

HARRISON FISHER GIRL PAYS PORTLAND VISIT

Original of Many Popular Pictures Is Surprised at Growth of City in Her 15 Years' Absence.



MRS. MAY C. LASSEN, "HARRISON FISHER GIRL."

BY LOUISE BRYANT.
FOR a number of years we have all been familiar with the Harrison Fisher Girl. At every bookstand they have smiled at us from the covers of Saturday Evening Posts, Ladies Home Journals and other popular magazines, while various Fisher people appear on many of the illustrated pages of the "best sellers." There has always been a marked similarity about the women of Fisher's pictures, because they are his conception of the truest type of the American girl and partly because for a number of years he used the same model.

From the time Mr. Fisher was 15 until he was 23 he worked on a newspaper in San Francisco. Then he went to New York. That was 15 years ago. The next year, Mrs. May C. Lassen, who was then Mrs. Frank W. Stechen, wife of the well-known theatrical manager of the Newmarket Theater, left Portland to take up her residence in New York. Mr. Fisher secured her services as his model. She was his first model, and he used her almost exclusively for seven years, and even now occasionally in spite of the fact that he searched all our Western country for a new model. Mrs. Lassen is now visiting in Portland.

JAPAN WOMEN QUICK TO ACCEPT Y. W. C. A.

Kyoditsu Club Prompts Interest Among Foreign Colony and Educational Classes Win Enthusiastic Support of Promoters.

AS THE result of a tie between teacher and pupil in the Far East the Young Women's Christian Association of Portland has been enabled to reach out among the Japanese women and girls of the city, and although the movement is not yet three months old, the success of the association's work is reported as marked. On Mrs. Sauchi Higashida, a highly-educated Japanese, has devolved the duty of bringing her countrywomen within the fold of the association. Her appointment to that post was brought about by the Kyoditsu Club, named after a school in Japan in which Mrs. T. W. Kydd taught before her marriage, when Mrs. Higashida was a senior there. Kyoditsu means union.

The Kyoditsu Club is one of the results of the Summer conferences at the association at the Breakers last June, when many Portland members studied "Japan and its Regeneration" and were moved by discussion of the subject to plan to include a Japanese branch in the Portland work. The club was organized July 13, and the original members taking upon themselves the responsibility of providing Mrs. Higashida's salary, the extension soon showed telling results.

Japan Colony Here Visited.
 Mrs. Higashida visited practically every Japanese woman in Portland to tell them about the opportunities of the Young Women's Christian Association, comforted many who were in trouble and aided others in obtaining work as maids. She also extended her mission to Graham, the Japanese woman of that town coming to Portland to confer with Mrs. Higashida on the association work outlined for them by the Kyoditsu Club.

Higashida addressed them in their native tongue and translated their responses telling their appreciation of the efforts of the Kyoditsu Club in their behalf. Sixteen Japanese women were present at the reception, the program they were shown about the association building and those wishing to take up studies arranged for them by consulting with Miss Ward, chairman of the educational committee. Refreshments closed the gala event given in honor of the little women.

Foreign Class Is Begun.
 At the reception it was announced that the educational classes for the Japanese would open July 21, for a six-week term. That date arriving, seven children and three adults took up the varied course. One little girl returned to Japan and the remaining six include all the Japanese misses of school age who live on the West Side. In the intensive warm weather gymnasium study was discontinued, but classes in sewing and English were held regularly every week.

Excursions Happy Events.
 The club gives a social to its Japanese junior members every month. In August the pupils were taken in automobiles to Johnson Creek where a picnic luncheon was served. As the motor ride was the first ever taken by the Japanese guests the first outing is cherished as one of the best treats afforded by the Kyoditsu Club. In September the Japanese girls and women of the club were guests in a trip to Oregon City on the Pomona through the kindness of Captain Graham, owner

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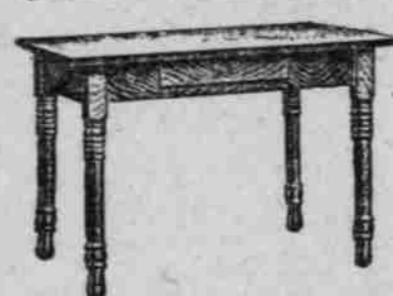
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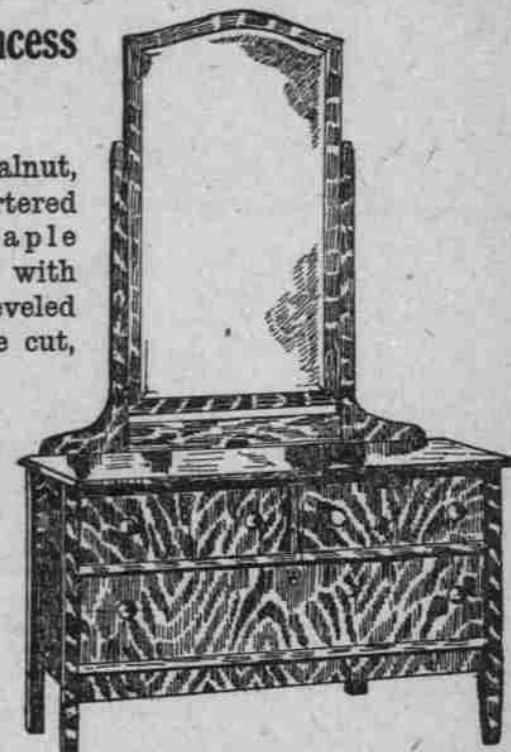
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Library Notes

THE library can use to advantage, by way of exchange, a number of copies of last year's directories. If any would like to present these volumes to the library, they may be left at the office or if the librarian is notified by telephone they will be sent for.

The East Portland branch is rapidly approaching completion, and will be ready for occupancy, it is hoped, by November 1. It is an attractive and commodious building, and will be well stocked with books.

A site was presented to the Library Association by a friend, who wishes to remain anonymous, for the Albina branch library. This site is 180 feet square, situated on Knott street, between Rodney and Union avenues. Plans for the branch are in the hands of Ellis F. Lawrence, and will be completed within a few days.

School Department.
 All teachers in the city, including Sunday school workers and club leaders, are invited to visit the room reserved for their use at the west end of the circulating department of the Central Library. The rooms contain professional books and magazines on educational subjects and a sample collection of books suitable for children arranged by grades.

Thirty-three schools will be furnished with classroom libraries this year. In addition, reference libraries have been deposited on the shelves of the Lincoln, Washington and Jefferson High Schools. All these libraries are under the supervision of the public library, but the books themselves are furnished by School District No. 1. Special privileges are given to teachers of all schools, whether public schools or not.

One of the most important features of co-operation between schools and libraries is the instruction of every pupil in the use of the library. Those schools situated within walking distance of the Central Library or its branches have a special opportunity to cultivate in their pupils the library habit. Sir Thomas Bodley, of Oxford fame, after exhausting all the joys of politics and court life, decided to set up his staff at the library door at a time when libraries were for the few. Now all the children in the school have that privilege, and the teachers may have the pleasure of leading them there. The forming of the library habit by the children will turn many streams of information into the classes being conducted. A little time given to making them familiar with the resources of the library will leave the teacher free to do the advanced reading that she may wish to do. The children will find for themselves in the juvenile books much that otherwise would have to be provided for them.

Last year several teachers brought their classes to the library to learn to use the catalogue. The results were so good that this year the plan is to undertake class instruction on a systematic basis, beginning with the ninth grade. Arrangements may be made with the school librarian for a definite date. If the class has already learned the general use of the catalogue, the exercise will consist of research on a definite topic. It is necessary for the librarian to know this subject in advance that she may make careful preparation of material.

A lecture on "Value of Good Reading" will be given by William F. Woodward, a member of the board of

directors of the Library Association, in the Congregational Church at Woodstock this evening at 7:30 o'clock. A reading-room was established at Woodstock in the early spring, and it now has upon its shelves about 800 volumes and a fine selection of magazines. Books are sent on request from the Central Library to residents of that vicinity.

Miss Cordelia Hill has been appointed custodian of the South Portland reading-room, in place of Miss Ross, resigned. Miss Clarisse Hallie will have charge of the Montavilla reading-room. Miss Hill and Miss Hallie have completed the six months' apprenticeship required by the library. Miss Clara P. Wold has been appointed custodian of the Arleta reading-room. Miss Wold's experience in high school work will be found of assistance to students.

County Schools.
 The records for the school year ending June, 1911, show a marked increase in the use of the library books in the schools of Multnomah County. Great care was shown by the teachers in keeping these records and many interesting notes as to the books read aloud were reported to the library. The Bridal Veil school made the best record of the one-room schools, and the school at Sylvan of the two-room schools. The traveling libraries to be kept through the coming year are now being distributed. The libraries for the larger schools have been revised and many new titles added. The Egypt, Brower, Palmer, Bridal Veil, LaTour and Mountain schools were visited last week.

"Uplift" Magazine Attached.
 Harassed by court suits brought by base souls who demand coin for their

services, F. W. Gardam, undismayed, continues to issue The Weekly Chronicle, a magazine devoted to the uplift, and to preaching the doctrine of love. Attached once for his printing bill, the undaunted apostle issued his magazine just the same, and now is attached again on the suit of L. A. Taylor, who demands \$10 for labor performed. Gardam says that there is a conspiracy against him and has written several letters to Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald, transmitting long lists of prominent citizens, who he says are in the plot. He gives no details of the intrigue by which these men have brought about his difficulties.

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