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HYSTERIA IN MEN AND WOMEN.

When Mrs. Helen R. Robinson, the only woman senator in Colorado, smilingly told a New York audience that men are too hysterical to be making laws, she jarred all the conventional notions of sex characteristics. The highly strung temperament in usually associated with women, probably because our grandmothers were so quick to go into hysteria or faint on slight provocation. That it does not hold good for the women of today, a moment's thought will demonstrate.

Of course, to every rule there are exceptions, and there are still women quite emotional, as the public has come to believe most prima donnas to be. On the other hand, a quiet mental summary of the couples of one's acquaintance will reveal many instances where the woman has the business head of the family, is more cool in emergency, more self-possessed, more sanely practical.

It is often urged as an argument against the mental equality of women with men that few women appear in the list of the world's greatest poets, artists or musicians. It is not necessarily argument. Women are too sensible to be predominantly poetic, artistic or musical. They enjoy poetry but they leave it to half loony men like Byron to compose it. They like pictures but they let freaks like Whistler paint them. They are appreciative listeners at concerts and musical festivals, but it is noticeable that while many render music few will compose it. The gloomy egotism which makes Wagner or the emotional eccentricities which are combined in the creation of a Liszt have little place in the feminine nature. Even the brilliant exceptions—the erratic George Sand, for instance—seem to have mixed housewifely good sense with their frivolities.

Divergence from the normal makes artistic and literary readers. Women are above all else normal. Even the most romantic want their romance with a meal ticket attached. Because woman is normal she is the

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In the Men's Store

One Lot Overcoats	Half Price
Men's Clothing Reduced	25 Per Cent
Men's Overcoats Reduced	25 Per Cent
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Ruff Neck Sweaters Reduced	25 Per Cent
Mackinaws and Heavy Coats Reduced	25 Per Cent
Gordon and Stetson Hats Reduced	20 Per Cent
All Dress and Work Shirts Reduced	20 Per Cent
Trunks and Suit Cases Reduced	20 Per Cent

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Ladies Suits all	Half Price
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Ladies and Misses Coats Reduced	25 Per Cent
50 Ladies Skirts at	Half Price
One Lot of Ladies Coats up to \$10.00 Choice	\$1.90
One Lot of Ladies Coats up to \$25.00 Choice	\$3.90
One Lot Children's Coats up to \$10.00 Choice	98c

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9c Values from 12 1-2 c to 50c in Cotton and Silk Tissue Fabrics. **9c**
A big table of unparalleled bargains that you must not overlook

Entire line Crashes, Towels, Spreads, Blankets, Linens, Dress Goods, Silks, Laces, Embroideries and Trimmings at Annual Clearance Prices

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We invite comparison of prices and quality

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Organized in 1887.

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For twenty-six years, in all kinds of financial weather, we have successfully catered to the monetary wants of the people of La Grande and the Grande Ronde Valley. We respectfully solicit your business.

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La Grande, Oregon

great upholder of the conventionalities.

Under most circumstances the average woman prefers to be respectable. Usually the more talent a man has the less yearning has he for the staid and sober virtues. More often than not he is, mentally at least, an adventurer and, when excited, far more hysterical than his sister or mother, or wife. In many a home father is an idealist who wouldn't know how to get his money's worth if he ever got his fingers on his own salary, and mother is the practical person who acts as his balance wheel.

THE AMERICAN CAR ABROAD.

In six years the export of American automobiles has almost multi-

plied by seven. Imports of foreign cars, on the other hand have been more than cut in two.

In a recent number of the World's Work the story of how the American automobile is conquering the world is told. The fact that in 1906 our automobile imports amounted to \$4,910,208 and in 1912 to only \$2,000,000 is cited. It is pointed out that in 1906 we exported machines valued at \$4,409,136 and in 1912 sold cars abroad to the total value of \$28,300,139.

The explanation lies in the American habit of specialization. In this country the makers limit themselves to a few models, perhaps only to one chassis and perhaps two or three models of body. In Europe a manufacturer will turn out five, six and even ten different chassis of different horsepower and varying designs. Our specialization leads to high class workmanship. Men making only one small part learn to make that part extremely well. Thus we succeed in linking quality in a way that Europeans do not as yet understand.

It is interesting to note that hand in hand with growing export of new cars forces a big trade in second hand machines. Every once in a while some one is heard wondering "where the old car goes to." The answer is—South America. That part of this hemisphere south of the equator offers a brisk market for used cars.

The rise of the automobile in the list of exports but repeats the story of steel rails, locomotives, agricultural machinery and shoes. The difference is that whereas these manufactured products have taken many years to reach preeminence the automobile has leaped forward in but a comparatively short time. It was not long ago, in fact, when "nifty"

cars were all of foreign make, but today we are showing Europe the "classy" type of automobiles.

It is no wonder that local men want to have a "reciprocal" bill introduced in congress to make the weather man come through with some cold weather.

The human voice has been transmitted across the ocean by wireless. Maybe, in time, the grand opera singers will not have to come over at all.

A New Jersey woman was given 30 days in jail for wearing a slit skirt. It later turned out that she had a wooden leg. It doesn't pay to fool the police.

A salesman for a Chicago packing house is accused of stealing \$76,000. He must have secreted an entire slab of bacon.

J. H. DECIOUS DEAD

Well Known Switchman Succumbs After Short Illness.

O. W. Switchman J. H. Decious, age 33, died today after a three weeks' illness with throat trouble resulting from a complication of diseases. The funeral will be held Thursday at 1:30 from the Bohnenkamp chapel where the body now lies. He is survived by a wife and four children and other relatives.

MUCH BLOOD SPILLED

Signs of Strife Evident, But Participants Much Mystery Still.

North Fir and Jefferson corners are bespattered with blood today, indicating a bloody fight last night sometime, the details of which can not be learned. That it was simply a brawl is evident, but a bloody one it was. One bloody trial leads to the south and one north, but both are lost in a few blocks of the fighting zone.

DISCUSS FARM ADVISERS

Riverside Grange Will View Both Sides of the Matter.

On January 21st Riverside Grange will take up the matter of whether it is economy for the state to send out farm advisers from the state college. Under a law passed last session of the legislature each county may appropriate a certain amount of money for the expenses of a farm expert to be sent out by the agricultural college for the purpose of advising farmers and fruit growers. The Riverside Grange will go to the bottom of this question on the date above mentioned.

Baker Attorney Under Arrest.

Charles F. Hyde, attorney, pleaded guilty before Justice of the Peace Hubbard in justice court this morning on a charge of hunting illegally on a game preserve, says the Baker Herald. The minimum fine of \$50 was imposed by the court. Mr. Hyde was hunting with R. W. Derby of Sumpter on a farmer's preserve and they were both arrested, Mr. Derby

being freed on showing that he had not fired a shot owing to his gun having been broken at the start of the hunting trip.

Deputy Game Warden Charles B. Orai appeared in court to testify when the case was called but no evidence was taken after Mr. Hyde's plea of guilty was entered.

While here Mr. Orai called attention to the fact that the federal law regulating the hunting of migratory birds provides that on January 16 the season for shooting migratory birds shall come to an end. The season opened October 1.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by all Druggists, Etc. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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