



WORKING WOMEN INCREASING.

A MANUFACTURER who gives employment to a large number of women and girls cites a few reasons for the preference shown the fair sex. He says that women are more adaptable, more reliable, more easily controlled, neater, quicker, more industrious, careful, polite and docile than men.

The percentage of increase of women in all gainful occupations since 1880 is 48, while the percentage of their increase in mechanical industries is nearly 63. Among the gainful occupations in which women are engaged to the actual number of 4,000,000 are those of pilot, sailor, locomotive engineer, plumber, machinist, workers in iron, steel, brass, lead and zinc; boiler-maker, nail-maker, furnace-maker, roofer and slater.

Barred Out by Their Beauty. Many reasons have been advanced for the exclusion of foreigners who sought to take up residence in this country, but so far as records show none has been barred for the same reason as now operates to detain Ella and Agnes Frensdorf at the immigrant landing in New York.

Perfumes and the Nerves. It may not be generally known, but it is nevertheless a fact, that the perfumes which are the most pleasing to the senses are not in all cases helpful to the nerves.

Fruits for the Skin. Fruit acids will cure most skin diseases and will keep the complexion clear when medicine has failed. Apples will relieve a torpid liver, and the salowness which results from it.

Mine Worked by Women. It is an uncommon sight in this country to see young women mining coal from the bowels of the earth. Such a sight, however, can be seen any day in Pennsylvania.

Toilet Odds and Ends. The favorite sleeve is one closely fitting with a crisp little puff at the shoulder; another is a modified nutron-leg, smooth fitting from waist to elbow.

Scarcity of Women. Young women are still scarce in Idaho, and bachelors who desire to change their conditions of single blessedness are plenty.

Dr. William C. Whitwell, a druggist, and the Mayor of Salmon City, Idaho, gives the following incident as a sample of the way schoolma'ams are wooed and won in Idaho:

A charming young lady, Miss Busch, came from Iowa to teach in the public school in Givensville, he says, "but before she was there three months she was engaged to a prominent man of the town, and at the close of the school term they were married.

term they were married. Her sister came to teach the next school year. When the term was half over this sister resigned and married, and sent for another unmarried sister to take her place as teacher.

Fair Sex to Be Gloried. What woman has done from the time when she began exerting her wiles on unsuspecting Adam up to the present day is going to be told in a book.

Book for the Theater Hat. The theater-going woman has always strongly objected to taking off her hat in the theater for the reason that no place has been provided where it can be stowed away without danger of injury when it is off.

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THE WELCOME HOME.

When twilight bells are ringing sweet And evening echoes greet me, My happy heart seems ringing sweet Of some one who will meet me.

Though sad the toll in barren soil, Though fortune has not found me, I know that night will bring me light And twine two arms around me.

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A SENSE OF HUMOR.

"GIVE me," said I, "before everything a sense of humor." "To him that hath?" inquired Arabella.

"Then look." "Evidently there is some joke in your remark, if I could see it. But you know I have no sense of humor."

"When I am my grandmother?" I am 33 and she is 20. "You wouldn't make that remark if you had any sense of humor," I retorted, crustily.

"But I haven't, and I don't see that I should be any better if I had." "I admit it is difficult to imagine any improvement in you."

"Who was it?" "That isn't material." "Oh, but it is, though! Very material."

"But, my dear Arabella!" "If you will not trust me we are on distant terms." I've known her since she was in short frocks.

"Well, if you don't want me to tell you—" "But I do. There's a good—Tom." "It was Ted Naughton."

"Oh, yes, poor beggar! Indeed, I put it into concrete form for him. It was very funny." "You are so humorous, you see." Somehow Arabella seemed a bit cross.

"We went through quite a little rehearsal, I assure you. They were to begin with the weather, of course. Ha, ha!" "Very humorous, certainly."

"I don't suppose she would." "She ought to, according to the laws of the game. Then he was to take hold of her hand and ask if she would make life all fair weather for him—and so on."

"Let me tell you something serious, Bell." I said, going close up to her. But she suddenly interrupted. "You do not know her name?"

"No. But if you want to know I'll—" "I know," she turned upon me with her eyes flashing. "And I know that she is a very proud and happy girl."

Just as I was taking my hat she rushed down the stairs in her most reckless fashion, and ran right into me, so that I had to catch hold of her. "I believe I have a sense of humor," she said breathlessly.

She Didn't Want Much. When Andrew D. White, now United States ambassador at Berlin, was our minister to Germany, nearly twenty years ago, he received some queer letters from Americans, asking for his influence in their behalf in court circles.

Not Exactly the Words. Irish orators frequently discount their own rhetoric through an imperfect appreciation of word values. A Home Ruler was haranguing on English terrorism, and after drawing a picture of babies speared on the points of bayonets, etc., he concluded: "If that's your civilization you may keep it. I call it most improper."

Eating Contest. An eating contest is to be held at Paint Lick, Ky., between two men, one of whom has a record of thirty-two hard-boiled eggs and a dozen onions. It is pleasant to see this sort of friendly rivalry succeeding the toll gate war in the Blue Grass State.

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