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BIOGRAPHICAL STUDIES FOR GIRLS

> XII.-HARRIET MARTINEAU. (1802-1876.)

Harriet Martineau, whom Lord Brougham called "the little deaf woman at Norwich," did more to mold public opinion
than many of her contemporaries whose
writings have proved more valuable to
posterity. Her Huguenot ancestors had
come to England after the revocation of
the edict of Nantes, and the independence
of spirit which had caused them to become refugees in the seventeenth century
caused their descendants to become Unitarians in the nineteenth century.

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manufacturer, gave all of his children an unusually liberal education, but neither he nor his wife seemed to possess the key to the idiosyncrasies, of child nature. Con-sequently their daughter Harriet, whose senses were phenomenally dull and whose

liament, and in three weeks the sale of her stories had run to 5000 copies and the author had no further care about money. These stories, aside from their great merit of disabuting the public mind of the im-pression that science is too deep or too recondite for the ordinary interest regarded sessed an all-absorbing interest regarded simply as stories. Her faith in these and subsequent efforts led many to misunder-stand her sure perception of the public needs for a remarkable egoism. She was self-centered naturally from the nature of her affliction and from the constant proof which she received of her correct reading of public necessity; but from ordinary, in-sufferable concept she was preserved by her untiring efforts for humanity.

Harriet Martineau's success was tem-pered by a great sorrow, which, happen-ing before her father's death, influenced her entire lite. A young Unitarian minis-ter, a classmate of her brother James, who frequently spent his vacations at Norwich, greatly admired Harriet, but hesitated to sak her to marry into a life nervous temperament was arbitrary and of poverty. When the Martineaus lost inexplicable, suffered a loveless childhood their property, however, he became en-



from which the true child aptrit was confrom which the true child spirit was con-spicuously absent. After reading har graphic autobiography, Thackeray ex-pressed the whimsical regret that Harriet Martinean should not have chosen her parents more wisely. This autobiography teems with tales of unaccountable fright, induced by her duliness of vision and men-tal perception; absence of the score of

The second mind is a second mind in the second mind was so irritated that Parriet did not join in the family chorus of approval that she was obliged to confess having written the essay, whereupon her kindly brother, laying his hand upon her shoulder, said gravely: "Now, dear, leave it to other women to make shirts and darn stockings, and do you devote yourself to this."

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A few years later the father died, worn out with business cares, and each of the family was thrown on his own resources. As Harriet was too deaf to teach she became an expert needlewoman, siliching far into the night and occasionally stretch-ing her wings as an author. She enjoyed surmounting obstacles, and frequently re-ferred to this period of prodigious work as delightful, in that it revealed to her

Her second important literary venture was her submission of three essays to the Central Unitarian Association. This body had offered three prizes of 19, 15 and 26 guineas each for the best essays on the presentation of Unitarianism to Jews. Catholics and Mohammedans. Always fond of theology. Harrist determined to the form of theology, Harriet determined to try for all the prizes, and accordingly took every precaution to prevent the discovery that the three essays were by the same hand, even going so far as to have the first treatise, to which she devoted a month's time, copied by a poor schoolboy. Al-though there were many learned competi-tors. Harriet, to her great astonishment, gained every prize.

Her third notable experiment does not read so much like a fairy inle, for there were too many refusals, snubbings and hard bargoinings such as assail more ordinary mortals to make the effort a delight. These obstacles once surmounted, however, Harriet Martineau found berself securely seated on the front benches of fame, from which she could successfully fame, from which she could successfully survey the literary turnoll of the less successful, Thenceforth she had only to choose the most congenial of the number-less literary offers which constantly assailed her. The work which thus assured her literary offers. choose the most congenial of the numberless literary offers which constantly assalied her. The work which thus assured
her literary reputation was a series of
tales illustrative of the principles of political economy. They were generally refused by cautious publishers, fearful of
the experiment of diffusing knowledge in
the garb of faction. Many averring that
the public was too much agitated by the
cholera and the reform hill to consider any
new departure, causing the indefatigable
author to excinint that she was as heartily
sick of the reform bill as William IV himsoif. Through all these discouragements
she felt convinced that her work was
needed, and saying constantly to herself,
"My book will do yet:" she pressed on, in
spite of the "Noes" that were constantly
shouted into her ear trumpet.

A bookseller finally offered to take the
work upon the unpleasant condition that
the author should first secure 500 subscriptions for the book. Any one clae so deaf
and so obscure would have recoiled from
such a proviso; but, nothing daunted, she
seen a prospectus to each member of Par-

HARRIET MARTINEAU. tending the care of a large church in Manchester brought on brain fever, which

hasty traveler, and the results of her observations are not as derogatory as those of the superficial tourist. In her volume "Society in America," she advances the theory that the Americans may always be trusted to do the right thing in time. Of American manners she says: "They are the best I ever saw; and these are seen to the greatest advantage in their homes. . . They have been called the most good-tempered people in the world, and I think it must

people in the world, and I think it must be so, . . . I imagine the practice of be so. . . I imagine the practice of forbearance requisite in a republic is answerable for this pleasant peculiarity." The manuscript of her other work on America, called "Retrospect of Western Travels," was presented in 1892 to the Drexel Institute of Philadelphia by Mr. George W. Childs. One of her greatest accomplishments

ferred to this period of promposes of east delightful, in that it revealed to her her capacity for work and her powers of endurance. She frequently supplemented her needlework by writing until 2 or 3 in the morning, receiving but £15 a year for her contributions of essays, book reviews, poems and devotional exercises to the poems are provided to the poems and devotional exercises to the poems are provided to the provided t preferring to support her blind mother and intemperate brother by her own ex-ertions, to receiving from the government money which she had not earned. A few years later she built herself a

comy gray-stone cottage at Ambleside where she worked indefatigably, cheered by the congenial society of Wordsworth, Emerson, Coleridge, Macready, Southey, Lytton, Hallam, Landseer and a host of ather bright minds. She enjoyed above all things a duel of wit with the inimit-able Sydney Smith, whose voice she de-clared "sounded like the great bell of St. Paul's," and made the use of her

ear-trumpet quite unnecessary. Haw-thorne said of her conversational powers: "She is the most continual talker I ever heard. It is really like the babbling of a brook, and very lively and sensible, too; and all the while she talks she moves the bowl of her sar trumpet from one auditor to another, so that it becomes

quite an organ of intelligence between her and yourself." her and yourself."

When not writing accounts of her travels in the Orient, a history of the 30-years' peace or fascinating story books for children, she was exerting a most practical neighborliness in her community. Sue most generously placed her valuable private library at the disposal of all who asked, organized building societies and mechanic institutes to which the second

of clearness and cleverness, not classic, but the result of a trained mind gifted with instantaneous insight, and because of the masculine order of her work, many have accused her of having a passionless intellect. The great number of friends, among the famous and among the lowly neighbors who knew and loved her, claim that the passion with which she worked for the betterment of humanity up to the very day of her death in 1876 is the best very day of her death in 1876 is the best refutation of such a charge.

EDUCATION IN CUBA

Foreigners May Be Employed as University Professors.

HAVANA, May 4-La Lucha recom-nends the employment of foreigners as professors in the University of Havana and Engineering College of Cuba, declaring that apparently there are no Cubars sufficiently instructed to hold the professorships. The paper points out that this course has been followed in the institutions of learning in the South American repub-

educated Cubans to act as teachers and professors, except possibly in laboratory work. He intends to carry on the work on the lines laid down by Senor Barreiro. The principal feature will be the organization of normal schools and the elimination of old-fashioned methods of public instruction.

public instruction.

El Conciliador, a new paper devoted to
the interests of Spaniards who did not
register, has made its appearance, and

charge those who did not register with a lack of patriotism. Those who did not register love Spain, in spite of her bad government, but in Cuba they desire to work with their brother Cubans for the absolute independence of the island, which will be of advantage both to themselves

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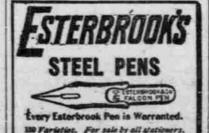
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LEWISTON, Idaho, May 4.—When the will of Dell Butterworth, one of the orig-nal owners of the Buffalo Hump gold mine, was read at Grangeville, it was found that Miss Laura Berns had been named as a beneficiary. She received \$5000, or one-half the fortune of the miner. Miss Berns is a woman with quite a history, although she was singularly resicent about her past. Though she remained in Lewiston nearly seven years, her most intimate friends knew nothing about her.

When the telephone line was built into Lewiston, in the fail of 1890, Miss Berns was sent from Palouse City as an operator. Nobody knew that she was once the wife of Dr. George Clark, of Palouse City, and had obtained a divorce, assumwas read at Grangeville, it

City, and had obtained a divorce, assum City, and had obtained a divorce, assuming again her maiden name. From 1833 until she went to Portland, a few weeks ago, she was the manager of the Lewiston telephone office. From her meager salary she saved money and bought property both in Lewiston and Vineland. In the latter place she built a comfortable residence and raised thoroughbred chickens, making a home for her aged father. She belonged to the Salvation Army. She belonged to the Salvation Army, and sold War Cries on the streets. Butterworth fell in love with her, and they were engaged to be married. She passed through Lewiston Sunday night for Grangeville dressed in deep mourning.

STRIKE NEAR SUSANVILLE. Assayer Examining Into Output of

Eastern Oregon Mines. BAKER CITY, May 4.—The news was received from Susanville today that Heath Brothers made an important strike in their mine, located near the Buil of

in their mine, located near the Buil of the Woods mine, a few days ago. Returns from the ore give \$40 to the ton, free gold. The owners intend to build an arastra on the property. United States Assayer F. A. Wing, in charge of the Government assay office at Seattle, arrived in the city today for the purpose of gathering data and sta-tistics regarding the mineral output of tistics regarding the mineral output of the mines tributary to Baker City, and will visit the principal mines in all the districts and will make a personal investigation. Mr. Wing will visit all the mine owners for the purpose of securing reliable information, and hopes that they will co-operate with him in the work.

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SPOKANE, May 4.—The closing bids for mining stocks today were:

Biacktail ... \$0 15½ Begubile ... \$1 00 Crystai ... 6 Reservation ... 11½ Deer Trail Con. 8 Reservation ... 11½ Evening Star 9 Sullivan ... 11½ Golden Harvest. 1½ Tom Thumb ... 17½ Jim Biaine ... 13 Waterico ... 3½ Lone Pine Surp. 14 Winnipeg ... 3½ Morning Glory ... 184 Burnipeg ... 3½ Noble ... 2½ Flaghill ... 1 Princess Maud. 3 Sonora ... 9% Ramb. Cariboo. ... 25½

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Fatat Fires in New York.

NEW YORK, May 4.—Four persons were killed in fires in the city last night and early this morning, and a fifth lies fatally injured in the hospital. At a lodging-house fire in South street, John Curran, marine ongineer, was burned to death and Fireman Daniel Mullin was thrown from a ladder, receiving injuries from which he died. Fireman James Pitzpatrick was fatally injured by the overturning of a hose truck which he was driving.

An explosion wrecked the fat and tal-low factory of Joseph Stein & Co., on West Fortieth street, and two men are believed to be buried under the They are Thomas McGire and Joseph Drum. A gang of men worked all night in the ruins in a vain effort to recover the bodies.

TRENTON, N. J., May 4.—The National Asphalt Company, to mine and deal in ce-ment, has been incorporated here. The company has a capital of \$15,000,000. The incorporators are: Wendell R. Rice, James Murray Mitchell, George B. Hanford, Percy H. Brundage and Ansel L. White, of New York.

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