

WOMAN AND HOME.

WHY GIRLS PREFER FACTORY WORK TO KITCHEN LABOR.

A Test of Feminine Refinement—Table Proprietries—Children's Clothing—Cure for Gossip—Uses of Borax—A Handsome Woman—Hints and Helps.

A contributor to The Atlantic Monthly, writing with a feminine hand, deprecates the fact that house servants are to-day receiving as high wages as they received during the war times...

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The Proprietries of the Table. When, from some affected notion of refinement, don't eat—they feed. In their teens, when they ought to eat naturally and hungrily...

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Making Children's Clothing. Baby's wardrobe is soon outgrown, and long clothes must give place to small and dainty frocks and petticoats...

Various Uses of Borax. A cup of powdered borax on your washstand will do wonders in the way of softening the skin...

Preserver of Social Intercourse. Perhaps in a room full of people, all sociable in their way, you will not meet more than one or two of your own stamp...

Marriage in Ancient Athens. The choice of an ancient Athenian citizen was limited to Athenian women. Only when three married could his children possess the rights of citizens...

Economy in Cookery. Early in life I was taught by a good mother that it was a sin to waste anything that could be made use of...

A Test of Refinement. Upon a certain occasion, I stood before a popular dry goods house waiting for a street car...

car, when a lady stepped from the store with a magnificent dress and wrap and most expensive bonnet and waited a moment for her carriage to come up...

I will cite another case to show to what extremes we sometimes go. A lady who wore the plainest dress, made of cheap materials, boarded in a fashionable house on the Hill...

All this may be an education. The progress of the decorative art in fine underwear is somewhat amusing to observant individuals...

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Beautiful Sunlight Effect. It is well to see the warmth we cannot feel, and we know of no more effective way of gratifying the eye than to place panes of ruby glass in or over the door...

To Cleanse Mica. Take a little vinegar and water and wash the mica carefully with a soft cloth; the acid removes all stains, and if a little pain is taken to clean the corners thoroughly...

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A Female Architect. Miss Nellie Nevada Moore is the chief architect and builder of a charming house in which she lives near Pittsburgh...

A Pretty Dinner Table. Some persons have a great liking for the large, round dining table on account of its social character, but it is not so easily decorated as tables of other shapes...

A Study of the Waterpoets. A study of the waterpoets observed on or near the pull stream has proven to Mr. H. B. Gibson, of Harvard college, that they are much less rare in winter than might be supposed...

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by no means wealthy. At dinner the center of the table was graced by a large roast of beef, and after all had dined judiciously...

Woman's Field of Work. Do you ever think of the great change that has come about in the last ten or twelve years in regard to woman's work? Ten years ago the sight of a woman as cashier in any of our stores was a novelty...

A Very Handsome Woman. One of the most enticing women I ever met—and it is quite a fancy of mine to meet and study enticing women—was "Sherwood Bonner," otherwise known in private life as Katherine McDowell...

Moderation in Bathing. Water is serviceable to the skin in only moderate amounts and at moderate temperatures. Very cold or warm baths, when used in excess, diminish the elasticity of the skin...

Freeing Rooms of Mildew. There is no better plan for freeing rooms and cellars of mildew than to burn sulphur in them. The rooms should be effectively closed, and not opened for one hour after being filled with the sulphur fumes...

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"SECOND STORY" THIEVES.

HOW THEIR DARING ROBBERIES ARE GENERALLY CARRIED OUT.

Jobs That Are Done Only After Careful Planning—Jewelry the Peculiar Plunderer of the "Second Story" Thief—Rarely Caught at Work.

The most effective work at present among those who steal for a living, is being done by what is technically known to the trade as "second story" men. Robberies by this class of thieves have become alarmingly frequent...

Their work is first class and they must be good men, experts in their line. Their efforts are characterized by a boldness and dash that must make old "Troy" Dennis smile in his grave...

A GOOD "SECOND STORY" KID. "Second story" thieves are technically described as a cross between a burglar and a sneak thief. They are usually tall, slim fellows, possessed of great strength and nerve...

"Second story" jobs are not done by rash impulse, but only after careful study and planning. Sometimes there are two partners, but more often three. It is a rare thing for them to work alone...

The climber follows the plan which has been previously marked out as the easiest way of gaining admittance, either in front or rear. With soft, stealthy, catlike movements he goes up to the second story, sometimes jumping, and then raising his body with his hands and arms...

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HERE AND THERE.

Modern needles first came into use in 1543. Harvard distributed \$30,000 to indigent students last year. In the time of King Edward II the price of the Bible in England was 217.

A photograph has been making money of late in Washington examining the bumps on senatorial heads. Most of the London churches have offered up prayers for the recovery of the crown prince of Germany.

The Grand Army has increased from 60,024 in 1880 to 172,074 in 1887. The gain in the past year and a quarter was 46,157. An immense hunting expedition is about to start for Masailand, the ground of Rider Haggard's last novel, "Allan Quatermain."

A Maine man as an experiment clipped the fleece from a pet Newfoundland dog and had it carded and spun into yarn. It yielded four skeins of jet black yarn, weighing two and one-quarter pounds, and was as soft as wool.

It is said that the most acceptable of all holiday presents to a lady from her husband or brother, or any friend who has a right to give it, is a long, narrow strip of tinted paper on which is written: "Pay to the order of—\$—."

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, an American couple, have been traveling for four months through Europe on a tandem cycle. Their joint expenses by this mode of traveling have been limited to twenty-six shillings a day, sight-seeing fees included.

Recently a consignment of 18,570 boxes of raisins from Fresno, Cal., were shipped via the Sunset route to New York. The weight of the consignment was 417,000 pounds, and it occupied a special train of twenty cars.

In Buenos Ayres there is a bank which has a paid up capital of \$5,000,000, deposits of \$55,000,000, and a line of discounts amounting to \$80,000,000. The Argentine Republic imports \$50,000,000 worth of goods, and of this sum the United States gets only \$3,000,000.

A Chicago clergyman, in a recent sermon on the vice of great cities, gave a severe rap on the habit of visiting the slums to obtain ocular evidence of their iniquity.

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How Tugboatmen Sleep. The question has often been asked, "When do tugboatmen sleep?" In point of fact, so far as disrobing and lying down in bed, nothing of that kind ever occurs to their experience...

PRESIDENTIAL POVERTY.

THE WHITE HOUSE NOT THE PLACE FOR MONEY MAKING.

Jefferson Died in Debt—One of the Washington Family Peddling Trinkets—The Adamases as Money Savers—Andrew Jackson—Buchanan—Fillmore—Garfield.

Most of the presidents have died poor, and few of them have made much out of office holding. Just before Jefferson died he was so much in debt that a lottery scheme was gotten up to sell his property and relieve his necessities. He left practically nothing to his children...

John Tyler left some property, but it all went to his second wife. One of his sons, Gen. John Tyler, who drove a four-in-hand while his father was in the White House, and who was then called the handsomest man in Washington, lives off a position in the treasury department...

Monroe was so poor that his latter days were spent with his son-in-law, Samuel L. Gouverneur, in New York, and there he died. Harrison left nothing to speak of. Polk left about \$150,000, including Polk place at Nashville, where his widow now lives.

Andrew Jackson spent more than his salary while he was in the White House, and he had to borrow money to keep up with his expenses. Thomas Jefferson borrowed the money that carried him out of Washington when he left the presidency, and Andy Johnson, though he entertained considerably, is supposed to have saved at least \$50,000 during his White House career.

John Quincy Adams received nearly \$500,000 from the government in salaries during his lifetime, and he possessed the Yankee thrift. The Adams family at present is one of the richest in New England, and I was told at Kansas City that Charles Francis Adams has more than \$1,000,000 invested in real estate there.

President Cleveland is supposed to be worth about \$100,000, and he owns, I am told, real estate in Buffalo which is rapidly advancing in value. President Arthur left much less than he was supposed to be worth. Garfield shortly before his death owed \$30,000 to Gen. Swain, and Grant did not add to his fortune by his White House career.

Dispersing of Prescriptions. One of the British medical journals gives the results of an inquiry undertaken in a certain district to ascertain the degree of accuracy which was observed in the dispensing of prescriptions. In all, 50 prescriptions were sent out—namely, 30 to chemists and druggists, 14 to co-operative stores, 2 to "doctors' shops," and 4 to certain drug companies.

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