

Ought Women Who Are Wives to Be In Business?

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I DO THINK THAT A BUSINESS CAREER TENDS TO UNFIT A WOMAN FOR COOKING AND KEEPING HOUSE, BUT I ALSO THINK THAT THE OFTENER THIS HAPPENS THE BETTER.

It is not necessary that the ideal wife should be a housekeeper. There is a too general confusion between the duties and obligations of marriage and the demands of household management. A woman may love a man enough to marry him, to make him her closest companion for life, WITHOUT CARING TO BECOME HIS COOK. And I do not see that this reservation unfits her for wifehood.

In the unsystematized condition of home work at present the lowest position in an office offers higher development than the so called domestic duties. The trouble with housework is that women have no standard and no competition.

A wife may be an excellent cook or a second rate one or a hopeless incompetent. SHE IS WHAT SHE IS, and there exists no incentive to make her better. Her work is not judged by an ideal or by the work of another. Therefore household labor has fallen to a very low plane, and NO MARRIED WOMAN SHOULD BE THROWN BACK TO IT if she has made a success at something else.

Old Glory or the Red Rag

Nightly on the streets of Portland loud-mouthed agitators blaspheme the name of the Lord and curse the Star Spangled Banner. They are reaching out into the smaller communities and it may be your turn next to contend with them. Read and Vote No. 370 in Voters' Pamphlet.

Assaulting the Dignity of Labor

High salaried agitators are constantly assaulting and maiming the honest laboring men of Portland who are unwilling to divide their earnings with these leaches on the decent labor element. Read and vote No. 368 and prohibit boycotting and picketing. Your son is not safe in Portland if he refused to support these crime instigators.

Employers' Association of Oregon, W. C. Francis, Secy.

The Popular Turkish Bath.
There is a widespread use of the vapor or Turkish bath. Even in arctic Lapland the use of a Turkish bath of very primitive form is common. It consists of a hut attached to every farm. In the middle of the hut is raised a kind of beehive of rough stones, and in this a fire is lighted. When the stones become red hot they are drenched with water, so that the place is filled with vapor. Then enter the bathers, who are armed with birch twigs, with which they belabor one another until all are in a state of profuse perspiration. Then all leave the hut and roll in the snow outside. This last function, it will be observed, is equivalent to the cold plunge, which is the final experience in the Turkish bath, as known to us all.—Harper's.

A Royal Prank.
The legend that Tavorara is an independent state owes its origin to a royal prank. While making a progress through his dominions in 1836 King Charles Albert reached Terranova, a small port on the northeast coast of Sardinia. Here Paul Bertoleoni was presented to the king as the representative of Tavorara, an island seven miles away. He informed his majesty that all the inhabitants of the island were Bertoleonis and that he was the head of the family. The fisherman bowed his knee as a subject and rose a king. For Charles was so amused that he laughingly gave him sovereignty. Paul took the matter seriously, and it became the custom for foreign warships to salute the island to keep up the joke.—London Chronicle.

Weight of a Piece of Ice.
A rough and ready method of calculating the weight of a piece of ice is afforded by the fact that a cubic foot of this substance weighs approximately 57.25 pounds. First measure the breadth, length and height of the cake, and the three results, being multiplied, will give the number of cubic inches. If this answer be in turn multiplied by 0.33 the approximate number of pounds will result. For instance, a cake 8 by 9 by 10 inches contains 720 cubic inches. This multiplied by .33 gives 237.6 pounds, the correct weight of such a piece of ice.

Heartless.
"Nobody knows how I have suffered," she complained.
"Does your husband abuse you?"
"No, but he can sit for hours without hearing a word that I say."—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Weak Spirit.
"My childish ambition was to be a sprinkling cart operator. Since then I have fallen off the wagon many times."—Chicago Tribune.

Those who always creep are the only ones that never fall.

A voter's first duty is now the study of proposed laws.

PEEPING INTO SPACE.

An illustration that shows the vastness of Stellar Depths.

Go dig a hole in the ground and set a post five or six feet high. Nail a stick across the top. Tie a fine string to a ring three inches in diameter and suspend it from the end of the stick. Break up a diamond—if you make the error of wearing one and centering your mind on the useless bauble rather than upon nature and her majestic laws; select a minute fragment so small that if spherical seventy-one side by side would make a row one inch long and suspend the tiny globe by means of a fine fiber of silk in the center of the ring.

Then walk away on a straight line 9.31 miles, turn around and look back. The ring would be invisible, and it would require the keenest eye to see the post, if indeed any could see it.

Get a good telescope and you might just see the ring against the sky on a white background, but the diamond would be invisible.

Come up here, get the sixteen inch telescope, try it, and the diamond sphere could not be seen. Go get a forty or sixty inch telescope, still the diamond would not come into view.

Then get a 2,000,000 candle power electric arc searchlight and by means of a big lens concentrate the light on the diamond. Then a much smaller telescope would reveal it.

Go to the giant star sun, Sirius, the dog star. Take a very large telescope with you, turn around and look back this way.

Then the orbit of the earth, a ring 186,000,000 miles in diameter, would appear to be as three inches in diameter viewed from 9.31 miles, and the sun as the one seventy-first of an inch in diameter.—Edgar Lucien Larkin in New York American.

HE DIDN'T LIKE WHIGS.

And He Had No Use For Portraits of Henry Clay.

In Daviess county, Ky., at the time when Henry Clay was running for the presidency against General Jackson, there lived a plain, industrious farmer. He was an ardent politician, noted for his hostility to Clay and his party. But his interest in politics did not make him indifferent to his wife's happiness. While in town one day he thought he would surprise the good woman by presenting her with a set of new dishes. He selected an attractive pattern, and as he was in a hurry did not examine the dishes closely, but had them packed and placed in his wagon.

His wife was delighted with the gift, but no slight examination satisfied her feminine curiosity. In turning over a dish she discovered on the under side a portrait of Henry Clay. Every piece was thus marked. To tease her husband she asked him the cause of his "sudden change of politics."

"Change of politics?" shouted the husband, as excited as if he had been charged with a crime. "What do you mean?"

Thereupon she showed him the portrait on the china. As if he were riding himself of a noxious thing, the farmer gathered up every dish and, carrying them to the door, broke them into fragments on the stone steps. He purchased another set of dishes in a few days, but not until he had made sure that there was no Whig politician's portrait on them.—Youth's Companion.

Graft in Turkey.
In the days when M. Paul Cambon represented the interests of the French republic at Constantinople Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, who had been touring in eastern Europe, was desirous of giving a dramatic representation at Yildiz kiosk. The sultan was willing and the terms were duly arranged with the keeper of the wardrobe, the worthy pasha who has the control of all entertainments at Yildiz. But the pasha held out his hand for more backsheesh than La Belle Sarah felt inclined to give and so the long looked for representation did not take place. Sarah Bernhardt lost by it \$1,000 and the coveted order of the chekakat. Hermann, the conjurer, knowing the ropes better than the French actress, squared the keeper of the wardrobe, gave his show and got his thousand pounds.

A Monastic Race Course.
Sandown is the part of Esher that all travelers see from the railway, with the grand stand backed by a fine cluster of dark pines. Among the smaller race courses none is prettier. The estate purchased by a company for the special purpose of horse racing originally belonged to a priory. All the brethren were swept away by the black death about the middle of the fourteenth century and every trace of their monastic buildings has disappeared. Only their memory now remains as a text of warning to thoughtless pleasure seekers.—Westminster Gazette.

Maintenance of a Microbe.
A country schoolteacher was cashing her monthly check at the bank. The teller apologized for the filthy condition of the bills, saying, "I hope you're not afraid of microbes."
"Not a bit of it," the schoolmarm replied. "I'm sure no microbe could live on my salary."—Lippincott's.

He Found It.
"I started out on the theory that the world had an opening for me, and I went to find it."
"Did you find it?"
"Oh, yes; I'm in a hole!"

He that runs out by extravagance must retrieve by parsimony.—From the Dutch.

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Why, if we desire to be just and fair, should we not allow the women to exercise what should be an equal right with man.

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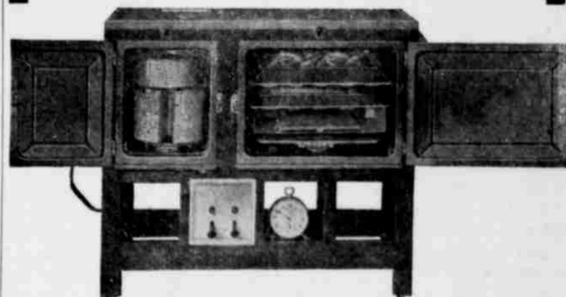
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