has been probable ever since radiant phenomena have been extensively studied—X-rays, ultra violet rays, etc. This fourth state Sir William Crookes calls the ultra-gaseous or misty condition; solid, liquid, gaseous and misty being the four possible conditions in which matter can exist.

There are few birds that change their names and their dress, as they fly from clime to clime, more than does the bobolink. In New England, where he arrives with his mate in May, his plumage is as bright as the song that has given him his name.

A Trout's Memory. The late Seth Green, "the father of American fish culture," believed that fishes have memories, and the New York Sun describes an exhibition which he gave, by way of proof, to almost every one who visited the State hatchery at Caledonia.

In one of the enclosed pools at the hatchery was a very large trout, which always came forward to see and be seen when visitors appeared. It was Mr. Green's custom, after calling particular attention to that trout, to raise his cane quickly and hold it over the water.

This is the explanation of the sudden change in the trout's demeanor: One day, early in the career of the fish, Mr. Green, to try a barbless hook he had devised, cast with one in that pool, and this trout had seized it. The hook penetrated and passed through its upper jaw near the nostril, and by the time it was lifted from the water and released from the hook, it had undergone an experience that made a lasting impression upon it.

The Lemon. The lemon belongs to the orange family. Its principal use is in making lemonade, and other cooling drinks. While most lemons used in this country are at present imported from Mediterranean ports, it will be a matter of only a few years when this country will not only be able to supply its own wants, but as in the case of other fruits will have a superabundance wherewith to supply foreign countries.

Maxims of an Old Fogey. The men who have no families to support would soon let the world run down. It is better to have loved and lost than to have married on \$50 a month. Any old rhyme may be made popular by a good tune, and almost any stick of a man may be made important by a clever wife.—Chicago Record-Herald.

POPULAR SCIENCE

Some interesting discoveries have lately been made in a cave in Southwestern France. The removal of thick layers of stalagmitic deposit revealed a great many drawings of animals made with much skill. They represent reindeer, mammoths and other animals now extinct in Southern and Western Europe, among them some resembling the modern horse.

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A Hungarian chemist has discovered that some of the salt lakes in Transylvania present the peculiarity of a layer of warm, or even hot, salt water, between two bodies of colder water. Thus in the Medoe Lake the surface temperature in summer is about seventy degrees, but at a depth of a few more than four feet the temperature becomes 32 degrees, but declines again to sixty-six degrees at the bottom.

The Parisian Ragpickers. Very many of the Parisian ragpickers will be thrown out of employment by the contemplated scheme of the Municipal Council for the collection of the city rubbish. The chiffonniers, who number about seventy-five thousand, and have a corporation of their own, may be depended upon to fight for their interests and not to succumb tamely to innovations.

Prison Humor. The inmates of the Connecticut State Prison edit a paper called the Monthly Record, a part of which is devoted to aphorisms. Here are a few specimens: "Talking too much is not one of our faults."

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OCEAN'S REPUTATION GOING.

Increase in Ships on the Pacific Followed by Increase in Disasters.

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Along the California Coast the ocean is placid enough to retain its reputation as pacific. Storms are rare. It is not often that its waters are lashed into fury like those of the Atlantic in these latitudes.

As the Pacific Ocean is gradually filling with the white-winged and steam-propelled agents of commerce, the ratio of shipwrecks is correspondingly rising. Perhaps we have witnessed more wrecks on this coast than we should have experienced if the same precautions against disaster had been adopted in the navigation of Pacific waters as are taken in the Atlantic Ocean.

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A perfect gentleman is usually a very disagreeable person. A manly fellow, who is also a gentleman, is always his superior.

What a new face courage puts on everything! A determined man by his very attitude and the tone of his voice puts a stop to defeat and begins to conquer. "For they can conquer who believe they can."

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