

DAMES AND DAUGHTERS.

Miss Frances Greeley Curtis was recently elected a member of the Boston school board.

"Everybody," said Ellen Terry, "is a collector of one sort or another. My hobby is to collect cottages. I have eight, I believe, scattered here and there in the sweet English country."

Miss Elizabeth Goucher, youngest daughter of Dr. John F. Goucher, president emeritus of Goucher college, is to enter the mission field in China under the direction of the Women's Foreign Missionary society. She will spend at least five years in educational work, with headquarters at Nanking.

Having collected pitchers from every part of the world, Mrs. James A. Hensley of Knoxville, Tenn., has what is considered the largest private assortment in the world. She has nearly 2,000 at her home. Some of them are centuries old, and among the materials represented in their composition are gold, silver, ivory, glass, china, wood and pottery.

Cost of Living.

Food prices jumped 60 per cent in thirteen years. Always a few jumps ahead of the consumer.—New York American.

The price of food has risen 60 per cent in thirteen years and the quality of it in the average family about 100 per cent.—Philadelphia Ledger.

With bacon 128.5 per cent higher than the average prices between 1890 and 1900, it isn't surprising that it is rather hard to get enough breakfast nowadays.—Indianapolis News.

The Washington chamber of commerce wants to prevent the use of veal as food, on the theory that it would make beef cheaper. Why not go further, and prevent the use of eggs as food, and reduce the price of chicken?—Detroit Free Press.

Town Topics.

As a design for Boston's proposed municipal flag what's the matter with a pot of beans rampant on a field of oar, in the form, say, of a big yellow pumpkin pie?—Boston Transcript.

New Yorkers, as usual in summer, went to the country for their health, and their return to the city in the fall is emphasized by an outburst of typhoid, also as usual.—New York World.

The announcement that Chicago now estimates its population at 2,288,500 may remind you that Chicago is one of the most liberal little population estimators that ever happened.—Indianapolis News.

The Big Yacht Race.

There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the end of the yacht race.—Washington Herald.

With a cup defender built in Rhode Island and managed by a Boston man, New York wisely shares the glory and responsibility of thwarting the evil designs of Sir Thomas next year.—Boston Herald.

Announcements that Sir Thomas Lipton is confident that he will lift the cup are essential to the game. Without confidence on the part of Sir Thomas yachting would have languished long ago.—Washington Star.

Flippant Flings.

A prisoner in Philadelphia, who says he's an actor, had 300 skeleton keys. May be the man who lets the ghost out to walk.—New York Telegram.

King George has revived the Order of the Bath. The inebrious lobby at the court of St. James, we imagine, is maintained by the plumbers' trust.—St. Louis Republic.

Secretary Daniels' singing lessons for naval recruits may yet result in providing every man of war in the service with a "Pinafore" chorus of the best quality.—New York World.

German Gleanings.

Prussian police are empowered to prohibit the defacement of landscapes by the erection of billboards and other signs and pictures.

A sound proof house in Berlin has fifty rooms, and a musician may practice in any one of them without interfering with his neighbor.

By the spring of 1915 Germany will have widened its Kiel canal forty-five feet and will have constructed two double locks larger than those of the Panama canal.

Golf Links.

Outmet the enemy and they are ours.—New York World.

It is no small triumph to be able to putt a scare into those English golf champions.—Boston Herald.

To the benighted man in the street one seems to qualify as a golf fan if one knows that Travers and Travis are not the same person.—Chicago News.

Woman and Politics.

A woman in politics will never be able to throw mud straight.—Baltimore American.

Possibly one solution of the suffrage matter might be to let women vote in place of the men who won't.—Philadelphia Ledger.

If women voted could the husband influence his wife's ballot with the promise of a new hat? Perhaps and perhaps not. But what has that to do with the question of women's right to vote?—Baltimore American.

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